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Riley County Fair Starts July 24

The 2014 Riley County Fair will be a Party on the Prairie offering tons of fun close to home, July 24-28 at CiCo Park in Manhattan. There will be fun activities for each member of the family.

The annual fair parade, which marks the official start to the fair, will be Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 pm. This year's parade will return to the newly renovated Poyntz Ave. Following the parade on Thursday at 7:00 pm will be the kids pedal tractor pull at Hurlburt Arena in CiCo Park. This event is open to youth ages 4-12. Both events are free to the public.

Riley County Fair Bureau will once again sponsor the farm animal nursery exhibit where fair goers can learn more about animals and agriculture in the Wreath Barn. The entertainment tent, located at the south end of the fairgrounds will feature the 9th annual Riley County Idol contest. Amateur entertainers will compete for prize money and a trophy in four age divisions, beginning Saturday, July 26, and continuing with the final round on Sunday, July 27. Ottaway Amusements will provide carnival entertainment each evening of the fair. They will offer wristbands nightly for \$23 each.

The Kaw Valley Rodeo will provide entertainment for



Rick Young, the Agin' Cajun.

rodeo fans with nightly performances on July 24, 25 and 26. Thursday night's Kaw Valley Rodeo performance will honor the military with free and discounted tickets available to active duty military members. Kids also get in free to

Thursday's rodeo performance with the donation of canned goods to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Friday night will feature the Tough Enough to Wear Pink performance with a portion of the proceeds going to the Johnson Center for Basic

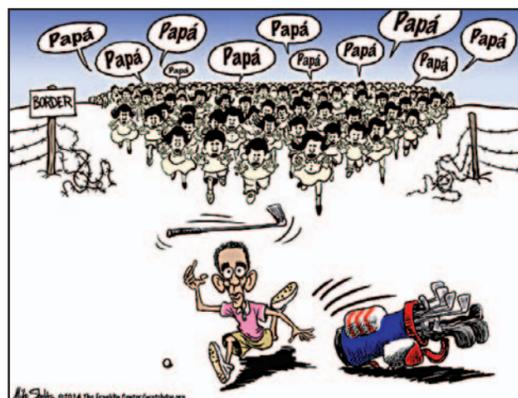
Cancer Research at Kansas State University. Saturday's performance will feature the finals of the competition.

The Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annual pork burger barbecue from 5-7 pm on Friday, July 25 on the Pottorf Hall patio. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased that evening. Open class arts and photography entries will also be accepted on Friday evening as well as entries in the Quilt Block contest.

Peach pie connoisseurs won't want to miss the peach pie contest on Sunday, July 27 at 1:00 pm in Pottorf Hall. After judging, entries will be cut and slices sold for \$1 a slice.

Be sure to stop by Pottorf Hall and the livestock barns to see the exhibits that 4-H members have been working hard all year to make. Livestock shows will take place each evening, July 25-27. The annual 4-H livestock auction will begin at 7:00 pm on July 28. Champion foods items will be auctioned prior to the livestock sale at 6:45 pm.

There's a lot to see and do at this year's Riley County Fair. For more information or a full listing of scheduled events please access www.rileycountyfair.com or call the Riley County Extension Office at 785-537-6350.



Crisis At The Border

By David Inserra and Romina Boccia
 Heritage Foundation

President Obama has just made public the details of his \$4.3 billion emergency request, including \$3.7 billion in additional emergency funding to deal with the immigration crisis on the southwest border. While the federal government does need to take action to better protect U.S. borders and enforce immigration laws, throwing money at the problem is not the solution, especially funding that exploits emergency spending provisions in the Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011.

Instead, lawmakers should use the existing and ongoing appropriations process to better prioritize funding. Critically, the Obama Administration should also stop its anti-enforcement policies that are encouraging the increase in illegal immigration, thus making it more difficult and costly to secure U.S. borders.

Exploiting the Emergency Loophole

Congress is currently debating how to allocate the nearly half-trillion dollars (\$492.4 billion) in non-defense discretionary spending that lawmakers authorized in the Ryan-Murray budget deal for fiscal year (FY) 2015. If Congress chose to support the Obama Administration's approach to dealing with the surge in unaccompanied minors, there is no reason why Congress could not do so within the current BCA cap. Congress has already lifted the cap by \$9.2 billion from its original FY 2015 level established by the BCA and could allocate some of the spending increase toward the Administration's border efforts. Indeed, Congress could easily use the appropriations process to better prioritize spending needs. President Obama is instead asking Congress to circumvent its already inflated spending cap by exploiting the "emergency" loophole.

The surge in illegal border crossings by unaccompanied minors does not meet all of the criteria necessary to qualify as emergency spending either. The BCA, in an effort to constrain the Administration and Congress from exploiting a safety valve designated for true emergencies to needlessly increase spending, established criteria to identify emergencies. The criteria specify that the situation must be:

Sudden—i.e., not building over time;

Unforeseen—i.e., not predicted or anticipated as an emergent need; and

Temporary—i.e., not expected to present a permanent problem.

In May 2012, Governor Rick Perry (R-TX) wrote to alert President Obama to the more than 90 percent increase in unaccompanied minors illegally crossing the border compared to the previous year. The number of unaccompanied-minor border crossings has increased drastically since

then, indicating that the current situation qualifies as neither unforeseen nor temporary.

Fixing Bad Policies

Ultimately, additional funding is not the solution to the U.S.'s immigration woes. Instead, the Obama Administration should rescind its anti-enforcement policies that are contributing to this crisis in the first place. Specifically, the Obama Administration is claiming executive authority to not enforce the immigration laws through "prosecutorial discretion."

The Obama Administration acted unilaterally to create the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which enabled unlawful immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children before June 2007 to not be subject to immigration enforcement and provided them with work authorization.

These and other administrative decisions to not enforce large sections of U.S. immigration laws create an enormous incentive for more illegal immigration. These policies lead would-be unlawful immigrants, especially children and their families, to believe that they might receive some form of administrative amnesty or at least not be deported if they manage to enter the U.S.

Request Falls Short

While some of the money requested by President Obama may be helpful for Congress to appropriate within the BCA cap, much of it is not: \$615 million for wildfire fighting is one prime example of spending that does not belong in this request focused on dealing with the situation at the southwest border. While funding for immigration judges, expanded Border Enforcement Security Task Force teams, and supporting efforts at the border may be helpful, it is important that Congress understand that these policies are not a silver bullet and are ineffective so long as internal enforcement is selective.

President Obama also requested \$295 million for the State Department's Economic Support Fund (ESF) for the "reintegration of migrants" into their home communities and to "address the root causes of migration" through economic development. Such funding is \$37 million greater than ESF funds appropriated in the past seven years to all of Central America. It also continues the Administration's disturbing trend of prioritizing economic development over security. Successful economic development will occur only when safety and security are ensured.

When President Obama first announced his request for funding, he also requested changes in the law to enable him to more expeditiously remove unlawful immigrants, a step in the right direction. He has now withdrawn that request. This is the wrong approach, since policy changes that better administer the U.S. immigration system are far more likely to be effective than the proposals in the current request.

Think Tank... Truth Is Twisted

By Travis Perry
 Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Words can be a tricky thing, with different meanings in different scenarios.

Take, for example, the word "deficit." Now, nearly anyone can tell you what it means in reference to, say, the federal government. And most who know the basics of the Kansas Constitution will tell you the state is forbidden from running a fiscal deficit.

But you wouldn't know that listening to the political chatter as of late.

Sunflower State Democrats have been hollering about a looming \$1.2 billion deficit for Kansas by 2019. The same figure has been repeated by the Kansas Values Institute and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Paul Davis.

But Dave Trabert, president of the conservative Kansas Policy Institute, argues such claims are misleading at best, and utter lies at worst.

"There really aren't deficits, I think you're probably aware of that, because constitutionally we can't go below zero," Rancey Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department director, told Kansas Watchdog.

Trabert outlined his case in a recent KPI blog post Thursday, and said the root of the issue is a fiscal breakdown prepared by KLDLR for Sen. Laura Kelly, D-Topeka.

The KLDLR profile being used by legislators to make

false claims about deficits was produced "at the request and direction of a legislator and does not follow standard KLDLR methodology." Gilliland attributes this profile to Kelly and contacted her

"...to ask for permission to release the profile we had done for her...she requested that you contact her to get the profile you are requesting." Kelly hasn't responded to that request.

Trabert said Kelly's assertion, outlined in the above table, is misleading because it doesn't account for annual fiscal adjustments necessary to maintain a zero balance. When a household budget gets tight, people ratchet-back their spending, and Trabert said the state does the same thing.

"It's certainly spreading falsehoods," Trabert told Kansas Watchdog. "I'd say it's done for political purposes. When you tell people that \$1.2 billion will have to be cut, or

taxes increased to that magnitude, it's my opinion that's done to try and scare people into saying 'we need to do something different.' It's simply not giving people the facts."

"Adjustments do need to be made ... but adjustments would have needed to be made regardless," he added.

Instead, Trabert points to a pair of possible solutions in the following tables. One option involves \$482.3 million in reductions from fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2019, while the second focuses on a single, large-base expenditure reduction of \$315 million in FY2016. Either way, he said, it's a far from \$1.2 billion.

Gilliland, however, takes issue with Trabert's multi-year reduction suggestion.

"We would never have totaled it that way," Gilliland told Kansas Watchdog.

While KLDLR agrees there can be no budget deficits,

Gilliland maintains the required expenditure reductions are not the \$482.3 million sum of the annual changes in the May 30 profile, but the larger amount of \$1.258 billion. To get there, he counts the annual reductions in Table 1 not just in the year made, but every year thereafter.

However, Trabert argues the solution is to simply make reductions to base costs, which wouldn't carry from year-to-year as Gilliland said. Pointing to the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System, Trabert said reducing overall pension costs would give the entire state budget a little more headroom moving forward. Other reductions would be in the same vein.

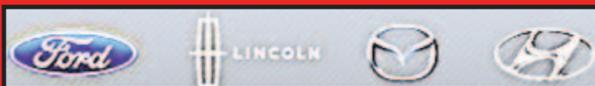
"It's not about cutting services, it's about providing those services at a better price," Trabert added.

"This is a controversial issue, and so I expect it will continue to be," added Gilliland.

Description	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	2016-19 Reduction
	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	
Beginning Balance	709.3	377.5	56.0	(211.2)	(474.3)	(775.6)	
Revenue	5,666.9	5,979.4	6,187.0	6,365.7	6,507.9	6,515.0	
Total Available Revenue	6,376.2	6,356.9	6,243.0	6,154.5	6,033.6	5,739.4	
Expenditures	5,998.7	6,300.9	6,454.2	6,628.8	6,809.2	6,997.3	
Zero Balance Reductions							0.0
Final expenditures	5,998.7	6,300.9	6,454.2	6,628.8	6,809.2	6,997.3	
Ending Balance	377.5	56.0	(211.2)	(474.3)	(775.6)	(1,257.9)	
Ending Balance %	6.3%	0.9%	-3.3%	-7.2%	-11.4%	-18.0%	

Formatting Notes: FY 2011-2013 not included; revenue and expenditures reflect the sum of all individual items in the original profile. FY 2016-19 Reductions sums the changes over the years; this column wasn't included on the original profile.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

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Readers:

All that the State Law requires is that Minutes show how Commissioners voted on items but what Riley County is calling minutes is a copy of the Agenda and then a line telling if there was a vote. The Free Press has removed were each Commissioner voted because of space. These Minutes do not give the information you need. But they give only what the Commissioners want you to see. - Jon Brake, Editor

8:30 AM Call to Order

Attendee
Robert Boyd County Commissioner
Ronald Wells County Commissioner
Dave Lewis County Commissioner
Rich Vargo County Clerk

Clancy Holeman Counselor /Director of Administrative Services Present 8:30 AM
Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Commission Comments

Business Meeting

2. Sign Real Estate Sales Data Search Agreement
Move to approve Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement for Michael Hinkson.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

3. Sunflower Trails Grant RFP

Lund stated the grant project could run into 2015.

Move to approve the submission of the Sunflower Trails Grant RFP application on Wednesday, July 9th, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

4. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

□ Elias Leon, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ George Lockhart, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Sandi Kearns, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Shirley Bartlett, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Myron Ammeter, a rehire, as a Temporary Election

Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Sally Ammeter, rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Jane Palenske-Feldhausen, rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Mike Kearns, rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Larry Noble, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Connie Noble, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Nancy Parker, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

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□ Jim Bartlett, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

□ Patricia Wadick, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

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□ Elke Weese, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.61 per hour.

Review Minutes

5. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jul 3, 2014 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPT-ED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

Review Tentative Agenda

6. Tentative Agenda Press Conference Topics

7. Discuss Press Conference

July 21, 2014 Press Conference -Jennifer Wilson-Riley County Fair
Greg McClure-Crop report

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

8. Administrative Work Session
Holeman discussed the change from COTA to BOTA and how the time lines will impact the taxpayers and potentially District Courts cases.

9:20 AM Break

9:30 AM Press Conference

9. Harvest/Crop report - Greg McClure (2-3 minutes)

McClure said most of wheat harvest is completed. McClure said yields have been 40-50 bushel per acre.

McClure said the corn crop is doing well.

10. Election - Rich Vargo (3 minutes)

Vargo reported on voter registration and advanced voting: Monday, June 30, Last Day to Change Party Affiliation.

Tuesday, July 15, Last Day to Register to Vote

Wednesday, July 16, Primary Election Advance Voting Begins:

Riley County Office Building, 2nd Floor Weekdays: July 16 through August 1, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: August 2, 8:00 am to Noon

Last Day: Monday, August 4, 8 am to Noon

11. Household Hazardous Waste pickup at Howies - Bob Boyd (2 minutes)

Household hazardous Waste pickup will be Saturday, July 12th at Howies Recycling and Trash Service.

Courthouse Security Project

12. Move to approve the activation of the Courthouse Security project budgeted at \$200,000 out of the CIP fund.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

10:00 AM Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of Riley County Commissioners and convene as the Riley County Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

13. FFY2015 WIC Local Agency Budget & FFY2015 Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Budget

Move that the Board of County Commission authorize the Board Chairman, Robert Boyd, to sign the FFY 2015 WIC Local Agency Budget and the FFY 2015 Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Budget and request the Health Department Director to submit to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

Move to recess as the Riley County Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of Riley County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

10:15 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

10:15 AM Move that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:15 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:15 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:15 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:15 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

No binding action was taken

during the executive session.

14. Move that the County Commission approve the disciplinary action reviewed today in executive session and the County Counselor shall advise the parties in writing.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:15 AM Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

11:17 AM Move that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a job applicant's interview for a county position and to protect the privacy of the applicant, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:30 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

15. Move that the County Commissioners direct staff to make a conditional offer of employment as discussed during executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

11:45 AM Lunch

1:15 AM Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

16. 2015 Budget Work Session July 7, 2014

Shepek presented the revised 2015 budget worksheets.

Shepek stated the Community Corrections and Three Rivers appropriation request are not included in the proposed 2015 budget development worksheets.

The Board agreed by consensus for Shepek to finalize the proposed 2015 budget as developed during today's budget work session at an approximate .432 mil levy increase.

Lewis stated he would like a future discussion on a possible consistent CPI-U in coordination with RCPD's if Riley County is going to continue following their COLA annually.

2:14 PM Adjournment

17. Move to adjourn

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

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State police now fingerprinting every Texan

By Jon Cassidy
Watchdog.org

HOUSTON – The Texas Department of Public Safety has quietly embarked on a project to take the fingerprints of every Texan old enough to drive over the next 12 years, and add them to a statewide criminal history database.

Not only has the department made that momentous decision on its own, it doesn't even have clear legal authority to do so.

The credit for breaking the news on those two items goes to consumer affairs columnist

Dave Lieber of the Dallas Morning News, whose long-running "Watchdog" column often shows up in my Google Alerts, for obvious reasons.

As an old-school columnist, Lieber tends to keep his opinions subdued, and he doesn't generally call people dishonest. But I have no problem with doing that, so I'd like to point out that the DPS spokesman he quotes at length is less than straightforward about his department's legal authority.

Last month, Lieber broke the news that DPS had started col-

lecting full sets of fingerprints on everyone who went in to renew their license.

Friday, he followed up with a story on DPS' dubious legal authority to do so, and then posted lengthy quotations on the issue to his blog.

Lieber quotes an entire email from DPS spokesman Tom Vinger, who quotes Transportation Code Sec. 521.059 at length, including the key phrase, "The department shall establish an image verification system based on the following identi-

fiers collected by the department: ...an applicant's thumbprints or fingerprints."

So clearly, the law contemplates the collection of fingerprints under some circumstance, but the passage quoted by Vinger doesn't mention anything else about it.

You could look up that section of law online, but the sections immediately surrounding it in the Texas Transportation Code don't clarify the matter.

To get the full context, you'd have to go back to the original bill that was signed into law,

and then look up the relevant section of law, which states that an application for a drivers' license "must include: 1) the thumbprints of the applicant or, if thumbprints cannot be taken, the index fingerprints of the applicant."

So that's why the law mentions fingerprints – it's index fingerprints, not a full set of 10 fingerprints. While the law mentions that those records can be used by law enforcement agencies investigating a crime, it doesn't say anything about making them generally available in a criminal database.

According to Lieber, a political science professor at Texas Christian University named Donald W. Jackson, who has a new organization called the North Texas Civil Rights Project, is offering legal support if anybody wants to challenge this new policy in court.

Lieber says the solution is for the Legislature to pass a clear law on the matter. I'd add that it throws into question the wisdom of having a law enforcement agency oversee licensing at all. The investigative function will always trump privacy rights.

Manhattan School District, Teacher Agree

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 and Manhattan-Ogden NEA reached a tentative agreement Thursday, July 10th. The teams have been meeting for five months to discuss the contract for the 2014-2015 school year.

Highlights of the new contract include:

2.0% compensation package increase

Increase of \$450.00 on the base salary (starting salary for a teacher will be \$36,100)

Continued coverage of the

health insurance premium

An increase of 1.0% supplemental contract compensation for coaches and sponsors

Developed compensation system for virtual teachers for Manhattan Virtual Academy

Revised teacher evaluation system to include student growth measures

Agreed on a due process procedure for teachers

"The Association and Board negotiating teams shared many of the same concerns and this

assisted the teams in working through several difficult issues and arriving at a tentative agreement that will be good for the district, the students, and the teachers," said Dr. Robert Seymour, Associate Superintendent. "The inclusion of Manhattan Virtual Academy teacher compensation language in the negotiated agreement provides for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 to operate its own virtual school without contracting with another provider. The

revision in teacher evaluation procedures to include student growth measures will improve our teacher evaluation system and student learning across the district."

"The teachers' negotiation team is pleased with the collaborative process that took place during this year's bargaining sessions," Chris Field, lead negotiator for the teachers, said. "We believe that we have reached an agreement that will ultimately benefit students,

teachers, administration, and the community as a whole. The mutual respect and positive climate was evident during this entire process. Specifically, the restoration of limited due-process language at the local level will set our district apart and help in recruiting and retaining high quality teachers.

This agreement helps set the stage for what we know will be a fantastic 2014-2015 school year."

The Board of Education will vote on ratification of the tentative agreement following a ratification vote by teachers currently scheduled for August 7th.

Record Cache Tells Story

WINFIELD, Kan. (AP) – A treasure trove of Winfield history was recently discovered in the dilapidated two-story building at 1307 Main, just north of the Dawson Monument Company.

Realtors Jeff Albright and Jeff Everhart found a trunk upstairs full of records and memorabilia from the former black Masonic lodge here. They also found the lodge's gavel.

The Albright Investment Company had bought the building at a sheriff's sale. "We were just cleaning out the building," Jeff Albright told the Winfield Daily Courier

(http://bit.ly/1mnKIBJ). Meetings of the lodge were held on the second floor. Frazier's Grocery store was on the ground floor, according to Pat Crawford, a member of the related Eastern Star chapter.

The trunk included ledgers, minutes, documents and photographs from the Walnut Valley Lodge No. 55, Ancient and Free Accepted Masons. On Monday, those records were turned over to the Cowley County Historical Museum.

Museum board member and local historian Jerry Wallace coordinated the transfer of the records and organized the presentation. He called the records "most important" to Winfield history, of which he is an avid student. The documents indicate "the success and high standing of the Winfield lodge," Wallace said.

The first recorded meeting of the lodge took place on April 21, 1898. Early trustees were D.E. Douglas, J.E. Monroe and Granderson Brandy. There were 27 charter members, each required to pay dues of 35 cents (\$9.65 today) at each weekly meeting. Later the lodge met bi-monthly or monthly, according to a brief history presented by Wallace.

Meetings usually consisted of rituals and instruction in Masonry, educational lectures and refreshments, with occasional entertainment, perhaps provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

In its heyday, the Winfield lodge hosted a gathering of individual chapters of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas, the organization of black Masonic lodges in the state. The event took place Aug. 20-21, 1917. An estimated 200 Masons attended from around the state.

Winfield's mayor hosted the attendees at city hall, and an evening meeting took place at the Second Baptist Church, according to an article published in the Winfield Daily Courier. Charles Porter of Atchison presided as grand commander over this annual Grand Lodge gathering.

Bill Brooks, the last superintendent of Winfield State Hospital & Training Center, is believed to be the lone surviving member of the Winfield lodge. He joined it in the 1970s, he recalled, when only a few members remained active.

Among those members were Bill Davis, Welcome Nichols, Alvin Smith and Bill Willingham, Brooks recalled. "I think they were all 50-year members." Davis also headed the Winfield American Legion post. As the years passed, the Winfield lodge, along with those in Arkansas City and El Dorado, held more of their meetings and events in Wichita, where the black lodge remained stronger.

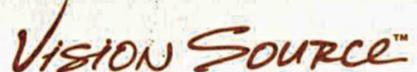
Belonging to the lodge was demanding and expensive, Brooks said. There were dues, dress clothes to buy and trips to take. If one went on to become a Shriner, as he did, there was a fez and other regalia to buy.

But the trips could be exciting. Brooks and his wife, Sue Jean, traveled to New York City for a Shrine convention, and Sue Jean still fondly remembers bumping into famous black singer Marvin Gaye in a hotel elevator near Rockefeller Center and taking his picture.

The Walnut Valley lodge, called "the Blue Lodge," had, from an early time, a partner in Manilla Chapter 22 of the Order of Eastern Star. That group of women had its own rituals and hierarchy. In order to belong, one had to be a spouse or a sibling of a Mason, according to Sue Jean Brooks.

A high-ranking male Mason could be a member of the Eastern Star. Wallace believes

the word "Manilla" probably related to the U.S. war in the Philippines that took place about the time the chapter was organized.



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FDA's Artificial Trans Fat "Ban", A Dangerous Step

By Daren Bakst
Heritage Foundation

In November 2013, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published its tentative determination to revoke the Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status for partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), which are the primary dietary source of artificial trans fat. As explained in a recent FDA update, "If FDA determines that PHOs are not GRAS, it could, in effect, mean the end of artificial, industrially-produced trans fat in foods."

The FDA would be taking the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act of 1938 into novel areas that are unrelated to the food safety issues that the law is designed to regulate. It would do so by regulating nutrition and diet through limiting food choices. Thus, the agency is trying to conflate nutritional and dietary well-being with "safety." This action is extreme and unwarranted.

A Solution in Search of a Problem

In 2003, the average intake of trans fat from products containing PHOs was 4.6 grams per day per person, or 2 percent of energy based on a 2,000-calorie diet. This number plummeted to only 1 gram per day, or 0.5 percent of energy, in 2012, a massive 78 percent reduction. Further, there is no evidence of this decline stopping, with a still very strong 23 percent reduction from 2010 to 2012.

The American Heart Association recommends consuming less than 2 grams of trans fat a day (1 percent of a 2,000-calorie diet), which includes both artificial and natural trans fat consumption.

Current artificial trans fat consumption is already about half of that number. Even if natural trans fat consumption—which the FDA estimated to be about 1.2 grams in 2003—is added to the total, trans fat consumption would still be around the total recommended limit.

Even so, it is inappropriate to consider both natural and artificial trans fat together, because there is currently insufficient

evidence that natural trans fat is associated with coronary heart disease. There is some research showing potential health problems with natural trans fat, but there is a significant amount of research that shows no association or even an inverse association.

Research Does Not Demonstrate Harm at the Current Low Intake Levels

The FDA claims that trans fat consumption is harmful at any level, that any incremental increase in trans fat consumption increases low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C, i.e. "bad cholesterol") concentrations, which is one of the major risk factors for coronary heart disease.

Current average consumption of artificial trans fat (0.5 percent of energy) and total trans fat (approximately 1 percent of energy) is much lower than at the levels where harm has been identified in the research. In its comment to the FDA, the Grocery Manufacturers Association argued:

[T]he evidence does not support a conclusion that any increase in percent energy intake from trans fat (above zero) leads to a significant increase in LDL cholesterol. Observational and intervention data summarized here suggest that trans intake below 2% total energy does not appear to result in a significant impact on total and LDL cholesterol, the validated surrogate biomarkers for cardiovascular disease.[10]

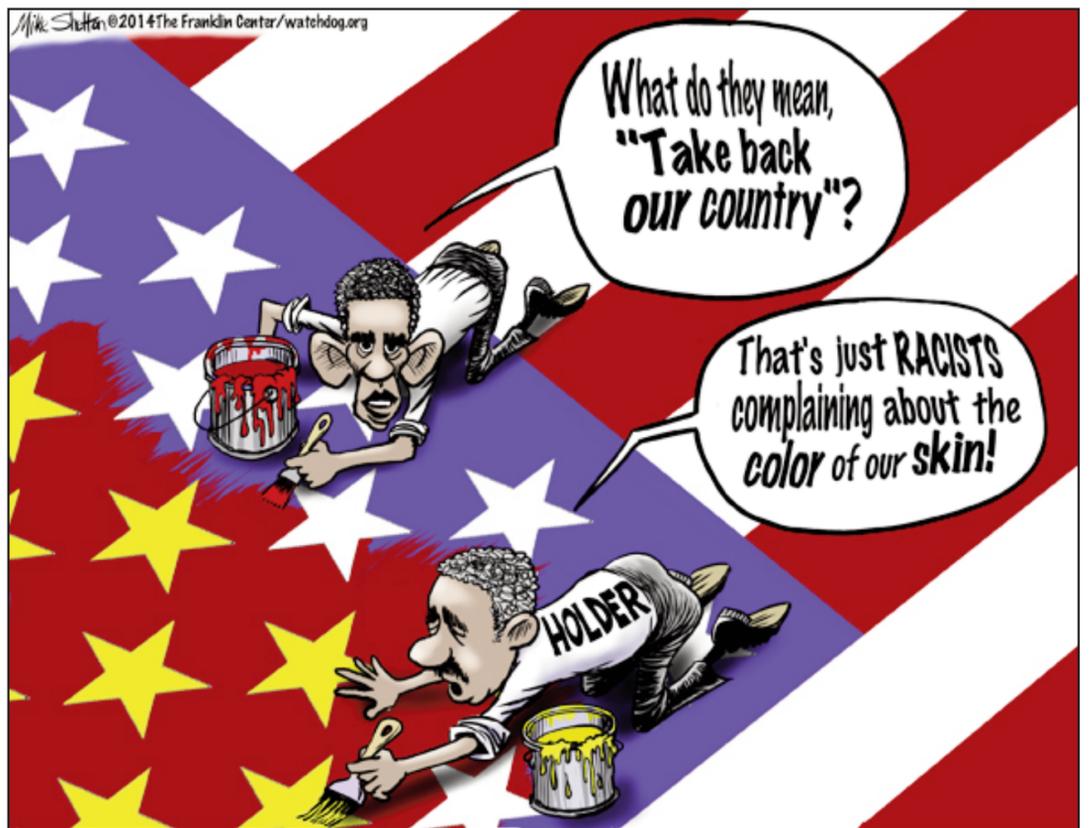
Research Does Not Recommend Zero Consumption of Artificial Trans Fat

The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 2005 Dietary Reference Intake report[and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010 both recommend that trans fat consumption should be as low as possible. Neither recommends that individuals should seek to consume zero trans fat, artificial or natural. Yet the FDA is trying to eliminate the consumption of artificial trans fat.

The IOM report, which the FDA heavily relies on, goes even further to indicate that a zero trans fat diet would have undesirable outcomes:

Because trans fatty acids are unavoidable in ordinary, non-vegan diets, consuming 0 percent of energy would require significant changes in patterns of dietary intake. As with saturated fatty acids, such adjustments may introduce undesirable effects (e.g., elimination of commercially prepared foods, dairy products, and meats that contain trans fatty acids may result in inadequate intakes of protein and certain micronutrients) and unknown and

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unquantifiable health risks.

The IOM is referring to problems caused by eliminating both artificial trans fat (when mentioning commercially prepared foods) and natural trans fat (when mentioning dairy products and meats). Yet, in the tentative determination, the FDA describes the IOM

quote cited above as indicating only that eliminating natural trans fat would be problematic, not artificial trans fat.

Unintended Consequences

It remains unclear which ingredients would replace artificial trans fat if they were eliminated. By not addressing

the likely impact on food reformulation and individual diets, the FDA could very well be creating more health problems that it would allegedly be solving.

Consumers could choose different foods to eat as a result of reformulation making the prod-

ucts less palatable—trans fat improves taste, texture, and increases shelf life, among other benefits that the FDA ignores. The replacement products consumed by individuals could lead to an overall diet that is worse than their current diet.



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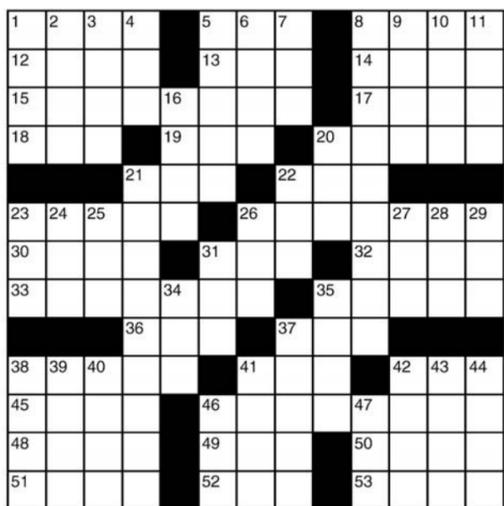
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that from September 2007 to May 2013 she embezzled from Exchange State Bank. She worked at the bank's branch in St. Paul, Kansas.

The office of U.S. Attorney for Kansas said in a release Monday that Sherrie Landell of Erie, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement by a bank employee and admitted

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Ahearn Fund Gifts Reach New Record Levels

MANHATTAN, Kan. — K-State fans, alumni and friends stepped up again in support of Wildcat student-athletes by setting a new record for total gifts to the department for the fifth straight year as well as catapulting Ahearn Fund membership to unprecedented numbers, Senior Associate Athletics Director Chad Weiberg announced today.

Thanks to grass-roots support of Ahearn Fund members world-wide, a record \$46.4 million was contributed to K-State Athletics in 2013-14, reflecting a jump of 21 percent from the previous year's total of \$36.8 million, while the number of K-Staters participating surpassed the 10,000 mark for the first time in department history to an all-time high of 10,156 members. In just five years, outright contributions to the department have totaled \$143 million, while the \$46.4 million amount this year is nearly quadruple the amount raised in 2009 (\$12.7 million).

"K-Staters from across the country continue to demonstrate their tremendous loyalty and amazing generosity in sup-



port of our student-athletes and coaches," Weiberg, the 2014 NAADD National Fundraiser of the Year, said. "I believe there is a true understanding among K-Staters that every Ahearn Fund member and every contribution, regardless of the amount, is very important to the continued success of K-State Athletics. All of the coaches, student-athletes and staff are extremely grateful for each and every member for their support."

Gifts to the Ahearn Fund, which start at \$50, are designated for scholarships, sports medicine, academic support, modernization of facilities and

other services that directly benefit K-State student-athletes while also funding K-State's margin of excellence through enhancements such as recruiting budgets and coaches salaries. The Ahearn Fund now boasts members from 49 states.

Over the past five years, K-State Athletics donors have stepped up with 21 private gifts in excess of \$1 million, including the largest individual donation in university history this past year, enabling the department to complete the new \$18 million Basketball Training Facility, Interscholastic Rowing Center, Mike Goss Tennis Stadium and build momentum towards the department's com-

prehensive facility improvement benefiting all 450 Wildcat student-athletes. On August 30, 2013, doors to the West Stadium Center at Bill Snyder Stadium, a transformational project and a facility that is an essential step in advancing K-State's competitive future, were officially opened, while plans were unveiled this spring for Phase III of the Bill Snyder Family Stadium Master Plan — the Vanier Football Complex and North Stadium Project.

"We are grateful for the continued participation of all Ahearn Fund members," Athletics Director John Currie said. "The grass-roots support through the Ahearn Fund and ticket purchases by our fans continue to be our largest source of revenue and remain critical in providing our student-athletes with a world-class experience."

For more information on the Ahearn Fund visit www.kstatesports.com or www.AhearnFund.com. For a personal visit with a member of the Ahearn Fund staff, please call (888) 232-9074.

K-State had another banner year both on the playing field and in the classroom. The 2013-14 season saw hall of fame head coach Bill Snyder's football squad record one of the best in-season turnarounds in college football history en route to a Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl win over Michigan. After starting 2-4 on the season, the Wildcats closed the year with a 6-1 mark to become just the eighth program in NCAA history out of 630 teams to start a season 2-4 and finish with eight wins.

Bruce Weber's men's basketball squad reached 20 wins for the eighth straight season and recorded its fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Other highlights included nine Big 12 track and field individual championships en route to Top 20 national finishes by both programs, a Big 12 runner-up finish for the rowing squad capping its greatest season in program history and the end of a career for arguably the best women's tennis player in school history as Petra Niedermyerova advanced to her fourth straight NCAA

Championships in singles play, became the school's all-time wins leader in both singles and doubles while also being named a First Team Academic All-American and the Big 12 Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Academically, the Wildcats saw 78 student-athletes graduate in the 2013-14 academic year, while a total of eight student-athletes were Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award winners, which were the second most among all Big 12 schools.

K-State also placed 517 student-athletes on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Rolls, including 260 honorees on the Fall 2013 listing which were the most since 2008. K-State also saw 101 student-athletes earn Academic All-Big 12 recognition this year, while all Wildcat programs are also well above the recently increased NCAA .930 APR standard including five teams that lead the Big 12 with their multi-year rate (football, men's and women's golf and men's and women's cross country).

Lockett Earns Spot on Biletnikoff Award Watch

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State senior wide receiver Tyler Lockett was one of 55 players nationally to be named to the Biletnikoff Award watch list, presented to the nation's outstanding college receiver, the Tallahassee Quarterback Club announced Tuesday.

Lockett is a candidate for the award for a second-straight season as he was a midseason addition to the watch list a year ago. He joins a list of five former K-State greats who have been a candidate for the award, which include his father, Kevin (1994-95 candidate and 1996 semifinalist), his uncle, Aaron (1999-2000 candidate), and current Green Bay Packer wide receiver Jordy Nelson (2006 candidate and 2007 finalist).

The watch list honor is the third for Lockett this preseason as he is also a candidate for the Maxwell Award, presented to the college player of the year,



Tyler Lockett (Photo by Ben Brake)

and the Paul Hornung Award, awarded to the most versatile player in major college football.

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lockett put together one of the best seasons by a wide receiver in school history a year ago when he hauled in 81 receptions for 1,262 yards and 11 touchdowns to rank in the top five in school history in each category. He set the school record for single-game receiving yardage with 237 at Texas before resetting that mark with 278 against Oklahoma, which ranked as the fourth-most in Big 12 history.

A Second Team All-American and the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year in 2013, Lockett enters the 2014 season ranked fourth in school history in career receptions and yardage, and fifth in touchdowns. He needs 75 receptions, 838 yards and nine touchdowns to break all three school records, which are held by his father, Kevin.

Semifinalists for the 2014 Biletnikoff Award will be announced on November 17, while three finalists will be

chosen on November 24. The winner of the award will be announced live on December 11 during The Home Depot College Football Awards Show on ESPN.

K-State opens its 119th season of football on August 30, against Stephen F. Austin at Bill Snyder Family Stadium for the sixth-annual K-State Family Reunion. The contest, which kicks off at 6:10 p.m., will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV.

Season tickets for the 2014 campaign sold out on June 5, while only a small number of scattered singles remain for games against Texas Tech (Oct. 4), Texas (Oct. 25) and Oklahoma State (Nov. 1). Standing-room only tickets are available for the Stephen F. Austin, UTEP, Texas, Oklahoma State and Kansas contests.

Visiting teams will also have opportunities to return unused tickets up to a month prior to their visit. Stay tuned to

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Jake Waters - Maxwell Award
Cody Whitehair - Outland Trophy, Rotary Lombardi Award

Lombardi Award Places Three Wildcats on Watch List

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State offensive linemen B.J. Finney and Cody Whitehair along with defensive end Ryan Mueller were named to the Rotary Lombardi Award watch list, the Rotary Club of Houston announced Monday.

The award, which is presented to the college lineman of the year, includes 123 players from 76 different institutions, including 12 from the Big 12 schools. Finney is a candidate for the award for the second-straight season while the other two are first-time members of the watch list.

A native of Andale, Kansas, Finney is K-State's third two-time candidate for the award, joining Nick Leckey (2002-03) and Ian Campbell (2007-08), while he is now a candidate for a third award (Outland, Rimington). He earned All-Big 12 First Team honors each of the last two years and has started all 39 career games, including the last 38 at center.

Whitehair, who is also a can-



Ryan Mueller (44) block a punt. (Photo by Ben Brake)

didate for this year's Outland Trophy, was an All-Big 12 Second Team performer in 2013 after starting all 13 games at left guard. The Abilene, Kansas, native has started 25 of

his 26 career games.

A former walk-on who turned into the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2013, Mueller picked up his fourth award candidacy as he was also named to the watch lists for the Bednarik Award and the Bronko Nagurski and Lott IMPACT trophies. The Leawood, Kansas, native recorded a school-record tying 11.5 sacks in last season to go along with 18.5 tackles for loss. He earned Second Team All-America honors as a junior as well as All-Big 12 First Team accolades.

The 2014 Rotary Lombardi Award will announce its semifinalists on November 6 and a list of finalists on November 20. Those finalists will travel to Houston, Texas, where the winner will be announced at the Wortham Center on December 10.

Kansas State opens the 2014 campaign on August 30, with a contest against Stephen F. Austin at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The game, which

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