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Straight Shooters participate in Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Match



Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters celebrate the 2014-2015 end of year state matches. Back row: Jackson Terhaar, Christopher Becker, Cade Schanks, Brendan Becker, Will Addair, Josiah Upshaw. Middle row: Avery Eckhoff, Logan Schanks, Jonathan Hoepner, Bryce Beckman. Front row: Dane Louderback, Dylan Zeit, Grace Bravi, Mason Mages, Kaden Kearm. Not pictured: Dylan Anderson, Tyler Beckman, Jessica Blankley, Kiersten Blankley, Sadie Bosse, Sophie Bosse, Carson Cole, Kolton Cooper, Adison Honeycutt, Blake Jones, Abby Retzlaff, Elle Retzlaff, Marquez Spiller, Jordan Sylvester, Camille Taylor (photo by

First Year Straight Shooters Participate Too

Fourteen members of the Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters Club participated in the 2015 Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Alma, Kansas, in the disciplines of BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. Members competed in seven state qualifying matches during January-March in order to advance to the state match.

BB Gun competitors were Dylan Anderson, Leonardville, Christopher Becker, Bryce and Tyler Beckman, and Avery Eckhoff, Manhattan, Jessica Blankley and Elle Retzlaff, Westmoreland, Dane Louderback, St. George, and Cade and Logan Schanks, Randolph.

In the Junior Division, B. Beckman placed 9th and Louderback placed 20th. In the Senior Division, C. Schanks placed 16th. The BB Gun team of Becker, B. Beckman, T. Beckman, Retzlaff, and C. Schanks placed 7th and qualified the team to compete in the 50th Annual Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match held in Rogers, AR.

Air Rifle were Austin and Brendan Becker, Manhattan, Abby Retzlaff, Westmoreland, and C. Schanks.

B. Becker placed 8th in the Junior Division, and the team of 4 shooters placed 9th.

B. Becker and Daniel Dietrich, Wamego, competed in the Air Pistol discipline.

Becker placed 3rd in the Junior Division and Dietrich placed 19th in the Senior Division.

The spring match completes the competition for BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol at the state level. Congratulations to all of the shooters, coaches, and parents for a successful and fun year!

Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters 1st Year Shooters participate in State-wide Virtual Match

Eighteen members of the Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters Club participated in a virtual match for 1st year shooters in the discipline in which they competed. A virtual match includes shooting at the members' practice range, uploading the scores to the host county, and learning results and awards when all targets have been received from participating counties.

BB Gun competitors were Will Addair, Bryce Beckman, Carson Cole, Marquez Spiller and Josiah Upshaw, Manhattan, Sadie and Sophie Bosse, Onaga, Blake Jones, Olsburg, Mason Mages and Jackson Terhaar, St. George, and Adison Honeycutt, Kaden Kearm, Jordan Sylvester, and Dylan Zeit, Wamego.

In the 7 year old division, Kearm placed 1st and Zeit placed 2nd. Honeycutt placed 3rd and Mages placed 4th in the 8 year old division. Sadie Bosse placed 4th and Spiller placed 10th in the 9 year old division. In the 10 year old division, Beckman placed 2nd, Sylvester placed 5th, Jones placed 7th, and Sophie Bosse placed 10th. In the 11 year old division, Addair placed 2nd and Terhaar placed 3rd. Cole placed 1st and Upshaw placed 2nd in the 12-14 year old division. The BB Gun team of Addair, Beckman, Cole, Sylvester, and Upshaw placed 2nd.

Air Rifle 1st year shooters were Brendan Becker, Manhattan, Abby Retzlaff, Westmoreland, and Cade Schanks, Randolph.

In the 12-14 year old division, Retzlaff placed 1st,

Becker placed 3rd, and Schanks placed 5th.

Elle Retzlaff, Westmoreland competed in Air Pistol and placed 1st in the 10-13 year old division.

Congratulations to all the 1st year shooters, their coaches, and parents for a great year!

The Straight Shooters are sponsored by Riley and Pottawatomie County Extension Councils, Riley County Fish and Game, Kansas State University Military Science Department, Kaw Valley Archery, Daisy Outdoor Products, Kansas State Rifle Association, Kaw Valley Muzzleloaders Association, Kansas Muzzleloaders Association, National Wildlife Turkey Federation, Flint Hills Pheasants Forever, Justin Corbet Foundation, Friends of NRA, Fancy Creek Shooting Range, Oregon Trail Trading Post, Manhattan Wrecker, Robel family, local businesses, and all Shooting Sports parents, families and instructors.

Regional Planner To Georgia

After four years of service to the Flint Hills Regional Council, Jeffrey Adams will be leaving the local intergovernmental organization to become the Community Development Director in the coastal resort city of St. Marys, Georgia. Adams came to the Flint Hills from the Sun Valley, Idaho area, where he served as Regional Planner for Blaine County working on regional housing, economic and land use issues in the mountain resort community. Adams will now direct his attention to the development of the 18,000 population coastal community that acts as gateway to Cumberland Island National Park.

While serving the FHRC he has led the Flint Hills Frontiers Regional Planning project, a three-year planning initiative stretching over a nineteen-county region from the Nebraska border into the northern region of Oklahoma. Mr. Adams has been project manager for the two major initiatives of the Frontiers: a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the seven-county region in the formation of the federally designated Flint Hills Economic Development District as well as a Fair Housing Equity Assessment/Regional Analysis of Impediments (FHEA/RAI) which identified and studied barriers to fair housing in the region. He completed the Housing Demand Analysis, a component of the FHEA/RAI, has shed light on the growing deficit of adequate housing region.

Adams has worked with area organizations and communities on a range of community development projects, ranging from strategic and community planning to economic and workforce development. His Workforce Alignment study, produced for the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, helped regional partners better understand the mobility and reach of the region's workforce. According to John Pagen, Vice President for Economic Development at the Manhattan Area Chamber of

Commerce, says "the results showed the amount of inflow and outflow each day of workers into the Flint Hills Region. It was an analysis that reiterated how truly interconnected the Flint Hills are in terms of economic activity and talent moving throughout the area."

Adams says it is a bitter-sweet move to return to family and friends. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Flint Hills and can't wait to come back and see all that the region will do in the next few years. The Flint Hills has so many amazing assets and has put in place all the right elements to take advantage of these and leverage them over the coming years to become the Global Foods leader," Adams told staff.

"What I'll miss most are the great people and professionals I've worked with, from community leaders and engaged citizens to the dedicated staff. I've worked in many parts of the country, over my past twenty years in planning and I can easily say that from Junction City, Fort Riley and Kansas State University to Council Grove, Kansas State University and Pottawatomie County, all across the region, I've never worked with a more cooperative and welcoming group of professionals."

"Jeff has contributed thoughtful insight as this area has matured into regional collaboration," says Lisa Sisley, principal at New Boston Creative Group, LLC. "He has kept valuable initiatives moving forward, and has respected the unique attributes each community brings to the table. He has really helped us transition into thinking regionally, and I greatly appreciate that ability."

The Flint Hills Regional Council is a twenty-one member, voluntary service organization of local governments dedicated to building cooperative partnerships and leveraging regional assets to more effectively plan for the community, economic, infrastructural and transportation needs of the region.

CATO Opinion... The Folly of Centralized Spending

By Chris Edwards

I've argued that the centralization of government spending in Washington over the past century has severely undermined good governance. Citizens get worse outcomes when funding and decision-making for education, infrastructure, and other things are made by the central government rather than state and local governments and the private sector. The problem is the same in the European Union, as a new article in Bloomberg on the funding of Polish airports

illustrates:

Local authorities are spending some 205 million zloty (\$58 million), including more than \$44 million in EU subsidies, to build runways and a new terminal that could accommodate more than 1 million passengers a year. The Olsztyn Mazury Airport is scheduled to open next January, but traffic and revenue forecasts developed by the project's backers are "very far from reality," says Jacek Krawczyk, a former chairman of LOT Polish airlines who advises the EU on

aviation policy through its European Economic and Social Committee.

Szymany adds to a burgeoning supply of costly new airports across Poland. Since 2007, the EU has spent more than €600 million (\$666 million) to build or renovate a dozen Polish airports.

... Mostly, though, Poland's new airports have been a financial bust. A report in December by the European Court of Auditors found that EU-subsidized airport projects in Poland, as well as others in

Estonia, Greece, Italy, and Spain, had "produced poor value for money." Traffic at most airports fell far short of projections, and there was little evidence of broader economic benefits, such as job creation, the report found.

With respect to U.S. infrastructure, there is ongoing pressure to increase federal investment, despite decades of experience on the inefficiency of it. Politicians and lobby groups constantly complain that America does not spend enough on infrastructure. But

they rarely discuss how to ensure efficiency in spending, or cite any advantages of federal spending over state, local, and private spending.

I've discussed the many downsides to federal aid for infrastructure and other local activities here and here. But I was alerted to an additional argument against aid from this Regulation article by William Fischel and this book by James Bennett. Federal aid encourages local governments to expropriate private property, often for dubious purposes.

The article and book discuss the expropriation of Detroit homes for the benefit of General Motors in the 1980s. The "Poletown" project would not have happened without \$200 million in federal and state loans and grants to the city. So Fischel makes the point that (abusive) government uses of eminent domain—such as the Kelo case in New London, Connecticut—are encouraged by the flow of federal and state funds to cities. That is, money for "economic development" and the like.

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Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

Riley County Commission Meeting Minutes
28 May 2015
8:30 AM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments

Shepek stated the budgets will look differently this year in MinuteTraq and would like feedback from the commissioners on how it functions for them.

2. Commission Comments

Business Meeting

3. Sign a letter of support for CASA's application to Attorney General's Office for the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund for Child Abuse and the Child Exchange and Visitation Center Fund

Move to sign a letter of support for CASA's application to Attorney General's Office for the Crime Victim's Assistance Fund for child abuse and the Child Exchange and Visitation Center Fund.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

4. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Andrea A. Carey Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Andrea A. Carey (211-02-0-20-02-011.15-0) for tax year 2014. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$60.30.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

5. Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s) The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Appraiser II-Residential, in the Appraiser's Office, at grade H.

6. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s) The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Keith L. Gustin, an Appraiser II-Residential, in the Appraiser's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective June 17, 2015.

Lisa Modrow, a WIC Clerk, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective May 21, 2015.

7. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s) The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Deborah Jones, a new hire, as a Raising Riley Literacy Facilitator, in the Health Department, at a grade G step 1, at \$14.61 per hour.

8. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s) The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Christian Ford, an As Needed Clerical Assistant, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective May 8, 2015.

Cassie Volanti, an As Needed Clerical Assistant, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective May 8, 2015.

Shirley Barlett, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Sandra Kearns, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Elias Leon, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

George Lookhart, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Jane Palenske-Feldhausen, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Charles Tannehill, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Patricia Wadick, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Myron Ammeter, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Sally Ammeter, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

James Barlett, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

30, 2015.
Marion Noble, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Nancy Parker, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Kenneth Wadick, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Connie Noble, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Elke Weese, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

Michael Kearns, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Office, for Separation from County Service, effective April 30, 2015.

9. Shared Leave Donation Form(s)

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Forms.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

10. Purchase RIP N Run software Move to approve the sole source purchase of the RipnRun module for Spillman at the price of \$12,722.00 from the 911 fund.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

11. Contract for S. 32nd Street Bridge Replacement with Ebert Construction

Move to approve the contract with Ebert Construction Co., Inc. for the S. 32nd Street Bridge Replacement Project with in the amount of \$119,048.34.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

12. Approve vouchers

and payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$423,821.60 and the following warrant vouchers for May 29, 2015:

2015 Budget	
County General	\$912,015.86
Health Department	62,270.35
Teen Court Collected Fund	184.83
Court Technology	458.10
War Memorial	900.00
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr	411.89
Riley Co Juvenile Service	2,225.16
P.A.T.F.	240.00
Motor Vehicle Operations	1,543.06
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	900.68
Riley Co Adult Services	13,702.19
Capital Improvements Fund	2,196.63
Emergency 911	6,371.25
Solid Waste	7,282.02
County Building	9,773.02
Road & Bridge Cap Project	251,733.27

RCPD Levy/Op 2,589.74
Landfill Closure 2,494.98

Riley Co Fire Dist #1 9,862.70
University Park W&S 192.79

Univ Park Capital Project 32,500.00
Hunters Island Water Dist 1,766.88
Deep Creek Sewer 69.10
Moehlman Bottoms 681.89
Terra Heights Sewer 19.60
Konza Water Operations 4,135.38

TOTAL \$1,326,521.37

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

Review Minutes
13. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 21, 2015 9:00 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

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The EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard proposal ticks off just about everyone

By Rob Nikolewski | Watchdog.org
After nearly two years of delays, the Environmental Protection Agency finally released its proposed requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard on Friday.

It offers increases on one hand but, on the other, at rates lower than previously called for by Congress.

That ended up angering the ethanol lobby as well as critics of corn-based and cellulosic-based ethanol, which is required to be blended into billions of gallons of gasoline American motorists put in their tanks.

"The agency continues to misunderstand the clear intent of the statute — to drive innovation in both ethanol production and ethanol marketing," Bob Dinneen, president and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association, said in a statement.

On the other end of spectrum, Jack Gerard, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, issued his own statement, saying the EPA dropped the ball.

"Perhaps the most confusing aspect of today's announcement is that the administration is pushing more corn ethanol at the same time they pursue a climate agenda to lower greenhouse gas emissions," said Gerard, one voice in an industry that has fought the renewable fuel standards since they were instituted a decade ago.

A number of environmental organizations weren't happy, either.

"So far the federal corn ethanol mandate has resulted in a massive influx of dirty corn ethanol, which is bad for the climate and bad for consumers," Emily Cassidy, research analyst with the Environmental Working Group, said in an email released to the media Friday morning. "The only interest it benefits is the ethanol industry."

Janet McCabe, acting assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Air, defended the proposals.

"We do think they are responsible but ambitious," McCabe told reporters in a conference call Friday morning.

The Renewable Fuel Standard was created by Congress in 2005 and expanded in 2007 under then-President George W. Bush.

Since then it's been praised by some who say it's a forward-thinking program aimed at moving the country toward less carbon-intensive fuels and denounced by others who say it's a taxpayer-funded boondoggle. A growing number of

environmental groups have turned against the RFS, saying biofuels such as ethanol do more ecological harm than good.

Friday's EPA proposals call for increases in renewable fuel volumes, including bringing the amount of total renewable fuel from 15.93 billion gallons to 17.40 billion gallons between 2014 and 2016:

But the EPA's increase in total renewable fuel is less than the levels Congress originally mandated — 20.5 billion gallons in 2015 and 22.5 billion gallons in 2016.

That upset ethanol backers, concentrated in Corn Belt states like Iowa, the site of the politically crucial Iowa caucus in presidential election years.

"Today's proposals are better than EPA's initial proposed rule for 2014, but they still need significant improvement," said Tom Buis, CEO of Growth Energy, an ethanol industry advocacy group.

National Corn Growers Association president Chip Bowling was more blunt, saying in a statement the EPA's proposal "snubs consumers and farmers" and the "only beneficiary of the EPA's decision is Big Oil, which has continuously sought to undermine the development of clean, renewable fuels."

But Friday's announcement prompted barbs from opponents of biofuels mandates, especially for corn ethanol.

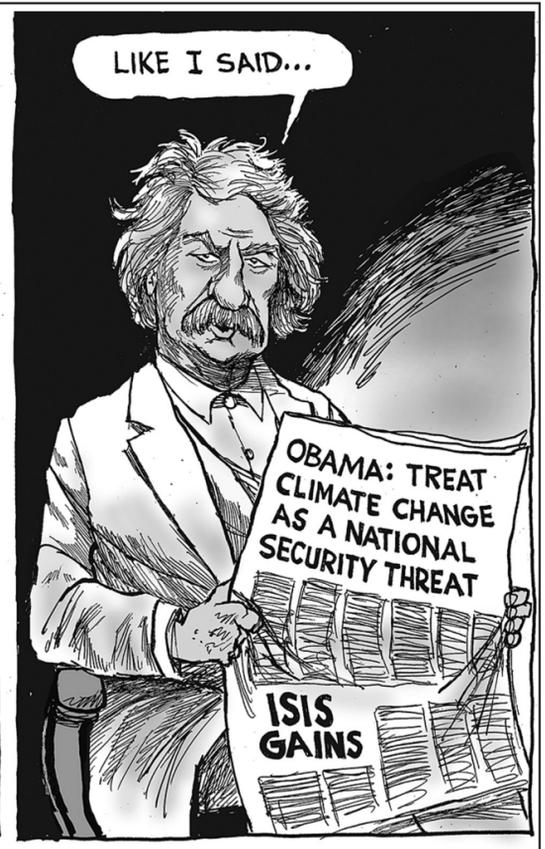
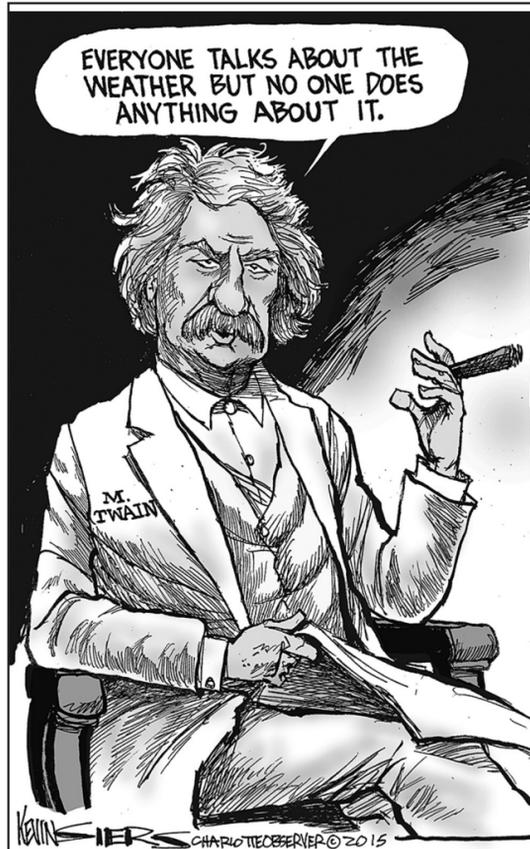
"It's just amazing to me that the federal government in general and the EPA in particular keep supporting this program and the corn ethanol scammers over the consumers," Robert Bryce, an energy writer and fierce ethanol critic who is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a center-right think tank, told Watchdog.org.

Friday's proposals "result in decreasing energy efficiency, increased emissions and vehicles that don't run as well as they should," said Patrick Michaels, the director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, a free-market think tank based in Washington D.C. "Aside from that, it should be really popular — or it is popular in Iowa."

The EPA proposals also cover biomass-based diesel fuel — which the agency calls for increases from 1.63 billion gallons to 1.90 billion — and cellulosic biofuel — that the agency wants to see grow by more than six-fold in the space of three years.

But a good deal of the attention in Friday's announcement focused on concerns about biofuels hitting what's called a "blend wall."

The Conservative Side...



Ethanol is most commonly blended with petroleum-based gasoline as E10, which consists of 10 percent ethanol.

With cars becoming more fuel-efficient, drivers are using less gasoline. But the RFS requires using more biofuels each year and refineries are complaining they can't meet

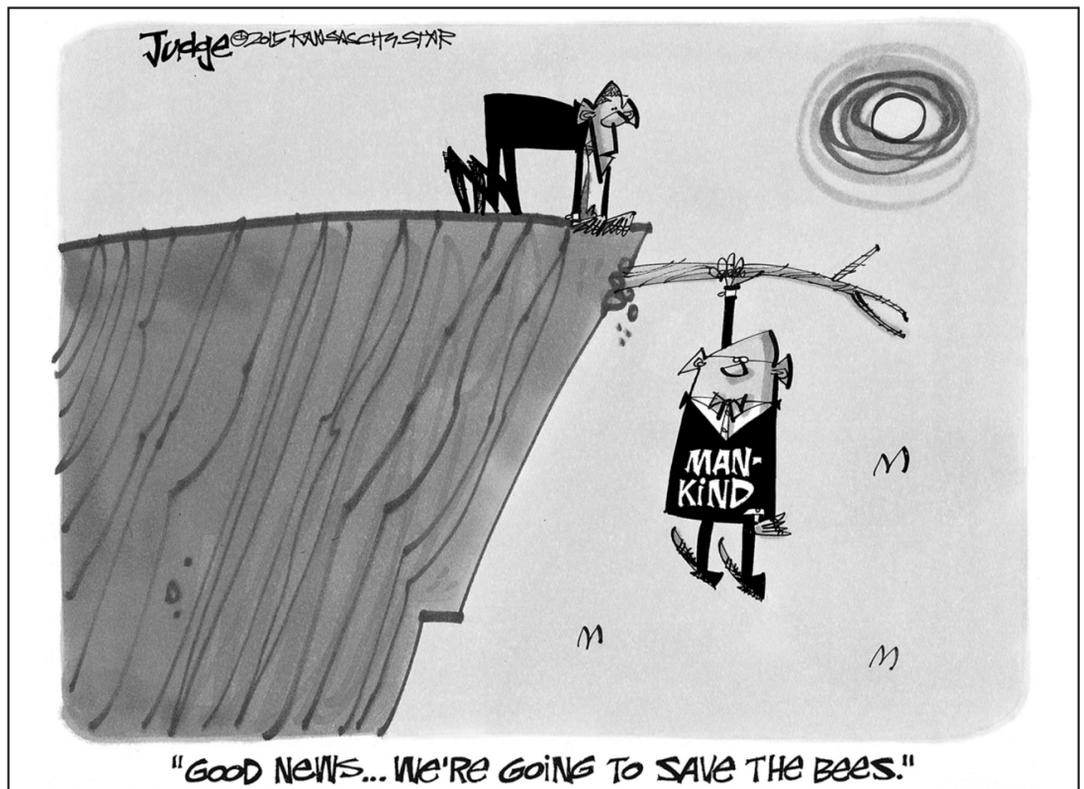
the government mandates without hitting the blend wall, where too much ethanol can damage a vehicle's engine.

In 2011, nine automakers — including GM and Toyota — wrote letters to Congress saying they would not honor warranties on older cars running on 15 percent ethanol, or E15.

The American Petroleum Institute, for example, wants the EPA to set the final ethanol mandate to no more than 9.7 percent of gasoline demand.

But ethanol's supporters say the blend-wall argument is based on faulty methodology and insist biofuels do not hurt engines.

"The (EPA) has eviscerated the program's ability to incentivize investments in infrastructure that would break through the blend wall and encourage the commercialization of new technologies," Dinneen of the Renewable Fuels Association said Friday.



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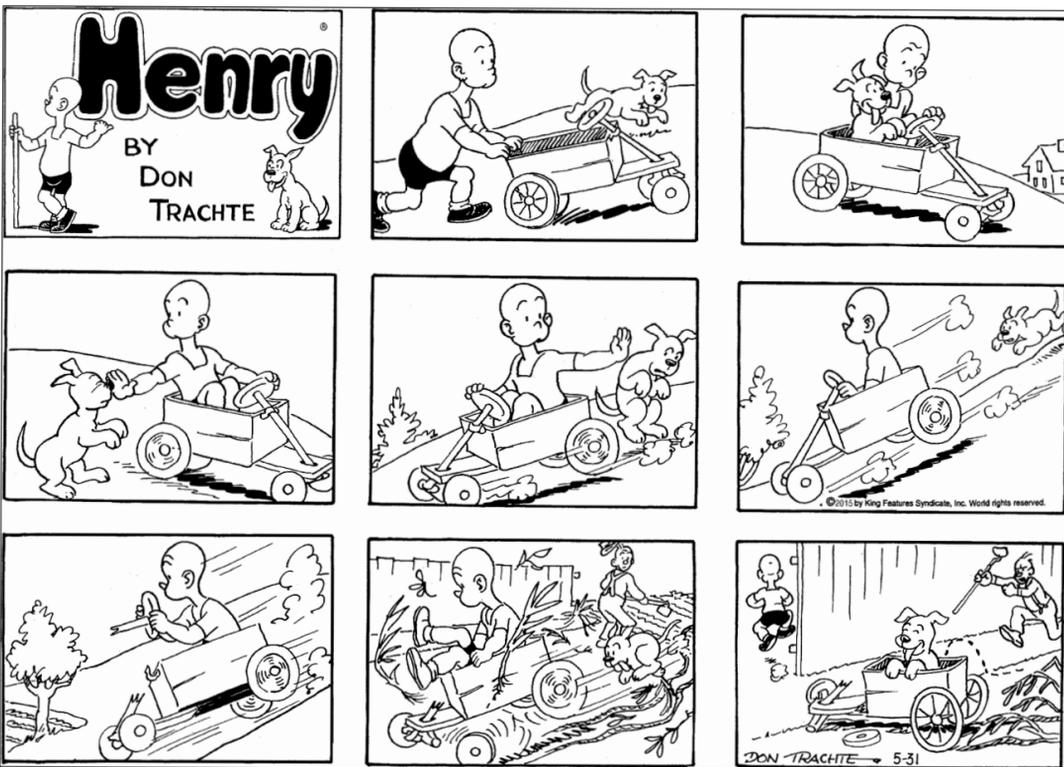
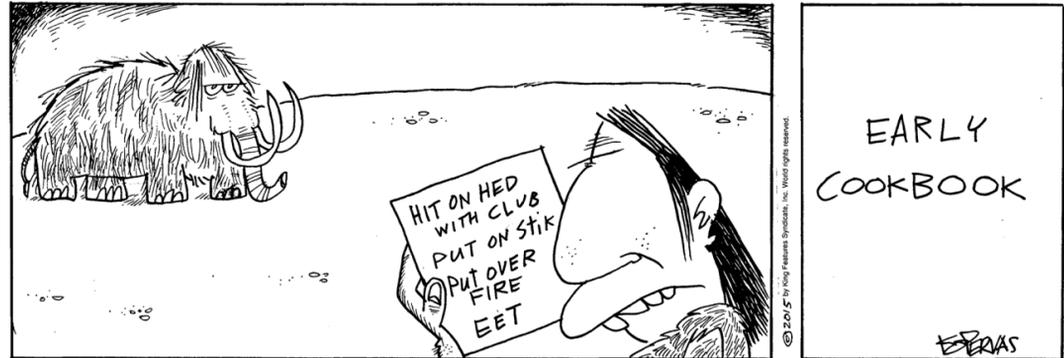
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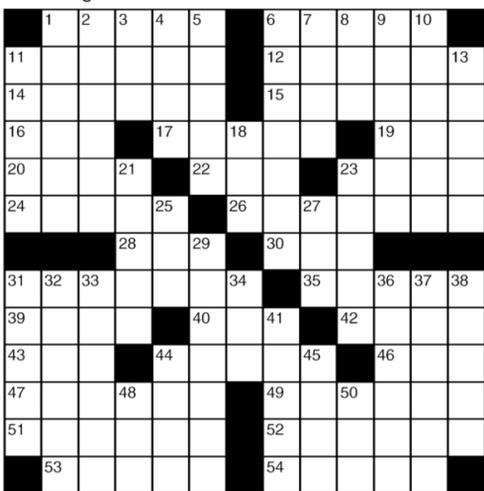
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Kansas lawmakers' session expected to reach 104th day

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Legislature's session this year is closing in on a record for length.

Lawmakers were convening Tuesday for the 103rd day of their annual session and were expected to remain in session at least through Wednesday, the 104th day.

According to legislative researchers, only one session was longer. In 2002, lawmakers met 107 days.

Republicans who control

the Legislature are sharply divided over raising taxes to close a projected \$406 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

A similar impasse vexed legislators in 2002. But they also had a contentious battle over the once-a-decade job of redrawing members' districts to reflect population shifts.

Legislative leaders traditionally schedule sessions to last 90 days. Each extra day this year is costing the state more than \$40,000.

Court Could Hurt Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling pertaining to money earned in one state by a person living in another state could be a multimillion-dollar headache for Kansas officials already struggling with budget problems, according to legal experts.

The court ruled May 18 that Maryland's policy of providing partial credit for income taxes paid in other states is unconstitutional. Depending on how the ruling is interpreted, Kansas might eventually be forced to pay millions of dollars to residents who work in Kansas City, Missouri, which charges them a 1 percent earnings tax, The Kansas City Star reported (<http://bit.ly/1d1eQ3Y>). Early estimates are the ruling could cost Kansas \$35 million or more each year.

The court's majority said the effect of Maryland's policy is that income earned by the state's residents in other states is taxed twice, which violates the U.S. Constitution's commerce clause.

"The jig might be up," said Lisa Soronen, executive director of the State and Local Legal Center in Washington, D.C. "Kansas is going to have to either give a credit for that tax paid to Kansas City, or they're going to have to come up with something else." She didn't know what the alternative would be.

Kansas does give residents full credit against their state tax bills for income taxes they pay to other states, but doesn't give a similar credit for the 1 percent earnings tax paid by Kansas residents who work across the state line.



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Directions

- 1 Cut beef across grain into strips about 1 1/2x1/4 inch.
- 2 In 12-inch skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms; cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are tender; remove from skillet.
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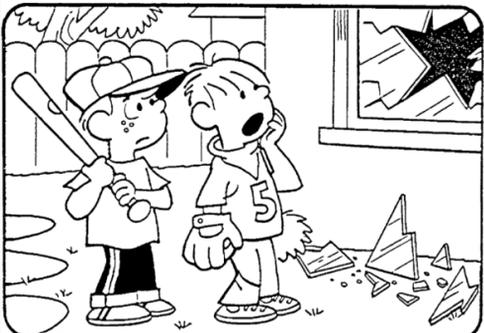
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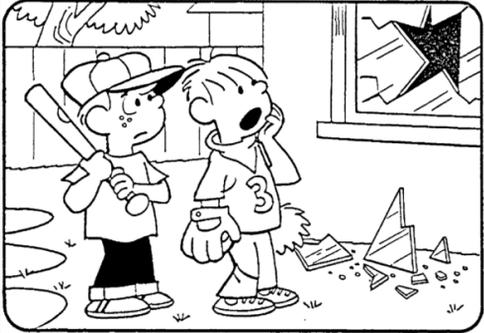
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When Will Climate Scientists Say They Were Wrong?

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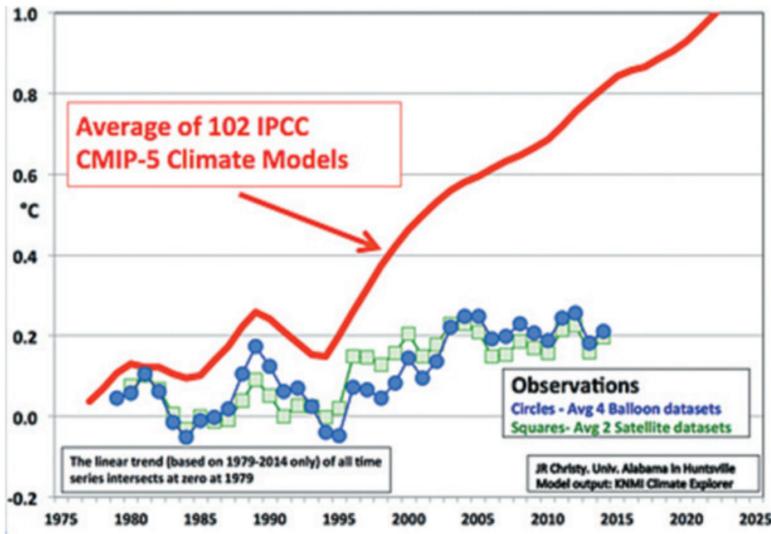
Day after day, year after year, the hole that climate scientists have buried themselves in gets deeper and deeper. The longer that they wait to admit their overheated forecasts were wrong, the more they are going to harm all of science.

The story is told in a simple graph, the same one that University of Alabama's John Christy presented to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 15.

The red line is the 5-year running average temperature change forecast, beginning in 1979, predicted by the UN's latest family of climate models, many of which are the handiwork of our own federal science establishment. The forecasts are for the average temperature change in the lower atmosphere, away from the confounding effects of cities, forestry, and agriculture.

The blue circles are the average lower-atmospheric temperature changes from four different analyses of global weather balloon data, and the green squares are the average of the two widely accepted analyses of satellite-sensed temperature. Both of these are thought to be pretty solid because they come from calibrated instruments.

If you look at data through 1995 the forecast appears to be doing quite well. That's because the computer models appear to have, at least in



The picture shows the remarkable disconnect between predicted global warming and the real world.

essence, captured two periods of slight cooling.

The key word is "appear." The computer models are tuned to account for big volcanoes that are known to induce temporary cooling in the lower atmosphere. These would be the 1982 eruption of El Chichon in Mexico, and 1992's spectacular Mt. Pinatubo, the biggest natural explosion on earth since Alaska's Katmai in 1912.

Since Pinatubo, the earth has been pretty quiescent, so that

warming from increasing carbon dioxide should proceed unimpeded. Obviously, the spread between forecast and observed temperatures grows pretty much every year, and is now a yawning chasm.

It's impossible, as a scientist, to look at this graph and not rage at the destruction of science that is being wreaked by the inability of climatologists to look us in the eye and say perhaps the three most important words in life: we were wrong.

Cheetahs Return to Sunset Zoo Friday, But Disappearing in the Wild

At 10am on Friday, June 5, community members will once again be able to connect with cheetahs at Manhattan's Sunset Zoo. The popular African-trail exhibit has been empty since last fall due to the passing of aging animals. A simple ceremony is planned for Friday, where signage blocking public viewing into the exhibit will be removed and the two animals will be unveiled - a sister-pair from fellow AZA-accredited facility Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas. Roughly a year in age, the cats' names are Azizi and Delilah.

"We are so excited to welcome back these amazing big cats," said Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director. "Unfortunately, the news in the wild is less exciting; these animals are facing extinction and with their return to the Little Apple, we are asking folks to join us in supporting cheetah conservation."

In addition to the unveiling of the cheetahs on Friday, the community is invited to celebrate their return during Friends of Sunset Zoo's Wine in the Wild fundraiser on Saturday, June 6. A very limited number of tickets remain for this popular after-hours event; to learn more visit SunsetZoo.com/Wine.

Throughout the summer, guests will be encouraged to join Sunset Zoo in raising funds for Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) - an international organization committed to addressing the threats wild cheetahs are facing. Over the last 100 years, 90% of the world's wild cheetah population has been lost. Sunset Zoo guests can help cheetahs win the race against extinction by donating to CCF through one of three ways: a donation box at the Zoo's exhibit, in the Zoo's gift shop with a special cheetah plush donation package, or online at SunsetZoo.com/Cheetah.



The cheetahs arrived in Manhattan in mid-April and have been completing the quarantine process for their first 30 days to ensure no "new" germs are introduced in the Zoo's collection. Last week, the animals were introduced behind the scenes to their exhibit so they could begin acclimating to their new home. Up until this point, all introductions have been very successful. And due to their younger age, Zoo staff expect the animals to be very interactive with guests.

Sunset Zoo's cheetah conservation awareness campaign is part of a larger, national effort organized by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, of which Sunset Zoo is a member. Specifically, the 229-accredited members of the AZA are com-

ing together to raise awareness of the efforts to save animals from extinction through AZA SAFE: Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE).

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