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Concepts Proposed for Rec Facilities

Site layout concepts for the possible location of recreation facilities at local middle schools have been unveiled. The Strategic Facility Feasibility Steering Committee met March 30 to discuss the plans, which will be considered in more detail during a Joint City Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on April 26. Proposed concepts include the construction of up to 4 additional indoor courts each at Anthony Middle School and Eisenhower Middle School, along with entry buildings and additional parking.



Extra, Extra, read all about it, the City of Manhattan is publishing a Newspaper, Ugh, Newsletter, Propaganda. The Manhattan Parks and Rec. department has published it's second "newsletter". The Free Press could not get any information about the news organization. Producing a newspaper or newsletter (same thing) has never been before the City Commission. They tried that in the 1990 and they had so many people call to protest that it was never started. This time it just was sent out to anyone on the City's Open Records request list. It gives the information that the city wants you to see (photos) and read. It will not tell you the City is deep in debt or the cost of a million Dollar project. It does say that two Rec. Facilities will be at Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools although the multi-million Dollar project has never gone before the School Board.

Kansas State University Aggressively Recruiting Undocumented Students

By Sam Zeff
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Kansas City Radio

Immigration is a hot topic at all levels of politics. Whether the debate is over a wall along the Mexican border or granting in-state college tuition to people brought into the country illegally in Missouri.

But one area university is bucking the trend and aggressively recruiting students that other universities are unable or unwilling to help. For Maria De La Torre, a graduate of Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas State University just might have saved her academic career.

She moved to Missouri from Guadalajara, Mexico when she was 12. Her mother was trying to escape an abusive relationship and sought a better life for her daughter.

De La Torre would go on to be valedictorian of her class at East High School and graduate with both a high school diploma and an associates degree. She also worked full time.

Being from Missouri, De La Torre says her first choice was to go to the University of Missouri in Columbia, but because she doesn't have a student visa and she didn't qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), she got nowhere.

De La Torre says she couldn't even fill out the online application, and when she called Mizzou, she says it just got worse. She was told they couldn't help her and then she was hung up on.

"It was the first school I was applying to and it made me really upset and I started crying. But I got over it and started applying to other colleges," she says.



That's when Maria De La Torre found Kansas State University. The vice-president of student life looked at her record and immediately offered her scholarships to pay for most of her education.

"What better story is out there than taking somebody who comes to America, regardless of how they get here, and wants to better themselves with a college education, contribute to the economy and be a great citizen," says K-State President Kirk Schulz, who just announced he's leaving Manhattan for the top job at Washington State University.

Over the last several years, K-State has been aggressively recruiting DACA and other students who are in the country illegally, using privately raised money to provide grants and scholarships.

While K-State has a Spanish web site for prospective students, that's not how most undocumented students find the university.

There is a certain underground, word-of-mouth aspect to it.

Students often get to Manhattan because their principal knows someone at K-State or maybe they learned about it through a Hispanic organization, like El Centro in Kansas City, Kansas where K-State has an office.

"I would say courageous, champions but I would say most important really setting that pathway for students who only know this as their country," says El Centro President Irene Caudillo.

How courageous is K-State in providing scholarships to students like De La Torre?

Last year Missouri lawmakers took away in-state tuition from DACA students.

The situation is Kansas is better, but still tenuous.

Kansas is one of only 16 states that grant in-state tuition to undocumented students.

"I just see this as rewarding behavior we should not be encouraging," says state Rep. Brett Hildabrand, a Republican from Shawnee. Last year, he sponsored legislation that would force undocumented students in Kansas to pay out-of-

state tuition, more than doubling their college costs.

The bill never got out of committee but remains active.

Hildabrand is a K-State grad. His capitol office is dominated by purple.

Still, this rubs him the wrong way. "That money could be going to immigrants who have gone through the legal process, those scholarships, or to Kansas students who have lived here their whole life."

But K-State is firm in its policy. "I do know that not every legislative individual out there agrees with this particular stance. But we're going to continue to be aggressive," says President Schulz.

"We want those students to feel comfortable at Kansas State, and I believe in 20 years somebody's going to come back, they're going to make that major gift to the institution and say, 'Without Kansas State giving me my shot, I never would have been where I am today,' and that's the reason we're doing it."

Turns out Schulz may be on to something, if junior Maria De La Torre is any indication. "I believe in the future. If I make it, I would have to come back and help anyway I can, especially students like myself. If I can give them scholarships at some point, that's my dream."

While K-State officials say they do not know precisely how many undocumented students are on campus, the number of Hispanic students has grown by about 500 over the past five years.

And even though Schulz is leaving, it appears the program is so ingrained in the K-State admissions culture that there's little chance of it disappearing.

"A lawsuit against Hutchinson's Rental Inspection program is likely."

HUTCHINSON, Kansas — Several landlords in Hutchinson who registered their rental units under a new city program did so under protest because they believe the program is unconstitutional.

The registration process started in January but landlords were given until Thursday to pay a \$25 annual fee for rental units. The city plans to inspect all registered rental units about every three years and when ownership changes.

The inspections can be done without the consent of the tenants or the landlords, which opponents said violates constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure, The Hutchinson News reported.

Registrations turned in this week came with about 20 sheets of paper with signatures from landlords and tenants saying they "do NOT waive the Fourth Amendment Rights Protection against warrantless/unreasonable searches nor do (we/I) waive the fourth amendment rights of any tenants that occupy any property that is owned

by (us/me). The registration and inspection fees herewith are paid UNDER PROTEST." Landlords who didn't meet the Thursday deadline will pay a fee of \$50 per month per unit for each month a unit is not registered. Units not registered by June 30 will be deemed uninhabitable. As of Thursday afternoon, 4,918 rental units were registered - including 1,130 units registered this week, according to Planning and Development Department Director Jana McCarron.

Landlord Richard Greever is hopeful state lawmakers will approve legislation that would bar cities and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance requiring periodic interior inspection of a residential unit unless the occupant consented. A pending bill was approved in the House in March, but needs Senate approval.

"The tenant would have the right if they choose to refuse the ability of the city to inspect the interior of the property," said Luke Bell, vice president of governmental affairs at the Kansas Association of Realtors, which supports the bill.

The city of Hutchinson and officials from several other Kansas municipalities opposed the bill, saying inspections done only when tenants complain are insufficient because tenants may fear retaliation if they complain. Hutchinson officials cited the December 2014 death of an 8-year-old Hutchinson boy in a fire that started because of an electrical overload caused by the use of multiple space heaters because there was no working furnace in the 114-

year-old house that had been divided into rental units. The city said the median age of homes in Hutchinson is 77 years and nearly a third are in fair to poor condition, with rentals disproportionately in poor condition.

If the bill doesn't pass, Greever said, a lawsuit against Hutchinson's program is likely.

The city has conducted over 250 inspections since the program was implemented. To date, no tenant has refused access.

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Local property taxes could rise across Kansas under an education funding bill approved by legislators

TOPEKA, Kansas — Local property taxes could rise across Kansas under an education funding bill approved by legislators, and critics contend that the distribution of state funding would become less fair to poor school districts.

Republican supermajorities in both chambers passed the plan last month to comply with a state Supreme Court order in February to improve funding for poor schools. They hoped to head off the court's threat to shut down schools statewide if lawmakers don't fix education funding problems by June 30.

The status of school funding issues:

REDISTRIBUTING STATE FUNDS

The Supreme Court's ruling in February said the state wasn't giving poor school districts their fair share of its \$4 billion-plus in annual aid. The court ruled in lawsuit filed in 2010 by the Dodge City, Hutchinson, Wichita and Kansas City,

Kansas districts.

The bill on Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's desk would redistribute \$83 million of the aid already promised to the 286 local districts for 2016-17.

Supporters said the redistribution would help poor districts, but the state wouldn't boost its overall spending and no district would see a cut in its state funding.

John Robb, an attorney representing the four districts, said Kansas merely would be "re-naming the money" it already provides, not helping poor districts.

In a formal protest against the bill, Democratic Reps. John Carmichael and Jim Ward of Wichita said the state should have increased its overall aid.

LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

School districts are allowed to impose property taxes to supplement state funding they receive for general operations.

When districts impose local taxes, the state kicks in extra funds to ensure that poorer ones don't fall too far behind wealthier ones.

The bill would reduce that category of aid so that money could be redistributed. But it would also allow districts to increase their local property taxes further to raise extra money for their schools.

"The potential is definitely that the property taxes will go up across the state," said Jim Freeman, chief financial officer for the Wichita school district.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Ron Ryckman Jr., an Olathe Republican, said the bill's property tax provisions give local boards of education more flexibility.

"The flexibility was wanted by the schools," he said.

But some districts aren't likely to use the new authority because they don't think local voters would support higher property taxes. Superintendent

Alan Cunningham noted that Dodge City voters last year approved nearly \$86 million in bonds to expand existing buildings.

"We would not dare go back to them and ask for more," Cunningham said.

WAITING ON GOVERNOR, COURT

Brownback has until Friday to act on the bill. He has not said what he will do and his office says it is still reviewing the measure, but GOP legislators expect him to sign it.

"We need to have schools open," said Superintendent Todd White of the Blue Valley district in Johnson County. "We have a real line drawn in the sand that we need to attend to."

The state Supreme Court also is expected to review the measure later this month.

Legislators are taking their annual spring break but reconvene April 27 to wrap up business for the year — giving them another crack at school funding issues if the court doesn't like the measure.

QUESTIONS ABOUT 'EQUITY'

The bill's property tax provisions are likely to be a key

issue for the state Supreme Court.

Robb said the redistribution of existing dollars wouldn't be fairer for poor districts. He also said allowing districts to increase local property taxes would help wealthier districts get further ahead of poorer ones and prevent Kansas from fulfilling its duty under the state constitution to provide a suitable

education to every child.

White said his Blue Valley district backed the measure, understanding that it was a "one-year fix" that could pass because no district would lose money. Legislators expect to write a new funding formula next year.

"It's the best available opportunity we have to address the court's mandate," White said.



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Sales Tax Hits \$47.8 Million

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Sales tax collections _ disappointing for months _ rebounded in March to exceed expectations, and insurance premium taxes were better than anticipated. The state collected \$447.8 million in March, when it anticipated taking in \$449.4 million, a shortfall of only 0.4 percent.

"It's almost right on target," Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan said during an interview. "We're pleased to see March like it is."

But the shortfall in tax collections since the fiscal year began in July 2015 remains larger, at 1.9 percent. The state collected \$4.13 billion through March, about \$81 million less than anticipated.

Kansas came close last month to hitting its target for tax collections, and the shortfall of less than \$2 million reported Friday represented relatively good news after a winter of gloomy budget developments.

The \$16 billion budget approved by lawmakers for the state's next fiscal year, beginning in July, would leave less than \$50 million in cash reserves at the end of June 2017.

The report on March tax collections came ahead of an April

20 meeting in which legislative researchers, university economists and officials in Gov. Sam Brownback's administration will revise the state's revenue projections. Legislators have expected the new forecast to be more pessimistic because tax collections have fallen short of expectations 11 of the past 12 months.

"I still have grave concerns regarding the overall shortfall for the year," House Minority Leader Tom Burroughs, a Kansas City Democrat, said in a statement. "Looking at other economic indicators, we see Kansas families struggling to improve their quality of life."

Kansas has struggled to balance its budget since the Republican-dominated Legislature slashed personal income taxes in 2012 and 2013 at Brownback's urging in hopes of stimulating the economy.

Individual income tax collections fell about 9 percent short of expectations in March, off \$14.4 million, at \$145.6 million. The picture for the fiscal year to date was better: Collections of \$1.55 billion, short of expectations by \$56.1 million, or 3.5 percent.

Jordan said the shortfall in individual income tax collections were largely a result of

ongoing "weakness" in manufacturing and oil and natural gas production.

As for the rebound in sales tax collections, Jordan said he does not yet know what the state can read into the numbers.

The state collected \$181.9 million in sales taxes in March, \$5.9 million, or 3.3 percent, greater than expected. But collections for the fiscal year to date, at \$1.7 billion, are \$20.8 million, or 1.2 percent less than anticipated.

Meanwhile, insurance premium tax collections have been robust. For March, the collections of \$21.7 million exceeded expectations by \$6.7 million, or nearly 46 percent. For the fiscal year to date, the collections were \$107.3 million, ahead of expectations by \$11 million, or 11 percent.

Clark Shultz, the state Insurance Department's director of governmental affairs, said the increase is tied largely to rising health insurance premiums. He said the 2010 federal health overhaul championed by President Barack Obama has led to more people having coverage and _ because of its mandates _ consumers paying higher premiums overall.

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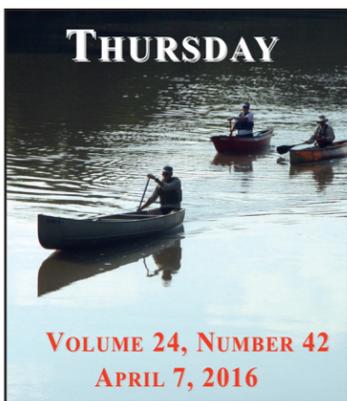
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Moran Visits Fort Riley



(Pictured from left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Robert Schultz, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Colonel Risa Ware)

FORT RILEY, KAN. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, visited the new Irwin Army Community Hospital on Fort Riley today to learn about the continued progress made toward the hospital's opening to serve the Fort Riley community.

"The new Irwin hospital will serve thousands of men, women and children who call the Big Red One home, and they deserve the best care possible as soon as possible," Sen. Moran said. "I was assured during my visit today that in the next two

weeks the Army will announce an official opening date. It was good to see the progress made thus far, especially that all structural safety issues have been addressed. The hospital represents a significant asset to the base and further demonstrates the value of Fort Riley to the U.S. Army."

During his visit, Sen. Moran heard about the work that remains prior to Irwin's official opening such as commissioning, safety walk-throughs and equipment movement. The new facility was initially slated to open in 2012, but has experi-

enced both legal setbacks and construction delays. The hospital will replace the current Irwin Hospital facility, which is the oldest Army hospital in the nation.

Sen. Moran was joined by Big Red One Commanding General Major General Wayne Grigsby, Deputy Commanding General Brigadier General Patrick Frank, Garrison Commander Colonel Andrew Cole, Hospital Commander Colonel Risa Ware, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Schultz and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lieutenant Colonel Michael Sexton.

Sell Named Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

MANHATTAN, KS – Lacey Sell has been named the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. Sell currently serves as the Superintendent of USD 473 in Chapman, KS.



Lacey Sell

She has served in that position since 2011. Prior to that, she was Superintendent of Schools for Clinton County School District in Plattsburg, MO. She has also served as an assistant superintendent, principal and assistant principal for Oak Grove School District in Oak Grove, MO.

She started her career as a special education teacher and coach in DeSoto and Prairie Village, KS. She has a B.S. in Education (K-12 SPED and K-12 PE) from Emporia State University, a M.S. in Educational Administration from Emporia State University and an

Educational Specialist Certification from the University of Central Missouri. She is currently working on a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Kansas State University.

"I am very thankful for this opportunity to work with Teaching & Learning, my true passions," states Sell. "Know-

ing of the district's academic excellence I look forward to getting started and becoming part of the Manhattan-Ogden School District. I can't wait to begin serving in this role and learning all I can right away."

"We are pleased to have Lacey Sell joining the Manhattan-Ogden team beginning in July as the next Executive Director for Teaching and Learning," states Superintendent Dr. Bob Shannon. "Lacey brings to us considerable experience with K-12 school curriculum and leadership. Her knowledge and skills will benefit Department of Teaching and Learning support for students and staff throughout the school district."

Sell will begin her new position on July 1, 2016. She replaces Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Carol Adams who is retiring.

Westar customers will be refunded more than \$14 million

The federal agency that regulates Westar Energy approved a settlement that will return millions of dollars to Kansas energy customers.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the settlement between Westar Energy and the Kansas Corporation Commission that lowers the return on equity the company had previously included in its Transmission Delivery Charge tariff. On customer bills, it shows as a line item "Transmission Delivery Charge," and is designed to allow utilities to recover money spent on transmission.

In its order, FERC accepted the settlement agreement setting the base rate of ROE at 9.8 percent, with a cap of 11 percent.

"The Settlement appears to

be fair and reasonable and in the public interest, and is hereby approved," the FERC order said. "Refunds and adjustments shall be made pursuant to the Settlement."

Customers will see millions returned through a decrease in the TDC charge on their bills, said Westar spokesperson Gina Penzig.

The exact refund is being determined in the company's rate department, but for 2015 it was \$14 million.

Customers won't see the refund for some time because there are still steps in the process to be completed, Penzig said. Multiple filings need to be made to update the rates based on this ruling, and then Westar will update its transmission formula rates and file with the KCC for approval of the new

rates. The situation is complicated by Westar's most recent request with the KCC for an increase of \$25 million to its TDC rate charges, which is scheduled to go before the KCC at its Thursday business meeting. Last week, the commission delayed a decision on the requested increase, which had been estimated to increase customer bills by about \$4 a month.

Now that the ROE charge has been decreased, that \$25 million is expected to drop by millions.

But the rates are set to go into effect April 1, and nothing will happen quickly enough to make adjustments to those rates, Penzig said.

Jimmy Crowther... From Bulls To Buckles

ABILENE, KAN. (March 31, 2016) – A Kansas cowboy has been chosen to be on the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo's 2016 commemorative buckle.

Former bull rider Jimmy Crowther, Roxbury, Kansas, has been selected to be on this year's buckle, which is the seventh in the fourth series of buckles produced by the Abilene, Kansas rodeo.

Crowther started his rodeo career as a senior in high school, riding bareback horses. After getting on six or eight horses, "I found that wasn't for me," he said, so he switched to bull riding.

He graduated from Lindborg High School in 1973, and went back to the family farm and ranch near Gypsum. He continued to ride bulls and

began producing rodeos on weekends. "I'd go to rodeos during the week (to ride)," he said, "and come home on the weekends to put on rodeos." Eventually, he quit riding and focused on rodeo production.

He began a stock contracting firm called JC Rodeo Co. in 1979 and supplied bucking horses and bulls for amateur rodeos. In 2004, he partnered with Jerry Nelson to form Frontier Rodeo Co., a Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) stock contracting firm. About four years later, he began his own company, calling it New Frontier Rodeo.

Jimmy rode at the Abilene rodeo several times, and has provided bulls for that rodeo, sub-contracting with Sammy

Andrew Rodeo Co., since 2003.

Crowther was honored with the selection. "I thought it was pretty cool," he said.

Buckles will be for sale to the public this summer, and the annual buckle auction will be held Friday, August 5, at 6:30 pm at the band shell on the Abilene fairgrounds. Buckles numbered one through ten and number 500 will be auctioned off. Other commemorative items will be also for sale.

This year's rodeo is August 3-6, beginning at 7:30 pm each night. Tickets will be on sale in July. For more information, visit the rodeo's website at WildBillHickokRodeo.com or call the fairgrounds office at 785.263.4570.



4 Facts That Prove Obamacare Isn't Aging Well

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Millions of Americans are faced with rising healthcare costs and higher taxes, unstable and expensive health insurance exchanges, mountains of red tape, and arrogant bureaucratic attacks on personal and religious liberty.

These and other mounting problems, as Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Robert E. Moffit shows in a comprehensive Heritage paper, plague the Affordable Care Act. The law is a good example of bad policy.

Here are four reasons why Obamacare is not aging well:

Rising Costs

Contrary to repeated administration promises, Obamacare has not only failed to lower costs, but has also imposed additional expenses on millions of already over-stretched individuals and families.

Premiums in the government created exchanges were an initially jolting experience for Americans who did not qualify for taxpayer subsidies, and it appears that in 2016 premium increases in the government's health insurance exchanges will again hit enrollees in the double digit range.

When it comes to average job-based premiums, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says that they, too, are climbing, and will rise almost 60 percent between now and 2025. Deductibles in the Affordable Care Act exchanges have also jumped higher than officials anticipated, discouraging the purchase of the Obama-

care coverage among the poor and the young.

President Barack Obama said that his law would "bend the health care cost curve" downwards. It has done exactly the opposite.

In 2015, federal spending on major health programs (Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act) totaled \$936 billion, a 13 percent increase over the 2014 level and exceeding the huge Social Security outlays for the first time.

Today, based on CBO data, the net cost of Obamacare's coverage provisions—subtracting the taxes and penalties—will amount to over \$1.4 trillion over the next ten years.

While administration allies may applaud this big expansion of government spending, it nonetheless conflicts with the oft-stated Administration goal of "bending the cost curve" downwards.

Higher Taxes

Obama promised he would not raise taxes on the middle-class. But Congressional Budget Office data indicates that Obamacare's numerous taxes, fees, and penalties will cost about \$832 billion over the years 2016–2025. And middle-class Americans are going to be hit—directly and indirectly.

Even lower-income workers will get hit by Obamacare taxes, including the so-called Cadillac tax on expensive health plans offered by large firms, as well as the individual mandate tax penalty.

For 2016, that mandate tax penalty for a single adult is

\$695 and up to \$2,085 for a family.

The bottom line is that middle-class Americans will get hit hard by Obamacare taxes.

Unstable Enrollment

For 2016, CBO initially estimated 21 million enrollees in the government-created exchanges. Today, that sign up number has been revised downward to 13 million and, the CBO now says, will more likely end up as 12 million.

Robert Pear, veteran health

reporter of the New York Times, reports that, according to a new Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association study the newly insured under the Affordable Care Act were sicker, used more medical care, and had higher medical costs than those who already had coverage.

That, of course, guarantees even higher premium increases.

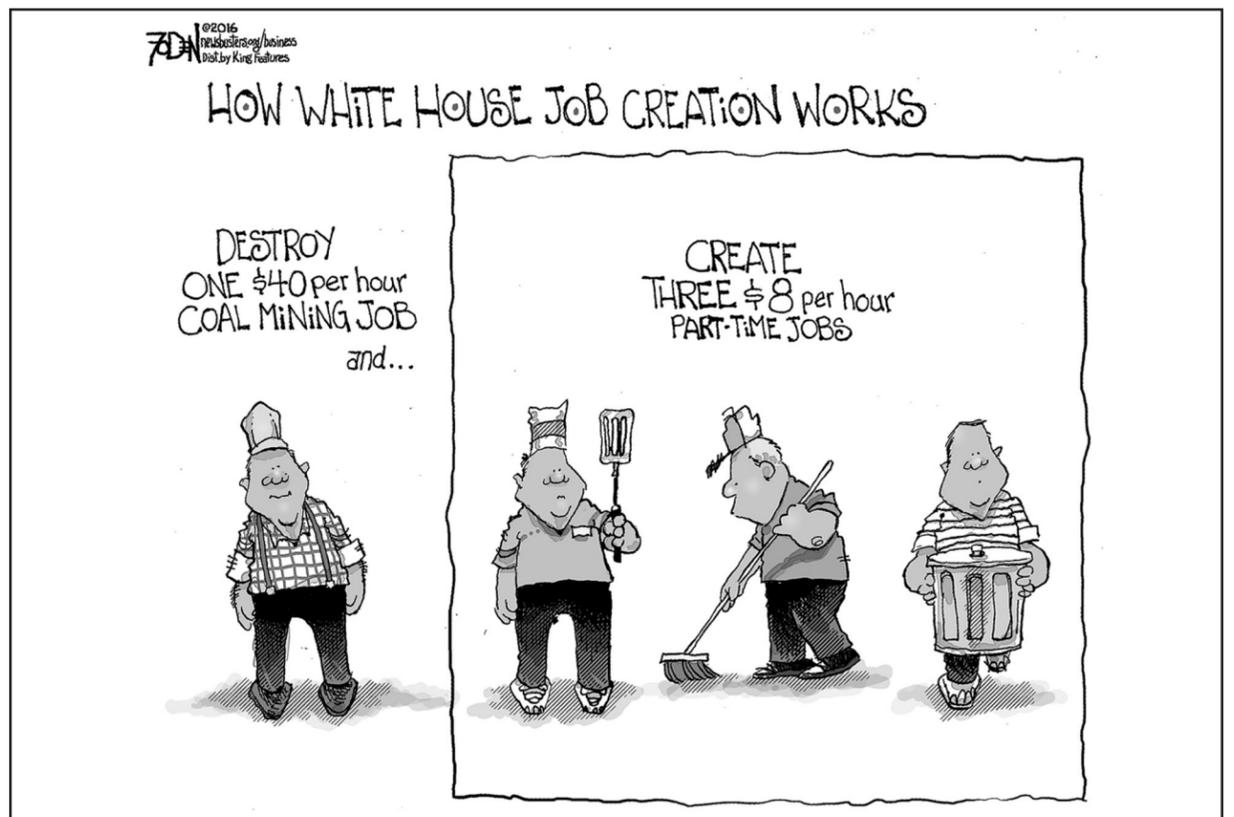
Hostility to Personal Liberty

The Obama administration has published thousands of pages of Affordable Care Act regulations governing health care, but has granted exemptions to certain companies and unions. But, conspicuously, religious institutions have not found favor with official Washington.

For instance, U.S. Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments from the Little Sisters of the Poor last week in their challenge to the government man-

date which forces them to pay for certain drugs (including abortifacients) in their health plans in direct violation of their religious beliefs. The outcome has yet to be determined.

The Affordable Care Act has created numerous mounting problems. Congress needs to change policy and make individuals and families the key decision-makers in health care, not bureaucrats or arrogant politicians. Six years is enough.



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Has the Supreme Court Become Too Powerful?

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The stakes are high -- very high. Finding a replacement for deceased Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be a battle royal. But why should one government official's position be so existentially important?

Yes, control of the Supreme Court hangs in the balance, but that begs the question of why the court itself is so powerful. Could it be that the answer to that question tells us something about our increasing inability to govern ourselves as a free people?

Let's face it. Ever since at least the 1960s (and frankly even before), we have increasingly allowed the Supreme Court to decide controversial issues we have been unwilling to solve legislatively.

From civil rights to abortion to the issue of gay marriage, the high court has ruled on key issues well outside the legislative process. New constitutional rights were created out of whole cloth. If abortion couldn't be legalized at the ballot box, or if gay marriage could not be made lawful by Congress or the states, a majority of the Supreme Court -- a mere five people -- would step in and do it for us. Using the power of judicial review, a new policy would be imposed simply by re-defining it as a constitutional right.

The practice of judicial fiat is so commonplace we seldom realize how radical it is. We are, quite simply, losing our sovereign power to govern ourselves. We have allowed the courts -- the Supreme Court, in particular -- to become too powerful.

No single government official outside the president should be so important that his or her replacement could shift the course and destiny of the nation. And yet that is precisely the case with finding a replacement for Scalia. No matter which way it goes, the next Supreme Court justice will decide the balance of power of an institution that has arguably become more powerful than the Congress and as powerful (at least) as the presidency.

This was not what the Founding Fathers intended. Sure, we

live in a modern age in which a lot of water has flown under the bridge of judicial review, but that's precisely the problem. We have allowed those waters over time to become a flood, swamping in some cases the high court's main purposes of safeguarding our existing rights and preserving the rule of law.

The irony should not be lost on us that it has been primarily liberal activists who have tried to hijack the court to get by judicial fiat what they could not obtain legislatively. For all their professed love of "democracy" -- rule by the people -- they have resorted to tactics that actually overturn laws passed legitimately by democratic legislatures.

The very insularity that the founders had intended to protect the high court from the political passions of the times now serves those passions outright. It is not uncommon for Supreme Court justices to decide cases based on what they think (perhaps "divine" is a better word) the people or legislators really want.

Perhaps based on opinion polls, for example, Justice Anthony Kennedy may have thought he was merely delivering what the people wanted when he decided in favor of gay marriage. But in doing so, he was overturning actual democratic votes that over the past 10 years showed a 61 percent to 39 percent majority against gay marriage when the issue had been placed on the ballot.

Should not actual votes count more than opinion polls?

As I explain in my forthcoming book, "The Closing of the Liberal Mind":

"Ultimately judicial activism is harmful not only to constitutional government but to democratic self-governance. When judges try to ram through their policy preferences by contorting texts, abusing precedents, and making up new constitutional rights, they undermine the credibility of both the Constitution and democracy."

That is why, now more than ever, the next Supreme Court justice must be someone who respects not only the original intent of the Constitution -- what Scalia called "originalism" -- but the need to restrict the policy activist role played by the court. Nothing less is at stake than our ability to govern ourselves as a free people.



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Manhattan City Commission Minutes

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22,
2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Special Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Karen McCulloh and Commissioners Usha Reddi, Linda Morse, Michael L. Dodson, and Wynn Butler were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus, Legal Counsel Bill Frost, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 7 staff, and approximately 45 interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCulloh led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor McCulloh proclaimed April 2016, Parkinson's Awareness Month. Michelle Haub, Parkinson's Program Director, Meadowlark Hills; Matthew Schindler, Individual with Young Onset of Parkinson's disease; and John McCulloh were present to receive the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Dodson informed the community that spring is upon us and the Spring Cleanup program will be starting on Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1, 2016. He encouraged citizens to participate and provide their tree clippings and yard waste at the street curbs for City crews to pick up on the appropriate scheduled day for your neighborhood. He said it is also a good time to plant trees in the rights-of-way areas and that this program is offered on a first-come first-serve basis; so if you are interested, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department. He also encouraged citizens to do what they can to make Manhattan even more beautiful than it is already and to pay special attention to property maintenance ordinances (nuisances, grass, trash, etc.) located on the City's website. Finally, he asked citizens to also help cut and trim the grass in the rights-of-way areas along curbs and thoroughfares to help make the city look good.

Commissioner Morse stated that she recently read an article on transparency in the Topeka newspaper and that Manhattan had a really good rating and that there is a wealth of information available on the City's website. She discussed the Comprehensive Plan that was reviewed by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016, and appreciated the annual review of the Comprehensive Plan. She also informed the community that the Manhattan Housing Authority and the City of Manhattan would be sponsoring a Fair Housing Seminar on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Manhattan Fire Station Headquarters and encouraged those interested to attend.

Commissioner Reddi welcomed her fellow educators in



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attendance. She said that March 22, 2016, is World Water Day and asked that drinking water not be taken for granted. She stated that Manhattan Water Matters Day will be on August 6, 2016, sponsored by Manhattan Konza Rotary and encouraged children and adults to attend. She encouraged citizens to go to Current Happenings online and find out what the Kansas legislature is talking about, such as the property tax lid, school finance, mental health issues, and items of interest to you. She highlighted the Riley County Police Department Community Advisory Board meetings held at Bluestem Bistro at 11:30 a.m., on the first Tuesday of every month and encouraged the public to attend and to bring their concerns to the meeting.

Mayor McCulloh provided an update from the Riley County Law Board meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2016, about Fake Patty's Day and voiced her concerns with the increase in the number of arrests and especially, the number of drug-related arrests. She provided clarification that the Spring Cleanup is for yard waste in brown paper sacks only and for tree limbs. She commented that on Sunday, March 20, 2016, she attended a genealogical society meeting and heard an excellent presentation from Jared Tremblay, Infrastructure Analyst, with the City of Manhattan, regarding Sunset and Sunrise Cemeteries information available online. She also informed the community that the Flint Hills Region was selected as one of the Top Ten Great American Defense Communities.

**CONSENT AGENDA
(* denotes those items discussed)**

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Special City Commission Meeting held February 23, 2016, and the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

CLAIMS REGISTER NOS. 2816 and 2817

The Commission approved Claims Register Nos. 2816 and 2817 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from February 24, 2016, to March 15, 2016, in the amounts of \$33,553.24 and \$5,310,236.55, respectively.

LICENSE

The Commission approved a Tree Maintenance License for the calendar year 2016 for Bucket Guys, LLC, 8046 Stockdale Park Road, and Out

on a Limb Tree & Home Care, 101 East Valley Street, Wamego.

FINAL PLAT – RAINBOLT ADDITION

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of the Rainbolt Addition, generally located southwest of the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Thackrey Street, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

FINAL PLAT – MP ADDITION, UNIT 1

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of the MP Addition, Unit 1, generally located to the east of the intersection of McCullough Place and McCall Road, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

FINAL PLAT – LINKS AT MANHATTAN, UNIT TWO

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of Links at Manhattan, Unit Two, Planned Unit Development, generally located 1,000 feet west of the intersection of Casement Road and Marlatt Avenue on the north side of Marlatt Avenue, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – LINKS AT MANHATTAN, UNIT TWO, WATER (WA1601), SANITARY SEWER (SS1601), STORMWATER (SM1602), AND STREET (ST1603)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Development Agreement for the construction of the public infrastructure by the Developer, The Links at Manhattan, LP, for the public water (WA1601), sanitary sewer (SS1601), stormwater (SM1602) and street (ST1603) improvements for The Links at Manhattan Planned Unit Development.

*** RESOLUTION NO. 032216-A – INCREASE SWIMMING POOL SEASON PASS FEE**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 032216-A setting the swimming pool season pass fee of \$50.00 effective April 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 032216-B – PETITION – LANSDOWNE ADDITION, UNIT THREE – SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

(SS1604)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 032216-B finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lansdowne Addition, Unit Three, Sanitary Sewer (SS1604) Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 032216-C – PETITION – LANSDOWNE ADDITION, UNIT THREE – WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA1603)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 032216-C finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lansdowne Addition, Unit Three, Water (WA1603) Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 032216-D – PETITION – LANSDOWNE ADDITION, UNIT THREE – STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST1602)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 032216-D finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Lansdowne Addition, Unit Three, Street (ST1602) Improvements;

AGREEMENT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – LANSDOWNE ADDITION, UNIT THREE – SANITARY SEWER (SS1604), WATER (WA1603), AND STREET (ST1602) IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$28,899.20 with Alfred Benesch & Co., of Manhattan, Kansas, to perform professional services for the Lansdowne Addition, Unit Three, Sanitary Sewer (SS1604), Water (WA1603), and Street (ST1602) Improvements.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND INDICATIONS OF INTEREST – AIRPORT AND BUSINESS PARK FARM SERVICES

The Commission authorized City Administration to issue a Request for Proposals and Indications of Interest for a farm lease agreement on land at the Manhattan Regional Airport and adjacent Business Park.

NEGOTIATE CONTRACT – CONSULTANT SERVICES – WATER, WASTEWATER, STREET, FLEET, FORESTRY, AND PARK MAINTENANCE JOINT MAINTENANCE FACILITY (SP1601, CIP #ST063P)

The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee, and authorized City Administration to negotiate a contract for professional services with BBN Architects, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, to conduct a Feasibility Study for a Water, Wastewater, Street, Fleet, Forestry, and Park Maintenance Joint Maintenance Facility (SP1601, CIP #ST063P).

SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ENGINEER ON-CALL

The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee, and authorized Public Works Administration to solicit scope and fees for various projects for the firms selected as projects arise in the order listed (See Attachment No. 1).

CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 – MOWING SERVICES

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contract extension Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$36,840.00 with Little Apple Lawn and Landscape, of Manhattan, Kansas, for a term to terminate on October 31, 2016.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 – ENGINEERING SERVICES – WEST ANDERSON AVENUE TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION PROJECT (ST0810)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 2 with BG Consultants, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, in an amount not to exceed \$23,198.00 to design a 10 foot concrete trail along Scenic Drive utilizing the Scenic Drive Bridge over Wildcat Creek to Highland Ridge Drive as part of the West Anderson Avenue Transportation Expansion project (ST0810).

CHANGE ORDER NO. 14 – AIRPORT TERMINAL, PHASE II (AIP 46, CIP #AP035P)

The Commission approved and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Change Order No. 14 for the Airport Terminal, Phase II project (AIP 46, CIP #AP035P), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$166,255.00, of which approximately 72% will be Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) participation to the contract with The Weitz Company, LLC, of Lenexa, Kansas.

AWARD CONTRACT – MILLER PARKWAY EXTENSION, LEE MILL HEIGHTS, UNIT 10, TO SCENIC DRIVE (ST1512)

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Prob-

able Cost in the amount of \$1,850,000.00; awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$1,813,068.42 to Kolde Construction, Inc., of St. Marys, Kansas; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the construction contract for the Miller Parkway Extension from Lee Mill Heights Addition, Unit 10, to Scenic Drive (ST1512) project.

AGREEMENT – FHRTA – CLAFLIN ROAD (NORTH MANHATTAN AVENUE TO MCCAIN LANE) SIDEWALK (SP1605)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Federal Transit Administration 5307 Funds between the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration and City of Manhattan for the Claflin Road (North Manhattan Avenue to McCain Lane) – Sidewalk (SP1605) project.

AGREEMENT – FHRTA – BLUEMONT AVENUE AND TUTTLE CREEK BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND BULB-OUTS (SP1606)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Federal Transit Administration 5307 Funds between the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration and City of Manhattan for the Bluemont Avenue and Tuttle Creek Boulevard – Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (SP1606) project.

AGREEMENT – FHRTA – FREMONT STREET (NORTH 12TH STREET TO NORTH 14TH STREET) PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND BULB-OUTS (SP1604)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Federal Transit Administration 5307 Funds between the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration and City of Manhattan for the Fremont Street (North 12th Street to North 14th Street) – Pedestrian Crossings and Bulb-Outs (SP1604) project.

PURCHASE – TOWER VOICE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL SYSTEM – AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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TOWER

The Commission authorized a sole source purchase of a tower voice communication and control system for the Manhattan Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower from Harris Assured Communication, of Gatineau, Canada, in the amount of \$64,012.40, and contract with Vaisala, Inc., of Louisville, Colorado, to assist with installation in the amount of \$24,500.00, for a total amount of \$88,512.40.

PURCHASE - STREET DEVISION - UNIT #235 - MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPER (CIP #SW042E)

The Commission authorized the purchase of a mechanical street sweeper (Unit #235, CIP #SW042E) to Sellers Tractor Company, of Salina, Kansas, in the amount of \$135,153.00 (base bid of \$200,435.00 with trade-in allowance of \$65,282.00).

AGREEMENT - LEASE PURCHASE - STREET DEVISION - UNIT #235 - MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPER (CIP #SW042E)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and/or City Clerk to execute the lease purchase agreement for a mechanical street sweeper (Unit #235, CIP #SW042E) once it is delivered.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved appointments by Mayor McCulloh to various boards and committees of the City.

Arts and Humanities Advisory Board

Appointment of Aaron Oleen, 1524 Humboldt Street, Apt. 1, to a three-year term. Mr. Oleen's term begins immediately, and will expire March 31, 2019.

Douglass Center Advisory Board

Appointment of Ola Guy, 1003 Yuma Street, to fill the unexpired Geographic term of Donald Slater. Ms. Guy's term begins immediately, and will expire October 2, 2017.

Appointment of Debbie Nuss, 2404 Sumac Drive, to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Justin Reilly. Ms. Nuss' term begins immediately, and will expire October 2, 2018.

After discussion, Commissioner Reddi moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

FIRST READING - AMEND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - GREENBRIAR RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He provided an update on the revised number of bedrooms, required number of parking stalls, presented an aerial view of the subject site, and clarified the proposed revised motion being recommended to override the Planning Board's recommendation of approval. He then responded to questions from the Commission.

Mayor McCulloh opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor McCulloh closed the public comments.

After discussion and com-

ments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to override the Planning Board's recommendation of approval and modify the conditions of approval to correctly reflect the number of proposed bedrooms, and approve first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4581 and the Final Development Plan of the Greenbriar Residential Planned Unit Development, as proposed, located at 2420 Greenbriar Drive, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 2), subject to the three (3) conditions of approval as modified by City Administration. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Morse voiced concern that the rules of the ordinance were not followed and stated that she intended to vote against the item.

After further comments from the Commission, on a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Morse voting against the motion.

FIRST READING - REZONE - APPROXIMATELY THREE AND ONE-HALF BLOCKS EAST OF THE CURRENT M-FRO DISTRICT (R-1, R-2, AND R-M WITH TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY, TO R-3/M-FRO, MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH MULTI-FAMILY REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT)

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He provided information from the recent Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board meeting and stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of the proposed rezoning of Area 1, 2, and 3, as described in the Staff Report, based on the findings in the Staff Report. He also highlighted a map of the proposed rezoning area and informed the Commission that this rezoning is part of the implementation of the adopted Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan update. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding parking, public facilities and services, and the bus loading zone and no parking areas near Bluemont Elementary School.

Commissioner Reddi voiced concerns with the potential increase in vehicle traffic and noise near Bluemont Elementary School. She stated that she supported the Comprehensive Plan, but wanted to slow the process down and to not be in a rush. She stated the City has the flexibility of seeing how things develop with Fort Riley, Kansas State University, the amount of building activity in the community and the potential for school redistricting in the next few years. She reiterated that she did not want to rush into a rezoning change that we may end up regretting in the future.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from the Commission. He stated that Public Works staff communicates with USD 383 transportation personnel every year about school busing and transportation issues.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, informed the Commission that City staff met with USD 383 administration regarding the potential opportunity to expand gym space at the middle schools and provided additional information on the item.

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, responded to additional questions from the Commission. He provided an overview of public comments and issues that were expressed during past meetings regarding the rezoning.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, and Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, responded to questions from the Commission regarding current utilities and potential costs for upgrading utility infrastructure in the area.

Commissioner Dodson stated that a change in zoning does not mean that large buildings will instantly pop up. He stated that it will take time and that this is not just a light switch.

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the timing of the Bluemont Avenue Corridor Study and discussed the Action Plan items identified in Chapter 12.

Mayor McCulloh opened the public comments.

Phil Anderson, 1719 Fairchild Avenue, informed the Commission that he serves on the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board and was absent when this item was on the Planning Board agenda. He provided a summary of survey rating information he conducted on individual properties that included the general condition of each property along Fremont Street, Laramie Street, Moro Street, Bluemont Avenue, Vattier Street, Kearney Street, Thurston Street, and North Manhattan Avenue. He stated that he was opposed to the rezoning item and asked that the Commission focus on redevelopment and encourage strategies that allow for infill back into these neighborhoods. He asked the Commission to table the item and allow additional time to study the item further.

Kathy Dzewaltowski, 100 South Delaware, representing the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, voiced concerns with moving forward on the proposed rezoning without the benefit of the Bluemont Avenue Corridor Study. She encouraged the Commission to consider homes with historic significance in the area. She responded to questions from the Commission and reiterated that it is premature to approve a zoning change without the benefit of the corridor study to know the long-term vision for the whole corridor.

Mel Borst, 1918 Humboldt Street, informed the Commission that the Bluemont Avenue Corridor Study needs to be developed and should be a priority before approving the rezoning. He stated Bluemont Avenue is an important corridor for the community. He encouraged the Commission to return the item to the Planning Board for further study, along with a Bluemont Avenue Corridor Study. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the extent of the Bluemont Avenue corridor area and possible incentives to encourage single family ownership.

Jeff Koenig, 718 Whitetail Pass, informed the Commission that he just bought a property in the proposed rezoning area that could be a single-family home or if the rezoning is passed, he stated that he would pursue options with an adjacent property and redevelop. He stated that a redevelopment would look a lot nicer and provide a more attractive property and better return

on investment.

Chris Banner, 618 Osage Street, provided background information on his properties and stated that the proposed rezoning is more spot zoning and is not a good planning practice. He asked the Commission to deny the proposed changes until it is known for sure if this rezoning is a good thing.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor McCulloh closed the public comments.

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the recent downzoning east of the City Park area and the Comprehensive Plan process and adoption.

Commissioner Morse stated that she was interested in the stability around Bluemont School and that additional study of the area and the Bluemont Avenue Corridor Study was warranted before the Commission made any decisions on rezoning this area. She said that she supports the Comprehensive Plan; however, she did not want to race to upzone a huge area that will change the complexity of the community so quickly and so rapidly.

Commissioner Butler stated that his vote for adopting the Comprehensive Plan meant that he approved going forward with its recommendations, including the M-FRO expansion. He said that the City has had a lot of plans, but often do not implement them. He stated with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, this item needs to be implemented and will also provide the necessary consistency that is needed.

Commissioner Reddi said that she would not support the proposed rezoning item. She stated that she believed in the Comprehensive Plan, but wanted flexibility with the implementation portion of the Plan. She reiterated that she did not want to rush into this rezoning.

Commissioner Dodson provided additional information on the item and voiced support to move this item forward. He highlighted the many public meetings and the adoption process of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor McCulloh agreed with Commissioner Dodson. She stated that people have made investments based on the Comprehensive Plan that officials told the public the City would be following. She also stated that we should not be terrified by development and would be surprised if many more apartment buildings will be built in Manhattan.

After additional discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning Areas 1, 2 and 3 (See Attachment No. 3), as proposed, consisting of 57 parcels generally located along the south side of the 900 block and both sides of the 1000 block of Thurston Street; the south side of the 800 block of Vattier Street; both sides of the 800 blocks of Bluemont Avenue and Moro Street; and the north side of the 900 block of Laramie Street, as follows:

Area 1: from R-2/TNO Two-Family Residential District with the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay;

Area 2: from R-1/TNO, Single-Family Residential with the Traditional Neighborhood Overlay; and,

Area 3: from R-M/TNO, Four-Family Residential Dis-

trict with Traditional Neighbor-

hood Overlay District; to R-3/M-FRO, Multiple-Family Residential District with Multiple-Family Redevelopment Overlay District, based on the findings in the Staff Report (See Attachment No. 4) and the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Reddi and Morse voting against the motion.

FIRST READING - AMEND MANHATTAN ZONING REGULATIONS - ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4-112, M-FRO, MULTI-FAMILY REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT

Eric Cattell, Assistant Director for Planning, presented an overview of the item. He high-

lighted the proposed parking ratios and requirements; the proposed bicycle parking ratios and provisions; and the proposed text amendments. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding parking and provided additional information on the item.

Mayor McCulloh opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor McCulloh closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the Manhattan Zoning Regulations Arti-

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Civil asset forfeiture refers to a legal procedure by which the government is able to seize and ultimately forfeit (i.e. taken ownership of) the property of people suspected of wrongdoing – even when those people are never convicted of, or even charged with, a crime. Civil forfeiture should be distinguished from criminal asset forfeiture, by which the government is able to forfeit the property only after a person has been convicted of a crime in court.

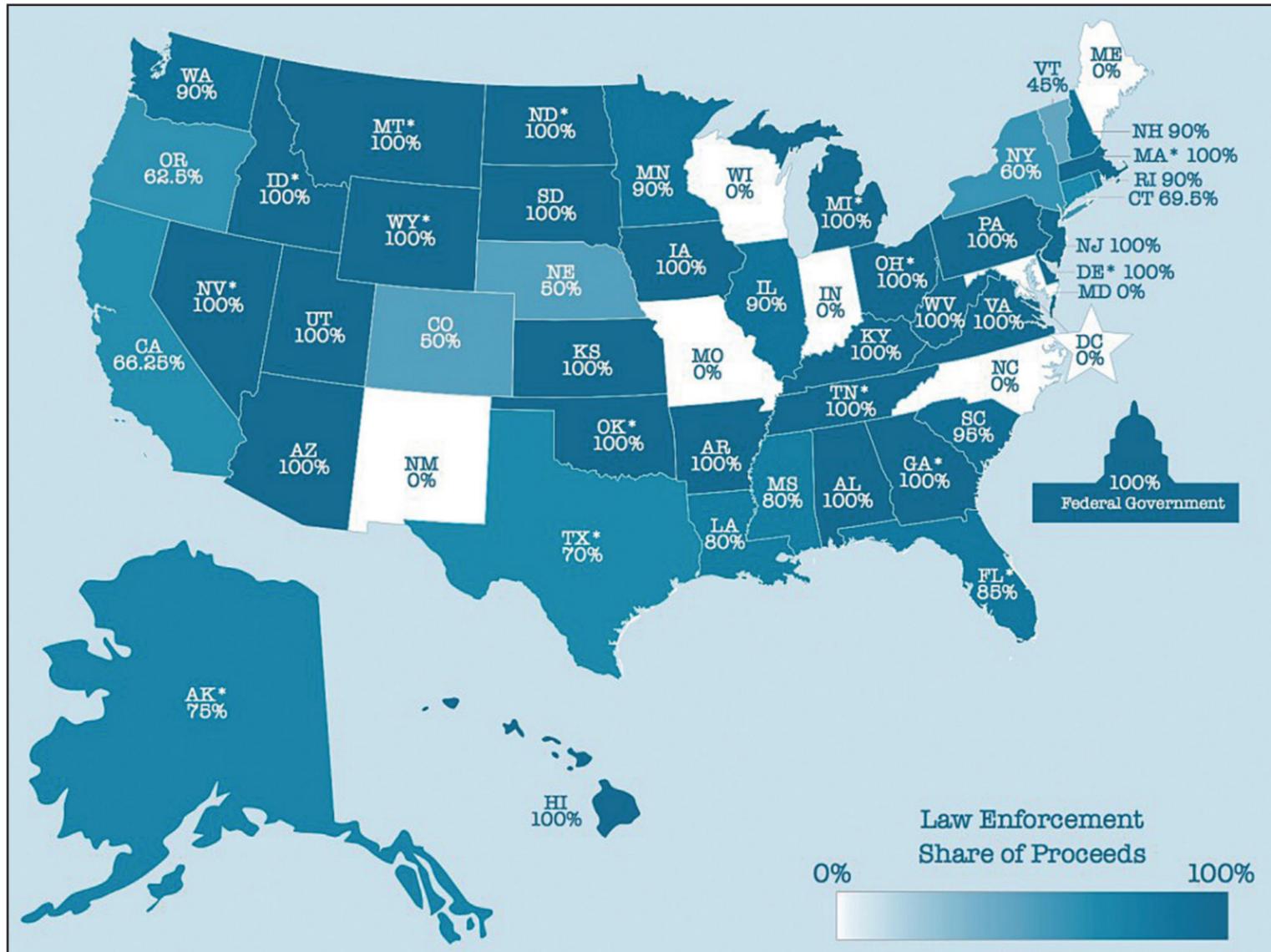
Over time, civil asset forfeiture has become particularly useful to the government in enforcing prohibition laws. For example, civil forfeiture was used extensively during alcohol prohibition to seize cars, real estate, and money from organized crime distribution networks. More recently, it has become a very popular tactic in prosecuting the drug war. So popular, in fact, that the Department of Justice's forfeiture fund has grown from \$93.7 million in 1980 to billions of dollars today. State governments tend to be less transparent, but the Institute for Justice found in a 2015 report that state and local law enforcement are also responsible for seizing hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property annually.

It's not just a stylistic problem; this legal fiction is the lynchpin for the low burdens of proof and sparse process typically afforded in forfeiture legal proceedings. The owner is not the defendant; the property is, and property isn't entitled to the same legal safeguards as people.

How does it work in practice?

When government agents suspect wrongdoing, they sometimes initiate proceedings against property that is in some way connected with the suspected criminal activity. With respect to drug laws, that can mean the vehicles used to transport drugs and cash, any cash suspected of being derived from drug sales, or even entire homes where drug activity is suspected of taking place. In business regulation, it can mean the seizure of entire business bank accounts based on an agent's belief that the deposits don't look right.

The proceedings are allowed to continue even when there isn't enough evidence of wrongdoing to charge the owner/possessor with a crime. Even where there is a criminal case, an acquittal of all charges doesn't necessarily mean the person will have their property returned.

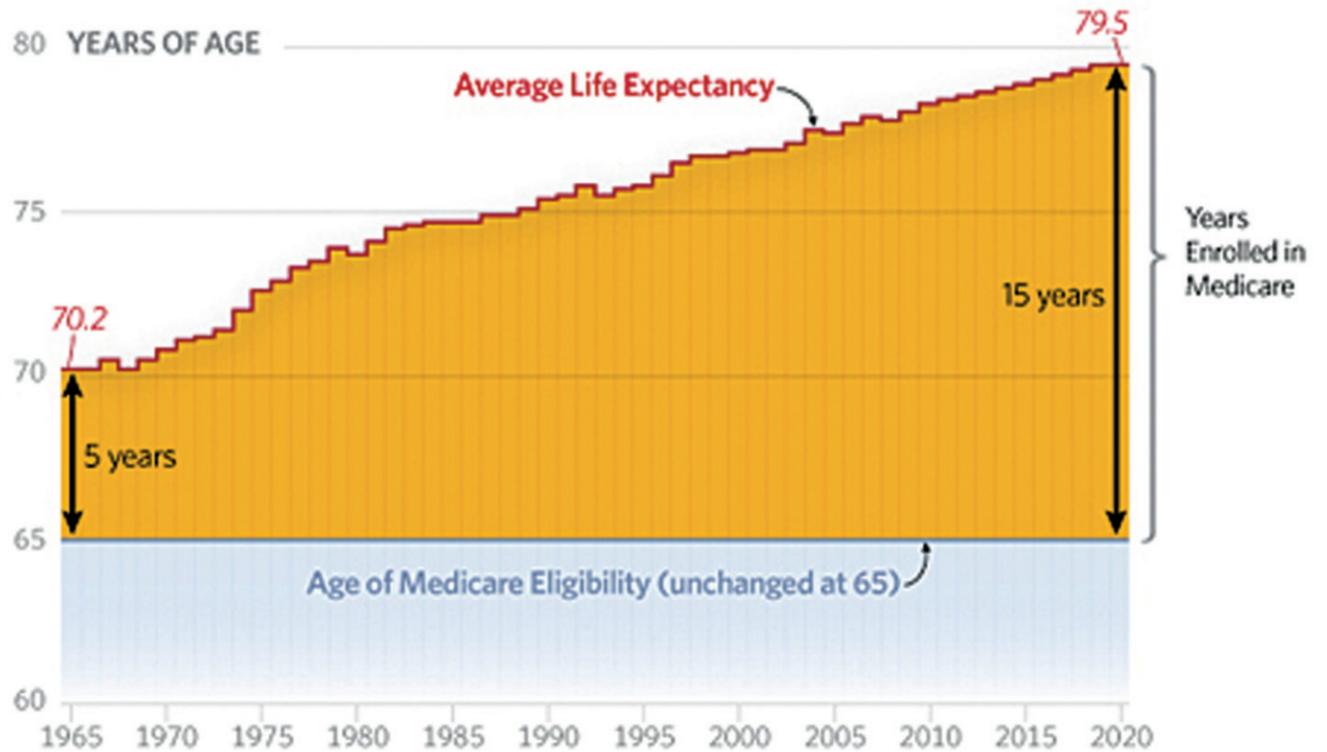


Why Is Medicare In Trouble?

CHART 2

Longer Life Expectancy Means Longer Enrollment in Medicare

The average life expectancy in the United States has increased since Medicare was created, but the program's eligibility age has remained constant at age 65. As a result, seniors collect benefits for almost three times as long compared to when the program started.



Note: Some figures from 2009 through 2020 have been extrapolated.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and Medicare at Risk, <http://www.heritage.org/research/projects/medicare-at-risk-visualizing-the-need-for-reform> (accessed July 24, 2015).

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Parade of Power Kicks Off Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show

Ag Heritage Park invites tractor buffs to load up their tractor buffs and head to Alta Vista, Saturday, April 16th. The 5th year of the annual Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show will start with the 9:30 a.m. Parade of Power, registration beginning at 8:00 a.m., with no registration fees. Upon returning to the Park the tractors will be on display until 4:00 p.m.

Ag Heritage Park and the visiting tractor owners enjoy showing their tractors to the public, young and old alike. A variety of tractors, equipment and garden tractors is expected for the Show, in addition to the 40 plus tractors on display in the Park, ranging in age from 1918 to 1960. The Show also typically includes several stationary engines displays.

A barn quilt block drawing will be held at 4:00 p.m., with tickets available in advance, and show day prior to 4:00 p.m. The 4' x 4' barn quilt ticket donations will benefit Ag Heritage Park, where the Park is home to four barn quilts, which are listed with the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail.

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available all day on the grounds. A variety of local Alta Vista businesses will be open for the day.

Ag Heritage Park will be open tractor show day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Besides viewing the tractors in the show, visitors may "step back in time" and tour the many exhibits of agricultural history in the Park. The Park features a

large display of horse drawn equipment, as well as other farm equipment dated from the 1800's through the mid-1960's. Also on the grounds are an 1885 era one room school house, a two room farm house, and a log cabin, along with other farm outbuildings. Two museum buildings include a complete display of household items, miscellaneous farm memorabilia and machinery.

Admission to the Park is by donation, used for park upkeep and maintenance. Along with gate donations Ag Heritage Park welcomes Corporate Sponsors who are vital to Ag Heritage Park remaining open to the public

For more information concerning the Spring Crank Up! Tractor Show on Saturday,

April 16th, or to schedule individual visits or bus tours to Ag Heritage Park on future dates, please call Kirby Zimmerman, 620-767-2714 or Hazel Zimmerman, 785-482-3865. Visit www.AgHeritagePark.com and Facebook for the latest updates. Ag Heritage Park is located at 103 S. Main, the south edge of Alta Vista, and is handicap accessible.

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March 24, 2016 8:30 AM
Call to Order

Public Comments

P. Collins said yesterday he did the final walk through on the Tuttle Cove Fire Station.

Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:
I was disappointed to see the version of the tax lid bill that the Kansas Senate passed this week. Thankfully, it was somewhat better than when originally introduced, but it definitely was still lacking in several areas.

Tuesday morning I helped with the Health Department Director job interviews. That afternoon I attended the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, where we heard presentations on the upcoming Inter-Region Visit to Fayetteville, Arkansas and the current status of the City of Manhattan's park facilities studies and planning process. To address the inaccurate rumor going around, I also reported that the County has not made any offers on the church next door, and certainly wouldn't consider anywhere near \$15 million for it if we ever did.

(Editor's Note: The Free Press has reported over the past few weeks that the County has been making offers to purchase the First Christian Church. The information came from 5 or 6 different sources.

The \$15 million comes from a Riley County 20-Year Cost Comparison study that gives 3 alternatives. No. 2 states Building Acquisition \$15,000,000. You can see the graphic on page 11 of the March 10, 2016 issue of the Free Press on our web site.)

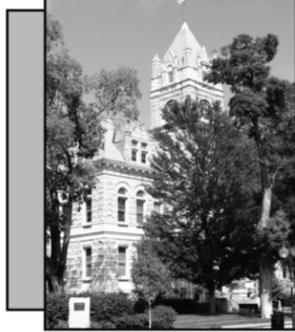
Boyd's Comments: Monday 03.21.16

Chaired the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency regular meeting at the Manhattan City Commission Chambers. The agency recognized Karen Kemp for her outstanding efforts to prevent a personal assault of a fellow citizen. The agency proclaimed April 10-16 2016 as National Public Safety Telecommunications week in recognition of the vital role our dispatchers perform in our community. RCPD reported on the combined activities required for Fake Patty's Day. The Agency will convene a working group to address the community response to this unsanctioned event.

Worked in the County offices on correspondence and reviewed material.

Attended the NACo Airport Subcommittee conference call regarding the FAA Federal Legislation. I have been tasked with developing NACo's legislative initiative regarding drones in the US.

Tuesday 03.22.16
Attended the opening session of Riley County Health Department's Strategic Planning workshop facilitated by Sarah Hartsig of the Kansas Health



Riley County Commission Minutes

Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

The minutes for years did not cost the county extra. They were produced using Word. A new program now costs \$700 per month.

Institute. I was very impressed with the organization and encouraged by the schedule of topics for the day.

Attended the Special meeting of the BOCC regarding interviewing prospects for the Health Department Director position.

Met with sponsors of a fraternity regarding redeveloping their property.

Attended the Riley County Emergency Management weather preparation meeting for the public. Severe weather preparations and responses were discussed for individuals and families.

Attended the Riley County Extension presentation for gardeners in our community.

Wednesday 03.23.16
Met with Flint Hills Regional Council staff at their Fort Riley offices to review and assemble interview procedures for the organization.

Met with community leaders in Manhattan for discussions of social media employment.

Attended the Junction City/Fort Riley Economic Impact assessment initial meeting at the Junction City Opera house. Regional leaders were in attendance as Metrix group presented the plans for their federally funded study of Fort Riley's economic impact to the surrounding communities.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he attended the Law Board Meeting. Wells stated discussion was held on Fake Patty's Day.

Wells stated on Tuesday he participated in the Health Department Director interviews.

Wells discussed the Free Press weekly newspaper's violation from the Kansas Ethics Governmental Commission for inappropriate advertising about two county commissioners.

(Editor's Note: The Free Press was contacted by the Kansas Ethics Governmental Commission about the ad that we run each week asking voter to not vote for two Riley County Commissioners because they voted to form a Riley County Building Commission which will take the vote away from the voters.

We told the Ethics Commission that we had contacted their office before the Ad started to run and were told we did not need to put the disclaimer at the bottom of the ad. We agreed to place a line on the ad saying that it was an editorial.

The Free Press did not violate any Ethics Commission rules)

Business Meeting

Accept Galen Hofmann's resignation and appoint Becky Brenner as Fancy Creek Township Treasurer

Move to accept Galen Hofmann's resignation and appoint Becky Brenner as Fancy Creek Township Treasurer.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Out-of-State Travel for IAAO Conference

Move to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Greg McHenry to attend the 2016 IAAO Conference and Workshop in the amount of

\$1,803.00 to be funded by the Appraiser's Office budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

2016-2019 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

Howser presented the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement. Move to allow IT/GIS to proceed with the 2016-2019 MSEA.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 21, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Special Meeting - Mar 22, 2016 9:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

8. Tentative Agenda

9. Discuss Press Conference Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney

10. Staff update Wilkerson presented a County Attorney's Office update.

9:15 AM Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

11. Upgrade 911 Recorder P. Collins presented the 911 recorder and server upgrade.

Move to approve to approve this upgrade of the 911 recorder for \$58,436 and the Server for \$7,998.00 using 911 funds.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:35 AM Kevin Howser, IT/GIS Director

12. IT/GIS Staff Update - March 2016

Howser presented the IT/GIS staff update.

10:00 AM Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

13. Economic Development update

Butler presented an update on economic development.

Armbrust announced Live Watch Securities has established an office in Manhattan.

Butler discussed frustration with how the tax lid on local governments will impact economic development in our State.

10:15 AM Greg Lund, Parks Manager

14. Write-Off City Of Manhattan Park Receivables Account, Community Park Fund Allocation Request, and Randolph Restroom Grant

Lund presented the annual Parks accounts receivable write-off.

Move to write-off the Park Fund accounts receivable charges assessed to the City of Manhattan for CiCo Park maintenance as presented in the amount of \$3,158.92 for 2015.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

15. 2016 Community Park

Lund presented the list of projects the Park Board has recommended to be approved for the community parks in 2016.

Boyd said he would like to see projects funded based on prioritization rather than trying to fund something for each park.

Move to approve the 2016 Community Park purchases as presented and recommended by the Riley County Park Advisory Board.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

See County minutes page 11

The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 8, 2016



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells (left) and Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd will be up for re-election on November 8, 2016. Both voted to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County when they passed a Riley County Building Commission.

By appointing themselves as the Building Commission they could approve a \$50 million 9th Grade re-construction for the School District without a vote of the people or they could help the City of Manhattan add \$50 million in debt for a Sports Complex without a vote. Before you talk to a Commissioner go to manhattanfreepress.com August 1, 2013 issue and read where Cities and Counties can use "Home Rule" to get around a vote of the people.

(This is not a paid political advertisement. It is part of an Editorial written by Jon A. Brake, Publisher, Manhattan Free Press.)

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SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

16. Grant to build a restroom facility at Randolph City Park

Lund discussed the grant submittal for the construction of the Randolph park restroom.

Dunstan discussed the City of Randolph's efforts in raising funds for the project and grant proposal.

Move to authorize Riley County Public Works to apply for a grant to build a restroom facility at Randolph City Park.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:30 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

17. Administrative Work Session

10:37 AM

18. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues

Move that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the Riley County Commission, Craig Cox, Deputy Riley County Counselor, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:47 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:47 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Move to direct staff to take action as directed.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:50 AM Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager

19. Write-Off Of Public Works & Solid Waste Account Receivables Request

Winter presented the requested write-offs for Public Works.

Move to authorize the Public Works Department to write-off the delinquent unpaid charges as presented.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:52 AM

20. Executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property

Move that the Board of Riley County Commissioners 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 the county, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

11:00 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:00 AM Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

11:00 AM

21. Executive session to discuss a performance matter involving non-elected personnel - Health Department Administrator

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 Health Department employee, including but not limited to review of applications, and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:15 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:15 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman said one of the delinquent property tax bills, house substitute SB 280, Riley County submitted has moved forward.

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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:35 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:43 AM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes March 28, 2016

8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments

Rosewicz reported there has been a computer line discovered in the security project of the Courthouse Project.

Rosewicz stated the relocation of the line will be an additional cost.

Harrison presented Lori Muir the Employee of the Month Award. Harrison stated Muir was nominated by Jennifer Jackson.

Volanti stated she has a Shared Leave Request to add to the business meeting.

Commission Comments

Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:

Friday I helped with a Meals on Wheels delivery. This weekend I also visited the Konza Prairie and joined in Good Fri-

day and Easter services and celebrations with church and family.

With our consideration of memorial bridges earlier this month, I thought it was interesting to see the legislature considering a bill (House Substitute for SB 245) that authorizes the placement of memorial signs on Kansas highways, with the scope limited to victims killed in an accident in which the driver of the other vehicle was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Boyd's Comments: Thursday 03.24.16

Met with Jerry Hinson, consultant for the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the area's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. It was a lively discussion of how our community has arrived at our current state and what we need to do going forward to maximize our community.

Attended the Flint Hills Regional Council's consultant, Matrix Group, initial community briefing for the Fort Riley economic impact study. I had attended the same briefing for Junction City; the level of concern and questions reflected the distinctions between communities. We are all concerned with the future of Fort Riley and must be prepared for all eventualities.

Friday 03.25.16

Worked in the County Offices on correspondence and follow-up.

Attended the Kansas Association of Counties Executive Board meeting by conference call. Routine housekeeping items were dealt with expeditiously while discussions on the legislature's actions were meaningful and lengthy. I was able to report to the board on the performance of our lobbying effort, which was professional, effective (considering the environment) and responsive to the tactical situation. The tax lid legislation is going forward to our chagrin, but it is vastly different than as proposed due to our efforts. How the legislation progresses upon the return of the legislators is to be determined with many paths available and forecast by those involved. KAC will stay involved and work to provide the counties of Kansas with energetic representation.

Met with area leaders to discuss housing within our community. The issues before us are of quantity, price and location of housing. High-end housing is available within the Riley County/Manhattan area, however moderate and entry level homes are being concentrated in the Pottawatomie County/Manhattan area. Apartments and townhomes are being developed at a rapid rate to address the expected growth. Housing and homes must be supported by infrastructure, which is behind in the east por-

tion of our community.

Met with the security manning working group to discuss options before us to man security facilities in our community. Currently the airport is the sole security facility requiring staffing, which RCPD is tasked to provide. Soon the Courthouse security will come on line requiring additional resources, which could be detailed to RCPD, however not efficiently nor economically. The working group is gathering information and requirements plus researching options to address the most effective, efficient and economical means of manning security facilities. As we grow, the need for other security facilities may also increase; a methodology for staffing will facilitate the process.

8. It was with a heavy heart I learned of Kansas State President Kurt Schulz's resignation and acceptance of the leadership of Washington State University. His vision and leadership has advanced K-State and our community greatly and will be missed. We wish him and Noel the best and congratulate Pullman on their selection of a great leader.

President Schulz is leaving K-State far better than it was when he arrived; it is a great institution, in a great community and although the search for his successor may be long, I am optimistic we will find a leader of vision and energy because of his efforts and record of accomplishments.

Saturday 03.26.16

Attended the Electronic Waste collection sponsored by KSU and Howie's Recycling across from the Memorial Stadium. The rain was an impediment, but the turnout was good for the conditions. We thank both sponsors for supporting our community.

I congratulate Senator Jerry Moran on his comments regarding the Senate's responsibilities regarding the current Supreme Court nominee's hearing. He is correct, the nominee should have his hearing in the Senate then the members can exercise their convictions and courage in a vote. To be obtuse is not honest leadership, not strategically beneficial and not what Americans expect from their leaders.

Wells said he visited with a Senior Citizen Group on Riley County issues.

Wells stated on Friday he interviewed firms to rewrite the zoning regulations.

Wells said he attended Easter Services.

Business Meeting

Mobile command post to Wamego

Move to approve sending the mobile command post to Wamego for their 4th of July celebration.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd,

Wells, Wilson

Renew ka-comm annual maintenance contract

Move to approve the renewal of the annual contract with Ka-Comm for the maintenance of the 911 radio backbone equipment in Riley County.

(Editor's Note: What does Riley County pay Ka-Comm? The minutes does not reflect the amount.)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Week of the Young Child Proclamation

Move to approve the Proclamation for Week of the Young Child for April 10-16, 2016.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

City Alcohol Grant Applications

Move to approve the applications to be submitted to the City of Manhattan for funding consideration for the following:

Youth Court, \$5,000 request

Juvenile Services, \$5,000 request

Adult Services, \$22,317.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Move to approve the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month for April.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$410,852.59 and the following warrant vouchers for April 1, 2016:

2016 Budget

County General \$485,620.20

Health Department 28,809.94

Teen Court Collected Fund 13.86

Court Technology 264.68

Riley Co Juvenile Service 3,867.40

Motor Vehicle Operations 3,948.51

21st Jud Dist Teen Court 972.74

Riley Co Adult Services 13,516.56

Capital Improvements Fund 32,351.00

Emergency 911 584.40

Solid Waste 8,814.65

County Building 2,595.85

Road & Bridge Cap Project 20,370.70

RCPD Levy/Op 302.55

Riley Co Fire Dist #1 18,808.83

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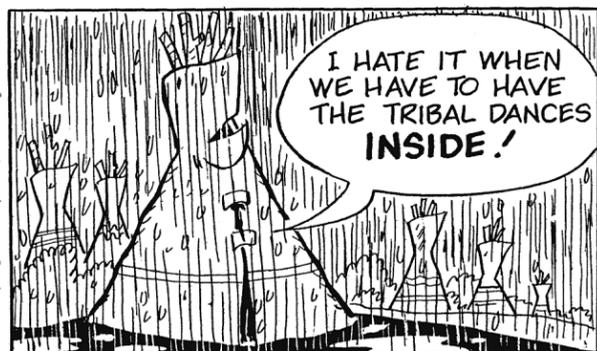
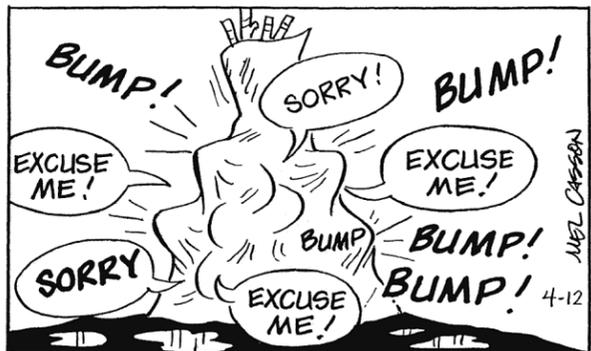
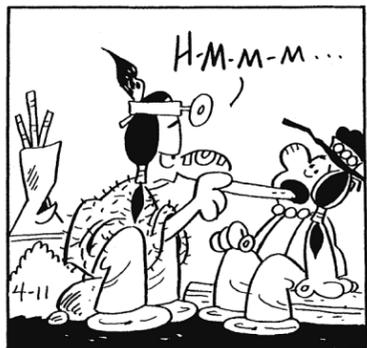
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Kansas farm co-ops are feeling pressure to merge as shrinking farm incomes have producers looking for ways to cut costs

GARDEN PLAIN, Kansas - (AP) - Kansas farm co-ops are feeling pressure to merge as shrinking farm incomes have producers looking for ways to cut their costs.

In about six weeks, Farmers Cooperative Elevator in Garden Plain will vote on whether to merge with co-ops in Anthony and Kiowa. Andale Farmers Co-op voted in December to merge with Kanza Co-op, a large operation based in the Pratt County town of Iuka.

The number of co-ops in

Kansas has fallen from about 350 in 1950, to about 80 today, Kansas State University professor Brian Briggeman told The Wichita Eagle.

Briggeman said the pressure to consolidate grows when farm income margins tighten. Net farm incomes nationwide are expected to be down 56 percent this year from their 2013 peak, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates.

Co-ops, which are owned by their farmer members, are regular businesses that are ex-

pected to turn a profit. Members are encouraged to do business with and sell their harvest to the local elevator.

The grain co-ops buy from farmers is sold to large grain companies, earning a small margin for the co-ops. They also sell fertilizer, chemicals, fuel and tires.

Bigger co-ops can increase efficiencies and lower costs. In the same way farm equipment and farms keep getting bigger, so do farmers' co-ops, said Terry Kohler, general manager

of Garden Plain's co-op.

"We're dealing with fewer farmers and a lot larger farms spread across wider geography," he said. "There is some greater purchasing power in size and some efficiencies in rolling stock."

Garden Plain announced the possible deal to its members in December, and the boards of the three co-ops have tentatively set a merger vote in mid-May, just before wheat harvest, Kohler said. No job cuts are expected, but some roles may

change, he said.

The latest round of mergers won't be the last, said Bruce Krehbiel, CEO of Kanza Co-op, a large co-op that recently merged with Andale Co-op.

Co-ops are somewhat different from most companies because they are co-ops, with strong geographical loyalty from their farmer-owners. Not all mergers make sense, Krehbiel said, such as if one co-op has a lot of debt and the other doesn't.

Farmer-members also don't necessarily like to think of their co-op getting gobbled up, he said. The also worry that consolidation will cut down on the competition that allows them to do price shopping.

Still, the consolidation trend is far from over, Krehbiel said.

"There is a limit to the economies of scale," he said. "We haven't got there yet."

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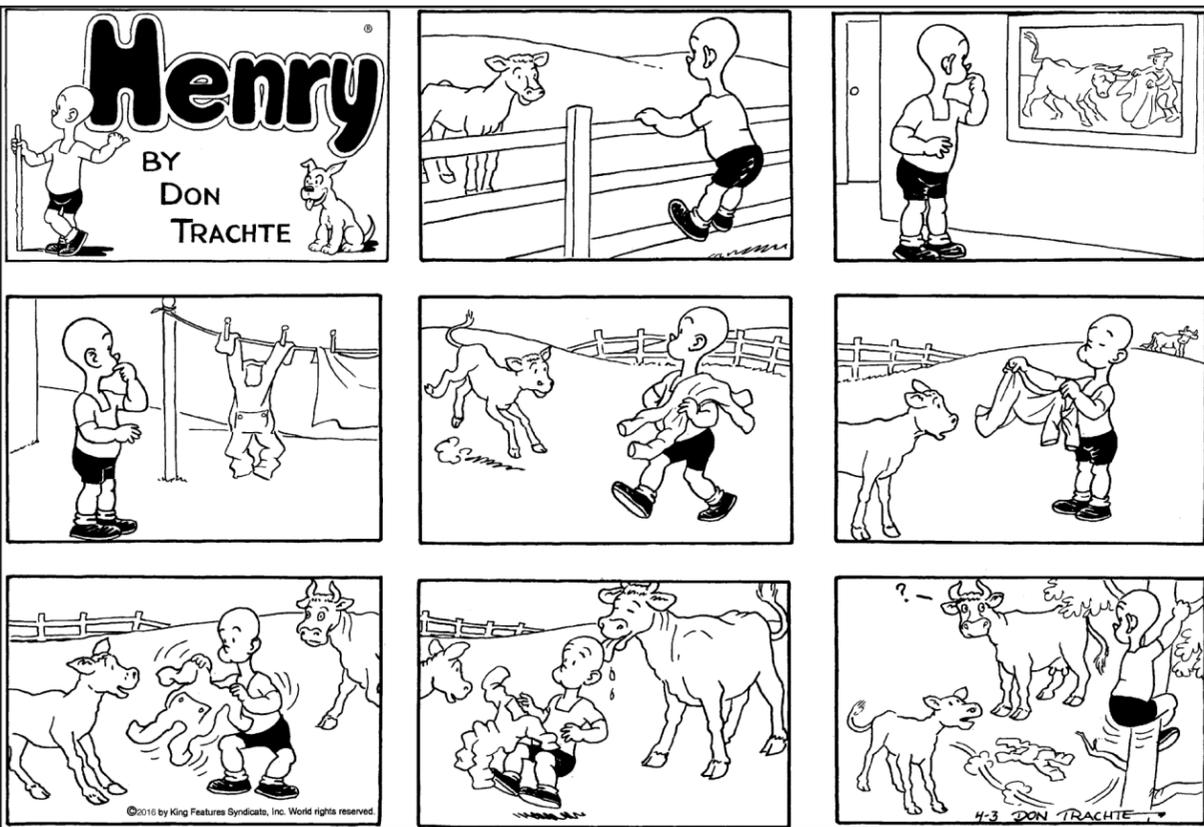


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Recurring daily
Venue: Museum at Prairiefire
Address: 5801 W. 135th, Overland Park, KS 66223
Time: From: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 913-333-3500
Learn how the fascinating human brain works - from senses and emotions to aging and effects of technology - as you explore this special exhibition.

Exhibition opening: How People Make Things January 30, 2016 - May 1, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Flint Hills Discovery Center
Address: 315 S 3rd, Manhattan, KS 66502
Time: From: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 785-587-2726
How People Make Things tells the story of how everyday items are manufactured and brings to life the people, ideas and technology.

2016 Garmin Marathon April 16, 2016

Venue: Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Olathe
Address: 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061
Time: Starting: 6:45 AM
Type: Events
Phone: 913-764-1050
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2016 Garnett Farmers Market May 5, 2016 - October 6, 2016

Every Thursday
Venue: Prairie Spirit Trail
Address: 418 S. Main Street, Garnett, KS 66032
Time: 4:30-7:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 785-448-6767
The Garnett Farmer's Market is an weekly event that allows visitors to capture what is unique about Garnett.

2016 Historic William Fulton House Tours May 21, 2016 - August 28, 2016

Every Sunday, Saturday
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torical Museum
Address: 403 S 4th, Garden City, KS 67846
Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Type: Events
Phone: 620-272-3664
There will be free guided tours of the Historic William Fulton House, dating to 1884 and built by one of Garden City's four founders.

2016 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Men's Golf Championships April 17 - 19, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Buffalo Dunes Golf Course
Address: 5685 S. US Highway 83, Garden City, KS 67846
Time: All Day
Type: Events
Phone: 316-337-5999
The Men's KCAC Golf Championship Tournament will be held over a three day period at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.

2016 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Women's Golf Championships April 17 - 19, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Buffalo Dunes Golf Course
Address: 5685 S. US Highway 83, Garden City, KS 67846
Time: All Day
Type: Events
Phone: 316-337-5999

The Women's KCAC Golf Championship Tournament will be held over a three day period at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course.

2016 NCBA Division II World Series May 19 - 25, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Jaycee Ballpark
Address: 12th and Highway 69, Pittsburg, KS 66762
Time: TBA
Type: Events
Phone: 620-231-1212
2016 NCBA Division II World Series May 19th - May 25th Jaycee Ballpark Pittsburg, Kansas.

29th Annual Tulip Festival April 16, 2016

Venue: Wamego Dutch Mill and Prairie Village
Address: E 4th St, Wamego, KS 66547
Time: From: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 785-456-7849
Each spring, the City of Wamego comes alive with thousands of visitors, vibrant colors of tulips and over 150 craft vendors.

44th Annual Square Fair (Crafts Festival) May 7, 2016

Venue: Anderson County Courthouse
Address: 100 E 4th Ave, Garnett, KS 66032

Time: From: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 785-448-6767

Held annually the Saturday before Mother's Day, Square Fair is a great place to shop for mom...or for yourself!

50th Annual Antique & Barbed Wire Festival May 5 - 7, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Kansas Barbed Wire Museum
Address: 417 Main Street, La Crosse, KS 67548
Time: all day
Phone: 785-222-9900
A festival for the entire family. Displays feature barbed wire and fencing related tools along with other antiques and collectibles.

Air Fair May 7, 2016

Venue: Garnett Industrial Airport
Address: 1202 E. 4th Avenue, Garnett, KS 66032
Time: From: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Phone: 785-448-6931
Air Fair includes open cockpit airplane rides, vintage and specialty aircraft displays, WWII jeep rides, a special appearance by the KC Bet.

"Brighton Beach Memorials" May 13 - 22, 2016

Time: From: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Every Sunday, Friday, Saturday

Venue: Theatre Atchison
Address: 401 Santa Fe, Atchison, KS 66002
Time: Fri. & Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.
Phone: 913-367-7469

Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene Jerome must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn:

"Float Your Boat" Contest June 19, 2016

Venue: Lovewell Reservoir, State Park, and Wildlife Area
Address: 2446 250 Rd, Webber, KS 66970
Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 785-753-4971
Participants must design and build a cardboard boat (specifications will be available in early July), and bring it to the Southwinds Beach

17th Annual "Run for the Soul" Benefit Fundraiser June 25, 2016

Venue: City of Ellsworth
Address: 220 S Douglas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439
Time: From: 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Phone: 785-472-6212
Come enjoy the Kansas countryside on your motorcycle and help a very important organization raise funds to expand their programs. The ride

2016 Garnett Farmers Market May 5, 2016 - October 6, 2016

Every Thursday
Venue: Prairie Spirit Trail
Address: 418 S. Main Street, Garnett, KS 66032
Time: 4:30-7:00 PM
Phone: 785-448-6767
The Garnett Farmer's Market is an weekly event that allows visitors to capture what is unique about Garnett and take a little bit of it hom...More

2016 Historic William Fulton House Tours May 21, 2016 - August 28, 2016

Every Sunday, Saturday
Venue: Finney County Historical Museum
Address: 403 S 4th, Garden City, KS 67846
Time: From: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Phone: 620-272-3664
There will be free guided tours of the Historic William Fulton House, dating to 1884 and built by one of Garden City's four founders.

2016 NCBA Division II World Series

May 19 - 25, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Jaycee Ballpark
Address: 12th and Highway 69, Pittsburg, KS 66762
Time: TBA
Phone: 620-231-1212
2016 NCBA Division II World Series May 19th - May 25th Jaycee Ballpark Pittsburg, Kansas.

2016 Smallville ComicCon June 11 - 12, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Kansas State Fairgrounds
Address: 2000 N Poplar, Hutchinson, KS 67502
Time: Vary - see description
Phone: 620-669-3600
3rd Annual Comic Book and Pop Culture Celebration! Held at the Meadowlark Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 N Poplar, Hutchinson.

2016 Smallville, Kansas Festival June 16 - 18, 2016

Recurring daily
Venue: Downtown Hutchinson
Address: Various locations throughout Downtown, Hutchinson, KS 67501
Time: vary Daily
Phone: 620-694-2677
In 2013 we got our town's name changed to "Smallville" for a day. In 2014 we got it changed for two and had our first Smallville.

2016 WazUp Coffee House Spring Art Show & Sale June 18, 2016

Venue: WazUp Coffee House
Address: 1340 N. Nelson Drive, Derby, KS 67037
Time: From: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Phone: 316-440-8334
The 2016 WazUp Coffee House Spring Art Show & Sale offers local and regional artists of all ages the opportunity to exhibit.

28th annual Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club Show June 24 - 25, 2016

Every Friday, Saturday
Venue: Crawford County Historical Museum
Address: 651 U.S. 69, Pittsburg, KS 66762
Time: Jun 24, 2016 12:00pm - 7:00pm; Jun 25, 2016 12:00pm - 7:00pm
Phone: 417-927-3254
The 28th annual Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club Show will be held Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th.

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 Carson Sewer Benefit Dist 145.94
 Deep Creek Sewer 174.86
 Moehlman Bottoms 650.02
 Valleywood Operations 127.72
 Terra Heights Sewer 181.01
 Konza Water Operations 2,759.56
 Lakeside Heights Sewer 39.64
 TOTAL \$626,361.84
 RESULT: ADOPTED
 [UNANIMOUS]
 County Commissioner
 Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to approve a Riley County Shared Leave Request Form.
 RESULT: ADOPTED
 [UNANIMOUS]
 County Commissioner
 Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to approve a Riley County Shared Leave Donation Form.
 ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]
 County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes
 11. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Mar 24, 2016 8:30 AM

8:55 Boyd left to attend a meeting at the City of Manhattan.

Move to approve the minutes.
 RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Wells, Wilson
 ABSENT: Boyd

12. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics
 13. Discuss Press Conference
 9:00 AM Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

14. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report
 C. Collins presented a Museum staff report.
 9:15 AM Lori Feldkamp, Big Lakes Developmental Center Director
 15. Big Lakes Developmental Center update
 Feldkamp presented an update on the Big Lakes Developmental Center.

9:30 AM Press Conference
 16. Present Week of the Young Child Proclamation - Ben Wilson and Jan Scheideman (3-5 minutes)
 Wilson presented the Week of the Young Child Proclamation to Jan Scheideman.

17. 2016 Week of the Young Child - Jan Scheideman (3-5 minutes)
 Scheideman stated the purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services which meet those needs.

18. Present Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation - Ben Wilson and Brea Spencer
 Wilson presented the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation to Brea Spencer.
 Spencer reported April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and celebrate the important roles communities play to protect children.

19. Child Abuse Prevention Month - Jeannie Herrin (5 minutes)
 Herrin discussed April,

Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the significance of the Pinwheel to symbolize the stable, healthy and protected childhood all children deserve.
 10:00 AM Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer
 20. Public Hearing on Petition by Randall T. Weiser and Adena J. Weiser to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Konza Water District; Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Enlargement of Konza Valley Water Production and Taxing District.
 Cox presented the information for the Public Hearing for the petition to enlarge the boundaries of the Konza Water District.

10:01 Boyd returned.
 Wilson opened the public hearing.
 Cox discussed the water district enlargement process. No public input.
 Wilson closed the public hearing.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 032816-14, A Resolution authorizing the enlargement of the Konza Valley Water Production and Taxing District and amending Resolution No. 091994-64."
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:10 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
21. Administrative Work Session
 Holeman discussed the tax lid legislation.

22. Pending County Projects

County Counselor
10:20 AM Executive session
 Move that the Board of Riley County Commissioners 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, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:30 a.m.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:30 AM Executive session
 Move that the Board of Riley County Commissioners 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, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:40 a.m.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:40 AM
 Move to go out of executive session.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:40 AM Executive session
 Move that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the Commission, Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:50 a.m.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

10:50 AM Move to go out of executive session.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:50 AM Move to go out of executive session.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
 No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:37 AM
 Adjournment Move to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon.

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Article VI, Section 4-112 M-FRO, Multi-Family Redevelopment Overlay District, as proposed, based on the findings in the Staff Memorandum (See Attachment No. 5) and the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion.

FIRST READING - AMEND MANHATTAN ZONING REGULATIONS - ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4-112, M-FRO, MULTI-FAMILY REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

After further comments from the Commission, on a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

AGREEMENT - TRANSFER 15 ACRES OF LAND IN THE LEDGESTONE RIDGE ADDITION - USE AS PARK LAND

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, presented background information on the item. He also provided an overview of the proposed park land transfer; discussed the project financing;

and presented images of the subject property, proposed park land and trail, and connectivity to the neighborhoods and parks.

Tim Schultz, Schultz Construction, provided additional information on the item and stated that this creates a unique opportunity to connect development areas in the community. He also provided an update and clarification on the proposed trail, park land and future development plans in the area.

Mayor McCulloh and the Commissioners thanked Mr. Schultz for his generous offer and for enabling this project to move forward.

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the park land and the future need for off-street parking.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, provided additional history on this concept and the benefits for additional connec-

tivity with this project.

Mayor McCulloh opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor McCulloh closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to approve a 15 acre park land transfer (Ledgestone Ridge Addition, Tract II and a portion of Lot 23) (See Attachment No. 6) from Tim Schultz and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Real Estate Transfer Agreement. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT
 At 9:20 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

Gary S. Fees, MMC, City Clerk

LAND AUCTION

154.5 Acres ± Marshall County, KS Land

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 — 10:00 AM

Landoll Lanes Conference Center ★ MARYSVILLE, KANSAS

Tract Info: 154.5 acres± with 131.94 DCP cropland.
 Directions from Marysville: South on Hwy. 77 approx. 4.5 miles to Pheasant Rd - 3 miles east to 13th Rd - 1 mile south to Quail Rd then 1/2 mile east. Property is located on the south side of Quail Rd.

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1 good shot deserves another, and Villanova comes out on top

HOUSTON (AP) — Some plays you can't draw up. Other plays you can.

The double-clutch 3-pointer North Carolina's Marcus Paige made came right off a play-ground. It might go down as college basketball's most spectacular footnote ever.

The buzzer-beating 3 that Villanova's Kris Jenkins poured in on top of that was the result of months, even years, of practice making perfect. It might go down as the sport's most memorable game-winner.

Two huge buckets in the span of 4.7 seconds Monday night turned a back-and-forth, edge-of-your-seat national title game into something even better.

Jenkins walked away the winner. His 3 at the buzzer, two steps behind the arc and with a 6-foot-9 defender flying in his face, gave Villanova a 77-74

victory and the second national title in program history.

"I think every shot's going in," Jenkins said, "and this one was no different."

'Nova coach Jay Wright barely flinched when Jenkins' shot fell with the buzzer blaring. "Bang," he said, calmly, before walking to midcourt to shake Carolina coach Roy Williams' hand.

Wright has been coaching that play for months, even years.

With the game tied and 4.7 seconds left, Jenkins inbounded under the Villanova basket to point guard Ryan Arcidiacono. Forward Daniel Ochefu set a pick at midcourt to free things up, then it was up to Arcidiacono to create. He underhand flipped a pass to Jenkins, who was open. The junior spotted himself up, and with North Car-

olina's Isaiah Hicks running at him, launched the shot.

Swish. Confetti. Party time. Or, as Jenkins put it, "One, two step, shoot 'em up, sleep in the streets."

The Wildcats (35-5) took the title for the first time since 1985, when Rollie Massimino coached the program to a title-game victory over Georgetown. Villanova shot 78 percent that night. In this game, the Cats shot 58.3 percent in the first half, 58.3 percent in the second half and 100 percent with the final buzzer sounding.

Wright said every coach designs plays for game-ending situations with less than four seconds, four to seven seconds, seven to 12 seconds.

They practice it. A lot. When showtime comes, the coach puts the ball in his players' hands and hopes they can exe-

cute. He knows that with the senior, Arcidiacono, running the play, odds are the Wildcats will get a good look.

"Every kid dreams about that shot," said Arcidiacono, who finished with 16 points and two assists, one more memorable than the other. "I wanted that shot, but I just had confidence in my teammates, and Kris was able to knock down that shot."

Not too much earlier, trailing 74-71, Paige knocked down his.

No coach could draw up that sort of thing.

The senior guard took a skip pass from Joel Berry II, almost lost the handle, dribbled twice, and with Arcidiacono running at him, hit a double-clutch 3 from two steps behind the arc.

"He's been doing that his

whole career here," Berry said. "He just that tough a guy."

The Tar Heels (33-7), the only No. 1 seed in the Final Four, trailed by 10 with 5:30 left. At that point, Williams said he promised his team that if he did what they said, they would have a chance to win.

Then, after Paige hit his shot, the senior told his teammates they just needed to play 4.7 seconds of defense, and they would win the overtime.

Never happened.

"It was helpless," Williams said. "It was not a good feeling."

The tears flowed out of the 65-year-old coach, who fell to

2-3 in title games. It's never fun being on the wrong side of hoops history.

Back in 1983, Lorenzo Charles dunked after an air ball to lift North Carolina State to its improbable title.

In 1987, Keith Smart made one from the side late to lift Indiana to a championship.

In 1992, Christian Laettner took Grant Hill's pass and hit a turnaround jumper to help Duke beat Kentucky and make the Final Four.

Now, this.

"The last play, we were just calm in the huddle, honestly," Arcidiacono said. "We knew what we were going to do and we just executed."

Arcidiacono grew up Villanova fan, becomes Final Four MVP

HOUSTON (AP) — Ryan Arcidiacono grew up outside Philadelphia as a Villanova fan, and then played more games than anyone else ever has for the Wildcats.

In his 144th and last game for Villanova, with his last pass, he became a national champion and a Final Four MVP.

The unselfish point guard was dribbling toward the basket with the clock winding down and defenders nearby when he heard Kris Jenkins calling for the ball from behind. Arcidiacono passed to his open teammate, whose 3-pointer beat the

buzzer for a 77-74 victory over North Carolina on Monday night.

"I wanted to be aggressive. If I could get a shot, I was going to shoot it. But I heard someone screaming in the back of my head. It was Kris," Arcidiacono said. "I just gave it to him and he let it go with confidence."

The Pennsylvania kid born nine years after Villanova's only other title in 1985 scored 16 points against North Carolina after posting 15 in the team's record semifinal rout of Oklahoma.

And all with the coach of the 1985 team, Rollie Massimino, watching the Wildcats win another championship.

"Ryan Arcidiacono, he's one of the best payers I've ever played with," Jenkins said. "For a senior to get the ball and make the right play and not try to shoot the ball in double coverage just shows a lot about him and what he's about and how he's just all about winning."

Arcidiacono savored every moment during the champi-

onship celebration on the court, hoisting the trophy above his head before he and his teammates stopped to watch the "One Shining Moment" video montage when it was shown inside the stadium. Before walking off the podium, the guard scooped up two big handfuls of confetti, tossed them into the air and enjoyed another shower of the colorful strips as he walked down the steps.

The senior guard hugged numerous people and took pictures with Villanova family and friends. He eventually cut off

the last piece of the championship net, and was the one carrying the trophy when the team left the court.

Villanova had erased a five-point halftime deficit and led by 10 with 5:29 left. The Tar Heels, the only No. 1 seed to make it to the Final Four, got even when Marcus Paige made a double-clutch 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left.

"Unbelievable shot. ... Just unbelievable," said Arcidiacono, who is from Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

The Wildcats called timeout, but little had to be said before they went back on the court. Everybody in the huddle knew what play they would run.

"We work on that play every single day in practice. I'm always the one with the ball. I think Coach has confidence in me and my teammates have confidence in me. I was trying to be aggressive," Arcidiacono said. "It's not about me taking the right shot, it's about me making the right read. I think I just did that."

Wildcats Solid at UCLA Legends Invitational

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Six first-place finishes highlighted the final day of competition as the Wildcats closed out the UCLA Legends Invitational at the UCLA Drake Stadium on Saturday.

The women's side finished in second place with 124.5 points, while the men took third place with 94 points. UCLA's men and women both won the meet with scores of 185.333 points and 173.5, respectively.

Senior Akela Jones, in her first outdoor competition of the season, recorded first-place finishes in both the 100 meter hurdles (13.36) and high jump (1.90m/6-02.75). Fellow senior Tia' Gamble also finished in first place in the 400 meter dash with a personal best time of 54.12.

Both were members of the 4x400 meter relay team, which also consisted of freshman Ranae McKenzie and sophomore A'Keyla Mitchell, which

finished in first place with a time of 3:37.35.

Sophomore Devie Freeman II and junior Kaneil Harrison each set personal bests in the 200 meter dash with times of 21.79 and 21.94, respectively.

The distance runners also had a solid meet. In the 800 meter run, senior Sonia Gaskin finished in second place with a time of 2:10.44, while Kain Ellis took fourth in the men's race with a time of 1:51.44. In the 1500 meter run, Lukas Koch set a new personal best with a time of 3:53.50 to finish third. Sophomore Kayla Doll also took third with a time of 4:43.87.

The Wildcats were equally successful in the field. Junior pole vaulter Zack Supple set a new personal best after recording a jump of 5.11m/16-09.25. Newcomer Shadae Lawrence also recorded a win in women's discus throw with a mark of 56.40m/185-00.

Javelin throwers Allison Zerbe and Derek Selk each recorded second-place finishes in the javelin throw. Selk recorded a personal best throw in the event with a mark of 60.45m/198-04, while Zerbe recorded a throw of 46.03m/151-00.

Overall, K-State finished the meet with nine first place finishes and had one school record broken.

The Wildcats return to action next week as they travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to compete in the LSU Battle on the Bayou. More information on the meet can be found here.

For the latest on K-State track and field, follow @kstate-sports and @KStateTFXC on Twitter using the hashtag #KStateTF or on the team's Facebook page.

UCLA Legends Invitational
UCLA Drake Stadium
Los Angeles, Calif.

Men's 100 Meter Dash
4. Nick Albus — 10.81

Women's 100 Meter Hurdles
1. Akela Jones — 13.36

Women's 200 Meter Dash
18. Jordan Matthews — 25.77

Men's 200 Meter Dash
2. Devie Freeman II — 21.79 (PR)
4. Kaneil Harrison — 21.94 (PR)

Men's 110 Meter Hurdles
5. Adam Deterding — 14.75

Women's 400 Meter Run
1. Tia' Gamble — 54.12 (PR)
5. Keiteyana Parks — 56.25 (PR)
16. Jordan Matthews — 59.53

Women's 800 Meter Run
2. Sonia Gaskin — 2:10.44

Men's 800 Meter Run
4. Kain Ellis — 1:51.44

Women's 1500 Meter Run
3. Kayla Doll — 4:43.87

Men's 1500 Meter Run
3. Lukas Koch — 3:53.50 (PR)

Women's 4x100 Meter Relay
2. McKenzie-Mitchell-Allen-Jones — 45.19

Women's 4x400 Meter Relay
1. Gamble-McKenzie-Mitchell-Jones — 3:37.35

Men's 4x400 Meter Relay
2. Freeman II-Otuonye-Smith-Harrison — 3:14.09

Women's High Jump
1. Akela Jones — 1.90m/6-02.75
4. Rhizlane Siba — 1.75m/5-08.75

Men's Long Jump
9. Adam Deterding — 6.38m/20-11.25

Women's Pole Vault
T7. Megan Vanderpool — 3.41m/11-02.25

Men's Pole Vault
1. Zack Supple — 5.11m/16-09.25 (PR)

Men's Shot Put
4. Jayce Brack — 16.22m/53-02.75

Women's Discus Throw
1. Shadae Lawrence — 56.40m/185-00

Women's Javelin Throw
2. Allison Zerbe — 46.03m/151-00

Men's Javelin Throw
2. Derek Selk — 60.45m/198-04 (PR)
5. Lucas Moeder — 58.18m/190-10

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