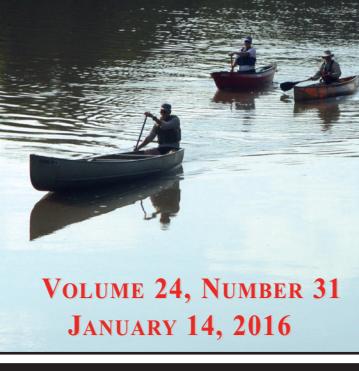


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## In GOP response to Obama, SC Gov. Nikki Haley defends immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in how the nation treats immigrants, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday as the GOP used its response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address to try softening the tough stance embraced by some of its leading presidential candidates.

The U.S.-born daughter of Indian immigrants, Haley said the country is facing its most dangerous security threat since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. That was a reference to the Islamic State group, which has taken credit for attacks in Paris and elsewhere and may have inspired last month's mass shooting in San Bernardino, California.

"During anxious times, it can be tempting to follow the siren call of the angriest voices," Haley, mentioned by some as a potential vice presidential candidate this year, said in her party's formal response to Obama. "We must resist that temptation."

Speaking from the governor's residence for nine minutes, Haley did not mention the GOP presidential race. But the front-runner so far, Donald



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley

Trump, has called for deporting millions of immigrants in the U.S. illegally. Two other contenders, Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, have battled over which of them has

the tougher record on the issue.

"Growing up in the rural South, my family didn't look like our neighbors," Haley said. She said no one who works hard and follows the laws "should ever feel unwelcome in this country."

Haley said the U.S. should continue admitting "properly vetted legal immigrants, regardless of their race or religion" — an apparent reference to calls by Trump to temporarily bar Muslims from entering the country. She also hewed closely to GOP demands in the immigration debate, saying: "That does not mean we just flat out open our borders," and said the U.S. should refuse entry to refugees "whose intentions cannot be determined."

Haley Delivers Response To State of the Union Play video

Haley Delivers Response To State of the Union

The nation's youngest governor at 43, Haley also seemed to try to smooth some of her party's more combative edges. She said Republicans "would respect differences in modern families" — perhaps suggesting more tolerance toward same-sex couples — and said it isn't necessary "to be the

loudest voice in the room to make a difference."

Without offering specifics, she said that while Democrats bear much responsibility, Republicans "need to accept that we've played a role in how and recognize why our government is broken."

Haley has gained national prominence for helping to end the display of the Confederate battle flag on Statehouse grounds last year after half a century, a move that followed last June's slaying of nine people at a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina. Governor for five years, she also got attention after catastrophic flooding that battered her state in October.

"We removed a symbol that was being used to divide us," she said Tuesday of the flag's lowering.

Polls have shown public concerns over terrorism and national security have become a top issue ever since the November attacks that killed 130 in Paris and the December mass shooting by a radicalized Muslim couple that killed 14 people in San Bernardino. Ever since, Republicans on the presidential campaign trail and in Congress

have been emphasizing those issues.

At the same time, many in the GOP feel the party must do a better job of appealing to Hispanics and other minority voters if they are to compete effectively in national and many statewide elections. They're also eager to win more votes from women, who preferred Obama over his Republican opponents by more than 10 percentage points in his 2008 and 2012 elections and have favored the Democratic presidential candidate in each election since 1992.

Haley is the third consecutive woman GOP leaders have chosen to deliver their party's response to Obama. Freshman Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, gave the address last year and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., the No. 4 House GOP leader, did it in 2014.

Twenty-nine of the 300 GOP members of Congress, or about 10 percent, are women, about one-third the proportion of women among congressional Democrats. Each party also has three female governors, although GOP governors outnumber Democrats 31 to 18, plus an independent.

## Highlights of president's State of the Union address

WASHINGTON; (AP) President Barack Obama's final State of the Union speech offered little in the way of new policy initiatives, but plenty of upbeat talk about prospects for a strong future. His hourlong address predicated future gains on bridging the partisan divides so evident between the White House and Republican-controlled Congress, and in the sharp rhetoric flowing from the 2016 presidential campaign. Some highlights of his address:

### "POLITICAL HOT AIR"

Pushed back against GOP critics who sketch a gloomy picture of an America in economic decline and weakened on the world stage.

"All the talk of America's economic decline is political hot air. Well, so is all the rhetoric you hear about our enemies getting stronger and America getting weaker. The United States of

America is the most powerful nation on Earth. Period. It's not even close."

### "FIX OUR POLITICS"

Said a future of peace, prosperity and opportunity is only attainable "if we fix our politics."

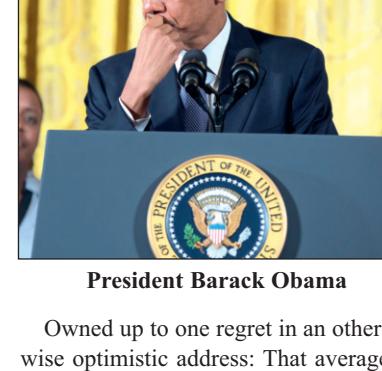
Specific problem areas identified by Obama: reducing barriers to voting, limiting the influence of money in politics, ending the drawing of congressional districts to benefit politicians' interests.

### 2016 CAMPAIGN

Took indirect swipes at GOP presidential candidates for bluster on fighting terrorism.

"Our answer needs to be more than tough talk or calls to carpet bomb civilians. That may work as a TV sound bite, but it doesn't pass muster on the world stage."

### OBAMA'S REGRET



President Barack Obama

Likened administration's push against cancer to a new "moon shot." Assigned Vice President Joe Biden to lead a new push to fight cancer, building on a large increase in federal financing for the National Institutes of Health. "Let's make America the country that cures cancer once and for all."

### COMMON GROUND

Identified a number of areas where Democrats and Republicans might be able to find common ground: pursuing criminal justice reform, promoting trade, fighting opioid abuse. Made an overture to new House Speaker Paul Ryan by highlighting his interest in fighting poverty. "I'd welcome a serious discussion about strategies we can all support, like expanding tax cuts for low-income workers without kids."

### "KILLERS AND FANATICS"

Promised resolve in fighting terrorism and the Islamic State group, but

dismissed "over-the-top claims that this is World War III." Rejected the idea that IS threatens "our national existence."

"We just need to call them what they are?killers and fanatics who have to be rooted out, hunted down and destroyed."

### "YOU'LL BE PRETTY LONELY"

Predicted those who dispute the science of climate change will end up "pretty lonely."

Promoted his efforts to fight global warming and said those who doubt it is happening are welcome to "have at it."

"You'll be debating our military, most of America's business leaders, the majority of the American people, almost the entire scientific community, and 200 nations around the world who agree it's a problem and intend to solve it."

## Kansas cutting off funds for Planned Parenthood

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) Kansas will prevent Planned Parenthood from receiving any funds through its Medicaid program, Gov. Sam Brownback announced Tuesday in a State of the State address that encouraged state legislators to enshrine such a policy into law.

The Republican governor also spent part of his speech before a joint session of the GOP-dominated Legislature criticizing Democratic President Barack Obama on national security issues. Brownback said Kansas is prepared "to thwart every action" by the Obama administration to move prisoners being held as terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Fort Leavenworth.

In addition, Brownback said he favors tightening limits on local property taxes approved last year and putting them in effect before 2018, as previously planned. He urged lawmakers to design a new formula for funding Kansas' public schools that includes bonuses for exceptional teachers.

Brownback used his speech to outline a broad legislative agenda on multiple issues and announced his action against Planned Parenthood near the end.

"We have become the shining city on the hill and the champions for life," Brownback said in remarks prepared

for delivery.

Brownback's 30-minute speech did not mention the issue that could occupy much of the legislative session: closing a projected \$190 million budget deficit for the fiscal year beginning in July. His administration planned to release budget proposals Wednesday.

Democrats were quick to note the omission and the unusually strong criticism of a president by a governor in a State of the State address. Veteran Democratic Rep. Tom Sawyer of Wichita, called the speech a "waste of time."

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, said: "That is a classless performance."

Elise Higgins, a lobbyist for Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, said attacking her group is an attempt to divert attention from Brownback's policy failures. She said Medicaid funds of about \$61,000 a year reimburse its clinics for providing health exams, cancer screenings and birth control services for poor women.

"We intend to fight this," Higgins said.

Brownback, a strong abortion opponent, signed a law upon taking office in 2011 to prevent Planned Parenthood from receiving federal family planning dollars through the state health

department. The governor said Tuesday that he directed the department's secretary to see that "not a single dollar of taxpayer money" goes to the abortion provider through Medicaid, which provides health coverage for the needy.

"The time has come to finish the job," Brownback said.

Planned Parenthood performs abortions at a clinic in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park. It also has a clinic in Wichita that does not terminate pregnancies.

"I am disappointed on behalf of the women who rely on us for health care that the governor has chosen to make them his political scapegoat," Higgins said.

Brownback has signed multiple laws restricting abortion in his five years as governor, including a first-in-the-nation ban last year on a common second-trimester abortion procedure called "dismemberment abortion" by critics. That law is on hold while the state Court of Appeals reviews it.

The governor also last year called on the state medical board to investigate whether for-profit fetal tissue sales are occurring in Kansas, in violation of a state ban. Abortion providers in Kansas — including the regional Planned Parenthood affiliate — said they don't even have programs for legal donations of fetal tissue by patients. The board has not announced any results.

Efforts to prevent Medicaid dollars from going to Planned Parenthood have been blocked by federal courts in at least five other states, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights. Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, a Republican, said his office would defend a policy of withholding funding for Planned Parenthood.

A national conservative group, the Alliance Defending Freedom, praised the governor's move. Kansas Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Mary Pilcher-Cook called Brownback's announcement "a strong statement" and said it's possible a measure enacting the policy into law could pass.

"The momentum is in favor of respecting life," said Pilcher-Cook, a Shawnee Republican.

In criticizing Obama's administration, Brownback also declared that the president's signature health care overhaul, enacted in 2010, is "failing."

Senate President Susan Wagle, a Wichita Republican defended Brownback's attacks on Obama, saying, "I don't know if we've ever had this bad of a president."

Republicans in Kansas have resisted expanding the state's Medicaid program as the federal health care law encouraged but face pressure to consider it because of financial problems at rural hospitals. Brownback said he's forming a group led by Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer to draft a proposal to improve access to health care in rural areas.

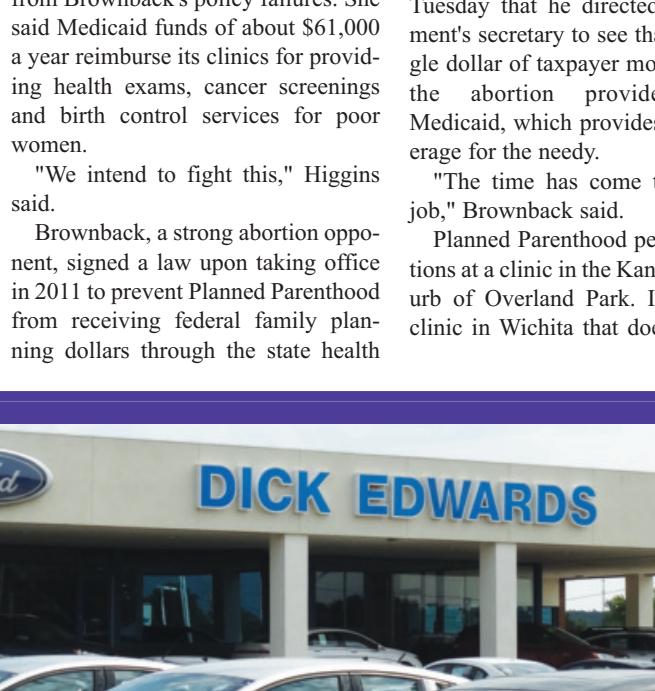


Gov. Sam Brownback

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## Riley County Commission Minutes

### Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

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

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 04, 2016

8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments

Hobson reported there are a couple vacancies on the Road and Bridge Advisory Board. Hobson stated there are a couple of previous Board members which expressed interest on serving again.

The Board asked Hobson to see if the previous members which he suggested would like to serve on the Board again.

#### Commission Comments

#### Business Meeting

Appoint Sharon Beckman to the Fair Board and approve resolution

Move to appoint Sharon Beckman to the Fair Board and approve "Resolution No. 010416-01, A Resolution appointing a representative to the Riley County Fair Board."

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Mid Gey, LLC

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Mid Gey, LLC (218-28-0-00-06-021.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$2,403.12.

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Sign a Tax Roll Correction for the Charles W. and Patricia L. King Trust

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for the Charles W. and Patricia L. King Trust (272-10-0-00-006.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$124.06.

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Sign a Tax Roll Correction for the Galen M. Fink Trust and the Lori J. Fink Trust

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for the Galen M. Fink Trust and the Lori J. Fink Trust (085-21-0-00-005.02-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$738.70.

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Sign a Tax Roll Correction for the Galen M. Fink Trust and the Lori J. Fink Trust

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for the Galen M. Fink Trust and the Lori J. Fink Trust (084-17-0-00-003.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$457.08.

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### 2016 Official Depositories

Move to approve the following official depositories eligible to receive Riley County funds:

Capitol Federal Savings and Loan, Manhattan Central National Bank, Manhattan Commerce Bank, Manhattan

Community 1st Bank, Manhattan Intrust Bank, Manhattan

KS State Bank, Manhattan Landmark National Bank, Manhattan

Leonardville State Bank, Leonardville Riley State Bank, Riley

Sunflower Bank, Manhattan UMB Bank, Manhattan

United Bank & Trust, Manhattan Kansas Municipal Investment Pool

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Highway Use Permit, AT & T

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit and give permission to AT&T to place 775' of copper cable to accommodate county project N.7-21.0 on N. 52nd Street.

RESULT:

MOVER: SECONDER: AYES:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### 10. CIP Amendment for Asphalt Path Replacement at CICO

Move to approve the amendment to the CIP Asphalt Path Replacement at CICO to include the fairground area sidewalks which increases the cost of the project from \$80,000 to \$111,545 which is an increase of \$31,545.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner AYES:

Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Review Minutes11. Board of Riley County

Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 28, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### 12. Review Tentative Agenda

#### Press Conference Topics

RCPD and Ambulance reports on holiday activities

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Holeman reported a staff member has lost a family member.

Holeman requested the Board authorize up to 2 hours of administrative leave for the Riley County employees to attend the funeral on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Holeman asked to also close the Counselor's Office on Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Board agreed by consensus to authorize up to 2 hours of administrative leave for the Riley County employees to attend the funeral on Thursday, January 7, 2016 and to close the Counselor's Office from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

#### 15. Review Re-Draft of CGI Video Script—Work Session

Holeman presented the re-draft of the CGI Communications Inc. video script.

The Board suggested revisions to the video script.

9:20 AM  
Bob Isaac, Planner

#### 16. Vacate and rezone a portion of Lot 1, Simons Subdivision from "SF5" (Single Family Residential) to "AG" (Agricultural District) and replat the remainder of Lot 1 into two (2) lots - Simons Subdivision, Unit Two.

Isaac presented the Simons plat and rezone request.

Boyd expressed concern for access to the land as presented. Simon stated currently there is access off of his driveway. Isaac said there is not a travel easement to the proposed lot. Simon stated he is willing to agree to a travel easement.

Boyd suggested approving the plat and rezone subject to the travel easement being approved.

Move to direct Planning and Development to get a travel easement established for said property.

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-02, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Madison Township."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-03, A Resolution approving the Simons Subdivision, Unit Two plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said plat."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-04, A Resolution approving the Perry Addition plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said plat."

Isaac presented the D & T Investments LLC plat and rezone request.

Boyd asked what we are going to do about development in the Fort Riley Noise Zone.

Isaac said we have residents sign a Noise Disclosure Form acknowledgement.

Boyd asked Wedel to bring back suggestions in a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) for development in the Noise Zone.

Wells said he feels the current process is working fine and we should not change anything until there is a problem.

Boyd asked why it is a township road and not a county road. Isaac said in plats it is a county owned road.

Hobson said this section of road will be turned over to the township for maintenance.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-05, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-06, A Resolution approving the Perry Addition plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said final plat."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-07, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-08, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township."

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

Move to approve "Resolution No. 010416-09, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township."

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

10:48 AM  
AdjournmentMove to adjourn.

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

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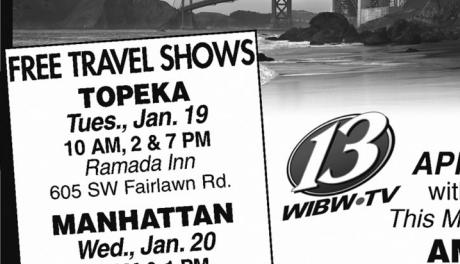
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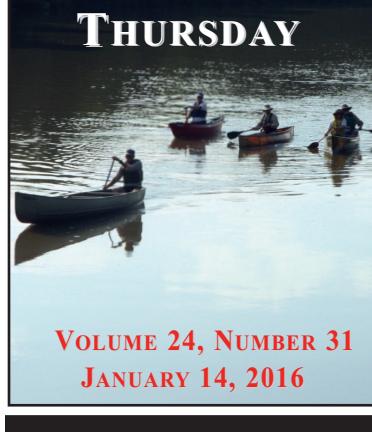
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## Monthly Operations Report

December 2015



FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER

Revenues	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	% of Budget *
Admission Fees	\$ 268,091	\$ 226,648	\$ 211,822	\$ 254,950	\$ 184,202	72.3%
Gift Shop	94,881	105,294	89,444	102,500	82,330	80.3%
Education	8,709	11,646	23,915	34,889	38,582	110.6%
Facility Rental	58,341	68,748	103,642	85,100	113,921	133.9%
Blue Earth Plaza Rental	625	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Memberships	57,320	32,046	40,230	62,950	41,165	65.4%
Contributions / Donations	-	11,097	5,967	35,000	2,851	8.1%
Sponsorships/ Grants	5,000	-	18,725	10,000	3,725	37.3%
Transient Guest Tax Revenue	339,000	196,069	204,199	282,081	282,496	100.1%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 831,966</b>	<b>\$ 651,547</b>	<b>\$ 697,943</b>	<b>\$ 867,470</b>	<b>\$ 749,272</b>	<b>86.4%</b>

\* 100% of the operating year has lapsed.

## Expenses

Visitors	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	YTD	% of Budget
Attendance ~ Public Hours	53,221	50,971	48,166	52,000	43,334	83.3%
Attendance ~ Special Events	8,046	9,486	11,486	9,500	10,895	
Attendance ~ Offsite Programs	1,125	7,013	13,247	8,000	15,920	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 788,544</b>	<b>\$ 737,981</b>	<b>\$ 837,292</b>	<b>\$ 867,470</b>	<b>\$ 823,815</b>	<b>95.0%</b>

## Usage Statistics

Volunteers	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	YTD	% of Budget
Number of Active Volunteers	54	43	39	55	27	
Total Volunteer Hours	7,526	6,335	6,205	6,500	4,484	

(Editor's Note... It would be so easy to say "We told you so", but we won't. What many people don't remember is that the Discovery Center was to be placed at US 177 and Interstate 70 by a three county coalition. Riley County, Geary County and Pott County were looking for something to get people to stop and spend time in the three counties. They voted down the Discovery Center because they did not feel that the Center would get people to stop. And then Manhattan needed something to place in the Downtown Redevelopment, that was for tourist, so the State would pay up to \$50 million on the project.

The City dusted off the Discovery Center. In the begin-

ning it was going to be a Tornado Discovery Center, but they chose "Watching Grass Grow" instead. And it is not working. Look at the Revenues above, it says that Total Revenues were \$749,272 for 2015 but they took \$282,496 out of the Transient Guest Tax (Hotel Tax). The Hotel tax was not meant to supplement others debt. Look at the Attendance, it has dropped 10,000 in just 4-year.

What can be done about this? Nothing! The City got the State of Kansas to give back \$50,000,000 in State Taxes so the area could be developed. We have a big beautiful building that is going to drain money from the City Bank account for a long time.

## As oil plunges, energy companies cut jobs

LONDON (AP) -- The world's biggest oil companies are slashing jobs and backing off major investments as the price of crude falls to new lows - and there may be more pain to come.

Companies like BP, which said Tuesday it is cutting 4,000 jobs, are slimming down to cope with the slump in oil, whose price has plummeted to its lowest level in 12 years and is not expected to recover significantly for months, possibly years. California-based Chevron said last fall that it would eliminate 7,000 jobs, while rival Shell announced 6,500 layoffs.

And it's not even the big producers that will be affected most, but the numerous companies that do business with them, such as drilling contractors and equipment suppliers.

While plummeting oil prices have been great news for motorists, airlines and other businesses that rely heavily on fuel, some 95,000 jobs were lost in the energy sector by U.S.-based companies in 2015, according to the consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. That was up from 14,000 the year before.

Energy companies expanded as oil topped \$100 a barrel in 2008 and stayed there during

the early part of this decade, but prices have plunged over the past two years because of high supply and weakening demand.

The start of a new year hasn't helped matters, with Brent crude, the benchmark for internationally produced oil, slipping below \$31 a barrel on Tuesday, a drop of about 20 percent drop since Jan. 1 and the lowest since 2004.

With some analysts forecasting a drop near \$10 a barrel, companies are bracing for more trouble.

"Calling the bottom in a market is always a dangerous practice, akin to catching a falling knife," said Michael Hewson,

chief market analyst at CMC Markets. "But when the clamor for lower prices becomes a stampede, warning signs and alarm bells tend to start going off, which suggests that a more prudent approach might be advisable."

The uncertainty is making companies think twice before sinking money into new oil projects. That's a problem, since even the most modest project requires vast commitments of resources over a number of years. If the industry doesn't invest in production, that could create supply problems down the line.

ners: Lloyd Stearman and Walter Beech, who was also a test pilot. In 1925, they formed a company called Travel Air Manufacturing.

This company became one of the nation's leading airplane manufacturers. Two years later, Clyde Cessna set out on his own to build a high-performance, single-wing plane that could outperform the biplanes of the time. His monoplane model would be able to reach speeds of 145 miles per hour and fly more than seven hours in length, a remarkable achievement for the time.

However, the Great Depression hit and the company put the business on hold.

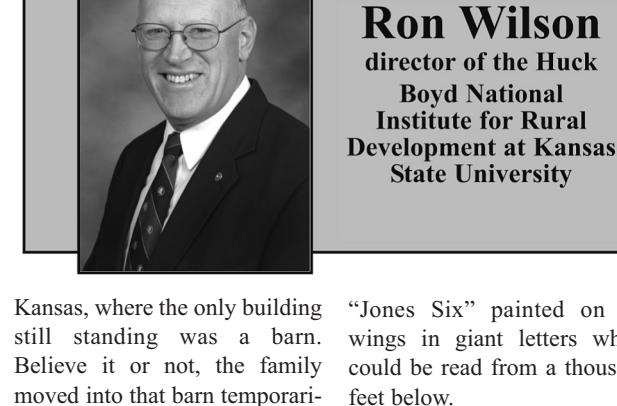
Clyde Cessna went back to the farm, but his nephew Dwayne Wallace was still working in aviation. Dwayne encouraged Mr. Cessna to restart the business and together, they did so. Clyde retired in 1936 but his nephew would continue to build the company.

The company grew and changed through the years. For example, the 1956 Cessna Skyhawk would outsell every other light airplane in the world. Today, the Cessna Aircraft Company is considered one of the world's largest makers of small aircraft.

The world's most popular airplanes. That was one description of the planes built by the Cessna Aircraft Company. We salute its founder and namesake Clyde Cessna for making a difference with entrepreneurship in aviation.

And there's more. Before revitalizing Cessna, Dwayne Wallace had been working for none other than Clyde's former partner Walter Beech who founded his own airplane company. 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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Kansas, where the only building still standing was a barn. Believe it or not, the family moved into that barn temporarily. The family literally lived in the hayloft while Clyde worked on trying to build better airplanes. Each year he built a new and improved model.

In 1916, Cessna had a unique opportunity. A Wichita car-building company named "Jones Six" invited him to build an airplane in its auto factory to publicize the company. So, Cessna came to Wichita and built a new plane with the words

"Jones Six" painted on the wings in giant letters which could be read from a thousand feet below.

It was the first airplane ever built in Wichita, Kansas - the first of more than a quarter million airplanes, which would help earn Wichita the name of Air Capital.

Cessna continued to build and upgrade his planes. In 1917, his plane named Comet set the U.S.-national speed record of 124 miles per hour.

After World War I, Cessna joined with two legendary part-

## IAAF Officials explored covering up Russia bans

PARIS (AP) — Six years before the IAAF banned Russia, track and field's governing body knew of doping so out of control it feared Russian athletes could die from abuse of blood-boosting drugs and transfusions, and officials considered collaborating with Russians to hide the full extent of the cheating before the 2012 London Olympics, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press.

When the massive scandal of state-sponsored doping and cover-ups in Russia finally erupted with full force in 2015, IAAF leaders acted as though blindsided. "This has been a shameful wake-up call," Sebastian Coe, the British Olympian and newly elected president of the International Association of Athletics Federations, said.

But in 2009, as a sophisticated new blood-testing program was launched, IAAF tests were already providing shocking insight into the scale and gravity of Russian doping, according to a six-year span of emails, letters and reports the AP received from a person intimately involved in the workings of the IAAF's anti-doping program.

The person requested anonymity because he wasn't given permission to release the documents.

At that stage, the test results weren't enough on their own to

sanction athletes, but they provided an early warning of the crisis and raise questions about why the organization entrusted with the safekeeping of one of the world's major sports waited six years before suspending Russia, which could see its athletes miss the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in August.

"This matter of the Russian athletes' blood levels is now so serious and is not getting any better (in fact possibly getting worse) that immediate and drastic action is needed," Pierre Weiss, then the IAAF general secretary, wrote in an Oct. 14, 2009, hand-delivered letter to Valentin Balakhnichiev, the Russian athletics president banned last week for life from the sport.

"Not only are these athletes cheating their fellow competitors but at these levels are putting their health and even their own lives in very serious danger," Weiss wrote, telling Balakhnichiev that blood results from Russian athletes "recorded some of the highest values ever seen since the IAAF started testing."

Tests conducted at the 2009 world championships, where Russia won 13 medals, "strongly suggest a systematic abuse of blood doping or EPO-related products," Weiss added.

secure fax or email."

The official, who demanded anonymity, said records instead turned up a secure fax transmission shortly after Clinton's email exchange with adviser Jake Sullivan on June 17, 2011. The implication was that this was the same document.

While the review appears to rule out the possibility of Clinton improperly receiving sensitive material, it leaves other questions unanswered.

Was the document classified or unclassified? The State Department won't say.

And was Clinton wrong to instruct a senior aide to send it through nonsecure means, even if that request wasn't fulfilled? The department says it isn't making a judgment.

Even the subject matter hasn't been revealed.

The only indication in the email exchange of what the document might have been about was redacted in Friday's release of some 3,000 pages from Clinton's tenure as America's top diplomat.

And it's unclear if any copy of the secure fax remains.

"Nonpaper" refers to an informal document, without official markings like letterhead or logos, not saved for records.

This is Kansas Profile. I'm Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

One day in 1910, he went to Oklahoma City and saw what was called an "air circus": An exhibition by a group of touring stunt pilots. He was so intrigued by the airplanes that he quit his job and moved to New York to take a job in aircraft construction.

He learned the craft of airplane manufacturing and then moved back to Oklahoma to build his own planes. Cessna crashed on his first flight attempt but made his first successful flight in 1911, eight years after the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk. With that flight, he became the first person to build and fly a powered aircraft in the heartland of America, between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.

Clyde Cessna tried to generate income by flying exhibitions, but money was scarce in those times. He finally moved his family back to the farm in

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## Mandatory Union Dues Trample First Amendment

By Ilya Shapiro  
and Jason Bedrick  
CATO Institute

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On Jan. 11, the Supreme Court hears what may well be the most important case of the term. In *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, 10 teachers have challenged a state requirement that they support political causes with which they disagree and that hurt their students.

At issue is a kind of law that exists in 25 states which forces public-sector workers either to join a union or pay an amount that covers the cost of the union's collective bargaining. For California teachers, that means annual dues of about \$1,000 or "agency fees" of about two-thirds that amount.

Nomembers' dues aren't supposed to fund union political activities like lobbying and election campaigns. As the Supreme Court ruled in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* (1977), states can't force workers "to contribute to the support of an ideological cause [they] may oppose as a condition of holding a job."

But in the public-sector context, collective bargaining is an inherently political activity, meant to influence government policies in various ways that go beyond the mundane terms-of-employment issues at play in the private sector. Should teachers be paid based on seniority or merit? Should education budgets expand even if that means higher taxes? How many teachers should the city hire?

These are all questions that naturally come up during the negotiation of teachers' contracts, but they also obviously implicate serious matters of public policy. As the Supreme Court put it in *Harris v. Quinn* (2014) — which rejected the forced unionization of publicly funded home health care aides — "core issues such as wages, pensions and benefits are important political issues."

Moreover, even if collective bargaining weren't inherently political, it's easy to see how workers could object to the supposed "benefits" negotiated on their behalf. For example, a teacher might prefer higher pay to tenure protections, or a defined-contribution pension plan — such as a 401(k) — to one that has defined benefits.

Collective bargaining also can come at the expense of students. When schools lack high-quality math teachers because the union contract requires they be paid the same amount as gym teachers, kids lose out.

And when that contract has "last in, first out" (LIFO) rules that force districts to lay off a talented young teacher before a low-performing teacher with seniority, students suffer.

Last year, a judge in California struck down such tenure and LIFO rules after finding "compelling" evidence that making it hard to fire low-performing teachers had a negative impact on students, especially low-income and minority students. The judge pointed to research by Harvard professor Thomas Kane showing that Los Angeles Unified School District students who were taught by an English teacher in the bottom 5 percent of competence lose the equivalent of 9.5 months of learning in a single year relative to students with average teachers.

"Indeed," the judge concluded, "it shocks the conscience."

Sadly, the deleterious effects of collectively bargained tenure rules can be serious and long-lasting. In a 2012 study of more than 2.5 million students, Harvard professors Raj Chetty and John Friedman and Columbia professor Jonah Rockoff found that students who had just a single year in a classroom with a teacher in the bottom 5 percent of effectiveness lose approximately \$50,000 in potential lifetime earnings relative to students assigned to average teachers.

And in a just released study, professor Michael F. Lovenheim and doctoral student Alexander Willén of Cornell found that laws forcing school districts to negotiate with unions had a modest but statistically significant negative impact on students' future employment and earnings. Adults who had been subject to duty-to-bargain laws while attending grade school worked a half-hour less per week and earned \$795 less per year. The aggregate national effect is an annual loss of about \$196 billion.

Collective bargaining can be an important means of protecting workers, but in the public sector, union power shouldn't trump the public interest.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt understood these dynamics, which is why he opposed the formation of public-sector unions in the first place. "All government employees should realize that

the process of collective bargaining, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service," he wrote in 1937 to the president of the National Federation of Federal Employees.

And so, when the justices take their seats for their first hearing of 2016, they should consider whether agency-shop rules really merit an exemption from the First Amendment pro-

tections for speech and association. A decision to stop states from forcing their employees to fund policies they oppose would benefit teachers and students alike.



### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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REAM	CLEAROUT	
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MEANT	PASSOUT	
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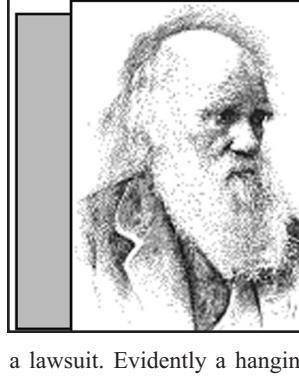
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## Darwin Awards: And then came the elevator...

The death of a man who fell down an elevator shaft at Tampa International Airport last year was ruled accidental -- if one considers forcing open the elevator doors, jumping toward the cables, and wrapping your arms and legs around them to slow your descent "an accident." The man lost his grip (friction is a bitch) and fell headfirst down the shaft from the seventh floor, resulting in a quick and painless death: the medical report describes the trauma as "complete dislocation of cervical vertebrae 5 and 6, with spinal cord laceration," meaning he broke his neck.

Pill-popping vodka-swilling Chad Wolfe, 31, was resting in peace (or "sleeping it off") when the Estate of Chad Wolfe decided to dig up his grave eighteen months later by filing



**Charles Darwin**  
an English naturalist  
and geologist, best  
known for his contribu-  
tions to evolutionary  
theory.

a lawsuit. Evidently a hanging Chad demands a legal enquiry. According to the Estate of Chad Wolfe, the cause of his death was a malfunctioning elevator and airport authorities as well as the elevator manufacturer should have prevented it.

At the time, Chad was behaving like a impatient drunken gorilla. He was physically strong; forcing open ele-

vator doors is no problem for a man who can climb potted plants. He was also high as a kite with the fantastical belief that he could grab the elevator cables in free-fall and slide down to the first floor like a movie hero. Eighteen months later Chad is portrayed as the blameless victim of doors that opened too easily.

It is reasonable that elevator doors should open with a deter-

mined effort, otherwise people are physically trapped inside elevators when the power fails. It is unreasonable to protect idiots from themselves no matter the extreme. And idiots are made, not born -- the person in question had voluntarily swallowed a mix of decision-impairing substances bringing his BAC to 0.17% with a Xanax chaser. Unfamiliar with Xanax, this writer thumbed through the Urban Dictionary and found Xanax described as one of the more addictive benzos with withdrawal effects including psychosis and epileptic-type seizures.

Summary? A DARWIN AWARD is granted to Chad Wolfe, while a STELLA AWARD for legal stupidity is awarded to the Estate of Chad Wolfe.

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## Things to know: The armed standoff in Oregon

BURNS, Ore. (AP) — A small, armed group has been occupying a remote national wildlife refuge in Oregon for a week to protest federal land use policies.

The leader of the group — Ammon Bundy — has repeatedly rejected calls to leave buildings at the refuge despite pleas from the county sheriff, from many local residents, and from Oregon's governor, among others. The standoff is a battle of wills between Bundy and Harney County Sheriff David Ward, who has become the public face of efforts by federal, state and local law officials to end the occupation peacefully. Bundy — who is not an Oregonian — insists he speaks for the interests of Harney County residents. But Ward says the community wants him to go.

### HOW DID THIS START?

The group seized buildings at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2 following a peaceful rally in support of two Oregon ranchers facing additional prison time for convictions of arson. The group says the case of the father-and-son ranchers, Dwight and Steve Hammond, is emblematic of onerous federal land use policies that make it difficult for ranchers, loggers and others in the West.

### EXACTLY WHO IS OCCUPYING THE REFUGE?

The group calls itself Citizens for Constitutional Freedom. Ammon Bundy hasn't provided exact numbers but it's believed there are about two dozen people involved — some from as far away as Arizona and Michigan. Ammon Bundy is one of the sons of rancher Cliven Bundy, who was involved in a 2014 Nevada standoff with the government over grazing rights. Ammon Bundy says they will leave when there's a plan in place to turn over federal lands to locals.

### WHAT ARE THE AUTHORITIES DOING AND HOW ARE LOCALS REACTING?

Federal and local officials have not moved to oust the group or arrest them. Harney County Sheriff David Ward met Thursday with Bundy. He has said the group needs to go so locals can get back to their lives. While some in the local community are sympathetic to Bundy's group, Ward was cheered at a packed community meeting in Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday evening when he said the group needed to leave.

### WHY IS LAND USE SUCH A HOT TOPIC IN THE WEST?

The federal government manages most of the land in many Western states. It owns 85 percent of Nevada, 66 percent of Utah, 62 percent of both Idaho and Alaska, and 53 percent of Oregon. While ranchers and others object to what they say are unfair rules, environmentalists say mining, logging and ranching have run roughshod for decades on public land and left a legacy of pollution for taxpayers to clean up.

### WHO ARE THE HAMMONDS?

Dwight Hammond and his son Steven Hammond have distanced themselves from Bundy's group and reported to prison Monday. The Hammonds were convicted of arson three years ago and served no more than a year. A judge later ruled that the terms fell short of minimum sentences requiring them to serve about four more years. Federal officials repeatedly accused the ranchers of breaking environmental laws and declining to follow rules. Over the years, officials refused to renew some of the family's grazing allotments and increased fees on others. They also restricted access to water sources used by the Hammonds. In the local community neighbors described them as kind and generous, supporting charitable

causes.

### WHERE IS THIS HEADING?

That's anybody's guess. The strategy of law enforcement seems to be to show Bundy and his followers that most local residents want them to leave, and that way avoid a confrontation. With the Hammonds voluntarily going to prison, Bundy's end-game is not clear. He has been using the occupation to speak out for more local control of public lands. On Friday Bundy said that at some point he will accept Sheriff Ward's offer of an escort out of the refuge to assure safe passage, but not yet. Bundy also floated the idea of "transferring what we are doing" to a group local of supporters, but he didn't say what he had in mind.

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However, there is an opportunity to change this behavior. Ninety percent of teen drivers say they would stop if a friend in the car asked them and 78 percent say that they are likely not to text and drive if friends tell them it is wrong.

The Kansas Press Association (KPA) and local newspapers will sponsor a contest underwritten by AT&T that challenge Kansas middle school and high school students across the state to write an editorial or opinion column highlighting the dangers of engaging in smart-phone activities while driving and encouraging their peers to take the It Can Wait pledge.

**Write an editorial or opinion column about the dangers of smartphone driving distractions**

- The piece will answer the question, "Why is it important to take the It Can Wait pledge to keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone?"
- The piece will highlight the dangers of engaging in smart-phone activities like texting, using social media and taking pictures while driving.
- The piece must include the following call to action, "Take the pledge to keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone at [ItCanWait.com](http://ItCanWait.com)."

#### Who can participate in this contest?

The contest is open to all students enrolled in any Kansas public or private middle school and high school.

#### How are entries to be submitted?

Entries may be emailed, mailed or hand delivered.

#### Who will judge this contest?

Entries will be sent to [danstaett@kspress.com](mailto:danstaett@kspress.com) or at the KPA office, 5423 SW 7th, St. Topeka, KS 66606. The KPA will then determine the statewide winners.

#### What is the prize for the statewide winners of both the middle and high school categories?

The statewide prize will include \$500, a tour of the School of Journalism and the KPA Office, and a dinner for the students and their parents with the leadership of AT&T, the KPA annual conference & banquet.

#### Contest Schedule:

Jan. 11, 2016 Doug Anstaett, Kansas Press Association Executive Director, announces start of Campaign.

Jan. 13, 2016 Contest entry period begins.

- Announced by local newspapers in paper and/or directly with schools.

Feb. 25, 2016 Contest entry period ends.

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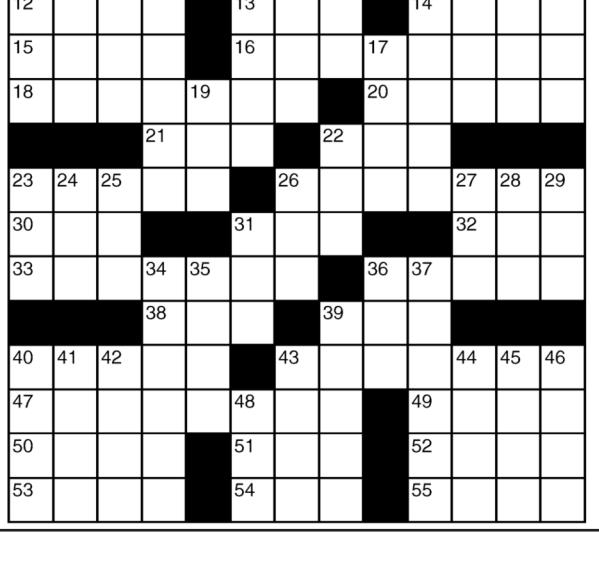
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- 5 G-man's org.
- 8 Gym-floor padding
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 "— the fields we go ..."
- 14 Shrek is one
- 15 Paper quantity
- 16 Leave
- 18 Distinguish
- 20 Senate staffers
- 21 "Monty Python" starter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Intended
- 26 Faint
- 30 Noah's boat
- 31 Actor Cruise
- 32 Omega preceder
- 33 Protract
- 36 Tablet bearer
- 38 Bagel topping
- 39 Yon maiden
- 40 Rice (Sp.)
- 43 Endure
- 47 Omit
- 49 Emanation
- 50 Logical
- 51 Ailing
- 52 "— It Romantic?"
- 53 Probability
- 54 Deposit
- 55 "Untouchable" Eliot
- 49 Coopers-town Group
- 50 Group of whales
- 51 Crazy
- 52 Blunder
- 53 Alias (Abbr.)
- 54 Cauldron
- 55 Chances, for short
- 28 Work with
- 29 "— the sea son to be jolly"
- 31 Formal wear
- 32 Vicinity
- 33 Plumbing problem
- 34 Boxer's gear
- 35 Seep
- 36 First name of 19-Down
- 37 Invest with authority
- 38 Concentrate (on)
- 39 With ardor
- 40 Moreover
- 41 Peruse
- 42 McNally partner
- 43 Chinese noodle recipe
- 44 Island dance
- 45 River of England
- 46 Enthusiastic, plus
- 47 Verifiable
- 48 Collections
- 49 Tarzan's clique
- 50 Giant in



Answers on page 4

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BY HENRY BOLTOFF



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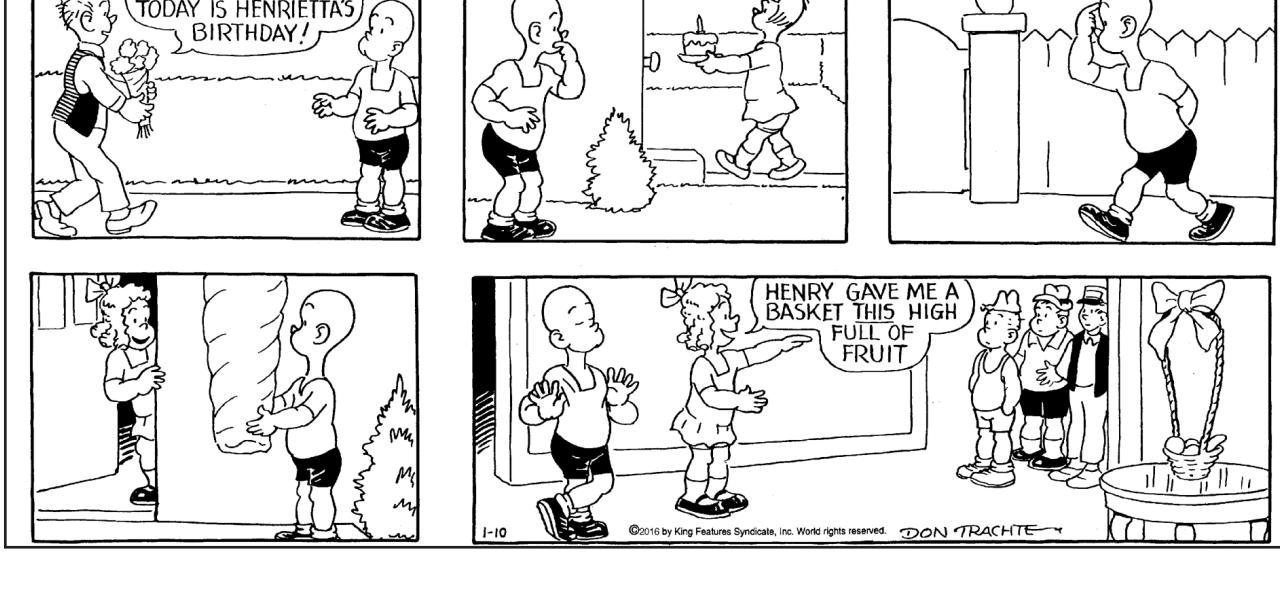
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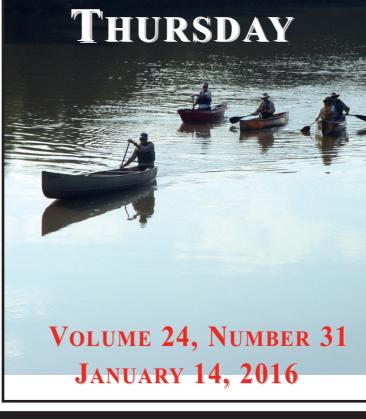
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## K-State Sports...



In the 60 meter dash Kansas State's Terrell Smith (3rd from left) took first with a time of 6.77; Nick Albus of Kansas State (4th from left) took 2nd with a time of 6.97.

(Photos by Tonya Ricklifs)

## KSU Sports Summary

### Kansas State Men's Basketball

While the Kansas State men's basketball team dropped another Big 12 this last Saturday against Oklahoma, there may have been some hope still existing for their season. Lon Kruger's Oklahoma Sooners were the team that just took the Kansas Jayhawks into triple overtime in Lawrence last Monday. For Kansas State to play them within ten points on Saturday still shows some positive direction that this young team may be able to move into. While the Oklahoma Sooners out performed Kansas State in nearly every area, the Cats did finally have a nice free throw performance, as well as a couple more steals. Unfortunately, Oklahoma out performed Kansas State on the fast breaks making the quick action of the game very challenging for the Cats. K-State will be back at home Tuesday night against Texas Tech as well as Saturday,

January 16th at 3:00pm. The 16th of January will be a double-header with the women's basketball team playing at home at 7:00pm against TCU. The women have already lost against TCU on the road on January 2nd.

### Kansas State Women's Basketball

The women were also on the road in Norman over the weekend. They played OU on Sunday, also losing the game by ten points. The women have continued to struggle in Big 12 conference play like the men have. In this game, even though the women shot better in field goals, with the even fouls, the 59% free throw shooting made a difference. OU had a 82% when shooting free throws. The women play again at home Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00pm against Oklahoma State. Then, the following Saturday, they play that double-header with the men at home.

### Kansas State Football

It's official! Coach Snyder has agreed to continue to lead the Kansas State Football team during the 2016 season. Coach Snyder confirmed his family's support for him returning to the helm of the football program. This will be Bill Snyder's 25th season at Kansas State University. The season will kick off Sept 2nd, on the road at Stanford.

### Kansas State Track

The first track meet of 2016 was held at Ahern on Saturday, January 9th. At the Wildcat Invitational, there were two records set. One was Akela Jones, who set it with 8.17 in the 60 meter hurdles. This meet provided some opportunity to assess how the Wildcats will be performing on the road. Wichita State and University of Arkansas Pine Bluff were at this meet and will be at the next meet on January 15th at Lawrence, Kansas. It will be interesting to see what the Wildcats adjust for Friday.



Senior Akela Jones highlighted the day with first-place finishes in the 60 meter hurdles, 4x400 meter relay and high jump. Her mark of 8.17 in the 60 meter hurdles set a new Wildcat Invitational record and facility record.

## Prep and planning pays off for Packers' McCarthy, Rodgers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) -- Game-planning sessions can get a little dry sometimes for the Green Bay Packers.

Not lately, not with coach Mike McCarthy and quarterback Aaron Rodgers in that same meeting to spice things up - both on and off the field.

The Packers are coming off their most impressive offensive outburst in a while after beating the Washington Redskins 35-18 in an NFC wild-card game on Sunday. Rodgers has been more involved in planning of late and don't expect the routine to change as the Packers prepare to visit the Arizona Cardinals in the divisional round this weekend.

"So Aaron's been very much involved the last couple weeks. That's fun having him in the room," McCarthy said Monday. "Once you get the head coach back in the room, the meetings go an hour longer. And then you get the quarterback in there, now they're two hours longer."

The hard work has paid off.

The Packers shook off a sluggish first quarter and 11-0 deficit to race past the Redskins on the road. The offensive line performed well, running backs Eddie Lacy and James Starks each had touchdown runs, and the receivers created big plays.

Rodgers was back in rhythm, enjoying every minute. A TV camera even caught a light moment when the giddy Rodgers walked up behind McCarthy and put two hands on the coach's shoulders.

It sure didn't look like there was any friction between the coach and quarterback, which has been a popular topic of speculation during an offense-challenged season.

"Yeah, I mean I don't see it the way it's perceived," McCarthy said. "So I enjoy our

relationship and 'it's great that everybody got to see some good clips' is my answer."

After handing play-calling duties to associate head coach Tom Clements at the start of the season, McCarthy took the responsibilities back in Week 14 against Dallas. There was a promising win against the Cowboys, but results since then were mixed - until the convincing victory over Washington.

A playoff win means even more after Green Bay ended the regular season with two straight losses.

## In The NFL

"I talked a lot the last couple of weeks about being able to turn it on and a lot of you probably thought that was lip service," Rodgers told reporters after the game, "but we just needed a game like this to get our mojo back and got our confidence going."

First, they need a little rest.

The Packers weren't going to return to the practice field until Wednesday, though planning meetings for the Cardinals game have begun.

Rodgers' involvement isn't

entirely new, since he's usually around on off days when coaches are putting together the game plan, though it appears that he might be a little more involved.

Offensive coordinator Edgar Bennett spoke highly of Rodgers' football mind. McCarthy said Rodgers asks good questions, "and questions are important in those meetings, because it can be dry ... But it's good to go in there and make sure you hash it out."

Whatever the reasons behind the rejuvenated offense, the Packers are feeling much better about themselves than this time last week.

The team talked earlier last week about taking on an underdog mentality before McCarthy decided to scrap that theme. For all of their struggles in the regular season, the Packers still know what it takes to win.

"I get what people are saying. We're not going to be an underdog. We're no underdog going to Arizona. I don't care what people think or how we're picked or things like that. We're going out there to win, and we expect to win," McCarthy said.

NOTES: McCarthy wasn't sure yet whether the team would love Thursday night or Friday for Arizona, and whether the Packers would hold their final practice of the week on the road ... The team returned from the relatively warm Washington area, where the temperature at game time was 61 degrees on Sunday, to sub-zero wind chills in Green Bay in the evening. The Packers had a nice surprise waiting when they got back into town. "Getting home, the guys from the equipment room had our cars warmed up, so it was nice to come home to minus-5 and have your car running," McCarthy said.

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# Lucky Boys and Girls fall to Valley Heights

The Lucky Junior High Boys and Girls basketball teams traveled North to Valley Heights Monday night and both teams fell to the Mustangs.

The Lucky Boys fell 56-41. The Cardinal boys were lead

in scoring by chandler Marks with 14, Bryson Brockman scored 9.

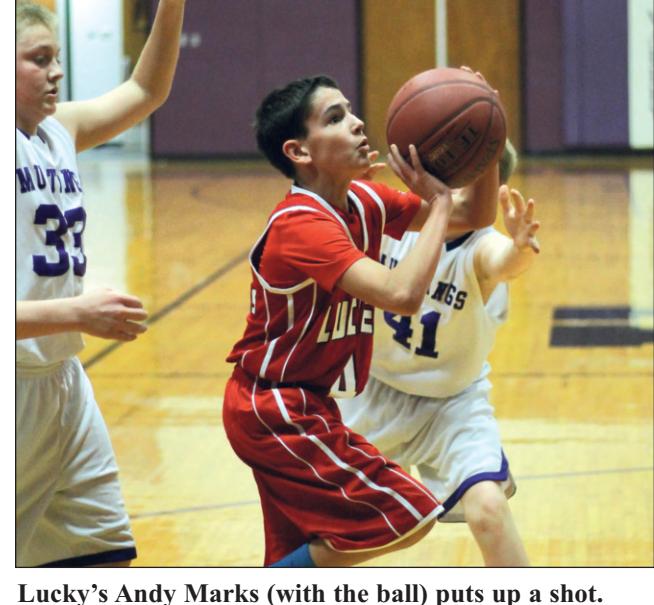
The Lucky Girls fell 39-30. Mallorie Reimer had 18 points for the Cardinals, Ava Bahr came in with 6.

## Lucky Boys Scoring

	Lucky Boys Scoring
Tucker Bylkas	2
Andy Marks	0
Joe Comas	0
Jared Russell	0
Zac Becker	0
Brody Barr	4
Colton Haug	4
Chandler Marks	14
Bryson Brockman	9
Joey Weltsch	0
Rusy signore	0
Connor Weyand	0
Thomas Wilson	0
Irvine	2

## Lucky Girls Scoring

	Lucky Girls Scoring
Ava Bahr	6
Rebekah McAnerney	0
Breigh Brockman	0
Sophia Comas	0
Sarah Talbot	0
Charlotte Maxwell	0
Natasha Kropatkina	0
Mallorie Reimer	18
Hope Shelton	0
Mani Quick	2



Lucky's Andy Marks (with the ball) puts up a shot.

Chandler Marks (22) had 14 points to lead the Cardinals in scoring.



Azc Becker (12) and Connor Weyand (33) block out on a free throw.



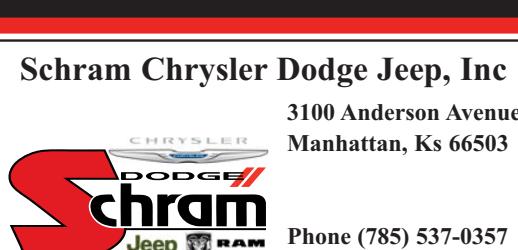
Lucky's Joey Weltsch (25) tries a three-pointer.



Lucky's ball handler was Ava Bahr (1) and she scored 6 points.



Mallorie Reimer (14) fights for a rebound, she also had 18 points.

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