

Reader compiles \$5.17 billion facts on the president

To the Editor:

One thing that really bothers me about politics is how numbers can be distorted either in favor or against whatever you wish. In response to Lyle Black's letter to the editor (Page 4A, Wednesday, Feb. 8, *Oberlin Herald*), I decided to go on a little fact-checking mission. Instead of presenting convenient statements, I will present you with the facts.

Remember, no numbers were actually presented in the letter, just an opinion.

We have all heard the lines repeated again and again about how "Bush drove the car in the ditch" and "Obama inherited this mess," and my personal favorite, how "It takes time; Obama can't fix this overnight."

The fact is, we're approaching 1,100 nights for this administration. But I would like to take you down memory lane to the last election, because people forget what it was like before Obama.

In 2008, after George W. Bush had the car firmly planted in the ditch, we started off with 5 percent unemployment. After a campaign year full of Obama's doom and gloom, we ended with an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent. And then the appointed one took over. After 9 1/2 months in office, his unemployment rate reached 10 percent.

Which brings us to today. With so many people unable to find work, many have actually quit looking for jobs. Fact: those people are not included in the unemployment number, only those on unemployment and actively seeking work.

Last month the White House heralded as proof that Obama's policies are working, an 8.3 percent unemployment rate. Keep in mind that the Congressional Budget Office released the same day a report show-

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ing that the true rate is something like 15 percent, including all those who have simply given up.

The president's job-killing policies are now interpreted by the media as 22 months of growth, when in reality its 22 months of people who have been out of work so long they don't qualify for unemployment anymore. It's a sad day when our president can claim victory here.

Now I would like take you back to Feb. 2, 2009. In an interview on the *Today* show, Obama said, "Look, I'm at the start of my administration. One nice thing about the situation I find myself in is that I will be held accountable. You know, I've got four years."

"A year from now, I think people are going to see that we're starting to make some progress, but there's still going to be some pain out there. If I don't have this done in three years, then there's going to be a one-term proposition."

While writing this, I came across some interesting numbers released by the anointed one himself. This article is taken from *weeklystandard.com* dated Feb. 14, by Jeffrey H. Anderson.

"President Obama's fourth budget has now been released, which allows for a relatively full accounting of deficit spending during his four years in office. The picture isn't pretty, but it is revealing."

"According to the White House's own figures (see table S-1 at www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/tables.pdf for 2011 to 2013, and table S-1 for 2010), the actual or projected deficit tallies for the four years in which Obama has submitted budgets are ... \$1.293 trillion in 2010,

\$1.300 trillion in 2011, \$1.327 trillion in 2012 and \$901 billion in 2013.

"In addition, Obama is responsible for the estimated \$200 billion (the Congressional Budget Office's figure) that his economic 'stimulus' added to the deficit in 2009. Moreover, he shouldn't get credit for the \$149 billion in TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) repayments made in 2010 and 2011 to cover most of the \$154 billion in bank loans that remained unpaid ... — loans that count against President Bush's 2009 deficit tally.

"Adding all of this up, deficit spending during Obama's four years in the White House (based on his own figures) will be an estimated \$5.170 trillion — or \$5,170,000,000,000.

"To help put that ... into perspective, if you take our deficit spending under Obama and divide it evenly among the roughly 300 million American citizens, that works out to just over \$17,000 per person ...

"The three previous Republican presidents together contributed far less than half of what Obama has done to increase our deficit.

To try to say that Obama isn't at fault for every single thing his administration has done is an insult to Americans. When I see liberal propaganda trying to sway people into believing that this administration is somehow a victim of the past, I want to scream.

This is still (for now) a free country, and everyone is free to say what they want. But I believe that if you're going to voice your opinion, out of respect for your fellow American, you should do your best make sure what you're saying is factual and be ready to defend it.

I'm not perfect, and I don't know everything, but one thing I can say with the utmost confidence is that NOBODY but the president of the

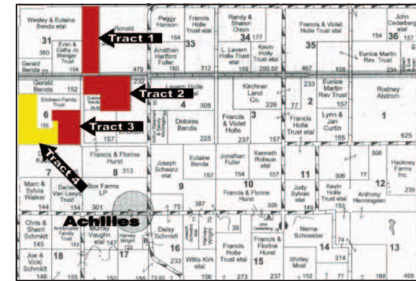
United States of America is responsible for the policies made during their time in office. And that, my friends, is how this God-fearing,

gun-toting, patriotic, flag-waving country boy feels about the whole situation. God Bless America!

Britton G. Scott, Oberlin

LAND AUCTION

657 (+/-) Acres
Cropland and Grassland
Rawlins County, Kansas
Date: Friday, March 23rd, 2012



TIME: 10:00 a.m. CST

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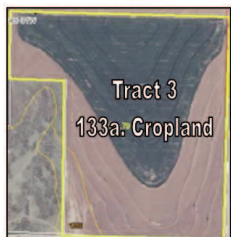
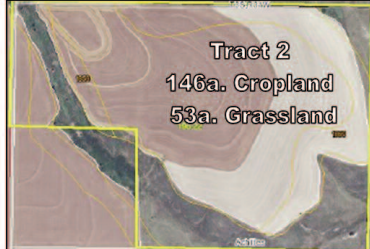
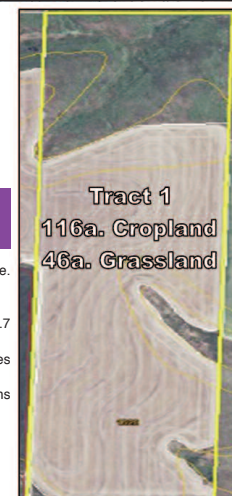
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TRACT III: SE¼ of 6-4-31, Less the grassland along the west side of said tract, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 132.8 acres cropland.
TRACT IV: SW¼ of NW¼ and NW¼ of SW¼ and all remaining grassland located in the S½ and W½ of SW¼ and SE¼ of 6-4-31, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 163.2 acres grassland.
TRACT V: A combination of Tract III and Tract IV.

Tract	Legal	Cropland Acres	Grassland Acres	Wheat Base/YLD	Milo Base/YLD	2011 Taxes
Tract 1	W½ of W½ of 32-3-31	114.7	47.3	52.5/36	25.2/43	\$253.04
Tract 2	E½ of NW and W½ of NE and NW¼ of NW¼ of 5-4-31	146.1	52.4	66.8/36	32.1/43	\$313.91
Tract 3	SE¼ of 6-4-31, Less the grassland along the west side of said tract	130.0	0	59.5/36	28.6/43	\$291.25
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TERMS: 10% down day of sale, balance due on or before April 19th, 2012.
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MINERALS: All (100%) of the Seller's interest shall go to the Buyer(s) at closing.
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* Witnesses describe evening

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The state called Dakota Cook to the stand next. He said he was sleeping in a recliner in the living room that night when someone came in and started talking to him, waking him up. It was Killian Dellere, he said. Mr. Dellere wanted to know where everyone was. Mr. Cook said he heard the front door shut and went back to sleep.

He said he woke up again when he heard a gunshot and went outside and saw Mr. Dellere, Mr. Coryell and Everett Urban. He said he went into where his brother was sleeping and saw blood on Corey's face and smelled gunpowder.

On cross examination, the defense asked about alcohol. Mr. Cook said he had been drinking beer. Mr. Barrett asked if Dakota Cook was sure that it was Mr. Dellere who woke him up, and he said he wasn't.

He asked whether, when he went outside, anyone said anything. Mr. Cook said he asked Mr. Urban what the sound was. He said Mr. Urban replied that he thought it sounded like a gunshot.

Sarah Campbell said she had started dating the victim on Sept. 11. She knew the defendant through mutual friends.

Asked to describe her relationship with Mr. Coryell, she said it was complicated because she had slept with him in late September.

"As of that night, how was your relationship with Dylan?" asked Ms. Romine.

"Still complicated," said Miss Campbell.

She said she had been living at Everett and Jordan Urban's house, but for about a week had been staying at Mr. McEvoy's with Mr. Cook.

On that night, Miss Campbell said she woke up and heard Corey making a gurgling sound. He had blood all over his face, she said. At first, she said, she thought he had a bloody nose. Miss Campbell said she realized it wasn't a bloody nose when he didn't wake up.

She said she ran out of the room screaming and saw Mr. Coryell, Mr. Urban, Mr. Dellere and Dakota Cook.

Miss Campbell said she talked to Mr. Coryell, who said it was all his fault and that he should kill himself.

Miss Campbell said at one point that she had been lying very close to the victim in the bed. She was hit by one of the pellets from the blast, which is still lodged in her body, she said.

Mr. Barrett asked Miss Campbell further about her relationship with Mr. Coryell and asked if she had said that she told him that after Corey Cook left, she would break up with him. Miss Campbell said she didn't recall that conversation, but maybe she had said something to Mrs. Urban.

After further questioning Miss Campbell said she had been drinking the night of the killing, as had the deceased.

Once the party got going, said Mr. Barrett, text messages starting going between Mr. Coryell and the Urbans. At one point, he said, the texting was agitated.

Miss Campbell said she didn't remember if the texts were angry or different than normal ones.

The lawyer asked if she had seen the texts Corey Cook sent, and she said she didn't remember.

He asked if she had to put him to bed that night because he was so drunk. Yes, she said.

Miss Campbell said she didn't remember talking with Mr. Coryell that night, but did remember talking with Mrs. Urban, who told her she was going to put her things out on the lawn.

Mr. Barrett asked if when she talked to Mr. Coryell later that night and heard him say the shooting was his fault, if she also heard him say it was an accident, that he didn't know the gun was loaded. She said she had not.

There were more questions about an ongoing dispute and the idea that there was supposed to be a fight that night. Next up was Mr. Urban, who said he had gone to school with Corey Cook and was friends with Mr. Coryell. Mr. Urban said his wife had been dating Corey prior to their marriage.

He said he had been at Andrew Richards' house that night with friends. There was texting going on and a fight was set up at some hog units between him and the deceased, but Mr. Cook did not show.

Back at the house, said Mr. Urban, Mr. Coryell told them it was time to

go. He wanted to fight Mr. Cook.

Did the defendant say anything about a gun? asked Miss Mahoney. Yes, said Mr. Urban, but he didn't remember what for sure, although he said they didn't need one.

Miss Mahoney asked what the mood was like in the car. Mr. Urban said Mr. Coryell was pumped up, excited. He said his wife was texting him to come home.

When they got to Mr. McEvoy's house, he said, they parked at the end of the drive and Mr. Dellere went into the house. They drove up the drive to get him.

Mr. Urban said they went in the house and saw someone in a chair. He said he saw a shotgun leaning against the gun cabinet and checked to see if it was loaded, but decided it wasn't. Mr. Urban said he and Mr. Coryell went back to the bedroom and saw Mr. Cook and Miss Campbell. He said Mr. Coryell wanted him to wake them so he could fight.

Mr. Urban said he didn't want to and left, going down the hall. He said he saw his friend pick up the gun. He said he told Mr. Coryell, "let's go," took the gun from his friend and walked out.

Mr. Urban said he was almost to the front door when he heard the shot. He went back down the hall and saw Mr. Cook. His face had been shot. He said Mr. Coryell said that he shot Mr. Cook and was going to jail.

On cross examination, Mr. Barrett asked about the bad blood between Corey Cook and Mr. Urban. Mr. Urban said Mr. Cook had said he was going to put a shotgun in his pickup with a note saying not to miss next time. Mr. Urban said he had shot himself in the past.

During the texting, said Mr. Barrett, a fight was arranged between you and Mr. Cook. Yes, said Mr. Urban. He said he really wanted to see Mr. Cook that night and get it over with, the fight.

Mr. Urban said he did check the shot gun against the gun cabinet in Mr. McEvoy's house to see if it was loaded.

"You don't recall ever seeing anyone load that gun?" asked Mr. Barrett.

Correct, said Mr. Urban.

* Man bound over in murder case

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overnight at the house once. His intent at most was to commit a misdemeanor, Mr. Barrett said, and the felony murder charge should be dismissed.

Ms. Romine said the court needed to review the evidence in a light most favorable to the state. The defendant was hanging out that night, driving around with Killian Dellere and Mr. Urban, she said. There was an atmosphere of anger.

While the car stopped at the end of Mr. McEvoy's driveway, she said, their car proceeded onto the property past "no trespassing" signs.

The people inside, she said, were sleeping. Mr. Coryell went through the house to the back bedroom where Mr. Cook was asleep.

The court heard testimony from Mr. Urban that there were two shotguns in the house, she said. Going through the testimony, she said, witnesses heard the defendant say he'd shoot Mr. Cook.

Before making a decision, Judge Bremer took a short recess. When he returned, he said he had found that there was probable cause, or evidence sufficient, for the three charges to hold Mr. Coryell in jail.

An arraignment for Mr. Coryell has been set for 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 26, in District Court.

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