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Outraged by Kansas Justices' Rulings, Republicans Seek to Reshape Court

TOPEKA, Kan.- (AP) - Washington is locked in partisan warfare over control of the Supreme Court. But it is hardly the only place. Look at the states, where political attacks on judicial decisions are common and well-financed attack ads are starting to jar the once-sleepy elections for State Supreme Court seats.

Nowhere is the battle more fiery than here in Kansas. Gov. Sam Brownback and other conservative Republicans have expressed outrage over State Supreme Court decisions that overturned death penalty verdicts, blocked anti-abortion laws and hampered Mr. Brownback's efforts to slash taxes and spending, and they are seeking to reshape a body they call unaccountable to the right-tilting public.

At one point, the Legislature threatened to suspend all funding for the courts. The Supreme Court, in turn, ruled in February that the state's public schools must shut down altogether if poorer districts do not get more money by June 30.

"A political bullying tactic" and "an assault on Kansas families, taxpayers and elected appropriators" is how the president of the Senate, Susan Wagle, a Republican, re-



Kansas Supreme Court: Seated left to right: Hon. Marla J. Luckert, Hon. Lawton R. Nuss, Chief Justice; Hon. Carol A. Beier. Standing left to right: Hon. Dan Biles, Hon. Eric S. Rosen, Hon. Lee A. Johnson, and Hon. Caleb Stegall.

sponded to that ruling, which was based on requirements in the state Constitution. Mr. Brownback spoke darkly of an "activist Kansas Supreme Court."

In March, in the latest salvo, the Republican-controlled Senate passed a bill to authorize impeachment of justices if their decisions "usurp" the power of

other branches. But the climactic battle is expected in the November elections, when conservatives hope to remake the seven-member Supreme Court in a flash, by unseating four justices regarded as moderate or liberal.

Partisan conflict over courts has erupted in many of the 38 states where justices are either directly elected or, as in Kansas,

face periodic retention elections, without an opposing candidate. As conservatives in Washington try to preserve a majority on the federal Supreme Court, politically ascendant conservatives in several states are seeking to reshape courts that they consider to be overly liberal vestiges of eras past.

Primary To Decide County Commission Winner

Riley County Commissioners Bob Boyd (right) and Ron Wells are up for re-election this year.

Wells does not have an opponent in the primary, Boyd does. It was Boyd and Wells along with former Commissioner Dave Lewis that passed the Riley County Building Commission two years ago. Lewis lost his re-election bid to newcomer Ben Wilson.

The Commissioners set themselves up to also run the Building Commission. By doing this the Commission can use the Building Commission to get around the voters.

Marvin Rodriguez is running against Boyd in the Primary.



Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd is running against Marvin Rodriguez.

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

If you are in Business in Manhattan, Ks, lookout the Nanny State is coming after you.

What is a Nanny State? It is a City like Manhattan that wants to take over your home, family and business.

The City is about to pass a new Anti-Discrimination Law. Now, that sounds good, no one should be discriminated against. But this law is not for everyone, it is for just a few, like businesses or rental property, and well that is about it.

Here is what the Memo on page 11 about who will be exempt: "Section 10-24 identifies the exemptions for this section of the Code. *Educational institutions (Unified School District, Manhattan Area Technical College, Manhattan Christian College, Kansas State University, etc.), and a department, agency, or political division of the Federal Government are exempt. The State of Kansas, Riley County and Pottawatomie County are also exempt from this ordinance. In addition, the Riley County Police Department jail facilities and corresponding operations are also proposed to be exempt.*"

(Editor's Note: Don't tell the City but they are not on the exempted list.)

That list of exemptions takes in about 90% of the Manhattan workforce. What does in leave out? Business!

If you are in business, you have better Video Tape every interview every person that comes in for a job. Why? Well in two or three months the City will inform you that a complaint has been filed against you, and you will not recall the person making the complaint.

And then it is he said against she said.

But this is going through the City Attorney's Office and they will see that you did not discriminate, won't they?

Lets talk about the City Attorney's Office.

Several years ago a uniformed Riley County Police officer came into our office. He started off by saying "Mr. Brake, I am here to take you to Jail.

I thought it was a joke, and asked "what for."

"For not paying your Downtown Manhattan dues. Will you come with me now."

My response was "No." And he said: "Mr. Brake, you aren't going to make this hard for me, are you?"

And I said, "No, I have paid my dues."

He backed down from taking me to jail but said I would have to take this up with the City Attorney's Office.

I called the City Attorney's Office and talked with an Assistant City Attorney. I was told that she would not drop the charges and that I would have to go the Municipal Court.

I had to go to court to prove that I had paid the dues. Yes, I had the check that the City had deposited in their account.

But, the Anti-Discrimination law will only carry a \$500 fine. Yes, but the Attorney representing you may charge more than that.

Here is something from the Memo: "It may be an **unlawful discriminatory practice for an employer to mandate that an employee use the restroom consistent with his/her biological sex rather than his/her gender identity.**"

You may have 50 to 200 employees and because of one person, you MUST let men walk into a women's bathroom?

This issue is working it's way up the court system right now. Why would the City make this an issue before the Courts have made a decisions?

Because they are against people that they think are making money - Businesses!

Dick Edwards



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Kansas Profile

Budenbender (epoxy) – part 2

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

“Well, if I had a grocery store, here’s what I would do...” That statement on the part of one Kansas woman may have been prophecy, as she has become the owner of an innovative grocery store serving rural Kansas. It’s today’s Kansas Profile.

Last week we met Paul Budenbender who operates a floor coating business while living in rural Kansas. His wife Pam has strong opinions about grocery stores, and she recently had the opportunity to put those opinions to work.

“I was a military brat, from everywhere and nowhere,” Pam said with a smile. Along with other duty stations, her dad served at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth near Kansas City. While working on a construction job in Kansas City, Pam met Paul Budenbender and they ultimately were married. Paul’s family came from a farm in northern Pottawatomie County. Pam and Paul would frequently come to the farm on the weekends. The nearest store was in Onaga, but it was small and limited.

“If I had a grocery store, this is what I would do,” Pam would occasionally say to her husband. Then in 2010, the old grocery store burned down and the owners left the business.

Pam realized that Onaga

needed a store, and she had an opportunity to use her ideas. She and Paul worked with the city of Onaga, carefully considered many floor plans and designs, and ultimately built a new building and opened the store with the support of the city. On December 1, 2011, the Onaga Country Market opened for business.

“I love the store,” Pam said. The new, energy-efficient building has colorful, accessible displays. As one might expect when considering her husband’s business, the floors look terrific. “I married a floor guy,” Pam said with a smile.

Beyond the physical infrastructure, the bottom line is serving customers. “It’s all

about customer service,” Pam said. “Our staff is courteous and friendly, and we provide old-fashioned service with a smile.”

For example, the Onaga Country Market staff carries out the customer’s groceries. “I go to big box stores in Kansas City where I see senior citizens and moms with kids, struggling to get their groceries in the car,” Pam said. In Onaga, store staff will carry out the groceries for you.

High quality meat and produce are also priorities for Pam. “Charlie is my meat cutter,” she said. “All our meat is cut and packed fresh. And every little kid who comes to the meat counter gets a balloon.”

Onaga Country Market has a deli and sandwich shop, where the staff custom makes sandwiches. The store also offers \$6 grab-and-go meals. On Grill Days, the store offers a \$5 lunch special. Pam also has a smoker in which she makes hot ribs, which are then placed in the warmer with the rotisserie chicken.

“We offer delivery to senior citizens,” Pam said. The store does video rental, postage stamps, floral arrangements, and more. Promotions include free milk or a free turkey after a certain number of purchases.

“My passion is produce,” Pam said. “When I pack the produce counter full of fresh fruits and vegetables, I get more sales.”

K-State’s Rural Grocery Initiative, led by the K-State Center for Engagement and Community Development, recently featured Onaga Country Market at the fifth annual National Rural Grocery Summit.

The Onaga store and K-State Research and Extension – Pottawatomie County participated in a recent federal grant project to educate consumers on the benefits of healthy nutritious eating, including lots of fresh fruits and vegetables in the diet.

Speaking at the rural grocery summit, Pam Budenbender shared ideas and advice with other rural grocers. Her bottom line: “Be a good neighbor,” she said. That’s especially important in a rural community like Onaga, population 697 people. Now, that’s rural.

“If I had a grocery store, here’s what I would do...” said Pam Budenbender to her husband Paul. In 2011, those words came true. We salute Pam and Paul Budenbender and all those involved with the Onaga Country Market for making a difference with hard work and customer service, making this dream a reality.

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

ACLU sues over two-tiered elections planned in Kansas

WICHITA, Kan. - (AP) - The American Civil Liberties Union filed a class-action lawsuit Tuesday seeking to block a two-tiered election system that would require Kansas election officials to throw out thousands of votes in state and local races from people who registered at motor vehicle offices or used a federal form without providing documents proving U.S. citizenship.

Their lawsuit comes a week after the State Rules and Regulation Board approved a rule that counts only votes cast in federal races by new Kansas voters who registered at state motor vehicle offices but don’t comply with the 2013 state law requiring them to provide citizenship papers.

The rule, sought by Secretary of State Kris Kobach, would remain in effect through Nov. 8, the date of the general election. If that action is allowed to stand, thousands of Kansas voters will be denied their right to vote in state and local elections in a year when all 165 seats of the Kansas Legislature are up for election, the ACLU argued.

The rule applies to new Kansas voters who register at state motor vehicle offices but

don’t comply with a 2013 state law requiring them to provide citizenship papers. About 17,000 people were in that category this month, but as many as 50,000 prospective voters could be affected in the November election. In addition, the lawsuit seeks to restore full voting rights to another 383 Kansas residents who used a federal form to register

The Kansas secretary of state’s office said it was reviewing the complaint, and would issue a statement later.

The board’s approval came a day before the state opened advance voting for its Aug. 2 primary, and it’s allowed by law if an agency, such as Kobach’s office, sees quick action as necessary to preserve “the public peace, health, safety or welfare.”

Under the policy, the affected voters will receive provisional ballots, which will be set aside at polling places to be examined later. County election officials will count their votes for president, U.S. Senate and Congress but not for state and local races or local ballot questions.

A state court concluded earlier this year that such “post-vote editing” of provisional ballots violates the secrecy of the ballot and that Kobach doesn’t have legislative authority to create a dual system, the ACLU noted in its lawsuit. That January ruling said the right to vote is not tied to the method of registration, but issued no orders because Kobach registered those voters, without their consent, after they sued.

The Kansas proof-of-citizenship law has been at the center of multiple lawsuits, including one in which U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson ruled in May that, under federal law, people who register at motor vehicle offices are eligible to cast ballots in federal races, regardless of whether they’ve met the state’s proof-of-citizenship requirement.

Robinson temporarily blocked Kansas from enforcing its law against people who registered at motor vehicle offices, finding it likely violates the National Voter Registration Act. But after a federal appeals court upheld Robinson’s ruling to register them for federal elections, Kobach, a conservative Republican, instructed local

election officials to use provisional ballots and not count their votes in state and local races; the board approved the measure last week.

Kobach has championed the proof-of-citizenship requirement as a way to prevent voting by noncitizens. But critics of the law contend voter fraud is not a problem, and say the requirement suppresses voter turnout, particularly among young and minority voters.

Alabama, Arizona and Georgia have similar registration requirements on the books, but Alabama and Georgia are not currently enforcing their proof-of-citizenship law. Arizona does not require additional citizenship papers from people registering at motor vehicle offices.

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

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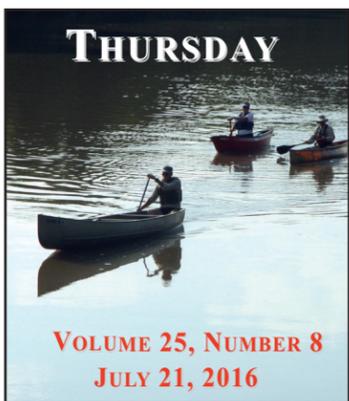


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“Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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Sample August 2, 2016 Primary Ballots

STATE OF KANSAS OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT			
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RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS	STATE OF KANSAS	AUGUST 2, 2016	
<p>NOTICE If you tear, deface or make a mistake and wrongfully mark any ballot, you must return it to the election board and receive a new ballot.</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER 1. TO VOTE YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL (●) COMPLETELY. 2. USE A BLACK INK PEN ONLY. 3. TO WRITE-IN A NAME, YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF THE LINE PROVIDED.</p>	<p>COUNTY OFFICES</p> <p>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 2nd District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert Boyd Manhattan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marvin J. Rodriguez Manhattan</p>	<p>PRECINCT OFFICES</p> <p>FOR COMMITTEEMAN Ward 4 Precinct 4 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marvin J. Rodriguez</p> <p>Write-In _____</p>	
	<p>NATIONAL OFFICES</p> <p>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DJ Smith Osawatomie</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jerry Moran Manhattan</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY CLERK Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rich Vargo Manhattan</p>	<p>FOR COMMITTEEWOMAN Ward 4 Precinct 4 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Victory Rodriguez</p> <p>Write-In _____</p>
	<p>FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1st District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Roger Marshall Great Bend</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Huelskamp Fowler</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY TREASURER Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shilo Heger Manhattan</p>	<p>FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Debra Register Manhattan</p>
	<p>STATE OFFICES</p> <p>FOR STATE SENATOR 22nd District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p>Write-In _____</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Barry Wilkerson Manhattan</p>	<p>FOR STATE SENATOR 22nd District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tom Hawk Manhattan</p>
	<p>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 67th District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tom Phillips Manhattan</p>	<p>FOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 6th District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Deena L. Horst Salina</p>	<p>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 67th District Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p>Write-In _____</p>
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STATE OF KANSAS OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT			
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RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS	STATE OF KANSAS	AUGUST 2, 2016	
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	<p>NATIONAL OFFICES</p> <p>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Patrick Wiesner Lawrence</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Monique Singh Kansas City</p>	<p>FOR COUNTY CLERK Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-In _____</p>	<p>FOR COMMITTEEWOMAN Ward 4 Precinct 4 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Debra D. Jonston</p> <p>Write-In _____</p>
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DARKEN THE (●) OVAL COMPLETELY

There are many Primary Ballots for the August 2, 2016 election. At the same time there are very few offices where there is more than one candidate for each party. For the Republican Party in the 4th District there are only three contested seats. D.J. Smith is running against Incumbant Senator Jerry Moran. Roger Marshall is running for the U.S. House against Incumbant Tim Huelskamp. Locally Marvin Rodriguez is running to take the Riley County Commission seat held by Bob Boyd.

On the Democratic Ticket in the 4th District there is only one race and that is for the U.S. Senate seat. Patrick Wiesner is running against Monique Singh. The winner will run against the Republican candidate. There will be a race for the Riley County Commission seat in a different District for the November Election.

They really are government schools

By Bob Weeks
Voice For Liberty

What's wrong with the term "government schools?"

A recent op-ed in the Wichita Eagle read: "Some have begun to call public schools 'government schools,' a calculated pejorative scorning both education and anything related to government."

This is not the only time people have objected to the term "government schools." Public schools bristle at use of the term. In a 2008 email from Wichita School Interim Superin-

tendent Martin Libhart to Wichita school employees, he took issue with those who, using his words, "openly refer to public education as 'government schools.'" "Openly refer," he writes, as though it should be kept a secret.

It's surprising that liberals and progressives object to the term "government schools."

It's surprising that liberals and progressives object to the term "government schools." They like government, don't they? They want more taxation and government spending,

don't they?

When we think about public schools, we find they have all the characteristics of government programs.

Public schools are owned by government.

Their funding comes almost totally from governmental sources, which is to say taxes. If you can't use the services of public schools and don't want to pay for them — even if you are also paying for other schools that meet your needs — the full weight of the government will come crashing down

on you.

Through laws passed by government, public schools are guaranteed a stream of customers.

Public schools are regulated — heavily — by government.

Public schools are welcoming to labor unions at the time the private sector is becoming less unionized. In fact, labor unions are becoming a hallmark of government, and government only.³

Accountability of public schools, like other forms of

government, is weak.

In sum, public schools have all the negative attributes of government institutions and few or none of the positive characteristics that make markets the source of continuous improvement and innovation.

So I guess it isn't surprising that public school advocates like Merritt object to being lumped in with government in general. But public schools share all the characteristics of government, and government is the worst way to supply services except in a few special in-

stances.

What's also troubling is how Merritt equates using the term "government schools" with scorn for education. Turning over education to government — with its litany of troubles as listed above — is scornful for children.

Merritt and others want to have the benefits of governmental institutions without accepting the reality of what government means. That's a shame for Kansas school children.

2016: What's Next for Obamacare?

By **Nina Owcharenko Director, Center for Health Policy Studies and Preston A. Wells, Jr. Fellow Center for Health Policy Studies**

Obamacare remains unworkable, unaffordable, and unpopular. Its ailments continue to mount: failing state exchanges, collapsing co-ops, higher premiums, higher deductibles, narrow networks, and fewer choices. It should be no surprise that the latest Real Clear Politics average poll shows 50.2 percent of Americans oppose the law, while only 42.5 percent support it.

Those who support the law are in triage mode. Last month the Urban Institute hosted an event discussing the next steps to strengthen and improve the law. Not surprisingly, their solutions were simply more of the same: more government spending, more government intervention, and more government control. Liberal prescriptions for keeping Obamacare afloat would ultimately result in a health care system where providers and patients are beholden to government regulators.

The alternative is patient-centered, market-based reform. A variety of plans have proposed Obamacare alternatives. These plans share a commitment to core conservative principles:

making health coverage more affordable by removing regula-

tory and policy obstacles that discourage choice and competition;

encouraging personal ownership of health care by reforming the tax treatment of health care; transforming health care coverage to low-income Americans by restoring Medicaid to a true safety net and offering a glide path out of poverty; and

modernizing Medicare to meet that program's demographic, fiscal, and structural challenges.

Recent reports indicate House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) anticipates advancing an alternative to Obamacare in 2016. The budget process offers a natural platform for outlining a replacement. From there, the committee work needed to fill in details will be critical. Before Congress embarks on these next steps, it should set some basic policy parameters for any replacement to Obamacare.

Use sound financing. Obamacare added an additional \$2 trillion in new health care spending, financed by tax increases, draconian cuts to Medicare and questionable offsets. To be consistent with full repeal, any replacement package should be based on rescinding this new spending and its flawed financing. Conservative health policy experts have long argued that there was plenty of spending in the health care system before Obamacare to fund reform.

Stabilize and liberate the

health care market. Obamacare overhauled the health care sector through thousands of pages of legislation and regulation resulting in massive disruption of the market and — more importantly — existing coverage of everyday Americans. To avoid repeating this catastrophe, Congress must be careful to organize reforms in a practical fashion. In particular, this includes allowing the marketplace time to adjust to a less prescriptive regulatory land-

scape before locking in new financing reforms.

Make financing simpler, transparent and direct to individuals. Obamacare's failures are a result of the law's fundamental design flaws. As my colleague Ed Haislmaier argues "The complexity and cascade of adverse effects are the inescapable byproduct of the law's basic design." Thus, rather than funneling support indirectly to third-party entities for providing care and services,

any replacement package should direct financing to individuals so that they have personal ownership and the freedom to choose the health care that best suits their needs.

The Senate's recent efforts to maximize the reconciliation process to repeal major elements of Obamacare should encourage reformers. Of course, more can be done to expand its reach, but the initiative provided an important test run —

and down payment on lawmakers' commitment to voters — to repeal the law.

Reconciliation shows repeal is possible. Now is the time to show that replacing Obamacare is possible too. To do that, Congress should spend the next year building a framework for a patient-centered, market-based alternative that empowers individuals to control the dollars and decisions regarding their health care.



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Politics/Commentary

Nanny State of the Week: Get out of the pool!

By Eric Boehm
Watchdog

Vacationers to the picturesque resort town of Rehoboth, Delaware, very nearly got a rude surprise from the town government this year, as officials considered banning pools, of all things.

For a town that literally survives by making vacationing tourists happy – Rehoboth has about 130,000 year-round residents but the population more than doubles during the summer months as people escaping Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., pour into rental homes in the Atlantic seaboard town – that decision raised some eyebrows.

Imagine having your pool party, on private property that you paid to rent for the week, interrupted by law enforcement.

Faced with complaints from year-round residents about noise, and apparently not much else in the way of legitimate reasons for imposing such rules, city officials last month nearly pulled the trigger on the ban.

It's not just tourists who would lose out from such a ban. So would the owners of rental properties who paid to install and maintain a pool – presumably so they can make more money by making their rental more appealing than pool-less offerings.

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One of those property-owners, Rebecca Howland, told Delaware Online that "there is a clearly a tinge of hysteria based on anecdotal testimony" driving the proposed ban.

"Explain how rentals with pools are automatically to be blamed for all the noise problems in the city," she said.

How indeed.

The man behind the proposal, Rehoboth Mayor Sam Cooper, took the outrage over his plan in stride. And he wears his I-know-better-than-you badge with pride.

"I have a vision of Rehoboth," he told the Washingtonian. "If you're outside of that, then we're going to have issues."

In the same piece, Cooper described how he had grown up in Rehoboth during the 1950s, when it "was like a Norman Rockwell painting." Unlike the ever-changing sea that laps at Rehoboth's shores, Cooper is apparently determined that nothing will ever change in his city. His anti-development stance, the Washingtonian reported, has been a key factor in winning reelection nine times in a row over the past quarter century.

But this time, Cooper went a little too far.

City officials ultimately decided against imposing a ban on pools – but only after word of the proposal circulated online and more than 1,000 people showed up to protest the idea. Even Cooper backed down and voted against it.

And who says politicians don't listen to the people, right?

Instead of banning the use of pools by out-of-towners, the board decided to create a licensing system for private pools, requiring locals to pay \$50 annually along with passing an inspection. The town gave itself the right to revoke those licenses at any time for "any violation" without warning, according to Delaware Online.

Obama: All parties in Turkey should support Erdogan gov't

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Barack Obama has urged all sides in Turkey to support the democratically elected government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan amid a military takeover attempt involving the key NATO ally.

In a statement issued after a meeting with his national security advisers Friday, Obama also urged everyone in Turkey to show restraint and avoid violence or bloodshed.

Members of Turkey's armed forces declared hours earlier that they had taken control of the country as explosions, gunfire and a reported air battle between loyalist forces and supporters of the coup erupted in Ankara, the capital. Erdogan called on the Turkish people to flood the streets in a show of support for his embattled government.

But by Saturday, forces loyal to Erdogan quashed the coup attempt. Authorities arrested thousands of people amid gunfire that left dozens of people

dead, and Erdogan vowed that those responsible "will pay a heavy price for their treason."

Turkey plays a key role in the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group. American jets use its Incirlik air base to fly missions against the extremists in Syria and Iraq.

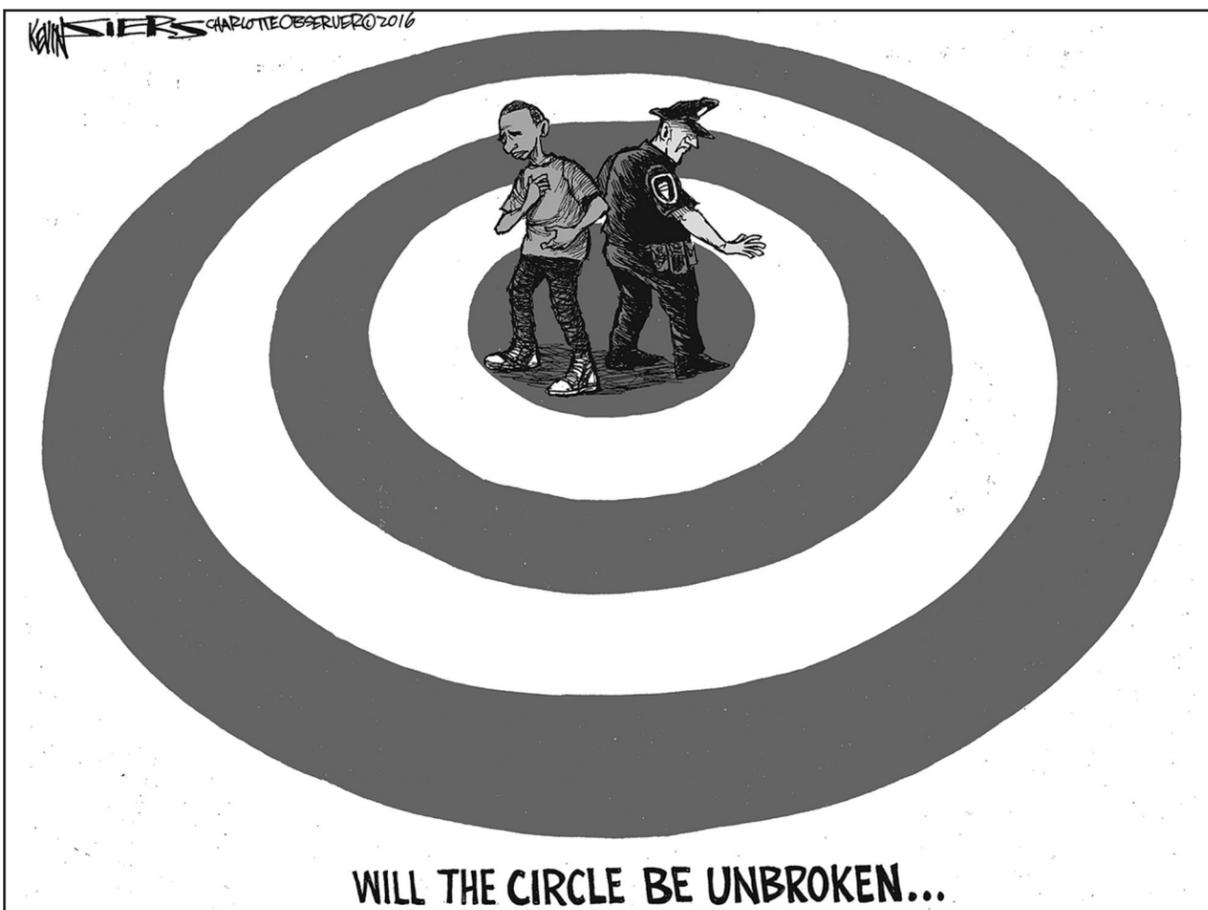
Obama discussed the developments by telephone with Secretary of State John Kerry, who was traveling in Moscow for separate meetings with senior Russian officials on Syria.

In a separate statement, Kerry said the U.S. viewed the "very fluid situation" in Turkey with the "gravest concern."

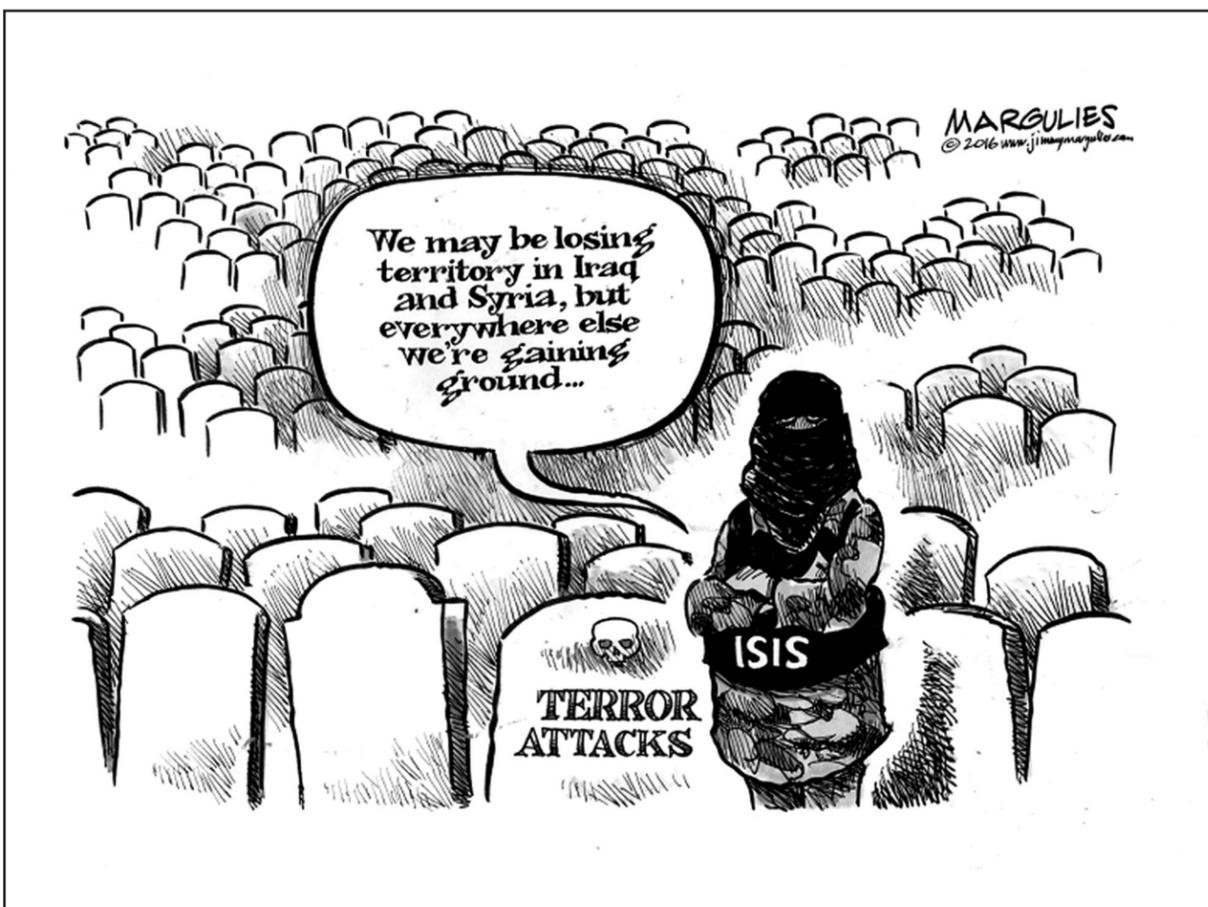
Kerry said he had stressed in a telephone call with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu the United States' "absolute support" for Turkey's democratically elected, civilian government and democratic institutions. Kerry said he urged all parties to ensure the safety and well-being of diplomatic missions, personnel and civilians across Turkey.



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County Minutes Are Light On Detail



Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

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

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes July 07, 2016

Commission Chambers
8:30 AM
(Editor's Notes: Why is time and space taken up by the County Commissioners talking about what they did on Sunday and all of the other garbage in the Riley County Minutes. This is not Riley County business. It is nothing more than someone trying to look like they are doing County work when they are not.)

Commission Comments
Wilson's Comments:
Thursday I attended the Riley County Mental Health Task-force meeting, where we were updated on challenges caused by turnover in state mental health oversight as well as the

4% cuts in KanCare. Pawnee also told us that they are discontinuing their health homes program due to the state discontinuing funding for the program. Friday I met with Riley County Appraiser Greg McHenry about how the new Department of Labor overtime threshold changes affect his department. That evening I went to a friend's wedding. Monday I celebrated Independence Day with friends and family, and attended the Parade and Fireworks in Wamego. Tuesday I attended a retirement reception for a county employee.

Boyd's Comments:
Thursday 06.30.16
-Attended the Rotary Club meeting at the Holiday Inn Campus.
-Attended the community reception for Ron Nordt, Kansas

Air Center owner, at their current facilities at the Manhattan Airport.

-Toured the multiple construction sites within the confines of the airport. The new FBO facility is close to occupation and is a fine addition to our community. The Phase II construction for the airport terminal is progressing at a more uniform pace currently and has much more to achieve. The airport road project is structurally complete with detail and cleanup work to be accomplished as well as the overlay.

Friday 07.01.16
-Met with the Airport Advisory Board Art Subcommittee at the airport administration. The board continued to discuss and develop art policies for the airport.

-Worked in County Offices on correspondence and study.
-Attended the community reception at the Ramblers facility for Tom Winters who was retiring from McCalls.

-Attended the Randolph fish fry at the Randolph City Park to kick off their 4th of July events. The meal was well attended and many thanks go out to Larry Larson and crew for a great meal.

Saturday 07.02.16
-Began the day of celebration in Randolph with a breakfast. The rains delayed and dampened the events of the Randolph celebration, but soon the weather improved and attendance increased.

-Attended the Randolph Car show in the City Park; the attendance increased through out the morning with the improving weather. Many great classic cars came out for all to enjoy.
-Participated in the Randolph Parade as the improving weather invited many folks out to view the event.

-Volunteered for the Randolph Pride Pork Barbecue, a fundraiser for the community organization and a prelude to the fireworks display.

-Attended the Randolph fireworks exhibition till the heavy rains entered the area.

Sunday 07.03.16
-After church, worked on correspondence and research on budget.

-Tended to many home, pas-

ture and garden needs which had accumulated.

Monday 07.04.16
-Celebrated our nation's birthday with family and friends.

-Worked on correspondence and study for NACo's drone policy - Drove to Kansas City to meet our son upon his return from Asia.

Tuesday 07.05.16
-Attended Riley County Appraiser's Sheila Schauff reception at the County's meeting room to celebrate her retirement. Sheila will be greatly missed by all of Riley County and thank her for her years of dedication to our community.

-Attended the Leonardville City Council meeting at the City's facilities. The Council is diligently working on the property claimed earlier and has engaged Schwab/Eaton to subdivide the land into developable plots.

Wednesday 07.06.16
-Attended the Riley Pride evening shopping event on a very warm evening. It is encouraging to see the energy in our smaller communities for it bodes well for our collective future.

Wells' Comments:
Wells stated he attended the Wamego festivities. Wells discussed the weekly paper. Wells said he was distressed about the Manhattan Mercury's Editorial in which the information was not researched.

Wells stated he looked at the

Scenic Drive paving project. Wells said he viewed the County promotional video and it looked good.

Wells discussed the Manhattan City Noise Ordinance being considered. Wells discussed concerns with the proposed ordinance.

Business Meeting
Internet Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction

Move to authorize staff to give public notice pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211 (b)(1), to offer for sale at public auction, excess personal property as presented in "Exhibit 2" and to authorize Purple Wave, Inc, of Manhattan, Kansas to conduct and "Internet Only" auction to sell this property in accordance with County RESOLUTION NO. 011107-03.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Out of State Travel Request
Move to approve Out of State Travel Requests for Leon Hobson and Julie Winter to attend the 2016 PWX Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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

Sign Legal Request Letter for Sink, Gordon & Associates
Move to sign the Legal Request Letter for Sink, Gordon & Associates.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

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Huelskamp Welcomes House Armed Services Subcommittee Chairwoman Hartzler to Fort Riley

FORT RILEY - Today Congressman Huelskamp was pleased to welcome Chairwoman Hartzler to Fort Riley and highlight why Fort Riley is a critical, unique, and strategic asset to the Army.

"I was once again impressed by Fort Riley. For the needs of the 21st century defense of America, there's nothing like Fort Riley's unique, mission-critical capabilities. In an increasingly turbulent world, it was an honor to join Chairwoman Hartzler on her visit to highlight the training and other capacities at Ft. Riley that prepare our brave men and women in uniform to take on ISIS and other enemies."

Huelskamp attended briefings with Chairwoman Hartzler and learned about the high frequency of deployments out of Fort Riley and what sets Fort Riley apart: the training ground around the Fort that allows excellent training to occur near the troops, the state-of-the-art facilities at Fort Riley, and the tremendous local community and regional support.

Congresswoman Hartzler represents Missouri's 4th Congressional District and serves as the Chairwoman of the House Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Oversight



Congressman Tim Huelskamp and Commanding General Wayne W. Grigsby have a conversation with Chairwoman Vicky Hartler before the Fort Riley tour and briefings.

and Investigations as well as on the Readiness Subcommittee.

"It was such a pleasure to visit Rep. Huelskamp's district and see firsthand our Army's excellence in training. I appre-

ciated all that I learned about the 1st Infantry Division and will certainly use those data points in future discussions on our military readiness. It's an honor to have Big Red One just

across the border from Missouri's 4th District and I look forward to working with Rep. Huelskamp in the future to ensure the 11D is well equipped and ready to deploy."

Following Hartzler's visit, Congressman Huelskamp had the opportunity to visit personally with 1st Infantry Division soldiers leaving for training in California.

Kansas mother gives birth to 3 sets of twins

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A mother in Kansas has her hands full after giving birth to her third set of twins in just over two years.

WDAF-TV reports that 20-year-old Danesha Couch of Kansas City, Kansas, says she has not undergone any fertility treatment and realizes that some people might consider her "a freak of nature."

Couch delivered two boys 26 months ago. One of them died, but the survivor, Danarius, is a busy toddler. She also has twin 1-year-olds, Delilah and Davina.

And last month, Dalanie and Darla were born. They just arrived home after three weeks in neonatal intensive care.

Couch and her fiance plan to marry in September, but she says they don't plan to have any more children for at least 10 years.

Black Lives Matters protest changed to cookout with police

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Residents and police in Wichita, Kansas, broke bread together after a planned Black Lives Matter protest was turned into a free community cookout amid racial tensions across the country.

After a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest last week, Police Chief Gordon Ramsay met with local activist leaders to discuss replacing another planned protest with the Sunday cookout.

The cookout's goal was to open a dialogue and build trust between police and citizens.

Lt. Travis Rakestraw shared a table with three men, where they discussed police violence and racial disparity. The officer

said he was particularly impressed by the opinions of Ivan Ray, a Hispanic student at the University of Kansas, and how he framed the issue of police violence from the perspective of other social issues like poverty and education.

"The community needs more people like you who can see the problems in wide open eyes," Rakestraw told Ray at the cookout. "What should we do about it?"

The men told the Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/29Okple>) they were surprised that Rakestraw seemed to care about what they had to say, and that he had contemplated the same issues. All three men said they still planned on marching in protest.

From a police perspective, Rakestraw said a conversation like the one he had with the residents felt more productive than many of the protests he had seen recently, but he had no complaints about the earlier peaceful protest in Wichita.

"I don't think it's a conscious effort," Rakestraw told them men when discussing why racial biases sometimes persist. "I don't think anybody does it intentionally but we fill in the gaps with life experiences, what we read in the paper, and we start to view people as a generalization instead of understanding people as individuals."

Smaller conversations between community members

and police turned into a public forum later that evening when residents were able to ask Ramsay questions.

One woman told Ramsay about an experience with police where she said she'd been physically mistreated.

"If you feel mistreated, I want to know about it," Ramsay said. "If they feel they are being mistreated, at the scene is not the time to argue about it, wait until it's over."

Another resident asked the police chief about weeding out bad police officers.

"Loud and clear I have zero tolerance for racial profiling or racial bias," Ramsay said.

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Show Your Support for Orchestra on the Oregon Trail

We are writing to ask for your help with Orchestra on the Oregon Trail or OOOT 2016.

We are the fundraising chairmen for this year's event. Last year we attended the event solely as participants and sponsors. We were in awe at the event – how well planned it was, how well attended it was and how wonderful the symphony and all the other events were. When we were asked to help with OOOT 2016 we were more than ready to help because we were so proud of how well Marshall County was showcased at the event. People from throughout the state and surrounding states were in attendance.

Numerous individuals told us what a wonderful time they had and they hoped it would continue.

The sponsoring organization, Marshall County Arts Cooperative, should be commended for the wonderful event last year. They listened to people and decided to do it again in 2016. Being part of the steering committee this year we have seen the passion this group has to bring various artistic and cultural performances to Marshall County. We have been so impressed by the hours and dedication that this group has shown to bring a repeat performance of OOOT. It is mind-boggling to hear of all the things that must be done to have this event happen.

As you have seen in previous issues, and this issue of the paper there is much planned for OOOT 2016. Of course the Topeka Symphony is the main event, but there is so much

more to entertain you for the day. Members of the Pawnee Nation will be holding two pow-wows, historical re-enactors will be performing, well-known musical acts will proceed the Symphony, the Hesston Choir will sing with the Symphony, numerous hands-on events for children and the list goes on.

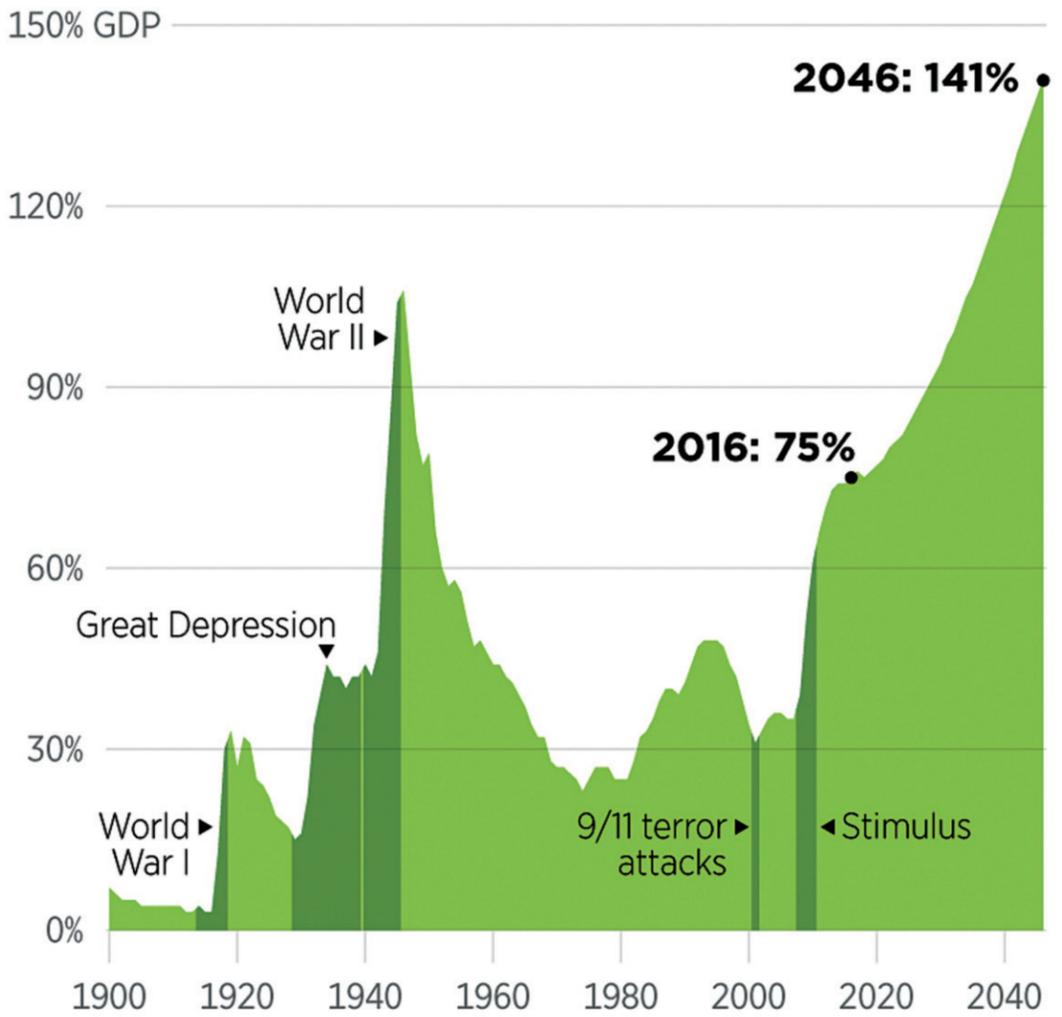
We have been very pleased with the way businesses, organizations and individuals have stepped up to help sponsor OOOT 2016. As we visited with them they were very supportive with words and donations. We still have people coming to us wanting to help sponsor the event. Likewise we have been pleased with all the individuals who have volunteered to work before, during and after the event. Marshall County citizens should be grateful for the willingness of the sponsors and volunteers to step up and help. But volunteer hours and sponsors alone will not pay for all the expenses associated with OOOT.

What is really needed now is for everyone to step up and buy their tickets. We know with all the busyness of summer it is easy to put off buying tickets. September seems so far away. But September is less than two months away. Commitments to the performers, to the rental companies, to the light and sound company must be met now. If we want Orchestra on the Oregon Trail to happen this year and in future years we must support it with ticket sales NOW.

Dr. Ken and Zita Duensing
Fundraising Chairmen

Public Debt at 66-Year High

Due to unchecked federal spending, publicly held federal debt is at its highest level since World War II and is projected to nearly double in 30 years.



SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office.

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Family Activities Planned All Day at the Orchestra on the Oregon Trail

The crown jewel at Orchestra on the Oregon Trail, scheduled for September 4 at Alcove Spring, is a 7:00 p.m. performance by the Topeka Symphony Orchestra. A 70-member choir from the Topeka area will perform several songs with the orchestra. Although the concert is the day's highlight, there are activities planned all day.

"Orchestra on the Oregon Trail is for families," said Mandy Cook, one of the event organizers. "My favorite type of event is one that my children can also attend and have fun. As we've been planning we've made sure to include great stuff for kids, too."

Families will enjoy going on walking tours of the 240-acre park. For those who would rather ride, horse-drawn tours will be offered. Photography walks and geocaching excursions will take place throughout the afternoon.

The Marshall County Railroad Historical Society will have their pump car on display; it is an interactive display where children can pump the car and make it move on a portion of

the railroad track. Nolan Sump, historian from Blue Rapids, is bringing his corn shucking machine; the castoffs from the machine will be used for crafts like corn husk dolls, corn seed pictures, and other corn creations.

Kathi Menzel, is putting together activities for a "kids' area." Some of her fun crafts include god's eyes, button crafts, scarecrow dressing, and more.

Painting activities are planned, too. "We're also creating a group painting," Cook said. "We're going to put up a couple of big canvasses that everyone will have a chance to add something to. We will have a huge painting to show when we're done."

Cook is working with Samantha Dummermuth, DMD Designs and Graphics, to have two directed painting classes taught at the park, too.

Additionally, a special appearance by thirty members of

the Pawnee Nation will take place in the afternoon. Two pow-wows will be held with singing and dancing. "I'm thrilled that we were able to make this work," Cook said. "In this beautiful setting, seeing them sing, dance, and beat the drum will be something everyone will want to experience."

In addition to these activities, re-enactors, historians, and other musical groups are per-

forming throughout the day.

"Alcove Spring is a perfect outdoor venue for an orchestra concert," said Kyle Wiley Pickett, music director and conductor for the Topeka Symphony Orchestra. "We loved playing there last year, and we're really looking forward to this year's event. Plus, not only do you get to hear the orchestra play - there are events and performances all day long. It really is worth a

trip to."

Tickets for children ages four through twelve are \$15; children three and under get in free. Adult tickets are \$60. All ticket prices include applicable taxes.

Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.ooot.org or by visiting one of the ticket outlets: Chamber of Commerce office, 101 North 10th Street, Marysville; Citizens State

Bank, 124 East Commercial Street, Waterville; First National Bank, 124 North Kansas Avenue, Frankfort; Little Apple Veterinary Hospital, 909 South Seth Child Road, Manhattan; and State Bank of Blue Rapids, 21 Public Square, Blue Rapids.

"The great thing about Orchestra on the Oregon Trail is that kids won't be disruptive at this event," said Cook. "It's made for them as well as their families!"



Boy Scouts direct people on the trail to see the Alcove Springs at last years event.

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Minutes Are Light On Detail from page 6

Re-appoint James Armendariz to the Joint Corrections Advisory Board (adult appointment) and approve resolution

Move to re-appoint James Armendariz to the Joint Corrections Advisory Board (adult appointment) and approve "Resolution No. 070716-29, A Resolution re-appointing an adult representative to the Joint Corrections Advisory Board."

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Discuss Joint City/County/County Meeting Agenda

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$409,253.30 and the following warrant vouchers for July 8, 2016:

2016 Budget	
County General	\$302,527.28
Health Department	
25,013.12	
Teen Court Collected Fund	14.12
Court Technology	468.28
Riley Co Juvenile Service	4,317.70
Motor Vehicle Operations	3,852.55
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	715.24
Riley Co Adult Services	5,239.85
Capital Improvements Fund	162,252.49
Emergency 911	825.00
Solid Waste	7,723.46
County Building	9,858.38
Road & Bridge Cap Project	1,156.00
RCPD Levy/Op	15,439.34
Riley Co Fire Dist #12,	856.80
University Park W&S	98.58
Univ Park Capital Project	216,246.05
Hunters Island Water Dist	813.77
Moehlman Bottoms	471.07
Valleywood Operations	106.70
Terra Heights Sinking	2,273.93
Konza Water Operations	2,513.84
TOTAL	\$764,783.55

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Fire District Board.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to authorize early redemption of temporary notes for the Tuttle Creek Fire Station.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: What? What temporary notes, how much were they. Minutes are to tell citizens what the County Commission is doing. These minutes are not according to State Law. Citizens only have 30 day to put together a petition if they want to stop the Commissions from doing something. They get their information from these minutes but the minutes are not complete. And it takes the minutes 7 to 10 days to get to the public. This is not right.)

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

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Boyd stated he would like to attend the AUSA Conference in October.

The Board agreed Boyd should attend to represent Riley County at the annual AUSA meeting.

Review Minutes Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jun 30, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

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

Agenda 10. Tentative Agenda

11. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Jennifer Goehring, Via Christi, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer

12. Management transition of Riley County EMS

Goehring discussed the leadership changes of Larry Couchman becoming full-time as the Via Christi Emergency Room Director, and David Adams will be the Director for Ambulance Services. Goehring stated Adams will be half-time with Riley County and Pottawatomie County.

Boyd asked to have Adams

request time on the agenda before the Board of County Commissioners.

Boyd stated he would like an update on the new ambulances as well from Adams.

9:15 AM Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director 13. Staff Report

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/HHW staff report.

Move to approve the 2016 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

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

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

9:30 AM Greg McHenry, Appraiser

14. Appraiser's Office Report McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office report.

McHenry discussed Senate Bill 280 which includes another level of appeal for commercial property only which allows for a fee appraisal to be submitted within 60 days of filing. McHenry stated the fee appraisal will be assumed to be the correct value unless the county has a fee appraisal done as well. McHenry stated this new requirement is the reason for the increased request in the Appraiser's budget request.

9:45 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

15. Planning & Development - Staff Update

Wedel presented the Planning and Development staff update and project list.

Boyd said he would like to see Riley County take the lead in alternative systems for residents.

10:00 AM Break

10:10 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services 16. Administrative Work Session

10:11 AM 17. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wilson,

Commissioner Boyd, 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 10:30 a.m.

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

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

10:30 AM Move to go out of executive session.

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

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

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

18. Letter to Governor's Agritourism Task Force Move to sign the letter as presented.

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

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

10:30 AM Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

19. 2017 Budget Work Session

Volanti presented the list of additional position request and personnel changes for the 2017 budget.

P. Collins discussed his request for the two part-time positions. P. Collins suggested the Health Department Emergency Planning position could fulfill the duties of the Emergency Planner requested.

P. Collins said the part-time code inspector would be beneficial to inspecting facilities.

Boyd asked if the inspector in Planning and Development could assist with the fire code inspections. Boyd asked P. Collins to meet with Planning and Development to see if the combination of duties could be shared with current personnel.

The Board agreed by consensus to not approve the position request for the Emergency Management Department.

McHenry said the as-needed Commercial Specialist position is needed to begin in late 2016 and no additional funds will be needed for 2016. McHenry stated the request is for funding the position for 2017.

The Board agreed by consensus to fund the request for the Appraiser As-Needed Commercial Specialist position for 2017.

The Board agreed by consensus with the reallocated split for the Emergency Management Records Assistant I split-25% and the Fire District #1 Records Assistant I split-75%.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve the Health Department, Health Educator -General-100% at an estimated cost of \$35,746.00.

Robison presented the 2017 Budget Development Worksheet. The Board discussed the various COLA presented.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve a .5% cost of living increase for 2017.

The Board asked to schedule the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration on the agenda for a presentation to the Board.

Wells said he would propose leaving the Commissioner's salary at the 2016 salary level and reducing the travel expenditures to only include the cost for one commissioner to travel to the main conferences.

Move to not approve the 2017 cost of living adjustment and step adjustment for the County Commissioners positions.

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

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

12:30 PM Adjournment Move to adjourn.

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

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

The Board agreed by consensus to reduce the Public Works budget by \$20,000.

The Board agreed by consensus to budget \$93,234 as a project Riley County General Economic Development in the Economic Development Fund.

Wilson said he would like to discuss the county employee step increase as other organizations the County allocate fund to have not had step increases. Wilson asked how feasible it is to have a lesser percentage increase on the pay scale.

Volanti stated one year we did an across the board lesser percentage increase and the employees would not receive a step on the scale and increase the entire pay scale by the percentage increase.

The Board asked for staff to present the cost of a 2.5% COLA and the difference between the figure and the currently budgeted step increase at the next budget work session.

Wilson said he would be in favor of reconsidering the recent exempt changes due to the Department of Labor ruling.

Holeman suggested the County would have to be very careful in altering the pay of positions due to the DOL ruling.

Wells and Boyd stated they are comfortable with the County's recent adjustments due to the DOL ruling.

The Riley County Commissioners are paying \$700.00 per month for a program to produce minutes that are not complete. They vote on items but the minutes do not tell the public what the item is or the amount. These minutes are not according to State Law.

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO July 12, 2016

FROM: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

MEETING: July 19, 2016
SUBJECT: Anti-Discrimination Ordinance PRE-SENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager Katharine Jackson, City Attorney

BACKGROUND

In early 2016, a majority of the City Commission asked City Administration to explore a change to the discrimination ordinance, potentially adding sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The City Commission also asked the Human Rights and Services Board (HRSB) to provide input. At its March 10, 2016, board meeting, HRSB voted 5-1 in support of an ordinance that would amend the existing version of Chapter 10 to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes. This input included a recommendation that the ordinance create a local human rights commission (or similar mechanism) to enforce complaints of discrimination on any basis in the City of Manhattan.

On April 5, 2016, City Administration provided the City Commission with an overview of options to consider, similar to the HRSB. Feedback was provided by a majority to pursue an option that would have similarities to the Roeland Park ordinance, which would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes, and to explore some level of enforcement and penalties to be administered locally.

On May 31, 2016, the City Commission held a work session, received public input and provided feedback on a draft discrimination ordinance for Manhattan.

DISCUSSION

Based on direction received from the City Commission, City Administration has prepared an ordinance that includes adding sexual orientation and gender identity, in Chapter 10, as protected

classes in the categories of employment, housing, and public accommodation. City Administration has modified the gender identity and sexual orientation definitions since the May 31, 2016, work session to reflect previous input received from the public.

In this ordinance, religious organizations and nonprofit fraternal or social associations are specifically called out to "not be included" in the definitions of an employer, rental housing, and public accommodations. This in effect "exempts" religious organizations and nonprofit fraternal or social associations/corporations from this ordinance. A jail is also not included in the "public accommodation" definition, and is thereby exempt too.

The ordinance continues to create the Human Rights and Services Board (HRSB), as does the current Chapter 10, and defines their role as an advisory board to the City Commission. They do not have a role, however, in the investigation or enforcement procedures for sexual orientation or gender identity complaints. Their powers and duties, which are very consistent with how they are known and understood today, are defined in Section 10-14. It is necessary to change this section of Chapter 10 with this ordinance due to the reduced role the HRSB will now have in their powers and duties, by eliminating their role to investigate and conciliate discrimination claims.

Section 10-17 of the ordinance defines the actions and behaviors not allowed within the ordinance for employment, housing, and public accommodation. In the category of housing, rental units have been defined as a property containing more than four units. Therefore, a single family home or a duplex that is a rental would not be subject to this ordinance. Religious organizations are also exempt from discrimination in the housing section for the sale or rental of real property or rental housing owned by the religious organization.

Sections 10-18 through 10-23 highlight the enforcement procedures of the ordinance. In

summary, the aggrieved party files a complaint with the City. The City investigates the complaint and determines whether or not it has merit or finds probable cause. If probable cause is found, an investigation is conducted. If no settlement is reached, the issue goes before a hearing officer to determine if discrimination has occurred. At any point a settlement may be reached and compliance gained. If there is a discrepancy along the way with a settlement and compliance, the discrepancy can be appealed and handled in district court. This can occur either at the investigative point in the process or during the hearing officer proceedings. The flow chart attached does a good job of outlining all the options. Since the May 31, 2016, work session, City Administration has suggested the investigative duties fall to the City Attorney or his/her designee from the Legal Department within the City, and the hearing officer duties will become those of the municipal judge appointed by the City Manager.

Section 10-23 formerly known as "Remedies" has been changed to "Civil Penalty." Previous versions included compensation or a financial reimbursement as a result of discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. This would have been consistent with State law and likely would have included an extensive undertaking to determine. City Administration has removed these remedies due to the complex nature of determining the value and impact of the discrimination that may have occurred. The modified section now includes a civil penalty of up to \$500 per the investigation and/or hearing.

Section 10-24 identifies the exemptions for this section of the Code. Educational institutions (Unified School District, Manhattan Area Technical College, Manhattan Christian College, Kansas State University, etc.), and a department, agency, or political division of the Federal Government are exempt. The State of Kansas, Riley County and Pottawatomie County are also exempt from this ordinance. In addition, the

Riley County Police Department jail facilities and corresponding operations are also proposed to be exempt.

City Administration has proposed that if a majority of the City Commission votes in favor of the ordinance at the first and second readings of the ordinance, it shall become effective on November 1, 2016, to allow approximately 90 days for training and education of city employees, businesses and community members. A proposed timeline for implementation is provided as an attachment.

FINANCING

There will be minimal financial impacts for training and education. City Administration will monitor the legal departments' time and efforts to enforce this ordinance. Future staff considerations may be required.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Approve first reading of an ordinance amending the existing discrimination ordinance to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

Do not approve the measure.

Modify or develop alternatives if other concerns or factors arise.

Table the request.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the intent of the Proposed Amendment to the Discrimination Ordinance?

For many years, Chapter 10 of the City Code has prohibited discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations on the bases of race, sex, familial status, military status, disability, religion, age, color, national origin or ancestry. Chapter 10 also creates the Human Rights and Services Advisory Board, which considers and advises on issues related to discrimination.

The proposed amendment adds two new protected classes (sexual orientation and gender

identity) to the discrimination prohibition. It makes it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in employment, housing or public accommodations. It creates a local enforcement process for complaints of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Complaints of discrimination involving the other protected classes can be enforced through the EEOC or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

Who would the Proposed Amendment protect?

The Amendment would provide an individual with protection from certain discriminatory acts on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Sexual orientation means one's perceived or actual emotional, romantic, or sexual attraction to other people. It can be described as heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual. Gender identity means one's perceived or actual self-identification as a male or a female, regardless to one's anatomical sex at birth. It can be described as cisgender or transgender.

Who must comply with the Proposed Amendment?

The City strongly discourages all forms of discrimination against the protected classes. Because the other protected classes are covered by state and federal laws, the Amendment would make it unlawful to discriminate in employment, housing, and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Any person within the City limits who has four or more employees, who sells real estate or rents housing with more than four units, or who offers goods, services, facilities or accommodations to the public must comply with the amendment.

However, the ordinance does not apply to a religious organization; a nonprofit fraternal or social association or corporation; a school, university or school district; or another governmental entity.

What are some examples of public accommodations?

A public accommodation is

any person who caters or offers goods, services, facilities or accommodations to the public. For example, any restaurant, bar, salon, grocery store, gas station, photography service, rental venue, retail store, medical or business office open to the public would be considered a public accommodation.

How does this Amendment affect restrooms and changing facilities?

A question about an individual's use of a particular restroom or changing facility may arise in employment or public accommodations. It may be an unlawful discriminatory practice for an employer to mandate that an employee use the restroom consistent with his/her biological sex rather than his/her gender identity. Likewise, a public accommodation may offer a restroom or changing facility to be used by patrons or the general public. Again, it may be an unlawful discriminatory practice to mandate that an individual use the restroom consistent with his/her biological sex rather than his/her gender identity.

The Amendment does not require any employer or public accommodation to provide a separate facility for any individual or to otherwise physically alter any existing restroom or changing facility.

The Amendment does not prohibit any employer or public accommodation from addressing issues that may arise from any person's misuse of restrooms and changing facilities that are not based upon discrimination.

What does the Proposed Amendment allow me to do if I believe I have been discriminated against?

If you believe that you have been discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, the Proposed Amendment allows you or your attorney to complete the City's complaint form and submit it to the City's investigator. A parent or legal

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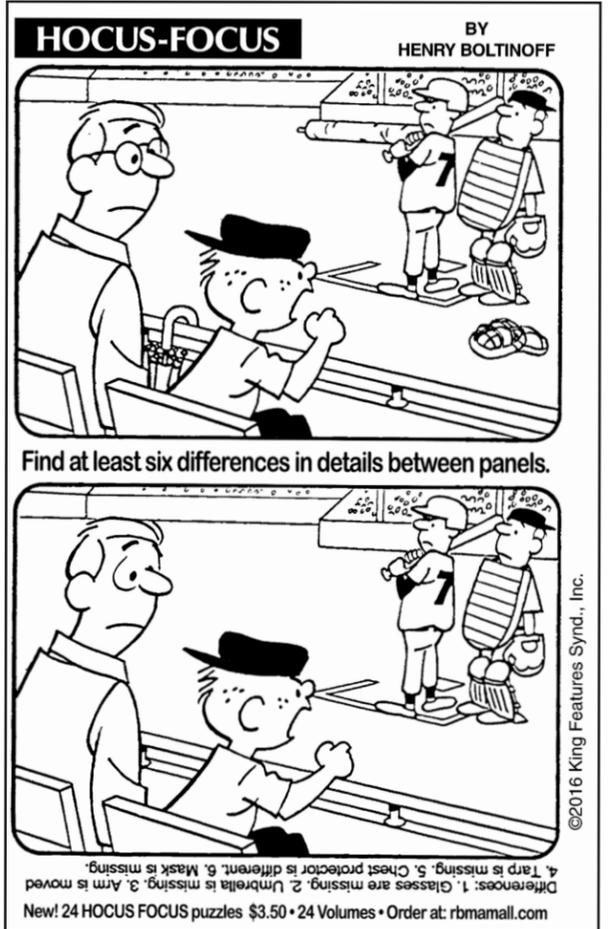
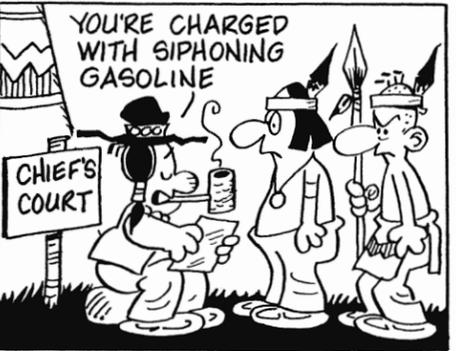
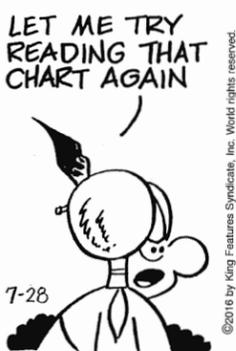
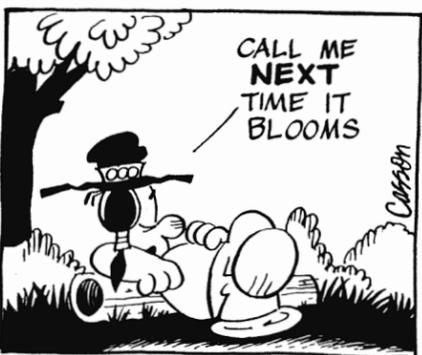
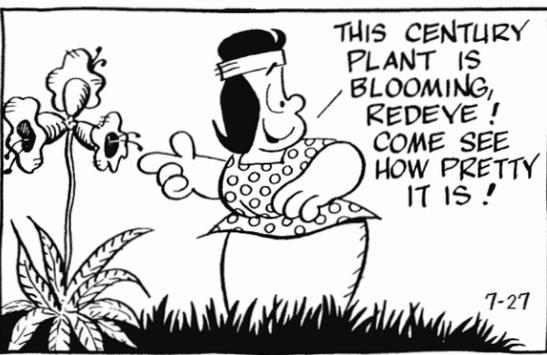
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Leavenworth college adds 3,000-piece Civil War collection

LEAVENWORTH, KS - (AP) The University of St. Mary in Leavenworth is adding a 3,000-piece Civil War collection, including bone dice and Confederate currency, to its library.

The Bobby D. Lawrence collection, which will include primary sources from the era as well as secondary research and books on the time period, was a gift from the Lawrence family of Leavenworth.

The collection has primary sources and artifacts from the Civil War era, including several memoirs, along with more than 2,000 books about the Civil War that will go into the library's circulation to be checked out by students and members of the public.

St. Mary's employees said

they plan to display the collection for visitors and students as well as digitize it and make it available on the library's website and for use in classes. Lindsay Schettler, the school's special collection librarian, has also started a blog about the acquisition and the collection.

Librarians and curators from St. Mary's library said the collection has two significant areas of focus: women in the war and regional materials from Kansas and Missouri. One of the pieces they are most excited about is a memoir from a Civil War nurse who also was a Union spy.

St. Mary's history professor Kyle Anthony said he plans to use the nurse's memoir for a crossover class about the history of American medical issues once it's digitized.

Bob Lawrence, who died in 2013, was an avid collector for about 25 years. The family chose to give the collection to St. Mary's after shopping around for a buyer who would appreciate the collection. The family struggled to find another collector and called the school's library recently after about two years of searching.

Danielle Dion, director of the library, said her interest was immediately piqued when Michele Brungardt described her late fa-

ther's collection. Dion went to the house to view what Lawrence had and decided it would be a perfect addition to the library and a complement to the current Abraham Lincoln collection.

"We have so many Civil War enthusiasts around Kansas and Missouri," Dion said. "We can be a spot where those individuals want to come."

Dion said Lawrence took meticulous care of his collec-

tion and had detailed index cards with every item he purchased, which she called a "librarian's dream."

The library officially acquired the collection on July 11 and 12, and it will have a blessing and opening ceremony in September.

The Lawrence family said they were thrilled with the library's decision to take on the collection. Brungardt said that as a Catholic family, it was a

blessing to have the Catholic university acquire the collection.

Jeanie Lawrence said giving away the collection was like giving away a part of her husband, but they were relieved it was going to a place where it would be appreciated.

"Bob would have been very, very pleased with what's happening to his collection," Lawrence said.

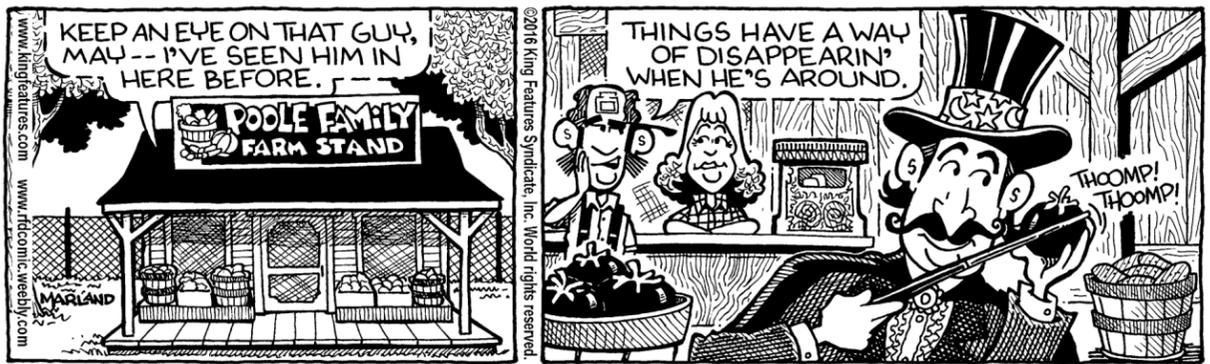
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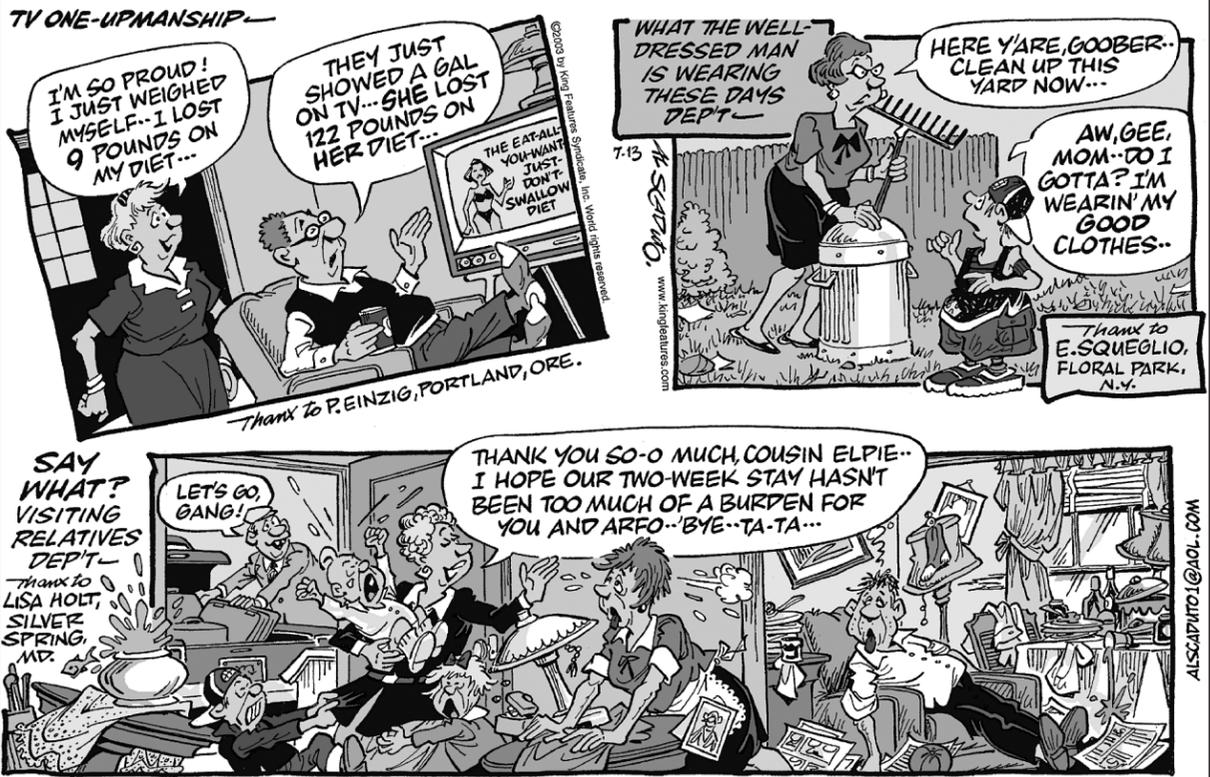
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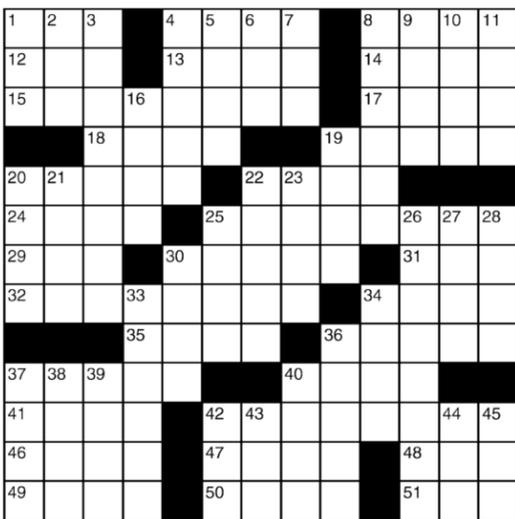
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"Gems of the Muchnic" July 27, 2016 - September 18, 2016

Every Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday
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Exhibition of the Dennis Dunleavy collection at Muchnic Art Gallery.

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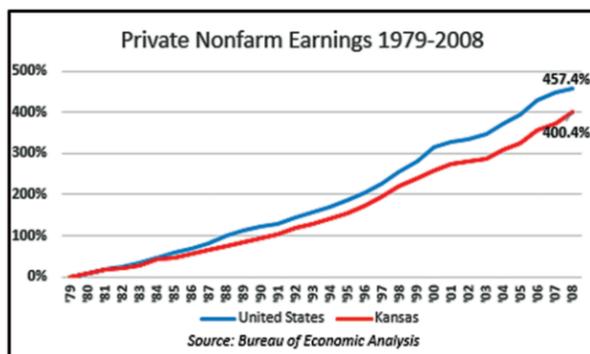
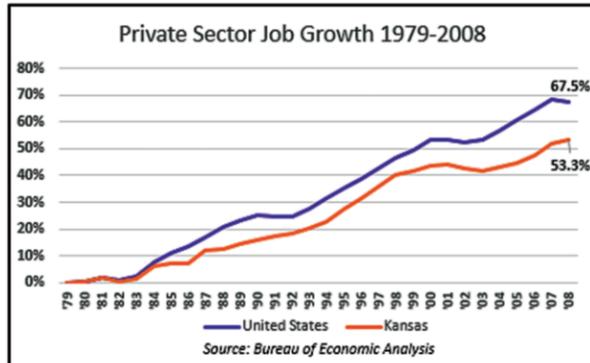
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Kansas Policy Institute
With generous in-kind campaign contributions from media, four former Kansas governors announced the formation of their political organization, intended to "restore Kansas back to fiscal health" by getting candidates elected who ostensibly share their viewpoint. It's all too common for politicians of both parties to stretch the truth (to put it kindly) but the sanctimonious hypocrisy in wanting to go 'back' to fiscal health ignores the impact their policies had on the fiscal health of citizens.

Responsible journalists would have provided some perspective on 'the good old days' but instead, media dutifully wrote what amounts to little more than press releases for the political effort to rid Kansas of fiscal conservatives. Had media bothered to look, they would have found some eye-opening economic facts from the reign of former governors John Carlin (1979-87), Mike Hayden (1987-91), Bill Graves (1995-03) and Kathleen Sebelius (2003-08). [i]

Private sector employment grew 53.3 percent between 1979 and 2008 in Kansas, far less than the national average of 67.5 percent. To put that in perspective, there would have been 132,495 more private sector people employed in 2008 if Kansas had kept up with the national average.

Kansas started falling behind



under Governor Carlin and it worsened under Governor Hayden; the gap remained under Governor Graves but became much worse under Governor Sebelius.

Now let's look at Private Sector Nonfarm Earnings, which is a large subset of Personal Income that excludes government, farms, dividends, government transfer payments and a tiny place of residence adjustment.

This critical component of Personal Income grew 400.4 percent between 1979 and 2008 in Kansas, but once again, considerably less than the national average of 457.4 percent. Similar to job growth, Kansas began falling behind under Gov. Carlin and the gap grew progressively worse over time. The compounding effect of that difference is enormous. Had Kansas kept pace with the national average, private nonfarm earnings would have been \$127.4 billion greater between 1979 and 2008!

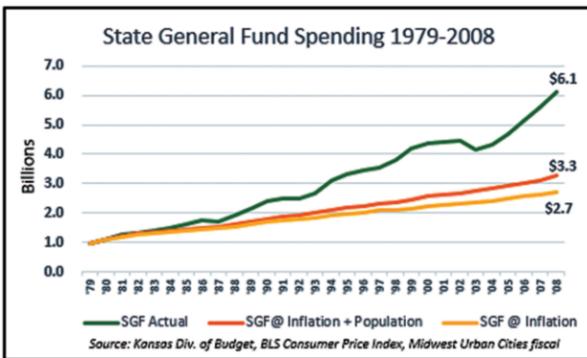
While the private sector took a pounding during the Carlin/Hayden/Graves/Sebelius era, government spending exploded. General Fund spending shot up 532 percent between 1979 and 2008 while inflation was just 183 percent; had spending just kept up with inflation, it

would have been \$3.4 billion less in 2008 alone. All Funds spending grew nearly the same, at 527 percent.

Even adjusted for inflation and population growth, spending would only have grown by 238 percent and would have been \$2.8 billion less than actual in 2008. Over the entire time span, General Fund spending would have been \$29.2 billion less if it had just been increased for inflation and population. The court-ordered school funding increase accounts a small portion of the increase but most of it simply reflects choosing to spend a lot more. And when governors and legislators choose to spend \$29 billion extra, it means they choose to stick taxpayers with \$29 billion in unnecessary taxes.

The KPERS under-funding debacle began in 1992 when now-deceased Joan Finney was governor, but governors Graves, Sebelius and Parkinson allowed the under-funding to continue. And there were also nine school funding lawsuits during the 'good old days' (Knowles, Mock, USD 229 and six renditions of Montoy). Shawnee County District Judge Terry Bullock even ordered schools closed in 2004, although the Supreme Court stayed that order.

Economic stagnation, explosive spending, excess taxation, KPERS under-funding and school lawsuits can't be blamed solely on the four governors; they had lots of help from legislators in both parties, including several on the masthead of the new political organization (Dick Bond, Rochelle Chronister, Steve Morris, Charlie Roth and Sheryl Spaulding). But for them to refer to their reign as 'prosperous' demonstrates, at the very least, that government prosperity matters more to the members of their new political organization than taxpayer prosperity.



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City's Anti-Business Law

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guardian may file on behalf of a minor.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against on the basis of race, sex, familial status, military status, disability, religion, age, color, national origin or ancestry, you or your attorney can contact the EEOC or the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

Is the Human Rights and Services Board involved in the complaint process?

No. The investigating officer is a lawyer from the City Attorney's Office and the hearing officer is a Municipal Judge appointed by the City Manager. The only other involved persons are the complainant, respondent and any potential witnesses.

Will there be a filing fee for a complaint with the City?

No.

What would I do if I have had a City complaint filed against me?

You or your attorney will have up to 60 days to respond to any complaint.

Then what happens?

The City's investigator will review the information provided by each party and gather more evidence as needed. Then the City's investigator will determine whether probable cause exists that discrimination occurred. If probable cause is found, then the City's investigator will try to resolve the issue with the complaining party and the respondent. If probable cause is not found, then the City's investigator will notify the parties and the complaint will be resolved.

What happens if I don't like the investigator's decision or I don't want to settle?

You may appeal to the City's Hearing Officer. The City's Hearing Officer will review the evidence from the City's investigator and each party and make a determination of whether discrimination occurred. The

Hearing Officer's decision can be appealed to the district court.

What are the penalties?

If discrimination is found to have occurred, then the respondent can be assessed a civil penalty of up to \$500.

Is this a crime?

No, a finding that you committed an unlawful act of discrimination is not a crime. A finding that you committed an unlawful act of discrimination is a civil violation that does not impact your criminal record in any way.

Can a City complaint be filed against a person who makes an offensive comment or gesture toward someone because of their sexual orientation or gender identity?

No. Being rude, offensive, or insulting toward an individual based on any characteristic is, on its own, not an act of discrimination under the proposed ordinance. To commit an unlawful discriminatory practice, a person must deny an individ-

ual rights or privileges in employment, housing, or public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. If a person, in conjunction with an unlawful discriminatory practice, is rude, offensive, or insulting toward that individual, it can be used as evidence during the complaint process.

If adopted, when will this ordinance be effective?

The proposed effective date is November 1, 2016. For the ordinance to be effective, a majority of the City Commission must vote in favor of the ordinance at the first and second readings of the ordinance. The City Commission will consider the first reading of the ordinance at 7 p.m. on July 19, 2016, in the City Commission Room at City Hall.

The City cannot accept discrimination complaints on sexual orientation and/or gender identity before the ordinance becomes effective. Further, the City can only accept discrimi-

nation complaints for discrimination that occurred after the ordinance's effective date.

Proposed Amendment to the City of Manhattan Discrimination Ordinance Chapter 10 of the City Code

Timeline*

July 15, 2016

•Educational materials pertaining to the proposed amendment will be made available to the public

•Items will include: City Commission Agenda Memo for the July 19th meeting, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and a draft of the ordinance

•All information will be available at

July 19, 2016

•City Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM

•Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

•1st Reading: Amend Discrimination Ordinance August 2, 2016

•City Commission Meeting –

7:00 PM

•Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

•2nd Reading: Amend Discrimination Ordinance Sept. through Oct. 2016

•If the amendment is passed, City Staff will make available to providers of

employment, housing, and public accommodations within the City of Manhattan further educational materials, as well as address any questions or concerns from the public

•Amended Discrimination Ordinance goes into effect

•Providers of employment, housing, and public accommodations affected by the

November 1, 2016* proposed amendment* are strongly encouraged to use the

delayed

implementation to update any necessary workplace poli-

cies, as well as educate and train staff

Voters split over how to secure US from illegal immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans reject Donald Trump's proposal to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico and his support for deporting those in the country illegally. But they're divided on the presumptive Republican nominee's proposed temporary ban on the entry of Muslims from other countries, a new survey finds.

The poll shows Trump's shifting rhetoric on that ban might win some Americans over.

When it comes to Trump's proposal to build a wall along the Mexican border, about 6 in 10 Americans oppose the idea while 4 in 10 are for it, the new Associated Press-GfK poll indicated.

Similarly, 6 in 10 Americans favor providing a way for immigrants who are in the country illegally to become U.S. citizens, while about 4 in 10 are opposed.

Seventy-six percent of Democrats, along with 44 percent of Republicans, favor a path to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally. Among Trump's supporters, just 38 percent are in favor of a path to cit-

izenship. Sixty-seven percent of Republicans and just 21 percent of Democrats favor a border wall. Three-quarters of Trump's supporters favor that proposal.

Trump's likely rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, has cast his calls for the border wall and temporary foreign Muslims ban as dangerous.

Trump supporter Marile Womack, 79, of Debary, Florida, adamantly favors the border wall. No one else "had the guts to do it," she said. But the daughter of Austrian immigrants isn't opposed to immigration from any country so long as it's done legally.

"I don't favor banning immigrants, but I am for investigating them before they come," she said.

In contrast, Mark Wecker, a car salesman from Redding, California, called a border wall stupid, because "it's a lot of money and it's not going to keep them out if they want to get in."

Three-quarters of Latinos, two-thirds of African-Americans and more than half of whites favor providing a path to citizenship. Forty-eight percent of whites, 26 percent of blacks

and just 16 percent of Latinos favor a border wall.

Daniella Gil, a stay-at-home mom from Cornelius, Oregon, who is the daughter of Mexican immigrants, said, "We should be focusing on the violence coming from Syria as opposed to Hispanics jumping the border."

She said she supports immigration from any country so long as it's done legally.

Americans are slightly more likely to oppose than favor a temporary ban on Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the United States, by a 52 percent to 45 percent margin that has been strikingly consistent in AP-GfK polls conducted this year.

Sixty-nine percent of Republicans say they favor the temporary ban on Muslim immigration, while 68 percent of Democrats are opposed. Half of whites and just a third of non-whites say they favor the ban. Seventy-six percent of Trump supporters are in favor.

On a trip to Scotland last month, Trump shifted his rhetoric, saying he would instead want terrorists out of the U.S., and to do so, he would limit

people's entry from "specific terrorist countries and we know who those terrorist countries are."

The poll indicates that rhetorical shift could win support. Among those asked more broadly about a temporary ban on immigrants from areas of the world where there is a history of terrorism against the U.S. or its allies, 63 percent are in favor and 34 percent opposed. Ninety-four percent of Trump supporters say they favor this proposal, as do 45 percent of Clinton supporters. "That's a necessity for creating stability," said Ryan Williams, 40, a health care provider from Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Most Americans — 53 percent — think the United States is currently letting in too many refugees from Syria, engulfed in civil war since 2011 and the Islamic State militant group's de facto center. President Barack Obama has pledged to admit some 10,000 Syrian refugees this year.

Another 33 percent think the current level is about right, while just 11 percent want to let in more. About 4 in 10 think

there's a very or somewhat high risk of refugees committing acts of religious or political violence in the United States, 34 percent think the risk moderate, and 24 percent consider it very or somewhat low.

Seventy-six percent of Republicans think the U.S. should allow fewer refugees. Among

Democrats, 43 percent think the current level is about right, 38 percent think the U.S. should allow fewer, and 18 percent want to allow more.

Said Gil, the stay-at-home mom from Oregon, "Some of those people are innocent kids."

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