

Manhattan Free Press

More Misleading Figures On Riley County Government

Editorial By
Jon A. Brake

Did you see the story in the Mercury last week: "Study: Riley County Not A Big Spender"?

The story was about how Riley County was spending so much less on County Government than the rest of the counties in the state.

The story was written because a new report by the Kansas Policy Institute came out last week comparing all of the counties in the State of Kansas.

The story said: "Riley County is below the median spending level for five of the nine spending categories among counties in its size range. For example, Riley County only spent \$54.93 per person for law enforcement in 2009. The median figure for the group was \$118.20."

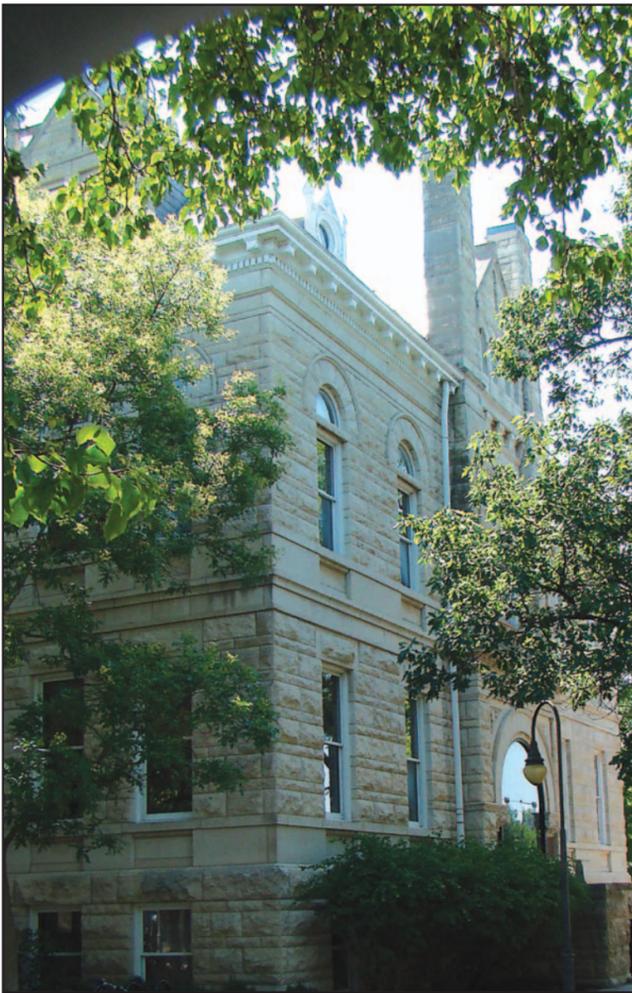
The Mercury quoted Riley County Chairman Mike Kearns as saying: "The study didn't surprise him. He said both the KPI study and a similar one put out by Kansas State University make the county look good."

What the story and Commissioner did not say is the figures are wrong. Yes, the Riley County Commission only pays \$3.9 million a year for law enforcement but that is not the whole picture. Riley County has a consolidated police department. That means that Riley County only pays a part of what it costs to keep the cops on the street.

The City of Manhattan pays \$11.3 million. If you use \$15.2 million for the police budget the cost per person in Riley County for Law Enforcement is: \$213.06.

When the Free Press contacted the Kansas Policy Institute about the misleading figures we were told that they only used County figures and they would not consider changes.

When the Free Press called Riley County Chairman Mike Kearns and asked "why would the County figures



What is the cost of County Government.

on Law Enforcement be so low", he said that "The County only pays a part of the Budget." When asked about the quotes in the Mercury, Kearns said the reporter called with a set of questions

and he answered them.

The County may be doing a good job in saving money but in this case the figures are wrong and people should know about it.

State Of Kansas And Riley County Numbers

State Precincts Reporting: 3316 of 3316

Candidate	US Senate (D)	Votes
Robert A. Conroy		7,778
David Haley		15,583
Lisa Johnston		25,421
Charles Schollenberger		19,228
Patrick Wiesner		13,359

Candidate	US Senate (R)	Votes
Tom Little		10,100
Robert (Bob) Londerholm		8,165
Jerry Moran		160,713
Todd Tiaht		144,272

Candidate	US House 1 (R)	Votes
Jim Barnett		24,672
Sue (Holloway) Boldra		7,715
Marck Cobb		1,729
Tim Huelskamp		34,159
Tracey Mann		20,781
Rob Wasinger		9,154

Candidate	SOS (D)	Votes
Chris Biggs		48,750
Chris Steineger		32,122

Candidate	SOS (R)	Votes
J.R. Claeys		68,007
Elizabeth "Libby" Ensley		82,172
Kris Kobach		154,100

Riley County Precincts Reporting: 49 of 49

United States Senate (D)				
D-Robert A. Conroy	65	5%	7,778	10%
D-David Haley	169	14%	15,583	19%
D-Lisa Johnston	387	32%	25,421	31%
D-Charles Schollenberger	379	32%	19,228	24%
D-Patrick Wiesner	195	16%	13,359	16%

United States Senate (R)				
R-Tom Little	163	3%	10,100	3%
R-Robert (Bob) Londerholm	101	2%	8,165	3%
R-Jerry Moran	3,082	63%	160,713	50%
R-Todd Tiaht	1,534	31%	144,272	45%

United States House of Representatives 002 (D)				
D-Cheryl Hudspeth	632	55%	9,944	44%
D-Thomas Koch	354	31%	8,023	36%
D-Sean Tevis	174	15%	4,536	20%

United States House of Representatives 002 (R)				
R-Lynn Jenkins	2,674	56%	40,951	57%
R-Dennis Pyle	2,146	45%	30,736	43%

Governor / Lt. Governor (R)				
R-Sam Brownback	3,936	82%	260,045	82%
R-Joan Heffington	865	18%	56,338	18%

Secretary of State (D)				
D-Chris Biggs	1,078	87%	48,750	60%
D-Chris Steineger	164	13%	32,122	40%

Secretary of State (R)				
R-J.R. Claeys	1,219	26%	68,007	22%
R-Elizabeth "Libby" Ensley	1,294	28%	82,172	27%
R-Kris Kobach	2,187	47%	154,100	51%

Attorney General (R)				
R-Ralph J. De Zago	1,302	30%	63,588	24%
R-Derek Schmidt	3,005	70%	205,622	76%

Commissioner of Insurance (R)				
R-David J. Powell	1,500	33%	110,480	37%
R-Sandy Praeger	3,083	67%	188,046	63%

Kansas House of Representatives 064 (R)				
R-Michael Musselman	1	33%	1,236	44%
R-Vern Swanson	2	67%	1,553	56%

Riley County Commissioner 1st District				
R-Dee McKee			607	
R-Dave Guthals			759	

D-Jay Blue			39	
D-Christopher Renner			231	

A Legend Returns To Manhattan

Mr. K's Cafe and Bar is now open in the scenic Grand Mere development. Located on the west side of town at 3901 Vanesta drive, Mr. K's offers a tantalizing and unique menu.

Mr. K's uses only the freshest ingredients to create dishes that will leave you craving for more. The menu features paninis, flatbreads, sandwiches, fresh salads, and roaster soups.

Mr. K's most popular item during their soft opening week was the 'You pick Two' combo plate. "Customers like to have the freedom to sample the menu items they want to try," says Mr. Wilson, owner and operator. "The buffalo chicken flatbread has also been a huge hit with the spicy buffalo alfredo, banana peppers, blue cheese and grilled chicken."

Mr. K's offers GrabNGo food for the customer that is in a hurry. Definitely not your typical fast food. Their cooler is stocked with fresh salads, hand made wraps, fresh fruits and a great selection of drinks. Mr. K's has plans to expand their hours in the near future to include a morning shift that offers coffees and a some promising breakfast items.

For those cool fall nights, come enjoy the patio dining including an



Mr. K's cafe and Bar is on the west side of Manhattan.

outdoor firepit. Mr. K's is owned and operated by Rusty and Kathy Wilson. Their vision was to create a place for the community around Colbert hills and Grand Mere that was everyone's

favorite neighborhood eatery. Mr. K's is exactly that. It's a beautiful facility that is warm and inviting. The locals are sure to create many lasting memories at Mr. K's.

Federal Court Denies Government To Dismiss

By Betsy McCaughey

Last November, a reporter asked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi if it was constitutional for Congress to require Americans to buy health insurance. Ms. Pelosi responded, "Are you serious?"

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson got serious. He denied Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius's motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the state of Virginia challenging the new health law. His ruling stated that it is far from certain Congress has the authority to compel Americans to buy insurance and penalize those who don't.

Judge Hudson's ruling paved the way for a trial to begin on October 18, with possible appeals all the way to the Supreme Court, a lengthy process. Some states will likely delay creating insurance exchanges and slow down other costly preparations for ObamaCare until its constitutionality is determined by this case.

If mandatory insurance is

declared unconstitutional, the entire health law could collapse like a house of cards. Most complex legislation states that if one part of the law is struck down, other parts remain enforceable. But authors of ObamaCare chose to omit that clause, suggesting that the health overhaul won't work without mandatory insurance.

The law's defenders say the requirement that everyone purchase health insurance will solve a national problem by reducing the number of uninsured and spreading the cost of care over a larger insurance pool.

Critics say that the requirement tramples the Constitution. Twenty-one states and several individuals are already suing to overturn it. Virginia went one step further, enacting a law that makes it illegal to require any resident to purchase health insurance. The Virginia measure won solid support from both Republican and Democratic state legislators. Despite what Mrs. Pelosi tried to suggest, questioning the constitutionality of

ObamaCare is not partisan posturing. A fundamental principle is at stake.

On July 1, before a packed courtroom, attorneys for the state of Virginia argued that if the federal government can require you to buy insurance, it could also force you to buy any product to solve any national problem: a new GM car to bolster Detroit, or stocks to prop up Wall Street.

The Obama administration claimed that the Commerce Clause gives the federal government the authority to mandate coverage. They cited two cases in which the Supreme Court stretched the meaning of interstate commerce like a rubber band. In Wickard v. Filburn (1942), the Court ruled that the federal government could limit how much wheat a farmer can grow to feed his own animals. Similarly, in Gonzalez v. Raich (2005), the Court decided that the federal government could bar a sick person from cultivating a mere six stalks of marijuana. Growing something for personal use doesn't

seem like interstate commerce, said the justices, but individual decisions in the aggregate could have an impact on national markets.

Building on those cases, the Obama administration stretched the meaning of interstate commerce even further, to include an individual's freedom not to do something-in this case, not to buy insurance. Judge Hudson ruled that "never before has the commerce clause and associated necessary and proper clause been extended this far."

Ms. Sebelius's motion to dismiss the case focused almost entirely on why requiring everyone to buy insurance would be good public policy. In other words, the ends justify the means.

Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli, however, made an argument rooted in the Constitution. He cited Alexander Hamilton's assurances in the Federalist Papers that Congress's power would be limited and two centuries of Supreme Court cases

applying that principle.

In 1993, the Congressional Budget Office said that the mandatory insurance provision in President Bill Clinton's health plan would be "an unprecedented form of federal action." In 2009, the Congressional Research Office applied a similar caveat to ObamaCare.

Mr. Cuccinelli argued that Congress ignored these warnings. ObamaCare, he said, was "cobbled together in secret, passed by the Senate largely or totally unread, on a party line vote literally in the dead of night on Christmas Eve."

Judge Hudson ruled that the court must do what Congress failed to do-apply the Constitution.

Ms. McCaughey is a former lieutenant governor of New York and author of "Obama Health Law: What It Says and How to Overturn It" (Encounter, 2010).

For more information, visit DefendYourHealthcare.US

Obituaries

Berl Koch

Berl A. Koch, age 91, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Saturday morning, July 31, 2010, at Meadowlark Hills-Wroten House in Manhattan.

He was born on April 14, 1919, in Grimes, Iowa, the son of Amos H. and Lydia C. (Crook) Koch.

On April 22, 1944, he was united in marriage to the former Martina "Tina" Erskine in Los Angeles, California, while he was on leave from the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Following his military service with the Fifth Air Force, he attended Iowa State University. Following graduation, he attended Cornell University for graduate studies and also the University of California where he received his doctorate degree.

In 1956, they moved to Manhattan where Dr. Koch was a faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences at Kansas State University. He retired as a professor at Kansas State after more than 31 years.

Mr. Koch and his wife Tina spent four years in Nigeria, two years in the Philippines and two years in Botswana, as part of the Kansas State University International Program.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served in numerous capacities including being a Deacon and Elder. Other memberships included Phi Delta Kappa and the Manhattan Kiwanis Club (President, 1989). He was a longtime volunteer for the Flint Hills Breadbasket and recently had been honored at Meadowlark Hills by being named the recipient of the Good Samaritan Award.

He is survived by his wife, Tina, of the home. Other survivors include two sons: Kim Koch and his wife Becky of Fargo, ND; Kevin Koch and his wife Beth of Tucson, AZ; and one daughter, Kerri Mathis of Richland, WA; one brother, Donald Koch and his wife Lorena of Latimer, IA; and five grandsons: Kenyon Koch; Kyle and Kelly Koch; and Austin and Kaden Mathis.

Mr. Koch was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Howard Koch; and a baby girl.

Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan, with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Following interment at Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan, lunch will be served at the church.

No formal visitation were planned, on Monday evening at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Koch and his wife prefer memorials for First Presbyterian Church and the Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Nancy Rose

Nancy Beth MacAdam Rose, 70, Manhattan, KS passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in the Meadowlark Hills/Honstead House, Manhattan.

She was born March 20, 1940 at in Orange, NJ, the daughter of Sterling T. MacAdam and Gladys Lewis MacAdam. She grew up in Bloomfield, NJ, where she attended the local schools and was a graduate of the Bloomfield High School. While in high school she was a flag twirler, member of the high school on the drill team, flag twirlers and was the 1958 Homecoming Queen. After graduation, she attended the University of Vermont for a year and the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School for a year. Since moving to Manhattan, she had received her Associates of Arts Degree at from Kansas State University.

She was united in marriage to Frederick W. Oehme on August 6,

1960 in Bloomfield, NJ. They were later divorced. She was later married to Donald L. Rose on January 1, 1989 at in Manhattan. He preceded her in death on September 18, 2009.

After moving to Manhattan in 1960, Nancy Mrs. Rose worked for the Kansas State Extension Service and later the Manhattan Credit Bureau. From 1980 until 1990, she worked as an underwriter for the Kansas Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

She was a longtime member of the First Lutheran Church, Manhattan and later the Free Methodist Church, Manhattan. Other memberships included the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Toastmasters International, and Clover Leaf Square Dance Club. and she played the base fiddle, was an accomplished pianist and base fiddle player-enjoyed needlecraft.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rose was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys MacAdam.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Stephen F. Oehme, and his wife,

Melissa, Rock Hill, SC; three daughters, Susan Oehme Raetzman, and her husband, Steve, Bethesda, MD, Deborah Oehme Rainbolt, Lawrence, KS and Heidi Beth Oehme, Durham, NC; a step daughter, Melinda Rose Collins, and her husband, Richard, Wichita; her father, Sterling MacAdam, Ithaca, NY; a sister, Audrey M. Lowe, Ithaca, NY; four grandchildren, Chase and Gaeden Oehme and Natalie and Kari Rainbolt; and one step grandchild, Kristyn Collins.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 2, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan with the Rev. Mark Waterhouse and the Rev. Ben Duerfeldt officiating. Burial followed in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Free Methodist Church Meadowlark Hills Skilled Nursing Facility and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

Steve Upton

Steve J. Upton, age 57, died Thursday July 29, 2010 in Manhattan, Kansas where he had lived for the past 24 years, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Steve was born June 14, 1953, in Portland, Oregon the son of Edward J. and Helen C. (Karle) Upton. He lived his childhood in Forest Grove, Oregon and spent his summers at Olallie Lake Resort working in the summer family business. He graduated from Forest Grove High School, Forest Grove, OR in 1971. He

worked several seasons for the Forest Service in fire suppression including being a member of the hot shot Helitak Crew. He earned his BS from Oregon State University in 1975, his MS in Parasitology from University of New Mexico in 1981, and his PhD in Parasitology from Auburn University in 1983. Next he spent two years as a visiting professor at University of Texas in El Paso before accepting a faculty position at Kansas State University in 1986 where he worked until the present. During that time Steve developed an international reputation as an expert in the biology of parasitic

organisms. He had over 220 publications related to his research in Parasitology.

Survivors include his daughter, Sierra Upton of Manhattan, KS; a sister: Susan Upton Lovro and her husband David of Santa Fe, NM; 2 nephews: Benjamin and Luke Lovro both of Santa Fe, NM. He is also survived by other family members and many friends, colleagues and former students. Of mention are close friends Bob Lehw of Manhattan, KS and Don Dysinski of Placitas, NM.

A "Celebration of Life" gathering will be held at a later date in Manhattan, KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas State University Foundation for the Division of Biology, and left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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

Frances Walter

Dan Wilson, age 57, of rural Wamego, died August 2, 2010, at his residence.

He was born January 22, 1953, in Wamego, Kansas, the son of James Milton, Jr. and Jeannine Lee (Freeman) Wilson, and had been a lifetime area resident.

Dan graduated from St. George High School with the class of 1971, and attended Manhattan Area Vo-Tech in graphics arts.

He went to work for McCall Pattern Company after he finished high school and was currently the Printing Supervisor.

Dan was devoted to his work, enjoyed maintaining his house, and loved to spend time with his family and friends. He was a member of the Wamego Country Club for many years.

Survivors include his two daughters: Christal Doran of Palmyra, NE, and Jennifer Traylor of Lincoln, NE; two brothers: Tom Wilson and his companion Debra Edwards of Wamego, and Jim

Wilson and his wife Cindy of St. George; and eight grandchildren: Darrin Petzen, Janelle Doran, Kayleigh Gano, Thomas Doran, Tavvian Traylor, Brooke, Braden and Baylei Jo Doran.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Alysen Gano.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Friday at the Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego with Pastor Jol Klein officiating. Interment will follow in the St. George Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rock Creek Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.



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County Budget Going Up

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
City/County
2011

The governing body of Riley County will meet on the 16th day of August, 2010 at 9:10 a.m. at the Riley County Commission Chambers, 115 N. 4th St. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The "Proposed Budget 2011 Expenditures" and the "Amount of 2010 Ad Valorem Tax" establish the maximum limits of the 2011 budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2009		2010		Proposed Budget 2011	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2010 Ad Valorem Tax
General - 001	17,580,004	22.825	12,111,566	23.275	19,772,437	12,099,029
County Building Fund - 152	197,915	0.430	223,427	0.582	356,100	277,595
Economic Development Fund - 146	518,707	0.000	349,051	0.000	620,000	0
Worker's Compensation Fund - 149	2,104	0.000	475	0.000	137,624	0
Special Alcohol Programs Fund - 132	3,355	0.000	2,500	0.000	13,872	0
ICPD Fund - 173	3,001,576	5.475	3,254,453	5.979	3,299,047	3,033,922
Register of Deeds Technology Fund - 106	48,757	0.000	131,942	0.000	54,500	0
Rural Fire Capital Outlay Fund - 184	401,607	0.000	196,218	0.000	286,000	0
Capital Improvements Fund - 145	1,621,193	0.000	2,329,368	0.000	1,345,554	0
Bond and Interest Fund - 181	1,808,844	1.300	1,724,272	1.432	2,000,197	701,199
Bond Revenue Fund - LEC - 161	978,030	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Surplus Fund - LEC - 166	1,755,110	0	0	0	0	0
Landfill Closure Fund - 180	22,557	0	19,813	0	25,600	0
Konza Sewer II District Cap. Proj. Fund - 304	0	0	22	0	0	0
Juvenile Service - 127	294,757	0	255,555	0	305,933	0
Emergency 911 Fund - 148	120,071	0	272,551	0	533,000	0
Solid Waste Disposal Fund - 150	1,858,949	0	2,308,536	0	2,194,168	0
County Auction Fund - 118	16,998	0	56,235	0	15,000	0
Adult Services - 144	470,247	0	400,642	0	468,782	0
Motor Vehicle Operations Fund - 130	377,312	0	358,183	0	329,775	0
Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund - 128	4,729	0	3,034	0	4,500	0
Special Prosecutor Trust Fund - 036	5,885	0	4,460	0	1,000	0
War Memorial Fund - 112	805	0	500	0	14,384	0
Road & Bridge 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund - 157	1,184,339	0	4,149,022	0	3,600,000	0
Totals	32,273,851	30.030	33,151,825	31.268	35,377,473	16,112,005
Less: Transfers	2,905,469		1,004,164		1,636,346	
Net Expenditure	29,368,382		32,147,661		33,741,127	
Total Tax Levied	15,440,670		15,440,670		16,112,105	
Assessed Valuation	492,967,815		493,802,872		500,134,252	

	2008	2009	2010
	G.O. Bonds	8,375,000	7,050,000
Other	0	1,746,391	1,576,614
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Lease Pay Princ	65,459	0	554,476
Total	8,440,459	8,796,391	7,966,090

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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The Riley County 2011 Budget will be going up over 2010. Total Expenditure for 2011 will be \$35.3 million up from \$33.1 this year. The General Fund will also go up from \$17.1 million in 2010 to \$19.7 million in 2011.

Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural:

Perry Schuckman - Non-Profit Chamber of Service

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

"Let's go to the Chamber office." That statement makes me think of our local Chamber of Commerce, which is a very important association of businesses in our community. But what if there was a similar association of non-profit organizations in our community? What if there was a Chamber - not of Commerce, but of Service? That innovative idea is now being implemented right here in Kansas.

Perry Schuckman is the executive director of a relatively new organization in south central Kansas called the Non-Profit Chamber of Service. Perry has been the executive director ever since the organization began five years ago.

Perry is a Kansan with truly rural roots. He came from the Gove/Ness County area, south of the town of Park - population 148 people. Now, that's rural.

His family moved to Hutchinson and he went to San Jose State and then got a master's degree in public administration with a certificate in non-profit management from Wichita State. Perry saw an ad seeking a director of a homeless shelter in San Francisco, applied, and got the job. He grew that organization from a staff of five to a



Ron Wilson

multi-faceted service organization with a staff of 95 and 1,000 volunteers. But when his mother fell into ill health, Perry moved back to Kansas in 2004.

During this time, Sedgwick County government had asked Wichita State's Hugo Wall School and the Center for Community Support and Research to study the delivery of public services by non-profit agencies. After a lot of work, that study led to the creation of a new organization called the Non-Profit Chamber of Service - the first of its kind in Kansas.

The Articles of Incorporation were adopted in 2005 and the organization hired its first executive director: Perry Schuckman.

Perry said, "There are up to 1,400 non-profits in the Wichita area. This is a way to get them together and help them share ideas and best practices."

Just like our Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Service is a dues-based membership organization. Members include not-for-profit organizations ranging from A to Z - or at least from Abstinence Education to Youthville. This includes many social service agencies, including faith-based, government, and volunteer-led entities, plus theaters and museums like the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and Wichita Art Museum. There are also a number of businesses and individuals who join as associate members. The Chamber is helping these non-profit organizations grow and

succeed, through training, networking, and advocacy.

For example, Perry spoke of Agape Care Cradle. This was started by a perinatal nurse who saw the heart-break of families which had premature babies who could not survive. Of course, it is a tragic and tumultuous time in those families' lives. The nurse created this service to help those families in those times of loss. The Non-Profit Chamber of Service helped this nurse develop this project from a glimmer of an idea to an active service organization that is helping three to four families per month.

The Non-Profit Chamber offers various types of training, such as board member responsibilities, evaluating executive directors, understanding financial statements, recruiting volunteers, and many more. The Chamber also hosts networking events such as a garden party in the spring.

Thanks to a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation, the Non-Profit Chamber of Service is expanding to include ten counties from Salina down to the Oklahoma border. The Kansas Health Foundation will pay 50 percent of the dues for non-profit organizations outside Sedgwick County. This has helped the Non-Profit Chamber of Service expand to nearly 200 members, and it has served some 300 non-profit organizations.

"It is exciting to see the diversity of non-profit organizations that are involved," Perry said. "This is important, fun, and engaging work."

For more information, go to www.nonprofitchamberks.org.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Gatherings at the Pavilion

The Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion, named in honor of the former president of Kansas State University, is now a popular gathering place thanks to the dedicated fund raising efforts of businessman Bob Strawn. Bob has just completed a year as Manhattan Mayor and now serving out his term as City Commissioner. It has been my privilege to attend two of the recent gatherings at the pavilion, each on a late Sunday afternoon. Thanks, Bob, for the air conditioner!

The occasion of the two gatherings was similar yet different. Both were a group of dedicated citizens whose aim is to make the Flint Hills area a better place to live. The group that met at the Pavilion on Sunday, July 25, 2010, was the Riley County Republicans sponsoring the annual hamburger cookout and candidate forum. The Riley County Republican Women co-sponsored the event and held a silent auction to raise funds to support local Republican candidates. It was estimated that as many as 200 went through the chow line that sported delicious side dishes and desserts, the traditional grilled burgers, and, at the request of Bob Strawn, succulent chicken breasts. The silent auction was a great success and the coffers of local candidates will soon be enhanced.

The forum provided primary candidates for Riley County Commission, various State offices, and the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sam Brownback the opportunity to speak. The objective of the Republican candidates was to convince voters that it is the difference between them and their opponent makes them the best choice to represent the party in the general election. The votes have now been counted, but the results are not the focus of this column.

The group that met this past Sunday, August 1, 2010, was more than 150 citizens from a myriad of churches in the Flint Hills area. The flyer announcing the event declared that the churches in the Flint Hills Area "are answering the clarion call of the Holy Spirit which is sounding across the nation calling the body of Jesus Christ to humbly join together as one to seek the face of our Lord, to pray, and to repent concerning sin in our nation, state, community and families. We are in desperate need for God's healing grace and power to restore, revive and transform us and our nation back to Godly foundations."

The flyer listed two Old Testament references as the basis for the event. The first was 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The second reference was Joel 2:15-17: "Blow



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a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants...Let the priests, the Lord's ministers, weep between the porch and the altar and let them say 'Spare thy people, O Lord, and do not make Thine inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations.'"

The sounding of three short blast of the shofar, a trumpet made from a ram's horn, mimicked the custom of the people of Israel to call for a sacred assembly for repentance, prayer and fasting. This sounding of the shofar at the pavilion was followed by singing, a personal time of repentance, public prayers for our churches, local, state, and national leaders, including special prayer for the family of State Representative Tom Hawk whose wife, Tamara, recently lost the battle with cancer.

Two gatherings, similar yet different. The Republican candidates have many similarities outside the pavilion, but at the forum inside the pavilion the emphasis was on seeking election by focusing on their differences from other candidates. Conversely, the group of citizens from various denominations have some differences outside the pavilion, but Sunday inside the pavilion they were focusing on unity under the banner of Jesus Christ.

Two gatherings, different yet complementary. As Ronald Reagan declared, "Americans must seek Divine guidance in the policies of their government and the promulgation of their laws."

"Conscience of Kansas"

Too Dangerous to Print: Liberal University Bias

Thomas Paine once said, "He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from opposition; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach himself." How true these words are. One of the most fundamental reflections of liberty is the freedom to question, challenge and debate the world around us. This freedom does not exist everywhere in the United States and certainly not at the university level.

As a lifelong Kansan, it would be much less painful to talk about liberal bias in places like Berkeley or Columbia University, but unfortunately my example comes from the least likely of places expected for liberal bias, Kansas State University. It was here that I was hired to write a political opinion column for the college newspaper. I was not naive to the Collegian's historically antagonistic relationship with conservative writers. In my 2009 book, "Feeding Lions: Sharing The Conservative Philosophy in a Politically Hostile World," I had documented the firing of fellow conservative writer Chuck Armstrong, who was sent packing by the Collegian after writing an article about radical Islam. Armstrong's article, based on his radio interview with scholar Robert Spencer, was labeled as racist and the Collegian threw Paine's words out the window.

When it appeared that I would be given the free speech go-ahead by the Collegian, I submitted months of my political writings to make sure they had full knowledge of my writing style and content. Collegian editorial staff told me that I was a superb writer and that they were happy to have me aboard. Despite what I had seen in the past, I forwarded my opinion column in the hopes of creating civil discourse on what I felt were important subjects. All the articles I wrote for the university newspaper were listed in the "Most Popular" category on the Collegian's Web site. Reader comments were abundant and, might I add, heavily in the favor of my arguments—so far so good.

I wrote an insightful article in which I argued that Republicans have done more for minorities throughout history than Democrats. Within the article I had a small misstatement in which I said that Clarence Thomas, instead of Thurgood Marshall, was the first African-American appointed to the Supreme Court. Instead of simply correcting the misstatement as had been done in the past and moving on, I was sacrificed on the altar of liberalism. Collegian staff openly accused me of inventing facts and it was quickly apparent that forces were marshaling against me.

Communicated through e-mail and later a copy-and-paste version in the college paper, the Collegian said I was in error in my article and their support for such a charge was stated as, "George W. Bush was not the first president to fill two Cabinet posts with minority candidates. Bill Clinton appointed six minority secretaries: Jesse Brown and Togo West, Jr. to Veterans Affairs; Federico Peña to Transportation and Energy; Henry Cisneros to Housing and Urban Development; Ronald H. Brown to Commerce; and Alexis Herman to Labor." The problem here is that I never made any statement to this effect. I wrote, "George W. Bush was the first to extensively fill influential Cabinet positions with minorities including Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice and Alberto Gonzales." I explained to a very angry Collegian staff that Condoleezza Rice was the first African-American woman appointed as Secretary of State, Alberto Gonzales the first Hispanic appointed to the highest law enforcer position in the country as Attorney General, and Colin Powell also appointed as Secretary of State and the first African-American male to fill that position. I used the term "influential" and used it properly as these positions are the top spots in the president's Cabinet. My explanation was nonchalantly shrugged off and I was called a liar.

By this time the Collegian was making a fool of itself but they went even further to purge their ranks of a conservative voice. I was told that I



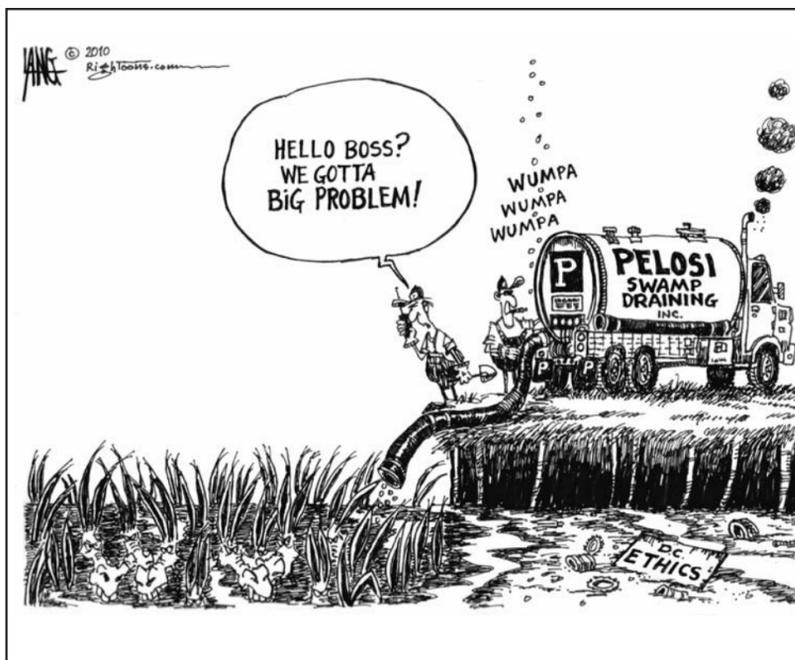
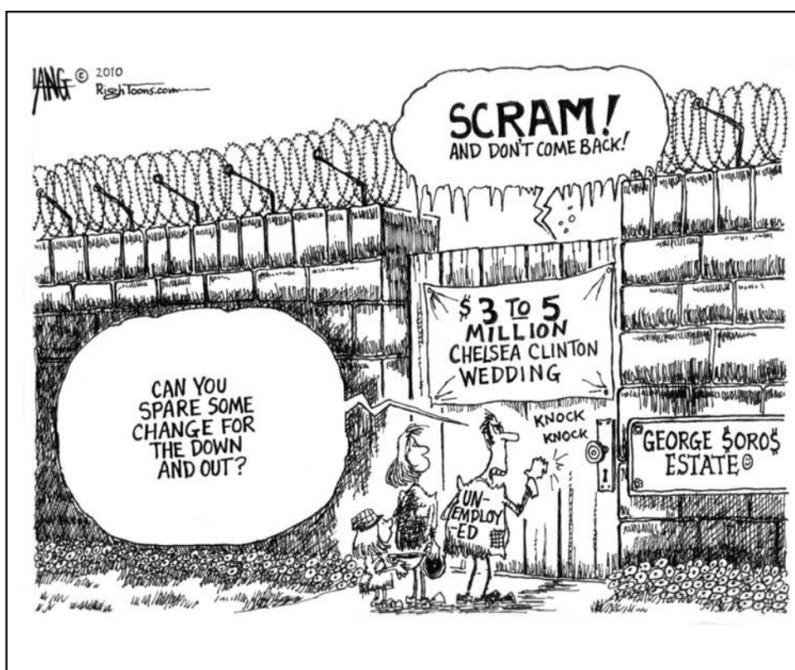
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had lied when I said the following, "The Democratic Party, on the other hand, opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which outlawed school segregation and inequality in voter registration. Democrats led an excruciatingly long filibuster to deny civil rights to blacks, which was eventually defeated." When I asked Collegian staff to legitimate this charge of lying, I was told that yes, Democrats had opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, but not all of them, and so I was a liar.

The Kansas State University Collegian gave me my walking papers, showed me the door and said my services were no longer needed. I was told that I was too dangerous to print. In fact, it was affirmed that I was so dangerous that there was true fear that I would bring down the entire university paper through litigation if I was allowed to continue to put pen to paper. If you think this sounds preposterous, you would be understating the situation. I wrote thought-provoking opinion articles that struck a chord with readers and ruffled the feathers of university liberals. Liquidating Ibbetson opinion articles in the Kansas State University Collegian avoided months of university liberals being brought to anger by inflammatory issues such as the Constitution, liberty, freedom and of course, God.

I wish to end this column with the same straightforward articulations I bring to all my writings. The Kansas State University Collegian has the right to hire whomever they want to write opinion articles, and I respect that right. However, I wish the staff would have been honest enough to say there was no place for strong conservative writers at their paper. While affirming the true existence of university liberal bias, they would have prevented a bunch of problems, and the necessity for this article. In the end we are brought back to the wise words of Thomas Paine—"He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from opposition; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach himself." The Kansas State University Collegian may rue the day they reap what they sow.

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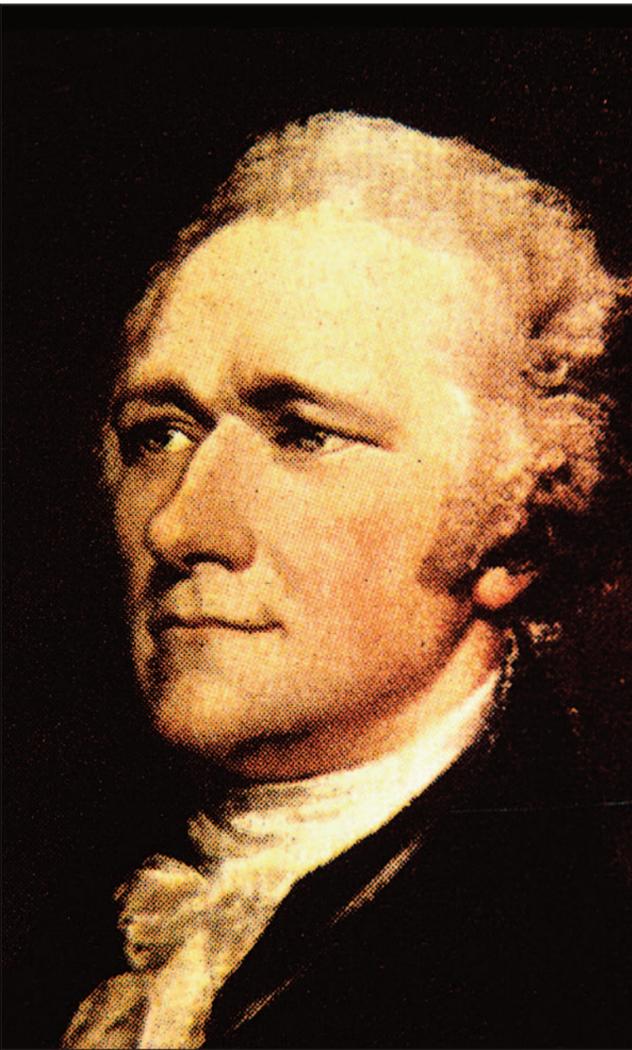
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[Alexander Hamilton]
To the People of the State of
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ALTHOUGH I am of opinion that there would be no real danger of the consequences which seem to be apprehended to the State governments from a power in the Union to control them in the levies of money, because I am persuaded that the sense of the people, the extreme hazard of provoking the resentments of the State governments, and a conviction of the utility and necessity of local administrations for local purposes, would be a complete barrier against the oppressive use of such a power; yet I am willing here to allow, in its full extent, the justness of the reasoning which requires that the individual States should possess an independent and uncontrollable authority to raise their own revenues for the supply of their own wants. And making this concession, I affirm that (with the sole exception of duties on imports and exports) they would, under the plan of the convention, retain that authority in the most absolute and unqualified sense; and that an attempt on the part of the national

government to abridge them in the exercise of it, would be a violent assumption of power, unwarranted by any article or clause of its Constitution.

An entire consolidation of the States into one complete national sovereignty would imply an entire subordination of the parts; and whatever powers might remain in them, would be altogether dependent on the general will. But as the plan of the convention aims only at a partial union or consolidation, the State governments would clearly retain all the rights of sovereignty which they before had, and which were not, by that act, exclusively delegated to the United States. This exclusive delegation, or rather this alienation, of State sovereignty, would only exist in three cases: where the Constitution in express terms granted an exclusive authority to the Union; where it granted in one instance an authority to the Union, and in another prohibited the States from exercising the like authority; and where it granted an authority to the Union, to which a similar authority in the States would be absolutely and totally contradictory and repugnant. I use these terms to distinguish this last case from another which might appear to resemble it, but which would, in fact, be essentially different; I mean where the exercise of a

concurrent jurisdiction might be productive of occasional interferences in the policy of any branch of administration, but would not imply any direct contradiction or repugnancy in point of constitutional authority. These three cases of exclusive jurisdiction in the federal government may be exemplified by the following instances: The last clause but one in the eighth section of the first article provides expressly that Congress shall exercise "exclusive legislation" over the district to be appropriated as the seat of government. This answers to the first case. The first clause of the same section empowers Congress "to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises"; and the second clause of the tenth section of the same article declares that, "no state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except for the purpose of executing its inspection laws." Hence would result an exclusive power in the Union to lay duties on imports and exports, with the particular exception mentioned; but this power is abridged by another clause, which declares that no tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State; in consequence of which qualification, it now only extends to the duties on imports. This answers to the second case. The third will be found in that clause which declares that Congress shall have power "to establish a UNIFORM RULE of naturalization throughout the United States." This must necessarily be exclusive; because if each State had power to prescribe a DISTINCT RULE, there could not be a UNIFORM RULE.

A case which may perhaps be thought to resemble the latter, but which is in fact widely different, affects the question immediately under consideration. I mean the power of imposing taxes on all articles other than exports and imports. This, I contend, is manifestly a concurrent and coequal authority in the United States and in the individual States. There is plainly no expression in the granting clause which makes that power exclusive in the Union. There is no independent clause or sentence which prohibits the States from exercising it. So far is this from being the case, that a plain and conclusive argument to the contrary is to be deduced from the restraint laid upon the States in relation to duties on imports and exports. This restriction implies an admission that, if it were not inserted, the States would possess the power it excludes; and it implies a further admission, that as to all other taxes, the authority of the States remains undiminished. In any other view it would be both unnecessary and dangerous; it would be unnecessary, because if the grant to the Union of the power of laying such duties implied the exclusion of the States, or even their subordination in this particular, there could be no need of such a restriction; it would be dangerous, because the introduction of it leads directly to the conclusion

which has been mentioned, and which, if the reasoning of the objectors be just, could not have been intended; I mean that the States, in all cases to which the restriction did not apply, would have a concurrent power of taxation with the Union. The restriction in question amounts to what lawyers call a NEGATIVE PREGNANT that is, a negation of one thing, and an affirmation of another; a negation of the authority of the States to impose taxes on imports and exports, and an affirmation of their authority to impose them on all other articles. It would be mere sophistry to argue that it was meant to exclude them absolutely from the imposition of taxes of the former kind, and to leave them at liberty to lay others subject to the control of the national legislature. The restraining or prohibitory clause only says, that they shall not, without the consent of Congress, lay such duties; and if we are to understand this in the sense last mentioned, the Constitution would then be made to introduce a formal provision for the sake of a very absurd conclusion; which is, that the States, with the consent of the national legislature, might tax imports and exports; and that they might tax every other article, unless controlled by the same body. If this was the intention, why not leave it, in the first instance, to what is alleged to be the natural operation of the original clause, conferring a general power of taxation upon the Union? It is evident that this could not have been the intention, and that it will not bear a construction of the kind.

As to a supposition of repugnancy between the power of taxation in the States and in the Union, it cannot be supported in that sense which would be requisite to work an exclusion of the States. It is, indeed, possible that a tax might be

laid on a particular article by a State which might render it inexpedient that thus a further tax should be laid on the same article by the Union; but it would not imply a constitutional inability to impose a further tax. The quantity of the imposition, the expediency or inexpediency of an increase on either side, would be mutually questions of prudence; but there would be involved no direct contradiction of power. The particular policy of the national and of the State systems of finance might now and then not exactly coincide, and might require reciprocal forbearances. It is not, however a mere possibility of inconvenience in the exercise of powers, but an immediate constitutional repugnancy that can by implication alienate and extinguish a pre-existing right of sovereignty.

The necessity of a concurrent jurisdiction in certain cases results from the division of the sovereign power; and the rule that all authorities, of which the States are not explicitly divested in favor of the Union, remain with them in full vigor, is not a theoretical consequence of that division, but is clearly admitted by the whole tenor of the instrument which contains the articles of the proposed Constitution. We there find that, notwithstanding the affirmative grants of general authorities, there has been the most pointed care in those cases where it was deemed improper that the like authorities should reside in the States, to insert negative clauses prohibiting the exercise of them by the States. The tenth section of the first article consists altogether of such provisions. This circumstance is a clear indication of the sense of the convention, and furnishes a rule of interpretation out of the body of the act, which justifies the position I have advanced and refutes every hypothesis to the contrary.

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Tax Cuts Are Still Not Driving the Budget Deficit: The Critics Fall Short

By Brian Riedl

With critics regularly blaming the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for deficits caused more by runaway spending and a sluggish economy, The Heritage Foundation recently released "The Three Biggest Myths About Tax Cuts and the Budget Deficit" to set the record straight.

This report contained three main points:

* The famous \$5.6 trillion cumulative budget surplus that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) once forecast for 2002 through 2011 is set to be replaced with a \$6.1 trillion cumulative deficit. Conventional CBO data shows that the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are responsible for just 14 percent of the difference;

* President Obama's claim that the deficits result mostly from the tax cuts, wars, and the new Medicare drug entitlement is untrue, even using the President's own faulty methodology; and

* Even if the tax cuts were extended, revenues are projected to rise above the historical average soon. The reason the 2020 budget deficit is projected to be 6 percent of GDP above its historical average is because spending will be 6 percent of GDP above its own historical average.

In response, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has released a report challenging Heritage's report. CBPP's critique is based on faulty economic analysis and fundamental misrepresentations of the original report. Furthermore, even accepting CBPP's methodological arguments would not materially alter or refute Heritage's conclusions that the tax cuts play a relatively minor role in past budget deficits, and that future deficits are driven by soaring mandatory spending.

CBPP asserted the following four points:

1. "Heritage ignores the fact that rapidly-rising interest costs—one of its 'culprits' behind rising outlays—result in significant part from the tax cuts and other fiscal policies of the Bush era." As stated above, the Heritage report uses CBO data to credit the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts with 14 percent of the swing from projected surpluses to actual deficits over the 2002–2011 period. Separately, the report assigns net interest costs—from all policies and economic factors, not just the tax cuts—responsibility for 12 percent of the swing. CBPP argues that these net interest costs should be split up and assigned to the respective policies that caused them.

While the tax cuts certainly contributed to rising net interest costs, the specific impact of a given policy on net interest costs is difficult to estimate. Because CBO avoids such calculations, Heritage's analysis does as well.

The larger question is whether the CBO's \$1.7 trillion projection accurately estimates the cost of the tax cuts. After all, this figure was not calculated with the benefit of hindsight. Rather it represents the tax cuts' estimated 2002–2011 cost as calculated by CBO when the policies were enacted (2001), expanded (2003), and extended (2004).

As CBPP suggests, excluding the tax cuts' impact on net interest costs

may suggest that CBO understated their cost. On the other hand, CBO may have overstated the eventual cost of the tax cuts by:

* Not estimating the portion of lost tax revenues that would be recovered by the additional economic activity they generated. These revenue feedback effects were particularly strong between 2003 and 2006 (CBPP disputes this); and

* Projecting their long-term cost in 2001 within a CBO budget baseline that overestimated the 2009–2011 gross domestic product (GDP) by approximately \$4 trillion. The lower actual GDP reduced incomes and therefore reduced the eventual impact of tax rate reductions (CBPP does not challenge this point).

Thus, the CBO projections could be accused of both overestimating and underestimating the eventual budget impact of the tax cuts. In order to prevent bias one way or the other, the Heritage report reflects the CBO figures unaltered.

Note that CBPP misrepresents Heritage's claim by adding "other fiscal policies of the Bush era" to its critique of the cost of the tax cuts. Yet Heritage's 14 percent figure specifically referred to the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. The net interest costs of President Bush's "other fiscal policies" (i.e., runaway spending) have absolutely nothing to do with the cost of those tax cuts.

Most important of all is the fact that even accepting the CBPP tax cut critique, the essential reported results remain valid. The CBO figures already exclude all economic growth impacts on tax revenue, and are based on an inflated GDP between 2009 and 2011. Even generously assigning one-third of all added net interest costs over the decade to the tax cuts would merely raise their responsibility from 14 percent of the overall budget swing to 18 percent—still a small portion.

2. "Heritage ignores the fact that the share of deficits accounted for by the Bush-era tax cuts will grow in future years as the impact of the economic downturn on deficits diminishes."

In both this quote and in Figure 1 of its report, CBPP commits the same methodological fallacy perpetrated by President Obama—an error pointed out in the Heritage report. By asserting that ending the tax cuts could reduce the 2019 deficit by 60 percent, CBPP implies that the tax cuts would otherwise cause 60 percent of the 2019 deficit. Of course, with Washington projected to spend \$5.6 trillion and tax \$3.9 trillion in 2019, one could single out any group of federal policies that cost \$1.7 trillion and blame it for the entire budget deficit. By CBPP's logic, one could also blame the entire 2019 budget deficit on the \$1.7 trillion in projected discretionary spending.

Furthermore, even if all tax cuts are extended, 2020 tax revenues are still expected to exceed their historical average of 18.0 percent, while spending is set to surge 6 percent of GDP above its historical average.

3. "In constructing its baseline, Heritage partly assumes its own conclusion...(by) assum[ing] that regular discretionary spending (other than war costs and stimulus funds) will grow at the same rate as the GDP over the next 10 years."

CBPP asserts that a proper current-policy budget baseline should freeze discretionary spending at today's inflation-adjusted levels (which translates to about 3 percent annual growth). In the Heritage report, discretionary spending is frozen as a percentage of GDP (approximately 5.5 percent annual growth). CBPP points out that CBO's yearly budget baseline uses CBPP's standard, while ignoring that CBO's long-term budget outlook uses Heritage's standard in its alternative fiscal scenario. Given that discretionary spending has risen approximately 7 percent annually over the past decade, assuming 5.5 percent annual growth seems more realistic than 3 percent.

Either way, this is a minor distinction. Using CBPP's discretionary spending figures would merely reduce projected 2020 spending from 6 percent of GDP above the historical average to 5 percent. Once again, allowing for CBPP's criticism would not alter the central point that there is no long-term revenue decline, and therefore rising long-term deficits are driven entirely by above-average spending.

4. "It was not a sudden spurt of growth in Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid that turned projected budget surpluses into deficits.... Indeed, CBO had already projected that this would eventually occur when, in 2001, it projected significant budget surpluses through 2011 and years beyond."

The original January 2001 CBO budget baseline assumed that nominal spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid would nearly double between 2001 and 2011, from \$798 billion to \$1,506 billion. However, it also assumed—unrealistically—that these enormous costs could be absorbed by a permanent tax revenue bubble; an unprecedented drop in discretionary spending to 1930s levels; and the absence of any recessions, wars, terrorist attacks, and natural disasters over the decade. Indeed, the failure of those unrealistic projected offsets to materialize does not take Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid off the hook for their rapid growth.

As for future budget deficits, tax revenues are projected to soon reach their historical average. As spending surges to 6 percent of GDP above its historical average by 2020, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid (along with net interest) are the moving variables responsible for the vast majority of this growth.

A Fundamentally Flawed Analysis

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' report fails to counter The Heritage Foundation's report while offering only a showing of distracting chaff. Not content with providing its own fundamentally flawed analysis, CBPP misrepresents Heritage's analysis as well. Further, even accepting CBPP's critique in detail would still not alter Heritage's overall conclusions that the tax cuts played a relatively small role in past deficits, and that rising long-term deficits are driven entirely by soaring spending.

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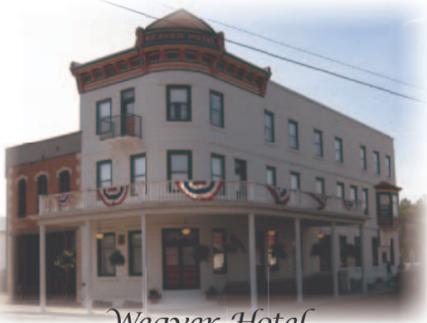
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KSU's McCain Celebrates 40 Years

By Rosie Hoefling
KSU News Service

From Broadway musicals to student performances, Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium has hosted hundreds of events since its first in 1970. The tradition continues this year with the 40th anniversary of the McCain Performance Series.

"Experiencing the live performing arts is vital to the vibrancy of a growing and engaged community," said Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium. "McCain has been at the heart of this vibrancy for 40 years. I'm excited to honor this important milestone in the history of K-State by presenting a series of world-class artists and attractions that will engage audiences of all ages, interests and backgrounds."

Season tickets for the 2010-2011 performance series are on sale now, and single tickets go on sale Monday, Aug. 16.

A variety of discounts are available for K-State students, faculty and staff; military members; and youth 18 and under. Discounts also are available for those who subscribe to seven or more series' events. For more information, call the McCain box office at 785-532-6428 or visit <http://www.k-state.edu/mccain>.

In celebration of its anniversary season, McCain will host a 40th anniversary gala at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the K-State Student Union. "The Big Four-O, Big Band, Big Party, Big Fun" event includes cocktails, dinner and dancing to the World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra. Call McCain for ticket information.

The performance series kicks off at

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, with Jack Hanna's "Into the Wild Live." Recognized as America's favorite zookeeper, Hanna's live performance features many of his favorite animal friends, as well as fascinating and humorous stories and footage from his adventures from around the world.

Other performances in the series, all starting at 7:30 p.m. and all in McCain Auditorium unless otherwise noted, include:

* Folk icon Janis Ian, Friday, Oct. 8. Celebrating her 40-year music career, Ian's intimate concert features her inspiring stories and songs, including her Grammy-Award winning hit "At Seventeen."

* "The Season's Project," Sunday, Oct. 17. The Venice Baroque Orchestra and world-renowned violinist Robert McDuffie present the worldwide premiere tour of a new Philip Glass composition titled Concerto No. 2 for Violin and Orchestra, "The American Four Seasons." Inspired by Antonio Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," the orchestra will perform Vivaldi's original work on period instruments during the first half of the performance and switch to contemporary instruments for Glass's interpretation in the second half.

* "Fiddler on the Roof," Sunday, Oct. 24. This Tony Award-winning musical has captured the hearts of people around the world with its universal appeal. Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem, the performance includes the songs "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "If I Were a Rich Man."

* Manasse-Nakamatsu Duo,

Thursday, Nov. 11, in All Faiths Chapel. Jon Nakamatsu returns to Manhattan with the world-renowned clarinetist, Jon Manasse. Nakamatsu is the gold medalist of the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and Manasse served as principal clarinetist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. The two will perform solo pieces and chamber music written for clarinet and piano.

* Monty Python's "Spamalot," Thursday, Nov. 18. Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for best musical, "Spamalot" is a musical comedy based on the classic film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." The stage performance tells the tale of King Arthur and his knights of the round table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail.

* "Cirque Dreams Illumination," Wednesday, Dec. 8. The performance blends imagination, theatrical innovation and presentation into a story that illuminates a city of everyday people, workers and pedestrians into feats that inspire disbelief. The event includes a display of urban acrobatics, choreography and illusions.

* Cantus, Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011. Originating from Minnesota, Cantus is a professional male vocal ensemble known for adventurous programming spanning many periods and genres, including chant, Renaissance music, contemporary works and more.

* Kansas, the progressive-rock band from America's heartland, featuring the K-State Orchestra, Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. Kansas began in the '70s as a garage band from Topeka, and today is considered one of America's most suc-

cessful progressive rock bands. Together with the K-State Orchestra, Kansas will perform timeless hits, including "Carry On Wayward Son," "Dust in the Wind" and more.

* "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin," Friday, Feb. 11, 2011. Comic artist Tomlin takes her audience on a hilarious trip with more than dozen of her famous characters -- from Ernestine to Sister Boogie Woman, and from Mrs. Beasley to Edith Ann. Tomlin's performance is filled with comical insights and wildly, witty observations about the human condition.

* William Inge's "Bus Stop," Friday, Feb. 18, 2011. A comedy classic set in small-town Kansas, "Bus Stop" tells the story of a busload of stranded passengers waiting out a snowstorm in a roadside diner. This theatrical show was an immediate commercial and critical success on Broadway, and Inge's most popular play.

* Gaelic Storm, the rowdy good-time band from "Titanic," Monday, March 14, 2011. After a nearly sold-out show in the 2008-2009 McCain season, Gaelic Storm returns. The band's dynamic show features rousing and upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting Celtic ballads and infectious madcap humor.

* Los Lonely Boys, Friday, April 8, 2011. This Texican blues, Latin and rock 'n' roll group has achieved multi-platinum album sales, a Grammy for its monster hit "Heaven" and widespread acclaim. The performance features songs from the group's most recent album, "1969," which pays homage to the songs and artists that inspired the band.

*Nriyagram Dance Ensemble, Thursday, April 14, 2011. Regarded worldwide as one of the foremost dance companies of India, the ensemble blends Odissi, a classical Indian dance form, with contemporary concepts to take audiences to enchanted worlds of magic and spirituality.

* "The Aluminum Show," Saturday, May 7. Reminiscent of Blue Man Group, Stomp and Cirque du Soleil, "The Aluminum Show" opens up a world of illusion and fantasy for the entire family. Through the use of special effects, creative mechanisms and acrobatic dance, inanimate objects come alive with the energy, emotion and personality of humans.

Crimes Of Violence Against Women

Capt. Donald Stubbings of the Kansas State University police department is taking part in a national effort to curb violence against women.

Stubbings is among 24 law enforcement executives from across the country selected to participate in the National Campus Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women. The four-day institute is in Austin, Texas.

"To be one of the select few nationwide invited to attend the institute is humbling," Stubbings said. "The institute will allow me to enhance an already strong group of investigators at the K-State police department, bring new visions and develop programs that are critical for the safety of our K-State community."

The K-State police department has five officers specially trained as part of the department's Sexual Assault

Response Team.

The institute is hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Its goal is to raise the response to crimes of violence again women higher on law enforcement's agenda. It also advocates for the use of best practices in local police departments.

At the institute, Stubbings and other participants will explore new approaches for investigating domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. They will learn about assessing agency performance and share challenges and solutions. The institute also will focus on planning and methods for effective resource allocation to help crime victims and hold perpetrators accountable. Participants will work on developing proactive strategies they can use in their own departments.

"The opportunity for Capt.

Stubbings to attend such an important institute is immeasurable. The knowledge he will bring back will help us serve victims, enhance policy and bring strong cases to prosecution," said Ronnie Grice, assistant vice president for public safety at K-State.

Stubbings, who joined the K-State police department in 1997 and was promoted to captain in 2007, is a certified crime prevention specialist. He also serves as vice president of the Flint Hills Sexual Assault Coalition.

Expenses for institute are covered under a grant to the International Association of Chiefs of Police from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. The association is the world's oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with more than 22,500 members in 708 countries. More information is available at <http://www.theiacp.org/>.

Early Leaders Honored At Beach

By: Andrew North
KSU News Service

An exhibition exploring the historical roots of art education in Kansas will be on display Aug. 18-Dec. 19 in the Vanier Gallery at Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art.

"Artist, Teacher, Mentor: Early Leaders in Kansas Art Education" features works by Kansas artists who have served as teachers and mentors. All of the works are from the Beach Museum of Art's permanent collection.

Artists featured include Birger Sandzen, William Dickerson, Robert Sudlow, Sue Jean Covacevich, Lesty Huntoon, Oscar Larmer, Lester Raymer, John Helm, Norman Eppink, Raymond Eastwood and more.

"These artists have been the inspira-

tion for many Kansas art teachers and professors today. Each of these featured artists balanced teaching and mentoring with their own successful careers," said Kathrine Schlageck, senior educator at the Beach Museum and curator of the exhibition.

Women played a large role early in Kansas art education, serving as the founders and first teachers at many of the state's colleges and universities, Schlageck said. Also playing a role were the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs, which promoted art from its founding in 1895; the Kansas Art Association, founded in Lawrence in 1907; and the Smoky Hill Art Club, founded in Lindsborg in 1913.

The exhibition will have a special comment book so visitors can share memories of their favorite art teachers. In addition, labels that read "Artist,

Teacher, Mentor" will identify works by other artist-mentors not included in the exhibition but which are on display in the Beach Museum's galleries.

The exhibition is collaboration with the museum, the K-State art education program and the Kansas Art Education Association, which will have its fall conference Oct. 14-16 in Manhattan.

More information is available by contacting Martha Scott at 785-532-7718 or dropping by the museum on the southeast corner of campus at 14th Street and Anderson Avenue. Free visitor parking is available next to the building. Normal museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

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Professor Offers Tips For Keeping Back To School Cool

By Rosie Hoefling
KSU News Service

In addition to pencils, markers and wide-rule paper, parents should add a few back-to-school tips to the school supply list this fall, according to a Kansas State University education expert.

Lotta Larson, assistant professor of elementary education at K-State, said parents can get their child's school year off to a good start by taking preparatory steps during the final weeks of summer.

"One of the most important things parents can do for really young students is to get them familiar with the school beforehand. They should visit the school, especially if they're new to the area," Larson said.

Having a child meet fellow classmates before school starts ensures that a child won't feel alone or anxious on the first day, Larson said. She suggests parents get a copy of their child's class roster and set up a few summer play

dates with other classmates.

Many elementary schools host a back-to-school night to help parents and students get acquainted with their peers, teachers and school. Attending this event helps lay the foundation for a strong parent-teacher relationship, Larson said.

"If they can't come to the back-to-school night, parents should stop by the classroom sometime to get to know the teacher. This helps with setting that mutual goal of doing what is best for that particular child," Larson said. "I think that's really important. A strong partnership really benefits kids."

Other tips Larson recommends to parents to prepare for of the first day of school include:

* Getting their kids back on a schedule. Larson suggests putting kids to bed early and waking them up at their usual school time a week or two before school starts. Eating breakfast should be part of the routine.

* Reading to their child before bed. Once parents implement an early bedtime, Larson said they should spend a few minutes each night reading to their child. It can help improve the student's reading and listening skills, which are essential components to learning in a classroom setting.

* Preparing school supplies. When purchasing the items on the standard school supply list, Larson said parents shouldn't be surprised if teachers have additional requests. She recommends checking with the teacher for further details.

* Deciding on school lunches and menus. Parents should decide if their child will eat lunch at school or bring one from home. If going the sack-lunch route, Larson said it's important to discuss menu possibilities with children first to make sure the meals are healthy and enjoyable, and to make trading lunch items with other students less likely.

* Practicing the daily routine. Larson said getting to school on time is very important, especially the first day. Practicing the morning routine before school starts can ensure efficiency, she said. Parents also should discuss how the child will get home from school. If the student will walk or take the bus, she suggests practicing the child's

route to make sure he or she gets home safely.

* Discussing major transitions. Changing schools or going from half-day kindergarten to full-day first grade can be difficult for students. Larson recommends discussing changes beforehand to ease a child's worries or fears.

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