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## “If I were the Devil”

This speech was broadcast by legendary ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey on April 3, 1965:

If I were the Devil . . . I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: “Do as you please.” “Do as you please.” To the young, I would whisper, “The Bible is a myth.” I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is “square”. In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: “Our Father, which art in Washington” . . .

If I were the devil, I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull an uninteresting. I’d threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the devil, I’d get organized. I’d infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me. I’d peddle narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. And I’d tranquilize the rest with pills. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine youth intellects but neglect to discipline emotions . . . let those run wild. I would designate an athiest to front for me before the highest courts in the land and I would get preachers to say “she’s right.” With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress and then, in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

If I were Satan, I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle. If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And then, my police state would force everybody back to work. Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave camps. In other words, if I were Satan, I’d just keep on doing what he’s doing.

Paul Harvey, Good Day.



The Rodeo is coming, the Rodeo is coming.

## 37th Annual Kaw Valley Rodeo Here July 26th - 28

Grab your hats, pull on your boots, pack up the kids and get on out to the 37th Annual Kaw Valley PRCA Rodeo, July 26th, 27th and 28th at the Riley County Fair! Colorful mounted precision equestrian presentations, scramblin’ calves, cowboys wearing pink will be rockin’ at this Briggs GMC event. Rodeo events feature born and bred ranch raised bucking stock from the Rafter H Rodeo Company; cowboys of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) competing in rough stock and roping timed events; and ladies of the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) running the Brigg’s barrels. Dr. “Doc” Lynn Phillips will announce each evening’s action. Barrel man Greek Ellick will entertain the crowd with his antics and crazy stunts along-

side “the protectors” Josh Rivinius and Andy North in the bullriding event.

Each rodeo performance will feature rodeo events for kids! Always a crowd pleaser, McDonalds’ wild and wooly Mutton Bustin’ is open each night to little cowpokes ages 5-7 (no more than 60 pounds). Sign-up begins each night at 6:30 p.m. at the main entrance at the rodeo arena (SW corner). Parent’s signature required! No early sign-ups. For the older wranglers a calf scramble is open the 7-8 year-olds on Thursday night, 9-10 year-olds on Friday night and 11-12 year-olds on Saturday night. No sign-up required.

The Kaw Valley PRCA Rodeo is a part of the Kansas Lottery Championship Rodeo Series. All Pro Rodeo contestants are invited to enter

Kansas PRCA rodeos that make up the membership of the Kansas Association of Rodeo Committees (KARC). The Kansas Lottery sponsors the series. KARC member committees from across the state work together to promote rodeos and help preserve the American western heritage.

For added color and prestige the Silver Buckle Drill Team from McPherson will perform each night. Fourteen young riders will execute drills and maneuvers on their mounts. Rodeo Royalty will also take part in the rodeo events. Abbey Pomeroy 2012 Miss Rodeo K-State, Miss Rodeo Kansas Heather Temple and Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas Erin Harvey will be signing autographs and participating in arena presentations and youth activities.

## Riley County Fair Starts Sunday July 21

Perhaps you aren’t planning to travel too far from home this summer. The 2012 Riley County Fair is a Family Affair offering tons of fun close to home, July 26-30 at CiCo Park in Manhattan. There will be fun activities for each member of the family.

The annual fair parade, which marks the official start to the fair, will be Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 pm. The parade will begin at the Manhattan Town Center and travel down Poyntz Ave. to City Park. Following the parade on July 26 at 7:00 pm will be the pedal tractor pull at Hurlburt Arena in CiCo Park. Both events are free to the public.

This year’s farm animal nursery exhibit will be better than ever. Fair goers will have the opportunity to see baby farm animals and learn about the importance of agriculture in Wreath Barn.

Entries for the quilt exhibition will be accepted on July 27 from 5-8 pm. The public will vote for their favorite July 27 through July 28 at 10 pm. The People’s Choice Award will be awarded on Sunday, July 29 at 10 am.

The entertainment tent, located at the south end of the fairgrounds will feature the 7th annual Riley County Idol contest as well as music from local groups. Amateur entertainers will compete for prize money and a trophy in four age divisions, beginning Friday, July 27. Ottaway Amusements will provide carnival entertainment each evening of the fair. They will

offer wristbands nightly for \$22 each. The Kaw Valley Rodeo will provide entertainment for rodeo fans with nightly performances on July 26, 27 and 28. Tickets are available online at [www.kawvalleyrodeo.com](http://www.kawvalleyrodeo.com).

The Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annual pork burger barbeque from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 27 on the Pottorf Hall patio. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased that evening. The 7th annual Fair Factor will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, July 28 in Hurlburt Arena. Teams of five will compete in a variety of events in this exciting contest. Again this year, the Fair Factor for Kids contest which will be held following Fair Factor in the entertainment tent. This slightly milder version gives youth ages 6-13 an opportunity to compete for prizes.

If you’re a salsa chef, you want to be sure to enter your favorite recipe in the Fresh Salsa Contest to be held on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 am. Open class baked goods are also entered and judged at this time.

This year’s fair will once again offer a Pinewood Derby on Sunday, July 29, at 1:30 pm. There will be two divisions: premade cars and cars built on site. Car kits will be available for \$1.

Be sure to stop by Pottorf Hall and the livestock barns to see the exhibits that 4-H members have been working hard all year to make. Livestock shows will take place each evening, July 27-29. The annual 4-H livestock

auction will begin at 7:00 pm on July 30. Champion foods items will be auctioned prior to the livestock sale at 6:30 pm.

There’s a lot to see and do at this year’s Riley County Fair. For more information or a full listing of scheduled events please access [www.riley-countyfair.com](http://www.riley-countyfair.com) or call the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

## Hoo Haw At The Columbian

WAMEGO, Kan.—Director Troy Hemphill is bringing familiar faces back to the Columbian Theatre stage for his annual production of Hoo Haw held Aug. 3-5, 10-12 and 17-18, 2012.

The KORN county residents’ side-splitting antics will be accompanied by classic and contemporary gospel songs played by the live band. Drew and Christie Horton, Brad Voth, Mindy Theirolf and Shelley Rickstrew are set to headline the performance yet again and are sure to prove why they have such devoted falling of fans. The band, Pott. County Posse, led by John McQuillen will be joining them as well as two new additions; Krysten Day and Mark Portell.

Our show tickets are \$15. The Friday and Saturday evening shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [columbiantheatre.tix.com](http://columbiantheatre.tix.com), over the

## County Candidates Forum

The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a non-partisan Candidate Forum on Monday, July 23rd from 5:30 – 9:00pm at the Manhattan Arts Center. The forum is free to attend and open to the public. All candidates in the races listed below have been invited to attend, however, only candidates involved in a campaign for the primary election on August 7th will have the opportunity to answer questions from the moderator and public. These primary races include County Commission Districts 2 & 3, 51st House District and 22nd Senate District.

“It is important for all voters to be informed on the candidates and issues”, said Lyle Butler, President/CEO of the Manhattan Chamber. “Our goal is to provide the candidates the opportunity to share their ideas and vision for the area, as well as giving the business community and general public the chance to get to know the candidates better.”

The forum will be broken into three sections, with the County, House and Senate races each having a specific timeframe. People interested in attending may stay for the entire event, or chose to come only for the race(s) they are interested in learning more about. The event will begin at 5:30 with a meet and greet including all candidates running for area offices in the following races:

- Riley County Commission District 2
- Riley County Commission District 3
- Riley County Register of Deeds
- Riley County Clerk
- Riley County Attorney
- Riley County Treasurer
- Kansas House District 51
- Kansas House District 64
- Kansas House District 66
- Kansas House District 67
- Kansas Senate District 22

Forum Schedule (times subject to change)

5:15	Meet & Greet opportunity with all candidates
6:00	County Commission Candidates Forum
7:00	51st District Candidates Forum
8:00	22nd Senate Candidates Forum

For additional information and comments, contact Lyle Butler, Chamber President/CEO, at 785-776-8829 or [lyle@manhattan.org](mailto:lyle@manhattan.org). The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering a changing environment for business success that enhances the quality of life in our region.

phone at 800-899-1893 or at the Columbian Theatre. The box office is open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

### Cast List:

Krysten Day  
Christie Horton  
Shelley Rickstrew  
Mindy Theirolf  
Drew Horton  
Brad Voth  
Mark Portell  
Troy Hemphill

### Band Members:

Cuz Garver  
John Bettencourt  
Tonya McGough  
Todd Anderson  
Richard Philbrook  
Steve Bates  
John McQuillen



# Local Inventor Uses Solar Power to Make an Impact

## Kansas State University

While most people are viewing this summer's intense heat as a nuisance, Mark Moser feels the sun's rays and thinks of nothing but opportunity.

Since 2008, Moser has been perfecting a device that can harvest solar energy with the flip of a switch — the Konza Portable Solar Tracker. Unlike other solar-tracking technology, the Konza is the first and only dual-axis tracker that doesn't require any setup or programming.

"One of the goals here is to provide equipment that is going to be fairly easy to use and effective in powering remote places around the world," Moser said.

The idea of a totally automatic solar tracker is one that evolved from a mere observation Moser made during his time in the Peace Corps in Malaysia in the 1970s. There,

he became aware of a need for clean water sources in remote villages, the kinds of places that did not have access to the power necessary to operate water purification systems or the machinery to dig wells.

For nearly two decades, Moser worked as an engineer in a variety of industries, which helped him to see the need for agricultural equipment that would reduce the negative impact on the earth's complex systems. These experiences allowed him to develop the expertise and skills needed to turn his passion for the planet into a tangible, practical product. Remembering his time in Malaysia, Moser began to think more seriously about a device that would be sustainable, portable, and able to use the sun's energy — a readily available, renewable resource — to bring power to remote places around the world.

"An invention is the product of the right time, the right place, the right vision, and the right tools — if all of those things aren't together, you won't see it," Moser said. "On the other hand, you might have something that is the best thing since sliced bread, but if society doesn't need it or want it, it isn't going to happen."

Moser is confident that the Konza is both needed and wanted by people in diverse situations and industries all over the globe. While his initial goal for the Konza was to bring power to remote villages, Moser would also like to see people closer to home taking advantage of solar energy.

"One of my efforts is simply to help people get into solar energy in some small way," Moser said. "If I could tell people one thing about solar tracking, it would be: Don't be afraid to do it — just jump right

on in with something small and get started."

No matter how people plan to use the Konza, Moser knows that at the end of the day, they will feel good about taking a small step in creating a more sustainable planet. It's a feeling that Moser is very familiar with.

"Our civilization is all about destroying what's there and replacing it with what we want, but that isn't going to work for much longer. I decided it was time to clean up the planet, to start living within the boundaries of nature."

Currently, Moser is assisting in the development of a portable water purification system, powered by the Konza, for remote villages, as well as a small, grid-tied application for city dwellers.

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## Obituary's

### Virginia L. Danielson

Virginia L. Danielson, 92, a Manhattan resident since 1946, passed away Thursday, July 12th, at Stoneybrook Retirement Community. She was retired from civil service at Ft. Riley.

Kathryn Virginia Lynch was born in Honolulu, on January 14, 1920, the daughter of the late Lindon Lamar and Genevieve Day (Springstun) Lynch. She graduated from the Punahou School, Honolulu, HI, and Berkeley Business College, Berkeley, CA. She also attended the University of Hawaii and the University of Oregon. On Feb. 19, 1944 at the St.

Andrews Episcopal Church in Honolulu, she married Durward "Danny" C. Danielson of Clyde, Kansas.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, the Domestic Science Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Gamma Phi Beta, for which she was the founding alumna of the Beta Upsilon chapter at Kansas State University in 1957. Lodge affiliations were especially meaningful to her. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile and a Past President of the Social Order of the Beauceant; a past Worthy Matron and more than 50-year

member of Manhattan Chapter #209 Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Grand Chaplain of Kansas's state Eastern Star organization.

Jima is survived by two daughters, Claire Lamar Denlea, of Phoenix, AZ; Julie Malia (Tom) O'Connell, of Tuscaloosa, AL; a son, Eric Lindon (Anne Phillips) Danielson, of Manhattan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a son, Jeffrey Hobert Danielson, and a sister, Patty Hoot.

Friends are also invited to call from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on

Wed, July 17 at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation. Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 19th, with burial to follow at Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family encourages donations in Jima's memory to the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter, 605 Levee Drive, Manhattan, or the Kansas Masonic Home, 401 S. Seneca Wichita, KS 67213. For more information or to send an online condolence visit [www.irvinparkview.com](http://www.irvinparkview.com) or Facebook.

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### Eugene D. Gering

Eugene D. Gering, 90, of Manhattan, passed Thursday, July 12th, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House. He was a retired mail carrier for the US Postal Service in Manhattan.

Eugene Gering was born in Asherville, KS on July 23, 1921, the son of the late Jake and Lyla (Darrrough) Gering. On June 25, 1950 at First United Methodist Church in Wamego, he was united in marriage to Johanna N. Casper, she preceded him death on Jan. 3, 2002.

Gene served in the US Navy as a Yeoman 2nd class, serving on the USS Gilmore and the USS Currituck. He was a lifetime member of the Lee Pierson Post #1786 VFW, Pearce-Keller American Legion #17, National Letter Carriers Association, NRFEA (National Retired Federal Employees Association). Gene enjoyed dancing (Swing, Dancing, Polka, Waltz,) and gardening where he was well known for his large tomatoes, roses and Peonies

Survivors include a daugh-

ter, Debra J. (Dan) Chatelain, of Colorado Springs, CO; three sons Dennis R. (Jerry Ann) Gering, of Overland Park; Alan L.(Leisl) Gering, of Des Moines Iowa; Andy G. Gering, of Manhattan; and six grandchildren

Gene is preceded in death by his wife, parents, four brothers-Virgil Gering, Donald Gering, Robert Gering, Richard Gering, and a sister, Dorothy Tate.

Friends are invited to call Monday, July 16th, 2012 from 9:00am to 8:00pm at the funeral home with the family receiv-

ing friends from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

A funeral service will be held at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation at 2:00pm on Tuesday, July 17th, with burial at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family request donations to Terry C Johnson Center For Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University. For more information or to send an online condolence visit [irvin-parkview.com](http://irvin-parkview.com).

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### Mary Bernice Anderson-Bayol

Mary Bernice Anderson Bayol, 91, of Colorado Springs, CO., went home to be with the Lord on July 13, 2012.

Bernice was born in Manhattan, Kansas on August 31, 1920, to Carl Otto and Mary Victoria Anderson. She graduated from Kansas State University and received her Masters Degree in Music Appreciation. Upon graduating, she taught Music and English at Axtell High School before moving to Falls Church, VA where she was employed by Bishop Equipment Co. until retiring in 1988.

In 1975, Bernice had a born again experience that changed her life, and as far as she was concerned was the most important event of her life. At that point, she changed the direction of her life and became a member of God's Kingdom. She wanted everyone to know the Good News of Jesus Christ, that His death did the complete work for our salvation. Romans 6:23 says, "the wages of sin is death" and then Paul gives the solution that "the gift of God is eternal life".

Preceding her in death were her first husband Joshua John Morris, her second husband Edgar Bayol, brother Ted Anderson, and sister Helen Harris-Martis.

She is survived by her son, Joshua Jerome Morris, of Colorado Springs; daughter, Victoria Morris-Strachan, of Wilmington, NC; sister, Ruth Hill-Davis of Topeka; grandchildren, Katrina Andrews, Alexa Strachan, Jennifer

Morris, Jason Morris; several great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Friday July 20, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS. Family and

friends will form a procession at 9:45 a.m. to the cemetery. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, East of Manhattan, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that donations be made to either of the following: The ministry of

Insight for Living (Charles R. Swindoll) at [www.insight.org](http://www.insight.org) or by calling 1-800-772-8888 or a memorial fund for the choir at the First United Methodist Church 612 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, Kansas 66502 in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

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# Resurfacing Project On I-70

On Wednesday, July 18, a resurfacing project began on a 13-mile section of I-70 from Valencia Road in Shawnee County to the Paxico rest area in Wabunsee County. Project work includes spray patching, minor milling and a 4-inch overlay of new asphalt pavement, followed by all new pavement markings. Work will take place during daylight hours (approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 a.m., the westbound I-70 left lane will be closed (right lane will remain open) from Valencia Road to K-30 for project work. Work will first be completed on the westbound left lane, followed by the westbound right lane. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 14-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours. Signage and cones will direct drivers through the project work zone. Drivers should some delays

during peak travel times. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online: [www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp).

After work on the westbound lanes is completed late this fall, the project will go into suspension until spring 2013 when work will then resume on the eastbound lanes. A separate notification will be sent in advance of the start date for the eastbound work early next year.

Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$8.606 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire resurfacing project is late summer 2013, weather permitting.

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/>.

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# AG Schmidt Fights Regulations

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt late last week asked a federal court in Louisiana to let Kansas participate in a pending lawsuit that threatens to impose new environmental regulations on Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Schmidt on Friday asked the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in New Orleans, to allow Kansas to intervene in a suit brought by environmental organizations that want to force the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement new, burdensome runoff regulations on land in the Mississippi River Basin. If successful, the lawsuit could result in new regulations on runoff from farms and ranches in Kansas as well as additional requirements for Kansas municipalities.

made in that Louisiana courtroom have stark implications for production agriculture in Kansas," Schmidt said. "Kansas has a keen interest in the outcome of this case, so we're asking to be at the table to defend Kansas interests when the issues are presented and decided."

In a joint filing with the attorneys general of nine other states, Schmidt is seeking to intervene in the Louisiana litigation to prevent EPA from establishing federal numeric nutrient water quality standards — known as total maximum daily loads, or "TMDLs" — for all states in the Mississippi River Basin. The result of the lawsuit could be significant for farmers, municipalities and others throughout the 31-state

basin because numeric nutrient standards could lead to more costly and stringent limits on nutrient runoff to the many rivers and streams that ultimately flow into the Mississippi River.

"State governments and agricultural producers in the Mississippi River Basin have worked successfully for years to minimize nutrient runoff and will continue to do so," Schmidt said. "Discarding state efforts in favor of a one-size-fits-all federal standard imposed by the EPA is unnecessary and would hurt Kansas agriculture and our state's economy."

Under the federal Clean Water Act, states may use either "narrative" or "numeric" standards as a method for

determining water quality. Most states in the Mississippi River Basin use narrative standards, such as "no nutrients at levels that cause a harmful imbalance of aquatic populations." However, if the environmental groups are successful in the Louisiana lawsuit, EPA would be forced by the Court to override existing state standards with federal water quality standards and to express those standards as specific numeric limits on nutrients.

In addition to Kansas, the states seeking to join in the Louisiana litigation are Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. The case is Gulf Restoration Network v. Jackson.

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I believe in individual, property, and State's rights; religious freedom; and sanctity of life. I have lived in this area 27 years. My background includes two enlistments in the Army. I am a retired Veterinarian, PhD scientist, teacher, and business man.

I thank you for your vote.

**Ron Highland**  
Kansas House of Representatives

## Fire House Grand Opening

Construction of Fire House No. 3, 2727 Amherst Avenue, is complete and the facility is now operational. On Saturday, July 28, 2012 the public is invited to an open house see the new building. An opening ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. with station and apparatus tours continuing until noon.

Please contact Fire Chief Jerry Snyder, Manhattan Fire Department at 785-587-4504 with any questions.

## Kansas River Trail

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has wrapped up a two-day tour of Kansas where he participated in events as part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative to establish a conservation and outdoor recreation strategy built for the 21st century and to reconnect Americans to the outdoors.

Saturday Secretary Salazar joined Kansas Governor Sam Brownback to designate the Kansas River Trail as a National Water Trail. The designation seeks to increase opportunities for outdoor recreation along the river, encourage community stewardship, and promote tourism that fuels local economies.

"The Kansas River is one of the world's longest prairie rivers, providing countless recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat as well as drinking water, irrigation and electricity," Salazar said during an event at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. "With this designation, the Kansas River Trail will join a growing network of National Water Trails across the country that serve as catalysts to connect Americans to their local waterways and promote outdoor recreation and economic growth."

"The Kansas River is an important natural resource in our state and plays a significant role in the economies of numerous communities located along its river banks," said Governor Brownback. "This designation as a water trail will complement our ongoing efforts to develop and promote outdoor recreational opportunities in this great state of Kansas."

The Kansas River Trail, which follows the Kansas River for 173 miles, is one of nine National Water Trails designated so far under a secretarial order issued by Salazar earlier this year establishing the National Water Trails System as a class of national recreational trails.

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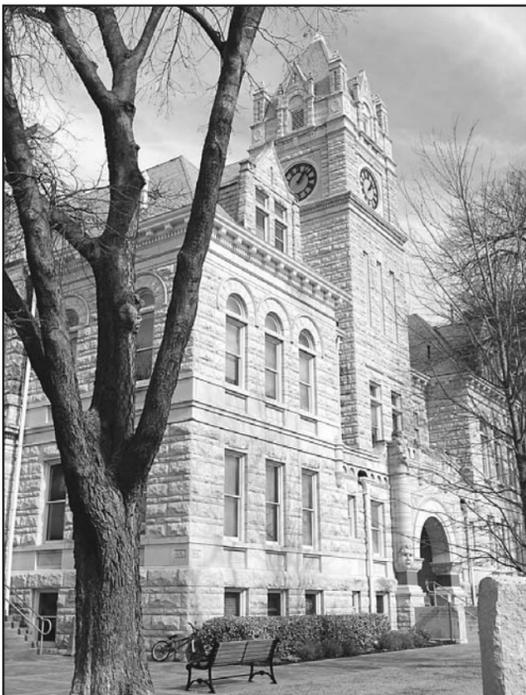
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## Riley County Commission Minutes

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 28, 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; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Ron Wells; and Dave Fiser, attended.

P. Collins said he hired an applicant for the Assistant Fire Chief position in the Riley County Fire District #1 Department.

P. Collins discussed concerns about the dry conditions and fireworks displays.

Lewis said he has been approached by a couple accounting firms about Riley County's audit.

Volanti discussed the salary for the ARPN position at the Health Department. Volanti stated the \$82,775.00 is at the highest end a step 7 of the beginning range for the position. Volanti stated the step 1 pay for the position is \$68,695.00.

Kufahl stated it is historically an area where we have to pay more due to the market.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to pay \$82,775.00 for the Health Department's ARPN

position. Lewis moved to approve an Agreement Conditions of Grant with the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority for the Community Corrections Department. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Riley County Fair Board, Riley County Extension, Bockers II Catering, and Kaw Valley Rodeo Association. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Lori Hartman, a WIC Medical Clerk, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective June 20, 2012.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a WIC Clerk, in the Health Department, at a grade G.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Mark W. Todd Et Ux (176-14-0-30-06-009.00-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$214.10. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$295,926.02 and the following warrant vouchers for June 29, 2012:

2012 Budget County General \$529,260.05 Health Depart. 80,877.18 Teen Court Collected Fund

88.54	157.14
Court Technology 4,640.00	Deep Creek Sewer
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr 592.95	373.66
Riley Co Juvenile Service 12,124.41	Moehlman Bottoms
Motor Vehicle Operations 3,105.57	2,194.23
21st Jud Dist Teen Court 1,192.94	Valleywood Operations
Riley Co Adult Services 9,434.54	746.56
Capital Improvements Fund 37,496.48	Terra Heights Sewer
Emergency 911 3,711.60	447.89
Solid Waste 171,114.81	Terra Heights Sinking
County Building 13,713.12	2,130.00
RCPD Levy/Op 19,275.05	Konza Water Operations
Riley Co Fire Dist #1 46,406.12	4,144.24
University Park W&S 3,977.42	Konza Water Cap Reserve
Hunters Island Water Dist 2,991.55	80.00
Carson Sewer Benefit Dist	TOTAL. . . \$950,276.05
	McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.
	Lewis moved to approve Susanne Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director to participate in the Flint Hills
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# County Minutes

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Leadership Program. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director Kristen Garcia, County Extension Agent; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Ron Wells; Dave Fiser; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Wilson introduced Kristen Garcia as the new 4-H/Youth Development Agent.

Wilson discussed the Riley County Fair, which will be July 26 - July 30, 2012.

9:15 Budget and Planning Committee

Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Ron Wells; and Dave Fiser, attended.

Shepek presented a CIP, county building, economic development, and 1/2 cent sales tax update.

9:32 Robert Nall, Information Technology Director

Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Dave Fiser, attended.

Nall presented the IT and GIS Department staff report.

9:50 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services and Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director Administrative Work

Session Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Dave Fiser, attended.

Holeman presented the Healthy Families Contract.

Holeman said signing the contract does commit Riley County to the \$212,000 matching funds.

McCulloh moved to approve the Healthy Families Contract - Amendment Two with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Services. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:00 McCulloh 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 10:10 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:15 Bob Isaac, Planner Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Michael Jones, attended.

Johnson opened the public hearing.

Isaac presented a request to rezone a portion of an unplatted tract of land from Agricultural District "AG" to Single Family Residential "SF-5" for Michael A. Jones.

Isaac said the Riley County

Planning Board held a public hearing on June 11, 2012, and forwarded a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to deny the request to rezone a tract of land from "AG" (Agricultural District) to "SF-5" (Single Family Residential). Staff recommended approval of the request.

Johnson closed the public hearing.

Johnson moved to approve staff's recommendation Option #3 to send the request back to the Planning Board to allow the Board to review the modified area to be rezoned, as proposed by the applicant. This will allow the Planning Board to forward a new recommendation based on the merits of a new proposal and perhaps make a new finding on the proposed final plat. If the Board decides to send the petition back to the Planning Board for reconsideration, the petition would be scheduled for the July 9, 2012 meeting. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:30 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

Bid opening for corrugated metal pipe and bands

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for corrugated metal pipe and bands.

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Galvanized Alumined J&J Drainage Products	Box 829	Hutchinson, KS 67504
	\$35,884.30	\$36,812.05
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Jefferson City, MO 65102 \$32,868.72 \$32,868.72  
Kahn Culvert, Inc.  
702 North Pearl  
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\$30,782.78 \$33,757.24  
Johnson moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:45 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer 2013 budget work session  
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Susie Kufahl, Riley County Health Department Director; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Dave Fiser; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director, attended.

Shepek reviewed the 2013 budget development worksheet.

McCulloh suggested bonding for bridges and culverts, which will last 50 years.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allocate \$500,000 in the transfer to CIP line item.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allocate \$50,000 in the Economic Development fund for the Chamber's appropriation.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to allocate \$212,000 for the transfer to the Health Department.

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# Obama Guts Welfare Reform

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Today, the Obama Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released an official policy directive rewriting the welfare reform law of 1996. The new policy guts the federal work requirements that were the foundation of the reform law. The Obama directive bludgeons the letter and intent of the actual reform legislation.

Welfare Reform under Clinton

Welfare reform replaced the old Aid to Families with Dependent Children with a new program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The underlying concept of welfare reform was that able-bodied adults should be required to work or prepare for work as a condition of receiving welfare aid.

The welfare reform law is often characterized as simply giving state governments more flexibility in operating welfare programs. This is a serious misunderstanding. While new law (the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) did grants states more flexibility in some respects, the core of the act was the creation of rigorous new federal work standards that state governments were required to implement.

The welfare reform law was very successful. In the four decades prior to welfare reform, the welfare caseload never experienced a significant decline. But, in the four years after welfare reform, the caseload dropped by nearly half. Employment surged and child

poverty among affected groups plummeted. The driving force behind these improvements was the rigorous new federal work requirements contained in the TANF law.

Obama's Trick to Get Around Work Requirements

Today the Obama Administration issued a new directive stating that the traditional TANF work requirements can be waived or overridden by a legal device called the section 1115 waiver authority under the Social Security law (42 U.S.C. 1315).

Section 1115 states that "the Secretary may waive compliance with any of the requirements" of specified parts of various laws. But this is not an open-ended authority: Any provision of law that can be waived under section 1115 must be listed in section 1115 itself. The work provisions of the TANF program are contained in section 407 (entitled, appropriately, "mandatory work requirements"). Critically, this section, as well as most other TANF requirements, are deliberately not listed in section 1115; they are not waivable.

In establishing TANF, Congress deliberately exempted or shielded nearly all of the TANF program from the section 1115 waiver authority. They did not want the law to be rewritten at the whim of Health and Human Services (HHS) bureaucrats. Of the roughly 35 sections of the TANF law, only one is listed as waivable under section 1115. This is section 402.

Section 402 describes state plans—reports that state governments must file to HHS

describing the actions they will undertake to comply with the many requirements established in the other sections of the TANF law. The authority to waive section 402 provides the option to waive state reporting requirements only, not to overturn the core requirements of the TANF program contained in the other sections of the TANF law.

The new Obama dictate asserts that because the work requirements, established in section 407, are mentioned as an item that state governments must report about in section 402, all the work requirements can be waived. This removes the core of the TANF program; TANF becomes a blank slate that HHS bureaucrats and liberal state bureaucrats can rewrite at will.

Congressional Research Service: "There Are No TANF Waivers"

In a December 2001 document, "Welfare Reform Waivers and TANF," the non-partisan Congressional Research Service clarified that the limited authority to waive state reporting requirement in section 402 does not grant

authority to override work and other major requirements in the other sections of the TANF law (sections that were deliberately not listed under the section 1115 waiver authority):

Technically, there is waiver authority for TANF state plan requirement; however, [the] major TANF requirements are not in state plans. Effectively, there are no TANF waivers.

Obviously, if the Congress had wanted HHS to be able to waive the TANF work requirements laid out in section 407, it would have listed that section as waivable under section 1115. It did not do that.

Define "Work"...

In the past, state bureaucrats have attempted to define activities such as hula dancing, attending Weight Watchers, and bed rest as "work." These dodges were blocked by the federal work standards. Now that the Obama Administration has abolished those standards, we can expect "work" in the TANF program to mean anything but work.

The new welfare dictate issued by the Obama Administration clearly guts the law. The Administration tram-

pled on the actual legislation passed by Congress and seeks to impose its own policy choices—a pattern that has become

all too common in this Administration. The result is the end of welfare reform.



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agreed to allocate 1.5% COLA, \$170,017.

Volanti reported the Treasurer's office has requested a position in the Motor Vehicle department and IT has asked for an Administrative Assistant position.

11:52 Lewis moved to adjourn after the City/County/County at 4 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 Joint City/County/County Meeting (at City Offices)

Representing the City of Manhattan Wynn Butler, John Matta, Jim Sherow, Rich Jankovich, Loren Pepperd - City Commission; Ron Fehr, City Manager; and Karen Davis, Community Development Director. Representing Riley County were Alvan Johnson, Dave Lewis, and Karen McCulloh - County Commissioners; Rich Vargo, County Clerk; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director. Representing Pottawatomie County were Gary Yenser, Stan Hartwich, Pat Weixelman - County Commissioner; and Robert Reece, County Administrator. Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Ben Bennett, Florence Whitebread - Geary County Commission; Dave Fiser; Bruce McMillan AIA, Architects, P.A.; Thomas Dow, Stephanie Watts - KDOT; Ty Warner, Executive Director Flint Hills Regional Council; Sydney Carlin, State Representative; and Rod Harms, attended.

Dow stated federal requirements dictate the Manhattan, Riley County, and Pottawatomie County area become a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Paul with the Federal Government discussed the purpose of forming a MPO.

Watts discussed how to form a MPO Policy Board comprised of elected officials, transportation operator, KDOT, and elected representatives from other entities.

Hartwich stated years ago during BRAC we were encouraged to form the Regional Planning Council to assist in transportation and other regional matters. Hartwich asked how the MPO will impact the RPO.

Watts stated the MPO planning funds could be administered through the RPO.

Dow stated if an MPO is not formed, no federal money will be given to the Manhattan area for road and bridge projects.

Fehr presented MPO options 1-4 Comprehensive Plan Boundaries.

Warner presented copies of information on the MPO designation intention in the RPO.

Whitebread said she would like for Junction City to be included.

Sherow said the stimulus for the RPO was housing and transportation.

McCulloh stated the MPO is required for the transportation planning in our area, the state will provide funding dollars but not project.

Sherow suggested a committee comprising of both technical and political members.

Bennett stated the whole concept was brought to the table 6 years ago for everyone to work together. Bennett said now the census ignores Fort Riley and Geary County.

McMillan stated in forming the RPO as many people were included as possible and it would be an injustice to limit the size of the group providing input at this point.

Fehr stated Geary County and Fort Riley should be included in the discussion.

6:03 Adjourned.

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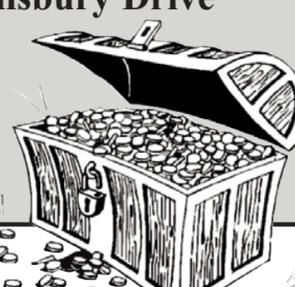
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