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Rich Vargo, County Clerk, Commissioners Ron Wells, Robert Boyd and Chairman Dave Lewis at Monday's meeting.

Why Voters Should Never Elect Conservatives

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

If Ron Wells and Robert Boyd were still walking the streets of Manhattan and Riley County they would be telling everyone that they were Conservatives and if they were ever elected to office they would change things and they would start by cutting spending.

Dave (Dave Lewis) Guthals would still be telling everyone that he was a Fiscal Conservative and a Social Liberal, whatever that is because you still pay for everything Liberal Program.

But these three are not walking the streets of Manhattan and Riley County, they are at the table, the power table.

They ran for office, they were elected, they are the Riley County Commissioners. Now they are on a mission, they want to pass the biggest takeover of power in the County's history.

Wells, Boyd and Lewis want to create a Riley County Building Commission.

A Building Commission has the power to borrow money and build any building for any government agency in Riley County and you will not be able to vote on the project.

Even the most liberal of all former Riley County Commissioners could not get this monster passed.

At a meeting Monday the Commissions told a small group of people that the voter

could petition any project and it would go to the vote of the people.

But they had before them a copy of a booklet put together by Piper Jaffray out of Kansas City that states: "A referendum is required if a protest petition is filed by not less than five percent of the electors of the applicable municipality within thirty days after the last publication."

Now that sounds good. But the paragraph goes on to say: "A city or county also may exempt certain PBC (Public Building Commission) bond issues from the notice, protest and referendum requirements through home rule charter action."

That tells the Commissioners

that they can take the vote away for the citizens.

Why are they doing this? Good question!

As Conservatives you would think they would be for citizens voting on how high their taxes and go.

The Free Press asked the Commissioners Monday if they had discussed this with the City of Manhattan, yes, they have.

The City of Manhattan is in Debt \$270 million, the three Credit Rating Companies have all down graded the Cities ratings for borrowing money.

The Riley County Commissioners are talking about building a new 5-story office building.

How did the Manhattan Mercury report the story?

Twice they reported the entire project would cost the county about \$3.2 million. The Mercury was talking about the "purchase of the First Christian Church building adjacent to the county office building, with demolition of that building in order to construct a brand new facility on the cleared space. The entire project would cost the county about \$3.2 million."

As the Free Press reported two years ago the total cost of purchasing, demolition and building a new 5-story office building would be \$50 million.

The Riley County Commission using a Building Commission can build anything the City of Manhattan wants and Riley County can build a \$50 million monument

to themselves, without a vote of the people.

The Building Commission could also build for every school district in the county or every town or township. And the voter would not have a say.

God Save The ~~King~~ County.

According to the Riley County Web Site the Commissioners can be contacted at:

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Robert L. Boyd, Jr. Cell: (785) 341-6977 Work: (785) 537-6357

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KSU Proceeds With K-State 2025 Plans

KSU News Service

Kansas State University is making improvements systemwide this summer. Work varies from major construction projects to various room and lab renovations and life safety improvements.

"Kansas State University's facilities and infrastructure must be able to meet the demands of a growing institution as we become a Top 50 public research university," said Kirk Schulz, university president. "By making these improvements we meet our evolving needs, remain competitive with our benchmark institutions and provide assets to retain and recruit quality fac-

ulty, staff and students."

Most of the projects are being funded through the Kansas State University Foundation. Some of the significant projects now underway or nearing completion include:

* Bill Snyder Family Stadium/West Stadium Center. The second phase of the stadium's renovations will be complete in August, creating additional premium seating and updating ancillary support areas that include: improved broadcasting space and equipment; restrooms; concessions; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; Americans with Disabilities Act compliance;

and life safety.

* Bluemont Hall. A remodel of the hall's northwest entrance is currently in the planning stage and will be complete by September. The remodel is funded through the Kansas State University Foundation.

* Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex. The addition construction and remodeling work are nearly complete. The entire building is scheduled to be open by August. The tennis courts and recreation center equipment building are scheduled to be complete in November.

* Equine Center. The KSU

Foundation is funding construction of the center, which is north of the Manhattan Fire Station at Denison and Kimball avenues. No completion date has been set at this time.

* Feed Mill. Demolition of the old campus feed mill has started and is scheduled to be complete by Sep. 20. Milling operations have been moved to the new O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center in the Grain Science and Industry Complex on Kimball Avenue.

* Intercollegiate Rowing Center. Funded by K-State Athletics through the KSU Foundation, the center is

expected to be complete by September. It will include rowing tanks, rowing performance machines, lockers and showers, offices and a lobby with reception area.

* Memorial Stadium. In planning for the K-State Welcome Center on the east side of the stadium, the Purple Masque Theatre is being relocated to West Stadium and is scheduled for completion in summer 2014. The stadium's turf and track are being replaced through local funding and should be complete by August.

* John C. Pair Horticulture Center, Haysville. The new building is an addition to the existing center and will have classrooms, research facilities and offices. This facility will house research involving non-row crop plants. Construction is nearly finished.

* Kansas State University Salina. Remodeling of the Technical Assistance Center is scheduled to be complete in October.

In addition, various rooms are being renovated or remodeled in Bluemont, Burt, Bushnell, Cardwell, Nichols, Seaton, Waters and Weber halls; McCain Auditorium; and

the Veterinary Medicine Complex. Heating and air conditioning upgrades are being done in Ackert, Cardwell and Dykstra halls, while life safety improvements are being made to the Ahearn Complex, Bushnell and Shellenberger halls, and the Jardine Complex.

The university also has several projects in the planning or design stages, including:

* Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. The project, currently in the design stage, will provide additional space.

* Engineering Complex. The fourth addition to the complex, which includes Durland, Rathbone and Fiedler halls, is being designed. The new addition is scheduled to be complete in August 2015.

* Housing and dining services. A new residence hall, with 450 beds, and dining center, serving 1,850 students, are in the early planning stage. They will be built between Kramer Dining Center and Denison Avenue and should be completed by spring 2015.

* K-State Salina. Phase two of the Student Life Center is still in the permit approval and scheduled to be bid shortly. It will be built with private funds.

Senate Subcommittee OKs NBAF Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Senate subcommittee on Tuesday approved \$404 million in federal spending for the construction of a federal research laboratory at Kansas State University.

The 8-1 vote sends the funding for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility to the full Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. The money is part of the

Department of Homeland Security budget for 2014.

Federal officials want to build the \$1.25 billion lab for research into deadly animal diseases, to replace an aging facility at Plum Island, N.Y. President Barack Obama proposed spending \$714 million on the project in 2014. The House earlier this spring approved spending \$404 million for construction.

State officials have approved spending up to \$305 million in bond proceeds as part of its cost to construct the lab, which is being built on the northern edge of the Kansas State campus in Manhattan. Ground has been broken on a central utility plant that will service the lab.

Announcing Tuesday's development, Kansas Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, both

Republicans, said in a joint statement that the research lab was a national security priority.

Construction on the main laboratory facility is expected to begin in 2014, pending approval of federal funds. The Department of Homeland Security has not published a date for certifying the lab and beginning operations, but Kansas State officials have hoped that it would be by 2018.

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Kansas Stimulus Recipients Blow Latest Reporting Deadline

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — Its been four years since the federal government injected \$2.6 billion into the Kansas economy, and it seems some funding recipients are still having trouble keeping an eye on the calendar.

Four Kansas organizations landed on Recovery.gov's

"Wall of Shame" recently after the government site — which tracks the status of more than \$800 billion distributed in 2009 — released its list of "non-compliers" for the first quarter of 2013. The entities in question include the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the City of Independence, the Mound City Police Department and the state's largest stimulus recipient, the Kansas Department of

Transportation.

Together, the four groups failed to report earlier this year on the status of \$11.7 million in federal stimulus funds.

KDOT received the state's largest chunk of the stimulus handout from the start, splitting \$348 million between 152 projects across Kansas. Its recent failure to report on the status of

about \$11 million of those funds marked the first such error for the state transportation agency. The funds in question were used to purchase 37 transit vehicles, rehab a maintenance building and upgrade agency communications equipment.

Josh Powers, KDOT state public transportation manager, stated bluntly that the missed

filing deadline was an oversight, plain and simple. However, he said the agency's prior record speaks for itself.

"In three years of (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) reporting, the Office of Public Transportation at KDOT had never missed a reporting deadline prior to this instance, and has met the Q2 deadline for 2013," Powers said. "With one reporting period remaining in the life of this grant, we are confident that the oversight will not occur again."

Here's a rundown of what the other stimulus funds in question were used for:

Potawatomi Nation: \$334,630 to fund a family violence protection program
Mound City Police Department: \$138,923 to hire an extra law enforcement officer
City of Independence: \$139,724 to hire an extra law enforcement officer

Aside from KDOT, the above organizations did not immediately return calls for

comment from Kansas Watchdog.

Powers emphasized that KDOT will not be sanctioned for its single missed deadline. Penalties for repeat offenders can range from a simple warning up to the revocation of stimulus funds.

Olive A. Rathbone

Olive A. Rathbone, age 98, of Topeka, Kansas, former longtime resident of Manhattan, Kansas, died Saturday, July 13, 2013, at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born on March 25, 1915, in rural Arroll, Missouri, the daughter of John W. and Anabell (Haley) Harlow.

Her father was an itinerant farmer and the family moved several times during her young life. She had lived in Kansas, Colorado and Iowa, prior to returning to Kansas in the early 1930's.

Upon returning to Kansas

she met Lyell F. Rathbone and they would become united in marriage on April 7, 1934, in Manhattan.

Mrs. Rathbone was a homemaker. She also worked for a number of years in the insurance department for Charlson and Wilson in Manhattan where she took great pride in her work.

She enjoyed sewing and made most of her families clothing for a number of years. Her husband, Lyell, was very active with the Elks Lodge on both the local and state levels so Olive enjoyed becoming active with the Elks Lodge her-

self. Most of all her true passion was her family and being a loving homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters: Mary McInteer of Topeka, Kansas; Anna Lee Dewey of Dana Point, California and by one son: David Rathbone of Southern Pines, North Carolina. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Mrs. Rathbone was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband Lyell in 1991, and by her siblings.

Edwin K. LeClair

Edwin "Ed" Kenneth LeClair, age 84, of Manhattan, died Tuesday July 16, 2013 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born on April 15, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of William and Myrtle (Smith) LeClair. He attended schools in the area and graduated from high school in 1947. After graduating Ed joined the United States Army. He retired from the army after 24 years of service.

On November 20, 1954 he was united in marriage to Julia Fabry in Germany. She preceded him in death on May 20,

2012. They were married two times on the same day in Germany, once off post and also on the post chapel.

The army and his wife Julia were both very important to Ed. During his service time Ed served in Germany, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was awarded many awards and medals during his service time. He met his wife Julia while in serving in Germany. There was nothing Ed wouldn't do for Julia. She and Ed enjoyed traveling. They often went back to Germany and many other places in Europe.

Ed was a member of the St.

Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan and also the VFW Post 1786 in Manhattan. He also loved baseball and enjoyed following his favorite team, the Detroit Tigers. Ed was a very likeable person who was easy to talk with and made friends with many people throughout the years.

Ed is survived by his nieces and nephews and his many friends who all loved him.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday July 19, 2013 at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset Avenue in Manhattan. Interment with full military honors will follow in

the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Jean H. Keller

Jean H. Keller, age 86, of Manhattan, died Sunday July 14, 2013 at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born on March 28, 1927 in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of John and Harriet (Hudson) Holmgren. She attended Kansas State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Art and Sciences in 1948.

On June 26, 1948 she was united in marriage to Ward A. Keller in Kansas City, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 19, 2003. She was also preceded in death by

her brother John "Jack" Holmgren.

She and her husband were the owners of the Ward Keller Department store in Manhattan.

Jean was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. She was a life member of the KSU Alumni Association and was a former Pi Beta Phi Alumni Club President, and served as a chairman of the House Corporation. Also she was a member of the Manhattan Country Club, Manhattan Arts Council, Riley County Lutheran Hospital Association

and the PEO Chapter DE.

Survivors include her three sons: Kim Keller (Terry Johnston), of Manhattan, Russell Keller (Mary Helen) and Mark Keller (Kathy), both of Lenexa, Kansas; also her seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Keller will be held on Saturday July 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Ben Duerfeldt officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in

Manhattan.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 9:00 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the KSU Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Eric Wohlford Sandell

Eric Wohlford Sandell, 71, of Manhattan, passed away Friday, July 12th, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

Eric Wohlford Sandell was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 29, 1941, to the late Herbert W. and Emily (Lord) Sandal. He attended and graduated from Manhattan High School and attended Emporia State University. Eric enjoyed reading and traveling the

world, which made his work as a document keeper for the Kansas City Missouri Library for 25 years an enjoyable time.

Survivors include his sister, Joan Wallace of Merriam, Kansas, and a brother Robert Sandell and wife Linda of Manhattan Beach, California.

At the family's request there will be no services, but a visitation is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, from 10:00 am to

11:00 am at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation Chapel with the burial following at the Riverside Cemetery in Scandia, Kansas.

Family request donations to Good Shepherd Hospice House and may be left in the care of the funeral home. For more information or to leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.irvin-parkview.com.

Delores Mary Godwin

Dolores Mary Godwin, 86, of Manhattan, formerly of Herington, passed away Monday, July 15th, at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community. She was a house keeper at the Holiday Inn, Gamma Phi Beta and Kansas State University.

On 8/20/1953 at Herington, KS she married Daniel Ross Godwin, who died on November 1986.

Dolores Trapp was born in Herington, on April 21, 1927, the daughter of the late John Francis and Catherine (Dalsing) Trapp. She attended Victory Country School in rural Herington, and was a member

of Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Manhattan. She was united in marriage to Daniel Ross Godwin on Aug. 20, 1953 in Herington, he proceeds her in death in Nov. 1986

Dolores is survived by a daughter, Carol A, wife of James Hale, of Clarksville, MO; son, Larry D. Godwin, of Jacksonville, FL; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and 1 step great grand grandchild. She was preceded in death by her son Johnny P Godwin on July 18, 2011, four brothers: Edward, John, Leonard, James and one sister Elizabeth.

Visitation will be on

Thursday from 1:00pm to 8:00pm with the family receiving friends at 6:00pm. A vigil service will be held at 7:00pm with Father Joe Popelka officiating at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held at 10:00am at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation with Father Joe Popelka officiating. Interment will follow at the Ft. Riley Post Cemetery, Ft. Riley, KS.

The family request donations to American Diabetes Association and may be sent in care of the funeral home. To send an online condolence or for more information visit www.irvinparkview.com



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Delaying Natural Gas Exports Delays Jobs

By Nicolas Loris
Heritage Foundation

A new study from the American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF) is calling for the Department of Energy (DOE) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to speed up the permitting process to authorize natural gas exports. An even better

solution is for Congress to remove the DOE's authority for authorizing natural gas export permits and allow the states to control the environmental review and permitting process for natural gas export facilities.

Allowing for increased natural gas exports would be a huge boon for the American economy as it would expand U.S.

market opportunities. According to the analysis from ACCF, expanded natural gas exports would, in the time frame 2016-2035:

Increase employment by between 73,100 and 452,300 jobs;

Increase manufacturing job growth by between 7,800 and 76,800; and

Grow U.S. gross domestic product by \$15.6 billion to \$73.6 billion per year on average.

The study also includes increased employment for the refining, petrochemicals, and chemicals job sector and projects natural gas price increases of only about \$0.32 to \$1.02 per million British Thermal

Units on average. This is important because one of the special interest groups raising concerns about increased natural gas exports is chemical companies for fear that it will raise their costs.

Natural gas exports would raise domestic energy prices, although as projected by the ACCF study and other studies, that price increase would be small because the natural gas shipped overseas represents a relatively small share of the pie. Further, those higher prices would act as incentives for more exploration and production, offsetting some of the price increase or even keeping prices as low as they are now, since the gas is still profitable to produce at a low price in some regions of the country.

Providing other countries with cheaper energy would not only lower the prices of products that the U.S. imports (because foreign businesses could make the products more cheaply); it would also promote economic development in those countries, encouraging them to import more American goods. Even the sectors allegedly hurt by exports would experience net gains from more natural gas exports.

To export natural gas, a company must go through an environmental review and permitting process from the FERC but also obtain approval from the DOE. A facility is automatically authorized if the recipient nation has a free trade agreement (FTA) with the U.S. If the importing country does not have an FTA, the DOE must then publish the notice in the Federal Register for a comment period and ultimately determine if exporting from the facility is in the public's interest. So far, the DOE has approved two of 20 applications to export natural gas to non-FTA countries.

As demonstrated by the ACCF study as well as a DOE-commissioned study, it is clear that exporting natural gas provides overwhelmingly positive net economic benefits and would provide much-needed jobs.

What isn't clear is why the DOE is involved in the process at all. Natural gas should be treated as any other good traded around the world. Congress should remove the DOE from the export-permitting process and lift restrictions on natural-gas-recipient countries.

Meeting Open To The Public

The Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (FHMPPO) will host public meetings concerning the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Junction City Municipal Building, 2nd Floor City Commission Room, 700 N. Jefferson, Junction City, KS 66441 and Tuesday, July 30,

2013 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Manhattan City Hall, City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the TIP, the projects, and the impacts it has on multimodal transportation planning in the FHMPPO region, which

includes both the City of Manhattan and City of Junction City, along with portions of Geary, Riley, and Pottawatomie Counties. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments regarding the final draft of the document during this meeting, as well as, via mail 500 Huebner Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442, or email FlintHillsMPO@gmail.com from July 15, 2013 to August

12, 2013. Copies of the TIP are available at Manhattan City Hall, the Manhattan Public Library, the Junction City Municipal Building, and the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library.

Please visit our website at www.FlintHillsRegion.org/FHMPPO.

Not So Fast Siemens Still Wants Subsidies

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — Siemens Wind Power looks forward to a future where wind can compete without subsidies from the federal government.

But not just yet. Earlier this week we reported that Siemens, which operates a wind turbine manufacturing plant in Hutchinson, had

called for the end of government subsidies for the wind energy industry. But, apparently what they said wasn't what they meant to say. What they meant to say was something else entirely.

Got it? Siemens spokesperson Monika Wood clarified that, when she said the industry needs long-term tax and policy

reform "that allows wind power to move toward a subsidy-free future," she was seeking an end to short-term subsidies.

Long-term government handouts are still in Siemens' playbook.

"Siemens supports a comprehensive tax reform policy discussion where all options are explored and until this

occurs, we support an immediate and long-term extension of the (Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit)," Wood said.

Glad we got that confusion cleared up.

Related: KS wind turbine manufacturer says it's time to end subsidies
Related: KS wind turbine facility rehires workers, but for how long?

Champion Yodeler To Be At Lazy T Ranch

International yodeling champion Judy Coder and western musician Jeff Davidson will headline the second annual Kansas celebration of the National Day of the Cowboy at the Lazy T Ranch near Manhattan at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013.

"The cowboy is an internationally recognized symbol of courage and bravery," said Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat. "We are celebrating the National Day of the Cowboy in Kansas with dinner and a show, featuring the finest in western musical entertainment — plus a little cowboy poetry." See www.kansasdayofthecowboy.com for more information.

The evening includes a home-made barbecue picnic supper with all the trimmings, including BBQ brisket and pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad or chips, baked beans,

apple cobbler with ice cream for dessert, and beverages.

Featured performer is Judy Coder, a native Kansan who has toured the U.S. and Europe performing western music. She has performed with leading cowboy stars and been named the Patsy Montana National Yodeling Champion, Yodeler of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists, and the Western Music Association International Yodeling Champion. "Judy's incredible, rich singing voice will soothe and soar. You will not want to miss this show!" Ron Wilson said.

Also performing is western musician Jeff Davidson, winner of the coveted Governor's Buckle at the 2013 Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest. Using songs, historical facts and pictures, Jeff Davidson leads audiences through the history of

Kansas and the role of the 34th state in the creation of the Great American Cowboy. The history of cowboys can be traced through their songs, which is what Jeff Davidson does, using both traditional and original tunes. For over 25 years, Jeff entertained for the Flint Hills Overland Wagon Train, which gave him a keen interest in Kansas history and an appreciation for the early travelers on the Santa Fe, Oregon, Chisholm and Western trails. Jeff is a K-State Research and Extension Watershed Specialist, and President of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association.

Tickets are available for \$25 per person or \$40 for two people, available on a first-come, first served basis. Five percent discounts are available for those holding a Kaw Valley

Rodeo ticket or members of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, C.O.W.B.O.Y. Society, Kansas Agri-Women, Western Music Association, or Kansas Farm Bureau.

Funding for this event is provided in part through the support of the Manhattan Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

The National Day of the Cowboy has been commemorated on the fourth weekend of July by U.S. Senate Resolution since 2005. Governor Sam Brownback has been requested to issue a resolution proclaiming a Kansas Day of the Cowboy for 2013.

To register, go to www.kansasdayofthecowboy.com or contact the Lazy T Ranch at 785-537-9727

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Over Easy...

Perhaps it's time to leave city politics for a moment in lieu of the purported shenanigans going on at the county these days. Seems the county commissioners - all three self-labeled conservatives - want to create some sort of building commission for what seems here to be the sole purpose of circumventing voters. The idea has been hatched by county staff wanting to construct a new building or perhaps several over time. They claim the county needs 111 thousand square feet of new space. Whew!

The problem is that state statute says the commission can only spend \$300,000 or less on buildings without voter approval. Of course the three "conservatives" and their partners on county staff know full well approval of more growth in government is at a minimum risky business because unlike Manhattan the outlying county is fiscally conservative.

So, as the saying goes - those who believe something is unlikely (the commission in this case) become slaves of the crafty (county staff). Some smart guy wrote that a long time ago, sans the parenthetical.

Anyway, the state allows (crafty) counties to create what's called a Public Building Commission with authority beyond the county commission's \$300 thousand limit. Hence an independent building commission would negate any threat of citizen disapproval by referendum. Presumably, the commission would be made-up of citizens from around the county who are friendly to the idea of government expansion.

Now, we have long railed against these kinds of "third party" authorities that are not directly elected by the people. The Manhattan/Riley County Health Department Board was functionally "neutered" precisely because neither elected officials nor their staffs had proper departmental oversight, particularly on matters dealing with budget. Having served on that board and The Riley County Law Board as well, we know how authority gets vested. And in our view this does not serve the public interest,



Bob Strawn

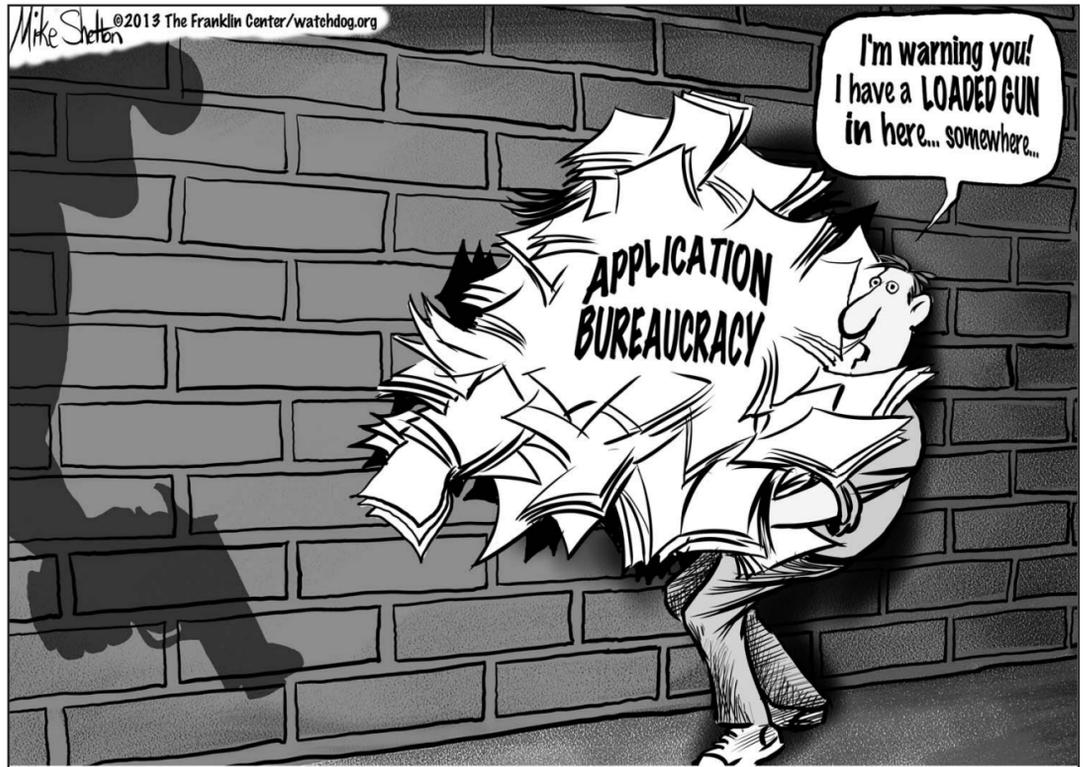
particularly when unelected bodies have direct or quasi-taxing authority. Such taxing powers should never be independent of the ballot box.

However, we do understand and have sympathy for the building conundrum faced by our county commissioners. Making decisions by plebiscite may have worked in revolutionary France for a time, but that's not how American government functions today. We elect representatives to make choices for us and then hold them directly accountable at the ballot box and in other ways.

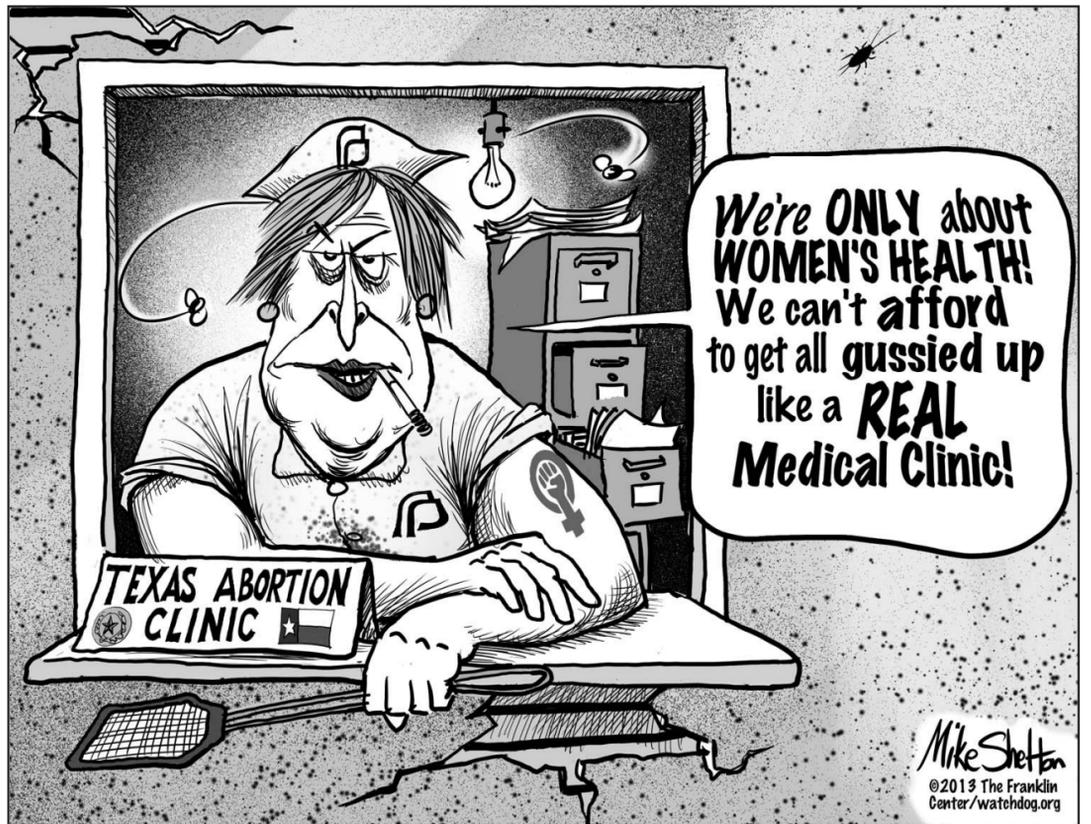
So here's our idea. Save the craftiness for others. Simply establish the Riley County Building Commission as a government corporation. And then seat yourselves as the commission in a separate legal capacity. Give yourselves as the building commission authority to acquire land, construct buildings, buy furnishing, maintenance, and all the rest. Then meet in public just as you do today, but under the separate legal authority.

Perhaps this will require a referendum. But at least you will have attempted to maintain your fiduciary responsibility as elected officials and not handed them off to an unelected body. We believe citizens are far more receptive of government that is accessible, accountable and transparent, as it would be under this concept. (bob-strawn1@gmail.com) ***

The Conservative Side...



Illinois allows its law-abiding citizens to be armed



Even Unions Are Turning on Obamacare

Amy Payne and Chris Jacobs Heritage Foundation

It's not every day that union bosses sound like policy experts at The Heritage Foundation.

But the beginning of the

Obamacare letter from the heads of three major unions—the Teamsters, the United Food and Commercial Workers, and UNITE-HERE—to Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi

(D-CA) is eerily similar to our experts' writings.

The unions, of course, were heavy supporters of Obamacare, but even they can't deny its effects now.

"When you and the President sought our support for the Affordable Care Act, you pledged that if we liked the health plans we have now, we could keep them," they wrote. "Sadly, that promise is under threat."

It gets worse: The unintended consequences of the ACA are severe. Perverse incentives are already creating nightmare scenarios: First, the law creates an incentive for employers to keep employees' work hours below 30 hours a week. Numerous employers have begun to cut workers' hours to avoid this obligation, and many of them are doing so openly. The impact is two-fold: fewer hours means less pay while also losing our current health benefits.

We couldn't agree more. In fact, not only did Heritage experts predict these outcomes,

but the non-partisan Medicare actuary also concluded the law would raise health costs by hundreds of billions of dollars. The Congressional Budget Office noted that Obamacare's employer mandate "will probably cause some employers to respond by hiring fewer low-wage workers."

Naturally, it's on the question of solutions that we diverge from the unions.

The union leaders' "solution" to these problems involves yet more government spending. They want to make union-run health plans eligible for Obamacare's subsidies—subsidies that were supposed to go to people with no health coverage. In other words, increase taxpayer spending even more because of the consequences of bigger government.

If ever there were an argument to defund Obamacare in its entirety—to do away with

both the spending and the costly regulations—it's this one. The union letter accuses Obamacare of "shattering" hard-earned benefits and destroying the foundation of the middle class. In short, "We have a problem."

The many ways liberal leaders keep marching forward, insisting nothing's wrong, are becoming laughable. Appearing on "Meet the Press" Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) said that "Obamacare has been wonderful for America." And despite the Obama Administration's multiple implementation failures, the Health and Human Services Department just released a video yesterday proclaiming that Obamacare is "on schedule."

Even the law's strongest supporters aren't buying it any more.

Media Conducted A Race-Baiting Campaign

Dear Editor

The liberal media conducted a vicious, months-long campaign of divisive race-baiting that smeared George Zimmerman as a racist and now they are fueling the racial turmoil in the wake of his acquittal. Here are just a few examples of race-baiting in the months prior to the trial:

For a full week in March 2012, NBC News ran audio tape of George Zimmerman's 911 call before the shooting—that tape is now the subject of a defamation lawsuit against NBC for its allegedly deceptive editing to make Zimmerman sound racist.

The AP, CBS, MSNBC and other outlets erroneously reported that Zimmerman was white, and eventually The New York Times and Reuters decided he was "white Hispanic."

NBC employee and MSNBC host Al Sharpton agitated on- and off-air, demanding Zimmerman's arrest.

On March 21, 2012, Sharpton's colleague Joe Scarborough called Zimmerman a "murderer," and "the man who murdered Trayvon Martin."

Slate.com suggested that Zimmerman killed Martin due to something called the "racial empathy gap."

Now, with the verdict in and Zimmerman acquitted, the media continue their race-baiting narrative:

Immediately after the verdict was read, an AP reporter tweeted "So we can all kill teenagers now? Just checking."

On July 14, writing for POLITICO, Scarborough doubled down, saying that it is "my belief that George Zimmerman is a racist idiot who chased an unarmed teenager through a neighborhood for little reason more than he was a black man wearing a hoodie."

Also on July 14, CNN's Candy Crowley asked Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, "Do you think the American justice system is innately racist?"

On July 15, on NBC's "Today," anchor Savannah Guthrie wondered whether there hadn't been enough race in the trial, asking Sharpton, "Do you think the prosecutors missed an opportunity there, that they didn't explicitly make this case about racial profiling?"

The race-baiting media owe George Zimmerman an apology. A jury of his peers has spoken. Zimmerman was acquitted, and that's that. Any continuation of the media's unrelenting, divisive, hate-mongering coverage is an absolute disgrace.

Cynical, race-profiteering troublemakers like NBC's Al Sharpton, Joe Scarborough, and Savannah Guthrie are stirring hatred because it fits their biased worldview and boosts ratings. Race-baiting persists in America because it's encouraged by the press.

Sharpton and his ilk in the media will have to answer for any violence perpetrated against George Zimmerman or anyone else in the name of Trayvon Martin. Martin's death was an absolute tragedy, but that doesn't give the liberal media carte blanche to encourage racial violence and mayhem for ratings.

It's time the left-wing media are held accountable for their actions.

Sincerely,
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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 July 1, 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

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wells discussed all the money being spent on the signs and other requirements to comply with the new concealed carry.

Boyd discussed the troop draw down at Fort Riley.

Holeman asked to postpone the Plaza Reservation Request until he modifies the form to keep the Carnegie steps clear.

The Board agreed.
Boyd moved to approve Financial Services Agreement for Series 2013 General Obligation Bonds with Piper Jaffray & Company. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Bonnie McKinsey, an APRN, in the Health Department, for an extension of an as needed term through August 16th during the interim of hiring of full time, effective July 1, 2013.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman said "Article M—Zero Tolerance Workplace Violence Policy, within the Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines, prohibits any employee with a concealed carry permit from bringing a concealed handgun into a county building. Holeman said in those same policies, at "G-4 Conduct Subject to Disciplinary Action" appears G-4 (20) which, more broadly, makes it a disciplinary offense for any employee to be in "unauthorized possession of firearms or other weapons" while "on the job."

Holeman said Community Corrections has raised the issue whether or not its employees licensed to carry a concealed handgun can be legitimately prohibited (or authorized) from carrying such handgun during work hours, away from any county building.

Holeman said this inquiry raises the larger question whether any county department head can either prohibit or allow their employees, on duty away from the county buildings, to carry a concealed handgun.

Holeman said Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager, and he reviewed these policies with Shelly Williams, Director of Community Corrections before this work session.

Holeman said he and Cindy Volanti have a recommendation to present to the Board of County Commissioners at this time. Their recommendation is that department heads do have authority under county policy to authorize or prohibit

employees from carrying a concealed handgun while on the job and away from county facilities.

Vargo suggested further discussion if an additional policy is needed to address Riley County employees concealed carry while on the job, but not in a county facility.

The Board asked Holeman to discuss this issue at the next department heads meeting.

Wedel reviewed the draft RFQ for Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan (MUACP) update. Wedel recommended budgeting \$75,000 for the MUACP update.

Holeman discussed the Intergovernmental Support Group meeting.

9:30 Press Conference

Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Jill Evans, Appraiser III; Danny Williams, Assistant County Appraiser; Lisa McAdams, Administrative Assistant II; Kim Gee, Administrative Assistant II; Cathy Willard, Appraiser II; Andrew Cook, Appraiser III; Laurie Cox, Appraiser III; Sheila Schauff, Commercial Supervisor; Patty Council, Appraiser III; and Joetta Glessner, Appraiser III, attended.

Lewis presented a Certificate for 24 Years of Service to Kim Gee.

McClure reported harvest in Riley County started June 26, 2013.

McClure said the yields have been about 60 plus bushels per acre.

Hobson said Riley County plans to apply a liquid dust control material on G887C West 69th Avenue and G420 Wildcat Creek Road on Monday, July 1, 2013. On Tuesday, July 2, 2013 dust control material will be applied to G421 Pillsbury Crossing Road and G911 Deep Creek Road.

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

Couchman presented EMS statistics on the 2013 Country Stampede.

King said Riley County sales tax rate decreases effective July 1, 2013, due to legislative action to reduce the statewide rate from 6.3% to 6.15%.

Riley County	7.15%
Manhattan City	8.40%
Manhattan Disc Ctr	8.90%
Manhattan Marketplace	8.90%
Manhattan Limey Pointe	8.90%
Manhattan South TDD	8.90%
Leonardville City	8.15%
Ogden City	8.15%
Randolph City	7.15%
Riley City	8.15%

King said the treasurer's offices can now accept insurance information via a cell phone.

King said motorcycle plates have been approved for K-State plates and all other educational

plates and will be available at a later date.

King said they have been asked to allow some state employees from the Department of Motor Vehicle to shadow their employees for a couple of days each week, so they can see what it is like to be on the "front line" with customers on the other side of the counter. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the 4th of July week, they will be having different people each week through the middle of August. The Treasurer's Office feels extremely honored the State has asked the Riley County Treasurer's Office to work with the State on this process. It tells them the State feels like the Treasurer's Office knows what they are doing and they are doing it correctly.

Eyestone said there will be an irrigation system class July 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the KSU Gardens.

Eyestone reported there will be a decorated rain barrel contest at the Riley County Fair.

10:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

10:10 Jeremy Merrill, Design Days 2013 Project Manager

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Merrill said Design Days is an annual event the Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional & Community Planning hosts, bringing together landscape architecture and planning students to apply creativity, design and problem solving to a project in our community. Design Days is an exciting two-day design event that tackles contemporary issues as well as introduces the collaborative culture of our programs to incoming students. In the past the students have worked on developing creative solutions for developing a more bike-friendly city, creating food producing landscapes on campus, and rethinking recycling at K-State.

Merrill said this year, during a two-day design charette, August 27-28, LARCP students will imagine a future Manhattan, Kansas where K-State is a top 50 U.S. research institution, NBAF is in operation, and the city has grown. Before the event, community residents will be invited to share their desires for the future of Manhattan via a wish ticket. Teams of students will develop plans and designs illustrating a future Manhattan shaped by these community wishes.

Merrill said wishes will be collected from July to early August. Community members may place their written wishes in boxes located at Manhattan businesses; during presentations to civic and business

organizations; or, electronically via Twitter, Facebook and our blog:

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Merrill said a public exhibit of student's work will be part of the 2013 Purple Power Play in the Park, the evenings of Wednesday, August 28 and Thursday August 29. Design Days 2013 is supported by the City of Manhattan, The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and Purple Power Play on Poyntz.

10:30 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Cox discussed special assessments for Lakeview, Cliffside, Stony Brook, Vista Acres, and Terra Heights Paving Benefit Districts and Lakeside Heights Sewer District.

10:50 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mary Carson, Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC; Eileen King, Treasurer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented a review of the Public Building Commission (PBC) formation process.

Carson stated the reason counties use PBC's more than cities is due to the debt limitation placed on counties.

The commission recommended the public have the opportunity to discuss formation of a public building commission at a public meeting.

11:14 Discuss county map in the new Visitors Center at the Kansas Statehouse

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

The Board discussed the Statehouse County Map Project.

11:17 Brenda Nickel, Riley County Health Department Director

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

Director/County Engineer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Nickel presented the Healthy Families Contract: Outreach, Prevention, and Early Intervention Services.

Boyd moved to sign a letter to KDHE and approve the Agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Division of Health Care Finance for the Outreach, Prevention and Early Intervention Services. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:32 Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wilkerson presented an Attorney's Office update.

Recessed.

1:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Shepek stated the goal is to have the budget approved and finalized by July 11, 2013. Shepek said this allows time to verify the budget figures and time to meet publication deadlines.

Shepek reviewed the 2014 budget development worksheet.

The Board agreed by consensus to budget \$70,000 for the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan (MUACP) update, \$500 for Veterans' Affairs, \$5,000 for Governor's Military Council, \$10,666 for Downtown Manhattan, Inc., \$55,000 for Chamber of Commerce, a \$250,000 transfer to economic development, \$60,000 for the Animal Shelter, and a \$1,350,000 transfer to CIP.

The Board discussed the addition of the IT/GIS Administrative Assistant with an estimated cost of \$51,158.64 at a Grade K.

Boyd suggested a Grade G Step 1 for the entry level IT/GIS position.

The Board tabled discussion to include input from Human Resource Manager, Cindy Volanti.

Hobson asked if the Board was going to discuss continuing to do asphalt construction or if Riley County was going to contract the asphalt construction.

The Board agreed to discuss the matter on Monday.

3:04 Boyd moved to adjourn.

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“Nonpartisan” Critic Says Soros’ Cash Hasn’t Caused Bias

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — A self-proclaimed nonpartisan Kansas organization has defended contributions it received from billionaire liberal donor George Soros, and said such donations haven’t given the group a partisan slant.

Dolores Furtado, a former Democratic state legislator and president of the League of Women Voters in Kansas, said financial contributions from a pair of nonprofits backed by Soros — the Open Society Institute and the Tides Foundation — haven’t colored the organization’s recent objections to changes in Kansas’ judicial nomination process.

The Kansas LOWV was among the groups to voice objection at Gov. Sam Brownback’s initial refusal to divulge the names of potential nominees, and the governor’s office recently denied an open records request for the information from LOWV. Releasing

the names of nominees was common practice for more than 30 years under the previous merit-based judicial appointment system, but it’s no longer required by state law according to the new federal-style process.

A Kansas Watchdog investigation revealed that in recent years the LOWV’s national nonprofit, the League of Women Voters Education Fund, has received upwards of \$735,000 from Soros-backed organizations. But Furtado said it’s more a sign of the times than of a partisan slant.

“I am perfectly aware of a lot of non-profits having to resort to applying for grants in order to finance and support their efforts in doing the work they want to do,” Furtado said. “And I’m not aware at all of it being a politically driven, and therefore politics having dominated the project. I’m not influenced by that.”

But if outside money from ultra-liberal organizations isn’t

causing a slant, the personal politics of state LOWV members could. Several of the state organization’s leaders are Democratic politicians or contributors.

An examination of campaign contributions by state LOWV leaders showed that Furtado and treasurer Lenore Rowe contributed a combined \$3,450 to state and national Democratic candidates in recent years. Also, national LOWV vice president Janis McMillen of Overland Park has contributed \$1,250 to national Democratic candidates and organizations. However, it’s worth noting that in 2008 state LOWV board member Jill Quigley donated \$250 to Republicans Lynn Jenkins and John McCain.

But Kansas isn’t the first to implement this method of judicial selection. Five other states — including blue states like California and Massachusetts — as well as the federal government appoint judges in a simi-

lar manner. However Furtado said she isn’t interested in expanding criticism beyond state borders.

“I’m not in a conversation with other states who do it or other states who may be contemplating it or not,” Furtado said. “This is applicable to me as a Kansan.”

Another organization to have its motives brought into question is Justice at Stake. Based in Washington, D.C., JAS also bills itself as nonpartisan, and says it exists to ensure a fair, impartial and independent judiciary. But while JAS was quick to criticize Brownback’s decision, they’ve lobbed few (if any) stones at the White House or other states for similar practices.

Since 2006, Soros’ OSI has given more than \$2.4 million to JAS.

JAS executive director Bert Brandenburg (who’s currently on sabbatical) has worked for Democratic Attorney General Janet Reno, the Progressive Policy Institute and the 1992 Clinton-Gore presidential cam-

paign. His second-in-command and current acting executive director, Liz Seaton, has ties to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the American Constitution Society, the Human Rights Campaign and

the board of the Transgender Law and Policy Institute. We also discovered that Seaton has previously donated \$1,700 to President Barack Obama.

Seaton did not return calls for comment from Kansas Watchdog.

Holder’s Justice Department’s Abuse Of

By Hans von Spakovsky
Heritage Foundation

Judicial Watch has released documents showing the latest abuse of power by the Department of Justice (DOJ): helping “organize and manage rallies and protests against George Zimmerman.”

Whatever one may think about the guilt or innocence of Zimmerman in his ongoing trial, we should all agree that the chief law enforcement agency of the federal government should not be involved in stage-managing public protests. Yet according to the documents obtained by Judicial Watch through a Freedom of Information Act request, the Community Relations Service at Eric Holder’s DOJ “deployed to Sanford, FL, to work marches, demonstrations, and rallies related to the shooting and death of an African-American teen.”

The Community Relations Service provided “support for

protest deployment” and “technical assistance” to event organizers for a march and rally on March 31. According to the Orlando Sentinel, Community Relations Service staff even helped organize a meeting between the city of Sanford and the local NAACP that resulted in the temporary resignation of police chief Bill Lee. One of the local pastors whose church was the focal point of protests aptly summarized the bias of Community Relations Service when she was quoted as saying that it was “there for us.” Apparently, it wasn’t “there” for Zimmerman.

If in fact the Community Relations Service was helping train and organize protesters against Zimmerman, not only was the DOJ potentially interfering in a local law enforcement investigation and prosecution, but the service was violating its own mandate. As its website explains, the Community Relations Service

is the “peacemaker” for communal conflicts. Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it is supposed to assist in “preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions, incidents, and civil disorders, and in restoring racial stability and harmony.” It is not supposed to be raising racial tensions by helping to organize protests.

The Community Relations Service says on its website that it “does not take sides among disputing parties” and provides “impartial conciliation and meditation services.” Apparently, it failed to avoid taking sides or provide “impartial” services in Sanford, Florida.

To some veterans of the DOJ, this is not surprising. Former Civil Rights Division lawyer Christian Adams has pointed out that at least one employee in that division has “a sign expressing racial solidarity with Trayvon Martin” on her office door.

In all likelihood, lawyers in the Civil Rights Division are already looking at whether they can still pursue Zimmerman with a civil rights violation even if a local jury finds him innocent of murder.

The bias shown by the Community Relations Service and its interference in local affairs should disqualify DOJ from pursuing such charges.

One thing certainly should happen: Congress needs to hold an oversight hearing regarding the Community Relations Service’s potentially unethical involvement in the Zimmerman case.

Spakovsky is a former counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

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Bread Machine Recipes

Apricot Bread

So good, you don't need anything on it

1# Loaf (8 slices)

Ingredients:
1/3 cup Water (75°-85°F)
1 4-oz. jar Apricot baby food, divided
1 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
1 tsp. Lemon juice
1 Tbsp. Nonfat dry milk
1 Tbsp. Brown sugar
1 tsp. Salt
1/4 tsp. Ground nutmeg
2 cups Bread flour
1 1/2 tsp. Active dry yeast
1/3 cup Dried apricots, diced

1 1/2 # Loaf (12 slices)

Ingredients:
1/2 cup Water (75°-85°F)
1 6-oz. jar Apricot baby food, divided
1 1/2 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
1 tsp. Lemon juice
1 1/2 Tbsp. Nonfat dry milk
2 Tbsp. Brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. Salt
1/2 tsp. Ground nutmeg

3 cups Bread flour
2 tsp. Active dry yeast
1/2 cup Dried apricots, diced

2# Loaf (16 slices)

Ingredients:
3/4 cup Water (75°-85°F)
2 4-oz. jars Apricot baby food, divided
2 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
1 tsp. Lemon juice
2 Tbsp. Nonfat dry milk
3 Tbsp. Brown sugar
2 tsp. Salt
3/4 tsp. Ground nutmeg
4 cups Bread flour
2 1/2 tsp. Active dry yeast
2/3 cup Dried apricots, diced

If glaze is desired, reserve 1 tsp. apricot baby food. Accurately measure all ingredients. For flour, first stir, then spoon into a dry measuring cup and level off.

Add ingredients to bread machine, except reserved baby food and apricots, in the order suggested in the instruction manual. Recommended cycle: BASIC/WHITE cycle, light crust color; or SWEET

BREAD cycle.

If your bread machine has a FRUIT/NUT signal, add the apricots at the audible signal or near the end of the first kneading stage.

It is all right to open the machine and touch the dough to check its consistency after about 5 minutes. The dough should form a soft ball around the kneading blade. If the dough is too dry, add 1/2 to 1 Tbsp. liquid at a time; if it is too wet, add 1 Tbsp. of flour at a time.

Glaze: If desired, mix 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, dash of nutmeg, 1 tsp. of reserved apricot baby food and 2-3 tsp. milk. Drizzle glaze over cooled loaf.

Nutritional Analysis: One 1-oz. serving, unglazed, provides 55 calories, 1 g protein, 9 g carbohydrates, 2 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber, 7 mg calcium, 91 mg potassium and 217 mg sodium.

How To Water Your Garden

By Rebecca McMahon, Extension Horticulture Agent, Sedgwick County.

The cost of water can be a major expense for a home vegetable garden, especially if you're using city or municipal water. There are several tips and tricks that you can follow to keep the cost of water to a minimum and use water efficiently in your garden.

By far the most efficient way to water in a home vegetable garden is by using a drip system. A drip system places water right where it needs to be, at the roots of the vegetables. And, you lose very little water to evaporation, even in the heat of summer because the water goes right into the soil.

It also allows you to water very slowly so that the water can soak in rather than running off. Unfortunately, a drip system is sometimes an investment that a gardener can't afford in their first year or two of gardening. It's a great investment to make over time.

But, if you can't water with a drip system and if you have to water by hand, then there are some other things that you can do to make sure that you use your water efficiently, that you're watering thoroughly and keeping your plants healthy.

Generally, the best time to water your vegetable garden is

in the early morning, before it gets too hot and hopefully less windy. That allows the water to soak into the soil with minimal evaporation. If you're watering appropriately, or with a drip system, you can water almost anytime of day. We do encourage you to be careful if you need to water in the evening to not get the foliage or leaves on your plants wet as that can cause disease.

If you're watering efficiently and being careful with your watering, you should not need to water your garden every day. The best thing you can do if you're not sure if you need to water is to take a trowel and dig down in your soil 3 - 6 inches deep and see if your soil has a good amount of moisture. You can't judge based on the top of your soil. You need to get down to see where the roots are and if that soil is moist. If the top 3-4 inches of soil is dry, then you'll definitely want to water and make sure you thoroughly water that garden. Then, depending on the weather, it should be 2 to 3 days to a week before you need to water again.

Some other ways to conserve water in a home garden are to use mulches. Mulches are great things for vegetable gardens because they help keep the soil cooler and they also keep the soil evenly moist. So,

you can use a straw mulch around some of your larger plants. You can also use a finished compost to topdress or mulch your plants to help keep that soil cooler and to help keep it evenly moist. It keeps some of the water in the soil rather than evaporating.

If you're hand watering your garden or if you're using a sprinkler system, you'll want to make sure that you're putting water on with enough volume so that it's saturating the soil and the soil will be moist. It can be easy when you're hand watering to just water so that the top inch of the soil is moist - but then the lower parts of the soil are still dry. So, when you're hand watering, you may need to go over your garden 2 or 3 times and let that water soak in in between each watering rather than just watering one time and putting the water on very quickly.

After you've hand watered, you may also want to check your soil moisture several inches deep to make sure you've put enough water on and then re-water if you still have dry spots in your soil.

With a vegetable garden, it depends on your soil to know when to stop watering. If you have a heavier soil, often water will pool on the surface as it tries to soak in. Once you're seeing water pooling, you'll need to stop and let the water soak into the soil before you judge if you need to continue watering.

King Crossword

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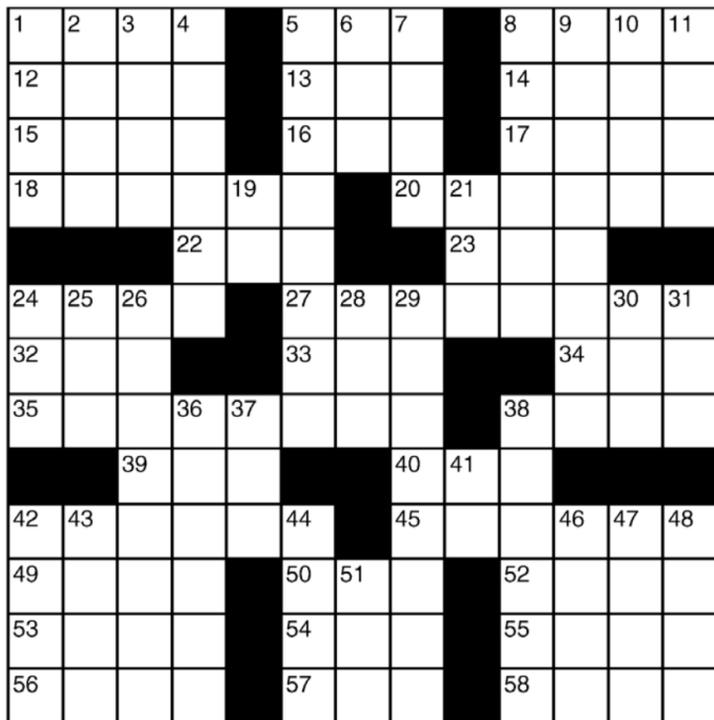
- 1 Beige
- 5 Owns
- 8 Excellent, in slang
- 12 "You've got -"
- 13 Individual
- 14 Wealth source
- 15 "- She Lovely"
- 16 Periodical, for short
- 17 Congregation's cry
- 18 Government in power
- 20 Stress
- 22 Wrestling surface
- 23 Towel designation
- 24 Vocal comeback
- 27 Snake-related
- 32 To and -
- 33 Personal question?
- 34 Ernesto Guevara
- 35 Middle-ear membrane
- 38 Old card game
- 39 Shade source

- 40 Ram's mate
- 42 Of Hebrew descent
- 45 Lighthouse light
- 49 Shaving cream additive
- 50 Tokyo's old name
- 52 Tardy
- 53 Catherine, Henry VIII's sixth wife
- 54 Moreover
- 55 Grand story
- 56 BPOE members
- 57 Deposit
- 58 Dilbert's workplace

- 10 Port of Yemen
- 11 Camper's shelter
- 19 Mother
- 21 Actor McBride
- 24 Salamander
- 25 Weep
- 26 Student's assignment
- 28 Dien Bien - (Vietnam city)
- 29 One disinclined to do the town
- 30 "Eureka!"
- 31 Trawler need
- 36 Needle-nose tool
- 37 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 38 nopened
- 41 You and I
- 42 Scoff
- 43 Israeli airline
- 44 Get better
- 46 Garb for Superman
- 47 Elevator name
- 48 Choker location
- 51 "CSI" evidence companion

DOWN

- 1 Eastern potentate
- 2 24 bottles
- 3 Peal
- 4 In the preceding month
- 5 Where you grew up
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Genesis name
- 8 Tranquil
- 9 Nostalgic, in a way



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Answers On Page 6

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Squirrel is missing. 2. Pocketbook is missing. 3. Socks are shorter. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Sign is missing.

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME BY AL SCADUTO

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...SO HOW MANY GRAND-CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?

SIX...OH-HERE... THIS IS LEMME SHOW YOU... THIS IS JIMMER... WHAT A SMART KID... GOT ALL AS ON HIS REPORT CARD... HEH-HEH... YESTERDAY HE SAID... ETC., ETC., ETC.

ANY MOM WILL TELL YOU... A CHANCE TO ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE IN BED... AND... OH, YEAH...

U-U-R-

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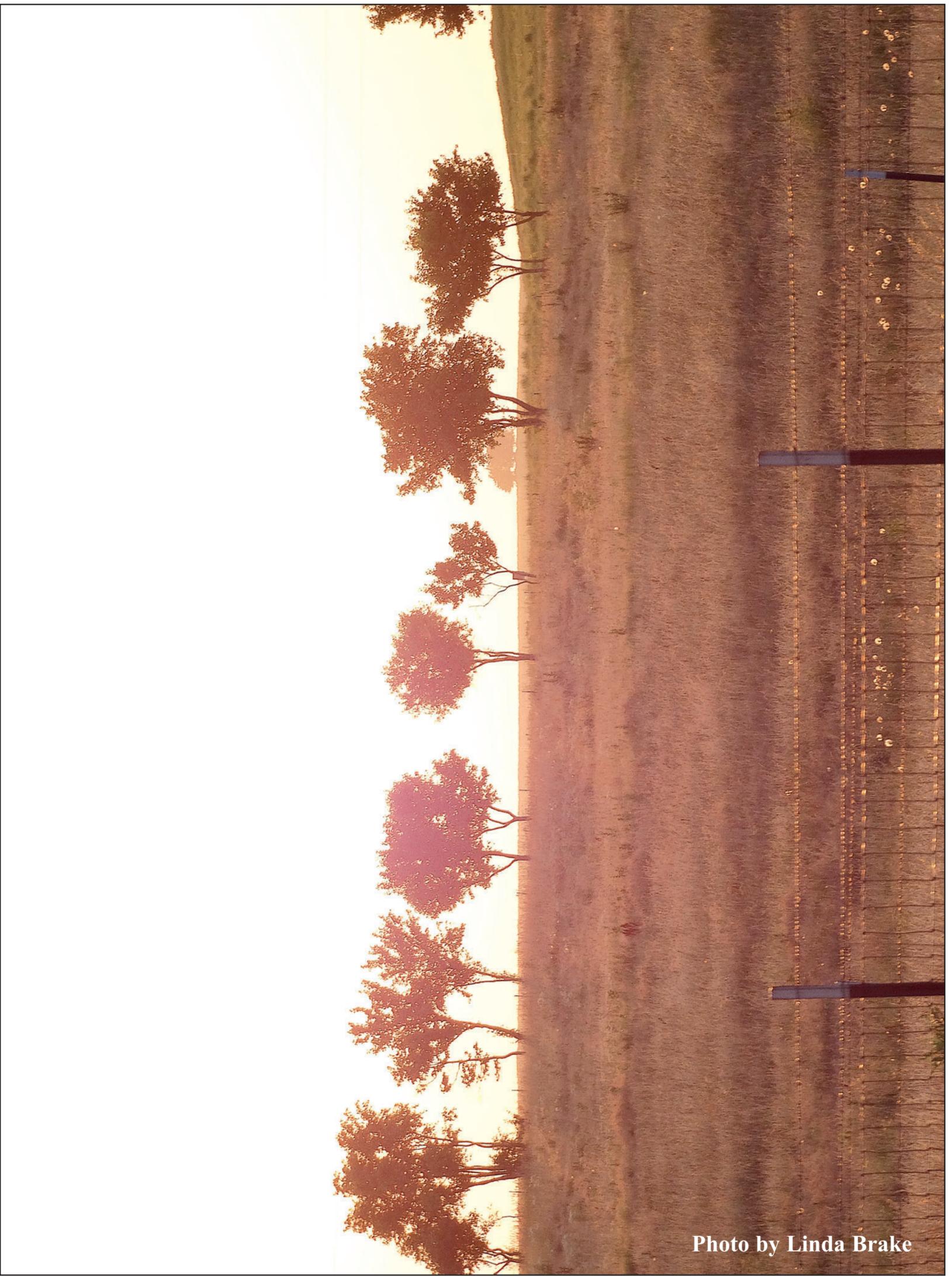


Photo by Linda Brake

This photo was taken on a drive north of Randolph just off US-77 on the Green-Randolph.

What was neat about this shot is that everything was green in color but as the sun was going down it put the hills and

trees in a reddish color.

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