

## Kansas Judicial Remap Scrambles State House

**By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter**

**FAIRWAY** — Elaine Bowers' plan to run for the Kansas Senate this fall changed abruptly.

A federal court in Kansas City, Kan., moved the Senate District 21 seat — that Bowers intended to seek — more than 200 miles east to a fast-growing Kansas City suburb, minutes from the Kansas-Missouri line. The district had been in primarily rural north-central Kansas.

Ordering the change were Chief Judges Kathryn Vratil of the U.S. District Court of Kansas and Mary Beck Briscoe of the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, as well as Senior Judge John Lungstrum of the U.S. District Court of Kansas.

The District 21 move was one aspect of a total remapping of Kansas' congressional, legislative and state school board voting districts, adjusting for population changes recorded in the 2010 U.S. Census.

The Kansas Constitution requires the Legislature to make those changes after each census to protect equal voting rights statewide. But legislators in the most-recent session did not agree on a redistricting plan, and last month adjourned for the first time in state history without passing one.

Monday at noon is the deadline for candidates for Congress, the Legislature and the Kansas State Board of Education to file for their respective offices. That means that many would-be candidates, such as Bowers, will have to decide quickly whether to run in what could be a radically altered contest.

No problem, said Bowers, a Concordia Republican who has represented Kansas House District 107 in the Legislature since 2007. She'll just run for the geographically larger Senate District 36, which the judges drew around Concordia instead.

"If you are a rural legislator, it's a

dream district," Bowers said of the now 10-county Senate district sprawling across almost a third of northern Kansas.

"I'm going to Topeka to file Monday," she said.

Scores — perhaps hundreds — of other candidates may not be so lucky, said Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, the state's chief election officer.

"The good news is that the courts have reached a decision in time to hold Aug. 7 primaries," Kobach said. "The bad news is that the timing is going to be unusually disruptive."

In the newly redrawn 125 districts for the Kansas House, for example, 48 of those districts are home to more than one incumbent legislator, whose political fates could be determined in primary or general election battles. And 25 new districts have no incumbents living in them.

Kansas has no way to delay the filing deadline, so decisions that candidates and voters might have had two months to make now must be made in just two working days, Kobach said.

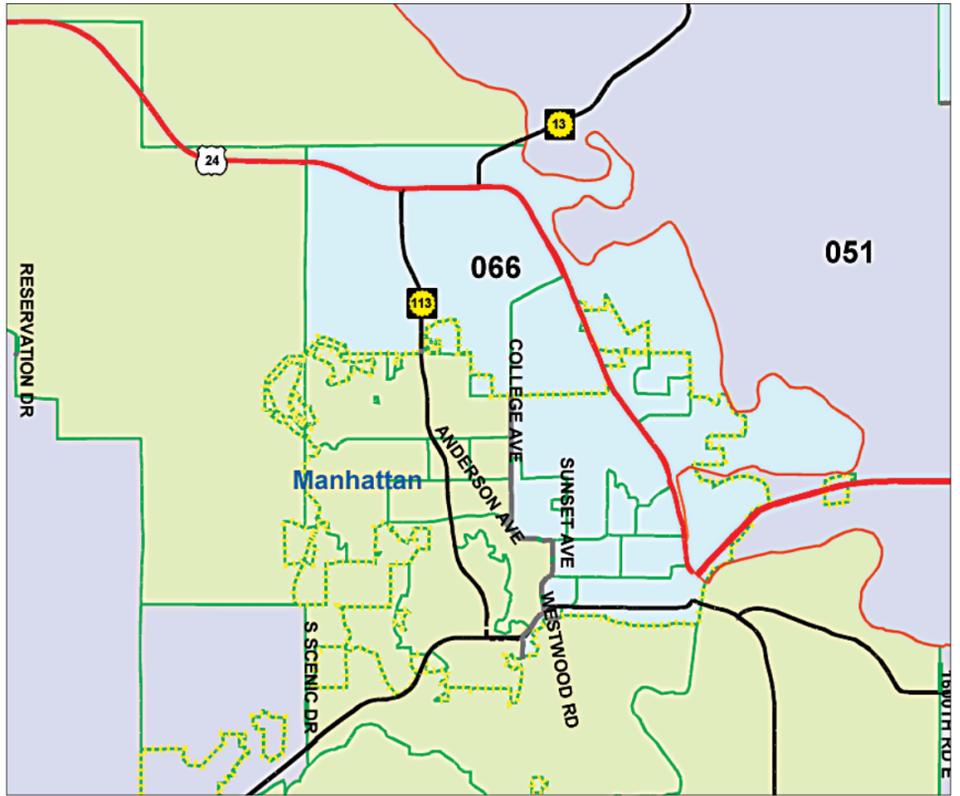
"This is disruptive for legislators and it's disruptive for voters who now may be represented by someone they don't even know," Kobach said.

The judicially drawn maps also raise the possibility, said Kansas State University political science professor Joe Aistrup, "of a fundamental shift in the state's political topography."

"You've got 48 districts (with more than one incumbent resident) in which one incumbent may lose, and you've got 25 other districts that are completely open," Aistrup said. "That is huge."

The judges' orders for redrawing boundaries of the state's four congressional districts, 40 state Senate districts and 10 state board of education districts may be less far reaching, he said.

"In the congressional maps, Manhattan is the big loser," Aistrup said.



A Map of Manhattan and the new Kansas House of Representatives Districts.

Manhattan, which includes both Kansas State University and families of nearby Fort Riley, will become the biggest city in the sparsely populated 1st Congressional District, which covers most of the western half of the state.

Representatives of that city previously lobbied legislators and testified before the federal judges arguing to remain in the 2nd Congressional District — basically northeastern

Kansas, excluding Johnson and Wyandotte counties — because of claimed ties to eastern Kansas and the Kansas City-Lawrence area.

But in Thursday's opinion, the court said keeping Manhattan in the 2nd District "would cause adverse affects elsewhere in the state," and pointed to one alternative, which lawmakers proposed, that would have extended a sliver of Kansas' far western 1st Congressional District along the state's

northern border to Leavenworth, on the state's eastern border. That "extremely contrived First District" would be "inappropriate," the court order said.

Kansas' 3rd Congressional District, in the more heavily populated Kansas City area, shrinks geographically to Wyandotte and Johnson counties, plus the Miami County parts of Spring Hill and Louisburg, which straddle the Johnson-Miami line.

## Miller Recognized For Excellence In Mathematics And Science Teacher

Angie Miller, 7th grade math teacher at Eisenhower Middle School, was one of two Kansas educators to be named a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Only 97 educators across the country received this honor from President Obama.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The 2011 awardees named today teach 7th through 12th grades.

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also are invited Washington, DC, for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and the Administration.



Angie Miller

"Teaching math to middle school students is my passion and it is an honor to be recognized for what I love doing," states Mrs. Miller. "However, this is not an individual effort but the support, hard work, and commitment of many that allow me the opportunity to be named a recipient of the Presidential Award."

"Angie Miller is one of the finest educators that I've had the pleasure to work with in my 23 years in the profession," states Eisenhower Middle School Principal Greg Hoyt. "Angie is what I refer to as 'the total package'"

when it comes to teaching. She has incredible content and pedagogical knowledge, but what separates Angie from the field is her drive and her passion for excellence... for herself and for her students."

President Obama has committed to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and prepare 100,000 effective science and mathematics teachers over the next decade. These commitments build on the President's "Educate to Innovate" campaign, which has attracted more than \$700 million in donations and in-kind support from corporations, philanthropies, service organizations, and others to help bolster science and technology education in the classroom.

"America's success in the 21st century depends on our ability to educate our children, give our workers the skills they need, and embrace technological change. That starts with the men and women in front of our classrooms. These teachers are the best of the best, and they stand as excellent examples of the kind of leadership we need in order to train the next generation of innovators and help this country get ahead," said President Obama.

## KS Taxpayers Are Safe In Mall Foreclosure

**By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter**

**KANSAS CITY, Kan.** — Kansas taxpayers' multimillion dollar investment in a 6-year-old Kansas City, Kan., shopping center won't be lost, even though lenders have begun foreclosure proceedings, a city spokesman said Thursday.

A group of lenders led by U.S. Bank filed foreclosure proceedings against the developers of Legends Outlets Kansas City. They allege the developers — RED Development of Phoenix and a group of German investors managed by Morgan Stanley — stopped making loan payments in October that now total more than \$179 million.

A federal judge Tuesday appointed E3 Realty Advisors as receiver of the property, in charge of running the property and preserving it until the court proceedings are resolved.

Legends is a high-end outlet mall in western Kansas City, where stores such as Brooks Brothers, Banana Republic and Nike sell lower-priced versions of the same items they sell for premium prices in mainline department stores or in other top outlets. The mall was built with a portion of some \$300 million in so-called STAR bonds, issued by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan., between 2001 and 2005.

Local governments, under state

supervision, can issue STAR — Sales Tax Anticipation Revenue — bonds to loan construction money to developers. The bonds are paid off with sales tax revenue that would otherwise go to the state's general fund.

Money from Kansas City's STAR bonds was used to build the Kansas Speedway, a new stadium for a major league soccer team and streets and infrastructure for Cerner Corp.'s world headquarters, all on what a decade ago was mostly pasture land. Cerner specializes in health-care technology and information systems.

The foreclosure proceedings will have little effect on Kansas City and Wyandotte County's ability to repay the bonds, said Mike Taylor, public information chief for the city-county government.

"The lenders and the owners got into a spitting contest over their original financing deal in 2006," Taylor said. "That is completely different from bond payments."

"The shopping center is still open — and thriving," he said. "Our sales tax revenues are running 12 percent higher than last year, when they were \$41 million. We're on schedule to pay off the last \$62.4 million of the 2001-2005 bonds early in 2013. And we will pay off the stadium bonds (another \$107 million issued after the earlier bonds) in 2017, four years ahead of schedule."

## Obama vs. Romney on Public School Jobs

**By Andrew J. Coulson  
CATO Institute**

In a high-profile presser on the economy last Friday, President Obama's central proposal was to hire more public employees. Then, in his weekly address, he argued that hiring more public school teachers would allow the U.S. to educate its way to prosperity. His Republican presidential rival, Governor Romney, has recommended precisely the opposite: reducing the size of government to boost private sector job growth—and he, too, mentions public school teachers. So... who's right?

First, let's look at public school employment and student enrollment over time.

As the chart makes clear, enrollment is only up 8.5% since 1970, whereas employment is up 96.2%. In other words, the public school workforce has grown 11 times faster than enrollment over the past 40 years. What difference does that make in economic terms? If we went back to the staff-to-student ratio we had in 1970, we'd be saving... \$210 billion... annually.

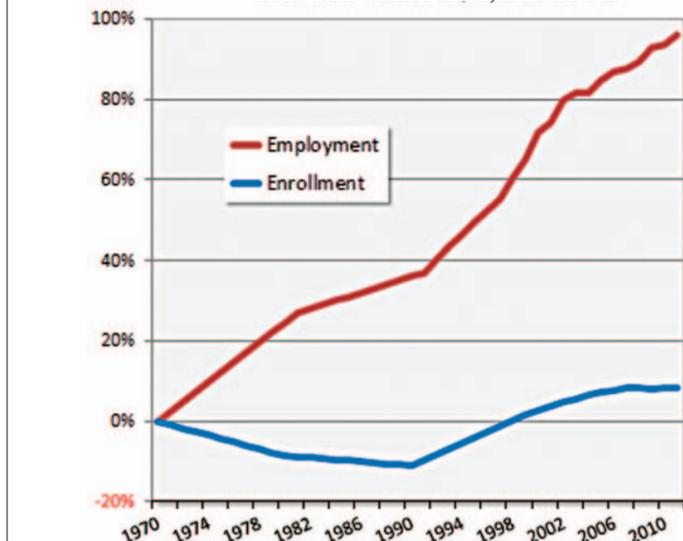
Wait a minute, though! Research by economist Rick Hanushek and others

has found that improved student achievement boosts economic growth. So if the 2.9 million extra public school employees we've hired since 1970 have improved achievement substantially, we might well be coming out ahead economically. So let's look at those numbers...

Uh oh. Despite hiring nearly 3 million more people and spending a resulting \$210 billion more every year, achievement near the end of high school has stagnated in math and reading and actually declined slightly in science since 1970. On a per pupil basis, a K-12 education has gone from about \$55,000 to about \$150,000 in real, inflation-adjusted terms.

The implications are tragic: the public school monopoly is warehousing 3 million people in jobs that appear to have done nothing to improve student learning. Our K-12 government school system simply does not know how to harness the skills of our education workforce, and so is preventing these people from contributing to our economy while consuming massive quantities of tax dollars. So what would hiring even more people into that system do for our economy...

**Percent Change in Public School Employment and Enrollment, Since 1970**



**Cato Institute**

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## Just Like Dad...

**By: Beth Bohn**  
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MANHATTAN — Father really does know best — especially when it comes to the workplace. That's according to three Kansas State University faculty and staff members who are following in their fathers' footsteps by working for the university, too.

They say their dads are more than a parent — they're also a mentor, role model, colleague and friend.

Justin Kastner, associate professor of food safety and security, loves that he sometimes gets to work with his dad, Curtis Kastner, director of the university's Food Science Institute.

The younger Kastner, who earned a bachelor's from K-State in 1998 and joined the faculty in 2003, said his dad was a big influence on his career choice.

"Dad has always said the best job is being a professor. He's had opportunities to do many other things, but he's always been so invested in K-State and the community," said Justin Kastner. "What I admire most about my dad is that he instills so much confidence in me and others. When I think

about my children, I want to draw out of them the same can-do attitude that my dad taught me and my brother."

Even though the Kastners are in different departments, their similar fields mean they attend many of the same meetings and often travel to conferences together. That's when it common to hear Curtis Kastner being called Big K, and Justin Kastner going by Little K.

"It's an honor to work with him. I've learned so much from him, especially about interacting with others," Justin Kastner said. "I've also tried, like my dad, to aim for perfection but settle for excellence."

Curtis Kastner is more than a dad — he's a friend, Justin Kastner said.

"I really enjoy our friendship, it's very special," he said. "Dad is strong enough to noticeably shake your hand firmly, but so gentle in spirit. As such, he is a very approachable, wise, strong and widely respected man."

His dad has always given him plenty of good advice, but Justin Kastner said there is one thing that has always stuck with him. It was when he was a boy and playing baseball.

"Dad told me, 'Don't let oth-

ers dictate how fast you warm up,'" Justin Kastner said. "What he was telling me was don't let others dictate your pace of life — what you're supposed to do or not to do. It's been a pearl of wisdom that I've really held on to, particularly when it comes to life. The expectations and demands on all of us are enormous. There are loads of distractions, too. While we all bear responsibility for responding to demands, sometimes we need to simply say, "You are welcome, but just not right now."

Laura Kanost, assistant professor of Spanish, says her dad's experiences on the K-State faculty made her comfortable with seeking a job with the university. Her dad is Michael Kanost, university distinguished professor of biochemistry and outgoing head of the department of biochemistry.

Kanost says her dad has been a great resource in getting her own career off the ground.

"My dad is an important professional mentor for me because he has a lot of experience working in academia," she said. "I remember when I was considering graduate school and it seemed very overwhelming to me. My dad told me that

a Ph.D. is just as accessible as any other degree — you just have to keep working away at it, little by little, and each step will fall into place.

"He was right. My dad has taught me that I can do more than I think I can do."

His sensible advice is just one of the things Kanost admires about her dad.

"He's hard-working and successful, humble, generous, smart, funny, kind and unbelievably patient," she said. "Now that I have my own kids, though, what amazes me most about my dad is the courage and strength he and my mom have shown as parents of four children."

It's understandable why John Grice, who just earned his bachelor's in political science from K-State, almost didn't attend the university. Both of his parents work for K-State.

"It was more of being a teenager striving to burst out of the nest and fly far, far away than it was a logical decision," he said. "However, once I took a very close look, I fell in love with K-State. Now I have been given the opportunity to work here. It's something I dreamed of doing."

## Obituaries

### Doris Grosh

Doris Adriana Lloyd was born in Kansas City in November 29, 1924, the middle child between 2 brothers. Doris received a bachelor's degree in math and physics from the University of Chicago in 1948. At Chicago she lived at the International House, where she made friends from around the world. She spent a year in Mexico, studying mathematics and electrical engineering.

Doris went to K-State for a master's degree and then to Purdue for a PhD program, and it was there that she met and married Gene Grosh, whom she married on August 26, 1950. Her PhD was interrupted by 13 years of raising daughters, during which she kept her hand in teaching math at night school for Tulsa University.

The Grosh family moved to Manhattan in 1965 so that she could complete her PhD in statistics. After graduating in 1969, she joined the Industrial Engineering department, becoming the first woman faculty member in the College of Engineering. She had a joint appointment in the Department of Statistics. She was a contributor and referee for

Technometrics, the Journal of the American Statistical Society, and IEEE Transactions on Reliability. She belonged to the Society of Women Engineers, American Society for Quality Control, the American Statistical Association, the American Association of University Professors, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Pi Mu Epsilon. Throughout her career, she taught new courses frequently, teaching herself new material in order to be able to teach it to others.

Doris was a popular teacher. She received the Hollis Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Kansas State College of Engineering in 1975, and the students voted her the best teacher in the Department of Industrial Engineering in 1981 and 1990. As she retired, the students created a special award to reflect the role she had played for so many of them; in 1990 she became the first and, so far, only recipient of the Industrial Engineering Department Mother Hen Award. When she retired, she took the opportunity to do things she'd been too busy to

do before, such as taking a course in quantum mechanics. She was acting department chair and full professor when she retired.

Her first book, A Primer of Reliability Theory, was published in 1988 by John Wiley & Sons. She was a consultant or co-investigator for projects funded by the Nuclear Regulatory Agency, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Kansas Department of Transportation. She wrote a second book, Linear Programming for Beginners after retirement. She struggled with revisions as Alzheimer's disease began to steal her mind. She had to learn new software in order to improve the sample problems. As her vision deteriorated, she worked with a 54 inch monitor so that she could blow things up large enough to be able to read them on-screen.

After retirement, Doris became very active in the community. She rejoined the League of Women Voters and served as the newsletter editor for years. She served for many years on the board of the Manhattan Arts Center and

helped with the vision and fundraising which made possible the facility they have now. She helped the local Democratic Party with database work. She was a lifelong Unitarian.

She is survived by three daughters, Kathy Grosh of Duluth, MN, Barbara Grosh of Pittsford, NY and Margaret Grosh of Arlington, VA; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and her brother, Allan Lloyd of Hawthorne, NJ. She was preceded in death by her husband Gene and her grandson Zachary Smith.

The family request memorials to the Manhattan Arts Center or the Grosh Scholarship Fund in the KSU Industrial Engineering Department.

A memorial service was at 4:00pm, Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, 481 Zeandale Rd., Manhattan.

For more information or to send an email condolence visit [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com), arrangements by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

### Jeune Kirmsers

Jeune B. Kirmsers was born on January 28, 1921 in St. Paul, MN to John G. Blomquist, a self-taught musician and artist who came to America from Sweden at the age of 5, and Ethel Strayer Blomquist, a graduate in mathematics from Hamline University. It was these open-minded, imaginative people who encouraged Jeune to grow into the remarkable woman she was. She adored her parents and her older brother John.

Jeune graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in English education. Her first job was in a tiny town in Northwest Minnesota where she was informed that she was also going to be the girls' basketball coach! Later she got her Master's Degree in School Social Work.

Jeune was married to Philip G. Kirmsers in St. Paul on June 12, 1942 and shortly thereafter moved to Manhattan where Phil taught at K-State and Jeune received her Master's in English from K-State. Not long afterwards he joined the Navy and she practiced social work and taught English in a very

poor area of Washington, DC while he was away.

In 1951 she spent a year in Amsterdam (due to Phil's sabbatical) writing scripts for Dutch Radio about what it was like being an American woman in Holland. Upon their return, she became a school social worker for the St. Paul, MN public schools where she spied the young boy who would soon (in 1955) become their son and who would bring along his little sister to be their daughter.

She moved to Manhattan in 1954 when Phil was hired again by Kansas State College and there she remained for the rest of her life with several forays to London for months at a time. On one of those trips she inadvertently became a passenger on the Maiden Flight of the Concorde from London to the States.

With two little children now, Jeune chose to be a stay-at-home mom, but that did not curtail her activities in trying to improve the human condition. She became the 'public' for the Manhattan-Ogden Board of Education, maintaining this role for 53 years. She was

instrumental in getting school social work established in Manhattan and she was a regular volunteer at local nursing homes. Her house was always a welcoming place for foreign students at K-State. About 15 people had the opportunity to live with her and her family over the years. In fact, the Kirmsers hosted the first AFS student (Ernst Löschner from Austria) in Manhattan, 1960. In 1969 she was invited to be one of the first writers of brochures and posters for a new business in town, The Master Teacher. Meantime, she wrote for herself, publishing several poems and short stories and completed a rough draft for a play.

She considered one of her most important 'jobs' to be that of "Freedom Writer" for Amnesty International, a loving, heartrending task she continued into her late 80's.

She was a prolific writer of letters: to friends, to The Manhattan Mercury, to presidents, to governors, to companies about their products and she received many responses back from them, presidents included.

### Ursula Carriere

Ursula Barbara Carriere went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 7, 2012. Ursula was 73 years old.

Ursula was born July 13, 1938, in Bad Salzbrunn, Germany. In 1959, she married Fredrico Costales, who was stationed in Germany. Later they came to the United States, and she settled in Riley, Kansas. She was best known for her twenty three years of commitment as a member of the janito-

rial staff at Kansas State University.

Ursula is survived by her five loving children; Frank Costales, Steve Costales, David Costales, Lynn McConnell and Michele Mowder. She is also survived by her four grandchildren; Miriam Costales, Patrick Costales, Aron Ross and Alyssa Carriere.

A memorial service will be held at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation

Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, <http://www.alzfdn.org>.

Irvin-Parkview and Cremation is responsible for assisting the family with the arrangements. To leave an online condolence, visit [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com), or find us on Facebook.

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 - Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Honored...



Manhattan VFW Post 1786 Junior Vice Commander, Larry Potter, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to C. Ross Hauck as their Firefighter Gold Medal Award nominee during the Riley County Commission Meeting on Monday, June 4.

Hauck has served Riley County as a volunteer firefighter since 1980 while also serving as the Konza Rural Fire Station #15 Battalion Chief from 1995-2002. In addition, he has served as a Fire District #1 Training Officer while also instructing in other counties throughout Kansas.

As an employee of the Kansas Forest Service since 2002, he has

obtained additional training and is currently working towards recognition as a Type 3 Information Officer with Federal Incident Management Teams throughout the U.S. His training led to his assisting with the Greensburg, Reading, and Harveyville tornado recoveries. In addition, he has served on the Incident Management Teams at forest fires in Colorado, California, Wyoming, Idaho, New Mexico, and Arizona.

The VFW Gold Medal Award recognizes Ross Hauck's dedication as a firefighter in his community, throughout the state of Kansas, and across the United States.

## Fifty-Six Cases Of Whooping Cough

Kansas has joined several states this year in identifying an increase of pertussis cases (also known as whooping cough). Fifty-six confirmed cases have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) as of June 11. In 2011, only 52 confirmed cases were reported for the entire year. During 2011 and 2012, KDHE and local health departments have investigated eight outbreaks, including the ongoing outbreak in Johnson County. KDHE is encouraging everyone, including adults, to check with their

health care provider on their vaccination status and to get vaccinated if not up to date.

Vaccination is an effective way to prevent the spread of pertussis. Pertussis vaccines are recommended for all children and adults. The pertussis vaccine is given in combination with diphtheria and tetanus vaccines, called DTaP, and is recommended for children age two months through six years old. A pertussis vaccine for adolescents and adults, called Tdap, is recommended as a one-time booster. It is especially important for anyone who

has close contact with babies younger than 12 months to get a dose of Tdap to help protect the baby from whooping cough. This includes parents, siblings, grandparents, health care providers and childcare providers. If someone does experience pertussis after immunization, his or her case is usually milder.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial respiratory illness spread by coughing and sneezing. It affects people of all ages but is most serious for infants, especially those too

young to be vaccinated or who are not fully protected. It causes cold-like symptoms followed by a long, severe cough that can last for weeks. Adolescents and adults often have a milder disease but can still spread it.

Individuals with symptoms should contact their healthcare provider about antibiotic treatment that can shorten the time when they are contagious. Those with pertussis should be isolated from school, work or other activities until completing at least the first five days of the recommended antibiotic therapy.

## At A Loss For Works..

By: Greg Tammen  
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN — As far as conversations with parents go, talking with them about moving into a nursing home and other end-of-life issues may be the hardest.

"The first time talking about this is going to be really, really hard because it's a painful subject to think about," said Gayle Doll, assistant professor in Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology and director of the Center on Aging. "However, it is also one of the most important conversations you can have."

An expert on aging, Doll has studied and published on numerous gerontology aspects, including culture change in nursing homes; physical functioning of older adults; and the sexual expression by residents in nursing homes. She also visits regularly with residents at

Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, a nursing home in Manhattan, Kan., to learn from those living these topics.

According to Doll, many residents voluntarily chose to move into a retirement community that included a nursing home to protect their children from having to make the difficult and painful decision about caring for their parent.

"However, only a small percent of older adults are this forward-thinking, leaving many other families, especially now with an aging baby boomer population, to be involved in this important decision process," Doll said.

Thinking about and discussing the topic can be difficult and painful in the beginning, Doll said. But avoiding it can potentially create an even more painful situation in the future.

"The most critical thing is to

start this discussion before a crisis occurs," Doll said. "At the time of a crisis you're going to be looking at nursing homes and trying to make a decision. Without ample time, that decision may not be based on which home is the best, but rather which one has an opening. That's a factor nobody wants to have dictate a decision."

Although there is no step-by-step or standardized approach for how to effectively begin a conversation about nursing home and end-of-life options with a loved one, Doll offered several tips for how to maximize the conversation outcome:

- \* Be honest and direct, beginning with the first conversation. "It won't be something easy to talk about, so that's why it's important to be direct," Doll said. "Say something like, 'I know we don't want to talk about this and I can't stand thinking about a time when our life can't be like it is now, but I want to make sure that when things change we do this the best way we can. The sooner we talk about this the easier it will be in the future and the more we'll get what we want from the situation when the time comes.'"
- \* Do not make unrealistic promises and promises that cannot be kept. "So often kids will say, 'I won't ever put you in a nursing home,'" Doll said. "Other times it may be the par-

ent who will say something like, 'Kill me when the time comes' or 'Never put me in a nursing home.' Those are all such horrible things to say and may not be realistic."

- \* Make it an annual talk about the same time each year. "A lot can happen in a year, and it's common for people to change their mind a million times about something," Doll said. "By reassessing previous decisions on a frequent basis, you and your loved one can have the latest decision about what you want and don't want because those circumstances will have changed."

- \* Start discussing nursing home and end-of-life wishes earlier in life rather than later. Although these topics are affiliated more with older age, an unforeseen injury or crisis could happen, requiring an immediate decision, Doll said. Discussing these topics earlier in life will also help with addressing other difficult and complex issues in life.

- \* Do not assume that parents may have a stigma about discussing these topics. "In talking to groups of older adults I've found that they are much more comfortable talking about this subject than we may think," Doll said. "They read the obituaries and they have had friends who have died. The door is open to talk about it; they're just waiting for you to start the conversation."

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**Principal's List**  
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Sarah Brown  
Joe Catterson  
Tyler Eaves  
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Rebecca Sylvester  
Amber Seymour  
Ryan McDonald  
Christie Warren  
Katie Warren  
Parker Eaves  
Darien Stokes  
Sara Sylvester  
Amanda Dillon

**Honor's List**  
3.00-3.49  
Dennis Luberus  
Katie Smith  
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# Fulbright For Joe Sutliff Sanders



Kansas State Faculty Member Joe Sutliff Sanders

**By : Beth Bohn**  
**Kansas State University**  
 MANHATTAN — A Fulbright award will help a Kansas State University faculty member further his research on one of the world's most famous cartoonists, Belgium's Hergé, the author of the "Tintin" series.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Joe Sutliff Sanders, assistant professor of English, will spend the spring 2013 semester in Luxembourg and Belgium. Sanders will teach at the University of Luxembourg and spend some of his time at the Royal Library of Belgium in Brussels, home to an exclusive microfilm collection of comics by Hergé.

Hergé was the pen name of Belgian writer and artist Georges Remi. His best known creation, "Tintin," first appeared in 1929 and went on to become one of the most popular in Europe. "Tintin" is about the adventures of Belgian investigative reporter Tintin and his fox terrier Snowy. It was made into a film, "The Adventures of Tintin," in 2011.

Sanders will be looking at the "Tintin" comics published during the Nazi occupation and how Hergé revised those comics after liberation.

"It's a pretty big deal. When the Nazis took over, the newspaper in which Hergé published his comic folded rather than run what the Nazis told them to," Sanders said. "When Hergé started publishing again during the occupation, he ran 'Tintin' in a newspaper that was widely regarded as a mouthpiece for the Nazi propaganda ministry."

The sales of the first issue featuring Hergé's work soared, Sanders said.

"There's no question that the presence of 'Tintin' in that newspaper helped the Nazis sell copies. But Hergé had no love for the Nazis. After the war, he said that what he did was no different from what a baker would have done by continuing to make money during the occupation using his trade," Sanders said.

But the work raised questions about Hergé's wartime behavior and led to an investigation where the only out-

comes were that he could be found incivique — a noncitizen — or a good citizen.

After the war, Hergé revised the strips that ran in the newspaper into book-length comics.

"What I want to know is what changes he made to the wartime content when he knew he was under close investigation," said Sanders, whose focus will be on how such dichotomies —

collaborator/subversive during the war, incivique/good citizen in the years that followed — shaped Hergé's production and revisions of "Tintin."

Hergé's newspaper serials before and during the occupation were done in black-and-white. But for the book publisher Casterman, Hergé revised his stories in format, pacing, length, color and even content, Sanders said.

Sanders plans to publish his results when he is through with his study, and he has already involved his students in the work. He went to Belgium on a university research grant in January 2011 to start his research.

"I got enough done on one of the stories that I'm researching to realize that there were some really interesting comparisons to be made between the original versions of the stories and the revised versions," Sanders said. "In a course I taught on children's comics and picture books last fall, I showed the students the originals I had photocopied while in Brussels, and the students compared those originals to the first revision."

While still not sure on what the revisions the cartoonist made from one version to the next mean, Sanders said it has been interesting to get the students' interpretations.

This is Sanders' first selection as a Fulbright scholar, although he had applied before. He said he wanted to apply because he enjoys international travel.

Sanders is among the approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the core Fulbright Scholar Program annually.

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# Highway K-9 To Close For Bridge Work

On Monday, June 18, K-9 will be closed at the US-77 junction for intersection reconstruction work. This intersection reconstruction work is part of the US-77 Big Blue River bridge replacement project northeast of Blue Rapids in Marshall County.

United Contractors Inc. (Johnston, Iowa) is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$7.558 million. The new US-77 bridge is scheduled to open to all traffic in mid-September 2012. The old bridge is scheduled to be demolished in November 2012. Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in late December 2012, weather permitting.

Beginning on Monday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m. through early September 2012, westbound and eastbound K-9 will be closed from the city of Frankfort to the US-77 junction to ALL through traffic. Access will be maintained for local traffic only on the closed portion of K-9. A 48-mile marked detour on state highways will be provided. See the map below for the marked detour route.

Advance message boards

will alert drivers to the K-9 roadway closure. Drivers must use alternate routes during the roadway closure.

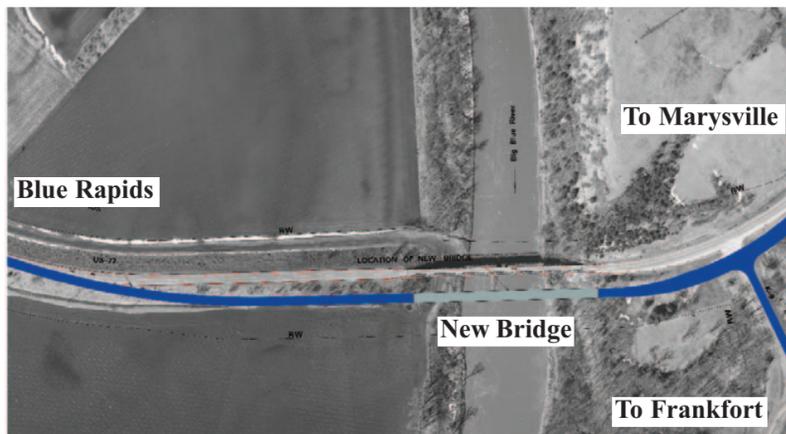
In early August 2011, the bridge replacement project began on US-77 over the Big Blue River located one-half mile east of the city of Blue Rapids in Marshall County. The new bridge and realigned US-77 roadway are being built just east of the existing bridge and highway, along with the

portion of K-9 that will be realigned to tie into the new roadway. (See the attached map for the new bridge and roadway alignment.)

The new US-77 bridge will be 40-foot wide, with two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders, providing more room for today's wider vehicles and it will have shorter bridge railings as well. In addition, project work includes a deceleration lane for northbound driv-

ers turning east onto K-9 and an acceleration lane for eastbound drivers on K-9 turning north onto US-77.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.



Highway K-9 will close for 3-months to finish on the intersection at the new bridge northeast of BR.

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# County Minutes

Rod Harms; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wedel said on May 31, 2012, a discussion on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requirement for this area was conducted. Wedel said no decisions were made at this meeting. All decisions will need to be made by the elected officials involved.

Wedel said this information is provided to the County Commissioners in preparation for upcoming discussion at the next City/County/County meeting scheduled for June 28th. KDOT officials and others will be there to present background information and answer questions.

Wedel said according to KDOT officials, funding for the planning requirements could begin January 1, 2013, assuming all essential steps have been completed. The funding comes with a 20% matching requirement. Riley County could be asked to assist with providing the matching funds in the out years. Precise figures are not yet available.

McCulloh said she would like the Regional Planning Organization to oversee the project.

10:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

10:00 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:15 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:17 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:20 Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Services Director

Stan Wilson; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Jeff Holmes; Carroll Hess, Anne Browne - Pawnee Mental Health Services Board; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of

Women Voters, attended.

Cole presented the Pawnee Mental Health Services 2013 appropriation request.

10:44 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

Dr. Jim Lindquist, Assistant Director Field Operations Extension Office; Ginger Denning, Extension Council Board Member; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Jeff Holmes; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wilson presented the Fair 2013 budget request.

Wilson presented the Extension 2013 appropriation request.

10:56 Mary Jo Harbour, Riley County Council on Aging Chair

Fred Schwenk, Riley County Council on Aging Treasurer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Jeff Holmes; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Bob Boyd; Shirley Delano, Riley County Genealogical Society; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Harbour presented the Riley County Council on Aging 2013 appropriation request.

11:08 Shirley Delano, Riley County Genealogical Society

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Jeff Holmes; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Bob Boyd; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Delano presented the Riley County Genealogical Society 2013 appropriation request.

11:15 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Jeff Holmes; Bob Boyd; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Peterson presented the following staff report:

Noxious Weed/Mowing

All bare ground spraying around signs, guardrails, county lots, and gravel shoulders along asphalt roads has been completed.

Chemical mowing on county asphalt roads has been completed.

County roads have been gone over once for musk thistle and are currently spraying field bindweed.

Township contracts for

Center, Ogden, Wildcat, Grant, Madison, Swede Creek & Sherman have been completed. Currently working on Bala Township contract.

Currently working on KDOT contract spraying musk thistle and field bindweed.

All 13 roadside seeding projects were completed by May 8th.

Mowing along county roads started on May 10th, mowing around Manhattan and then mowing in Swede Creek area next. Currently have one mower in Peach Gove area and one in Deep Creek area.

Mowed Ady Addition last week.

HHW:

Next HHW collection at Howie's is Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Discuss recommendation of the Solid Waste Management Committee to move e-waste recycling from Household Hazardous Waste to Howie's Recycling.

Other:

Peterson said he is meeting Thursday afternoon with Johnette and our auditors to update my NW/HHW budget to reflect the change approved on Monday to move the HHW budget out of solid waste and into the noxious weed budget. Peterson said he will be presenting that budget on

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Thursday, June 14, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Peterson discussed the recommendation of the Solid Waste Management Committee to move e-waste recycling from Household Hazardous Waste to Howie's Recycling.

McCulloh moved to accept the recommendation of the Solid Waste Management Committee to move e-waste recycling from Household Hazardous Waste to Howie's Recycling. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:15 Department Heads 2013 Budget Request

Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Bob Boyd; and Jeff Holmes, attended.

Nall presented the 2013 IT/GIS budget request.

Nall requested a new position, administrative assistant, for the department. Nall said he would also like to request an interim position.

Couchman presented the EMS 2013 appropriation request.

Couchman discussed the need for facilities enhancements.

2:08 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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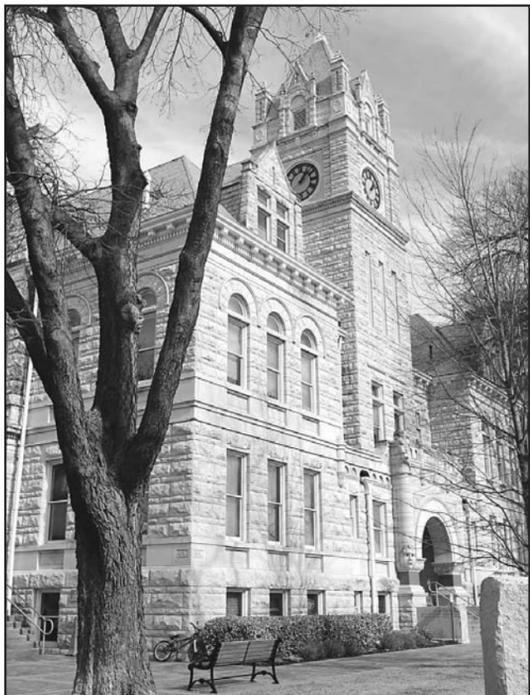
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## Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 4, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Lori Muir sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Sharon Hauck; Bobbie Flaherty; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Hobson asked the Board for clarification of wanting the Public Works building opened for the Garden Tour on Sunday, June 10th. The Board said they would like the doors open for the public to tour the building as well as a fact sheet about the building and energy efficiencies.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Marsha Tannehill, a new hire, as a Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, at a grade M step 3, at \$20.09 per hour.

Jan Scheideman, a new hire, as a Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, at a grade M step 1, at \$18.76 per hour.

Bryan Zundel, a new hire, as a Parks Management/Landscape Intern, in the Parks Department, at a grade B step

3, at \$11.74 per hour.

Doug Messer, an Assistant Fire Chief, in Fire District #1 Department, for Separation from County Service, effective June 7, 2012.

Hannah Lauer, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (ARPN), in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective May 16, 2012.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Position Action Forms for the following:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), in the Health Department, at a grade EE.

Lead WIC Clerk, in the Health Department, at a grade H.

Lewis moved to sign letters reappointing James Armendariz to the Joint Corrections Advisory Board (adult appointment term expiration June 30, 2014 and juvenile appointment term expiration June 30, 2015). McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 060412-21, A Resolution appointing an adult and juvenile representative to the Joint Corrections Advisory Board" - James Armendariz. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign thank you letters to Ogdan, Riley, Randolph, and Leonardville cities for use of their facilities for the Board of County Commissioners to hold their commission meetings. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Juvenile Justice Authority State Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Outlay/Equipment Request for Funding Grant Acceptance Letter in the amount of \$10,694.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the

minutes of May 31, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Sharon Hauck; Bobbi Flaherty; Bob Boyd; Rod Harms; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Larry Potter, VFW Vice Commander; and Tess Potter, Legion Women's Auxiliary, attended.

9:00 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:10 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:09 Johnson moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:10 Holeman discussed the Indigent Defense Panel budget contract. Holeman said panel members are requesting Riley County tie the step and cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to the county employee yearly increases.

McCulloh said she would consider looking into COLA increases, but she is not sure about step increases. The defense panel is not on the county step increase scale because they are not full time employees.

Johnson would like to give a COLA increase and discuss a step/merit increase.

Lewis agreed with McCulloh not to give a step/merit increase.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, agreed to give a COLA increase, but not a step/merit increase.

Holeman with notify the defense panel and let the board know their response.

9:30 Press Conference

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Barbara Sanders, REACH Committee; Lisa Daily, REACH Committee; Doris Fritz, Riley Community Food Basket; Sharon Bairrow-Riffey, REACH Committee; Keirsten Cragg, REACH Committee Chair; Janice Woodyard, Riley Community Food Basket; Karen Bierman, Riley Community Food Basket; Brenda Kientz, Riley Community Food Basket; Karen Rundquist, Riley Community Food Basket; Charlotte Olsen, Riley Community Food Basket; Shilo Heger, Tax Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Jolene Keck, Elections Supervisor; Captain Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police

Department; Allen Todd, REACH Committee; Jo Reed, Records Assistant II; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury; Robert Boyd; Rod Harms; Dan Page, KMAN; Larry Potter, VFW Vice Commander; Tess Potter, Legion Women's Auxiliary; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent, attended.

L. Potter and T. Potter presented the VFW Firefighter Award/Certificate of Appreciation to Ross Hauck. Hauck has volunteered for Riley County for 30 years. Hauck volunteers at Riley County Konza Station #15.

Cragg presented members of the Riley Community Food Basket a check in the amount of \$1,106 from the employees of Riley County. Cragg said departments created themed baskets and the REACH Committee held a silent auction for the baskets to generate the money.

Fritz said the Riley Community Food Basket started in 1995 and serves approximately 10-15 families per week. Fritz said there are no administrative costs. Fritz said they operate as volunteers so all money will go to help families.

Fritz thanked the employees of Riley County for the generous donation.

Eyestone invited everyone to attend the 24th annual Manhattan Area Garden Tour on Sunday, June 10, 2012 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at tour sites.

Eyestone discussed the locations on the tour, including the Riley County Shop site.

Heger asked taxpayers to please be patient and allow extra time for motor vehicle transactions. If you are in a hurry, please come in when you have plenty of time, mail in the renewals or renew online. Some records didn't convert properly, so it takes more time to deal with these issues.

Heger said Riley County hasn't had overwhelming lines like Shawnee and Johnson counties, which initiated a need for a grace period.

The grace period does not apply to all situations.

Transferring a tag from a traded in vehicle to a new still only have 30 days.

New vehicle to the state with out of state plates will expires as usual.

If you are going out of state, please renew before you leave, other states will not honor the grace period.

Lastly everyone who should have renewed on May 31, please come in during the first two weeks of June. If everyone waits until June 29 to renew, the wait will be at least 2 hours, so bring your books, Ipods, Game-boys, etc.

Hobson said Riley County has plans to apply calcium chloride material on RL 421 Pillsbury Crossing Road, RL 911 Deep Creek Road beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2012 and RL 420 Wildcat Creek Road on Thursday, June 7,

2012.

Hobson said traffic will be allowed through these projects, but drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes. Please take alternate routes when possible. The schedule may change due to weather delays.

Shepek said presentations from department heads and other entities for 2013 budget requests will start today. Later in the month, after the clerk announces the value of a mill, the budget work sessions will begin.

Keck announced that the Kansas Secretary of State's Office will hold a Voter Identification Tour public meeting at the Manhattan Public Library, June 5, 2012, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Hegarty said the Riley County Police Department offers a free RAIDS online crime map on their website at www.rileycountypolice.org also one can go to the Riley County website and click on the Riley County Police Department. Hegarty said the website is updated weekly and you may sign up for email alerts.

10:00 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer Recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Bryan Richardson, Manhattan Mercury; Steve Galitzer; Kelly Briggs; Bob Boyd; Rod Harms; Dawn Wilson, A1 Trash Service; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director, attended.

Rosewicz discussed the following funding option recommendations of the Solid Waste Committee:

To move the funding for the HHW Program from the Solid Waste Department to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$35,000. The General Fund is currently receiving the reimbursement for labor and equipment associated with the HHW Program.

To move the funding for the subsidy to Howie's to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$15,000.

To raise the price of commercial brush from \$3 per ton with a \$3 minimum to \$20 per ton with a \$10 minimum.

To raise the price of compost being sold from \$10 per ton with a \$2 minimum to \$20 per ton with a \$10 minimum.

To raise the tipping fee \$3 per ton or to support a

\$138,000 increase in the Solid Waste Fund with general tax dollars.

McCulloh said it would be difficult to find \$138,000 in the General Fund and she agreed with the idea of increasing the tipping fee.

Peterson said Howie's is interested in e-waste and it would be possible to turn the e-waste over to Howie's.

Galitzer said when they started the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program they knew at that point it would reduce solid waste in landfills. Galitzer said we are at that point now of collecting less solid waste and keeping recyclables out of the environment.

Wedel said they will have to make changes to the Solid Waste Plan when the board decides which recommendation to take.

Lewis moved to approve the Solid Waste Management Committee's following recommendations:

1). To move the funding for the HHW Program from the Solid Waste Department to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$35,000. The General Fund is currently receiving the reimbursement for labor and equipment associated with the HHW Program.

2). To move the funding for the subsidy to Howie's to the General Fund. This is a net reduction to the Solid Waste Fund of \$15,000.

3). To raise the price of commercial brush from \$3 per ton with a \$3 minimum to \$10 per ton and a \$5 minimum. (see attached sheet for funds generated)

4). To raise the price of compost being sold from \$10 per ton with a \$2 minimum to \$20 per ton with a \$10 minimum. (see attached sheet for funds generated)

5). To raise the tipping fee \$3 per ton.

McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Cindy Kabriel attended the meeting.

Lori Muir left the meeting.

10:30 Department Heads 2013 Budget Request

Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; John Woods; Bob Boyd; and Rod Harms, attended.

Wedel presented the

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# Restoring Accountability For Regulators

By Diane Katz  
The Heritage Foundation.

As federal regulators struggle to implement the massive Dodd-Frank statute, it is obvious that its architects ignored its predictably destructive consequences. Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee this week proposed some logical steps that Congress should seriously consider to increase regulatory accountability and (modestly) decrease costs—at least until the worst elements of Dodd-Frank are scrapped altogether.

## Regulatory Excess and Enormous Expense

The financial regulation law entails some 398 rulemakings. As of June 1, according to tracking by the law firm of Davis Polk, the various agen-

cies drafting the regulations have missed 67 percent of the deadlines and finalized just 28 percent of the required dictates. The protracted regulatory uncertainty that this produces severely undermines the private investment necessary for economic growth.

Beyond the tens of billions of dollars in new regulatory costs imposed on big and small businesses alike, Dodd-Frank requires enormous federal outlays for enforcement—including creation of an entirely new agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), and more than 2,850 new government hires.

## Taming the CFPB

As currently structured, the CFPB is an independent bureau within the Federal Reserve; its funding is set by law at a fixed

percentage of the Fed's operating budget. This budgetary independence shields the bureau from congressional oversight. The proposed spending bill for financial services would make the bureau's funding subject to annual appropriations as of fiscal year 2014 and hence annual congressional review.

Although some financial regulatory agencies also fall outside the congressional appropriations process, they are the exceptions rather than the rule among regulators. There is no justification for allowing the bureau to escape congressional oversight.

The legislation also would require quarterly reports to Congress on bureau activities and spending, which is eminently reasonable considering

the CFPB's unparalleled power, which includes consolidated and expanded regulatory authority over credit and debit cards, mortgages, student loans, savings and checking accounts, and almost every other consumer financial product and service.

## Spending Discipline Necessary

Meanwhile, the new agriculture spending bill pending in the House calls for a reduction of \$25 million—to \$180 million—for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), which is tasked by Dodd-Frank with creating a new regulatory regime over derivatives (also known as swaps).[4] The plan also would require that \$32 million be allocated for information technology. While House committee

members are seeking to trim the CFTC's budget, President Obama is seeking a budget increase of \$128 million (in part to add 1,015 staff).

Critics of the proposed reductions are sputtering with outrage, claiming that the agencies can't possibly function without ever-increasing budgets. Perhaps they should have considered that before imposing Dodd-Frank. If the new regulations are indeed essential, they might consider scaling back some less essential functions to make up the difference.

## Demand for More Cutbacks

The Senate has not released a spending bill for financial regulatory agencies, but odds are high that any proposed cuts

will be much less than those pending in the House. But as demonstrated in Wisconsin on Wednesday, voters are serious about limiting government largesse and regulatory excess—both of which define Dodd-Frank. The relatively small cutbacks proposed in the House Appropriations Committee would be a welcome start to what, hopefully, will be much bigger cuts to come.

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Planning and Development 2013 budget request.

Holeman presented the County Counselor/Administrative Services 2013 budget request.

McHenry presented the Appraiser 2013 budget request.

Williams presented the Community Corrections 2013 budget request.

11:15 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

Bid opening for Sherman Road culvert replacement

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bob Boyd; KC Gillispie, RM Baril General Contractor; Duane Jackson, Ebert Construction Company; and Rod Harms, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for Sherman Road culvert replacement:

Company	Total Bid
J&J Contractors, Inc.	\$186,031.23
R.M. Baril General Contractor, Inc.	\$201,982.76
Ebert Construction Co., Inc.	\$199,811.27
Klaver Construction Company, Inc.	\$168,596.07
Reece Construction Co. Inc.	\$157,489.31
Engineer's Estimate	\$200,614.05

Johnson moved to refer the bid to staff for evaluation and recommendation. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:20 Recessed until 1:15 p.m.

1:15 Lori Feldkamp, Director of Big Lakes Developmental Center

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bob Boyd; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Feldkamp thanked the County Commission for adopting a resolution in support of KanCare. Feldkamp pointed out Riley County still has a waiting list of over 100.

Feldkamp presented the Big Lakes Developmental Center 2013 appropriation request.

1:45 Department Head 2013 Budget Request

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bob Boyd; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attend-

ed. Register presented the Register of Deeds 2013 budget request.

Wedel and Holeman discussed the occupancy permit for Prairiewood Retreat.

Holeman said it is a zoning enforcement process.

2:18 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building June 7, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attend-

ed. Shepek presented a summary of agency appropriations.

McCulloh moved to accept the low bid submitted by Reece Construction, Co., Inc. Scandia, Kansas for the Sherman Road culvert replacement in the amount of \$157,489.31. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 060712-22, A Resolution establishing certain fees to be assessed to users of the Riley County Solid Waste facility". Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Cassie Volanti, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.35 per hour.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins discussed the interview process for the Assistant Fire Chief position.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Rod Harms; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Williams discussed the following legislative impacts: SB368 Impacting SB123

The Kansas Sentencing Commission requested Senate Bill 368. The stated objectives of the KSC are to divert more offenders from prison and shift SB123 treatment funding to higher risk offenders, not every offender that is SB123 eligible as exists today.

Expands the border boxes to

include levels 5-C and 5-D (formerly levels 4-C and 4-D), allowing courts to impose an optional non-prison sentence for certain offenders convicted of level 5 offenses.

Change SB123 Eligibility and Payments. The KSC wants to expend treatment dollars on high substance abuse scores on the SASSI, not on high LSI-R scores.

All SB123 offenders will get a paid assessment by state funds.

The State will not pay for treatment for low-risk, low-need offenders: All SB123 level 4 LSI-R offenders will receive no paid mandatory treatment, as is the case today.

All SB123 offenders Level 3 with a low SASSI will receive no paid mandatory treatment; Level 3 with high SASSI will receive paid treatment by state funds.

SASSI assessment scores, not LSI-R risk assessment will determine funding eligibility.

DUI Law Revisions SB60

The KCCA (our professional association) successfully got the bill amended to address our concerns regarding funding. The original bill as drafted had eliminated the \$250 dollar DUI fine increase from last session because the funds were being collected by local courts but not returned to the state. Based on our testimony, the \$250 fine has been restored and the new revenue will be directed to the KDOC "community supervision fund" for use by KDOC for Community Corrections agencies. Language was also added to the bill to require local courts to return the increased fees to the State. The bill also includes provisions that will generate additional revenue for

community corrections supervision. The bill expands the procedures for DUI offenders to seek a modification of their sentence and obtain ignition interlock. The bill would annually send a portion of those fees collected by the Department of Revenue to KDOC for Community Corrections programs, but there are no specific estimates on how much revenue that will generate. From both of these fine and fee increases there should be at least \$1.0 million in additional revenue flowing to KDOC for Community Corrections. Community Corrections needs to watch carefully to ensure those funds are appropriated to agencies.

Substitute for HB 2427

The bill would create an exception to the Kansas Open Records Act for records of a public agency on a public website that can be searched by a key word search and identify the home address or home ownership of a law enforcement officer, parole officer, court services officer, or community correctional services officer. Further, the agency head of a law enforcement office, parole office, court services office, or community correctional service office, or the individual officer would file a request with the custodian of the record to have the information removed from the website. Within seven days of receiving such a request, the public agency would be required to remove the information.

Funding Implications

\*KDOC: Added \$500,000 from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund for community corrections grants

\*JJA: Add \$700,000 State

General Fund for JJA prevention and graduated sanctions grants.

Grant Award Conditions

Each year the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority requires that each administration county over local community corrections agencies sign Grant Conditions.

Summer Work Hours

Historically, Community Corrections has utilized flex scheduling.

Williams also discussed selling two older vehicles and replacing them with a new vehicle.

9:30 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Rod Harms; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

McCulloh asked for a list of estimated direct cost associated with the Orion System.

McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office staff report.

Cindy Kabriel attended the meeting.

Rich Vargo left the meeting.

9:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer;

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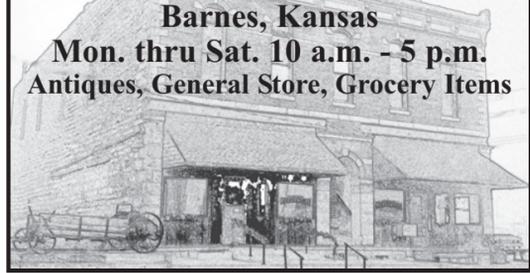
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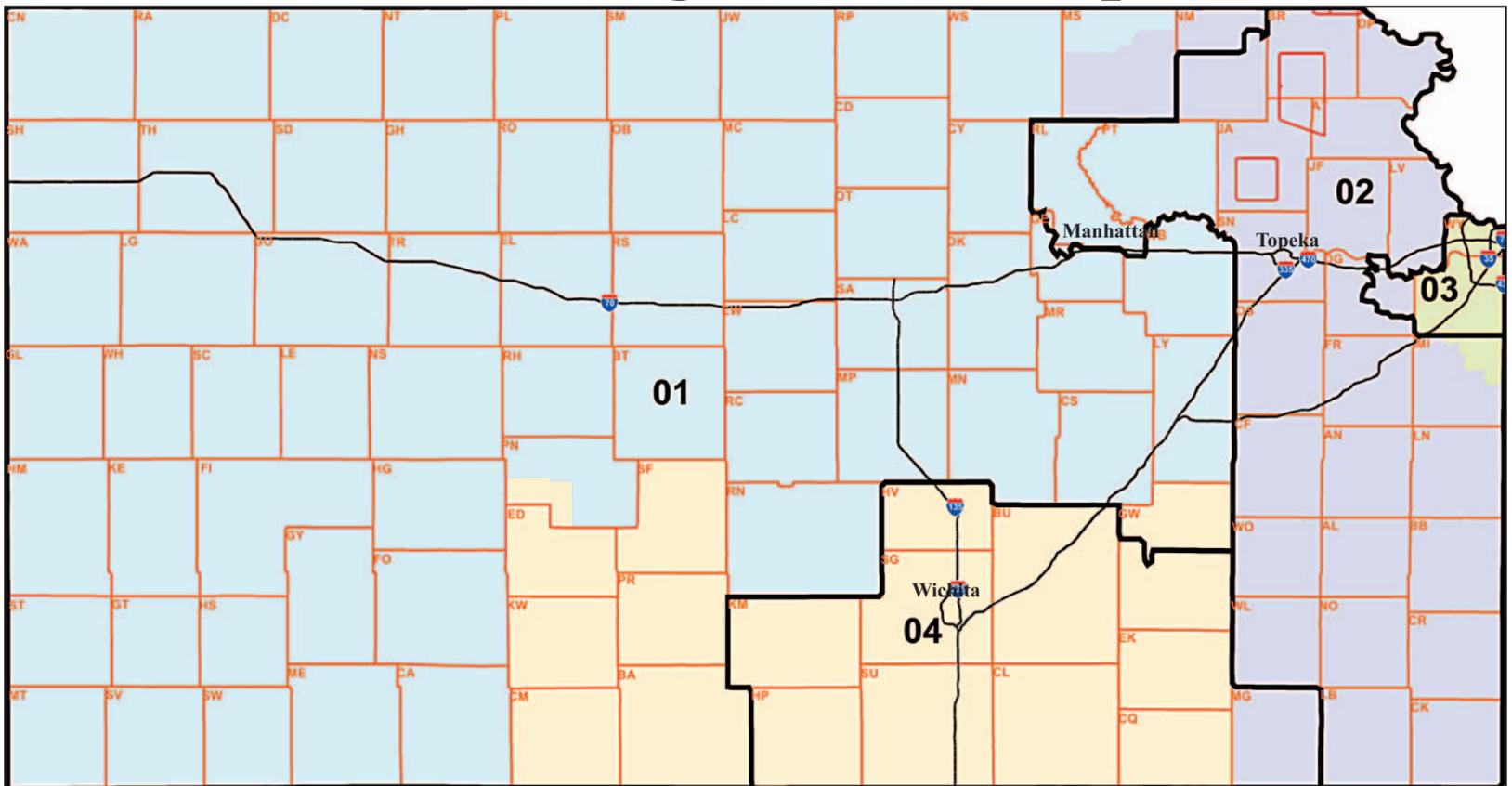
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# State Of Kansas Congressional Map



The black lines are the old Congressional Districts. The different colors shows the new Congressional Districts. The Congressional Districts are very close to being the same in population. Population of District 1 is 713,278. District 2 has a Population of 713,272. District 3's Population is 713,287 and District 4 has a Population of 713,281.

## Local And County Payroll Data Available

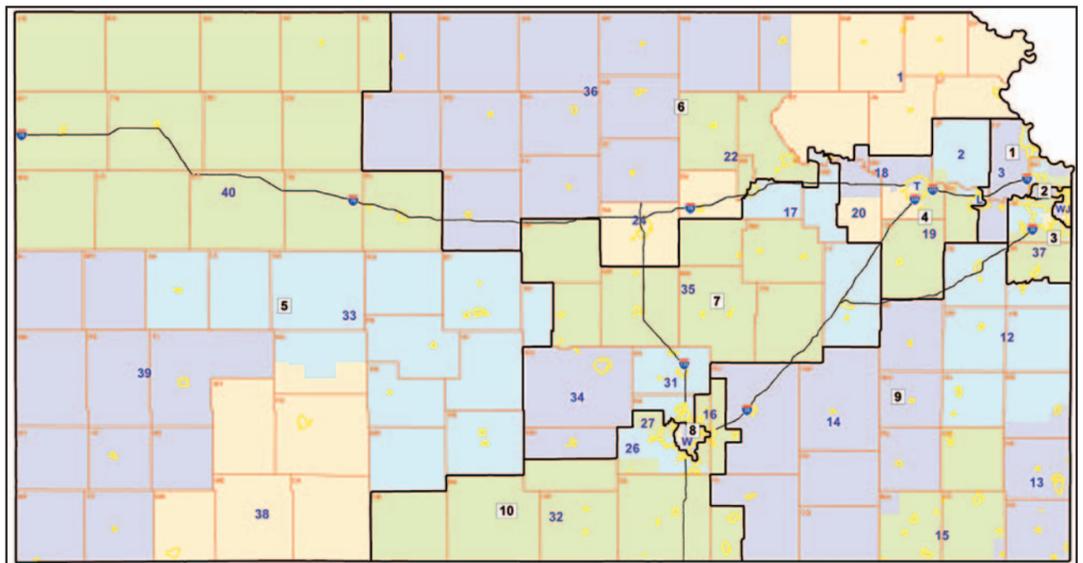
Five of the seven cities for which payroll data was recently published on a government transparency site spent less on payroll in 2011 than 2010. Topeka and Lawrence actually increased payroll spending and along with five other cities (Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, Shawnee, and Wichita) spent \$410 million in total pay. This data is now available at KansasOpenGov.Org, a project of Kansas Policy Institute. KansasOpenGov also recently published payroll data for six counties (Butler, Cowley, Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, and Shawnee) and the numbers reflect total pay, a figure that includes items such as salary, bonuses, and overtime; data was also published for the

Unified Government of Wyandotte County. Each listing shows the amount paid to every employee.

"It is good to see some belt tightening at the local level," said KPI President Dave Trabert. "Private businesses learned long ago that they still need to deliver quality services under tight budgets and government should be no different."

Trabert continued, "With access to more information, taxpayers can start asking more questions about where their money is going. Should 144 individuals in Johnson County take home over \$100,000? Does it make sense for Topeka to payout nearly \$2 million overtime, as they did in 2011?"

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