

Breathe a shallow sigh as budget gap closes again

The Legislature and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius have, apparently, closed the state's budget gap one more time by cutting state agencies again, by zeroing revenue sharing for cities and counties and by borrowing from the road fund.

When the fiscal year ends in June, they expect the state to have not a dime left, which is all the law really requires. Gone will be state's 7 percent reserve account, the "rainy day" money that we're supposed to set aside in case things go wrong.

Many will argue that's all right; things have gone wrong, and we need the money. Trouble is, we really don't know how the state's fortunes will turn as the year progresses.

Things are supposed to get better. But the government economists have been saying that for nearly three years now. The recession that George Bush inherited from Bill Clinton has deepened and widened. Soon, it will be Mr. Bush's recession, too.

And there's no real sign that it's over yet.

And while Kansas will skate through another year without major cuts to school programs, the rest of state government will suffer. We'll have to ask ourselves how much we want to see it cut, and at what point are we willing to raise taxes to save state services.

School boards have given up hoping for an increase in the budget and are happy to hear promises of no cuts, but they have to be nervous.

Colleges and universities have already felt the knife. Last year they were complaining about the

danger of losing quality in their programs, but this year, they're just scrambling to make sense of the new reality.

At the University of Kansas, Chancellor Robert Hemenway has given up hope of any new money from state funds. He says he'd like to be let out from under the state purchasing, surplus property and personnel systems so he can spend what he has better. More power to him.

Dr. Hemenway also wants to get to keep the interest on student fees and tuition that now goes into the state general fund, but that's not likely to happen. The money's already been spent.

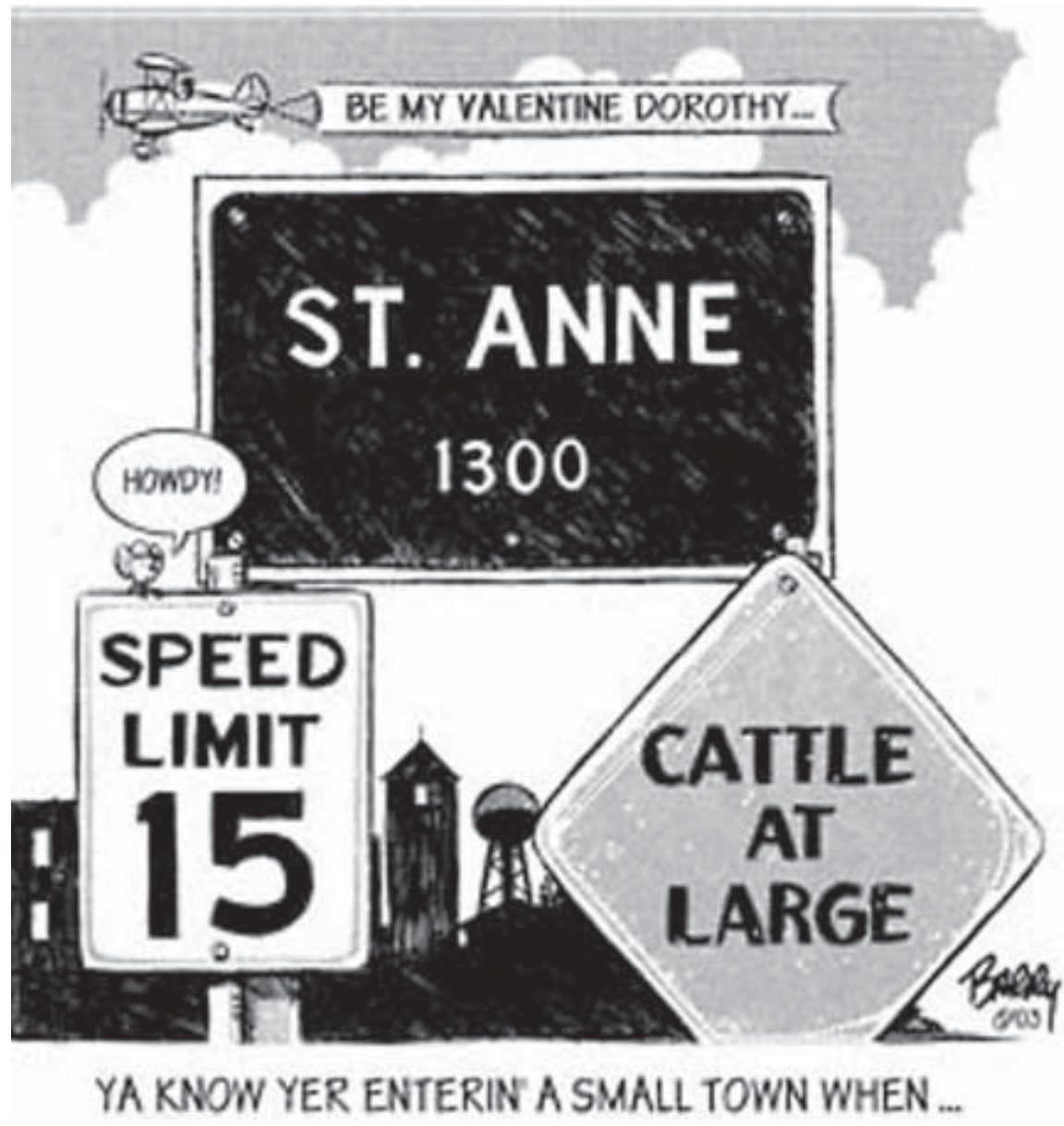
For rural Kansas, one of the most critical decisions will be what happens to the state's transportation plan. The word is that the new secretary of transportation, Deb Miller, hopes to keep all current projects, stretching out the 10-year highway plan by a couple of years to get them done.

As long as maintenance is kept up on existing roads, that's no problem. The state can't afford to let maintenance slide or we'll wind up like Missouri, having to dump new construction just to catch up with overlays.

And nothing is more important to our rural economy than transportation — except maybe rain and the price of wheat.

We think the state will survive the test, and the cuts and economies forced by the fiscal crisis will make it stronger. Tight times will pinch, it'll hurt, but we'll make it.

— Steve Haynes



Memorial Roster

The Memorial Roster Committee of the Kansas Day Association assembled the following record of residents or past residents who became deceased during 2002.

Obviously, even their very best efforts are not enough to be able to say, with certainty, that the record is complete, for the deaths of many of the county's past residents are never known by the Kansas Day Memorial Roster Committee.

Public input is encouraged in the compilation of the yearly rosters.

Should you have knowledge of the death of a former Cheyenne County resident, who was not included on this year's record, please contact the Kansas Day Association.

In the coming months, should you be aware of any names which should be included, please let them know, so the information can be a part of next year's Memorial Day Roster.

2002: Jan. 5: Henrietta (J.W. Haughey) Holliman Wilber, 82, born Nov. 2, 1919; Jan. 6: Anna May (Parks) Fisher, 90, born Dec. 15, 1911; Jan. 9: Belva J. (Anderson) Fuller, 78, born June 4, 1923; Jan. 9: Frances B. (Neal) Starr, 98, born Oct. 6, 1903; Jan. 12: Martha F. (Eikenberg) Lueschen, 91, born July 26, 1910; Jan. 19: Ruby Bernice (Mast) Murray, 90, born Aug. 16, 1911; Jan. 19: Ralph Willard Wieck, 88, born Aug. 20, 1913; Jan. 22: Raymond John DeAragon, 77, born July 16, 1924; Jan. 31: Lorine Mildred (Miller) Haar, 78, born May 24, 1923; Jan. 31: Roy Frank Walter, 90, born Dec. 31, 1911; Jan. 31: Charles L. Rogers, 67, born Feb. 12, 1934;

Feb. 4: Nicholas Wade Weinstein, 21, born Jan. 24, 1981; Feb. 7: Nellie Ella (LeBow) Burr, 100, born Jan. 19, 1902; Feb. 12: Florence May (Andrews) Brown, 101, born Aug. 3, 1900; Feb. 15: Clinton Stewart Munn, 75, born Dec. 3, 1926; Feb. 16: Vera May (Trickett) Clark, 89, born May 24,

1912; Feb. 16: Clara Anna (Schield) Franklin, 87, born June 16, 1914;

March. 2: Elsie (Raile) Schlittenhardt, 93, born Sept. 23, 1908; March 4: Lavern Rex Roberts, 81, born Feb. 15, 1921; March 5: Carol (Ramsey) Lockard, 88, born Jan. 14, 1914; March 9: Wilhelm Henrick (Bill) Meyer, 89, born June 22, 1912; March 15: Harry Schubert Koken, 92, born Jan. 16, 1910; March 16: Alfred Albert Keller, 78, born Nov. 2, 1923; March 16: Betty N. (Nelson) Hill, 65, born 1936; March 16: Velma Louise (Ott) Zimbelman, 86, born Jan. 14, 1916; March 21: Evelyn Faye (Myer) Creach Friesen, 86, born Dec. 23, 1907; March 24: Wyndon H. "Wink" Deardoff, 71, born July 28, 1929; March 27: Bertha Annamariae (Zuege) Lillich, 88, born June 13, 1913; March 27: Helen D. (Wonder) Handwerk, 89, born Nov. 25, 1913; March 28: Helen E. (Browning) Carmichael, 90, born Aug. 13, 1911; March 31: Dale D. Harkins, 77, born Aug. 14, 1924;

April 2: John Hilt, 88, born Nov. 5, 1913; April 2: Evelyn Viola (Dorsch) Harvey, 85, born Aug. 3, 1916; April 7: Fredrick William Rieb, 78, born Nov. 17, 1923; April 9: Avis Josephine (Keller) Byers, 90, born May 7, 1911; Grace Viron (Miller) Carmichael Pash, 91, Nov. 18, 1910; April 12: Connie (Wiggins) Craft, 68, born Dec. 22, 1933; April 13: Alice Henrietta (George) Schleppe, 79, born Feb. 18, 1923; April 15: Vera M. Anderson, 89, born Jan. 25, 1913; April 20: Roger T. Braziel, 75, born May 17, 1926; April 22: Charley H. Raile, 80, born June 8, 1921;

May 6: John Frederick Magley, 65, born Nov. 7, 1936; May 6: Mabel (Liming) Adams, 99, born Feb. 23, 1903; May 8: Telitha M. (Morrow) Pummer, 98, born Dec. 3, 1903; May 10: Scott Lee Hill, 35, born June 14, 1966;

June 1: Velma Geraldine

(Eckenberg) Goodell, 82, born July 28, 1919; June 4: Carolyn Kay Connett Query, 57, born March 20, 1945; June 7: Marion C. Douglas, 78, June 20, 1923; June 11: Virgil Wright Biggs, 89, born May 10, 1913; June 11: Raymond Hilt, 58, June 26, 1943; June 24: Velva Fae (Halley) Follett, 90, born July 16, 1911;

July 5: Clara Amelia (Kamla) Emel, 90, born June 18, 1912; July 5: Korbon Clay Russell, 6 months, born Jan. 8, 2002; July 7: Lloyd William Bartholoma, 77, born Feb. 27, 1925; July 9: Roy Lyle Edwards, 77, born April 8, 1925; July 11: Marian K. (Griggs) Berndt, 59, born Aug. 13, 1942; July 15: Shirley Kay Bunjes, 60, born Sept. 10, 1941; July 27: Robert Jaqua Uplinger, Sr., 89, born Aug. 14, 1912; July 29: Sheryl Lynn (Sawyer) Crabtree, 71, born March 3, 1931; July 30: Dorothy Nell (Sitz) Johnson, 87, born March 23, 1915;

Aug. 5: Rex Leroy Dunn, 66, born Aug. 26, 1935; Aug. 11: Reverend Lorren D. Elliott, 84, born Oct. 2, 1917; Aug. 16: George (Rudy) Klie, 72, born Dec. 18, 1929; Aug. 21: Donnie Ray Voeller, 51, born Oct. 9, 1950; Aug. 24: Evelyn (Krutsinger) Williams Schauer, 91, born July 26, 1911; Aug. 28: Robert Warren Sager, Sr., 81, born Jan. 19, 1921; Aug. 29: William Neal Burr, 71, born Aug. 12, 1931; Leslie McMullen, no additional information;

Sept. 17: Viola Mae (Northrup) Cassens, 90, born Dec. 26, 1911; Sept. 23: Dr. Ross Jewell, no additional information; Sept. 26: Donald (Rue) Rogers, 77, born Jan. 27, 1925; Sept. 27: Harold Keith Winston, 78, born Oct. 22, 1923;

Oct. 6: Merlin H. Kamla, 83, born Sept. 21, 1919; Oct. 7: Christa Jerean Navarro, 17, born June 7, 1985; Oct. 14: Judy (Schultes) Davis, 55, born Nov. 28, 1947; Oct. 24: Richard Allan Straub, 18, born April 21, 1984; Oct. 26: Robert L. Irvin, 75, born Dec. 8, 1926; Oct.

26: Olive E. (Rockwell) Stasser, 89, born Nov. 13, 1912; Oct. 31: Clarence Rudolph Rieb, 74, May 19, 1928; Doris (Leach) Hearon, no additional information;

Nov. 3: Edna W (Peters) Vig, 80, born April 12, 1922; Nov. 4: Robert E. Alsop, 80, Oct. 18, 1922; Nov. 9: Edith Belle (Banister) Bartlett, 89, born April 30, 1913; Nov. 10: Milton F. Zimbelman, 82, born Aug. 19, 1920; Nov. 22: Katie E. (Kinen) Andrejeski, 100, born April 21, 1902; Nov. 27: Marion F. Anderson, 90, born Feb. 20, 1913; Nov. 27: Clarence Eugene (Gene) Lambert, 68, born Feb. 26, 1934;

Dec. 1: Gary Edward Ross, 58, born Aug. 24, 1944; Dec. 2: Claribel (Shaw) Bell, 85, born Feb. 1, 1912; Dec. 6: Lorena M. (O'Donnell) Harris, 89, born March 22, 1913; Dec. 6: Viola Lenore (Schorzman) Bandel, 90, born March 2, 1912; Dec. 11: Alouise Pearl (Duryea) Bourland, 91, born April 17, 1911; Dec. 12: Ella G. (Lampe) Johnson, 85, born March 15, 1917; Dec. 12: Gertrude A. (Larson) Wederski, 82, born Dec. 31, 1917; Dec. 18: Joe David Phillips, 70, born Jan. 22, 1932; Dec. 21: James Harley Smull, 50, born April 20, 1952; Dec. 25: Leland Neal Hill, 75, born April 16, 1927; Dec. 29: Sharon Lorine (Edwards) Penn, 55, born Nov. 26, 1947.

Other known deceased (no informational dates): Willard Wilson, Vernon Shahan, Mildred Bartlett, James Query, Allyene O'Leary

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The Legislative Reference Section of the Kansas State Library began operation of the Legislative Hotline on Jan. 13. The hotline provides all Kansans with toll-free access to Kansas Legislative activity and documents. The hotline number is 1-800-432-3924. The same number is also available for hearing impaired TTY calls. The Legislative Reference Section will also assist in contacting legislators who will then return constituent calls.

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The Legislative Reference Section also maintains an extensive current and historical collection of Kansas newspaper clippings on state government, politics and public policy issues.

Roll call voting records on individual legislators are also available.



GOD SAYS

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:1-2

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