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Wine In The Wild June 1

The Friends of Sunset Zoo (FOSZ) will host its annual Wine in the Wild fundraiser in support of Sunset Zoo on Saturday, June 1 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Community members are invited to stroll the Zoo's trails, sampling a variety of wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres while enjoying live music and the Zoo's wild animal residents. The VIP reception will feature the unveiling of the Zoo's renovated animal health center – an on-grounds hospital that supports the veterinary care of the Zoo's 200+ animal residents.

"Wine in the Wild began with a group of passionate FOSZ board members. It has grown into an annual event that celebrates our community's Zoo and our collective efforts to conserve the beauty of our natural world," said Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director.

The 6pm VIP reception takes place inside the Nature Exploration Center at the Zoo's entryway. The new hospital will be unveiled at this time and guests can enjoy guided tours of the space. Renovation of the hospital is made possible through the support of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, their Animal Health Center and sev-



Guests will be able to walk the grounds and explore the world of Sunset Zoo.

eral of their partners.

General Admission for the event begins at 7pm with wine and food stations opening throughout the Zoo's South American Trail, near the Prairie Dog exhibit and the Australian Walkabout. The animal health center will be open for GA attendees to tour.

Tickets for the event are now on sale by visiting

SunsetZoo.com or by visiting the Zoo's ticket booth. All attendees must be 21 or older to enter; guests must present ID at entry. The event is held rain or shine and supports Sunset Zoo's efforts to "inspire conservation of the natural world." Wine in the Wild is a Friends of Sunset Zoo event co-hosted with Sunset Zoo.

Wine in the Wild is present-

ed by the family of Jeremiah & D.C. Hackerott; wine sponsored by Nespor's Wine & Spirits and the VIP reception by the Dental Health Group. Other sponsors include Capitol Federal, Cathy Mores Photography, Hy-Vee, Chuck Jackson & Mimi Balderson, Manhattan Magazine, Simmons Company and Waters True Value.

Farmer's Market Is In A Different Spot

For the first time in many years, the Downtown Farmers Market of Manhattan's Saturday Market has moved to a new location, the corner of 3rd and Leavenworth, what is commonly known as Dillard's west parking lot, next to the Town Center Mall.

According to current market president, George Le Roux, the decision to move was made at the 2013 annual spring vendor meeting. Le Roux explained that for the past several months a committee was exploring several locations to physically move the market to and that the location of 3rd and Leavenworth was found to be the best option.

"While the old location of 5th and Humboldt has served

us well, with the current growth and interest in the market, we need a place that simply has more room," Le Roux said. "The location of 3rd and Leavenworth has more room for vendors, better visibility to the public, and more parking for customers."

Established in 1979, the Downtown Farmers Market of Manhattan is one of the oldest markets in the state. It has a rich history of local producers bringing fresh meats, vegetables, breads and baked goods to Manhattan area residents each week. Plus, you will find many local crafters bringing handmade jewelry, soaps, wood-carved items and other art mediums to the market. The Saturday morning market typically averages between 30-35

vendors with as many as 40 or so during the height of the season. The Wednesday evening market, set up at the entrance to Cico Park, averages 10-15 vendors with as many as 20 or so during the busiest weeks.

For many local families it's a tradition to visit the market. "I remember going to the market with my grandparents on Saturday morning," commented Andy Zeller, St. George. "Grandma would buy fresh bread and cookies and fresh fruit, when in season, for our lunch. Now I am taking my boys to the market as often as I can."

The market organization would like to thank all involved at our old location and everyone who helped us make our

new location possible, including our committee, the City of Manhattan, The Town Center Mall, and residents living close to the new location," said Le Roux.

The market's hours are from 8 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. every Saturday, from April through October for the downtown location and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., April through October for the Wednesday evening market at Cico Park. A new winter market was established in 2011 and runs from November to March at Cico Park inside Pottorf Hall. It is planned to hold the winter market twice monthly for the 2013 and beyond seasons. More details on this will be available soon.

Travel And Tourism Week May 4-12

The Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau invites you to help us celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week, May 4-12.

Tourism is the third largest non-farm industry in Kansas; it is responsible for 4.4 percent of the total Kansas Gross State Product. In 2011, tourism generated 14.4 percent of all state and local tax revenue.

According to a recent report prepared for Kansas Travel and Tourism by IHS Consulting, a firm that measures the contribution of travel & tourism to an economy, without tourism, each household would have to pay about \$917 more in taxes in order to maintain the current level of state and local tax receipts. One out of every 10 Kansas citizens owes their job to tourism.

Here in Riley County, shopping, dining, transportation, accommodations and entertainment have seen a 7.6 percent growth in annual visitor spending. Tourism is great for business and, consequently, it's great for Manhattan.

Since 2009, the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau has been celebrating our local tourism by hosting "Get Around 2 It", an opportunity to provide local residents a free event showcasing local businesses and annual events.

This year's "Get Around 2 It" will be held at the Sunset Zoo on Thursday, May 2, between 5-8 p.m. The event is family oriented and a fun, free way for local families to learn about Manhattan and its surroundings.

During National Tourism Week, May 4-12, you will find local attractions, hotels and restaurants wearing red ribbons in celebration of tourism. The color red is the signature color that signals unity among travel and tourism workers and supporters.

The Manhattan Convention

and Visitors Bureau will celebrate National Tourism Week as follows:

Thursday, May 2nd - 5th Annual Get Around 2 It event - Sunset Zoo - 5-8 p.m. - FREE

Mayor John Matta has signed City Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 4-12 as National Tourism Week

Karen Hibbard, Convention & Visitors Bureau Director and Marcia Rozell, Tourism Sales Manager, presented the Get Around 2 It event on In Focus, a community interest program on KMAN on April 29

Letter to the Editor sent to Manhattan Mercury celebrating Tourism and the economic impact Tourism has on Manhattan and Kansas.

Delivering the Power of Travel Kansas packets to media outlets in the Manhattan area.

Hosting Outdoor Writers of Kansas in Manhattan May 5-7. During their stay, Writers will experience the Flint Hills Discovery Center, and guided fishing and hunting experiences.

During National Tourism Week

All participating Hospitality Partners (Hotels, B&B's, restaurants, attractions, CVB) will wear red ribbons in support of Tourism

Mayor John Matta will welcome visitors to the Flint Hills Discovery Center on Tuesday, May 7th at 10 a.m.

In 2011 in Kansas: 32 million visitors generated tourism expenditures of \$8.0B in 2011

In '11, visitation increased by 3.4% and visitor spending grew by 9.0%

Avg. spend-per-visitor was \$236 in '11

1 of every 10 Kansas Citizens owes his/her job to tourism

Avg. Annual Tourism Wages were nearly \$23,000 in '11

Every 217 visitor/traveler creates a new job in KS

WHO IN WASHINGTON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE U.S. DEBT ???

With all the talk lately about the debt ceiling, we wanted to take a look at how we got here. While political parties play the blame game, the facts paint a more complicated picture. The data shows that both parties have presided over huge increases and decreases in our national debt, and that events like World War 2 and periods of recession have often been far more important than party ideology.

BUDGET SURPLUSES & DEFICITS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

Some presidents are better at balancing budgets than others. Despite labels such as fiscal conservative or big government liberal, the data shows that the ability or inability to balance budgets is truly bi-partisan.

HOW THE RATIO OF US DEBT COMPARES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

UNITED STATES DEBT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP (1940 - 2012 EST)

Measuring U.S. debt in numbers that haven't been adjusted for inflation produces an alarming and somewhat misleading result. Measuring U.S. debt as a percentage of GDP gives us a much better idea of who our biggest borrowers have been.

16.3 in 2012 (5 trillion)

52.4% in 1940

121.7% in 1946

32.5% in 1981

100.8% in 2012 (est)

60.2% AVERAGE DEBT

Party in control of U.S. Presidency

Party in control of U.S. Senate

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Obituaries

Raymond Kenyon

Raymond Kenyon, 65, of Ogden, lost his long battle with cancer on Sunday, April 28, 2013 in the peaceful surroundings of his home.

Ray was born June 19, 1947 to Raymond and Ida (Baiguini) Sr., in Cortland New York.

After graduating from DeRuyter, New York schools he spent three years in the Army serving two tours in Vietnam and a tour in Hokkaido Japan with the Army Security Agency. During his second tour

in Vietnam he and his unit spent time doing community service at a Vietnamese orphanage and hospital.

He earned degrees in Business and English from SUNY Morrisville and SUNY Brockport.

On September 2, 1978, Raymond married Catherine McDonald of Hamilton, New York.

After working in New York and Texas, he re-entered the Army and he and the family

served in Alabama, Germany and Kansas. Raymond completed his service in 1993 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Ray worked for both the Topeka VA Hospital and Irwin Army Hospital on Fort Riley.

Besides his wife, Ray is survived by his son, Erick Kenyon of Ogden and his brother Lew of Cortland, New York. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Caleb Loggins, Ethan Kenyon and Kaiya Kenyon and many nieces and

nephews.

A private graveside will be planned at a later date. The family has requested that lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research - KSU 1 Chalmers Hall Manhattan, KS 66506. Arrangements have been entrusted to Irvin Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation. To leave an online condolence please visit www.irvinparkview.com

Eileen Creasy

Eileen M. Creasy, age 78, of Manhattan, died April 28, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born June 28, 1934, in Strawberry Point, Michigan, the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Bradish) Brouwer. She graduated from high school in Grand Haven, MI.

Mrs. Creasy worked as a secretary for the Grand Haven Public Schools for 29 years, retiring in 1997.

She was a member of Trinity

Reformed Church.

She enjoyed traveling, playing the organ, cards, gardening and flowers, watching the birds and collecting teddy bears.

On June 10, 1953, in Spring Lake, MI, she was married to Willis W. Creasy. He preceded her in death in 1997. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Loretta.

Survivors include her children: Gary Creasy and his wife Laura Lee of Grinnell, Iowa, and Susan Simmons and her

husband G.E. "Glen" Simmons of Manhattan, KS; one brother Donald Brouwer and wife Eleanor of Lancaster, SC; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family of Mrs. Creasy will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 1st, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 665002.

Services and burial will be held at a later date in Grand

Haven, MI.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 665002.

Robert Lee Wild

Robert Lee Wild, age 75, died April 16, 2013 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, Kansas. He was a resident of Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community. His death was the culmination of a long struggle with lung cancer and COPD.

Bob was born on October 25, 1937, in Lincoln County, Kansas, near the town of Barnard, to Albert and Nellie (Wormser) Wild. He was the youngest of seven children. He had five sisters: Dorothy, Pauline, Alma, Elsie Jean, and Lois. He had one brother, James. His parents and four sisters preceded him in death. Surviving him are one sister, Elsie Jean Kelley, of Lincoln, Kansas and his brother, James R. Wild of Manhattan, Kansas; also seventeen nieces and nephews. Bob never married.

He graduated from Barnard

Rural High School with the class of 1955. He served in the United States Air Force as a radar and communications specialist. After his honorable discharge from active duty on May 5, 1961, he worked for the Federal Electric Corporation in its Dewline Division, operating and maintaining equipment located on the Arctic Circle near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In the early 1970's he came to Manhattan to study engineering at the Kansas State University. On July 1, 1971, he joined the Manhattan Police Department as patrol officer and that was the beginning of a twenty-four year career in law enforcement. In November of 1972, the citizens of Riley County voted into law a new concept of consolidated policing. The Manhattan Police Department ceased to exist on January 1, 1974, when its 40

sworn officers and 16 support members were consolidated into a newly formed organization named The Riley County Police Department. Implementation of the new concept was challenging and it brought opportunities which Bob pursued with vigor and dedication. He served as an investigator, inspector of investigations, patrol watch commander, administration services commander and at the time of his retirement in 1995, he had achieved the rank of Captain and was serving as technical services commander.

His ashes have been entombed in wall niche at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley in Manhattan, Kansas. The location within the cemetery is in Columbarium Wall 1, Row B, Site 39. The cemetery is open to visitors from 8AM until 8PM daily.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel in Manhattan. Please come share your remembrances with others and enjoy Bob's favorite music.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution in Bob's honor he would probably say, "Send a few dollars to your favorite charity if you can. If you don't have a favorite charity, consider the Good Samaritan Fund at Meadowlark Hills."

Online condolences may be left for the family by clicking on "Send Condolences" on this page.

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Dr. Keith B. Beeman

Dr. Keith B. Beeman DVM was born in Morrowville, Washington County, Kansas in 1929 to Everett and Mabel Beeman. He married Janet Bonar on June 25, 1950 and after a few years of farming he graduated from Fairbury Junior College and then the School of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University in 1958. He owned and operated the Frankfort Animal Clinic from 1958 until 1975. He was also a lifelong cattleman and land owner and sold his hog operation and his vet clinic in 1975 to become the Director of the Veterinary Technician Program at Colby Community College. In 1977 he became Assistant Professor and later the Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine at K-State, where he served on the faculty until his retirement in 1995.

"Doc" Beeman, as he was widely called, was active in his profession, serving in a number of capacities in the American Veterinary Medical Association. He also served as president of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association. He was a Board Certified Theriogenologist and among his professional duties he served on the board that accredited Veterinary schools around the world.

Keith was a beloved and kind teacher. His particular strength was teaching his vet students the practical issues of dealing with clients, making accurate diagnoses, and running a successful practice. He also wrote a weekly column for the regional news paper, Grass and Grain.

Professional success was only a minor part of Keith's life. He was an active community member, including school board member, city councilman, and Sunday school teacher. Keith was also an active member of Grace Baptist Church in Manhattan, and his love for Jesus informed every aspect of his life. After retirement he served as a hospice volunteer and worked at the local food bank. Keith's sense of Christian kindness and his devotion to positive thinking inspired thousands of people.

Keith was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He and his wife, Janet, experienced many great travel adventures together that took them from Hawaii and Alaska to Europe, Greece, and the Holy Land. His kind and steady hand patiently guided his children towards successful lives and his generosity to his family was exceptional. He and Janet doted on their 12 grand-

children, and they also provided an example of Christian marriage to everyone in their years of marriage.

Keith loved to golf; he bled the purple of a Kansas State Wildcat, and was always full of laughter, love, life and joy. He was a great man who did not think he was great. He will be missed by many who are comforted in the knowledge that our separation with him is only temporary and he now lives in peace with the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Don, and his sister Alberta.

He is survived by his wife Janet; son Rick (Linda) Beeman of Houston, Texas, son Ron (Beth) Beeman of Wichita, daughter Robbi (Ralph) Leno of Overland Park, and son Randal (Monica) Beeman of Bakersfield, California; plus 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services for Dr. Beeman will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Grace Baptist Church in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in his memory to Homecare and Hospice or to the Grace Baptist Church.

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care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 665002.

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Tuttle Creek Dam Will Be 50 This Year

Blue Valley Belles Campaign Against The Dam

At first it was men who were most active in the fight to save the valley. After the 1951 flood, when Kansas Congressman Albert Cole changed his mind and voted in favor of building the dam, women entered the picture. As men worked in the fields planting and harvesting the crops, women continued their campaign to save their homes. From the Blue River Valley to Washington, D.C., people were hearing from the Belles of Blue Valley.

They first decided to travel to Kansas City to meet with President Harry Truman. Inexperienced with the protocols of meeting with a president, 17 of the Blue Valley women got into their vehicles and headed east. They knew the president would be staying at the Muehlebach Hotel, so they waited in the lobby hoping to have a meeting. Eventually they were able to send word to the president and he agreed to a five-minute meeting with the leader of the group. Truman was courteous during the meeting, but didn't appear interested in hearing their views.

The persistence of the women did get the attention of national newspapers. The New York Times described the scene as "the good ladies from the Big Blue River Valley who stormed into President Truman's Kansas City Hotel to protest construction of a dam that would flood their homes were not cranks trying to block



Blue Valley Belles meet with other delegates on the Capitol steps, Washington, D.C.

the march of progress. On the contrary, they were making a very serious point which deserves nationwide attention—a point which the President himself has perhaps insufficiently considered . . ."

Perhaps the most influential newspaper in the country at that time, The Times followed the article with an editorial, "Is This Dam Necessary?" The editorial questioned the "dubious project" and suggested that "rushing into construction at this juncture is hardly the way to insure a considered flood-control program for the Missouri Valley." They asked the president to consider wait-

ing until the report he had commissioned, the Missouri Basin Survey, had been made.

This nationwide support encouraged the Blue Valley Belles to attempt to set a meeting with Republican presidential candidate, Dwight Eisenhower. After receiving no reply to several phone calls and telegrams, the ladies sent this message:

TELEGRAM
Women of Kansas Watersheds Association, spearheaded by Blue

Valley, will be in Denver Friday, Aug. 22, to present to

you our views on rational water policy as it affects our agricultural midwest. If we receive no answer by Aug. 16, we shall consider appointment confirmed.

Eisenhower responded that he would meet with them. This time, 60 Blue Valley women chartered a bus. As reported by the Denver Post, the women "swept into town like a crackling prairie fire." The women met with Eisenhower, Kansas Senator Carlson and Representative Hope for more than an hour. Eisenhower gave the women his word that although he was unfamiliar

with the issue he would investigate it. The women left the candidate with a sunflower nametag and a scrapbook of information.

The meeting with Eisenhower did much to help the cause. After he was elected president, he omitted the request for money to build Tuttle Creek Dam from his 1953 budget. He continued to omit the request for the project, but in 1955 Congress included the project in the Rivers and Harbors Bill. This bill went through without the hoped-for presidential veto. The dam project was now financed and the people of the Blue River Valley began to sell their land to the government and move elsewhere.

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New Laws Same Old Gun Laws

By Calvin Thompson | Colorado Watchdog

DENVER — Colorado passed its fourth gun-control bill Monday.

Senate Bill 195, which forbids concealed carry classes from being taught online, survived the House. The same day, one last bill, SB 197, was amended by the House and scheduled to go back to the Senate for final approval. If approved again as expected, it will mark the fifth and last gun control bill passed in a single Colorado legislative session.

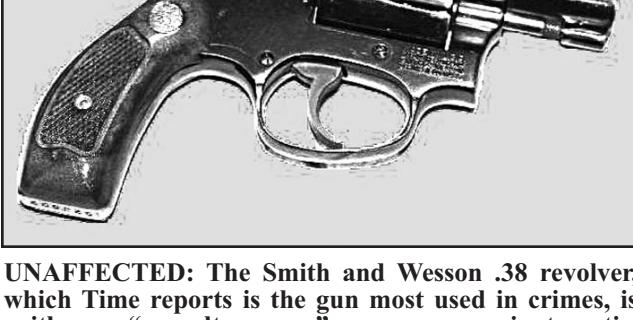
But in spite of all the hype about Colorado gun control, not much has changed. Some laws only modify existing laws, and others are rendered effectively pointless by neighboring states.

The most controversial of Colorado's gun-control measures, HB 1224, will ban the transfer of firearm magazines that hold more than 15 rounds. But any magazine owned by a resident before the law goes into effect July 1 will still be permitted, legally grandfathered in.

In spite of confused comments from legislators such as Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette, high-capacity magazines and clips will not quickly run out after the ban goes into effect. Both magazines and most every type of clip can be refilled with more ammunition and reused hundreds or thousands of times.

The effectiveness of the issue is further thrown into question by the grandfathering clause of the bill. As parties on both sides of the issue, including the National Institute for Justice, have noted, any magazine ban that allows previously owned equipment is ineffective. Such a ban would take decades to curtail magazine availability, because existing magazines can last for years. Some sheriffs have already told the Colorado Watchdog they would refuse to enforce the magazine ban anyway, a further complication to an already clumsy law.

Aside from its established impracticality, evidence suggests that a magazine ban may not affect the firearm choices of criminals, either. As Time mag-



UNAFFECTED: The Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, which Time reports is the gun most used in crimes, is neither an "assault weapon" nor even a semiautomatic. It is a 110-year old design that remains unaffected by Colorado's magazine ban.

azine reported in 2002, the most commonly used gun in crime in America was the Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, an old-fashioned six-shooter in production for more than 110 years. Two other older types of firearm, the Mossberg 12-Gauge shotgun and the Smith and Wesson .357 revolver, also made the top-10 list. While the widely-available revolver is used in more crimes than any other firearm, it remains untouched by HB 1224, as do most of the others on the list.

For a bill purported as an anti-crime measure, it does not restrict magazines for the firearms used in the most crimes.

The next bills, HB 1228 and HB 1229, require background checks on all firearm sales in Colorado. Sheriff John Cooke of Weld County explained to the Colorado Watchdog that Colorado's borders with other states make this requirement nearly impossible to track with private sales. For instance, two Coloradans could drive up to Wyoming and transfer a gun there without any background check, and then come back to Colorado. The entire transaction would be within the limits of the new law. Six of the seven states bordering Colorado are similarly lenient, making the law virtually useless, according to Cooke. Gun shows and firearm dealers would still have to comply with the new law, but they were already required to run background checks on customers.

SB 195, which forbids online concealed carry classes, promises to have the most immediate impact. Even so, Colorado honors concealed-carry permits

from 30 other states, many of which allow online classes for their permits. Chief among them is Virginia, which even allows people from out-of-state to take online classes and get Virginia-issued permits. So once again, the new legislation exhibits limited value.

The last bill to survive is SB 197, which has not yet been signed into law. This bill forces people convicted of domestic violence to relinquish their firearms. Opponents have pointed out that federal law already requires this, but SB 197 does expand the provisions slightly.

All the existing gun control initiatives are weak tea compared to the bills that have

already died. One, HB 1226, would have banned concealed carry on campus, while the other, SB 196, would have held dealers liable if they sold a gun used in a crime. Both were killed by their own sponsors.

When President Obama came to Denver on April 3, he praised Colorado's gun control efforts as an example for the nation.

"We've got to get past some of the rhetoric," he said.

Instead of anything radically different, Coloradans have to deal with four bills which can be easily bypassed or ignored by going out of state for 10 minutes, and one possible law, which narrowly expands an existing federal law.

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The Conservative Side...



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Over Easy

After reading The Mercury's "I Wonder" property tax column last week, we recalled this bit of philosopher Chris Jami wit: "Just because something isn't a lie does not mean that it isn't deceptive." "I Wonder" came from the pen of The Mercury's general manager. We're going to take deception to task today.

The GM opens with this statement of fact: "... the city portion of the property tax has nudge downward from 42.46 mills to 42.16 mills" over the past decade. Of course, that's a totally absurd statement because "property tax" is a function of the rate (mills) but also property value. Speaking to one without the other is horseplay. The GM can say that the mill levy has been flat. But to write that about taxes is untrue because as he later points out: "... the average sale price of a home in Riley County has gone up by 60.8 percent in that period." And one simply cannot make a tax conclusion without both components.

On property taxes the GM opines: "Manhattan is sort of in the middle of the road." Compared to whom? Now granted, this is where craftiness plays with facts. If we judge Manhattan against the 25 first class cities of Kansas – places including Dodge, Junction and Parsons - then the conclusion is correct. However, if we compare ourselves to Lawrence (as many do), the city most similar to our own, then Manhattan's 2012 mill levy of 42.16 is cer-



Bob Strawn

tainly far from the middle - it's 47% higher than Larry's 28.61 mills; 60% higher than Salina's 26.27 mills; and 35% above Topeka's 32.93 mills. I could go on. But you get the point about the selective use of facts?

On city taxes: "... Manhattan ranks 11th highest of the 26 [sic], again lower than Junction but higher than Lawrence." Seriously, when did Junction become our benchmark? We digress. Since property taxes are a function of both mill levy and property value, the GM's statement once again is poppycock. Manhattan metro's property values are the highest in the state and have been for over five years, finishing March at a median residential list of \$160,000. That compares closely only with Lawrence at \$156k; Salina's at \$120k; and Topeka \$109k.

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makes valuations based on recent sales of similar properties, we used Yahoo-Zillow Real Estate Network as our source. But check any source you wish. The results will be the same. Real estate is expensive here.

So, if we compare Manhattan to "similar cities" in Kansas, like Lawrence and Salina, our "city" property taxes are high - a function of both the mill levy and property values. We are growing. We have downtown redevelopment bonds to retire. We did McCall Road. We have a stand-alone police department. Plus, high demand is driving up real estate values. The result is high taxes on residential and commercial properties when compared with "peer cities."

Yet, the GM's "I Wonder" column leads us to believe quite the opposite. Yes, it was a crafty though shallow presentation of facts comparing Manhattan taxes favorably with the likes of Dodge, Junction and Parson. But we aren't those towns. This is a vibrant college town, not unlike Lawrence in many ways, with vast resources but, unfortunately, also with high taxes. And to that point, for the liberal Mercury it seems more important to make big governments' tax case than any case at all for average taxpayers who fund their enterprise. Perhaps, in our case, Frank Lloyd Wright made the point best, "The truth is always more important than the facts." ***

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sonnel 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 1:48 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:48 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:48 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 2:00 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:00 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:00 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 2:30 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:00 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:30 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:30 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 2:35 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:35 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:35 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 2:56:30 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:58:30 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:08 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Immigration Bill Doesn't Secure the Border

By James Carafano

Heritage Foundation

Must Washington fix our broken southern border? You bet.

Will the comprehensive immigration reform bill help? You bet it won't.

The number one flaw of the bill is it starts by giving amnesty to the unlawfully present population in the United States. As soon as the bill passes, those in the country contrary to U.S. immigration law are granted status to stay.

Amnesty immediately creates an incentive for illegal border crossings and overstays. Thus, the bill's strategy would drive up the cost of securing the border. To make matters worse, the draft law states that anyone who was present in the U.S. before 2012 qualifies—creating massive opportunity for fraud, since there is no proof required that applicants have been here for several years.

While supporters of the bill trumpet its "border security" features, in reality, the law delivers nothing new—other than the promise of spending a lot more money and running up our debt.

The bill trashes fiscal discipline, exploiting "a loophole in the Budget Control Act (BCA) that allows Congress to spend more than allowed under the spending caps adopted in 2011."

In other words, Washington is willing to draft a bounced check to justify an amnesty bill.

To make matters worse, there is very little likelihood that that Americans will get much for the next border security buck spent.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has repeatedly stated that our borders "have never been more secure." In the past five years, the White House has never asked for this additional border security funding. Yet, this bill lavishes billions of additional spending on the department with no clear requirements on how the money is spent. At least \$2 billion could legitimately be labeled the Secretary's slush fund.

Supporters of the bill trumpet requirements to "certify" border security, yet its standards are in some ways weaker than existing law. Present law requires gaining "operational control" of the whole border, while this bill sets standards only for "high-risk" sectors. Since smuggling trails shift to where the security is not, even if the standards were attained in one area, the traffic would just go somewhere else.

In addition, the Department of Homeland Security has been trying unsuccessfully to define credible metrics for border security since 2004. Even if it had effective "triggers," that does not guarantee a secure

border. Border crossing conditions constantly change. Even if the goal is achieved, there is no guarantee it will stay that way.

We can do more to secure our borders. But we don't need an amnesty bill and bogus border triggers to make our borders safe and sovereign. Nor does Washington need to throw more buckets of money toward border security.

Our government could cooperate more effectively with Mexico and the border states. Congress could modernize our legal immigrant and non-immigrant programs, including effective temporary worker programs. The government could enforce our workplace and immigration laws.

In short, the promise of border security in this case is merely an excuse for a bloated bill that would promise anything to push amnesty, regardless of cost or practicality.

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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 April 22, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant Information Technology Director; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

The Board discussed the Fort Riley Community Listening session held last Thursday.

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

Anne Martinez, a new hire, as a Customer Service Representative I, in the County Treasurer's Office, at a grade F step 1, at \$13.52 per hour.

Shannon Sterling, a new hire, as an As Needed Clerical Assistant, in the Emergency Management Department, at a grade D step 1, at \$12.27 per hour.

Curtis Flaming, a rehire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, at a grade A step 1, at \$10.60 per hour.

Nall said the website committee recommends proceeding with the redesign process now because the return on investment is to the advantage of Riley County. The overall cost is cheaper, taxpayer money is more efficiently used, Riley County gets the Aurora features, and Riley County gets a second redesign in 4 years at no additional cost.

Boyd moved to approve a full website redesign with a second redesign in four years in the amount of \$8,637.00. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the Proposal for Construction Engineering Services (Force Account) to the Kansas Department of Transportation for Winkler Mills Guard Fence. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer

Bid opening for motor graders

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for motor graders:

Company Item #1 New model 2 year rental Item #2 New model Purchase Item #3 New model 7 year lease with guaranteed buyback Item #4 New model 10 year lease with guaranteed buyback Item #5 Used model Purchase Item #6 Used model 5 year lease with guaranteed buyback

| | Sellers Equipment Inc. 400 N Chicago Salina, KS 67402 | No bid No bid No bid Murphy Tractor 122 19th Road Miltonvale, KS 67466 | \$68,600 \$193,000 lease payment \$33,121 \$213,500 price No bid No bid \$42,198 \$200,600 |
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| Foley Equipment Co. 1737 SW 42nd St Topeka, KS 66609 | \$60,000 \$210,769 lease payment \$16,280.74 \$210,769 price lease payment \$14,023.07 \$210,769 price \$205,000 \$17,613.38 | Bishop reported it is National Volunteer Week. | |
| Victor L. Phillips 1305 SW 42 St Topeka, KS 66609 | \$786,340 \$64,310.71 \$816,000 \$82,774.66 \$864,000 No bid No bid | Moldrup discussed the Laser Point Initiative to help reduce crime in "hot spots", impact zones. | |

Boyd moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer

Bid opening for asphalt
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for asphalt:

Company Alt #1 Item 1

7,900 tons BM-2 Bituminous hot mix asphalt Price/ton

Alt #1 Item 2 37,820 sq. yd.

asphalt pavement milling Price/sq. yd.

Alt #1 Item 3

13,100 tons BM-2 Bituminous hot mix asphalt Price/ton

Alt #2 Item 1

7,900 tons HMA Commercial Grade (Class A)

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Alt #2 Item 2

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Alt #2 Item 3

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

9:30 Press Conference

Captain Kurt Moldrup, Riley County Police Department;

Shilling Construction Co., Inc.

555 Poyntz Ave. #260

Manhattan, KS 66502

\$47.62 \$1.04 \$48.37

\$55.46 \$1.04 \$56.16

Hall Brothers Construction Co.

Box 166

Marysville, KS 66508

No bid No bid \$54.00

No bid No bid \$52.46

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

9:30 Press Conference

Captain Kurt Moldrup, Riley County Police Department;

Hobson said staff discussed this issue with Mary Carson, Bond Council. Hobson said Carson indicated any applicant would be responsible for installing an approved grinder pump complete with control pump then they would have to

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Lori Bishop, RSVP; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Moldrup discussed the Laser Point Initiative to help reduce crime in "hot spots", impact zones.

Bishop reported it is National Volunteer Week.

Bishop said 399 RSVP volunteer at 68 sites. Bishop said the value to the community exceeds \$1 million.

Bishop discussed the RSVP programs.

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

Administrative Work Session

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

10:10 Boyd moved that the Riley 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 10:25 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:10 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman discussed the mega gun bill.

10:32 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Isaac presented a request to amend Section 3 – General Requirements and Section 6 – Procedure for Plat Approval, of the Riley County Subdivision Regulations.

Isaac said March 11, 2013, the Riley County Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the amendment. Isaac said staff recommends approval to adopt the proposed amendments as referenced in the staff report.

Boyd suggested language changes on the final approval authority.

Holeman said he will work with Isaac on the proposed changes.

The Board agreed to table the request to amend Section 3 – General Requirements and Section 6 – Procedure for Plat Approval, of the Riley County Subdivision Regulations.

11:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer

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Hobson said the Lakeside Heights Sewer District was recently formed and the associated sewer lines and pumps installed. The construction cost for this installation was around \$60,000, but that number does not include any of the other costs associated with forming and bonding the project. The total of all of these costs will be the responsibility of the three landowners located within the current boundaries of the sewer district.

Hobson said during the construction of the sewer district, two individuals have requested information regarding connection to the sewer system. One of the properties is about 1,000 feet from the existing sewer lines while the other one is directly adjacent to the existing lines. The question becomes what it will cost these individuals to connect to the sewer line.

Hobson said staff discussed this issue with Mary Carson, Bond Council. Hobson said Carson indicated any applicant would be responsible for installing an approved grinder pump complete with control pump then they would have to

install the sewer line from their property to the District's sewer line. The District could pay for oversizing the line if they were interested in future growth.

Hobson said as for any additional payment Mary Carson indicated there are a couple of ways to handle these requests. The applicant would be required to pay a fee equal to the cost paid by the landowners in the initial installation. This would be for the cost of the force main only since everyone is required to install a grinder pump, control panel and supporting equipment. The monies received would be deposited into the bond and interest fund, ultimately reducing the length of the bond. The original patrons of the District would benefit by having a shorter bond issuance.

Vargo recommended the Board collect a connection fee to deposit in the benefit district maintenance fund. Vargo stated if the fee is placed in the County Bond and Interest fund, the residents who pay in full upfront would get no financial benefit like those paying a yearly assessment.

Hobson said the staff agrees the connection fee would be the best solution. Hobson stated Riley County would need to determine an appropriate connection fee.

10:50 Bob Isaac, Planner

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/ Director of Administrative Services; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 042213-16, A Resolution to place stop signs and traffic control devices at the intersection of Country Road and Sherman Road in Riley County, Kansas". Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson said a few years ago a group of individuals approached the Riley County Parks Department regarding using Fairmont Park as a Disc Golf course.

The group would raise the funds for the baskets and install them. Permission was granted and the first 9 holes of a potential 18 hole course were installed. Once installed the baskets became the property of Riley County.

Hobson said another group called Riley County for Disc Golf has approached the Riley County Public Works Department to complete the course by adding an additional 10 baskets. The extra basket will be utilized for practice.

This is the same group that installed the baskets at Warner Park. Again, the group will solicit donations for the baskets and their installation.

Permission was again granted.

Hobson said the group has further requested to use Riley County as the entity to receive the donations. From their previous experiences, some businesses are more apt to donate if the funds go to Riley County rather than their organization.

Hobson said Riley County provided the same service for receiving donations to make improvements to the Rocky Ford Park.

Hobson said there is a spe-

cialty sign at the intersection of Country Road and Sherman Road.

Hobson said the procedure for installing a stop sign on a Township Road is as follows:

The Township Board determines there is a safety concern at a particular intersection. They make a formal written request to the County Engineer to study such. The County Engineer retains a licensed engineer to conduct a traffic study to determine what if anything can be done to address the safety concern. The County Engineer reviews the traffic study and then prepares a resolution for review by the County Counselor. The final copy of the resolution is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for signature.

Upon approval, at the Township's request, the County will install the signs as per the traffic study and bill the Township for all expenses. Following the installation of the signs the future maintenance of the signs and posts are the responsibility of the township.

Hobson said this Commission Agenda Report (CAR) is a result of a request from Sherman Township for signage at the intersection of Country Road and Sherman Road.

Hobson said the traffic study indicates there is a need for the two stop signs and the other related traffic control devices. Staff would recommend the resolution be signed.

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Spring Game: White Tops Purple, 41-38

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State football fans got their first taste of what their 2013 Wildcats will look like on Saturday at the annual Purple-White Spring Game. The game ended with a 41-38 victory for White after the score was reversed at halftime, with the first string offense and defense playing for the Purple and second stringers on White.

Quarterbacks Jake Waters and Daniel Sams shined as the duo combined for 699 yards of total offense and eight combined touchdowns, while splitting time between the two squads in the first half and then trading possessions for the Purple in the second half.

Purple was in control of the game on offense with 855 yards of total offense against the White defense. Sams completed 18-of-28 passes for 391 yards with four touchdowns and one interception for Purple, and Waters also was efficient on a 14-of-18 performance throwing for 249 yards and three TDs. Sams also ran for 28 yards with Purple including one touchdown and one 2-point conversion.

Robert Rose was the star running the ball with 141 yards to average 8.3 yards per carry for Purple. He also had one touchdown run, and his longest carry of the day was 33 yards.

Three different receivers surpassed 100 yards for Purple with Tyler Lockett leading the way. The speedster had nine

catches for 231 yards and 2 touchdowns. His longest reception came on the first play of a drive to reach the endzone on a 76-yard play. Tramaine Thompson had 161 yards receiving on six catches and two scores, while Torell Miller was an early target often before finishing the day with five catches for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

After forcing the White squad to punt after six plays, Waters led Purple down the field, capping a seven-play, 80-yard drive as he scampered in from seven yards out for the first score of the game. The opening drive was highlighted by a 33-yard run from the senior Rose.

Purple's defense again turned up the pressure, this time forcing White into a three-and-out. Waters again took control of the offense, leading his team on a nine-play, 85-yard scoring drive. Waters connected with Thompson for a 35-yard touchdown pass with just over nine minutes left in the opening period. After one quarter, Purple led White, 14-0.

To start the second quarter, Sams switched from White to Purple at quarterback, and immediately made an impact on his new squad, finding fellow Louisiana native Miller for a 55-yard touchdown score. Purple's drive was a quick one, spanning five plays and 93 yards.

Sams kept Purple's offensive momentum going as he added



Quarterback Daniel Sams (4) takes off around right end. (Photo by Ben Brake)

back-to-back scores, including a 21-yard touchdown strike to Thompson and a 10-yard touchdown keeper to open the Purple lead to 35-0. Following another White three-and-out,

Sams led the Purple team into the White red zone, this time capped off by a 24-yard field goal from Jack Cantele just before the half.

As with the three previous Purple-White spring games, the score was reversed at halftime to reflect White in front, 38-0. Waters started the Purple comeback effort as he found Lockett open down the left sideline for a 76-yard touchdown. Three and a half minutes later, Waters found Glenn Gronkowski with a shovel pass from seven yards out for his third touchdown pass of the game.

With one quarter left to play, White led Purple, 38-14.

The start of the fourth quarter was more of the same as the Purple offense moved the ball down the field with little resistance, as Sams guided Purple down the field on a six-play 65-yard drive, with Rose punching it in from four yards out.

Once again, Purple forced White into a short possession as Purple's defense limited the White squad to only 183 yards of total offense with only 62 passing yards.

Sams took immediate advantage of the quick turnaround as he found Lockett in the back corner of the end zone from 38 yards out. Lockett made a highlight-reel grab to pull the

Purple within 10 points. Sams would then carry the ball in on a 2-point conversion to make it 38-30 in favor of White with just under 12 minutes to play.

The White team earned its first points of the game midway through the fourth quarter when Cantele kicked a 51-yard field goal to pull ahead 41-30. The field goal could have been a much shorter attempt but quarterback Kody Cook was called for intentional grounding on third down losing 14 yards on the play.

Sams would lead Purple down the field on another scoring drive, this time with assistance from Rose as he had multiple slanting runs to keep the defense at bay. Miller would get his second touchdown reception of the day on a fade route to the corner. He was just able to keep his feet inbounds on the three-yard touchdown catch from Sams. Purple would then use a 2-point conversion to pull within three points trailing 41-38 after a catch by McDonald on a quick slant.

With 3:44 to play White would attempt to run out the clock holding its three-point lead. On third and one, Adam Weber ran for four yards to move the chains. After three more plays, White punted with 28 seconds left on the clock to

give Purple one last chance.

Purple made a valiant effort with a 29-yard pass from Sams to Kyle Klein on the first play of the drive, and a last Hail Mary attempt was intercepted at the 5-yard line to end the game, 41-38 White.

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Fullback Glenn Gronkowski 48 dives for more yards. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Tramaine Thompson (86) received 6 passes for 161 yards. (Photo by Ashley Wells)



Lockett, Tyler (16) had 9 passes for 231 yards. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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