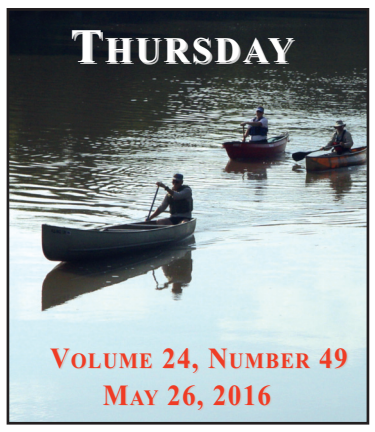


VOLUME 24, NUMBER 49
MAY 26, 2016

Manhattan Free Press

An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper

FREE

Are The County Commissioners Telling The Truth?

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

Are the Riley County Commissioners telling the truth when they say: "This Commission has not made any offers to purchase the First Christian Church."

The answer is "Yes" they are telling the truth.

Well then... Is the Manhattan Free Press telling the truth when we say: "Behind closed doors, and that is the way it should be, the Riley County Commission has been discussing the purchase of Real Estate. The Free Press has been told that the Commission has make several offers to the First Christian Church for the purchase of their building." ***March 10, 2016 Manhattan Free Press.***

Listen closely to what the Commissioners are saying: "**This** Commission has not made any offers." What they are saying is Commissioners Ron Wells, Bob Boyd and Ben Wilson have not made an offer to purchase the Church.

First Christian Church

But a 20-year Plan given to another County Commission shows "Alternative 2 is to purchase the First Christian Church for a Comprehensive County Office Facility."

"This" Commission is still working with that 20-year Plan.

One of the conditions given in the Plan is that the Commission (10-years ago) would need to approve a Riley County Building Commission. That Commission did not do that.

But, the last Commission of Bob Boyd, Ron Wells and Dave Lewis did approve a Riley County Building Commission two-years ago.

Now, they can truthfully say that "This Commission" did not approve a Building Commission, and that would be a true statement. Ben Wilson was not in on the dirty deed.

The 20-Year Plan also says that the County Commissioners must sell the Old Bell Telephone Office Building that the County owns.

This is being done right now Commissioners Bob Boyd, Ron Wells and Ben Wilson have voted to place the Bell Building up for sale.

And then there was the Church Board member who said in an open meeting that "one" of the Commissioners has been talking to the Church.

We know from the minutes for the last two years that Bob Boyd thinks the Commission should have a CEO. And if you go back and read the minutes Boyd has been acting like a CEO, tells the other two Commissioners that he has been representing the Commission almost on a daily basis.

Has the Free Press been telling the truth? Yes, and for the past 24-years and still going.

Kansas lawmakers expect to consider transgender restroom use

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ Republican lawmakers have vowed to voice opposition to transgender school bathrooms upon reconvening next week.

The issue gained attention after the Obama administration's recent guidance that transgender students at public schools be allowed to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender identity.

Rep. John Whitmer, a Wichita Republican, said he and other conservative lawmakers want to express their displeasure through a resolution, The Wichita Eagle reports. Bathroom bill supporters said it's probably too late to do more than a resolution because the only legislative day remaining on the calendar is June 1, the ``sine die" day that ordinarily marks the ceremonial end of the legislative year.

While schools wouldn't be legally bound to follow a resolution with action, ``this is at least what we can do in the short term." Whitmer said.

But Rep. John Carmichael, D-Wichita, said that other than helping lawmakers to ``run for re-election and raise extra money," he didn't think a bathroom resolution would ``have any effect at all." Similarly, Thomas Witt, executive director of LGBT-rights group Equality Kansas, said all a resolution would do is ``single out children who are already victims" in school because they're different.

Lawmakers took up the transgender bathroom issue earlier this session, but the bill stalled in committee. The measure would have required transgender students to use the facilities corresponding to the sex determined by their chromosome makeup as recorded on their birth certificate.

Many lawmakers said they were troubled by language that would have allowed students to sue their school for $2,500 if they encountered a transgendered classmate in the ``wrong" restroom or locker room.

Law Board Meets To Approve 2017 Budget

RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting
Room 1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS
April 7, 2016 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

General Agenda:

2017 Budget Development: Members of the Law Board were provided copies of the Riley County Police Department 2017 Budget Narrative as part of their packets. Also provided was 2017 Budget Draft 1 which includes scheduled merit increases and a 0% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for employees. This option represents a 3.836% increase from the 2016 approved budget when the 2015 carryover is applied.

Assistant Director Doehling briefed the Board on budget options A through E. A brief description of each option to include non-personnel and personnel related costs, and the percent increase over the 2016 approved RCPD budget are depicted in the chart below.

Option AOption AOption BOption COption DOption E20162017

(Editor's Note: The minutes listed the Option Amounts but they can not be printed here. See Below:)

Director Schoen spoke with City staff yesterday concerning courthouse security for Municipal Court. As a result, there will be some upward revisions to the abovementioned courtroom and courthouse security budget recommendations. In addition, there are a number of computer servers at the Department that are due to be replaced. Riley County Police Department Information Technology (IT) staff is waiting to determine precisely what those costs will be, specifically with respect to the maintenance agreements.

Pawnee Mental Health Services Executive Director Robbin Waldner Cole briefed the Board on the proposed mental health response position (budget option B). She explained that she is very happy with the working relationship between Pawnee Mental Health Services and the Riley County Police Department. The two entities have discussed some very exciting possibilities that will ultimately benefit the community. During her conversations with the public regarding the mental health response initiative she has received nothing but universal applause. That does not mean that there aren't or won't be members of the community who are nervous or unsupportive of the idea of community mental health and law enforcement working together. However, she certainly has not encountered those individuals.

Cole said that the proposed level of funding would allow for one full-time mental health response professional with a Master's level degree. The ideal individual would be experienced, and have both a license to practice independently as a clinician and a license as a substance abuse counselor. She does not envision the position being filled by a recent graduate or new professional. It would not be an entry level position; therefore, the salary and benefits would need to reflect that. Lastly, the individual would need to be comfortable working on the streets with people who may or may not be of danger to themselves or others and who have come into contact with law enforcement for whatever reason.

Reddi commented that the mental health response professional would need to be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. She wished to know if Pawnee Mental Health Services has plans to fund an additional mental health response position.

Cole responded that Pawnee Mental Health Services currently lacks the financial capacity to add resources to devote to this project. If they were to contribute additional responders to be stationed at the police department, it would require extra funding support for Pawnee Mental Health Services. She noted that Pawnee recently completed a grant application for City of Manhattan's alcohol

See page 11

	2016	2017 (Base Budget)	*Option A* Courtroom Security	*Option A* Courthouse Security	*Option B* Mental Health Response	*Option C* Dispatchers (2)	*Option D* Shift Differential Pay	*Option E* Education Pay	Options A-E	2017 Budget Draft 1
Personnel	$17,313,000	$17,255,298	$60,050	$150,381	$87,468	$94,356	$30,460	$134,987	$557,702	$17,813,000
Non-Personnel	$2,451,000	$2,721,500	$3,000	$5,000	-	-	-	-	-	$2,729,500
Total	$19,764,000	$19,984,798	$60,050	$150,381	$87,468	$94,356	$30,460	$134,987	$557,702	$20,542,500
% Change	-	+1.117	+.304	+.761	+.443	+.477	+.154	+.683	+2.822	+3.939

Dick Edwards

Ford LINCOLN HYUNDAI mazda

SALES & SERVICE 785-776-4004
• TOLL FREE 800-257-4004

Kansas Profile: Hazel Zimmerman – Ag Heritage Park

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

"Heritage." It's defined as "the traditions, achievements, beliefs, etc. that are part of the history of a group or nation." Today we'll learn about a farm family which is celebrating the history of agriculture by displaying farm equipment that has been used through the decades. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Hazel Zimmerman is co-founder of Ag Heritage Park which displays generations of farm equipment.

Hazel grew up on a farm near Alta Vista. She met and married Everett who also grew up on a nearby farm. They farmed together and raised three children: Connie, Calvin, and Kirby. Calvin and Kirby farm nearby, and Connie lives near Olsburg.

Everett semi-retired in 1995. At farm auctions, he noticed that some of the oldest equipment was being sold for junk. He saw historic horse-drawn equipment, for example, which was being sold simply for salvage.

Everett and Hazel realized that such equipment was a part of the legacy of agriculture. They recognized that such history could be lost if no effort was made to capture and preserve it.

So, Everett and Hazel started collecting classic farm equipment. Of course, they wanted to share it with others. "We were trying to find a place to put it," Hazel said. In 1999, Everett and Hazel bought four acres on the south side of Alta Vista, a rural community of 434 people. Now, that's rural. They built buildings, moved in equipment, and prepared to display it.

On October 3, 1999 – Everett's birthday - they opened Ag Heritage Park in Alta Vista.

The purpose of Ag Heritage Park is to preserve the history of old farm equipment

and rural lifestyles. It has been described as "the ultimate collection of memorabilia commemorating ag life in rural America." Much of the collection is found in two large museum buildings, surrounded by many more pieces of equipment. Additional period buildings have also been brought in.

The collection expanded through the years. Everett passed away in 2010, but his work is being carried on by Hazel and the other family members who serve on the board. The Council Grove Area Foundation has provided supportive grants. Sponsors are recognized with signs on the fence. Ag Heritage Park is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which depends on donations for operating support.

Admission to Ag Heritage Park is by voluntary donation. The park is open by appointment. The entrance sign lists three phone numbers for various family members who, within minutes, can open the park for visitors. On the third Saturday in April, the park hosts Spring Crank Up. On the fourth Saturday in September, the park hosts special events in conjunction with Alta Vista's Old Settlers Day.

Ag Heritage Park features hundreds of pieces of farm equipment that have been used through the decades, including a full line of horse-drawn equipment and some of the first tractors and pull-type combines that existed before self-propelled combines came into use. Nearly 50 tractors are on the grounds. When a grant was received so descriptive signs could be placed on each piece of equipment, some 450 signs were made.

There are also household goods as well as oldtime elements from such places as beauty shops, barber shops, telephone exchanges, and more. Also on the grounds are a one room schoolhouse, log cabin, two room house, chickenhouse, blacksmith shop, barn, and corn crib/granary from the 1885 era.

Hazel's daughter Connie Larson is a leader in the barn quilt movement in Kansas.

Three barn quilts are displayed on buildings at the park.

School classes and 4-H groups have visited the park as well as guests from all over. It is especially rewarding to Hazel when older people who know this equipment come to the park and share this history with their children and grandchildren. "You see those older fellas light up when they see this equipment," Hazel said.

For more information, go to

.

Heritage: It's been defined as "the traditions, achievements, beliefs, etc. that are part of the history of a group or nation." We commend Hazel and the late Everett Zimmerman plus all those who are making a difference by preserving this heritage at Ag Heritage Park.

For the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, this is Ron Wilson with Kansas Profile.

Help Wanted

Nutrition Coordinator wanted at the Riley County Senior' Service Center. Outgoing, enthusiastic person, who is willing to host seniors and volunteers, coordinate meal services and file monthly reports. 6 hours per day M-F. Pick up application at or send resume to 401 Houston, Manhattan, Ks 66502 Call 1-800-432-2703 for information. EOE/AA

SHORT GO

Boots, Work Boots, and Stetson Hats

785-776-7467
1019 Hustetler Dr.
Manhattan, Ks

PIZZA SHUTTLE DELIVERS

776-5577

Limited Delivery Area
1800 Claflin Road - FirstBank Center

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

M	A	C	H			S	S	W		E	L	S	E	
A	L	A	I			L	E	I		L	A	O	S	
M	A	R	K	D	O	W	N			G	N	U	S	
E	N	T	E	R	S			G	I	R	D	L	E	
				D	U	H			S	T	E	M		
T	A	D			M	E	G			S	C	A	L	D
S	H	O	O			D	U	B			O	R	E	O
P	A	W	N	S			M	A	G			K	E	N
			N	E	A	R			H	A	Y			
S	C	H	E	M	E			A	Z	A	L	E	A	
A	H	O	Y			H	O	M	E	L	A	N	D	
G	A	M	E			A	R	A			T	R	I	O
O	P	E	D			B	B	S			A	D	D	S

You can pick up the Free Press at Dillons East

Pony Express Cafe
U.S 36 and KS 148
Open
Sunday 7 am - 2 pm
Closed Monday
Tuesday - Friday 6 am - 2 pm
Saturday - 6 am - 8 am
Sunday Lunch Buffet 11 am - 2 pm
785-337-2270

Published Weekly Every Thursday

Manhattan Free Press
Jon A. and Linda L. Brake, Publishers

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1191, Manhattan, Ks 66505
E-Mail:
freepress@kansas.net or jonbrake@kansas.net

785-537-8953
Cell Phone 785-557-1694

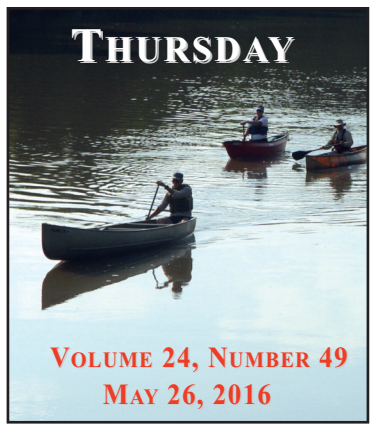
"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

DO YOU NEED TO GET AROUND TOWN?
CALL THE aTa Bus TODAY!
537-6345
GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
FOR THE MANHATTAN-RILEY COUNTY AREA
This Project Funded in Part by the KDOT Public Transit Program

BENCHMARK ENTERPRISES
Free Estimates
• General Construction
• Roofing
• Renovation & Remodeling
• Siding • Concrete Work
• Foundation Repair
• Metal Buildings
• Sheetrock Repair
Roger Seymour
Phone 785-537-4447

ABRACADABRA
Creative Interiors
By Marco
785-577-0538 or 316-295-8871
Wichita, Toas, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Colorado Springs
Custom Upholstery Since 1966



VOLUME 24, NUMBER 49
MAY 26, 2016

Free Press Second Front

An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper

MHS Business Professionals of America

Manhattan, Kansas. The Manhattan High BPA students were very competitive at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Boston on May 5-8. The 18 participating students were: Bryan Armbrust, John Benfer, Lexi Bieker, Mark Buckwalter, Jonathan Chen, Lily Colburn, Emma Devane, Fatou Faburay, Stephanie Fu, Suzanna Gevock, Nabil Hossain, Luann Jung, Chloe Lhuillier, Maya Minoch, Lexie Nichols, Brandon Religa, Corbin Sedlacek, and Isis Thornton-Saunders. They qualified for NLC at the February Kansas Leadership Conference in Wichita.

9 of the MHS participants scored in the top 10 in their respective individual or team events. The results follow:

Luann Jung & Stephanie Fu-2nd Administrative Support Team (out of 30)

Emma Devane, John Benfer, Chloe Lhuillier, Corbin Sedlacek- 2nd Financial Analyst Team (out of 25)

Luann Jung-3rd Medical Office Procedures (out of 70)

Lexie Bieker-3rd Fundamental Accounting (out of 71)

The Manhattan High BPA students

Lily Colburn-9th Extemporaneous Speech (out of 47)

Mark Buckwalter-8th Presentation management (out of 45)

Luann Jung-9th Administrative Support Concepts Open Test (out of 640)

In addition to the traditional BPA events, "Bank-on-It" was a 100-student bracket-play accounting competition. Chloe Lhuillier placed 2nd and Fatou Faburay placed 4th. Maya Minocha finished in 5th place, with several other MHS students close behind.

The BPA advisor is Paige McCarthy. Glenda Eichman, MHS accounting teacher, and Debra Kidd, CTE Coordinator and Business Department Head, helped sponsor the trip.

Historical Society to return remains to Kansas tribes

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) _ The Kansas State Historical Society plans to return human remains excavated from Native American burial sites in Kansas to two tribes.

The remains of two people dug up in Pottawatomie County were donated to the historical society in 1881 by a private collector. In the years since, the historical society has received Native American remains found in other counties, such as Doniphan, Shawnee and Atchison, The Topeka Capital-Journal.

A team of archaeologists, historians, cultural anthropologists and Native Americans groups determined the remains likely belong to the Kaw Nation, of Oklahoma, and Kickapoo Tribe, of northern Kansas.

Robert Hoard, a state archaeologist, wrote in the federal registry in April that remains of 17 individuals, along with 148 burial objects, belong to the Kaw Nation.

If no other tribes object to Hoard's findings during a month-long public comment period, the remains become property of the Kaw Nation. That's required by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act passed in 1990.

``The law arose from an understandable dissatisfaction with the notion that museums that own human remains are studying them like scientific specimens,'' Hoard said.

Hoard also wrote in April that his team determined the remains of at least one person, along with glass beads and pottery, dug up from burial sites in Atchison County in 1916 or 1917 belonged to the Kickapoo tribe.

The tribes decide what happens to the remains after repatriation. In some instances, tribes have chosen a formal repatriation ceremony, or the remains have been buried or returned with little to no ceremony. The Wichita tribe, which has had remains repatriated to them in the past, asked the historical society to keep them while the tribe builds a repository.

Other tribes refuse to discuss the deceased tribal members because of their tribal beliefs and the remains can't be transferred to them.

``There's no procedure out there'' for handling remains, Hoard said. ``This all has to be created, tribe by tribe.''

None of the Kansas remains and objects being returned to tribes are currently on display at the historical society. Objects believed to have cultural significance are kept in a sealed room to ensure they aren't used for an exhibit, Hoard said.

City of Manhattan Starts Work On Bloated 2017 Budget

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO May 16, 2016

FROM: Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance
MEETING: May 24, 2016
SUBJECT:
First Work Session on the 2017 City Budget and 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

PRESENTERS: Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance
Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance

BACKGROUND

Early each year, City Administration undertakes an extensive budgeting and planning process that begins in January involving City Management, the Department of Finance, and virtually every Department/Division of the City. This process includes preparation of budgeting and capital planning worksheets for City Departments to complete and for Management to review prior to presenting this information to the City Commission.

Under state law, the annual budgetary process is left up to each municipality across the state of Kansas. However, there is a uniform standard requiring every municipality to submit a budget by August 15 of each year prior to the start of the new fiscal year, which in Kansas runs on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31.

Once budgetary information is submitted to the City Manager, meetings are set for discussions with each City Department Director or Division Supervisor. At that time, Management reviews all requests and either (1) allows an item to stay in the budget for further review and consideration, (2) modifies an item, (3) moves an item to another timeframe, or (4) deletes an item.

This internal process is always accomplished prior to the first budget work session with the City Commission.

DISCUSSION

Traditionally, the first budget work session has provided a broad overview of what City Administration believes will be the key issues shaping the annual City budget process. Please review the enclosures to this memorandum which provide additional insight into the issues and challenges that the 2017 City Budget may present.

General Fund

The City's General Fund is the fund that supports a majority of City operations including about 70% of total personnel expenses. As such, it always has been the focus of budgetary discussions.

In order to meet growing service demands, a number of City Departments have requested budgetary increases which will enhance service delivery. The following are key highlights of the 2017 General Fund as compared to 2016:

2017 Personnel Expenses
*Due to transfer of Employer Health Insurance Contribution to Employee Benefit Fund
Capital Improvement Funding (1,206,436)

*Management Reduction of $1,360,969 201,793 (See Enclosure No. 5)
Other Budgetary Increases (Commodities, Contractual Services, etc.) 160,638
Totals (844,005)

For 2017, City Administration is recommending transferring the employer self-funded health insurance contribution from the General Fund to the Employee Benefit Fund. This transfer is recommended due to the more common practice of cities in Kansas funding the employer contribution from the Employee Benefit Fund versus the General Fund. This transfer is revenue neutral, as the transfer to the Employee Benefit Fund is offset by the transfer of sales tax revenue from the General Fund.

However, personnel services for the General Fund increased by $1,043,644 from 2016 to 2017 with the exclusion of health insurance. This increase includes a 1.5% COLA ($254,885), and 2% step ($337,872) increase for employees. There are two new position requests for a City Park Maintenance Technician, and City Planner. City Administration declined requests for a Code Services Officer, and Court Security Officer.

Special Revenue Funds

The City has 21 special revenue funds that are budgeted annually. These funds are separated into two categories:

Those funds that are under the control of the City Manager and,

Those funds that represent outside agencies governed by appointed boards.

For 2017, some of the special revenue funds that are under the control of the City Manager will experience minimal mill levy increases including the Employee Benefit Fund, Kansas Police & Fire Fund, and the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.

Outside agency budgets that are not under control of the City Manager (the Riley County Police Department and the Library) will have budget increases projected for 2017. The projected mill levy impact for outside agencies is 0.055 and 0.074 respectively. This impact includes a 2% delinquency rate for Riley County Policy Department ad valorem.

Bond & Interest Fund

The City's Bond & Interest Fund is the primary account from which annual principal and interest payments are made on debt issuances that have been approved by the City Commission. The issuance of permanent financing for growth-related projects across the City will result in higher annual principal and interest payments within the Bond & Interest Fund for 2017.

There will be a small mill levy decrease of 0.436 in the Bond & Interest Fund for 2017, due to the refunding bond issuances which resulted in an interest rate savings.

(Editor's Note: Removed Chart)

It is important to note that the above cash balances contain both unrestricted cash and reserved cash. The reserved cash balances reflect $5,490,000 of sales taxes that are accumulating for the bonded "quality-of-life" projects. At a prior work session, the City Commission elected to utilize part of these restricted cash reserves for specific maintenance and improvement projects related to the original voter-approved bond issue.

The City's overall debt remains steady. The increase in overall City debt the past few years has been due, in part, to the special obligation debt issued for the redevelopment projects ($58.28M of STAR and TIF Bonds comprise 21% of City debt) as well as special assessment debt to finance infrastructure for residential subdivisions ($77M in special assessments comprise 28% of City debt).

Although these debt service instruments comprise about half of the City's total debt, they have a dedicated revenue stream of funds along with dedicated reserves to ensure the continued payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds.

Enterprise Funds

The City's Enterprise Funds—Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater—are not supported by property taxes but rather by user fees associated with each utility.

Due to mandated expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and capacity/modernization improvements at the Water Treatment Plant and wellfields that were funded by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) loans, it is again likely in 2017 that each utility will require additional

See Page 7

20,642 New Regulations Added in the Obama Presidency

Heritage Foundation

The tide of red tape that threatens to drown U.S. consumers and businesses surged yet again in 2015, according to a Heritage Foundation study we released on Monday.

More than $22 billion per year in new regulatory costs were imposed on Americans last year

More than $22 billion per year in new regulatory costs were imposed on Americans last year, pushing the total burden for the Obama years to exceed $100 billion annually.

That's a dollar for every star in the galaxy, or one for every second in 32 years.

Read the Full Heritage Foundation Report: Red Tape Rising 2016

The consequences of this rampant rulemaking are widespread:

Restricted access to credit under the hundreds of rules unleashed by the Dodd–Frank financial regulation statute

Fewer health care choices and higher medical costs from the Affordable Care Act

Reduced Internet investment and innovation under the network neutrality rules dictated by the Federal Communications Commission

These are just a few of the 2,353 regulations of 2015—and there have been 20,642 since Obama took office in 2009.

The worst of last year's wave—in terms of cost, at least—was the Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan."

The rule represents the first direct regulation of so-called greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, at a cost of $7.2 billion a year (and far more according to critics). Despite the huge costs, the plan will do nothing to mitigate global warming.

America's problem with excessive regulation did not start with the Obama administration, of course.

His predecessor George W. Bush was hardly a paragon of deregulation. Although Bush showed restraint during his first term, the number of regulations soared during his final years in office. Under the two administrations combined, their new rules added $176 billion in annual regulatory costs on Americans.

And there is much more to come. Obama's final year in the White House could be his busiest. Historically, rulemaking increases as presidents scramble to fulfill their regulatory agenda before leaving office.

There are already more than 2,000 proposed or final rules in the pipeline—including 144 that are expected to cost $100 million a year or more. These include yet more energy-efficiency mandates for home and commercial appliances, additional food-labeling requirements, stricter fuel economy standards for vehicles, and more stringent limits on consumer access to credit.

In a post-Obama era, the need for reform of the regulatory regime will be greater than ever before. Immediate reforms should include requiring legislation to undergo an impact analysis before a floor vote in Congress, as well as requiring that every major regulation obtain congressional approval before taking effect.

Sunset deadlines should also be imposed for all major rules, and independent agencies should be subject to the same White House regulatory review as executive branch agencies.

The unparalleled increase in regulatory burdens spells a decline in economic freedom and individual liberty, with a concomitant increase in political gamesmanship and cronyism—all of which inhibits innovation, investment and job creation, increases prices, and curtails consumer choice.

Congress needs to take immediate action to control the continued expansion of the administrative state, prevent further harm to the economy, and stem the erosion of individual liberty.

MEMBER FDIC | EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Solutions for YOU!

Personal and Business Solutions

Online Banking *including Online Bill Payment*

Mobile Banking *with apps for Android™ and iPhone®*

Convenient ATMs

Now offering online account opening!

ksstatebank.com

KS StateBank

Westloop | Aggieville | Downtown | Highway 24 | Junction City | 785-587-4000

Politics/Commentary

Washington Turns Every Military Alliance into Welfare

CATO Institute

America's international position is distinguished by its alliance networks. Presidential candidates decry today's dangerous world, yet the U.S. is allied with every major industrialized power, save China and Russia. It is a position Washington's few potential adversaries must envy.

Unfortunately, littering the globe with security commitments is costly. The U.S. must create a much bigger military to project force abroad to protect countries that often matter little for this nation's security. Moreover, while military tripwires are supposed to prevent war, they ensure involvement if deterrence fails.

Equally important, America's defense guarantees turn friends and allies into dependents. The principle is the same as domestic welfare. Why do it yourself if someone else will do so?

In his recent interview in the Atlantic Monthly President Barack Obama complained: "Free-riders aggravate me." Unfortunately, Washington has created a world filled with free- or at least cheap-riders.

The president recently visited one of the targets of his ire: Saudi Arabia. The royals long ago assumed the U.S. military would act as their de facto bodyguard. The first Gulf War was more about the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia than Kuwait.

At least the KSA began putting more money into its military when it perceived the Obama administration's commitment to Riyadh was waning. The kingdom was outraged at Washington's nuclear negotiations with Iran and refusal to directly intervene in the Syrian civil war. Yet the "alliance" still has dragged the U.S. into the KSA's war in Yemen, which has gone from local civil war to regional sectarian conflict.

Content to spend barely one percent of its GDP on the military throughout the Cold War while facing the Soviet Union and Maoist China, Japan has started doing a bit more. It appears Tokyo is worried that Washington might not go to war with Beijing over the Senkakyu/Diaoyu Islands. Japan only recently passed legislation allowing its military to aid U.S. forces under attack. For decades Japan's only responsibility as an ally was to be defended.

Washington's Korean commitment grows out of the Korean War, which ended 63 years ago. Since then the Republic of Korea has raced ahead of the North, with an economy as much as 40 times as large, a population twice as big, and a dramatic lead in technological prowess, international influence, and most every other measure of national power.

Yet the ROK, facing a supposed existential threat, spends a lower percentage of its GDP on the military than does America. Although Seoul's military is qualitatively superior to that of the North, South Korea's forces lag in quantity. Because the ROK expects to be defended by America.

Then there are the Europeans. Foreign policy should be based on circumstances. After World War II Western Europe was prostrate and Eastern Europe had been swallowed by the Soviet Union. Today the Europeans not only vastly outmatch Russia, their only potential antagonist, but they possess a larger economy and population than America.

Yet Washington's desperate, even humiliating pleas for its allies to do more continue to fall on deaf ears. Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg took great pleasure earlier this year when he announced that NATO's European members only slightly reduced their military outlays in 2015, after years of significant cuts. Such is considered progress.

In all of these cases the U.S. has variously insisted, demanded, and requested that its friends do more. When they did not, it often turned to begging and whining, with no greater success.

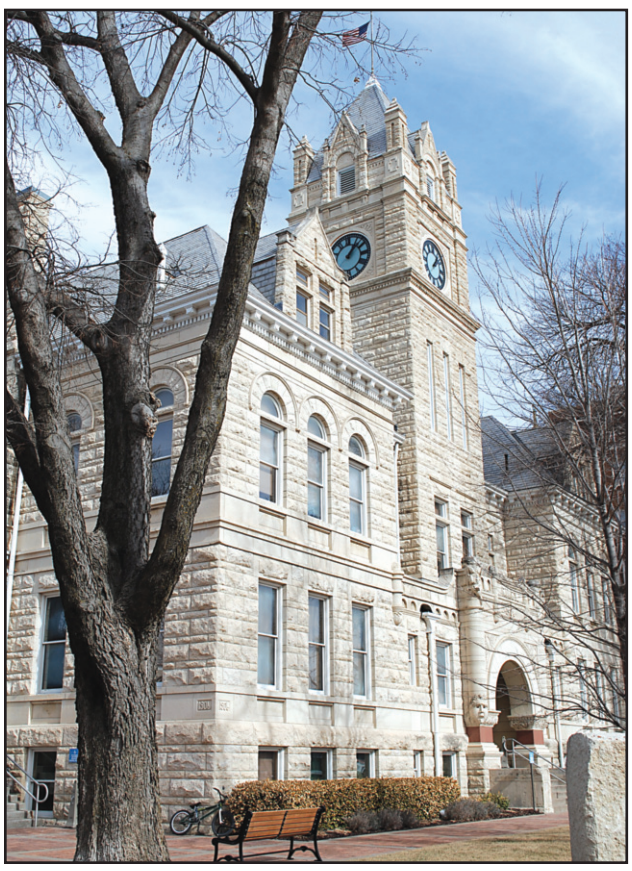
One could at least argue during the Cold War that it was in America's interest to defend countries even if they would not protect themselves. No longer. Washington faces no hegemonic threat, no ideological competitor, no international peer. There isn't any "there there," as Gertrude Stein said of Oakland.

Yet the alliances commit America to go to war in defense of other nations' interests. At the same time such guarantees dissuade friendly states from doing more on their own behalf. If deterrence fails, as it often has throughout history, the good times will come to a dramatic and bloody end.

Washington has tolerated allied free-riding for far too long. It's time for America to engage in burden-shedding rather than hope for burden-sharing. In its quest to maximize its number of allies the U.S. has needlessly created a gaggle of dependents.

Have You Read What The Free Press Said

County Minutes Are Light On Detail



Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes May 19, 2016

9:00 AM Call to Order

Public Comments

Volanti reported the conditional offer of employment for Health Department Director position has been accepted with an anticipated start date of August 22, 2016. Volanti asked if the August 22, 2016 start date is acceptable to the Board.

The Board agreed the Monday, August 22, 2016 start date for the Health Department Director is acceptable.

Volanti stated the Board needs to determine the beginning salary for the Health Department Director.

The Board agreed by consensus the salary for the new Health Department Director should be at the beginning level of the salary scale for the position.

Commission Comments

Commission Comments
Wilson's Comments:

Monday I attended the Law Board Meeting with the major focus being on the 2017 budget.

Tuesday afternoon I joined the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, which featured a presentation by city staff on the proposed city discrimination ordinance.

Wednesday I attended the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration monthly board meeting. At the meeting, we approved the budget for next year, which requires a local match of $8,000-$9,000 to leverage federal and state funds. FHRTA staff continues to discuss with neighboring counties whether they want to participate in the Coordinated Transit District, which is the primary expense of the FHRTA budget. Those local match costs will be split between whichever counties choose to participate. Wednesday evening I attended the Riley County Republican Party forum at the library about educational issues, featuring speakers from the Kansas Policy Institute and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

This morning I spoke about county issues at the Chamber's Good Morning Manhattan breakfast, with other speakers presenting about Fort Riley Family Morale, Wellness, and Recreation and also Advantage Manhattan, the Chamber's private fundraising campaign.

Boyd's Comments:
Monday 05.16.16

Chaired the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency regular monthly meeting at the Manhattan City Commission room. The board completed work on the 2017 budget, which included new obligations to security manning, mental health support contract, and one additional emergency dispatcher while finding savings from the current year's budget in fuel and personnel costs.

Fort Riley's 1st Aviation Brigade community leaders' tour of the ongoing exercise schedule for the afternoon was cancelled due to inclement weather. The exercise continued unabated, our 1st Division being an all weather fighting force, just the tour for the community leaders was cancelled, a disappointment to all scheduled to attend.

Attended the Kansas Finance Workgroup meeting to discuss the efforts for the state to regain its financial footing and to halt the deterioration of required state functions. Discussions ranged from the political to the tactical with all agreeing to the three leg stool concept expressed by previous governors for sound state financing.

Tuesday 05.17.16

Worked on correspondence and preparations.

Attended the Flint Hills aTa Bus executive board meeting at the aTa Bus facilities. The board was briefed on the launching this week of the Junction City fixed route system, which is receiving praise from the local citizens. We will find out if the praise result in ridership as the service matures and the community becomes aware of the service.

Wednesday 05.18.16

Worked on correspondence and preparations.

Wells' Comments:

Wells discussed the passing of the Law Board budget.

Wells said he attended the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Board meeting.

Wells stated he attended the Good Morning Manhattan meeting this morning.

Business Meeting

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for R. Dean Klentz Et Ux and the City of Leonardville

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for R. Dean Klentz Et Ux and the City of Leonardville (125-15-0-10-01-008.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of $8.96.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

Robert Boyd, County Commissioner Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Andrea S. Engelken

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Andrea S. Engelken (211- 11-0-10-13-058.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of $456.36.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]

Robert Boyd, County Commissioner Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Andrea S. Engelken

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Andrea S. Engelken (211- 11-0-10-13-058.00-0) for tax year 2014. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of $577.78.

ADOPTED[UNANIMOUS]

Robert Boyd, County Commissioner Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 16, 2016

8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

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

County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda7. Tentative Agenda

9:15 AM

Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds9. 2016 Year to Date Revenue

Regester presented the year to date revenue report for the Register of Deeds' Office.

Regester presented an example of the re-digitization of deeds documents, which were much improved.

Regester asked the Board if she could give the Riley County Historical Society a free subscription to the online access of records.

The Board agreed by consensus to allow the Riley County Historical Society a free subscription to the Register of Deeds' online access to records.

9:30 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services10. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed the CGI Communications video shoot next Monday and Tuesday.

Holeman discussed the Ambulance Facility relocation to the City Fire Station on Denison.

9:44 AM
Executive Session

Move that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending 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 9:48 a.m.

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

9:48 AM

Move to go out of the executive session.

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.

9:50 AM

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer11. Bid opening for Winkler Mills deck rehabilitation

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for Winkler Mills deck rehabilitation.

Company Total Bid
L & M Contractors, Inc.
$208,538.00
P.O. Box 1171
Great Bend, KS 67530

King Construction Company, Inc. $108,156.00
P.O. Box 849 Hesston, KS 67062

B&B Bridge Company LLC
$288,306.40
411 6th Street
St. Paul, KS 66771

Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc. $156,151.00
PO Box 1694
Topeka, KS 66601
PCiRoads
$183,756.50
14123 42nd Street NE St.

See Page 10

Help Wanted

Part time kitchen assistant at the Riley County seniors' Services Center, 4 hours/day M-F. Benefits are sick leave, holidays, paid vacation. Application and job description at the Senior Center, 301 N 4th St. Manhattan, Ks or send resume to 401 Houston, Manhattan, Ks 66502 Call 1-800-432-2703 for information. EOE/AA

Hometown Cafe
Barnes, Ks

785-763-4560

Breakfast & Lunch Specials

New Summer Hours

Mon-Sat. 7:00 am - 7 pm - Sunday 10 am - 2 pm

DONOVAN'S Home Health Life

Donovan's Home Health Life is a vibrant visiting care service for the elderly and ill of health, unique to Manhattan, Kansas and surrounding Riley County. Our outstanding professional staff provide health and community support, companionship and home assistance to those who need it most.

Our passion for care is your peace of mind.

Donovanshhl.com
785.492.2992 | megan@donovanshhl.com

$39.95

Conventional Service
Lube, Oil Filter, and Tire Rotation
Up to 5 qts,; Synthetic & Diesels extra
see Dealer for details

Briggs AUTO.COM

4810 Skyway Dr. Manhattan
785-565-5532

City of Manhattan Starts Work On Bloated 2017 Budget

The Manhattan City Commission

From Page 3

rate adjustments in order to fund capital improvement project requests and adequately meet debt repayments to the State of Kansas.

Operational improvements in the capital improvement program also are anticipated based on community growth as well as a continued commitment to re-investment and maintenance of existing infrastructure. These rate adjustments will be discussed separately as part of the fourth budget work session to be held in July.

Summary

As in the past, there are several issues that will require City Commission direction for the 2017 City Budget. Currently, the 20 City Board and citizen requests received for the 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program are not included in the 2017 budget as City Administration did not believe these projects were a higher priority than other projects and equipment submitted by departments (Enclosure 7). All citizens who submitted CIP requests were notified by mail to attend the first budget work session if possible.

(Editor's Note: the number would not print.)

General Fund CIP Budget Impact

City Management will continue to monitor spending in 2016 to ensure that ending cash balances meet targeted projections. In addition, City Management and the Finance Department are happy to respond to any Commissioner request for additional budget information or analysis. Please keep in mind that considerable current data is also available on the City's website by accessing the Budget Information Center at any time.

As a reminder, the following dates regarding the 2017 City Budget and 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program are provided below:

June 14th – Second Work Session with the City Commission on proposed 2017 Budget and 2017-2022 CIP. (Second Tuesday)

June 28th – Third Work Session with the City Commission on proposed 2017 Budget and 2017-2022 CIP plus outside entities appear before the City Commission to present 2017 funding requests. (Fourth Tuesday)

July 12th – Fourth Work Session with the City Commission on (1) discussion of utility rates and (2) proposed 2017 Budget and 2017-2022 CIP. (Second Tuesday)

July 22nd – Publish notice of 2017 City Budget and 2017-2022 CIP public hearing on August 2nd.

July 26th (Optional) – Fifth Work Session with the City Commission on proposed 2017 Budget and 2017-2022 CIP. (Fourth Tuesday)

August 16th – Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget and 2017-2022 CIP and first reading of an ordinance to approve the 2017 City Budget and the amended 2016 City Budget for select funds if necessary. (Second Tuesday)

September 6th – City Commission approves second reading of an ordinance approving the 2017 City Budget and 2017-2022 CIP and amended 2016 City Budget for select funds if necessary. (Third Tuesday)

ALTERNATIVE

The Commission has the following alternative concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

1. Provide direction regarding any issue, revenue source, or expenditure discussed in the 2017 City Budget and 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Pro-

Kansas appeals order to register thousands of voters

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ Secretary of State Kris Kobach asked a federal appeals court Friday to delay a judge's order to add thousands of Kansas residents to voting rolls for federal elections after they didn't provide proof of citizenship when registering at motor vehicle offices.

Kobach, a Kansas Republican, told the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals that the process would be administratively burdensome and involve thousands of hours of work by election officials. He's asking for a stay while he appeals the decision.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which sued on behalf of Kansas voters, is opposing the delay.

U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson issued the preliminary injunction Tuesday after finding more than 18,000 eligible voters would be disenfranchised in the upcoming federal elections under the Kansas law. She put her order on hold, but only until May 31, so the state could appeal.

Kobach argued that staying the order would allow affected individuals to still vote in the November federal election, while permitting the state to seek an expedited appeal of Robinson's decision.

He contended that if Robinson's order is not put on hold during the appeal process it will ``cause great confusion and uncertainty for voters in Kansas during the 2016 election cycle."

Robinson ruled that the state's proof-of-citizenship requirements likely violate a provision in the National Voter Registration Act that requires only ``minimal information" to determine a voter's eligibility for federal elections.

The judge wrote that ``even if instances of noncitizens voting cause indirect voter disenfranchisement by diluting the votes of citizens, such instances pale in comparison to the number of qualified citizens who have been disenfranchised by this law."

The evidence shows only three instances in Kansas where noncitizens voted in a federal election between 1995 and 2013, and about 14 noncitizens attempted to register during that time.

The court noted the ``magnitude of harm" caused by 18,372 applicants at motor vehicle offices who were denied registration due to the state's proof-of-citizenship law.

Former Army officer accused of illegally having grenades

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) _ Federal prosecutors charged a former U.S. Army explosives expert on Friday with illegally possessing grenades that they said were among a cache of explosives that investigators found in his Kansas home.

John Panchalk, 42, of Overland Park was charged with one count of possessing two fragmentation grenades unregistered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Panchalk, who was arrested late Thursday after a search of his home, initially was charged by Johnson County prosecutors with one count of criminal use of explosives. But that felony was dropped Friday to give way to the federal charge.

Panchalk caught the attention of investigators Thursday when police responding to a report of a stolen vehicle at a Parkville, Missouri, self-storage site found several storage trailers vandalized, according to an affidavit by Roger Stous, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

One of them, later linked to Panchalk, contained explosives that included ammunition canisters, rocket fins, blasting caps, C-4 explosives and military grenade simulators, Stous wrote.

When investigators confronted Panchalk at his residence, authorities allege, he was evasive when asked about the trailer's contents. An ensuing search of his home by police and federal agents uncovered 38 pounds of C-4 explosive, detonation cord, blasting caps, grenade simulators, incendiary devices and the two fragmentation grenades, court filings allege.

Online court records don't show whether Panchalk has an attorney. Panchalk also is a firearms instructor at a Johnson County shooting range.

The federal felony is punishable by up to a decade in prison and a fine of as much as $250,000.

Breyer says Supreme Court not diminished with only 8 members

WASHINGTON (AP) _ Justice Stephen Breyer said Monday that the Supreme Court has not been diminished by having only eight members since the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February.

Breyer suggested in response to questions at an awards ceremony at the Library of Congress that Scalia would have made a difference in only four or five cases out of more than 70 the court will decide this term.

``We may divide 4-4 in four or five cases, we may not," Breyer said of the term than will end in June.

That could include some of the term's biggest cases involving abortion and immigration. A tie vote would leave the lower court ruling in place and prevent the court from setting a legal precedent that applies to the entire country.

The court has already deadlocked in three cases, including a high-profile dispute over public-sector labor unions. And last week, the justices returned a dispute over access to birth control to lower courts, suggesting they could not form a majority that would have settled a major conflict over the scope of the nation's health care law.

Breyer stressed that the court in recent years has ruled unanimously about half the time and divided 5-4 in only a small percentage of cases. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito and Elena Kagan also have said in recent public comments that the court would find its way until a ninth justice is confirmed.

Breyer did not address the partisan debate over whether the Senate should confirm Judge Merrick Garland, nominated by Obama to take Scalia's seat. Senate Republicans have refused to hold a hearing on Garland's confirmation or schedule a vote, saying the choice should be left to Obama's successor.

Breyer was at the ceremony, the Burton Awards for Legal Achievement, to receive an award for his latest book about the use of foreign law in American courts.

CHART 1

Nuclear Energy Use in States Where Spent Nuclear Fuel is Stored

The federal government has collected billions of dollars from nuclear electricity consumers to fund the collection and disposal of commercial spent nuclear fuel. Washington has yet to handle any of the 71,000 tons being stored at nuclear power plants. Consequently, the courts determined in 2014 that the federal government could no longer continue to charge the fee.

	Nuclear Waste Fund contributions and interest, in millions	Percentage of electricity generated by nuclear power
Vermont	$371.8	72.3%
South Carolina	$2,850.3	54.0%
New Hampshire	$377.3	51.9%
Illinois	$5,334.9	48.4%
Connecticut	$1,355.7	47.1%
New Jersey	$1,638.1	46.7%
Virginia	$1,594.8	39.1%
Maryland	$809.4	37.7%
Pennsylvania	$3,785.0	35.5%
Tennessee	$1,131.3	34.5%
North Carolina	$1,965.1	31.8%
New York	$2,428.4	31.6%
Michigan	$1,843.7	29.5%
Arizona	$1,303.7	28.8%
Alabama	$1,798.9	27.5%
Georgia	$1,794.1	25.9%
Nebraska	$570.8	25.5%
Arkansas	$882.4	23.5%
Minnesota	$854.0	22.4%
Massachusetts	$357.1	18.5%
Mississippi	$473.9	18.5%
Kansas	$428.0	17.1%
Louisiana	$770.2	16.6%
Wisconsin	$792.5	15.5%
Florida	$1,689.5	12.1%
Ohio	$754.5	12.1%
Missouri	$463.0	10.5%
Texas	$1,524.2	9.0%
California	$1,827.5	8.6%
Washington	$376.8	8.2%
Iowa	$264.0	7.3%
Maine	$315.1	0%
Oregon	$148.8	0%

Sources: Nuclear Energy Institute, "Nuclear Waste Fund Payment Information by State," December 31, 2014, http://www.nei.org/Knowledge-Center/Nuclear-Statistics/Costs-Fuel,-Operation,-Waste-Disposal-Life-Cycle/Nuclear-Waste-Fund-Payment-Information-by-State (accessed June 29, 2015); Nuclear Energy Institute, "State Electricity Generation Fuel Shares," http://www.nei.org/Knowledge-Center/Nuclear-Statistics/US-Nuclear-Power-Plants/State-Electricity-Generation-Fuel-Shares (accessed June 29, 2015).

BG 3045 heritage.org

World War II bomber 'Doc' cleared for takeoff

The Wichita-built B-29 bomber known as "Doc" could be airborne before summer's end.

Friday marked another milestone along the vintage airplane's journey to the skies as the nonprofit group Doc's Friends announced the acceptance of an airworthiness certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Several dozen members of Doc's Friends and other supporters were present for a ceremony Friday afternoon at the World War II aircraft's hangar at Air Capital Flight Line, the grounds of the former Boeing Wichita complex.

"The biggest thing is how important this airplane is to history," said Jeff Turner, board chairman for Doc's Friends. "The light of freedom was growing dimmer (during World War II), and the men and women of our nation rose up and secured our freedom. I don't want us to ever forget that."

The certificate was one of the final hurdles in getting the plane off the ground, which could happen in the next few weeks, Turner said. The group will now seek permission to operate "Doc" at McConnell Air Force Base.

Jim Murphy, program manager for the restoration project, said Friday's announcement came 16 years to the day after the pieces of what is now "Doc" were brought to Wichita on flatbed trucks from California.

Turner, the former CEO of Spirit AeroSystems, thanked the many who have helped with the restoration process over the years – 26 have since died, he said – and noted that an estimated 350,000 volunteer hours have been contributed to the restoration.

Tony Mazzolini, who discovered "Doc" on a bombing range in California's Mojave Desert in 1987, traveled from his home in Cleveland for the ceremony. Mazzolini said he originally thought it would take only two or three years to restore the four-engine plane once it was brought to Wichita.

If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

Camp Creek LLC
Golf Cart Sales and Service
Club Car and Club Car Utility Vehicle
Robb Kohlmeyer
100 West 7th
Washington, KS 66968
785-325-2120
campcreek@bluevalley.net
New Used
Customize • Restore • Repair

AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE
All your protection under one roof®
Personalized Service
Competitive Rates
Payment Plans
Tim Engle Agency, Inc
2 Convenient Locations:
3320 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS
(785) 539-9200
4430 Kaw Valley Rd
Wamego, KS
(785) 456-9422
Auto - Home - Business - Farm

COME TO THE DARK SIDE
Window Tinting
30 years experience
785-532-9647
Jim Rose

NOAA, NASA: 2015 was Earth's hottest by a wide margin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year wasn't just the Earth's hottest year on record — it left a century of high temperature marks in the dust.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and NASA announced Wednesday that 2015 was by far the hottest year in 136 years of record keeping. For the most part, scientists at the agencies and elsewhere blamed man-made global warming, with a boost from El Nino.

NOAA said 2015's temperature was 58.62 degrees Fahrenheit (14.79 degrees Celsius), passing 2014 by a record margin of 0.29 degrees. That's 1.62 degrees above the 20th-century average. NASA, which measures differently, said 2015 was 0.23 degrees warmer than the record set in 2014 and 1.6 degrees above 20th century average.

Because of the wide margin over 2014, NASA calculated that 2015 was a record with 94 percent certainty, more than double the certainty it had last year when announcing 2014 as a record. NOAA put the number at above 99 percent — or "virtually certain," said Tom Karl, director of NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information.

For the first time Earth is 1 degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than it was in pre-industrial times, NOAA and NASA said. That's a key milestone because world leaders have set a threshold of trying to avoid warming of 1.5 or degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times.

Because of the pace of rising temperatures, "we don't have very far to go to reach 1.5," Karl said.

But 1.5 or 2 degrees are not "magic numbers" and "we're already seeing the impacts of global warming," said NASA Goddard Institute of Space Studies director Gavin Schmidt.

"This trend will continue; it will continue because we understand why it's happening," Schmidt said. "It's happening because the dominant force is carbon dioxide" from burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

Although 2015 is now the hottest on record, it was the fourth time in 11 years that Earth broke annual marks for high temperature.

"It's getting to the point where breaking record is the norm," Texas Tech climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe said. "It's almost unusual when we're not breaking a record."

December 2015 was the 10th month last year that set a monthly warmth record, with only January and April not hitting high marks.

"That's the first time we've seen that," said NOAA's Karl.

In December, the globe was 2 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than normal, beating the old record set in 2014 by more than a half a degree, NOAA calculated.

Earth has broken monthly heat records 34 times since 2000. The last time a global cold month record was set was December 1916 and the coldest year on record was 1911, according to NOAA.

An added factor this year is the strong El Nino, a warming of parts of the Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide and adds to the globe's heat. Michael Mann of Pennsylvania State University said a strong El Nino can add about a third of a degree of warming to Earth's temperature but that "sits upon the ramp of global warming."

Karl and Schmidt both said 2015 would have been a record without El Nino. "But El Nino pushed it way over the top," Karl said.

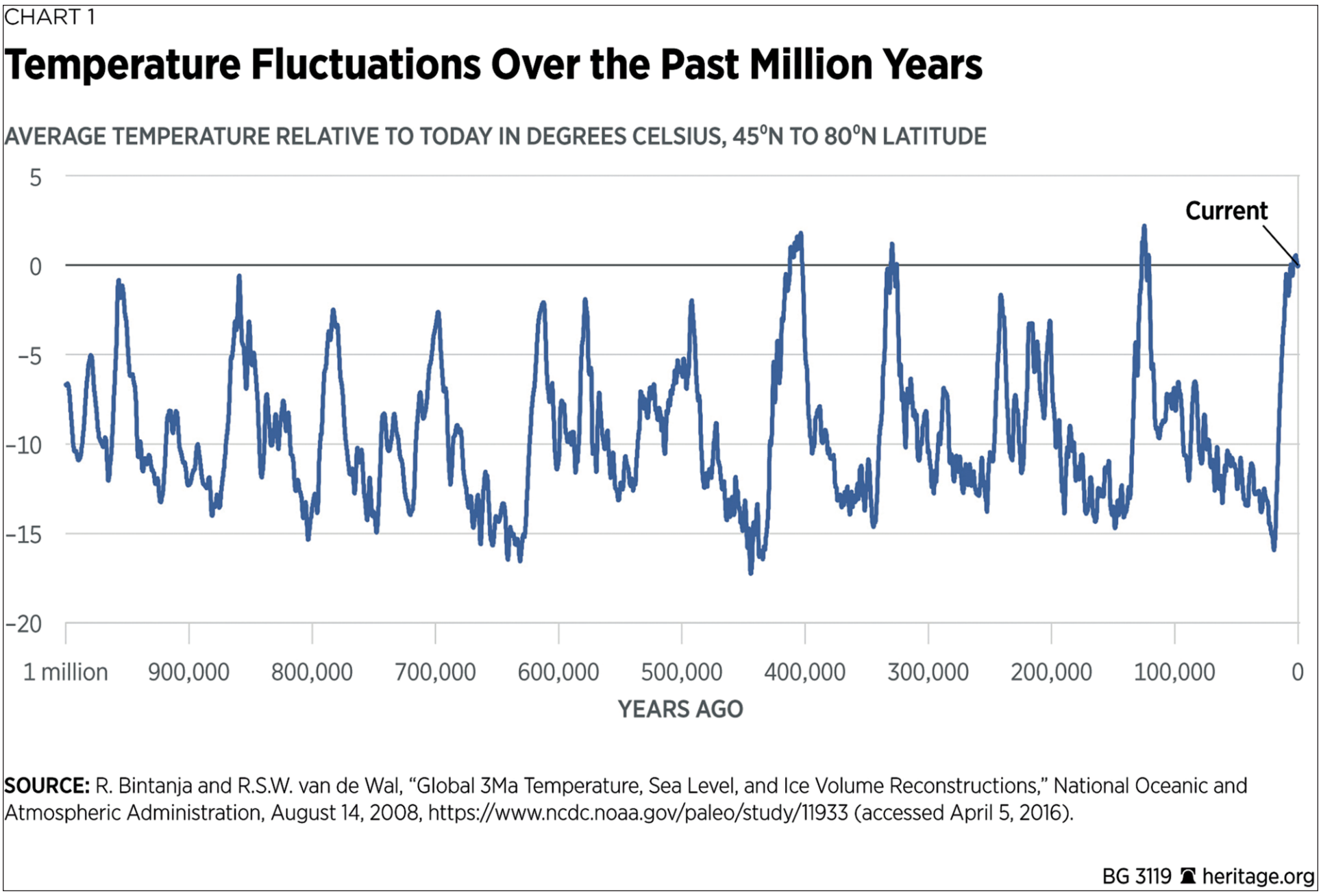
And it's likely to happen this year, too. Schmidt, Karl and others said there's a better than even chance that this year will pass 2015 as the hottest year on record, thanks to El Nino.

"2015 will be difficult to beat, but you say that almost every year and you get surprised," said Victor Gensini, a meteorology professor at the College of DuPage outside of Chicago.

Measurements from Japan, the United Kingdom and the University of California at Berkeley also show 2015 is the warmest on record. Satellite measurements, which scientists say don't measure where we live and have a larger margin of error, calculate that last year was only the third hottest since 1979.

Non-scientists who reject mainstream climate science often criticize NOAA for adjustments to past temperature records to reconcile the measurement devices with modern techniques, but even without any adjustments NOAA data shows 2015 as the hottest year on record, Karl said.

Oh Yea .....



Historical Society to return remains to Kansas tribes

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) _ The Kansas State Historical Society plans to return human remains excavated from Native American burial sites in Kansas to two tribes.

The remains of two people dug up in Pottawatomie County were donated to the historical society in 1881 by a private collector. In the years since, the historical society has received Native American remains found in other counties, such as Doniphan, Shawnee and Atchison, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

A team of archaeologists, historians, cultural anthropologists and Native Americans groups determined the remains likely belong to the Kaw Nation, of Oklahoma, and Kickapoo Tribe, of northern Kansas.

Robert Hoard, a state archaeologist, wrote in the federal registry in April that remains of 17 individuals, along with 148 burial objects, belong to the Kaw Nation.

If no other tribes object to Hoard's findings during a month-long public comment period, the remains become property of the Kaw Nation. That's required by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act passed in 1990.

``The law arose from an understandable dissatisfaction with the notion that museums that own human remains are studying them like scientific specimens,'' Hoard said.

Hoard also wrote in April that his team determined the remains of at least one person, along with glass beads and pottery, dug up from burial sites in Atchison County in 1916 or 1917 belonged to the Kickapoo tribe.

The tribes decide what happens to the remains after repatriation. In some instances, tribes have chosen a formal repatriation ceremony, or the remains have been buried or returned with little to no ceremony. The Wichita tribe, which has had remains repatriated to them in the past, asked the historical society to keep them while the tribe builds a repository.

Other tribes refuse to discuss the deceased tribal members because of their tribal beliefs and the remains can't be transferred to them.

``There's no procedure out there'' for handling remains, Hoard said. ``This all has to be created, tribe by tribe.''

None of the Kansas remains and objects being returned to tribes are currently on display at the historical society. Objects believed to have cultural significance are kept in a sealed room to ensure they aren't used for an exhibit, Hoard said.

Minutes Are Light On Detail _____from page 6

Michael, MN 55376

Wildcat Const. Co., Inc. & Subsidiaries
$167,705.00
2244 NW Brickyard Road
Topeka, KS 66618

Engineer's Estimate $245,741.20

Move to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation.

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

The Board asked staff to post message boards about the upcoming project and future road closure.

The Board asked staff to bring back a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) to discuss methods to notify residents about road and bridge projects.

10:00 AM

Break

10:15 AM

Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director12. RCPD update

Shoen said he had visited the City of Randolph Council meeting.

Shoen reported the Fake Patty's Day expenses cost $50,000, which do not include compensated time off.

Shoen discussed the training of new officers. Shoen discussed illegal parking in the community.

10:30 AM

Doug Schmitt, Assistant Fire Chief

13. Staff Update

Schmitt presented the Riley County Fire District #1 staff report.

Schmitt reported there is cracking in the concrete walls at the Tuttle Creek Fire Station. Schmitt said the engineer believes the vertical cracks were due to the cement being mixed too wet. Schmitt said the generator and concrete approach still need to be addressed on the project.

14. Purchase authorization for Used Military truck

Move to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the used truck from Kelly Mosier and approve the Purchase Authorization for a used 5 Ton 6x6 truck in the amount of $6,000.

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

10:45 AM

Jessica Fiscus, Community Health EducatorMove to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

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

15. Presentation of Drafted Riley County Health Department Strategic Priorities

Fiscus presented the draft Riley County Health Department Strategic Priorities.

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

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

11:15 AM

Budget and Planning Committee - Rich Vargo, County Clerk16. May Monthly Cash Flow Reports

Vargo presented the monthly cash flow reports.

Hobson briefed the Board on the Carson Sewer Benefit District improvement project.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn after the City/County/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

4:00 PM

Joint City/County/County Meeting (at City Offices)17. City/County/County Meeting Agenda

Jordan discussed the proposed process to update the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). Jordan said the final JLUS and Implementation Plan will be completed by June 2017.

Discussion was held on the Noise Use Zones and height restrictions around Fort Riley.

McCulloh asked, what is the status of the tax sale? Holeman said he intends to complete a tax sale in 2016.

Hilgers reported progress is being made on the relocation of the EMS facilities.

4:21 Adjourned.

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 the 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 advertisment. It is part of an Editorial written by Jon A. Brake, Publisher, Manhattan Free Press.)

Waterville Golf Course

Public Welcome - 9 hole grass green course.
Green Fees are $15.00 a day, plus cart rental fees are posted

The clubhouse is available to rent. Members cost is $30.00. Guest cost is $50.00. There is a required deposit of $50.00 for all renter.

Memberships:
$325 single membership
$375 family membership
Call Larry Nolte
at 785-363-7311

Law Board Meets For The 2017 Budget

from page 7

tax dollars. They are asking the Special Alcohol Fund Advisory Committee to consider the possibility of funding a positon so that there would be a mental health team of two.

Reddi mentioned that there is interest among the City Commission in Junction City to have a mental health co-responder for their area. Perhaps this can be a regional project and resources can be pooled to fund additional positions.

Cole said that Pawnee serves ten counties in North Central Kansas. They are the mental health authorities as designated by Geary County, Pottawatomie County, and Riley County. Pawnee already receives funding from all ten of the counties. From her perspective, it would not be about finding a community mental health center that could cooperate. It would be about cooperation that would need to be ironed out between the governing authorities of the counties to work with each other. The governing authorities have the ease of having one community mental health center (Pawnee Mental Health Services) that is already responsible for providing services in those counties.

Beardsley wanted to know if it would be feasible to incorporate interns in the program.

Cole said that it would be possible. They would need to find out what the university requirements are for the interns. Different programs have different requirements. Whether they look at social work, marriage and family therapy, or psychology interns, those conversations would need to happen at the university level. Typically, the university is concerned about students having direct client contact and clinical experience. Certainly there would be many opportunities for direct client contact in the field. They would need research the expectations of the university in terms of documentation and progress reporting, but it is definitely something that can be explored.

Butler asked if it would be a contracted position with Pawnee or an employee of RCPD.

Schoen said that the details have not yet been worked out. Whether the position is contracted or an employee of RCPD is not as relevant as the provision of the services. Either way it has the potential to be awkward if the two organizations do not work well together. In either case, it is truly an arrangement where responsibility for oversight of the position is shared.

Butler stated that he was not opposed to the concept. He wanted to know when the position would be filled and the plan would go into effect. Conceivably the amount could be cut in half if the plan were implemented in June 2017.

Schoen said that he could easily imagine having the position filled and the plan completed by January 1, 2017.

Cole concurred with Schoen. She added that if the commitment to the funding is made in a timely manner there would be adequate time in 2016 to recruit and hire a mental health professional who would be appropriate for this kind of role in the community.

Wilkerson said that had something like this been in place several years ago they may have been able to save a gentleman's life. The state has put this obligation on local communities for some time now. In his opinion, the addition of a mental health position is long overdue. It was his preference to have the plan implemented by January 1, 2017 and funded for the entire year.

Reddi also voiced her support of the mental health position. She would like the Board to look at the big picture without getting lost in the weeds. She said that she does not want to micromanage the process; however, she would like to view a skeleton plan.

There was a consensus among the Board to consider funding the mental health response position. However, additional information was requested regarding the overall plan. Schoen and Cole will provide the Board with the requested information at the regularly scheduled June Law Board Meeting.

Boyd said that following a Joint City/County Meeting a working group was formed and tasked with determining the best avenue going forward with respect to District and Municipal Court security. The group discussed whether it would be prudent to contract with a private firm, contract with RCPD, or house it in RCPD. The group concluded that the best option would be to have the security section housed within RCPD and funded directly through the police department's budget. The desire is to eventually consolidate the District and Municipal Courts.

Boyd explained that for 2016 the District Court will require two security officers: one sworn law enforcement officer to rove the building and one courtroom security officer. Funding for this in 2016 has not yet been identified. In 2017 the addition of two Transportation Security Administration (TSA) type positions will be added handle screening at the entrance. The Municipal Court will require one sworn law enforcement officer and one courtroom security officer. Further, additional security measures will be required if American Airlines changes the type of airplanes come in to the Manhattan Regional Airport.

Boyd stated that planning for courtroom and courthouse security for the District and Municipal Courts will become increasingly complicated as things progress. He recommended, and the Board agreed to postpone any decision regarding these two options to allow RCPD administration to establish the necessary staffing level and calculate new budget figures.

Schoen explained that in 2015 the Department recommended the addition of four dispatchers. At that time, the decision was made to hire only two dispatchers and hire the remaining two at a later date. He explained that it is becoming increasingly problematic for law enforcement agencies to retain qualified dispatchers. It is a very technical and complex job that requires a special skill set. Not only is he questioning the need for additional dispatchers, he is also questioning whether or not it will be necessary in the foreseeable future to adjust the pay scale in order to attract and retain quality candidates.

The Board discussed shift differential pay (option D), and education pay (option E). A consensus among the Board was reached to continue to discuss all budget options at the April 18, 2016 Law Board Meeting. The Board arranged the budget options in order of preference, and they are as follows: courtroom and courthouse security (options A), the addition of two dispatchers (option C), and the addition of a mental health response professional (option B). Although the options will still be considered, shift differential and education pay were least preferred.

Riley County Police Department administration will provide the Board with a fallback/worst case scenario budget option should the legislation pass without the exemptions.

Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus informed the Board that legislation has already passed which exempts state and federal mandates from the property tax lid. It is his assumption that courtroom and courthouse security would be exempt as they are being mandated by the state. The exemption is also in the new legislation that is being proposed.

Schoen said that he and Riley County Law Enforcement Agency Attorney Michael Gillespie recently looked over the legislation. The current version has two exemptions that would apply to the Department and the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board). The first is a general exemption for emergency services. The second deals with local authorities who can approve a budget and send it to the City and County who cannot modify it. Most likely the preference statewide would

be that the legislation exempt all emergency services. However, if it does not, and the other exemption remains, RCPD would still qualify.

Executive Session: It was determined that an executive session was not needed.

Adjournment: The April 7, 2016 Special Law Board Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Wife, kids carry on Rose Hill missionary's legacy

When Mindy Hedval was 12, her grandma gave her a box of yellow ribbons to hand out at school.

Mindy's mother and father, Martin and Gracia Burnham, had been taken hostage on a remote island in the Philippines. Once it was clear that her parents would not be released quickly, Mindy and her two brothers, Jeff and Zach, were sent from the Philippines to live with their grandparents in Rose Hill.

She started public school for the first time, excelled and made many friends. At night, she and her siblings watched the news to hear updates on their parents.

Martin and Gracia – who were kidnapped 15 years ago this month – were slowly wasting away in the jungle, often sick and without food, as their captors, Abu Sayyaf, traded gunfire with the Philippine military and pushed them up and down steep hills.

Mindy's dad, who was often tied to a tree, would sing her mom to sleep on the floor of the jungle as bugs crawled over them and bit them.

The ribbons were a small token of support.

But Mindy was just 12. She was afraid of what people at school thought about her. She was the only one in sixth grade to get a special birthday party from her teachers that year. Her friends were careful about bringing up her parents in conversation, she said.

But she thrived off the love she felt from the whole community.

"People ask me a blanket statement: 'How was that year for you guys?' and I always just say, 'It was a good year,' " Mindy says now.

Instead of giving out the yellow ribbons, she kept them in her locker.

It wasn't until about the time she headed off for college that she finally looked at the ribbons, saw them as just another piece of useless clutter and threw them away.

Mindy attended a Bible college, and everyone there seemed to have read her mom's book about captivity. She wanted to finally put all the pieces together, so she decided to read it herself.

Her college friends would come in and laugh because they thought it was funny to see her sitting on a love seat – with a small, travel version of her mom's book – reading about what had happened in her own life.

But the story gave her clarity.

"I was able to understand their plight a little bit more," Mindy said. "When you read a book from start to finish, you see character development and feel the weariness after a year of living that way."

And for the first time, she felt really angry over how her parents were treated, not just by the terrorists but by the whole political imbroglio that stemmed from their capture.

And she realized that the premonition that she'd felt as a 12-year-old had been right. Her parents appeared on the news one night in a video, looking beaten down, begging for someone to pay a ransom for their release.

"And when that video went off, I remember looking at my grandparents and saying, 'We have to do something, we have to pay something,' " Mindy said. "That's what (mom and dad) are asking. Why can't anyone do anything like that?"

It isn't right to negotiate with terrorists, she was told at the time; her parents were being forced to say that.

But when she read the book, she realized she had been right: Her parents had wanted someone to pay their ransom.

"Of course that is what they were saying," she said.

It wasn't until she reached the end of the book that she started crying, she said.

HOYT'S
TRUCK CENTER
Complete line of MaxxD Trailers in stock
WE ACCEPT TRADE-INS!

Contact Matt Robert
at 785-260-3480
for more information.
View maxxdtrailers.com to pick out
401 NEW Hwy 24
Topeka, KS 66608
785-235-3131
4425 NW US Hwy 24
Topeka, KS 66618
866-365-3131

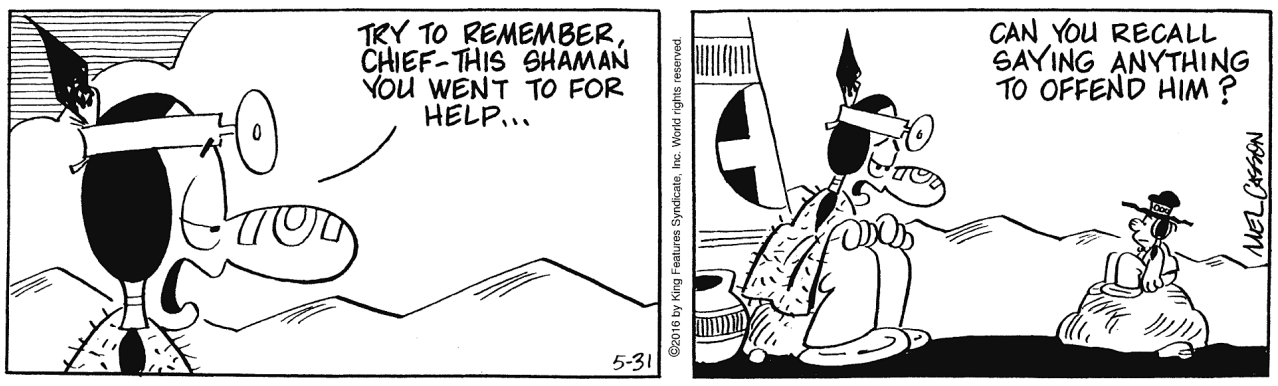
If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

Take a Pal Shooting
Friends of Fancy Creek Range
With this coupon and one paid admission
two may shoot!
Pistol and Rifle Ranges open 4th thursday - the first and third full weekends each month,10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
FANCY CREEK RANGE
At Fancy Creek State Park, Randolph Kansas

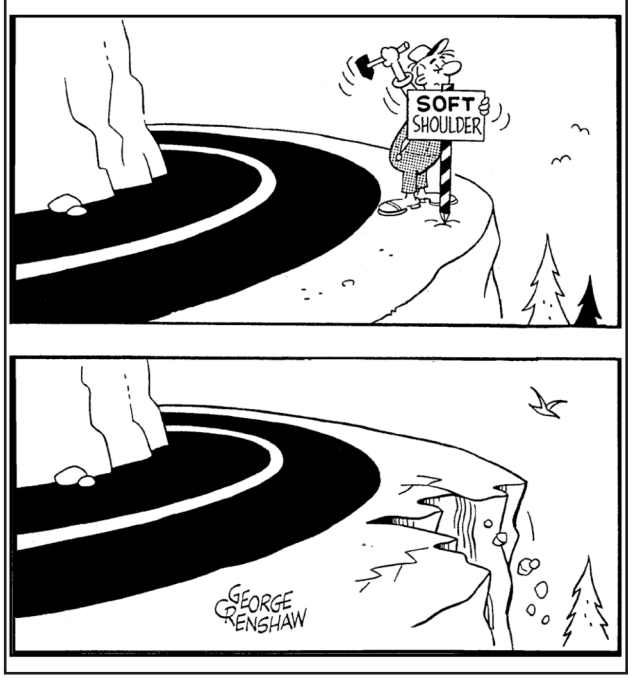
Car Clinic, Inc.
"We care about you and your car"
• Tune ups, electrical repairs
• Heater & A/C service
• Computer engine analysis
• Transmission service
• Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
209 Sarber Ln 539-1040

GRIFFITH LUMBER & HARDWARE
SERVING MANHATTAN SINCE 1919
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
776-4104
820 LEVEE DRIVE
MANHATTAN, KS
LOCAL FREE DELIVERY
EVERYTHING FOR YOUR HOME
CABINETS
DOORS
ELECTRICAL
HARDWARE
INSULATION
KITCHEN & BATH
LUMBER
PAINT
PLUMBING
PLYWOOD
SIDING
TOOLS
WALLPAPER
WINDOWS

Redeye



LAFF-A-DAY

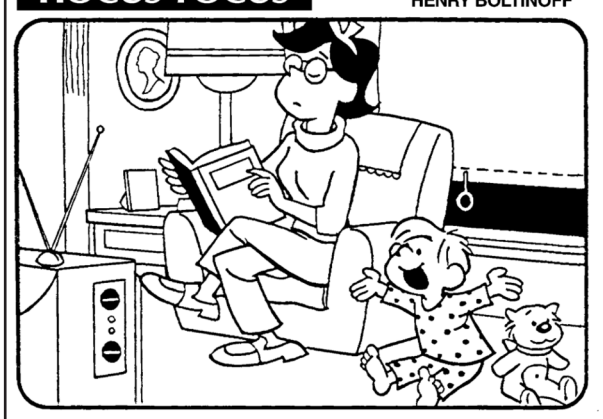


GRIN and BEAR IT ®

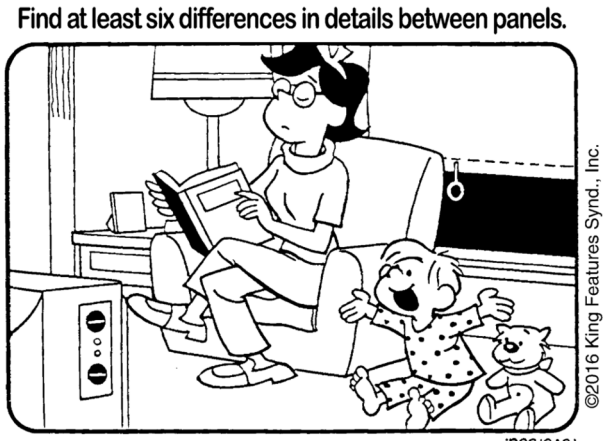
"Now the other side ... row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream ..."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is missing. 2. Antenna is missing. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Coverlet is missing. 5. Shade is raised. 6. Teddy bear is reversed.

©2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

New! 24 HOCUS FOCUS puzzles $3.50 • 24 Volumes • Order at: rbmamall.com

Regents groups study Title IX, increasing college degrees

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) _ The Kansas Board of Regents has approved a working group to study how the state's universities respond to sexual violence and other sex-based discrimination issues. A separate group will consider whether to find and encourage Kansans with some college credits but no degree to return to school.

The regents approved the formation of both groups during meetings this week, The Lawrence Journal-World reported..

The group studying sex-based discrimination protocols will meet quarterly and suggest solutions to university presidents.

``A working group made up of the university Title IX coordinators could elevate the importance of this topic and give coordinators an additional avenue for working together to discuss best and promising practices and to learn from each other on an ongoing basis," the recommendation from the Regents Governance Committee said. ``There is currently some cross-training and sharing of information, although it appears to have been sporadic."

Regents chairman Shane Bangerter suggested the group should include university attorneys to give the schools the best legal strategies for handling litigation in such cases.

The University of Kansas and Kansas State University were each sued this spring by women who said the universities did not adequately respond to reports that they were raped on campus or at fraternities. The two universities also are among several being investigated by the federal government for how they handled complaints under Title IX, which prohibits sex-based discrimination in education and requires universities to investigate and adjudicate cases of sexual harassment, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

The regents expressed some concerns about work by the second group to encourage Kansans to return to college. It is expected to make a recommendation in October on whether to launch a statewide initiative.

``This goal to me is one that's critical but it's really, really hard," Regents President and CEO Blake Flanders said. ``The for-profit sector has probably targeted this group more than our public system."

Flanders said people who left college without a degree are harder to locate and contact and the reasons they didn't complete college may still exist.

An estimated 38,000 Kansans have some college credit but no degree, although the number is probably larger, said Gary Alexander, regents vice president for academic affairs.

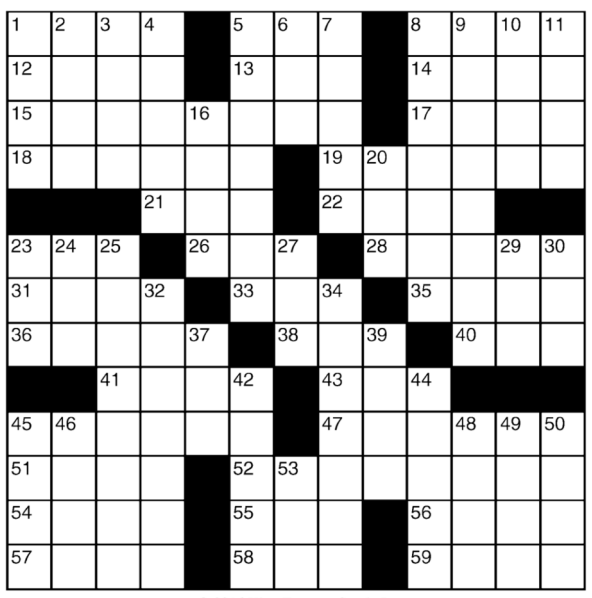
``We do need to think critically about the kinds of supports and the kinds of advising that are needed for returning adults," Alexander said. ``There are many examples of failures."

Manhattan Free Press - Web Site
manhattanfreepress.com

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Speed-of-sound number
5 Away from NNE
8 Differently
12 Jai follower
13 Island garland
14 Cambodia neighbor
15 Price reduction
17 African herd
18 Goes in
19 Old foundation garment
21 "Gee, ya think?"
22 Goblet feature
23 Young Lincoln
26 "Family Guy" daughter
28 Burn with steam
31 "Go away!"
33 Fix the soundtrack
35 Sandwich cookie
36 Chess soldiers
38 Periodical, for short
40 Barbie's companion
41 Approach
43 Dinner for Dobbin
45 Plot
47 Rhododendron kin
51 "Hi, sailor!"
52 Native country
54 Part of GSN
55 Coach Parseghian
56 Small combo
57 Newspaper pg.
58 Small shots
59 Tosses in

DOWN
1 Auntie of Broadway
2 "Two and a Half Men" role
3 Wagon
4 Walked through the woods
5 Inebriated
6 Stitch
7 Offstage areas
8 Crete-born painter
9 Sightseers' stop
10 Devil's purchase
11 Brutus' being
16 Snare, for one
20 "Monty Python" intro
23 Recipe meas.
24 "Eureka!"
25 Quaint and unpretentious
27 Wrigley product
29 Director Spike
30 "SNL" announcer Pardo
32 Like some jacks
34 Nassau's islands
37 America's uncle
39 Stare
42 Place to heal
44 1945 conference site
45 Palm starch
46 Fellow
48 Fat
49 Oklahoma city
50 Commotions
53 Sphere

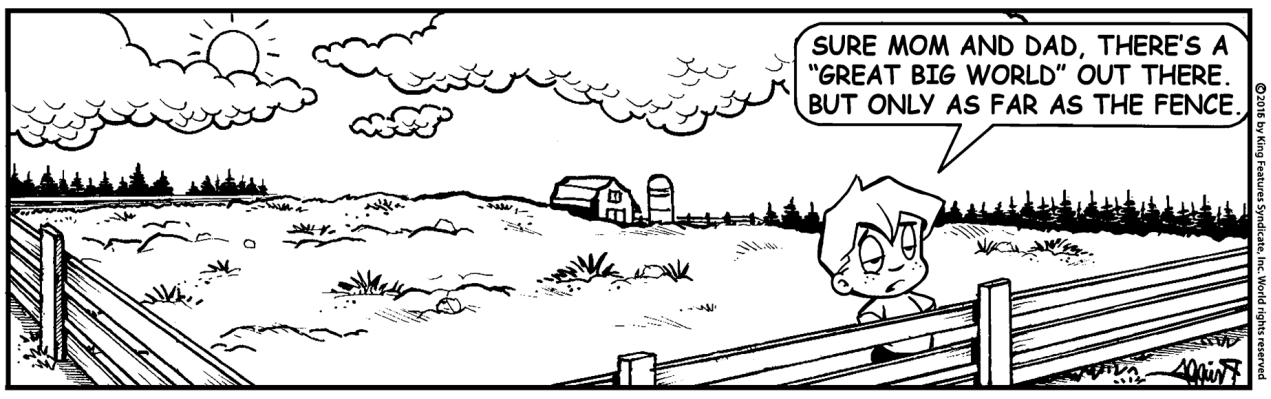


© 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Answers on page 2

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

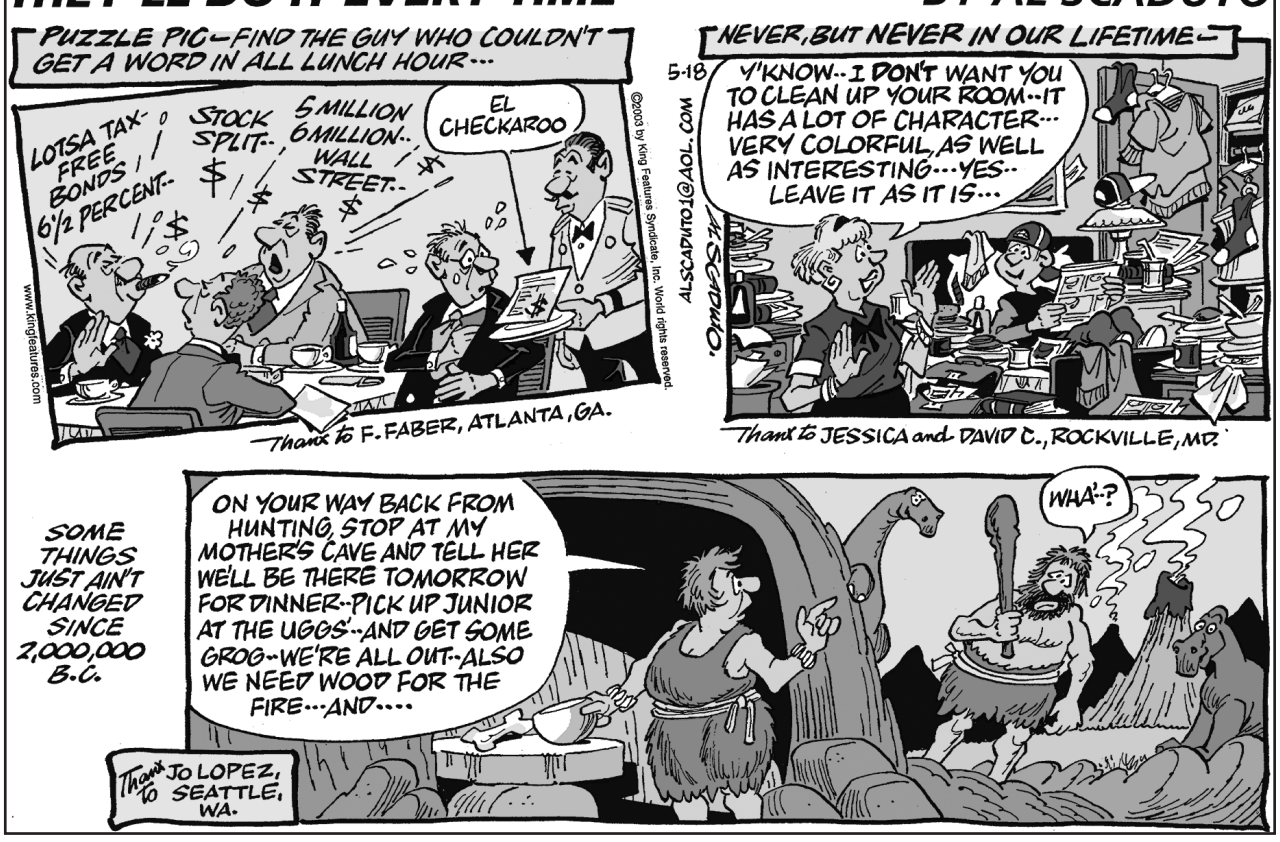


R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

Claflin Books and Copies
Stormy Lee Kennedy
Owner
103 North 4th Street
MANHATTAN, KS 66502
phone 785.776.3771
fax 785.776.1009
claflincopies@interkan.net
www.claflinbooks.com

MANHATTAN SHOE REPAIR
REPAIRING:
• Shoes • Luggage • Backpacks
• Boots • Purses • Leather Coats • Birkenstocks
Hours: 8–5:30 Monday–Friday / ~~8–12 Saturday~~
GARY E. GORDON
776–1193 Local
1–800–776–1193
216 S. 4th St.
Manhattan, KS
66502–6003

Optical Perspectives
930 Hayes Drive, Suite E.
Manhattan, Kansas
(785)539-5105 Fax: (785)539-2324

Travel Kansas Events

Brain: The Inside Story
March 5, 2016 - August 28, 2016
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 exhibetion.

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
Venue: Finney County Historical 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.

Thomas The Train
June 3-5
Baldwin City, Ks
Toot toot!!! Thomas the Tank Engine, his buddy Percy, and Sir Topham Hatt are pulling into Midland Railway Station for the "Ready, Set, Go Tour!" for 2 weekends in June!

Thomas & Friends will be joining us on June 3-5 & 10-12, with departure times every hour from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Passengers select a departure time when purchasing a ticket (ride is approx. 20 minutes), but can enjoy fun filled family activities all day long!

After meeting Thomas, guests will also have the opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, the Controller of the Railway on the Island of Sodor, and Percy the Small Green Engine! But wait, there's more! Included in your ticket price, you and your little ones have access to the Isle of Sodor storytelling, Petting Zoo, "The Great Parakeet Adventure", a special Thomas the Tank Engine video theater & magic show, and Thomas the Tank Engine & Megablok play areas! PLUS, live entertainment from "Mr. David".

Rides, entertainment, and activity areas close at 6:00 pm – so if you have tickets later in the day, be sure to come early to enjoy all the fun before your ride with Thomas!

"Float Your Boat" Contest
June 19, 2016
Venue: Lovewell Resevoir, 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 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.

"Gems of the Muchnic"
July 27, 2016 - September 18, 2016
Every Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday
Venue: Muchnic Art Gallery
Address: 704 N 4th St, Atchison, KS 66002
Time: From: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Type: Events
Phone: 913-367-4278
Exhibition of the "Gems of the Muchnic" collection at the Muchnic Art Gallery.

100th Annual Crawford County Fair
August 3 - 6, 2016
Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Venue: Crawford County Fairgrounds
Address: 249 E. 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743
Time: All day activities
Type: Events
Phone: 620-724-4092
Livestock exhibitions, arts and crafts exhibitions, competition between county FFA and 4-H clubs, livestock auction, rodeo and live music.

12th Annual Heartland Art Guild International Miniature Paintings & Sculptures Art Show
June 27, 2016 - July 28, 2016
Recurring every 31 days
Venue: Miami County Historical Museum - Swan River Museum
Address: 12 E Peoria, Paola, KS 66071
Type: Events
Phone: 785-521-0449
12th Annual Heartland Art Guild International Miniature Paintings & Sculptures Art Show will be open June 27-July 29, 2016 in Paola, Ka..

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
Type: Events
Phone: 785-472-6212
Come enjoy the Kansas countryside on your motorcycle and help a very important organization raise funds to expand their programs.

19th Annual Amelia Earhart 2K/8K Fun Run
July 16, 2016
Venue: City of Atchison
Address: 317 Commercial, Atchison, KS 66002
Time: Starting: 7:30 AM
Type: Events
Phone: 913-367-4948
This family friendly race begins and ends in front of the Atchison Family YMCA. The race is open to all, including strollers and wheelchairs.

57th Boys Junior Amateur Championship - June 13, 2016 - June 16, 2016 - Recurring daily - Venue: Crestwood Country Club - Address: 304 West Crestview Ave, Pittsburg, KS 66762 - Time: TBD - Phone: 620-231-6530 - Format: 54 holes of individual stroke play within five age divisions. Following 36 holes there will be a cut to the low 15 and ties in each age division. Overall Champion to be determined. The event may be shortened to 36 holes if weather cancels either round. Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each age division. Medals awarded to all players that make the cut. Following 36 holes there will be a cut to the low 15 and ties in each age division. Five age divisions: 14 & Under 15 age 16 age 17 age 18 age For more information visit http://www.kansasgolf.org/championships/schedule/boys-junior

Talent Needed For Music In Park

The 34th annual "Music in the Park" is scheduled for Sunday June 26th, 2016 in the Waterville City Park. This is a couple weeks earlier than usual so it will sneak up on you fast! Tickets are now on sale which are good for admission and for a drawing for a long list of prizes to be given away the evening of the show including 2-$100 and 4-$50 dollar cash prizes, a 40" TV, and a 170 piece tool set are among a long list of over 40 prizes to be given away that evening! Find tickets available from any church member, at Johannes Barber Shop in Waterville, and at Blue Rapids Auto in Blue Rapids.

Porkburgers and home-made ice cream will start being served at 5:30. The local talent variety show will begin at 7:00 with the possibility of a band playing before that time. The main need at this time is for local talented people to step forward to perform in the show!! If you, or your relative, friend, or neighbor, would like to sing, dance, play harmonica, do magic tricks, or any of a variety of other acts please call 363-2604 or 562-7410 to get your act added to the performances that evening.

So get your summer calendars out and make sure you have June 26th marked for a relaxed and enjoyable evening in Waterville City Park(or Valley Heights High School in case of rain) Top it off with a big, scrumptious bowl of home-made ice-cream.

The evening is sponsored by the members of St. Monica and Elizabeth Catholic Church.

If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

Pat's Pawn & Gun Shop Inc
785-539-0151 506 Riley St. Ogden, KS 66517
GUNS
Colt • Ruger • Kimber • H & K
FNH • Sig Sauer • Glock • Springfield
Smith & Wesson • Mossberg
Handguns · Rifles · Shotguns
Military Surplus · Ammo · Jewelry
OPEN:
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm
E-mail: patspandg@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/PatsPawnGunShopInc
Buy Sell Trade

Edwin C Olson Sr.
Certified Pedorthist
Olson's Shoe & Pedorthic Service
1214 B Moro
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-539-8571
785-539-0570
olsons@kansas.net
Mon-Fri 9:00-6:00 Sat 9:00-4:00

Taylor's Family Hair Care
All your Family's Styling needs
See Faye Taylor or Angela Wilson
785-539-7751
Monday Thru Saturday
314-C Tuttle Creek Blvd. Manhattan KS

Protest anniversary shows splintered anti-abortion movement

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ Thousands of anti-abortion activists gathered in Wichita in 1991 for the Summer of Mercy, sparking tumultuous mass protests that led to nearly 2,700 arrests outside local clinics and crowning the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue as the symbol of the movement.

As protesters prepare to return this summer for the 25th anniversary, the broader movement has splintered into disaffected factions and its strategies have evolved along with the shifting political and legal landscape of the abortion debate.

Perhaps most telling is the decision by Operation Rescue and its leader, Troy Newman, to distance itself from the July 16-23 event. Ever since abortion provider Dr. George Tiller was fatally shot in 2009 in his Wichita church, the group has tried to disassociate from more radical activists.

``I am concerned about the sort of zealots that follow them around and the sort of rhetoric," said Newman, who's also a founding member of the Center for Medical Progress, the group whose secretly filmed videos alleged Planned Parenthood sold fetal tissue and set off legislative attempts to cut funding for the largest abortion provider in the U.S.

``We have been able to accomplish a lot more through the political process than we ever were able to get sitting at the doors of an abortion clinic," he said. ``I would never speak ill against that tactic, it was certainly something that launched Operation Rescue, and people were passionate about that, but tactics and times change."

While abortion clinic violence remains an ever-present concern, as evidenced by last year's fatal shootings at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, new strategies in the anti-abortion movement have emerged, most notably the growing numbers of restrictions placed by state legislatures on abortion clinics that culminated this week with an Oklahoma bill that would have effectively banned abortions; it was vetoed. A thwarted move in Congress to strip federal family planning funds from Planned Parenthood has spawned similar efforts in conservative states.

The 2016 return of the Summer of Mercy is being organized by Operation Save America, a Dallas-based Christian fundamentalist group now led by Rusty Thomas, who says he considers the original event a ``heaven-sent revival."

``What we started in 1991 we hope to complete in 2016," Thomas said.

Among the featured speakers this year is Matt Trewhella, the founder of the Wisconsin-based Missionaries to the Preborn, which espouses a doctrine for local officials and states to ignore court rulings they consider immoral.

Operation Save America, the successor to Operation Rescue National, has been among the most strident opponents of abortion as well as gay rights and Islam. Thomas said his organization does not advocate killing abortion providers nor support other clinic violence.

Tiller and the Wichita clinic where he had performed late-term abortions had been a target for decades; it was bombed in 1985, and Tiller was shot in both arms in 1993. No abortion services were available in the city after he died until April 2013 when abortion rights group Trust Women opened one in his former facility.

Director Julie Burkhart said the clinic plans to stay open during this year's protests. They have beefed up private security and are working with law enforcement officials. She also plans to display a sign Tiller had in the clinic: ``Women need abortions and I am going to do them." It was signed by Tiller.

Burkhart said she'd just gotten involved in abortion care during the 1991 Summer of Mercy, calling it one of those moments that set her on her life's path.

``It was scary, but the most important thing that it did for me it solidified my belief in the fact all people have to be able to determine what is best for themselves and for their families," Burkhart said.

Direct To Garment
T-shirts
Sweatshirts
Hoodies

Embroidery
Jackets • Coats
Hats • Bags

Promotional Items
Koozies
Banners
Pens
Lots More

Stateline Promotions
www.statelinepromotions.com

Brenda Miller
(402) 806-0866
statelinepromo@yahoo.com

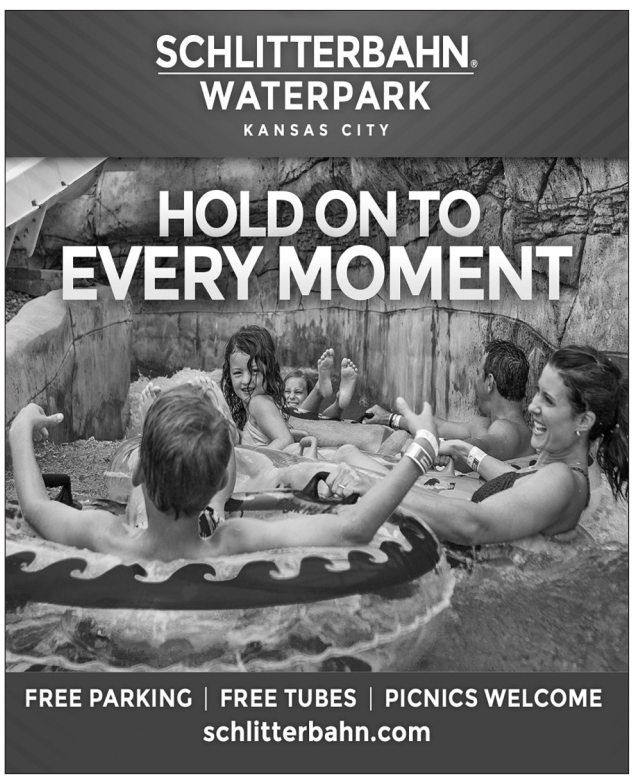
Paula Watt
(785) 556-0932
pb_watt@yahoo.com

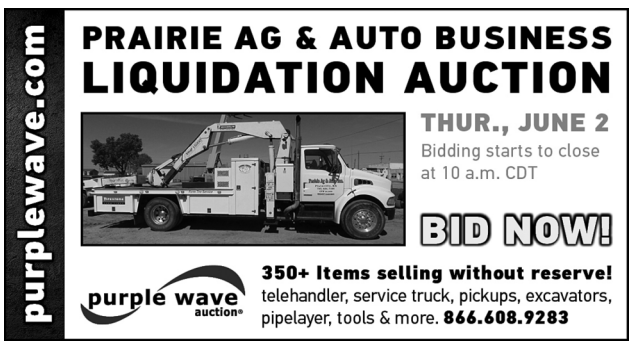
Help Wanted

Nutrition Coordinator wanted at the Riley County Seniors' Service Center. Outgoing, enthusiastic person, who is willing to host seniors and volunteers, coordinate meal services and file monthly reports. 6 hours per day M-F. Pick up application at or send resume to Area Agency on Aging, 401 Houston St. Manhattan, KS 66502. Call 800 - 432 - 2703 or 785-776-9294 for details.
EOE/AA

Ellsworth County Medical Center

Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth KS is seeking new clinical staff members to join their team. Four full-time nurses, one PRN nurse, one Certified Nursing Assistant full-time and two Laboratory Techs are needed (one full-time and one PRN). If qualified and looking for a great place to work check out our openings and apply online at: www.ewmed.com.





Apple Picturebook App program

People who would like to learn to compile a picture book of memories or a book of their children's or grandchildren's stories are invited to attend the Apple Picturebook App program May 24 at the Blue Rapids Public Library.

Kathy Crawford, Blue Rapids, will lead the free, hands-on session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

People are encouraged to bring their iPad or iPhone with photos.

Classifieds

Help Wanted/Truck Driver

Convoy Systems is hiring Class A drivers to run from Kansas City to the west coast. Home Weekly! Great Benefits! www.convoysystems.com Call Tina ext. 301 or Lori ext. 303 1-800-926-6869.

Please Note!!

Mark June 26th, 2016 at 5:30 on your calendar for MUSIC IN THE PARK in the city park in Waterville. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy porkburgers and home-made ice cream, listen to the bands play in the park, register for a long list of prizes including 2-$100 and 4-$50 prizes, and a 40" TV and enjoy our local talent variety show. If you'd like to perform call 785-363-2604 or 562-7410.

For Rent

• 1 Bedroom Apartment, 1 Bath, 3 miles east and 2 miles north of Manhattan. 1 horse allowed, small bills paid. $1,000 a month, available now. 785-456-3336

• Real nice townhouse apartment. 2 Master Bedrooms, 2 Master Baths, pantry, washer and dryer hookups, garage with opener, energy star rated, heats and cools for $60 - $80 per month. No Pets. Available June 1 and Aug. 1. $1,000 per month. 785-456-3336

Cats Prepped for Big 12 Baseball Championship

KSU Sports Information

AT THE PLATE

For the ninth time over the last 10 seasons, K-State will make a trip to the Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship ... The eighth-seeded Wildcats (26-29, 8-16 Big 12) will face top seed and Big 12 regular season champion Texas Tech (40-14, 19-5 Big 12) in the opening round on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Oklahoma City's Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark ... The Wildcats and Red Raiders are in division one of the double-elimination bracket, paired up with No. 4 seed West Virginia and No. 5 seed Oklahoma ... K-State was swept by the Red Raiders in the regular season series, a set that took place in Lubbock April 2-3 ... The Wildcats took the series at Morgantown but dropped the set in Norman.

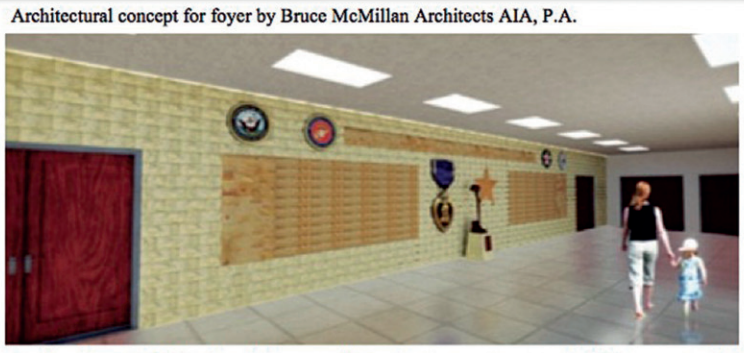
HOW THEY GOT HERE

The Wildcats opened their conference slate winless in the first eight games (including four one-run losses), but starting with a 3-2 victory over Texas on April 10 at home, K-State qualified for its 10th trip to the Big 12 Baseball Championship after winning eight of its last 16 league games ... The Wildcats took series wins over West Virginia, Baylor and KU while also capturing a victory at Oklahoma ... K-State secured a spot in the eight-team field last weekend when KU lost its first two games of a series at Oklahoma State.

INSIDE THE TEXAS TECH SERIES

K-State trails in the all-time series against Texas Tech, 26-36-1 ... This will be the first meeting between the Wildcats and Red Raiders in the Big 12 Championship since 2013 ... K-State is 2-1 against Texas Tech in the postseason tournament, with wins occurring in 2013 and 2002 ... All three tournament games have been decided by one run ... The Wildcats have lost five straight overall to Texas Tech, with their last victory taking place on April 17, 2015 in Manhattan (5-3) ... K-State has lost eight of its last nine games to Texas Tech.

Architectural concept for foyer by Bruce McMillan Architects AIA, P.A.



Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium

Breathing New Life Into Community Landmark

Following WWII, the citizens of Manhattan set out to build a memorial to honor the 2,610 Riley Countians who had served and the 101 servicemen who lost their lives in the war. Peace Memorial Auditorium was constructed as a "living" memorial, which would have a purpose and serve the community. The auditorium was the focus of community activities for many years, but over time, a lack of updates such as air-conditioning, led to its being used less and the veterans' memorial was forgotten. *Now the space is being revived!* The City Commission has installed air-conditioning, improved heating, and a stair lift for the disabled. Commissioners have charged the public to help raise funds for additional improvements and for a veterans' memorial in the foyer. Our goal is to make the auditorium an attractive, affordable venue for community events, which will require adding better lighting and sound equipment, refinishing the stage floor, new curtains, and a general sprucing up. The Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium is working in cooperation with the city to raise the funds to accomplish these improvements, ***and we invite you to join us in this effort!***

We gratefully acknowledge the donors and supporters of Peace Memorial Auditorium!

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17
American Legion Post No. 17
American Legion Riders Post 17
American Legion Sons Post 17
Barbara Anderson
Joe & Leslie Arnold
Arthur-Green, LLP
Tim and Lori Baker
Mimi Balderson
Jim & Shirley Bartlett
Bell Memorials/Manhattan Monuments
Jim & Ruth Bell
Josh and Melissa Bell
BHS Construction
Burke & Margery Bayer
Dorris Beckenhauer
Richard & Sylvia Beeman
Daniel & Beth Bird
Annette Boddy
Stephan & Dorothy Bollman
the Borst family
Eunice Bradley
Darrell & Pat Brensing
Dan & Nino Brown
Charlene Brownson
John & Sandy Butler
Wynn Butler
Betty Campbell
Candlewood Frame Shop
Mike & Katherine Cardella
Sydney Carlin
David & Virleen Carlson
Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Cmte.
Cecelia Clement
College Ave. United Methodist Church Youth
Cheryl Collins
John & Pat Conderman
Lois Currie
Melvin & Randi Dale
Mike & Jan Danenberg
Angela Danner
DAV 16, Junction City
George & Daisy Dille
Senator Robert J. Dole
Michael & Ann Dudek
Ben & Carol Duerfeldt
David & Kathy Dzewaltowski
Joseph & Robin Edmunds
Harold & Bernadine Eichman
Dave & Alice Ekart
Howard & Ann Erickson
Wanda Fateley
Jim Feeney Agency, Inc.
Mike & Sharon Fincham
Beverly Fink
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church Youth
Dave & Kay Fiser
Doug & Kim Fiser
Lud Fiser family
Flint Hills Veterans Coalition
Fred & Jan Freeby
Tom & Angie Fryer
Janice Fuller
Earl B. Gehrt
Phil & Kathy Gerdes
Fred & Janice Gibbs
Larry & Linda Glasgow
Richard & Judy Glowiak
Goldstein Community Foundation
Joann Goldstein
Connie Hamilton
Tom & Diane Hawk
Brent & Melanie Hawkinson
Vern & Lane Henricks
Marjorie Heyne
Robert Heyne
Jean Bigbee Hill
Joleen Hill
Corina Hugo
Don & Gerry Ince
Gary Jacobs
Ron & Jan Janasek
Wanda Jepsen
Stewart Johnson Memorial
Mike & Sandra Kearns
Milo & Carol Kelley
Stormy Kennedy
Danny & Emily Sue Kerr
Ed Klimek
Gene & Sue Klingler
Phillip & Camille Korenek
Ann Kosch
Oscar & Mary Larmer
Jack & Marian Larson
League of Women Voters
Jean Lee
Gerald & Carma Lindeman
Robert & Jean Linder
Glen & Barbara Lojka
Diane Long
Jerome & Kay Lowenstein
Harold & Elaine Manges
Manhattan Advertising Agency
Manhattan Free Press
Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance
Ken & Lylah McCosh
Steve & Penny McCoy
John & Karen McCulloh
Duane McKinney
Richard & Marge McKittrick
Bruce McMillan
Mark & Teresa McMillin
Jerry & Jackie Mershon
Carl & Barbara Meyer
Tom Milbourn
Dori Milldyke
Jim & Marilyn Mock
Mary Moege
Ila Morrill
Linda Morse
Gary & Barbara Naughton
Debbie Nuss
Ben & Lyndal Nyberg
Michael & Kathleen Oldfather
Kent & Lana Oleen
Ole & Inger Olsen
Don & Terry Olson
Steve & Terri Olson
Mike & Lorene Oppy
Joseph & Carol Ott
Donald & Hazel Parrish Fund
Perry Peine
Alyn Pennington West
John & Michele Poole, Jr.
Barbara Poresky
Warren & Nancy Prawl
Spencer & Marilee Puls
Harold & Marilyn Randa
Usha Reddi
Leland & Janice Reitz
Roger & Virginia Reitz
Jim Rhine
Robert & Sarah Riforgiate
William & Erma Riley
Riley County Historical Society
Joe & Ramona Riniker
Judith Rose
Helen Roser
Jerry Rosine
Carol Russell
Ron & Juli Salberg
Charles & Sharlin Sargent
Leo & Joy Schell
David Schoneweis
Ed & Karen Seaton
Dick & Martha Seaton
Jim Sharp
Marilyn "Mickey" Sharp Memorial
Julian & Barbara Siebert
Darlene Siegle
Geralyn Simon
Sonny & Karen Sisk
Mark & Pam Speer
Bob & Mary Stamey
Rob & Carla Stephenson
Faye Taylor
Ralph & Fred Teaford
Todd Thaemert, TNT Rentals
Rosalie Thompson
Mike & Linda Toy
Frank Tracz
Jared & Catherine Tremblay
Jim Tubach
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1786
Marie Ward
Harry & Amy Wareham
Ray & Patricia Weisenburger
Ron Wells
Loren Werth
David & Constance Wetzel
Margaret Wheat
Nancy B. Williams
Barbara Withee
Many anonymous cash donors

About Us

Honorary Chairs
Burke Bayer
Jim Sharp
Frank Tracz

Officers
Dave Fiser, Pres.
Barbara Poresky, Treas.
Kathy Dzewaltowski, Sec.

Board of Directors
Randi Dale
Phil Gerdes
Linda Glasgow
Dori Milldyke
Jerry Rosine
Jim Sharp
Nancy B. Williams

YES, I would like to become a member of the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium Project
All donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law, unless noted otherwise

$50 - $99 _____
$100 - $499 _____
$500 - $999 _____
$1000 and up _____
$5000 and up _____
Other _____

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Checks payable to:
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
Note "PMA" in memo on checks

Mail donations to:
Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium
P. O. Box 265
Manhattan, KS 66505-0265

For questions or more info., contact:
Dave Fiser 785-537-9123
Jim Sharp 785-539-8582
website: www.peacememorialauditorium.org

If you like the Free Press please tell these Advertisers

Schram Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc
3100 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, Ks 66503
Phone (785) 537-0357
Fax (785) 537-9494

CIA COPELAND INSURANCE AGENCY, Inc.
Proudly serving the people of Kansas since 1960.
Jay Copeland, CIC, CWCU
jay@copelandins.com
601 S 5th St, Ste B
Manhattan, KS 66502
www.copelandins.com
Cell: 785-410-5509
Office: 785-776-0089
Fax: 785-776-0433

Check us out online!
LittleAppleCars.com
TOYOTA HONDA
1 Mile N. of Target on Seth Child Manhattan 1.800.365.0017
2828 Amherst Ave. 785-539-7441
Manhattan, Ks 66502 Fax 785-776-3787