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Fieldhouse Project:

What Private Group?

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

Let's see if we have this right. A Private Group called the Fieldhouse Project started having meetings to bring baseball, basketball and tennis tournaments to Manhattan.

What Private Group?

The Mercury Dec. 14, 2012
"A "grass-roots" committee has come together to explore the desire and need for a regional multi-purpose recreational facility. On Thursday, committee members began sending out emails via various local agencies— in Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie counties—to help them gauge public opinion and interest."

What "Grass Roots" Committee?

One Board Member (see chart are right) Curt Loupe was at the time the City of Manhattan Park and Recreation Director, paid by the City.

Another Cory Meyer is in the Riley County Computer or Tech Department being paid by Riley County.

At least 4 of the 12 member Board are on the payroll of Kansas State University. One Steve Fritz is an Assistant Track Coach.

And...How can a Manhattan Mercury reporter or Editor write a story about the Fieldhouse Project when Ned Seaton the President and CEO of the Mercury is on the Board of the Fieldhouse Project?

What Private Investment?

It Was To Be Privately Funded But... According to records given to the City Commission by the Fieldhouse Group the first "Survey" was funded by:

- Funding to date \$5,000
 - Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
 - \$2,500 City of Manhattan
 - \$2,500 Riley County
 - \$10,000 Manhattan CVB (matching, in-kind)
- (In other words the City of

Manhattan and Riley County paid \$5,000 of the Survey costs and not private citizens.)

The Survey....

According to the Fieldhouse Project the City Park and Recreation used their e-mail list to test to see if Manhattan needed new facilities?

The Mercury Jan 15, 2013

"The "Fieldhouse Project" committee — an ad-hoc group of parents and community leaders — collected approximately 2,300 surveys of people in the Manhattan, Wamego and Junction City communities last month."

"Of those, 55.6 percent said that a new indoor recreation facility was a "high priority" or a "very high priority" compared to other local issues."

Money To Build A \$54 Million Manhattan City Park and Rec. Facility.

At this same time the Riley County Commissioners Dave Lewis, Bob Boyd are Ron Wells started having talks at the Commission meetings about forming a Riley County Building Commission. The Commissioners told the Public that they wanted to run Riley County like a business and a Public Building Commission would allow them to build County buildings without going to a vote of the people. Oh!, and they would appoint themselves as the Public Building Commission Board.

When they starting drafting the Public Building Commission Bylaws Commissioners Dave Lewis, Bob Boyd are Ron Wells said that they would only use the Building Commission for Riley County buildings.

More City Money..

Members of the Fieldhouse Project needed a consultant to find out if a large Private Sports Park would work in Manhattan, Ks. But they needed money to hire a consultant. First they

Board members

<p>Tracy Anderson</p> <p>Chris Cole</p> <p>Chris Eichman</p> <p>Steve Fritz</p> <p>Bernie Haney</p> <p>Curt Loupe</p>	<p>Cory Meyer</p> <p>Chassy Nichols</p> <p>Chuck Scott</p> <p>Ned Seaton</p> <p>Gail Urban</p> <p>Lance White</p>
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FIELDHOUSE PROJECT

This is a page out of the Fieldhouse Project Report given to the City Commission. Don't take the Free Press' word for it, look each name up on the internet and see where they work. And then ask why was this called a "Grass-Roots" Committee.

received \$5,000 from Manhattan City Manager Ron Fehr and then they went to the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and received \$25,000 of City money for the report. When the City Commission found out about the Chamber giving \$25,000 of their money to finance a Private Group's feasibility study they called a Special Meeting to tell the Chamber they did not like that idea and maybe they should start making those decisions themselves. We do not know if City

Manager Ron Fehr heard from the Commission, we do know that he has the right to spend up to \$20,000 without Commission approval.

The City of Manhattan has a big problem, they have a very large debt, more that \$270 million. The State of Kansas has placed a limit on Cities in the State on how much debt they can carry and Manhattan is within \$50 million of reaching that limit. A Credit Rating Company has looked at the Cities debt and lowered their Bond

rating, it is that bad.

So, when the Riley County Commission completed their Bylaws they make it so a Riley County Building Commission could finance City and State project, again they said it would only be for County projects.

In our opinion...this was never a "Grass Roots" group wanting something for the City of Manhattan, this was the City of Manhattan wanting some they knew the voters would never approve.

New IRS Rule Could Cut Into Restaurant Workers' Tips

By Eric Boehm | Watchdog.org

MINNEAPOLIS — Even as President Obama and progressive activists are trying to sell the nation on hiking the national minimum wage to help restaurant workers and other low-wage employees, the Internal Revenue Service is seemingly determined to make life harder for those same workers.

A change in tax policy implemented Jan. 1 will prevent restaurant workers from collecting automatic gratuities — the added 18 percent fee many restaurants charge to groups of eight or more — as part of their tips. Instead, that added fee will be included in their payroll, meaning workers have to wait up to two weeks to get that extra cash and must pay additional taxes on it.

It means less money in servers' pockets and more for the federal government.

"We had a lot of nervous servers when they first heard about it," said Pat Forcica, marketing director for Hell's Kitchen, an independent restaurant in Minneapolis. "They would have had to go without that extra money in their pocket until it went through the payroll process and showed up in their checks two weeks later."

Forcica said his restaurant does quite a bit of banquet business for nearby businesses, and used to tack-on an automatic gratuity for those big groups.



He admitted to being confused by the rule change when it was first announced in June 2012, but after consulting with an attorney he was told there was an easy way around it.

Now, Hell's Kitchen is using a "suggested gratuity" of 18 percent on big groups, but the amount isn't added directly to the check.

Under the new IRS rules, that's enough for it to still be considered a tip. But it means the workers don't have the assurance of a good tip when taking care of a big group.

The whole thing has created a bit of a headache for restaurant management too.

Since restaurant workers in many

states are paid below minimum wage (with the assumption that tips will make up the difference between their wages and the mandatory minimum wage), this ruling changes those calculations.

For restaurant and hotel owners, it should raise a red flag, according to Travis Gemoets, an attorney who specializes in hospitality and entertainment law.

Under the old rules, employees are required to disclose their tips to their employer on a monthly basis, and the employer is responsible for deducting income and payroll taxes from that amount.

Now that some tips will be regard-

ed as part of an employee's pay, it eliminates the possibility of an employee shortchanging the government when he or she reports tips for the month.

"This ruling will not only effect tax withholding, but also require employers to make additional overtime payments to the employees, above and beyond the automatic tip charged to the customer," Gemoets said.

Including gratuities in an employee's paycheck means wages may be calculated incorrectly, leaving employers vulnerable to lawsuits from employees and audits from the U.S. Department of Labor, which is already targeting the restaurant industry for increased scrutiny, he said.

All this comes while progressive activists and Democratic politicians across the country are pushing for an increase to the minimum wage, and using low-paid restaurant workers as an example for why wages should be higher.

Obama called for a higher minimum wage in his 2013 State of the Union Address and repeated the call several times during the last year, most recently in a speech in early December.

The federal minimum wage for tipped workers is \$2.13 per hour, which was set in 1991, but many states have higher wage requirements. A bill in the U.S. Senate would raise the tipped minimum wage all the way to \$7.70 per hour.

But the new IRS rules could hurt those same low-wage workers.

Rich Jeffers, spokesman for Orlando-based Darden Restaurants, a conglomerate that includes Red Lobster, Olive Garden and Capital Grille, said their chains are doing away with automatic gratuities for parties of eight or more to avoid that extra paperwork and the confusion that comes with it under the new IRS rule.

Darden began experimenting last summer with alternatives to the automatic gratuity policy.

Beginning next week, all guests at Darden-owned restaurants will see precalculated "recommended tips" of 15 percent, 18 percent and 20 percent on all checks. Since the guest is left with a choice of tip amounts, it's not considered compulsory and therefore not subject to the new rules.

That means workers get to keep the full amount of their tips, like before.

"Those tips are important to our employees and we want to make sure they are able to have them," Jeffers said. "Like any other new regulation, we took a look at it and decided this was the best way to proceed."

In testing the new tip process at about 100 restaurants last year, Jeffers said the group found no significant change in the tip amount left by guests.

DICK EDWARDS
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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 December 26, 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; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Boyd moved to approve the FY14 additional allocation for Community Corrections (adult services). Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Government Obligation Contract with Kansas State Bank of Manhattan for leased equipment (one skid steer loader with two buckets). Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$272,967.06 and the following warrant vouchers for December 27, 2013:

2013 Budget	County General	\$300,279.08
Health Department		55,299.56
County Auction		165.48
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr		150.00
Riley Co Juvenile Service		6,396.86
Motor Vehicle Operations		6,779.44
21st Jud Dist Teen Court		1,227.25
Riley Co Adult Services		11,044.87
Capital Improvements Fund		1,864.00
Emergency 911		7,465.39
Solid Waste		154,233.22
County Building		13,604.84
Special Parks & Recreation		585.96
Road & Bridge Cap Project		4,441.54
RCPD Levy/Op		872,792.50
Landfill Closure		46.00
Riley Co Fire Dist #1		7,237.12
Riley Co Fire Dist CapOut		6,065.91
University Park W&S		

	844.77
Univ Park Capital Project	522.90
Hunters Island Water Dist	158.62
Carson Sewer Benefit Dist	55.51
Deep Creek Sewer	121.79
Moehlman Bottoms	113.71
Valleywood Operations	58.68
Terra Heights Sewer	224.79
Konza Water Operations	585.93
Lakeside Heights Sewer	48.67
TOTAL	\$1,452,411.39

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0. Boyd moved to approve the following warrant vouchers for December 31, 2013:

2013 Budget	County General	\$202,646.50
Health Department		53,772.61
Teen Court Collected Fund		157.95
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr		110.75
Riley Co Juvenile Service		626.45
21st Jud Dist Teen Court		70.25
Riley Co Adult Services		1,473.41
Emergency 911		4,375.84
Solid Waste		1,552.59
County Building		11,514.13
RCPD Levy/Op		64,396.36
Riley Co Fire Dist #1		9,172.73
Riley Co Fire Dist CapOut		47,969.31
Hunters Island Water Dist		1,002.48
Deep Creek Sewer		77.04
Moehlman Bottoms		429.63
Konza Water Operations		2,175.39
TOTAL		\$401,523.42

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0. Boyd moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.
Wilkerson presented the

County Attorney's Office 2013 accomplishments.

9:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Public hearing for the 2013 budget amendment

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Shepek presented the 2013 Riley County budget amendment as follows:

Certificate
To the Clerk of Riley County State of Kansas

We, the undersigned, duly elected, qualified, and acting officers of Riley County certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held; (2) after the Budget Hearing this Budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year.

Amended 2013 Budget	
Amount of Tax	
Table of Contents:	
No. Expenditures	to be Levied
Fund K.S.A.	County Auction Fund
255,985	0
Capital Improvements Fund	**** 3 3,867,823
0	RCPD Fund **** 4
4,086,255	3,592,649
Resourceful Kansas Fund	**** 5 512,062 0
Bond & Interest Fund	10-113 6 2,061,695
87,936	Road & Bridge Capital Project Fund **** 7
3,825,445	0
Register of Deeds Tech Fund	28-115a 8 149,897 0
County Building Fund	19-15,116 9
625,766	299,300
Economic Development Fund	**** 10
1,007,8110	
Riley County Fire District #1	19-3610 11
590,293	487,693
Totals	xxxxxxxxxx

16,392,739 3,979,885
Publication
Final Assessed Valuation

Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

Boyd moved to approve the 2013 Riley County budget amendment as follows:
Certificate

9:35 Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director

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

Nall presented an IT/GIS staff update.

9:50 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

9:50 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss an initial offer of purchase by Riley County, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:00 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:00 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 Federal legislation regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

The Board agreed by consensus to add their names and titles to the Federal legislation regarding the PILT legislation.

10:20 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman discussed the KDHE permit application for the Solid Waste Transfer Station for Midwest Medical Waste, Inc.

Holeman said he and Monty Wedel recommend that the Board approve the application as consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Boyd moved to approve the permit application to KDHE as presented for the Solid Waste Transfer Station with Midwest Medical Waste, Inc. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:35 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Cindy Volanti, Human

Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Richard Seaton; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; and Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman presented a resolution adopting a confidential security plan.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 122613-86, Resolution adopting a confidential building security plan." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:10 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Phyllis Marie Jack

Phyllis Marie Jack, age 89, a long-time Manhattan, Kansas resident died in Gainesville, Florida on December 14, 2013. She was born January 4, 1924, in Burlington, Iowa. Her parents were Fred and Anna Briggs Machholz.

She spent her early youth in Burlington and graduated from Burlington Junior College. Following graduation she worked as a weather observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau at the Burlington, Iowa airport. During World War II she enlisted in the U.S. Navy. She served in a number of naval assignments including Hunters College in the Bronx, NY and New Orleans, LA. She was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy as an Aerographer's Mate Third Class in 1945.

Following her service as a WAVE she worked in the Weather Bureau in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and for a second time at the Weather Bureau in Burlington.

She learned to fly under the G.I. bill and soloed at the Burlington airport.

She was married to Lowell E. Jack, October 10, 1948. He died in 2010. Surviving are Steven Allen Jack and his wife Randi Tveitaraas Jack of Lawrence, KS, and Diane Jack Concelmo and her husband Robert of Gainesville, Florida. Also surviving are grandchildren Rachel and Andrew Jack, and Daniel and Matthew Concelmo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six brothers: Donald, Melvin, Clare, James, Lloyd and Floyd.

When she lived in Perry, Iowa where her husband, Lowell, worked for the local radio station, she served as president of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

In Manhattan, Phyllis was active in the Lee School PTA and served as that organization's president. She also worked at the Manhattan Public Library for several years.

She was a long-time member of the Tuesday Afternoon Club

(TPM), one of the two oldest women's organizations in Manhattan. She also served that organization as president on more than one occasion. Her TPM highlight involved Kansas artist Elizabeth Layton. After she had corresponded with Mrs. Layton in connection with a paper she was preparing on Mrs. Layton's life, Phyllis received an original Grandma Layton drawing showing the flowers Phyllis had sent her as a thank-you. In the drawing Grandma Layton holds the flowers and her husband Glenn looks over her shoulder.

Cremation is planned with graveside services with military honors to be held at 2:30 PM Friday, January 10th, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley. Family and friends are invited to meet at 1:30 PM prior to the service at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, to share remembrances of Phyllis and then form a procession to the cemetery.

great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his brother, Virgil Thomas and one grandson, Shawn Springer.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2014 at the First Christian Church of Manhattan, 115 Courthouse Plaza. Burial will follow at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan. A visitation for Blaine will be held Thursday prior to his service beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Friends of Sunset Zoo and may be left in care of Stewart Funeral Home of Wamego, PO Box 48, 66547.

Blaine N. Thomas

Blaine N. Thomas, 90, a lifetime resident and active community member of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2014 at his home.

Blaine was born on August 18, 1923 in Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Ora and Alta (Shields) Thomas. He grew up and attended schools in Manhattan, graduating from Manhattan High School. After high school Blaine enlisted into the United States Air Force, where he served during World War II. In 1941, Blaine started a sign manufacturing company, Thomas Sign Advertising, which he owned and operated until his retirement. On June 25, 1948, in Manhattan, Blaine

was united in marriage to Armeda Scott. She survives of the home.

Blaine was a member of the Elks Club, the Kansas Sign Association, Friends of Sunset Zoo and AMICA. He also was a member of the First Christian Church of Manhattan. Blaine enjoyed collecting musical and other coin operated machines, both vintage and antique.

Blaine is also survived by his son: Bart Thomas and wife Cindy of Manhattan; a daughter: Shari Springer and Chris Teller of Manhattan; one brother: Norman C. Thomas of Wamego, KS; three grandchildren: Layton Thomas, Kelsey Devine and Amy Cooper; three

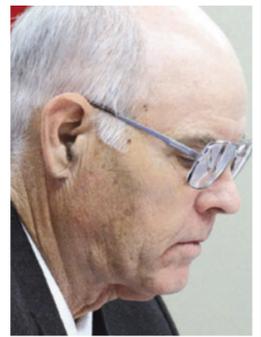
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785-313-0781



Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd
785-537-6357



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells
785-565-6213

Readers...

The Riley County Commissioners are marching to takeover the financing of all major projects in Manhattan and Riley County. The City of Manhattan is \$278 million in Debt. The State of Kansas has a law that limits the amount of Debt a City or County can have. Manhattan is within \$50 million of reaching the limit. \$50 million sounds like a lot of money but the City and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce have been working for the past year with a "Private" Group to takeover the City Parks and spend \$52 million. In doing so they would destroy about everything build in the last 20 years. That one project would put Manhattan above the State Debt Limit so they need help.

Any project financed by the Public Building Commission would not count against the Total City Debt. It gives them a way to go around the State Law. There will be no stopping the Cities ability to take City Debt to new heights.

There is an old joke.. "How can you tell if a politician is lying? Their lips are moving." Well the Riley County Commission's lips have been moving but we do not want to call them liars, they have just been telling Citizens one thing and doing another.

For months the Free Press has been asking Citizens to call the Commissioners about the Public Building Commission but the Commissioner have been responding by saying that any Public Building Commission will only be used for Riley County Projects. But look at the December 19th issue of the Manhattan Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com.

We print the new Bylaws and look at what the Commission is going to pass: "ARTICLE VII

Projects Excluded - The PBC shall not have authority to approve financing for any public building project of a unified school district, university or college."

They are not "Excluding" the City of Manhattan or the State of Kansas.

Jon A. Brake
Publisher Manhattan Free Press and the Blue Rapids Free Press

10 Programs To Eliminate In The January 2014 Spending Bill

By Romina Boccia
Heritage Foundation

After reaching an agreement to spend nearly \$45 billion more in 2014 than allowed under the sequestration spending caps, Congress still needs to pass the now over \$1 trillion discretionary spending bill into law. As congressional appropriators are adding the final touches to the omnibus bill expected the week of January 6, they would be wise to eliminate any and all of the following 10 programs:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program Savings: \$3.1 billion

The CDBG program duplicates other federal housing and economic development programs, and has deviated from its original purpose of providing housing assistance and economic development to low-income communities. Instead, the grants have been diverted to wasteful parochial projects, which include funding a pet-shampoo company and issuing risky business loans. Congress should eliminate the CDBG program and devolve the activities it funds to the states.

The Department of Education competitive grant programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Savings: \$2 billion

The bulk of spending authorized under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) comes via formula grant programs such as Title I (funding for low-income school districts). However, there are numerous niche competitive grant programs, which have multiplied as federal government intervention into education has grown over the decades. These programs—of which there are roughly 60—range from federal art education programs and “Ready-to-Learn Television” to “Smaller Learning Communities.” Most recently, the Race to the Top program gave preference for grant applications to those states that agreed to adopt national education standards and tests, an area regarded by

tradition and law as a state and local matter. Many competitive grant programs under NCLB are duplicative or ineffective, and should be terminated. Congress should eliminate the majority of these competitive grant programs.

Job Corps Savings: \$1.6 billion

Job Corps is a residential job-training program that seeks to serve disadvantaged youths ages 16 to 24, and has an abysmal record. Numerous studies have found Job Corps to be ineffective at substantially increasing participants’ wages and moving them into full-time employment. Even worse, as The Heritage Foundation’s David Muhlhausen testified before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources on July 17, 2013, Job Corps has been shown to have negative effects. Based on a multisite experimental evaluation, Job Corps participants were less likely to earn a high school diploma than non-participants in a control group. Participants in the program also worked fewer weeks and worked fewer hours per week than similar teens and tweens in the control group.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Food for Peace Title II grants Savings: \$1.5 billion

Food for Peace Title II grants make up the largest part of the federal food aid budget. The legal requirements binding the program make it inefficient and unnecessarily costly. Food must be purchased in the U.S. and then shipped across oceans in U.S.-flagged vessels, adding unnecessary logistical challenges to already-higher costs. In 2013, the Obama Administration proposed shifting the funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food for Peace program to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and reducing purchase and shipping restrictions. Congress should eliminate the purchase and shipping restrictions; Congress should also eliminate USDA funding for the program and require USAID to support the program

with existing development funding.

The Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Savings: \$800 million

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds bicycle paths, sidewalks and nature paths, community preservation and landscaping, despite the fact that such projects are purely local matters. Therefore they should be funded using local funds, by those who will benefit from the infrastructure. Federal funding for the TAP program comes from federal gas tax dollars deposited into the Highway Trust Fund—money that is intended for highway and bridge programs that benefit the motorists who pay the gas tax that funds the program. If the states and localities were responsible for managing and funding TAP activities, they would be free to spend money on projects that they value and, because they bear the full costs, would have an incentive to avoid funding low-value projects when higher-value priorities exist. Congress should eliminate this program and focus federal transportation dollars on national projects.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Technical Assistance program Savings: \$730 million

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) runs a costly technical-assistance program to help landowners maintain private land, enhance recreational opportunities for landowners, and improve the aesthetic character of private land. Private landowners are the best stewards of their land without government assistance, and can seek out private solutions if technical assistance is necessary. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize advice on how private landowners can best use their land or improve its visual appearance. The Ryan-Murray budget authorizes the NRCS to collect up to \$150 per conservation plan to cover some of the costs provided to recipients of the technical

assistance. If these user fees were employed to offset the taxpayer funding of technical assistance, rather than to increase discretionary spending in other areas, they would be a sound way to lessen the burden on taxpayers. Better yet, Congress should eliminate all funding for the program.

The Department of Transportation Essential Air Service (EAS) program Savings: \$200 million

Following airline deregulation in 1978, Congress started subsidizing commercial flights in rural communities through the supposedly temporary Essential Air Service (EAS) program. Over three decades later, federal taxpayers are still funding these subsidies through the program. It is not federal taxpayers’ responsibility to subsidize the flights of rural passengers who opt for air travel when cheaper or unsubsidized travel alternatives, such as ferries, are often available. Any subsidies for these flights should come from the local or state level, which are benefiting from the service—not from the federal government.

The Department of Energy’s Advanced Manufacturing Program Savings: \$120 million

The Department of Energy’s Advanced Manufacturing Program subsidizes activities leading to greater energy efficiency in American manufacturing processes with the goal of helping American manufacturers better compete globally. Manufacturers are well aware that energy represents a significant input cost, and face sufficient incentives to find ways to lower costs and gain a competitive advantage. American manufacturers will make energy-efficiency upgrades if they consider available technology promising, worth the risk, and the best use of their investment dollars. Congress should eliminate all funding for this corporate welfare program.

The Rural Business Program Account Savings: \$100 million

The Rural Business Program Account deals with business and industry-guaranteed loans and rural business enterprise grants. Private capital will find

its way to worthy rural investments. The federal government should not play venture capitalist with taxpayer money, including trying to serve allegedly underserved areas. Private actors will serve the area if it makes sound business sense. Congress should eliminate all funding for the Rural Business Program Account.

All State Department funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Savings: \$35 million

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) faces continued allegations that it has been complicit in China’s coercive one-child policy, which is often enforced through forced abortions and forced sterilizations.

Development assistance is in many cases better provided on a decentralized, private level with stakeholders demanding transparency and seeking the best ways to assist populations in need. Congress has previously denied funding for UNFPA, or stipulated that no funds shall be spent in China. Congress should eliminate all funding for UNFPA.

Total Savings: \$10.2 Billion. These savings represent merely a small subset of program elim-

inations and spending cuts that are necessary to cut the government down to size. First and foremost, Congress should not boost the budget from the current, extended FY 2013, appropriation level of \$988 billion to above \$1 trillion, and instead should reduce the budget to below the FY 2014 sequestration spending level of \$967 billion—as House appropriators accomplished in their spending bills. The House appropriations bill also moved in the right direction in four of the mentioned areas: (1) cutting funding for the USDA international food aid program, (2) prohibiting funding for Race to the Top and other competitive education grants, (3) cutting funding for community development block grants, (4) and prohibiting funding for UNFPA.

Yet more effective than reducing funds temporarily is to eliminate programs that are better suited for management at a state, local, or private level permanently. Doing so would save American taxpayers money in the long run and reduce the size and scope of the federal government—saving even more money, and reducing federal intervention in local government and market functions.



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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

T.S. Eliot wrote: "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

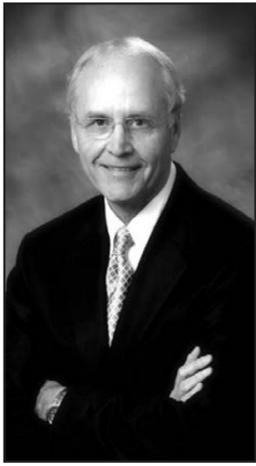
Who are we to take exception with such New Years mumbo jumbo? Instead, let's step back a moment and corral a couple local events that provide, as Eliot put it, the basis for where we start 2014 with "The Brownback Effect."

Our present governor has many warts, according to the local daily's editorial page anyway. You know Sam hates teachers, defunds education, protects fetuses of all things, would squelch free speech, and is trying to create an ultraconservative utopia state here in Kansas. He's a dastardly dude indeed.

But what has he done beyond "the hate" here in Riley County? We're calling this: The Brownback Effect.

Let's start with K-18. The very first highway project our new governor approved after taking office was completion of the K-18 corridor from Ogden to Manhattan at a cost of \$96 million. Now almost finished and sporting a Powercat logo no less for visitors to see as they enter town, the economic impact of this project is projected to be in the range of \$120 million.

Now, we're sure the fact that Sam and then Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller were both Kansas State University



Bob Strawn

graduates had nothing whatsoever to do with his first choice. But nonetheless its economic impact can hardly be questioned by liberal naysayers, when the \$140 million first phase of the overall K-18 project was part of the president's 2010 stimulus package, and statewide was credited by Democrats with creating over 3000 new jobs.

Then there's the Department of Agriculture. Democrat leader Anthony Hensley whined and admonished him when Brownback announced the department to Manhattan. Hensley's from Topeka. "We have had governors who have remained very loyal to keeping state offices in Topeka - this is a departure from that loyalty."

Never mind the loyalty malarkey, this decision makes perfect sense by placing the agriculture department adjacent to the state's land grant university, the NBAF, the university's research park and all the other agricultural entities located here. The reality is that it will become an economic development pillar for our community, state and the university itself. The decision is a wise and innovative move, particularly coming from government.

A new three story, 50,000 square foot facility is presently

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being built directly east of the NBAF construction site. The building will be owned by the Kansas State University Foundation and leased to the state. Almost 200 employees will work there beginning this

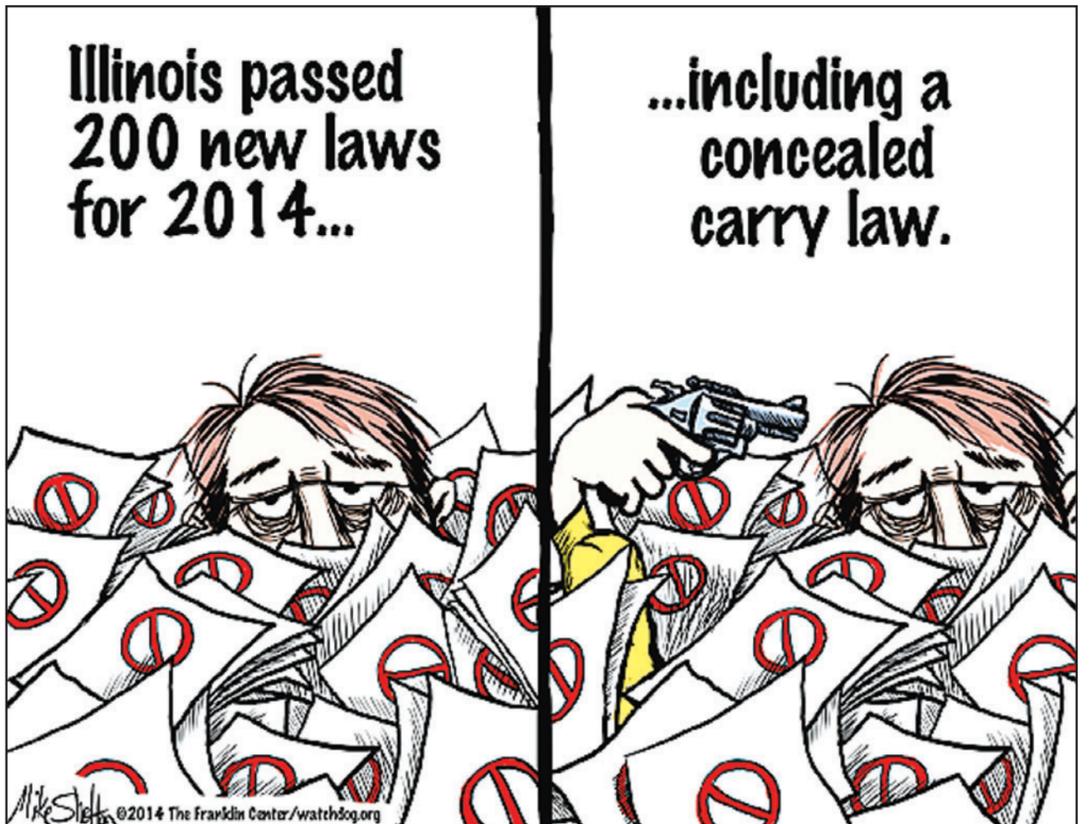
summer. Thereafter, the department will be an economic development driver for Manhattan, Riley County and K-State. So as liberals across the country demean Sam

Brownback as some sort of right wing nut job, locally we should all be a bit more circumspect in our assessments, particularly considering The Brownback Effect. His K-18 and the Department of

Agriculture decisions alone will benefit this region and its citizens for decades to come. We should recognize that fact and thank him.

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No. 6 Oklahoma State Falls To K-State, 74-71

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Oklahoma State forward Le'Bryan Nash may have given Kansas State the ultimate compliment when he stepped out of the locker room after a 74-71 loss to open Big 12 play on Saturday.

"They just outplayed us. They played hard every time. They don't care what the situation is, they just play. That's what we need to do," he said. "We played tentative and we need to play hard every game. That's what I'm going to do from now on. Play 100 percent and give 100 percent."

Nash scored 20 points, Markel Brown finished with 16 and Marcus Smart added 15 for the Cowboys (12-2, 0-1), who still had a chance to tie the game just before the final buzzer sounded.

Nino Williams made two free throws with 5.7 seconds left to give Kansas State a three-point lead, and Smart quickly raced up the court. The Cowboys' leading scorer got a decent look from the wing, but his running 3-point attempt clanked off the rim as the game ended.

"They executed on the offensive end, but we just didn't execute on our end," Smart said. "We ran plays and we called plays to give people shots and we missed it or couldn't capitalize."

Marcus Foster scored 17 points, Williams finished with 15 and Thomas Gipson had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats (11-3, 1-0), who have now won nine straight games after losing to the likes of Northern Colorado and Charlotte earlier in the season.

"Just a great win, a gutsy win by our guys," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "I'm not sure we were real pretty at times, they seemed to control the game, they'd get up five, we made a couple plays, we'd tie or take the lead, and then they'd go back up. ... We got stops when it counted."

The Cowboys were playing without two key players.

Michael Cobbins, their best big man, sustained a season-ending Achilles injury on Monday, and freshman guard Stevie Clark — their second-leading scorer off the bench — did not play after he was arrested on suspicion of marijuana possession on Wednesday.

"This was going to be an adjustment game," Cowboys coach Travis Ford said. "It's been a tough week. We lost a major part of our team. We have to adjust."

The Wildcats, who've made a habit of pummeling opponents during their win streak, tried to wear down the short-handed Cowboys in the first half. They pawed and pressed and got physical with Smart and Nash as much as possible, and both of them were clearly frustrated.

Both of them also picked up two fouls late in the first half.

Kansas State was unable to take advantage of the brief stretch in which both sat on the bench, though. Foster scored in the waning seconds of the half to put the Wildcats in front, but the Cowboys raced up court and Brown managed to curl in a layup at the buzzer for a 38-37 lead.

The senior dished a bit of attitude at the Kansas State student section as he left the floor.

Oklahoma State tried to extend the lead early in the second half, and Smart's dunk and foul with about 13 1/2 minutes left provided a cushion. But Smart decided to do a chin-up on the rim and slap the backboard after his slam, and he was hit with a technical — his fourth foul of the game.

While he took a seat, the Wildcats started to gather momentum.

Shane Southwell hit a 3 from in front of his own bench to knot the game 52-all with just over 9 minutes left, his first points of the game. A few minutes later, Nash picked up his fourth foul, and Cowboys coach Travis Ford put Smart back in the game.

The Wildcats went right at him, and Smart wisely backed down on a couple of occasions to avoid picking up his fifth



K-State's big man Thomas Gipson (42) fouls as he tries to block this shot. (Photos by Ben Brake)

foul. That allowed the Wildcats to surge ahead, taking a 65-60 lead when Foster slashed through the lane and curled in a layup with 3 1/2 minutes

remaining. That matched the biggest lead of the game, and the gritty Wildcats managed to hit just enough free throws — and make

just enough stops — to hold on at the end.

"We felt like that was one of the toughest games we've played so far," Gipson said.

"For us to be young and come out and get a huge win against the No. 6 team in the nation, that feels real good."



K-State's Marcus Foster (2) gets the ball off before the defender could get to him.



Thomas Gipson (42) takes the ball back to the rim after pulling down a missed shot.



Wesley Iwundu (25) elevates above the Oklahoma State defense to get the shot to roll in.

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