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What Will The Riley County Commission Do Next?

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

What will the Riley County Commission do about purchasing the Christian Church building and proceed with building a new Courthouse?

Sometimes you can tell the future by reading the past.

For 10-years three different Commission looked at building a new Court House. A study 10-years ago, done by Bowman and Bowman, laid out the agenda.

1. Form a Public Building Commission.
2. Sell the old Bell Telephone building used by the County.
3. Purchase the Christian Church.
4. Build a new Courthouse.

(The report showed cost ranging from \$30 million to \$50 million. See the March 10, 2016 issue of the Free Press page 11.)

Step 1 has been completed by the last Commission. I you will remember, the Commission was talking about a Public Building Commission and Commissioner Dave Lewis was defeated in the November election.

On December 15, 2015 after Lewis had been defeated but still had time in office, when the Commission voted 3-0 for a Public Building Commission.

Step 2 has been started, the Commission has approved placing the Bell Building up for sale.

NOW... When and how will this Commission approve the purchase of the Church and the building of a new Courthouse?

Commissioners Bob Boyd and Ron Wells are up for reelection. If one or both are defeated, you can look from them to try and purchase the Church and order work to start on the plans for the new Courthouse before they leave office.

Here are the Comments made by the three Commissioners made before the vote on a Public Building Commission:

Riley County Commission Minutes from December 15, 2014. Commission Comments

Wells said it was a busy week with the same few individuals opposed to the PBC. Wells discussed his frustration with inaccurate information published in the Free Press. Wells stated the Free Press has claimed the City and County have met privately about facili-



First Christian Church

ties and but cannot provide any proof of such meeting or facilities plans. Wells stated he has spent a lot of time learning about the formation of the PBC as a financial tool and Riley County facilities' needs.

(Editor's Note: The only "Financial Tool" that Mr. Wells needed to learn about, and he did not, was the same tools Riley County Commissioners have used for more than 100-years. If you have a building project that will require Taxpayers money for the next 20-years, you go to them and ask for permission.

He doesn't want to do that. In the last 24-years the Riley County Commission has only lost one vote. That was when they were going to put the Law Enforcement Center next to the Whorton Manor. They moved the site and the building passed)

Lewis discussed the reality of the facilities needs and the impacts of the State's continued cuts to local units of government. Lewis stated the PBC is the most cost-effective tool in financing the facilities' needs.

Boyd said he attended the following Riley County activities with the corresponding comments:

(The Free Press removed

items not related to the Building Commission.)

PBC Process Comments 12.15.2014

Congratulations to the Riley County Commission and County Staff for completing this process. This detailed and arduous process began with a request for BOCC priorities in early 2013, advanced to an internal study of facilities needs and costs, then to a County leaders' retreat where top priorities were determined and the need for a PBC to finance these priorities. The BOCC and staff developed a due diligence plan for financing county priorities, researching and educating themselves of all options available. The clear choice to finance the County's priorities was to form a Public Building Commission.

To my fellow Commissioners, I apologize for the tumult which we encountered at the public meetings. It was I who advocated strenuously for public input and rationale which compelled us to conduct various public input sessions and two public meetings. We received input from a very small segment of our community and very little rationale at the two public meetings. My only defense for advocating such a process is

that it was the correct course of action; public comment, no matter how irrational, no matter how small a cross-section of the population, is the right process to follow for public officials. We government leaders will never achieve the greater public participation in local government we desire, unless we adhere to a course of continual public discussion on various subjects. We did receive several suggestions at various public sessions. We debated all and some we incorporated into the draft bylaws. Thank you to Joe Knopp and others who followed the process and made sensible, pragmatic suggestions.

The Public Building Commission decision was a conventional executive decision, typical of decisions made by elected bodies throughout our nation. The Riley County staff comprehended the reality of the situation the County faced long before the current Commission was seated; great needs which had been deferred for years and the limited ability of Riley County to finance such projects. Their tasking, as assigned by the BOCC, was to educate us, to research data and procedures, to seek out experts to address us and to do so in a balanced manner depicting the advantages and disadvantages. This they did most professionally. Commissioner Wells and I had many of the same initial hesitations citizens voiced in our Public sessions. Commissioner Lewis had encountered these concerns in prior years and was more advanced in his due diligence than we were. All of our concerns were addressed and given lengthy and deliberate considerations. Upon completion of our due diligence the course forward was evident; a public building commission was required. We debated the course forward and elected to proceed with public input sessions and public meetings. We also further researched the effectiveness of existing building commissions in Kansas, which confirmed the advantages of a building commission. (Editor's Note: The advantage of a Building Commission is the Riley County Commission can build anything they want and not go for a vote of the people.)

We have concluded this process today and will move forward addressing Riley County priorities.

Thank you to Commissioner

Dave Lewis and to Commissioner Ron Wells for seeing this process through at this time. To those who choose to criticize the timing of this decision, I say your criticism is disingenuous and trifling. Commissioner Lewis was elected to office after an arduous primary and general election. He swore an oath to serve all the citizens of Riley County, not just the majority of 17% of Republican primary voters of the most recent election. Elections do have consequences as do terms of office.

(Editor's Note: This is true, look at what we got with Mr. Boyd and Mr. Wells. And now Mr. Wilson has become a yes man.)

(Removed comments about the Vietnam War for lack of space)

Today such abhorrence is displayed in older, ultra conservatives who oppose local government actions, but are unaware of how government actually functions and how to affect change in society. Some who oppose government actions do so with a perception of government which deviates from reality; rather they view government operating as they want it to be rather than how it actually functions. We see the same perception/reality errors when citizens encounter our judicial system, thus the need for lawyers to guide citizens through the system for equitable outcomes. In the Vietnam era, protesters wanted "...all to get along, live and let live." Today's harsh critics want a smaller, cheaper government of yesteryear with the services of tomorrow.

Today's harsh critics will only grow older and require more government services and interaction with the institution they loathe, thus time will not necessarily blunt their objections to government. What will cause their criticisms to wither is their lack of vision for America which appeals to most Americans. Most Americans recognize that the world and the United States are moving away from their vision of groups of isolated societies, self sustaining in all manner. How history will evaluate the abhorrence of today I can not estimate.

(Removed comments about the Vietnam War for lack of space)

I believe most citizens of Riley County, of Kansas and of the United States desire their

governments to function responsibly in an effective, efficient, economical manner cooperating and coordinating with other governments and enterprises for the betterment and protection of their citizens. Our citizens expect their elected leaders to be executives of their government not caretakers of that government. We must insist our elected leaders be executives, analyze competing data and make wise choices for our future. They must have a vision for that future and articulate it to the citizens, then develop strategies to achieve that vision. It requires executive skills to navigate the realm of issues before us; from budget to elections to cash flow to mental health to road maintenance back to community health on to emergency preparedness to IT systems to community corrections to tax appraisal to GIS to registering deeds, to museums on to waste transfer and noxious weeds. Life today is complex, family life is very complex and many of our citizens struggle to manage day to day, while some fail. Our government as an institution cannot solve these issues; however community leaders, including government leaders, can address these issues. Leaders all over America are working together to address a whole range of our issues making a difference from coast to coast.

The citizens of today are tested in their daily management of life, they depend more heavily on their elected officials to be their executives; can we provide anything less?

Business Meeting (All other agenda item removed)

A Resolution of Riley County, Kansas, Creating the Riley County Public Building Commission, specifying the Membership of the Governing Body of the Public Building Commission and Stating its Purpose, Functions and Powers

Move to approve "Resolution No. 121514-52, A Resolution of Riley County, Kansas, creating the Riley County Public Building Commission, specifying the Membership of the Governing Body of the Public Building Commission and stating its purpose, functions and powers."

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Kansas Profile:

Mike Kaiser – Cloud Ceramics

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

Let's go to the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Here we see a beautiful new brick building under construction. Where do you suppose those bricks came from? Would you believe, they came from a plant in rural Kansas? It's today's Kansas Profile.

Mike Kaiser told me about Cloud Ceramics and Kansas Brick and Tile, two remarkable brick companies located in Kansas. They serve as the source for the bricks at Duke University and many other places across the nation.

Cloud Ceramics in Concordia opened its plant way back in 1947. In 1944, a Concordia businessman named Charles Cook had learned of some outcroppings of clay in a road ditch southeast of town. He did further testing with the state geological survey and found there was a large deposit of Dakota fire clay that was suitable for the manufacturing of quality buff colored building brick. He organized a business to manufacture those bricks, and Cloud Ceramics was born. It was named for Cloud County, the location of the plant.

Kansas Brick and Tile had a

similar history. The Smith family created this business in 1954 in response to large deposits of Dakota clay near Hoisington. In 2001, the two plants came under the same ownership.

"There used to be small brick plants all over Kansas," Mike Kaiser said. Since bricks are so heavy and dense, it was impractical to move them long distances at the time. However, with the advent of modern transportation and technology and the changing economy, most brick plants closed and consolidated. Cloud Ceramics and Kansas Brick and Tile are the only two remaining in Kansas, but between the two of them, they produce more than 70 million bricks per year. Wow.

"You have to constantly modernize and upgrade your facilities," Mike said. Both plants now use a more energy-efficient tunnel kiln system with automation and robotics. New plants were built at Hoisington in 1987 and in Concordia in 2004. Each plant employs more than 70 people.

These are not your grandfather's bricks. In the old days, you could have any color brick you wanted, as long as it was plain red. Now times have changed. "We offer more than 200 styles and colors of bricks," Mike said.

For example, it is now possible to get bricks in buffs, browns, reds, pinks, ironspots, greys and more. When bricks are fired at different temperatures, they produce different results. It is also possible to use different additives and textures. Flash firing the brick or using blends will also produce different colors.

These companies emphasize quality and customer service. The result has been that these companies serve customers nationwide.

"We have sold bricks in almost every state in the continental U.S. plus Canada," Mike said. "Most of our business is from the Rocky Mountains east." Many bricks are shipped by truck, but some are shipped from Concordia directly by rail to Houston, San Antonio, and New York.

One of these companies' specialties is matching or creating brick colors and designs to match existing bricks or new construction. This is part of why the companies' products are so popular. The companies' bricks have been used from coast to coast, and in such prominent places as Boston College, Bill Gates School of Law, Ohio State, Harvard, Duke University, and right here in Kansas at K-State's new Wefald Hall. Wow.

That's impressive for brick plants in rural communities such as Concordia, population 5,548, and Hoisington, population 2,918 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, go to or .

It's time to leave the campus of Duke University, where bricks from Concordia, Kansas are being prominently used on new construction. We commend Mike Kaiser and all the people of Cloud Ceramics and Kansas Brick and Tile for making a difference with quality production of bricks – millions of them.

And there's more. In a remarkable act of citizenship, Cloud Ceramics donated all the bricks for an amazing civic project in its home community. That project is being viewed by visitors from around the nation and beyond. We'll learn about that next week.

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

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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



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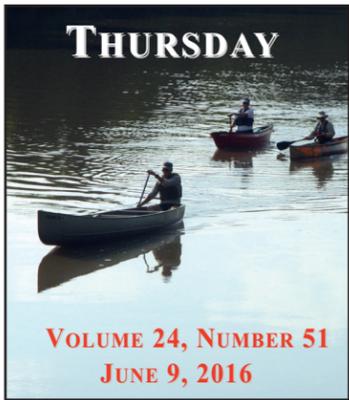
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City Memo Tells About Hotel And City Parking

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO May 26, 2016

FROM: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

MEETING: June 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Proposed Development and Use of City Parking Lot at 12th Street and Bluemont Avenue

PRESENTER: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

BACKGROUND

In 2000, the City of Manhattan adopted a Manhattan Area Transportation Strategy (MATS): Connecting to 2020. MATS contained a chapter addressing the existing parking supply and demand for both Aggieville and Downtown. Chapter 9 (attached) highlighted the deficiency in parking stalls available in Aggieville at a range of 379 spaces to 700 spaces. This was based on a total floor area of 320,843 square feet (sf) with a demand of 1,283 stalls (at 4 spaces per 1,000 sf). The available supply in Aggieville was 904 stalls. At 5 spaces per 1,000 sf, the total demand calculated at 1,604.

In August 2005, the City of Manhattan completed an Aggieville Campus Edge study. A section of the study (attached) was dedicated for the area in the 1200 block on the north and south side of Bluemont Avenue. There were several strategies developed for this area, includ-



Kelsey Warren running the 300 meter Hurdles for Flint Hills Christian School.

ing the following:

Address parking requirements in mixed-use projects through the use of shared parking strategies

Eliminate surface parking lots by developing a parking garage to serve Aggieville, the University and nearby neighborhood

Parking garages should be designed to incorporate a veneer or residential and/or commercial uses as appropriate to the site, to help buffer and visually shield the garage from public view from the street

In 2015, the City updated its

Manhattan Area Transportation Strategy (MATS). Chapter 5 (attached) addressed public parking in the community, including Aggieville. One of the priorities mentioned in the planning portion of the recommendations is to explore the possibility of public/private partnerships in development of new parking structures.

DISCUSSION

The City of Manhattan currently owns a 50 foot by 150 foot lot on the south side of Bluemont Avenue between the 1200 block and North Manhat-

tan Avenue. Riley County Appraiser's Office currently has the property valued at \$675,000.00 for the land, or at \$45 per square foot. The property is used as a public parking lot. The lot has 42 marked spaces. This lot is currently a 3-hour parking lot on Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM.

McNeill Hotel Company has expressed interest in developing the southwest property at the intersection of 12th Street and Bluemont Avenue. The property today is currently utilized as Willie's Car Wash and a small

specialty food store. McNeill has also included the City's parking lot between the car wash and Starbuck in their proposed development. McNeill is proposing the lot become a public/private parking garage with a total of 170 stalls. Sixty of the stalls would continue to serve the public, and 110 stalls would serve the 110 room hotel they plan to build at the 12th Street and Bluemont Avenue corner.

The developer has two issues they need to resolve before proceeding with this proposed development. First, there is a

parking stalls today is valued at \$675,000.00. The value of an additional 18 stalls (total of 60) at \$15,000.00 per stall (average value of a stall in parking garage) would net a value of \$900,000.00 to the City of Manhattan. These parking stalls would remain public and allow for additional private stalls to be built to further serve the development of the site.

The private property today is generating a total of \$26,125.00 in property taxes (valued at \$724,800.00). If the hotel and parking garage are built, a conservative estimate of property taxes generated would be \$291,960.00 (value of \$8M for hotel and private parking). The City's share of the property tax would jump from \$8,507.53 to \$95,075.00.

Additional sales tax and transient guest tax would also be generated from the site. Per the most recent Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) quarterly report, the average daily rate in Manhattan is around \$85. Even at a 57% average occupancy (entire community average), the property will generate \$1.9 in annual sales, generating \$19,452.00 on the City's 1 cent sales tax, and \$116,716 in annual transient guest tax.

Keep in mind this property would add another 110 rooms to the Manhattan hotel inventory increasing it from 1,420 to 1,530 rooms. This may impact the occupancy rates and the average daily rate for all properties in Manhattan.

City To Approve New Owner And Management For Mall

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO May 30, 2016

FROM: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

MEETING: June 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Consent to Transfer of Management of Manhattan Town Center; Transfer of Ownership

**PRESENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager
Bill Frost, Legal Counsel**

BACKGROUND

On August 18, 2015, the City Commission approved a proposed sale of Manhattan Town Center. That proposed sale has apparently fallen through and will not occur; however, the Mall ownership has recently requested that the City consent to an "internal" transfer of a por-

tion of that ownership and a change in the management of the Manhattan Town Center.

DISCUSSION

UrbanCal Manhattan Town Center, LLC (UrbanCal, LLC) is the current holder of all tenant interest in the Mall. UrbanCal, LLC is owned by two other entities: California State Teachers Retirement System ("CalSTRS") owns a 99.75% interest and Urban Retail Properties, LLC ("Urban Retail") owns a .25%. Urban Retail desires to transfer 100% of its .25% to CalSTRS. Although the Leases require that the City share in any "excess proceeds" that occur as a result of a transfer of Mall ownership, there is no consideration being paid by CalSTRS for this transfer and, therefore, there are no excess proceeds as a result of this transfer. (See certificate of Ryan Harms, attached.)

Urban Retail is presently the manager of the Mall, and Ur-

banCal, LLC intends to terminate that relationship and has also entered into a contract with CBRE, Inc. as property manager and leasing agent of the

property. The City has review of this transaction as well to verify the company has the capacity to perform the essential functions of leasing. CBRE has

Judge rules addition to Kansas millionaire's will was faked

HAYS, Kan. (AP) _ A judge has ruled that a purported updated will from a Kansas multimillionaire was not valid, meaning most of the man's \$21 million estate will go to the Fort Hays State University Foundation rather than his former caretaker.

This week's ruling by Kansas Senior Judge William Lyle Jr. settles a dispute that began when Wanda Oborny, the former caretaker for 98-year-old Earl Field, of Hays, said she found a letter shortly after Field died in 2013 that said he had decided to remove the foundation as his primary beneficiary and give most of his estate to Oborny, The Hutchinson News reported

Field, a past president of the

Fort Hays State University Alumni Association, owned farmland and mineral rights, as well as a land abstract and title business and extensive investments. He and his wife, Winona, who died in October 2009, had no children.

Oborny began working as caretaker and bookkeeper for Field in 2008. Lyle wrote that it was obvious Oborny became important to Field, who gave her more than \$800,000 in gifts before his death.

The judge said he did not believe Oborny's story about finding the second document, noting forensic document experts concluded that the new will was not typed on Field's typewriter and other differences

"lead this court to believe that Earl did not prepare these documents and his signatures thereon are not genuine."

The foundation's attorneys said in court records that 10 days before Field's death, he assured then-school president Edward Hammond he had made no changes in this estate plans. But Oborny said she found a letter in Field's office on the evening of his death that left half the estate to her, a quarter to Field's attorney, Joseph Jeter, and a quarter to the foundation.

Jeter told Oborny the letter wasn't a valid because it had no witness signatures. A few days later, Oborny's friend, Steve Little, told Jeter that Field had asked him and his wife, Kathy, to witness the signing of a doc-

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There are no financial impacts to the City since no net proceeds are generated in the transfer of property.

ument that included the same asset split as the letter that lacked signatures. In their depositions, the Littles said Field signed the paper, which was dated Jan. 22, 2013, in front of them and they signed it as witnesses.

The foundation's legal team said the organization's share of the estate was "drastically" reduced in the document that added Oborny and Jeter, neither of whom had previously been beneficiaries.

As the investigation into the dispute continued, the Littles died in a murder-suicide in August 2015. They were not named in any of the disputed documents.

72nd D-Day Anniversary: All Who Serve Are a Part of the Greatest Generation

Heritage Foundation

Stop your average American on the street and ask them, "What happened on June 6?" Surprisingly, a few might recall that on a dreary morning while the low tide lapped lazily on the rocky coast of Normandy, France, brave men in battle armor no thicker than a khaki shirt grimly headed toward Hitler's Atlantic wall.

There is nothing special to mark the 72nd anniversary of the D-Day invasion during World War II. Nothing special—other than the men themselves.

That 18-year-old struggling up the steep bluffs of Omaha Beach while tracer rounds flashed overhead would be 90 years old now, eyes flickering, still alive with the memories of that unforgettable day.

About 73,000 Americans landed on the beaches on June 6, 1944. Almost 2,500 of our boys were killed.

Often forgotten is that the fight for Normandy did not end there. Some of the toughest fighting in World War II happened in the six weeks after D-Day as the allies battled to gain a foothold in France and set the stage for the campaign that liberated Western Europe.

These were battles and a war worth winning. If there was ever a war for freedom's sake, World War II was certainly it.

Dictators never dreamed larger. Germany's Adolf Hitler

planned to colonize all of Eastern Europe, after exterminating or expelling the local population. He would rule the Reich from "Germania," the world's largest city, and construct the greatest bridge ever built by man, making San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge look like a freeway overpass.

Hitler would cleanse his lands of the handicapped, mentally challenged, gypsies, homosexuals, and Jews. They would all be killed. He would bring German immigrants back from America to repopulate the homeland.

The appetites of others were only slightly more modest. The fascist dictator of Italy, Benito Mussolini, longed for a vast Mediterranean empire mirroring ancient Rome.

Japanese Prime Minister General Hideki Tojo envisioned an empire that stretched the width of the Pacific to Alaska and the coasts of Canada and the Northwest United States, a conception laid out in "The Land Disposal Plan in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere," a 1941 document prepared by the Imperial Ministry of War.

If they had their way, all of humanity would have lived under an iron yoke.

In saving freedom's future, the men and women who served in World War II justly earned the moniker the "greatest generation."

But truth be told, every gen-

eration of Americans that serves in the armed forces to protect our safety and liberty is the greatest generation.

Last week, nine American soldiers died during a driving accident at Fort Hood,

Texas. Their vehicle rolled over in high water.

The soldiers we lost in a stateside accident are every bit part of the greatest generation as the kids that clambered up the cliffs in Normandy. They

died serving us.

We have Memorial Day to remember the honored dead. We have Veterans Day to remember the living.

But every day, on the anniversary of great moments of

history like D-Day, and unremarkable days not recorded on stone monuments anywhere, Americans wear their nation's uniform in defense of us.

We should remember them every day.



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Politics/Commentary

GOP anger stalls response to court ruling on Kansas schools

By The Associated Press -

TOPEKA, Kan. — Many Republican legislators in Kansas are angry with the state Supreme Court's latest order on education funding, question the justices' motives and doubt the court will accept any further fixes.

Their views prompted leaders in the GOP-controlled Legislature to abandon consideration of passing further education funding changes Wednesday before lawmakers formally adjourned their annual session. And Republican Gov. Sam Brownback hasn't said whether he'll call a special session, despite the court's warning that public schools won't be able to open after June 30 if legislators don't increase aid to poor districts by then.

come amid the ongoing budget problems arising after Republican legislators slashed personal income taxes in 2012 and 2013 at Brownback's urging in an effort to stimulate the economy.

"I'm an optimist and believe calmer heads are going to prevail," said John Robb, an attorney for the four districts suing the state. "We were in the chest-thumping stage."

But Republicans' anger at the court is fueled by a belief that the justices are exceeding their authority in pushing legislators to spend more money or see schools shut down. At least a few conservatives, like Sens. Greg Smith, of Overland Park, and Mitch Holmes, of St. John, question whether the state constitution allows the court to intervene at all.

But that's of little concern to some Republicans, who see the court's move as purely political. House Speaker Ray Merrick, a Stilwell Republican, issued a post-adjournment statement calling the court "judicial hostage takers."

Others advocated defying the court: "They're going to continue dropping little turds like they have at the appropriate times to do everything that they can to try to discredit the Legislature," said Sen. Jeff Melcher, of Leawood. "Eventually, we're going to have to stand up to this court."

Kansas has been in and out of lawsuits over education funding for nearly three decades, and the latest round started with a lawsuit filed in 2010 by the Dodge City, Hutchinson, Wichita, and Kansas City, Kansas, districts, after the Great Recession prompted lawmakers to back off funding promises. The high court ruled in February that the state's distribution of more than \$4 billion a year in aid to its 286 school districts wasn't fair to poor districts, and declared May 27 that the Legislature's changes approved in March didn't fully solve the problems.

The state Department of Education estimates that complying with the latest order would force Kansas to increase its spending between \$38 million and \$51 million for the next school year. And the justices are still considering whether the state spends enough money overall; a lower court said the annual amount was at least \$548 million short.

Further rulings are likely to

The constitution says the Legislature must "make suitable provision" for financing the state's "educational interests," and the Supreme Court has ruled repeatedly that language means lawmakers need to finance a suitable education for every child — whether they live in rich or poor areas.

"The court is ruling on things that aren't there," Holmes said. "I don't think anything we do is going to make any difference."

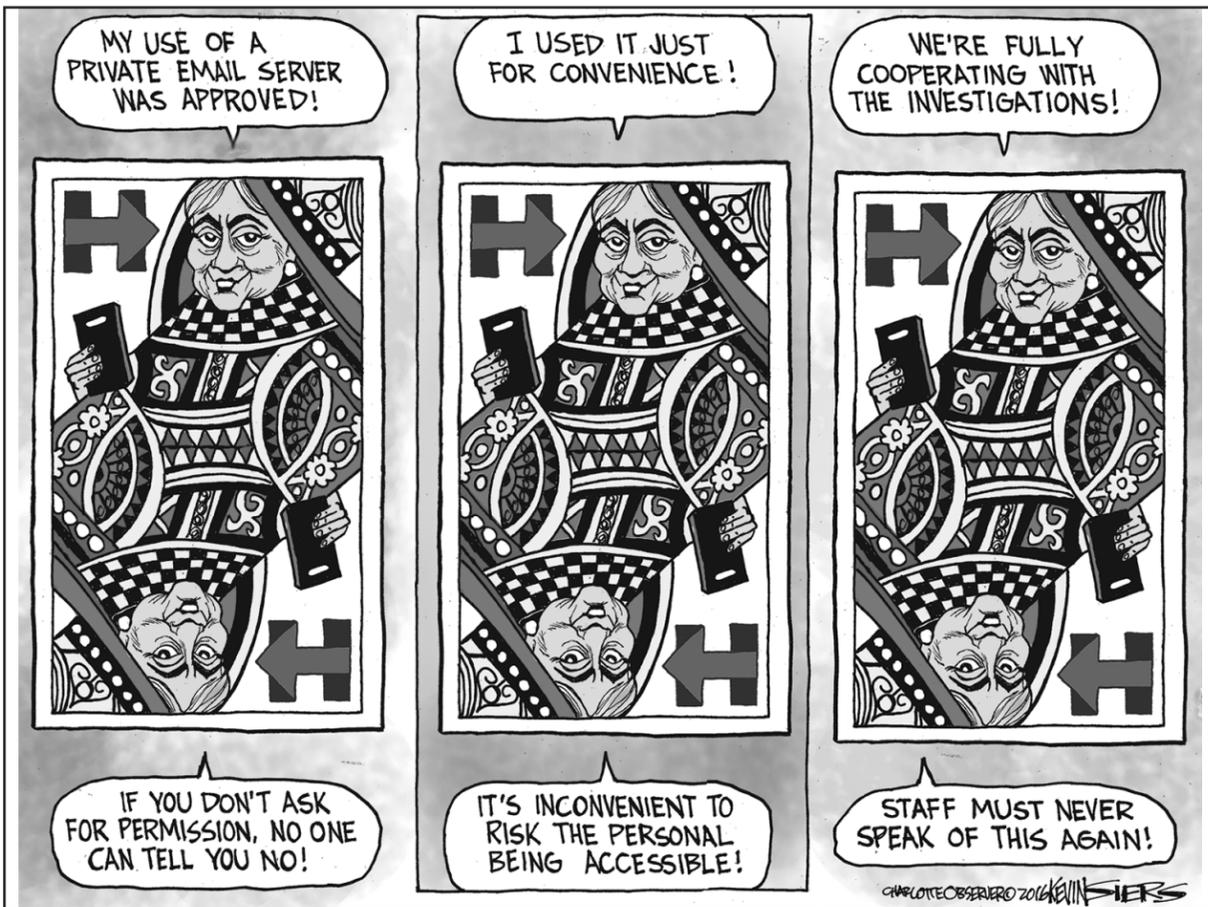
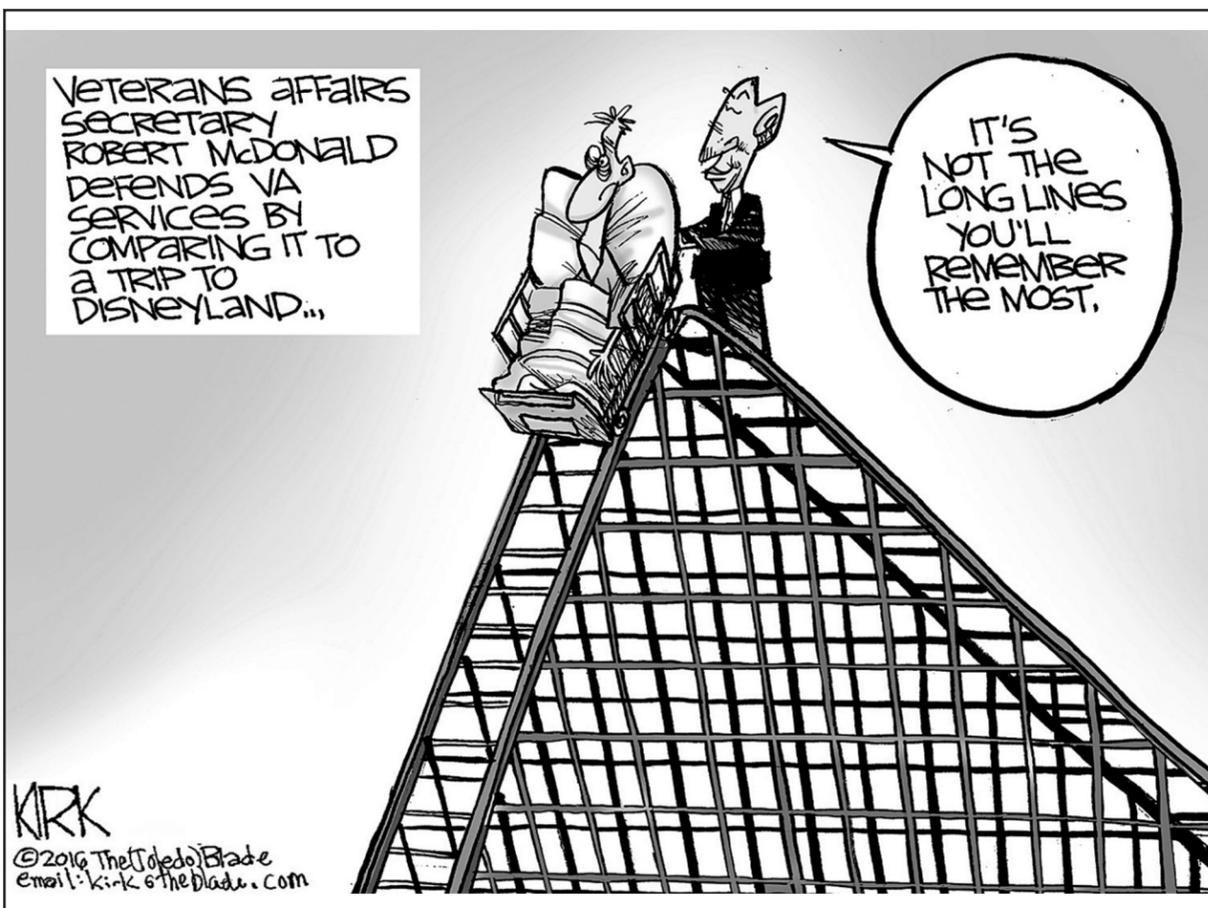
But Alan Rupe, another attorney representing the four school districts, said if legislators press the issue, they'll learn that courts have broad discretion in enforcing rulings, "as any dead-beat dad can tell you."

Asked about his analogy, Rupe said: "What's the difference? They both say, 'I'm not going to pay what I owe.'"

Washburn University law professor Jeffrey Jackson questioned why the education funding language, approved in a statewide vote in 1966, would be part of the state constitution "if it didn't mean something."

He said courts rule on the constitutionality of legislation "all the time" and said it's a basic principle of American law that, "if there's a right, there should be a remedy." However, Jackson said, it's not clear whether the Supreme Court can go as far as not allowing schools to open because it hasn't happened previously.

"We're basically in uncharted territory when we talk about a remedy," Jackson said.



Have You Read What The Free Press Said

County Minutes Are Light On Detail



Board of Riley County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2016
115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502

Commission Chambers
3:00 PM
District 1 – Ben Wilson, Chair
3:00 PM Call to Order
3:00 PM A joint meeting with the Board of Riley County Commissioners, the Riley County Planning Board and the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board will be held to meet with the consultant selected for Riley County's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations rewrite project, SAFEbuilt Colorado, LLC.

Garvin stated the process to rewrite the Riley County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations began early this morning in touring the community. Garvin discussed the processes which will be used in developing the rewrite of the Riley County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Garvin said in meetings they have heard the need for infrastructure for development.

Van Elders said the Chamber staff asked how Riley County can make housing development easier and more profitable similar to Pottawatomie County. Kelly stated the Chamber asked about being prepared for increased business development created by NBAF. Kelly said the Chamber would like the City and County sign regulations to be similar.

Wilson and Vargo left the meeting. Kabriel attended the meeting.

Reynard asked if it is possible to work with Pottawatomie County while they are here working with Riley County.

The commission said at this time Pottawatomie County is not interested, but we are willing to share Riley County's in-

formation with them.

Stith asked about the timeline.

Stith discussed protecting ag land and industrial. Hoobler discussed concerns with the gateway.

Osarczuk asked if they will look at peer communities and look at preserving the county not just the future of the county. 4:05 PM Adjournment - Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes May 26, 2016

115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502
Commission Chambers

8:30 AM Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Volanti introduced Jennifer Green, the new Health Department Director. Volanti stated Green toured the facilities and met many of the staff.

Green thanked the Board for the opportunity. Green discussed her background and said she is glad to join the Riley County Team.

Commission Comments

Commission Comments Wilson's Comments:

Monday and Tuesday I drove around the County with a videographer to film various shots for the county promotional videos.

Wednesday I attended the special commission meeting with the consultants that will help with our zoning rewrite

process. Afterwards, I attended the Public Health Advisory Council, where I introduced our new Health Department Director Jennifer Green to the council and Health Department staff in attendance. Most of the discussion centered on Jennifer and the others getting to know each other and the council orienting her to current public health issues, especially mental health and the troubles at Osawatimie State Hospital.

Boyd's Comments: Absent Wells' Comments:

Wells stated he met with Mel Van Der Stelt. Wells said he attended the zoning rewrite meeting.

Business Meeting

Sign Online Access Agreement for Red Vision

Move to approve an Online Access Agreement with Red Vision for the Register of Deeds' Office.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Bid Recommendation for Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project

Move to award the contract to King Construction Co., Inc., Hesston, KS in the amount of \$108,156.00 for the Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Mercy Regional Health Center

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Mercy Regional Health Center (211-12-0-20-01-025.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$317.04.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Mercy Regional Health Center

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Mercy Regional Health Center (211-12-0-20-01-027.02-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$53,516.52.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Action on Portable Communication Device Allowance Form(s)

Move to approve the Portable Communication Device Allowance Form.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

CIP Funding Authorization Forms

Move to approve the Riley County Capital Improvement Program, CIP Project Funding Authorization Forms for the following:

LEC Jail Intercom System-**\$210,000**

Parks Mower-**\$25,000**
Public Works Walk & Roller and lift-**\$40,000**

Public Works 3/4 ton 4x4 Ext. Cab Pickup-**\$28,000**

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

Tami Robison, a new hire, as a Budget and Finance Officer, in the County Clerk's Office, at a grade CC, at \$34.54 per hour.

Corbin Sedlacek, a new hire, as an As Needed Clerical Assistant, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a grade D step 1, at \$12.76 per hour.

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$419,462.38 and the following warrant vouchers for May 27, 2016:

2016 Budget	General
County	\$375,716.82
Fairmont Improvements	7.74
Health Department	65,616.50
Teen Court Collected Fund	75.82
Court Technology	4,372.72
County Auction	276.66
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr	56.00
Riley Co Juvenile Service	4,822.70
Motor Vehicle Operations	7,708.65
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	705.40
Riley Co Adult Services	15,486.97
Capital Improvements Fund	173,505.08
Emergency 911	5,532.46
Solid Waste	173,844.48
County Building	21,696.38
Road & Bridge Cap Project	92,469.37
RCPD Levy/Op	3,783.79
Landfill Closure	668.91
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	34,302.31
Riley Co Fire Dist CapOut	1,947.10
University Park W&S	7,600.63
Univ Park Capital Project	293,096.70
Hunters Island Water Dist	1,289.86
Carson Sewer Benefit Dist	39.46
Deep Creek Sewer	310.43

Moehlman Bottoms 414.44
Valleywood Operations 23.21
Terra Heights Sewer 555.55
Terra Heights Sinking 2,255.24
Konza Water Operations 3,476.91
Valleywood Cap Reserve 429.26
Univ Park W&S Cap Reserve 1,792.50
Lakeside Heights Sewer 51.96
TOTAL . . . \$1,293,932.01
ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Review Minutes

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Move to approve the minutes.

ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson Boyd

Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

13. Discuss Press Conference Move to add a second executive session on potential litigation to Holeman's time on the agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

9:15 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

9:15 AM

15. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding pending litigation issues

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wilson and Commissioner

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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

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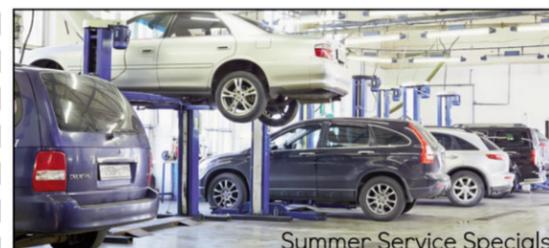
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The Manhattan City Commission

City To Destroy Old Utility Facility Hose Tower

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
May 24, 2016
FROM: Randy D. DeWitt, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works for Water and Wastewater
MEETING: June 7, 2016
SUBJECT: Award Contract – Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Maintenance Facility Hose Tower Demolition Project (SS1609, CIP #WW149P)
PRESENTER: Robert K. Ott, P.E., Public Works Director

BACKGROUND
 In 2015, the City Commission approved the 2016 Annual Budget. As part of that budget approval the Commission reviewed and approved the 2016 Capital Improvement Program

(CIP). The 2016 CIP included the demolition of the hose tower for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Maintenance Facility (UMF).

In 2013, the Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Utility Maintenance Divisions, which also includes Meter Services and Utility Locates, relocated from their base of operations at S. Juliette Avenue and Fair Lane to the former Fire Station No. 3 facility located at 3131 Anderson Avenue.

(Editor's Note: They moved to the 3131 location built a new 9 bay garage and now the City wants to sell this property and build a new one East on Hwy 24.)

Prior to this current project, the City completed significant

site improvements in 2013 including parking, paving and utility improvements, as well as the construction of a detached nine (9) bay garage structure in 2015, which included vehicle and material storage, workshops, and a small amount of office space.

When the Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Divisions relocated to the former fire station, storage space was maximized by utilizing the base area of the hose tower for metering parts and equipment. The hose tower is constructed of concrete block units with access doors located at the top. Due to age, material and lack of regular maintenance, the walls of the tower allow water to enter the interior storage area. In lieu of rehabilitating the tower, demolition was

recommended by City staff.

DISCUSSION

The City of Manhattan requested bids on May 1, 2016, to complete its UMF Hose Tower Demolition Project and advertised for bid in The Manhattan Mercury, The Topeka Capitol Journal, and on the City of Manhattan website. Attached is a bid summary outlining the results of the bid letting that took place on May 19, 2016. Two (2) bids were received with the low bidder being McPherson Wrecking, Inc., of Grantville, Kansas, with a total bid in the amount of \$26,700.

FINANCING

The Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Maintenance Facility Hose Tower Demolition

Project is part of the 2016 Capital Improvement Program and is anticipated to be financed with cash from the Water and Wastewater Funds. Project costs will be split between two funds - 50% paid from the Water Fund and 50% paid from the Wastewater Fund. The estimated cost of the project in the CIP was \$25,000. City staff has analyzed the impacts of the additional costs of the project and have determined that adequate funds are available for the project as bid.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Award a construction contract in the amount of \$26,700 to McPherson Wrecking, Inc.,

of Grantville, Kansas; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract.

Reject the bids and do not award a contract.

Modify to meet the needs of the Commission.

Table the request.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends that the City Commission award and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$26,700 with McPherson Wrecking, Inc., for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Maintenance Facility Hose Tower Demolition project (SS1609, CIP #WW149P).

AG Schmidt: Kansas tobacco settlement receipts cross \$1 billion level

TOPEKA – (June 6, 2016) – With the receipt in April of the 2016 Master Settlement Agreement annual payment, Kansas has now received more than \$1 billion in total tobacco settlement payments, Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today.

Since the first payment was made in 1999, Kansas has received \$1,013,566,691.35 from the participating tobacco manufacturers. The settlement payments are intended to offset the costs of tobacco-related illness and disease that are borne by Kansas taxpayers through government-paid medical benefits. The payments are made each year pursuant to a legal settlement that resolved claims made by 46 states, including Kansas, against the tobacco companies in the late 1990s.

"The Master Settlement Agreement has allowed Kansas to recover a significant portion of the cost Kansas taxpayers

bear to deal with the health-related costs of tobacco use in our state," Schmidt said. "These payments offset what otherwise would be a taxpayer subsidy of the tobacco industry."

Schmidt noted that in order for payments to continue, Kansas must continually meet the obligations it undertook as part of the Master Settlement Agreement. The principal obligation that has been a point of dispute is for the state to "diligently enforce" its tobacco-related statute, including a requirement the state account for all tobacco sales in the state and require tobacco companies that were not part of the MSA to pay funds into escrow accounts that may later be used to offset tobacco-related health care costs borne by state taxpayers.

When Schmidt assumed office in 2011, the tobacco companies had accused many states, including Kansas, of failing to live up to their end of the MSA

bargain since 2003 and were demanding repayment of billions of dollars in past payments to the states. If the companies' claims had succeeded, Kansas could have been required to repay hundreds of millions of dollars previously received.

In 2012, Schmidt and 18 other state attorneys general reached an agreement with the tobacco companies to eliminate that potential liability for the state. Subsequently, five other states joined this settlement. The provisions of that settlement agreement are reflected in a term sheet that has governed annual payments for the past three-and-a-half years. The final details of that settlement agreement are still being worked out among Kansas, the other settling states and the tobacco companies.

To minimize the risk the companies may again accuse the states of failing to live up to

their obligations under the MSA, the attorney general's office has taken several steps:

Worked closely with the Department of Revenue to strengthen enforcement efforts against illicit cigarette sales.

Obtained permission from the Legislature to add an investigator at the attorney general's office who will focus specifically on non-compliant sales.

Entered into negotiations with the four resident Indian Tribes in Kansas to improve accounting for tobacco sales on tribal lands. Compacts with two of the tribes were approved by the Legislature earlier this year; negotiations with the other two tribes remain ongoing.

Worked closely with the Legislature to strengthen the state's escrow statutes to improve MSA compliance.

"Protecting these annual payments to the fullest extent

possible is a priority for our office," Schmidt said. "We are determined to continue making these funds available to ease the burden tobacco use can impose on Kansas taxpayers."

Schmidt noted that because the MSA, which was reached in 1998, is now almost 20 years old, Kansas tobacco payments are expected to naturally decline starting in April 2018. This is because certain provisions of the original MSA were designed to expire after payment year 2017. With those provisions expiring there will be a change in the amount of money Kansas receives each year. Because the state's annual payment amount is based on numerous variables, it is difficult at this time to predict how much the annual payment will decline, but the attorney general's office has informed the state's revenue estimators it could be significant.

The Legislature in 1999 decided most of Kansas' receipts from the MSA would be used to finance children's programs in the state.

The annual amounts received by the State of Kansas each year pursuant to the MSA are as follows:

1999:	\$38.5 million
2000:	\$47.9 million
2001:	\$50.6 million
2002:	\$57.7 million
2003:	\$48.3 million
2004:	\$52.4 million
2005:	\$53.1 million
2006:	\$48.6 million
2007:	\$50.6 million
2008:	\$66.3 million
2009:	\$72.0 million
2010:	\$60.4 million
2011:	\$56.8 million
2012:	\$57.9 million
2013:	\$68.1 million
2014:	\$62.2 million
2015:	\$62.4 million
2016:	\$59.1 million
Total:	\$1.013 billion

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Heritage Foundation:

More Guns Does Not Mean More Murders

By Patrick Tyrrell
Heritage Foundation

According to proponents of gun control, more guns in America equals more murders and a more lawless society. Every time there is a mass killing involving guns, liberal politicians rush to call for more restrictions on guns.

Those in favor of disarming

the citizenry claim that fewer guns will mean less gun crime. This assertion is not based on facts, as can be seen in the chart below. Not only is there no correlation between increases in gun ownership and homicides, but the relationship in fact is negative.

A 2007 study in the Harvard

Journal of Law & Public Policy entitled "Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide?" looked at firearms prevalence and violence in countries around the world. The authors found that gun bans are ineffective because they do not affect the socio-cultural and economic factors that are the real determinants of violent

crime rates. Their study concludes:

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[T]he burden of proof rests on the proponents of the more guns equal more death and

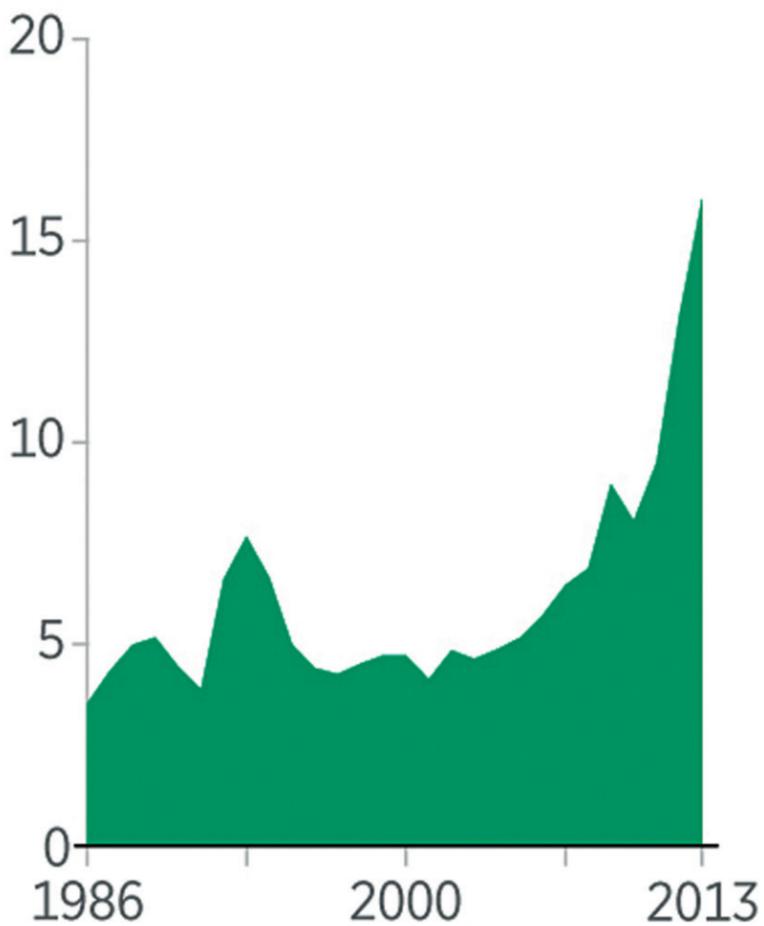
fewer guns equal less death mantra, especially since they argue public policy ought to be based on that mantra. To bear that burden would at the very least require showing that a large number of nations with more guns have more death and that nations that have imposed stringent gun controls have achieved substantial reductions

in criminal violence (or suicide). But those correlations are not observed when a large number of nations are compared across the world.

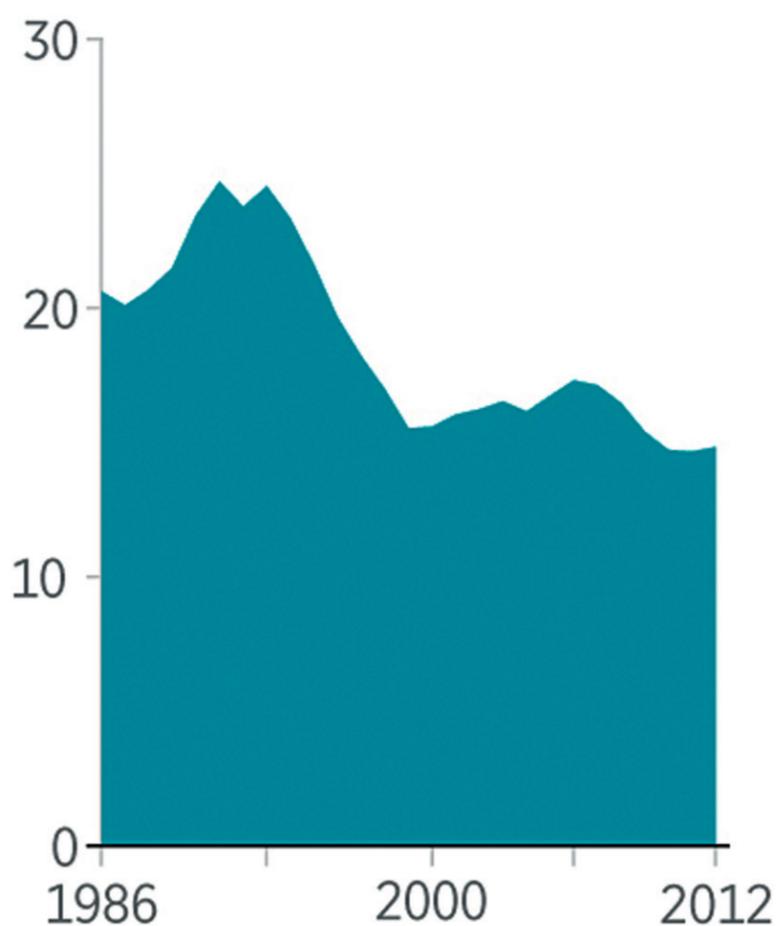
It is time for gun control ideologues to take a step back and stop whittling away at the Second Amendment.

Gun Circulation Surges, Number of Homicides Continues to Drop

NEW U.S. FIREARMS, IN MILLIONS



U.S. CRIMINAL HOMICIDES, IN THOUSANDS



NOTE: New firearms include all manufactured, plus all imported, minus all exported.

SOURCES: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports*, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, "Firearms Commerce in the United States: Annual Statistical Update 2015."

\$2 billion state payroll published on KansasOpenGov

Kansas Policy Institute

Payroll expenditures for the State of Kansas topped \$2 billion for the first time last year and grew 4.5 percent over the previous year. Higher education, which comprises more than half of the total, led the way with a 6.3 percent increase. The balance of state payroll grew by 2.5 percent.

KPI collects state payroll data annually in Open Records

requests and posts the full listing by employee at KansasOpenGov.org. Employees paid with private funds (not subject to Open Records requests), such as university athletic coaches are not included. Kansas Turnpike Authority employees are not paid through the state payroll system but their 2015 pay listing can be viewed here.

Agencies will 2015 payroll in

excess of \$10 million are listed individually, except for those included in the broad categories of Higher Education, Corrections and KNI/Mental Health.

Get more information at:

kansasopengov.org

Entity	CY 2014	CY 2015	Change
Board of Regents	\$3,928,673	\$4,297,792	9.4%
Univ. of Kansas	\$309,671,977	\$327,292,380	5.7%
KU Med Center	\$181,629,168	\$192,030,922	5.7%
K-State	\$291,579,337	\$313,510,120	7.5%
Wichita State	\$108,633,860	\$120,398,635	10.8%
Emporia State	\$36,659,376	\$36,668,545	0.0%
Pittsburg State	\$48,314,074	\$49,447,882	2.3%
Fort Hays State	\$48,390,300	\$49,803,560	2.9%
Total	\$1,028,806,765	\$1,093,449,836	6.3%

Source: Kansas Dept. of Administration

Agency / Category	Calendar 2014	Calendar 2015	Change
Dept. of Admin	\$23,904,986	\$25,028,675	4.7%
Dept. of Agriculture	\$15,967,161	\$16,374,939	2.6%
Dept. of Commerce	\$11,524,399	\$11,697,854	1.5%
Dept. of Child & Family Svc.	\$91,225,305	\$93,796,445	2.8%
Dept. of Education	\$12,506,538	\$12,704,244	1.6%
Dept. of Health / Environ.	\$48,785,025	\$49,731,121	1.9%
Dept. of Labor	\$18,729,463	\$19,347,889	3.3%
Dept. of Revenue	\$41,219,265	\$42,598,688	3.3%
Dept of Transportation	\$107,382,173	\$107,415,947	0.0%
Dept. of Aging & Disability	\$12,238,711	\$12,837,729	4.9%
Adjutant General	\$12,754,334	\$11,863,555	-7.0%
Highway Patrol	\$41,862,760	\$41,398,740	-1.1%
Wildlife, Parks & Tourism	\$20,849,792	\$21,550,704	3.4%
Corrections	\$131,581,331	\$136,360,489	3.6%
KNI & Mental Health Hosp.	\$78,762,094	\$79,071,050	0.4%
Corporation Commission	\$9,868,783	\$10,179,713	3.2%
KS Bureau of Invest.	\$13,436,923	\$14,882,294	10.8%
Veterans Commission	\$10,469,786	\$11,375,195	8.6%
Judicial Branch	\$90,943,443	\$93,774,935	3.1%
Higher Education	\$1,028,806,765	\$1,093,449,836	6.3%
All other	\$92,879,091	\$96,847,336	4.3%
Total state payroll	\$1,915,698,128	\$2,002,287,378	4.5%

Source: Kansas Dept. of Administration

Burn, prairie, burn: Ecologists advise an increase in prescribed grassland burning to maintain ecosystem, livelihood

By Stephanie Jacques KSU Information

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University researchers have found a three-year absence of fire is the tipping point for the tallgrass prairie ecosystem and advise an increase in burning.

A collaborative study, recently published in Elsevier's journal, *Rangeland Ecology and Management*, suggests many land managers in the Flint Hills need to increase burning frequency to more than once every three years to keep the tallgrass prairie ecosystem from transitioning to woodland. The study applied 40 years of data collected at Konza Prairie Biological Station, an 8,600-acre native tallgrass prairie jointly owned by Kansas State University and The Nature Conservancy, to satellite fire maps of the Flint Hills from 2000 to 2010.

The satellite data used in the study — "Assessing the Potential for Transitions from Tallgrass Prairie to Woodland: Are We Operating Beyond Critical Fire Thresholds?" — indicated at least 50 percent of the tallgrass prairie in the Flint Hills is burned every three to four years or less frequently and is susceptible to becoming shrubland. Fire intervals greater than 10 years apart or complete fire suppression have drastic effects — particularly in the absence of grazing.

"In this area, if we completely exclude fire, the landscape can go from tallgrass prairie to a cedar forest in as little as 30-40 years," said John Briggs, director of Konza Prairie and one of the authors of the study. "Once it gets to that

point, we are not confident that fire alone is going to bring that back."

According to Briggs, also a professor of biology, the tallgrass prairie is one of the most altered ecosystems in North America with only 4 percent remaining. The grasslands are conducive to cattle ranching and provide economic stability for the area. Native grasses filter freshwater, prevent soil erosion, provide wildlife habitat for grassland birds like the prairie chicken, and mitigate nutrient loading. Briggs also said that if woody vegetation increases near human settlements, so will the chances of dangerous wildfire.

"We knew some areas around the Flint Hills were beyond these fire thresholds but we were still surprised how much of the region is susceptible to shrub and tree expansion," said Zak Ratajczak, the study's lead author and Kansas State University doctoral alumnus.

Ratajczak, now a National Science postdoctoral fellow at the University of Virginia, started comparing the results from the Konza Prairie fire experiments with the fire maps from K-State's geography researchers as part of his doctoral studies at Kansas State University. Assisting with the study were Doug Goodin, professor of geography, Lei Luo, master's student in geography, and Jesse Nippert, associate professor of biology, all from Kansas State University; Rhett Mohler, Kansas State University alumnus and assistant professor of geography at Saginaw Valley State University; and Brian Obermeyer, director of The Nature Conservancy's Flint Hills



A blue wild indigo flower is rooted at the edge of an annual prescribed burn on Kansas State University's Konza Prairie Biological Station, where ecologists are advising an increase in burning.

Initiative.

"Prescribed fire is the most effective tool owners have to manage their land," Briggs said. "Other means, such as mechanically removing woody vegetation or using herbicides, are very expensive and very harmful. Fire is pennies per acre to implement; the other methods can be dollars per acre. That can really add up."

Managed by the university's Division of Biology, Konza Prairie has more than 50 sections of land called watersheds — because they are partitioned based on water flow — that are burned at varying frequencies — from annually to every 20 years — since the land was do-

nated in 1971. The areas of the station with one- and two-year fire intervals have minimal large shrubs compared to a nearby watershed that is burned at three-and-a-half-year intervals and that has lost 40 percent of its area to shrub expansion.

This comparison, combined with the satellite data of the region, is one reason the researchers are advising an increase in burning in many areas, even though they realize this might stimulate discussion locally and for communities downwind.

"This comes at a time where people are really concerned about smoke and our suggestion to increase burning comes with

a trade-off," Briggs said. "We are going to have more fire and more smoke, which can affect the air quality in the region and other parts of North America."

To find solutions for this problem, Briggs said land managers are working with fire cooperatives and the Kansas Flint Hills Smoke Management to find best practices and compromise. Briggs said a tour of Konza can give land managers access to research data and might help them establish collaborative practices to reduce the abundance of smoke.

"There is always a conflict to burning," Briggs said. "Most people think that the remaining tallgrass prairie should be a

fenced-off preserve. They think that it will take care of itself, but this system is fire derived and historically fire maintained. Aside from the sustainable and ecological aspects, it is critical to people's livelihoods and necessary to ranching communities."

National Science Foundation Long-Term Ecological Research program, The Nature Conservancy, Kansas State University's Agricultural Experimental Research Station and the Division of Biology in Kansas State University's College of Arts & Sciences provide funding and resources for Konza Prairie research.

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Wells, recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Commission, 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 9:25 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd
9:25 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd
No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:25 AM

Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding pending litigation issues

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wilson and Commissioner

Wells, recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Commission, 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 9:35 a.m. Rich Vargo, Riley County Clerk, may be asked to provide information to the Board while it is in Executive Session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd
9:35 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd
No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:35 AM

Kevin Howser, IT/GIS Director

16. IT/GIS Staff Update -

May 2016

Howser presented an IT/GIS staff update.

9:50 AM
Break

10:00 AM

Alvin Perez, Operations and Fleet Manager

17. Bid opening for Salt Building Extension

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for the salt building extension:

CompanyBase BidAlternate #1

Schultz Construction
1213 Hylton Heights, Suite 129

Manhattan, KS 66502
\$300,000.00

Benchmark Construction
4361 S. Dam Road Manhattan, KS 66502

\$396,000.00

Carpenter Building Systems
709 Pecan Circle

Manhattan, KS 66502
\$289,843.00

N/A Engineer's Estimate
\$676,713.00

(Editor's Note: Why would the Engineer's Estimate be twice the Bid of two of the Company Bidding? Did the Companies not bid correctly or could the Engineer's Estimate be off by \$300,000?)

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

10:15 AM

Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

18. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report

Parker thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the 2016 Leadership Manhattan Program.

C. Collins presented a 1956 pamphlet on survival and nuclear war preparedness.

C. Collins said on Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m., she will give a tour and discuss historic Bluemont Hill.

10:30 AM

Craig Cox, Deputy County Counselor

19. Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Sale

Cox presented the authorization resolution for the real estate tax foreclosure tax sale.

Cox discussed the real estate tax foreclosure sale process.

Cox stated the projected date for the tax sale is September 27, 2016.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 052616-25, A Resolution authorizing real estate tax

foreclosure sale."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

10:45 AM

Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management

20. Contract for Radio Infrastructure assessment and design with TUSA Consulting

Harrison presented the contract for the radio consultant TUSA Consulting Services. Harrison said the advisory counsel supports the increase in time and cost but emphasized this should be approved as a price not to exceed.

Wilson said if they originally agreed to do the work for \$24,000 he does not understand

Retired executive tapped to review Kansas revenue estimating

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Gov. Sam Brownback has appointed the retired chief financial officer of an advertising and public relations agency to lead a review of the state's revenue-projecting process.

Brownback announced Friday that Sam Williams of Wichita will help budget director Shawn Sullivan evaluating the forecasting process. The governor's office also said Williams will help analyze tax policy.

The governor's budget staff,

why they would be requesting additional funding.

The Board asked to have P. Collins contact TUSA Consulting Services and schedule a time when all three Board members are present to justify the request to increase the original contract.

Vargo reported Brent Bowman has asked to discuss with the Board the status of the sale of the CPE Building and future facilities of Riley County.

The Board agreed it would be okay to discuss the sale of the CPE Building and future facilities with Brent Bowman.

11:00 AM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Ben Wilson, County Commissioner Wells, Wilson
Boyd



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Energy bill prospects dim in dispute over drilling, drought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional efforts to improve the first major energy bill in nearly a decade are in jeopardy amid a partisan dispute over oil drilling, water for drought-stricken California and potential rollback of protections for the gray wolf and other wildlife.

A bipartisan bill approved by the Senate in April would boost oil and natural gas production while encouraging renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power, and increased energy efficiency.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairwoman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, called the overwhelming 85-12 Senate vote "a significant victory that brings

us much closer to our goal of modernizing our nation's energy policies," while Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington, the panel's senior Democrat, said the measure was "urgently needed."

But the bill's prospects dimmed after the House approved a series of election-year amendments last month that promote Republican priorities, such as increased drilling for oil and gas and overriding protections for the gray wolf and other species under the Endangered Species Act. The House bill also would promote hunting and fishing on federal lands, shift more water to California farmers and cut the flow for threatened fish.

The House proposal includes

at least seven measures that the White House strongly opposes or has threatened to veto.

House leaders have named 40 lawmakers to serve on a joint House-Senate committee to negotiate a final agreement, but Democrats are threatening to use a procedural motion to scuttle Senate action unless the GOP amendments are withdrawn.

"I wish they could do something besides legislation that has been already circled for veto pen action by the president," Cantwell said after the House vote. A House-Senate "conference that starts with that as the baseline is not going to be a productive effort."

Senators from both parties are expected to discuss the bill

at closed-door luncheons on Tuesday.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the House-approved bill was nothing more than "a partisan, special interest package that fails to invest in infrastructure, leads to more energy consumption and carbon pollution, stacks the deck against the environment and ... undermines protections for our public lands and wildlife."

Republicans defended the measure.

"This bill is about jobs. It's about keeping energy affordable. It's about boosting our energy security, here and across the globe," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Com-

merce Committee. Eight Democrats joined 233 Republicans to support the bill, while 178 lawmakers — including six Republicans — opposed it.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said the GOP bill "modernizes our energy infrastructure so we can address urgent priorities for the country, from tackling California's drought crisis to healing our forests in order to prevent wildfires."

The next steps are unclear.

"It's really hard to see how this thing moves forward," said Marc Boom, associate director of government affairs for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. "I don't see why senators who worked very hard on a

bipartisan process would want to get into the (negotiating) room with a partisan product" like the House bill.

Even so, Murkowski professed optimism, especially given the overwhelming vote in the Senate. "There's just so much good in this, let's figure out how we can get going," she said.

Cantwell did not rule out participation by Senate Democrats in a House-Senate conference, but said, "A 21st-century energy policy has nothing to do with rolling back environmental laws. It should be about smart investments in American infrastructure, innovation and new technologies."

Obama administration rushing to shrink ranks at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is running out of time and options to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba, so officials are scrambling to release as many prisoners as possible and considering novel legal strategies that include allowing some men to strike plea deals by video-teleconference.

Another option would be to send others to foreign countries to be prosecuted. But it still looks to be too late to close the prison before President Barack Obama leaves office in January, denying him the chance to fulfill a campaign pledge.

There's the difficulty in transferring prisoners from the U.S. base in Cuba, questions about the legality of plea deals and solid opposition in Congress to anything that might help Obama achieve that promise.

"The clock has struck midnight and the American people have won," said Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., who has said

he would oppose any effort to move detainees to prison facilities in his state. "The president needs to admit that."

Later this month, lawmakers are on track to extend a ban on moving detainees to U.S. soil. That would leave the president with no way to make the January 2017 deadline, barring an unexpected reversal in Congress or a politically explosive executive order.

The White House increasingly is pointing to a parallel strategy: trying to shrink the number of detainees in hopes of persuading lawmakers that Guantanamo is too expensive to sustain as a prison.

Of the 80 remaining detainees, 30 have been cleared for an overseas transfer. Most will leave starting in late June and continuing into July, according to a U.S. official. Those prisoners will go to a number of countries, including at least one in Europe, said the official, speaking on condition of

anonymity because the administration had not authorized public release of the information.

Seven additional detainees are facing trial by military commission, including five charged with planning and supporting the Sept. 11 attacks. Three others have been convicted. But commission proceedings have gone on at a glacial pace. In April, the Pentagon put forward fresh proposals for Guantanamo, but none has been incorporated into defense legislation moving through Congress.

The remaining 40 were either at one time considered for prosecution or held as indefinite "law of war detainees" until the end of hostilities in the fight against terrorism that began after the 2001 attacks. The United States started using Guantanamo for suspects in January 2002; at its peak, the facility held about 680 prisoners.

U.S. officials have chipped away at those numbers through the Periodic Review Board, a multiagency task force that conducts parole-style hearings for men once deemed too dangerous to release.

The board did not hold a hearing until November 2013, but recently it has picked up its pace, holding more than 20 so far this year. Outcomes are leaning heavily in prisoners' favor. If the government keeps up its current pace of about two per week, it wouldn't complete hearings, much less arrange for transfers, until December.

The U.S. also is working with other governments to prosecute some detainees overseas, the official said. These could be prisoners accused of conduct outside the U.S. involving offenses against citizens of other countries. It would otherwise be difficult or impossible to prosecute these men in an American court.

One possible example would be Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, a 42-year-old Kenyan accused of involvement in plots in Mombasa in November 2002: an attack on an Israeli-owned hotel, in which 13 people died, and an unsuccessful attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner.

The official declined to identify any specific cases but said there could be five to 10 in all.

The defense bill up for debate in the Senate soon includes a provision that would allow detainees to enter guilty pleas — via video teleconference — in federal civilian courts. If a judge accepts the

plea, the detainee would be sentenced and transferred to serve that sentence in a foreign prison.

In conversations with advocates, White House officials have said the Justice Department has reservations about such guilty plea proposals. Chief among the concerns is whether the judge could accept the guilty pleas as entered by the defendant knowingly and voluntarily — a bedrock principle of the American criminal justice system — while there is no mechanism in place to stand trial. The prisoner's only other choice is continued, indefinite detention.

The White House has not taken a position, but suggested it is receptive to the idea. The president believes it is "important that we have available to us a variety of tools at our dis-

posal," National Security Council spokesman Myles Caggins said in a statement, which also noted that federal courts have an "outstanding record" of handling terrorism cases.

Ramzi Kassem, a lawyer who has represented many Guantanamo prisoners over the years, including three still held, said the ability to strike a plea deal in federal court would benefit relatively few detainees. He said the renewed administration interest in closing the prison is hard to take seriously now.

"Those efforts and that kind of resolve should have been shown over the course of the eight years of the Obama administration and not in its final moments," said Kassem, a law professor at the City University of New York.

Amid high anticipation, Yellen to address economy and rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen will give a widely anticipated speech on the economy and interest rates Monday after a dismal jobs report Friday raised doubts about the Fed's timetable for a rate hike.

Investors will be reviewing Yellen's speech in Philadelphia for any fresh hints about her outlook for rates and about the state of the economy.

In remarks she made on June 3, Yellen had said that a rate hike would likely be appropriate "in the coming months" if

the economy kept improving.

The question now is whether that assessment has changed. Lael Brainard, a Fed board member and Yellen ally, indicated Friday after the jobs report was released that the Fed should be in no hurry to raise rates.

Before the poor jobs number was released, speculation had been growing that the Fed might raise its key policy rate for a second time after its next meeting ends June 15. The Fed had modestly increased its benchmark rate in December

from a record low near zero, where it had been since the height of the financial crisis in 2008.

Most economists say they think the Fed will keep rates unchanged next week in light of the jobs report. Employers added just 38,000 jobs in May, the weakest monthly gain in more than five years. Job gains have now averaged just 116,000 in the past three months, down sharply from an average of 230,000 in the 12 months ending in April.

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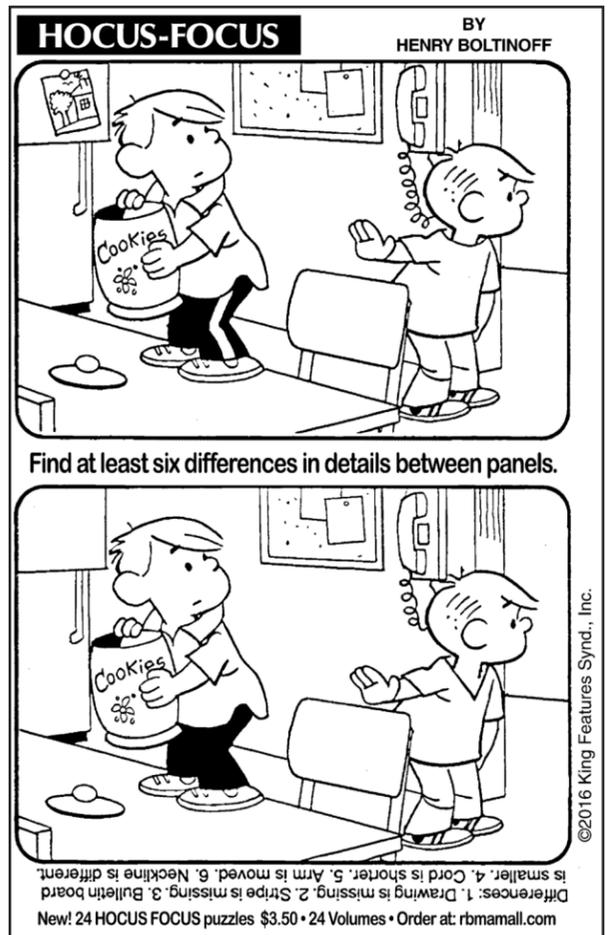
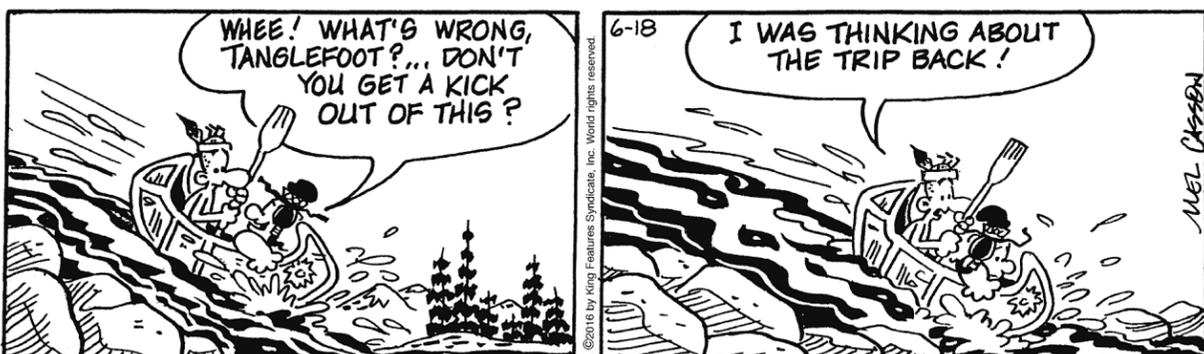
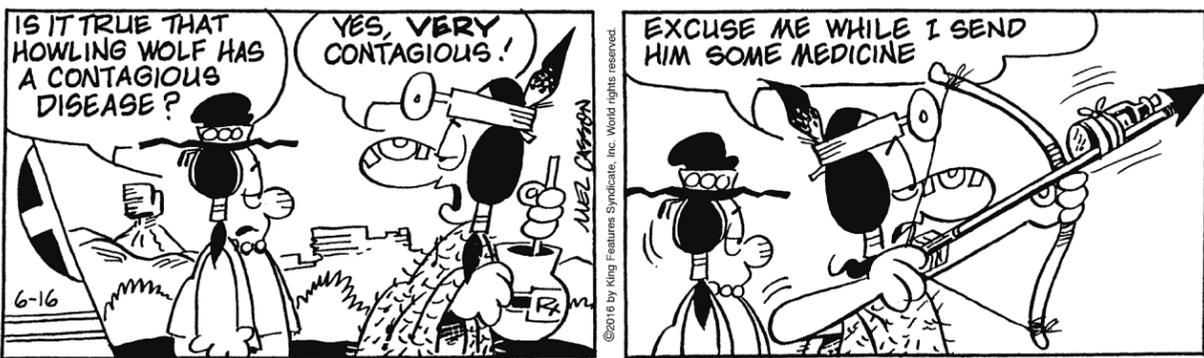
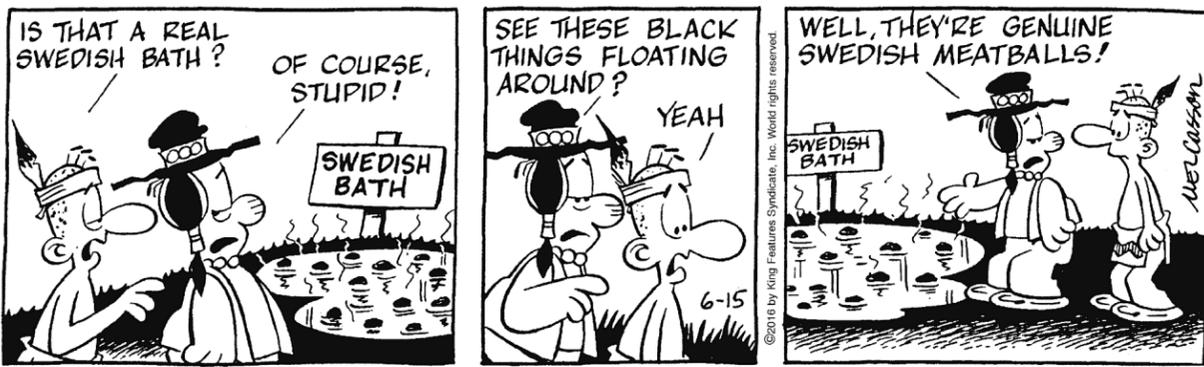
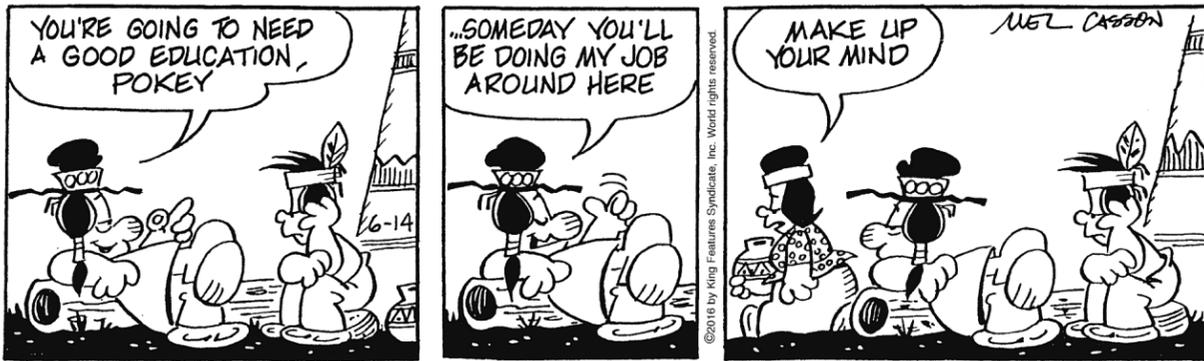
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Former owner of Topeka racetrack sues city for \$4 million

By The Associated Press - TOPEKA, Kan. — The former owner of the Heartland Park Topeka racetrack is suing the city of Topeka for more than \$4 million, alleging the city breached an agreement to purchase the park and assume the plaintiff's debt.

services for more than 12 years but never provided the service, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/288dWec>).

The city agreed in June 2014 to acquire Jayhawk's interest in Heartland Park and agreed to expand the park's STAR bond district. The contract stipulated that the city must make "good faith reasonable efforts" to issue STAR Bonds and purchase the park for an estimated \$4.8 mil-

lion to \$5.5 million. Attorney Wesley Weathers said in the petition that the city stopped trying to buy the park months before CoreFirst Bank and Trust filed deeds for the track property in August 2015.

The city of Topeka issued a \$10.4 million STAR bond for park improvements in 2006. The bonds are intended to fund projects by borrowing from anticipated sales tax revenue, but

that revenue was not enough to pay off the bonds. The city was forced to use general revenue bonds for the payments, spending up to \$5.6 million since 2006.

The lawsuit alleges the contract was first breached when the city decided in December 2014 to defer issuing STAR bonds until after the first of the year after a petition was filed to put the racetrack's funding up

for a public vote. The city continued to assure Jayhawk Racing that it intended to eventually purchase the park, according to the lawsuit.

But in May 2015, city officials defeated a plan to finance the purchase with \$5.5 million in STAR bonds, forcing Jayhawk Racing to forfeit the land, the lawsuit claims.

City attorney Lisa Robertson said the city would not immedi-

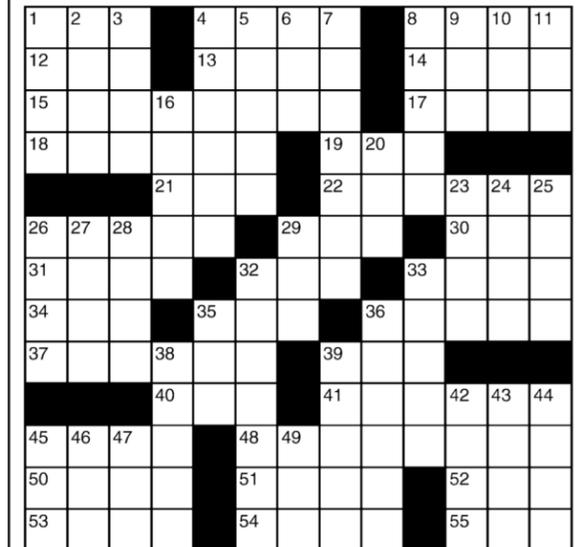
ately comment on the lawsuit. Chris Payne and Todd Crossley and their company, Shelby LLC, became owners of the track in December 2015.

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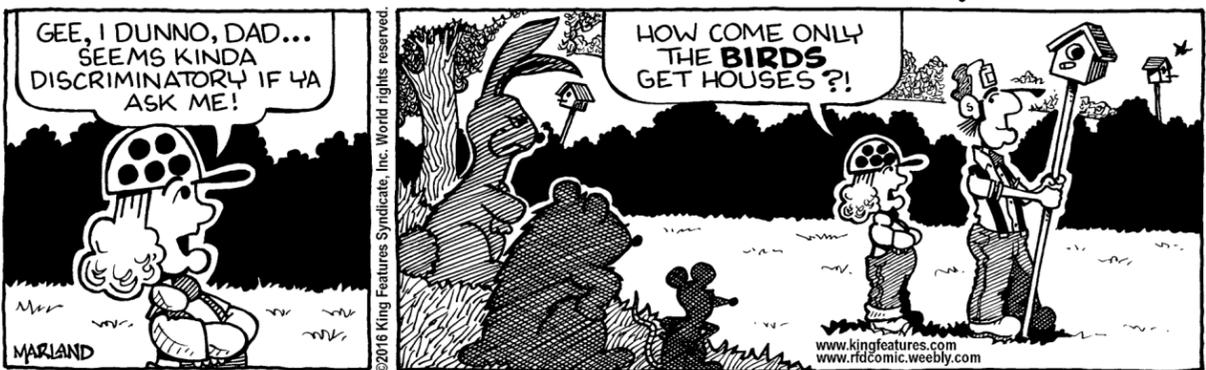


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Every Friday, Saturday
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Time: Jun 24, 2016 12:00pm - 7:00pm; Jun 25, 2016 12:00pm - 7:00pm
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The 28th annual Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club Show will be held Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th.

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Obama administration rushing to shrink ranks at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is running out of time and options to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba, so officials are scrambling to release as many prisoners as possible and considering novel legal strategies that include allowing some men to strike plea deals by video-teleconference and sending others to foreign countries to be prosecuted.

But it looks to be little, too late to close the prison before President Barack Obama leaves office in January, denying him the chance to fulfill a campaign pledge.

There's the difficulty in transferring prisoners from the U.S. base in Cuba, questions about the legality of plea deals and solid opposition in Congress to anything that might help Obama achieve that promise.

"The clock has struck midnight and the American people have won," said Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., who has said he would oppose any effort to

move detainees to prison facilities in his state. "The president needs to admit that."

Later this month, lawmakers are on track to extend a ban on moving detainees to U.S. soil. That would leave the president with no way to make the January 2017 deadline, barring an unexpected reversal in Congress or a politically explosive executive order.

The White House increasingly is pointed to a parallel strategy: trying to shrink the number of detainees in hopes of persuading lawmakers that Guantanamo is too expensive to sustain as a prison.

Of the 80 remaining detainees, 30 have been cleared for an overseas transfer. Most will leave starting in late June and continuing into July, according to a U.S. official. Those prisoners will go to a number of countries, including at least one in Europe, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the administration had not authorized

public release of the information.

Seven additional detainees are facing trial by military commission, including five charged with planning and supporting the Sept. 11 attacks. Three others have been convicted. But commission proceedings have gone on at a glacial pace. In April, the Pentagon put forward fresh proposals for Guantanamo, but none has been incorporated into defense legislation moving through Congress.

The remaining 40 were either at one time considered for prosecution or held as indefinite "law of war detainees" until the end of hostilities in the fight against terrorism that began after the 2001 attacks. The United States started using Guantanamo for suspects in January 2002; at its peak, the facility held about 680 prisoners.

U.S. officials have chipped away at those numbers through the Periodic Review Board, a multiagency task force that conducts parole-style hearings for men once deemed too dangerous to release.

The board did not hold a hearing until November 2013, but recently it has picked up its pace, holding more than 20 so far this year. Outcomes are leaning heavily in prisoners' favor. If the government keeps up its current pace of about two per week, it wouldn't complete hearings, much less arrange for

transfers, until December.

The U.S. also is working with other governments to prosecute some detainees overseas, the official said. These could be prisoners accused of conduct outside the U.S. involving offenses against citizens of other countries. It would otherwise be difficult or impossible to prosecute these men in an American court.

One possible example would be Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, a 42-year-old Kenyan accused of involvement in plots in Mombasa in November 2002: an attack on an Israeli-owned hotel, in which 13 people died, and an unsuccessful attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner.

The official declined to identify any specific cases but said there could be five to 10 in all.

The defense bill up for debate in the Senate soon includes a provision that would allow detainees to enter guilty pleas via video teleconference in federal civilian courts. If a judge accepts the plea, the detainee would be sentenced and transferred to serve that sentence in a foreign prison.

Ramzi Kassem, a lawyer who has represented many Guantanamo prisoners over the years, including three still held, said the ability to strike a plea deal in federal court would benefit relatively few detainees. He said the renewed administration interest in closing the prison is hard to take seriously now.

Kansas Democrats start petition for special session

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Democratic lawmakers have been circulating a petition to force a special legislative session to address school funding.

The move comes after the Kansas Supreme Court rejected the Legislature's latest attempt to enact a constitutionally equitable school funding system and kept a June 30 deadline, raising the possibility that schools could close if the date passes without further legislative action, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

In a joint letter sent Saturday evening to Gov. Sam Brownback, House Minority Leader Tom Burroughs, D-Kansas City, and Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-

Topeka, said they have begun collecting signatures to force the governor to call a special session. The petition would have to be signed by two-thirds of the members of each chamber to succeed. The legislature is dominated by Republicans.

"Due to your inaction and the failure of Republican leadership to address the needs of our schools during the regular session, we are invoking Article 5, Section 1 of the Kansas Constitution, which requires the governor to call the legislature into special session upon petition signed by at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house. We have already begun collecting signatures," the letter reads.

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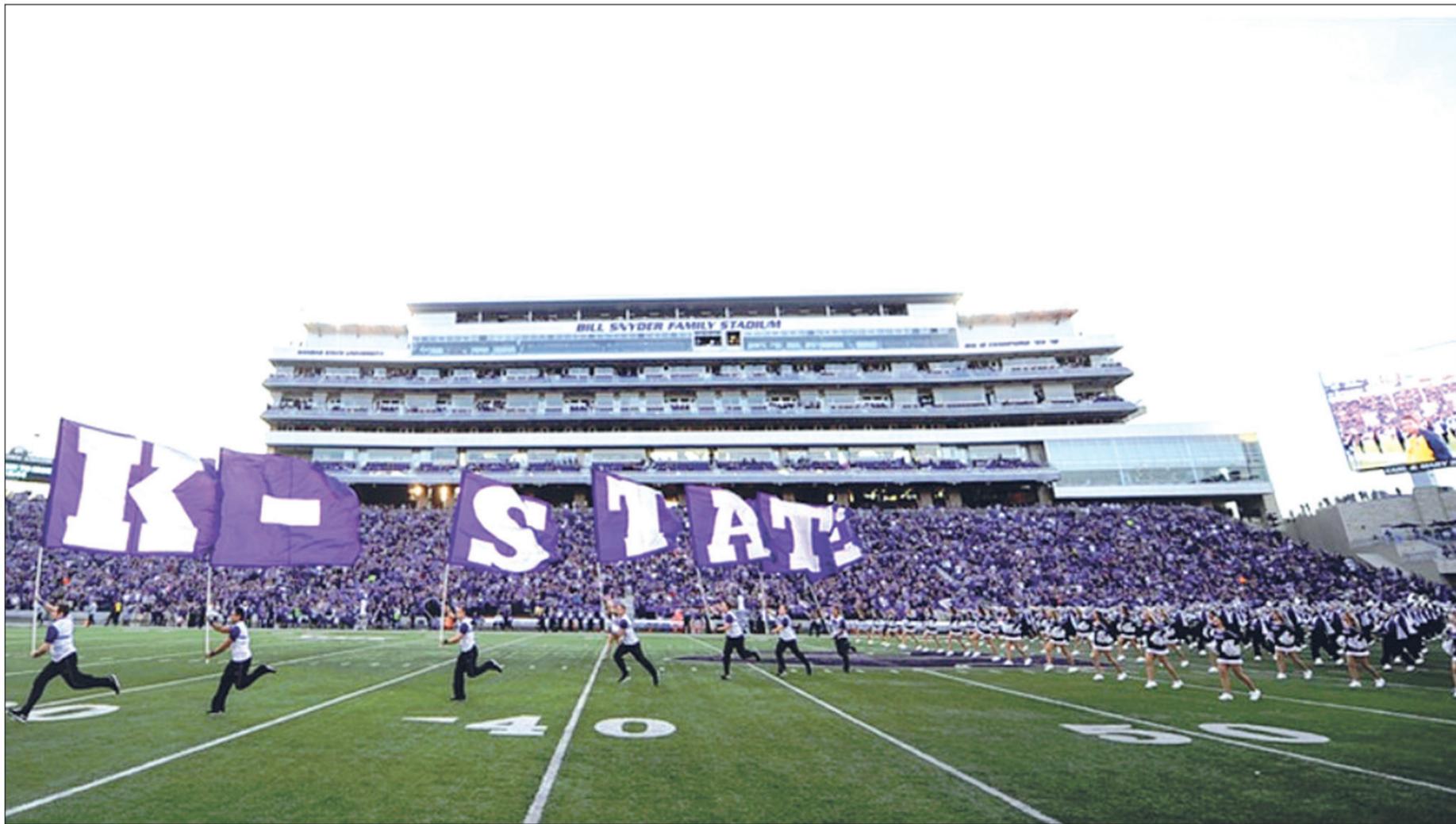
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First Three Football Game Times Announced

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. – Highlighted by a primetime televised Friday night season opener at Stanford and an afternoon home opener, game times and television designations for Kansas State's first three football games were announced by the Big 12 Conference and its television partners Wednesday afternoon.

The Wildcats and Cardinal kick off the 2016 college football season at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, California, on Friday, September 2, at 8 p.m. (CT), in a game televised by FS1. It marks the first time since 2007 that K-State opens the season on the road and the second time in the last four years the Wildcats will open their season on a Friday night.

Following an off weekend on September 10, in which Bill Snyder Family Stadium will host the Wildcat Kickoff music festival featuring Zac Brown Band and Train, Kansas State begins its home slate on September 17, with a matchup against Florida Atlantic at 1:30 p.m., on FSN. The afternoon tilt is the first for a home opener since the Wildcats topped

UCLA, 31-22, in 2010.

K-State wraps up its non-conference slate on September 24, with a 6:10 p.m., contest against Missouri State, which will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV. Programming on K-StateHD.TV will begin at 5:10 p.m., with its K-State Gameday show featuring Brian Smoller. For ordering informa-

tion, log on to www.k-statehd.tv and click on the "Subscribe Now" button.

All remaining Big 12 television selections will be announced on a 12-day or six-day basis throughout the season.

A limited number of single-game tickets for the 2016 season go on sale online only on

June 20. All six home games are anticipated to sell out quickly and extend the Bill Snyder Family Stadium sellout streak to 33 games.

Tickets to Wildcat Kickoff are on sale for as low as \$39. Visit www.wildcatkickoff.com for more details.

Men's Basketball Season Tickets on Sale Wednesday

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. – New ticket options will be available for Kansas State men's basketball in 2016-17 when season tickets go on sale Wednesday, June 8, officials announced today.

Fans will be provided more cost-savings and flexibility through a variety of available ticket plans to support an experienced Wildcat squad competing at Bramlage Coliseum this season. Included in the ticket packages is the new Faithful Season Ticket as well as the new Big Game and Pick 5 Mini-Plans. Other popular options – the Wildcat 4-Pack and Victory Ticket Plans – also return in 2016-17.

Fans can purchase a season ticket for just \$50 in the general admission (Sections 24-25) section with the new Faithful Season Ticket, but there's a catch with the newest and most economical option – if the Wildcats lose at any point at Bramlage Coliseum, where they boast a winning percentage of better than 75 percent all-time, the ticket becomes inactive and the ticket holder has the option to purchase an additional Faithful Ticket for \$50 for any remaining games.

With the new mini-plans, fans can tailor their trips to see the Wildcats around their busy schedules. A reserved ticket for all weekend games as well as the Kansas game (if not on a

weekend) is available for \$250 with the Big Game Plan, while fans can purchase five vouchers that can be redeemed for five tickets of their choice (excluding Kansas) for \$50 with the Pick 5 Plan. Last season, K-State played eight weekend games, including tilts with Big 12 foes Iowa State, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

Fans purchasing their tickets by phone or online on the opening day of sales on June 8 will save \$10 on each season ticket purchased the first day. Early-bird and priority deadlines are set for Friday, June 24 and Friday, July 15, respectively. Four and five-month credit card plans are also available for all season ticket purchases.

With the Wildcat 4-Pack, fans can purchase four season tickets in the bench, general admission and/or Cat Cushion sections (10-17 and 26-27, 1-2) at \$900, \$1,100 or \$1,200, depending on location, for a savings up to \$95 per ticket. The Victory Ticket Plan includes all non-conference and all mid-week conference games (excluding Big Monday and the Kansas games) in general admission seating (Sections 24-25) for \$109.

Young Alumni packages are available for all K-State undergraduate degree recipients in the past five years (December 2011 to May 2016). These ticket packages are \$200 and just \$100 for those with Young

Alumni football season tickets with an option to utilize the 5-month payment plan for \$20 per month. Young Alumni can purchase up to two season tickets at the discounted rate.

An Ahearn Fund contribution is required for all premium, chairback and cushioned seating. Specific required giving levels by section are listed at www.AhearnFund.com.

Season tickets will be available online at www.kstatesports.com/tickets starting Wednesday, June 8. Current season-ticket holders should receive their renewal information in the mail the week of June 6 and have until Friday, July 15 to arrange payment and retain their seats for the 2016-17 sea-

son. New ticket holders are also encouraged to purchase season tickets prior to the July 15 deadline. New full season-ticket requests will be handled utilizing the K-State Priority Points system which rewards fans for their history of season ticket purchases and contributions to the Ahearn Fund. All requests are based on seat availability and specific locations are not guaranteed.

The Ticket Office will also utilize an online seat selection process, similar to football season tickets, with all season ticket holders who have purchased by July 15 receiving an appointment time to add, relocate or select new ticket locations.

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