

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

*Next meeting Sat. April 11 – 9:30am, Manhattan, Manhattan Public Library Main Auditorium. The Working Group meets at McAlisters, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. **Your concerns are our concerns.** In this publication what is in green is my opinion, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font is for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. With the help of the **LORD** we will prevail!!*



January 29, 2015

Dear Friend,

Conservatives scored a major victory this week when House leadership suddenly pulled a grossly inadequate "border security" bill off the voting schedule.

I worked behind the scenes with my conservative colleagues to keep this fig leaf bill from reaching the floor. The proposed bill would not have held the Obama Administration accountable for enforcing any new border security measures, it would have maintained the Obama policy of catch & release, and it would have ended our commitment to completing the border fence.

Worse still, the bill avoided addressing the current crisis -- **Obama's unconstitutional, illegal executive amnesty.**

The President wants to let 5 million illegal immigrants jump to the front of the line. And right now he is hiring 1,000 new agents- not to secure the border - but to process millions of amnesty applications.

Just two weeks ago, the House did its job and passed a bill to stop any and all funding for the President's unconstitutional proposal. Now that the Senate is in the hands of a Republican majority, we must demand they do their job and stop funding Obama's disastrous policy.

Last fall, Republicans across the country campaigned on stopping the Obama agenda. We must not turn our backs on these campaign promises less than a month after our historic majority was sworn in.

We must not hand the Obama-Reid-Pelosi Democrats a victory by abandoning the field of battle.

While the House did the right thing, the fight is not over. According to recent media reports in Washington, House leaders are being pressured to "cave" on funding executive amnesty. When these type of stories start to be written, it is often because leaders are testing the waters to see just how strong the Conservative opposition is to their plans.

Unfortunately, this is no surprise. In December, Republican leaders caved on funding Obamacare and countless other Obama priorities and promised conservatives we would fight executive amnesty "next year." This cave was less than a month after Speaker Boehner promised to fight "tooth and nail" against the President's plan.

Conservatives expect Republican leaders to keep their word and do what they said they would do. No more putting off tomorrow the fights we should have today.

My commitment is unwavering. You did not send me to Washington to stand by and do nothing in the face of critical issues like executive amnesty, and I will never forget it.

Please consider making a generous contribution to my campaign today. There are powerful forces at work in

Washington who want to see you and me defeated in the next election. ***They are already recruiting a wealthy candidate to run.***

[Every \\$500, \\$250, \\$100, \\$50 or \\$25 you give now, will send a signal that you want to see me keep up the work you sent me to do.](#)

Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

P.S. Please join Angela and me at Kansas Days in Topeka this Saturday at 9 am for a reception in the Bison Room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, so we can thank you in person for your support.

February 13, 2015

Dear Friend,

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

Those were the words of Abraham Lincoln a century-and-a-half ago.

For far too long, our freedoms have eroded as the federal government has expanded. Unfortunately, it happened under Democrat and Republican control in Washington by people more concerned about keeping power than promoting our freedoms.

The frustration with slow this march toward European-style socialism gave rise to the Tea Party in 2009. And, while the elections of 2010 slowed some of Obama's plans to fundamentally remake America, too many House Republicans were more concerned about the next election than the next generation. [This politics first, principles second mentality meant that Obamacare was funded and Obama's executive actions went unchallenged.](#)

Last November, the American people spoke again - even louder this time. They sent historic Republican majorities to Washington on the promise that we would stand up to President Obama.

It did not take long for us to get our chance. After losing this historic election to Republicans, President Obama went forward with a radical, unconstitutional plan to give amnesty to 5 million illegal immigrants.

This comes as no surprise to you and me. [His Administration spied on American citizens, used the IRS to target organizations who dared to speak out against him, banked on the stupidity of the American voters to pass Obamacare, created economy crippling regulations that rewrote laws passed by Congress, threatened reporters who asked tough questions, and now even wants to take over electronic free speech by taking over the Internet.](#)

In December, Republican leaders promised we would fight executive amnesty once the new Republican majority arrived in our nation's capitol. This week Senate Republican leaders began backing away from that commitment by giving up on a House bill that would get the job done.

Going back on the promises made to the American people is simply unacceptable.

It is time to draw a line in the sand on executive amnesty. If we do not stop the radical Obama agenda now, he will only be emboldened to up the ante the next time and take even more power away from you and put it in the hands of Washington

You and I know that time is short if we truly want to restore American greatness. [Will you stand with me by making a contribution of \\$250, \\$100 or even \\$25 today?](#)

Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

P.S. Conservatives in Washington are standing up to the forces who want to cave in to the President's plans. We are standing in the gap for you. Some insiders do not like how loud of a voice I give you in Washington and they want to defeat me next year. [Will you make a generous contribution today? Every \\$100 or even \\$10 will help.](#)

Cowboys and Muslims

Three strangers strike up a conversation in the airport lounge in Bozeman, Montana, awaiting their flights. One is an American Indian, passing thru from Lame Deer. Another is a cowboy on his way to Billings for a livestock show. And the third is a fundamentalist Arab student from the Middle East, newly arrived at Montana State University.

Their discussion drifts to their diverse cultures. Soon, the two Westerners learn that the Arab is a devout, radical Muslim and the conversation falls into an uneasy lull. The cowboy leans back in his chair, crosses his boots on a magazine table and tips his big sweat-stained hat forward over his face. The wind outside is blowing tumbleweeds around and the old windsock is flapping, but still no plane comes.

Finally, the American Indian clears his throat and softly speaks. "At one time here, my people were many, but sadly, now we

are few." The Muslim student raises an eyebrow and leans forward, "Once my people were few," he sneers, "and now we are many. Why do you suppose that is?" The Montana cowboy shifts his toothpick to one side of his mouth, and from the darkness beneath his Stetson says in a drawl, "That's 'cause we ain't played Cowboys and Muslims yet, but I do believe it's a-comin'".

Obama said that anyone who forwards this is a racist.

I would say, "Anyone who forwards this is a true American Christian, who knows GOD and Christianity will prevail!! Hang around when we no longer have a Muslim for President. You'll see!!"

How does one sum it up Rudy Giuliani's comment?

For me: "Obama's attitude toward America is like a wife beater, she deserves it."

Figures --- What did you expect?

THANK YOU, Senator Roberts **By Kansans for Life** **on 2/26/15**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Roger Wicker, R-Miss. today introduced key legislation to enact a permanent, government-wide prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion. Currently, similar policies, such as the Hyde Amendment, require annual passage and do not apply to Obamacare.

The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act," S. 582, also includes a provision championed by Senator Roberts requiring all health insurance plans offered by Obamacare exchanges to disclose coverage of elective abortion procedures and the abortion surcharge embedded into abortion-covering plans.

"Millions of Americans oppose the use of their hard-earned money to cover abortion services. This is true both of their tax dollars and of the premiums they pay to their health insurance providers. However, Obamacare makes it difficult for consumers to know if a plan they are purchasing covers abortion.

We need transparency. Consumers have a right to know what their fees are paying for, so that they can choose an insurance plan that meets their needs and is in line with their beliefs and values," Senator Roberts said. "Our bill protects this right. We ban all taxpayer funding for abortion, and we clearly inform consumers in health care exchanges which plans cover abortive services."

"During the debate on Obamacare in 2009, President Obama promised the American people that under his plan, 'No federal dollars will be used to fund abortions,'" Senator Wicker said. "We know now that is simply not true. Passing this bill would establish a comprehensive policy prohibiting the use of any public funding for abortion. Eliminating loopholes is critical to ensuring that no federal program, including those under Obamacare, is exempt from the prohibition."

The legislation is the Senate companion to H.R. 7, authored by Representative Chris Smith, R-N.J., and Dan Lipinski, D-Ill. That bill passed the House by a vote of 242-179 on January 22, 2015.

Existing laws that would also be made permanent under S. 582 include the Smith FEHBP amendment (which prohibits funding for elective abortion coverage for federal employees) and the Dornan amendment (which prohibits use of congressionally appropriated funds for abortion in the District of Columbia).

Last year, the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office issued a report showing that taxpayer dollars paid for more than 1,000 health insurance plans that included elective abortion.

Cosponsors of the legislation include Senators John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Roy Blunt, R-Mo., John Boozman, R-Ark., Richard Burr, R-N.C., Bill Cassidy, R-La., Dan Coats, R-Ind., Thad Cochran, R-Miss., Bob Corker, R-Tenn., John Cornyn, R-Texas, Tom Cotton, R-Ark., Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Steve Daines, R-Mont., Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Deb Fischer, R-Neb., Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, John Hoeven, R-N.D., Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., James Lankford, R-Okla., John McCain, R-Ariz., Jerry Moran, R-Kan., Rand Paul, R-Ky., David Perdue, R-Ga., Rob Portman, R-Ohio, Jim Risch, R-Idaho, Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Ben Sasse, R-Neb., Tim Scott, R-S.C., Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., Richard Shelby, R-Ala., John Thune, R-S.D., and David Vitter, R-La.

The bill is supported by the National Right to Life, the Family Research Council, the Susan B. Anthony List, Americans United for Life, March for Life, and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, among others.

Thank Senator Roberts by calling his office via (202) 224-3121 or via his website: www.roberts.senate.gov (click on "Email Pat.") Or mail him at 109 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 United States

Senator Jerry Moran, R-Kan, Cosponsored the bill. Hope he didn't strain himself, most I've seen him do. In the last election all he did was put money AGAINST GOOD Republicans. Keep track of Moran, see how much he **doesn't** do. Doesn't Kansas deserve Senators that work FOR us? Frankly, I'm amazed at Sen. Roberts, but Thanks!

February 20, 2015

Dear Friend,

After six straight weeks of traveling back and forth to Washington, it's good to spend an entire week back home.

This week I was able to cheer on Liberal at Pancake Days (we won!), attended several annual chamber of commerce dinners, and kick off my big, annual town hall tour. The reason I come home every weekend and visit all 63 counties in the district at least once every year is so I can stay in touch with Kansans. I get to hear what's on your minds and carry those concerns back to Washington.

Unfortunately, too many politicians spend too much time in Washington. They are more concerned about what is

on the mind of lobbyists than their constituents. The next event on their social calendar or their next PAC fundraiser drowns out the concerns of average Americans. They lose sight of the promises they made to get elected.

When Congress does not stand up to Obama and his aggressive federal regulators, the result is more and more government control of our lives and less and less freedom. **And Obama is not done.**

Look no further than the President's radical Internet takeover plan. The growth of the Internet and its contribution to our economy, largely without government interference, is unquestioned. It is not broken. There is no need to fix it. But big government supporters in Washington simply do not like things they cannot control, so they issued a massive 332-page plan to regulate it.

This latest anti-freedom move reminded me of Ronald Reagan's words: ***"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."***

I also learned this week that the House of Representatives could soon take up a bill to address the failed "No Child Left Behind" education policy in Washington. I oppose Washington-controlled education policy. Parents, teachers, and communities should decide what's best for our children, not some politicians or bureaucrats inside the Beltway.

I am particularly concerned that some want to create a national mandate for Common Core. The failings of Common Core are evident. Its adoption and implementation should be stopped. And any bill that moves out of the House of Representatives should ensure that not a dime of federal spending should be used for Common Core.

But there was some good news this week. For now, one federal district court judge in Texas stopped President Obama's executive amnesty from moving forward. That's a very good thing - because a majority in Congress has yet to have the courage to stand up against the President's illegal, unconstitutional, unfair action.

I make voting my conscience and my constituents my number one priority. It makes voting the right way in Washington easy because I stick to my principles, and I know what is on the mind of my constituents. I am simply not swayed by Washingtonian arguments unless they match what I hear in 60-plus Town Halls every year.

You can bet that some in Washington may not like it - including both Obama and Boehner - but that is the way I will continue to do the job you sent me to Congress to do. Your ongoing support makes it possible. [Please consider making a generous contribution of \\$25, \\$50, \\$100 or \\$250 today.](#)

Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

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Yes, I'm putting in a lot from Rep. Huelskamp, but I think we really need to understand what he and other Reps. are going thru to do their jobs of helping us!! They are in there working, struggling, gaining every inch they can. Thank You!!

Representative Huelskamp and his family have recently lost Rep. Huelskamp's father. If you would like to express your feelings the family address is above. Huelskamp family, we are so sorry, May GOD be with you and yours. If there is anything we can do, we want to be there for you.

FHTP

With many Manhattan readers I feel I need to include the following info on the coming Manhattan City elections.

On 2/13/15 10:57am, Bob Strawn wrote:

I attended last night's debate and thought I'd share some blunt observations. John Ford did a good job organizing and moderating. It was well attended. But by my applause meter, I'd say there were far more liberals than conservatives in attendance. Here's my take:

- **Wynn Butler** is conservative to the core and deserves our vote, although I found his optimism about Discovery Center financials a little goofy.
- **John Ball** is conservative, like Butler, and will make a solid commissioner for conservative voters. John has a particularly good understanding of city government for someone who has not held a Commissioner's seat due in large part to his interests and service on city boards.
- **Michael Dobson** is a former Army general, very smart, thoughtful, good person but Tom Phillips moderate. If you're a fan of the Chamber of Commerce, this is your guy. Beyond that, he favors a city LGBT non-discrimination ordinances patterned after the US Army. Also, his words not mine: "You need a vision." Um, that smacks of central planner thinking to me, but not surprising given his background.
- **Linda Morse** is a liberal. She's also a very nice lady, who would vote like fellow progressives. I'd guess she's

- more liberal than the two ladies currently serving on the commission. Probably akin to electing Jim Sherow.
- **Kaleb James** is a young, conservative army vet. He's probably the most conservative of the candidates but quite inexperienced. His answers were short and pointed but for the most part along the lines of thinking of those who would favor Butler and Ball. He seemed both genuine and smart enough to handle the chore.
 - **Jerred McKee** is a flaming liberal, borderline socialist. Talked about needing rental price controls and other progressive ideas including LGBT ordinances. Formerly, Jim Sherow's campaign manager. Young, nice, smart, forthcoming, but, whew, he is off the table left.

If we don't elect the three conservatives, expect your taxes to increase, the debt to grow - there's still \$60 million until it reaches the statutory cap of something over \$300 million - ongoing landlord and LGBT ordinance fights, and higher property taxes.

Bob pretty much nailed it. Vote as you believe to be best for Manhattan. But regardless of how you vote – VOTE!!!

Here's the link to the draft of HCR 5014 - Short Title:

Constitutional amendment; clarifying the power of the legislature to make appropriations.

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/documents/hcr5014_00_0000.pdf

Session of 2015

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5014

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs 2-12

A PROPOSITION to amend section 24 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to appropriations.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 24 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 24. Appropriations. No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of a specific appropriation made by law. *The executive and judicial branches shall have no authority to direct the legislative branch to make any appropriation of money or to redirect the expenditure of funds appropriated by law, except as the legislative branch may provide by law, or as may be required by the Constitution of the United States. Any existing order directing the legislative branch to make an appropriation of money shall be unenforceable as of the date this provision is adopted.*"

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the executive and judicial branches shall not direct the legislative branch to make any appropriation of money, nor to redirect the expenditures of funds appropriated by law, except as the legislative branch may provide by law, or as may be required by the Constitution of the United States. Any existing court order which is inconsistent with this amendment is unenforceable.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that section 24 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas provides that neither the executive branch nor the judicial branch can force the legislative branch to appropriate money, except as the legislative branch may provide by law, or as may be required by the Constitution of the United States. The amendment would also prohibit the judicial branch from ordering a change in how money is spent after it has been appropriated by the legislative branch, except as the legislative branch may provide by law, or as may be required by the Constitution of the United States. If money is appropriated by a particular purpose the judicial branch could not stop that money from being spent for that propose. Finally, the amendment would void any current court order directing the legislative branch to make an appropriation of money.

"A vote against this proposition would provide no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and any existing orders that direct the legislative branch to make an appropriation of money shall remain in effect."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at a special election to be held on the first Tuesday following 60 calendar days after the approval of this resolution by both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Kansas legislature.

I got the following on Email. I agree this was his plan from the beginning and sorry to say he is succeeding. This success will be the undoing of the United State of America. PLEASE Congress do what you were elected to do!!!

The Cloward and Piven Strategy with the Saul Alinsky community organizer addendum, right before our eyes overloading the economy with debt and moral degradation encouraged with every speech! He is doing everything he, his handlers and his sycophants had planned! If conservative can't find a way to stop him the country really does not deserve the freedom our fathers fought and many died for!!

I am not "incompetent."

I am destroying America more quickly than anyone thought possible.

I am not "in over my head."

I am advancing totalitarianism right under your noses.

I am not "failing."

I am succeeding at every goal I have set.

I am embracing your enemies and rejecting your friends.

I am acting lawlessly and unconstitutionally.

I am ignoring your Constitution.

I am disobeying your laws.

Your media is abetting me.

Your Congress is not stopping me.

Those sworn to defend your Constitution are not removing me.

I am "fundamentally transforming the United States of America."

Your Constitution, liberty, freedom, wealth, future & children are no longer at risk....

.the risk is past; they already are lost.

I am horrified that he could succeed. How can we stop him at this point? Our beloved Country is going down hill fast. How can we stop him? How has he managed to "brain wash" so many? Do the majority of our elected officials really believe in him and what he is doing? We fought so hard to elect Republicans that told us they would start making things "right" immediately. What is the meaning of "immediately" & "right"? It seems our Senators, all Senators, don't know those definitions. HELLO!!

Let us pray! GOD, Please return our Country to the Constitution and the people!! Please save us from those seeking to destroy the USA!!!



2015 Legislative Update No. 8 from Ron Highland, Representative of the 51st District

Following "turn around" last Friday; the Senate bills arrived and were assigned to the various House Committees. The bills that are "exempt" (referred to committees from an exempt committee) continue to be worked in the House and Senate. The most important announcement came on Thursday. The K-12 school finance bill, HB 2403, was unveiled at a press conference. With that announcement, the work on the budgets for 2016 and 2017 will begin in earnest.

The Education Committee held hearings on four bills: HB 2262 – Providing a compliance deadline and penalties for non-compliance with the student data privacy act; HB 2266 – Requiring post-secondary institutions to adopt a policy on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; HB 2345 – Prohibiting school board members from having a conflict of interest; and HB 2393 – Requiring school districts to use generally accepted accounting principles and financial publication requirements. It was revealed that policies and state laws already exist covering the issues in HB 2266 and HB 2345. The committee will verify the findings in both instances before

moving forward with the legislation. Once again the hearings were overflow and passions ran high. The committee members must listen dispassionately to hear the facts so they can make good decisions. If you wish to make a public comment concerning the state's current English language arts and mathematic academic standards, an online tool is available at <http://standards.ksde.org>.

The Appropriations Committee continued hearing budget reviews for various agencies. The agencies give their requests for the next two years, the Governor gives his recommendations, and then the House and Senate sub-committees give their recommendations. The House Appropriations Committee hears their reports as does the Senate Ways and Means Committee. They can agree with the report as written or amend it as they see fit. Once all the budgets are heard it will end with the final budget or Omnibus bill that both chambers of the legislature must agree on to send it to the Governor for his consideration. That is the last thing done before adjournment and hopefully we will be able to finish within the 90 days for the 2015 legislative session.

The Tax Committee held a hearing on HB 2307 – State Finances. The bill was presented by the State Revenue Department and outlined steps for tax policy for the next two years. It would include a tax amnesty plan, establishment of tax reduction and budget stabilization funds if tax revenues exceed 103% above expected receipts. It would also adjust the income tax rates, slowing the decline in rates for the next two years.

There were no bills passed by the House this week. This is the time when the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate review all the bills pending and decide which ones are brought to the floor. This is done with consultation from House and Senate members who stress which bills are most important to them and their constituents. Not all the bills that pass out of committee will be heard. However, the bills will remain “alive” for another year. Bills have a two year life span (corresponding to the length of term for a Representative). Interesting times in the legislature are about to begin. Each chamber will consider the other's bills. Some are voted down, others are changed, and a few are passed as is. Those that are changed set the stage for horse trading and compromise in conference committees. I will attempt to keep you apprised of the events in the coming weeks.

I enjoyed attending the Constitution Bee held March 1 at the KSU Alumni Center. There were 29 finalists and scholarship winners were: first place of \$3,500 to Chandler Huddleston, Rolla High; second place of \$1,500 to Laura Nicolae, Washburn Rural; and third place of \$750 to Sean Grossnickle, Gardner Edgerton High. Secretary of State Kris Kobach gave the keynote address and Senator Jerry Moran was also in attendance. I was honored to have a visit in my office with Carrie Edmonds, Wamego, of Farm Bureau Leadership Kansas.

You can read the bills in their entirety by going to the legislative web site, <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. If you need help navigating the site you can go to my web site, www.ronhighland.com where there is a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the information you need. My contact information is: 785-296-7310; Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and ron.highland@house.ks.gov. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

As you know, Rep. Highland is one of our most highly valued Representatives; we are truly honored to have him. If you have problems or questions you should first approach the Representative of your area, however, I have never known Rep. Highland to turn anyone with a legitimate problem away. We have many good Representatives and Senators. When approaching them, please, be courteous, explain you question/problem, give them the opportunity to reply or find the answer to your question. If they did not give you a time lapse to get back to them, please, give them at least, a few days to find the answer to your problem, then POLITELY contact them again. We, Kansas citizens, have every right to want answers, however, we MUST give those with the answers a fair time to get the honest answers for us.

In an effort to answer one question you might have is in the following response Rep Ron Highland received from Sec. of State Kris Kobach.

Dear Chairman Highland,

I am writing to you concerning H.B. 2292, which is aimed at removing the common core educational standards from the State of Kansas. It has come to my attention that one or more individuals have represented to Members of the House Committee on Education that I believe H.B. 2292 to be unconstitutional. That is incorrect. I believe that H.B. 2292 is fully consistent with the Kansas Constitution, and I urge the Committee to recommend it favorably.

The Kansas Legislature has full plenary power to set public policy regarding K-12 education in Kansas. Article 6, Section 1, of the Kansas Constitution clearly provides that the Legislature may “establish and maintain public schools, educational institutions and related activities which may be organized and changed in such manner as may be provided by law.” The establishment of curricula and educational standards clearly falls with the Legislature’s power to “change” the “educational ... activities” of the State, through the enactment of laws. The “general supervision” language that is used to describe the state board of education in Article 6,

Section 2, in no way implies that the board has a superior authority over that of the Legislature. On the contrary, the opposite is true. The very same Article VI, Section 2, states: "The state board of education shall perform such other duties as may be provided by law." That clause makes clear that the Legislature has the power to assign duties to the board, and to take authority away from the board. The Kansas Constitution therefore places the Legislature in the superior role.

I offer these opinions both in my capacity as Secretary of State, and in my capacity as a former professor of constitutional law who taught that subject for fifteen years. Please feel free to share this letter with Members of the Committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

s/ Kris W. Kobach

KRIS W. KOBACH

Kansas Secretary of State

Now for a quote of MILLARD FILLMORE

BY Bruce Tinsley

"A new Pizza Chain advertising "Substandard Ingredients, Stale Crust, & Glacial Delivery ... at Twice the Price". Says it got its Business Model from the American Higher Education System.

'nough said about Common Core!! Let YOUR State Senator & Representative know how **you** feel about Common Core. If you need more info just let ME know – I have plenty of information against CC.

Taken from Rep. Lynn Jenkins Newsletter:

Continuing to Fight against the President's Executive Overreach:

Earlier this year the House did its job and voted to fund DHS without allowing the President to move forward with his unlawful, executive overreach. The House gave the Senate five weeks to act, but unfortunately the fight was never won in the Senate. A minority of Senate Democrats were able to successfully block even starting debate on our bill. Despite the numerous tools available in the Senate, when the rubber met the road last week, not one Senator mounted a sustained attempt to block the bill the House voted on this week.

[I do not support a bill that fund's the President's blatant executive overreach](#), which is why I rejected the Senate bill when it was brought before the House. While I am optimistic that the current Federal court action that has blocked the President's action will hold, I will continue to explore other avenues and will not give up the fight to preserve, protect, and defend the U.S. Constitution and ensure that our immigration laws are enforced.

Let's Restore Access to Over-the-Counter Medication:

For many years, folks in Kansas and around the country have used Health Savings Accounts and Flexible Spending Accounts to help save and pay for over-the-counter medications. Unfortunately, the President's healthcare law adds a burdensome layer of red tape that makes use of these accounts more expensive for consumers and fills doctors' offices with needless visits.

This [week I introduced the Restoring Access to Medication Act](#), along with Congressman Ron Kind (D-WI), to fix this issue so that individuals can more affordably manage their own over-the counter healthcare expenses. Repealing this unwanted provision of the President's healthcare law will empower people to look after their own finances, budget according to their specific needs, and remain healthy.

Now I am going to tell you about one of my favorite happenings of the year -

THE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BEE.

This ranks right up there with some of the most important Holidays. Tom & I are honored to be on the Board of Directors of the "Yes For Liberty" Scholarship. We, along with the other Board members & many other helpful people, work all year long to raise money in many different ways to provide Scholarship money & money to put on the proceedings. With God's help we have been successful for 4 years now. It is NOT easy, but worth it. Please join us in the future for this teaching of our Constitution & helping Kansas children continue their education.

Thank you, Lord!!



The **4th Annual “YES for Liberty” Constitution Bee** was held Sunday, March 1st at 2:00pm in the KSU Alumni Center. Twenty of the original twenty-nine finalists braved the winter elements to compete for the top scholarship award of \$3500.00, ultimately awarded to Chandler Huddleston, a senior at Rolla High School in far southwestern KS. Chandler was the 2014-first place award winner and 2013-second place award winner bringing his award totals to \$8500.00.

Laura Nicolae, junior at Washburn Rural High School, Topeka, KS, will receive the second place scholarship of \$1500.00 and as a junior will be eligible to compete again in her senior year. Third place honors and \$750.00 will go to senior Sean Grossnickle, of Springhill, Gardner Edgerton High School, Gardner. The awards apply to tuition at any accredited 2 or 4-year public or private college or university; vocational-technical school or trade school located anywhere in the United States. *For more details visit www.YESforLiberty.org.*

Other qualifying finalists from across the state included:

- Justus Knox, Opportunity Knox Home School, Altoona;
- Grayce McAllister, Wisdom Academy, Americus;
- Mark McAllister, Wisdom Academy, Americus;
- Jacob Nicolet (2014 – 2nd Place winner), Burlington HS, Burlington;
- Joshua Wolf, El Dorado HS, El Dorado;
- Matthew Mindrup, Thomas More Prep-Marian HS, Hays;
- Natalie Wareham; Mikaela Mayhew; Elia Saucedo; Ian McAsey & Tel Wittmer, Holton HS, Holton;
- Allison Basore & Katrina Basore, Centre HS, Lost Springs;
- Ashlyn Gillispie, Manhattan HS, Manhattan;
- Hannah Upshaw, Solid Rock Academy, Manhattan;
- Nelsa Beckman, Manhattan, Riley County HS, Riley;
- Michaella Wahl, Riley County HS, Riley

The event was co-hosted by the Flint Hills Tea Party Educational Fund, Inc. and the KSU College Republicans. “Mystical”, A Sweet Adeline Barbershop Quartet, featuring Cathy Dawes Scroggs along with Jessica & Shannon Fritz and Deanna Barleen welcomed the audience and students with their patriotic renditions.

Invocation was performed by Rev. Dr. Paul Barkey, US Army Ret.

Keynote speaker 31st Kansas Secretary of State, Kris Kobach, introduced by John Matta, City of Manhattan Commissioner and former Mayor of Manhattan.

Judging the competition were Joe Miller, West Point Graduate, former US Magistrate Judge, currently practicing law in Fairbanks, Alaska, founder of Restoring Liberty; Richard Fry, General Counsel, JD, VP Oath Keepers, Co-Founder Defend Not Amend; and Brenda Bowser, Co-Founder of Central Kansas Patriots, State Director Kansas Patriot Action Network.

Special guests in attendance included: US Senator Jerry Moran; KS Senator Forrest Knox; KS Rep. Ron Highland and his wife, Linda, of Wamego; Wynn Butler, Mayor, Manhattan.

Invitations were mailed to more than 400 high school principals and counselors across Kansas, including all known public, private, military & home-schools. Applications for the school year 2014-2015, from eligible Kansas 9-12 graders, opened on Constitution Day, September 17, 2014 and closed on December 31, 2014.

FHTP-Educational Fund Board Chairman Robert Deemie hosted the event, ably assisted by his wife Linda and **FHTP-EF** Board members, John Ford, Tom & Sylva Nichols, Marvin & Vicki Rodriguez, Larry & Chris Tawney along with former board members Judy and John Ball with Celebrity Statesman Master of Ceremonies "George Washington" to oversee the proceedings.

Bockers II of Manhattan provided terrific and splendid catering for the reception after the awards.

Videography provided by Bob & Brenda Bowser of Salina KS. Still photography provided by Evan Parsons of Manhattan. Graphic design provided by Carolyn Wells of Manhattan.

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Our deepest gratitude also to the Operations Management & Staff of the KSU Alumni Center for their wonderful assistance in making our event at their venue the complete success we all enjoyed.

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- *Memorial Honors* - **Robert I. Chard**, Manhattan; Dr. George R. Watson, Jr., Wichita; LTC. John Patrick Mackin, Jr. (USA, Ret.), Wakefield

Donors and volunteers are always welcome. For additional information about the program, to confirm your school's contact information is on our mailing list, or to add your name for direct notification for the 2015-2016 program, contact us at info@YesforLiberty.org.

Applications for the 2016 Annual event will open Constitution Day, Sept. 17, 2015, and close on Dec. 31, 2015.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Chris Tawney, Sec'y – 888-753-7044 (leave message) **Manhattan, KS, March 4, 2015.**

My friends, if you have friends or family members residing in Kansas that is or will be enrolled in a Kansas school in the 9, 10, 11, 12 grades have them go to: info@YesforLiberty.org. Learn what the study papers are and get started studying them. They can take part in the event each year of their High School years. If they want to they can start studying while they are still in Jr. Hi or Grade School. Get a head start. It is possible for them to win each and every year with the possibility of winning \$3,500 each year to help pay for their education after High School. If you are inclined to help raise funds for the event we would be hugely grateful. We work very hard to earn the needs of the scholarship and presentation. Contact us and work with us or we will accept all donations.



*Above we have a picture of Doug and his wife, Jackie ready for a Veterans Day 2013 parade, and one of Doug at a FHTP event. Just a short note to make sure you know... one of **FHTP**'s long-time friends and supporters, Doug Wilt of Paxico, went Home yesterday, March 13, to God's loving embrace. He leaves behind his lovely wife, Jackie, and their daughter, Kate. We will all miss his happy self. May God comfort Jackie and Kate.*

Letter to the Editor:

It's that time again to vote for a new round of USD 378 school board members. There is a group out there calling themselves "like minded". This includes one who is currently a sitting school board member and only shows up part time for meetings. This member still voices inability to understand why the \$12.5 million bond issue failed.

You remember the \$12.5 million bond bloated with wants but failed to address actual needs of the schools. Could that be what this "like minded" group is all about?

This same sitting board member supports a new metal building that when initially presented was to cost the school district only \$250,000.00, which was modest at best, but it has now grown into \$500-600,000.00, never mind that many of the existing board have not stopped planning yet. The focus again is on sports not the needed classrooms...never mind even focusing on **improving academic curriculum needs**.

I firmly believe whomever sits on this next school board must be duty bound to make decisions for the entire student body; for improvement of the entire school district with a strong emphasis on **academic** needs.

I certainly don't recognize that ability in the four "like minded" individuals. Do you?

Now if it is the return to paying for our children's education then let's spend those dollars on education (classrooms; teachers; innovative curriculum), not an indoor practice area for baseball. Let's maintain and preserve the current brick and mortar facilities while planning responsibly and thoughtfully for the future needs of USD 378.

Educate children 1st and foremost. **Vote for the academic needs of all the children at USD 378.**

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry Tawney

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COMMON SENSE is a flower that does NOT grow in everyone's garden!

If you would like to forward this Newsletter as is on to others – be my guest.

If you would like to send comments (just a sentence or two) to the editor – be my guest.

If you have an editorial to submit – be my guest.

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