

## GOP on the short end of its battle with Obama

It's fascinating, watching the world – the Democrats and their hand-fed national media – blame the Republicans and the Tea Party for the impending government shutdown.

Commentator after commentator opines that the Republicans are making a big mistake, that the public blamed them in 1995 and 1996, when then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich forced two shutdowns under President Bill Clinton. It'll be the same this time, they say.

And President Clinton himself chimes in, telling President Barack Obama to stand his ground and let the GOP take the blame.

No one seems to care that the Republicans won a big majority in the House even as Obama was being re-elected, with many members running on a platform that included repealing the president's new health-care law.

It's as if it's wrong for them to be against the massive, and little-understood, health-care bill. Or to try to block its implementation.

One writer said the Tea Party "just hasn't accepted it as the law of the land."

In our view, the threat of a government shutdown is overblown. Essential services, such as the FBI and the military, won't close. The Weather Service will keep on warning us of storms. Airports will stay open.

True, the administration has some power to make the shutdown more painful by choosing what to cut off. Processing of Social Security and Medicare applications, for instance, apparently will halt. National Parks will close,

the Smithsonian will be padlocked.

But will we really miss the government for a few days, or even a few weeks? The effects will be hyped, but what's the harm?

The government shut down several times under President Ronald Reagan, and no one seemed to notice. Two shutdowns prompted by Speaker Gingrich during battles with President Clinton turned the tide, as the president won the propaganda war and put all the blame on the Republicans.

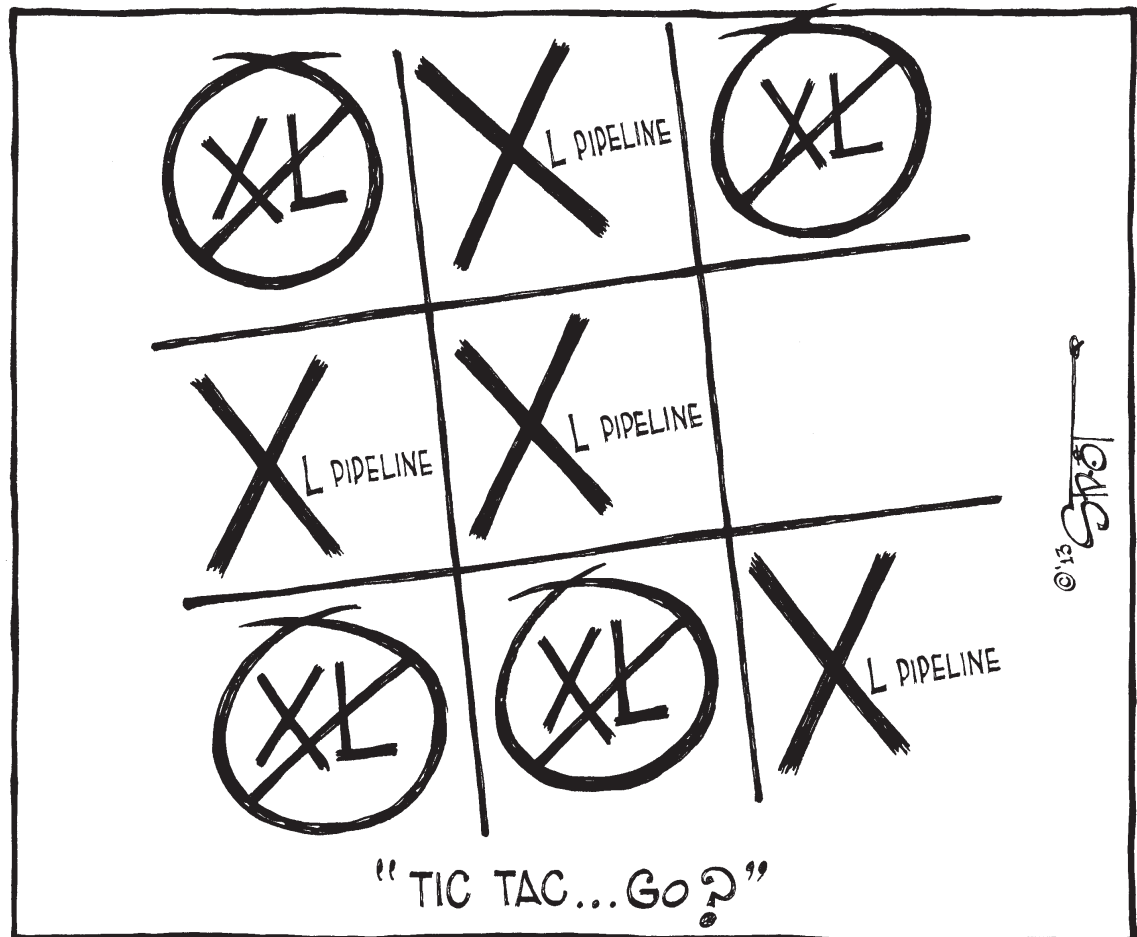
Those longer shutdowns set the stage for this year's budget battle, entwined as it is with the drive to repeal or block Obamacare.

It seems the Republicans have every right to campaign against the health-care law and its possible consequences for businesses and the economy. Potentially huge costs frighten small-business owners and put a damper on already-slow job growth.

At this point, though, unless they win some major concessions from Mr. Obama, the Republicans appear likely to lose the propaganda war and the political battle. The president says he's not about to give up on what he sees as his greatest accomplishment.

Cooler heads might advise the GOP to back off and wait for a better shot, but of course, that may not come.

It's the president who's refusing to negotiate right now, but he's still liable to come out on top. By the time you read this, you may know who won and who lost, but it's likely the GOP won't look so good. – Steve Haynes



## Across the County

### Livestock transportation regulations told

By Marty Fear



County Extension Agent

With the Fall season officially here, producers are busy drilling winter wheat and then corn harvest is just around the corner. Pastures are in need of a break from grazing after the last couple years of dry, hot conditions and cattle will soon be put onto corn stalks. Producers may be moving cattle out of the county or into a neighboring state. Cheyenne County is unique in that it borders two different states, which means different requirements for livestock imports. Currently, there is not a national livestock movement system in place where the same regulations apply to each state. Instead, every state was allowed to develop their own import/export regulations. Since many producers may have access to cornstalks and grazing in those bordering states or counties it is important to know what regulations need to be followed.

identify each animal being moved and certify cows and heifers are Brucellosis vaccinated. Additional information can be found at the Kansas Department of Ag, Division of Animal Health: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health>.

Importing cattle into Nebraska requires a certificate of veterinary inspection and individual identification. The certificate must include that cows and heifers are at least 120 days pregnant with no contact with any known Trich herds. They must also be Brucellosis vaccinated. Acceptable individual identification includes a bangs tag, official metal ear tag or a registration tattoo with a certificate. Addition information about importing cattle into Nebraska can be found at <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health>.

Moving cattle into Colorado will require individual identification with a Brucellosis tag, official metal ear tag or a breed tattoo accompanied with a certificate. The cattle must have a certificate of veterinary inspection with each animal listed and be brucellosis

vaccinated.

Finally, after the corn stalks have run out and the grazing has decreased; don't forget you will have requirements to get your cattle home. To get the cattle back into Kansas you will need a certificate of veterinary inspection with proof of a Brucellosis vaccination and each individual animal ear tag listed.

The new regulations can be challenging to follow if producers do not think ahead. It's important to remember that these regulations will serve to be very valuable if a serious disease outbreak ever occurs. They will allow authorities the ability to quickly trace the disease and stop the spread. They are simply something we have to do to protect our livestock and ourselves. Not following the regulations and not having the proper documentation could result in quarantined animals and fines imposed on the owner.

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu or your local veterinarian with questions or comments.

Till next week - Marty

## Casey's Comments

### Watching our leaders

By Casey McCormick



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Relying on mankind probably won't get you too far.

Watching the way the "leaders" of this county operate sure does not inspire much optimism.

Our forefathers seemed to think of about everything that would keep the experiment of a democratic society moving forward. But the people we have in Washington these days appear bent

on dragging it all down. Selfish nature has replaced concern for others as the only thing that seems to matter is staying in power and providing for themselves.

We used to think that it would be the Russians, Chinese or some other super power that would tear us apart. Clearly, the end of our nation will not come from outside, but rather from within.

The good news is, while things get nuttier and nuttier, there is hope other than from mankind. Thankfully I can believe in a God who is ultimately in control of all things.

Maybe it would help for the politicians to take a lesson from our country's originators and get back to "in God we trust."

## The Gardener

### Making 'fall' soup

By Kay Melia



From sometime in my past, I recall Igor Stravinsky's highly criticized ballet entitled "The Rites of Spring." Somehow and some way, the ballet became the title of an extremely large gathering of people who gathered together in the mountains of western Massachusetts to discuss life in general, and the earth in particular. I've never been there.

However, I have observed "The Rites of Fall," my own creation, for many years now, and it has nothing to do with Igor Stravinsky or Massachusetts. I am sure you can hardly wait for more information!

Each late September or early October, I venture out to the garden and retrieve just about anything that is still edible. It is going to be cleanup time out there very soon now, and I don't want to waste anything. I gather up about five pounds of tomatoes, dig the rest of the potatoes, cut the last head of cabbage, pull a few carrots, and search the spent vines for any other leftovers.

My goal each year is to gather enough vegetables to cook up a big pot of my homegrown goodies and create what I call Compost Soup. The name isn't important, but the

finished product is just about the best tasting stuff that money can't buy!

In the kitchen, I wash about 15 pint jars and locate enough lids and rings to cover the jars. I drop the four or five pounds of (1) tomatoes into boiling water, peel off the skins, and cut them up into a large heavy cooking pot. I wash a couple of pounds of new (2) potatoes, cut them up into small pieces and put them into the pot with the tomatoes. I scrape and cut up several (3) carrots and add them to the mixture. Next, I cut the kernels off a couple of ears of (4) sweet corn purchased from Jerry Nett at the farmer's market, where a nice lady gave me a handful of really nice looking (5) okra. Both were ceremoniously added to the growing pot of fresh vegetables.

I took a big Candy (6) onion out of storage and added it to the mix. I opened a small jar of (7) green beans, and liquid and all went into the pot. Horror of horrors, I bought a small (8) zucchini, as well as some (9) celery and they were both cut up neatly into the pot. Finally, I cut off a generous wedge of (10) cabbage and sliced it in with the rest.

While all this harvesting, cleaning and cutting was going on, a small roast was simmering in the pressure cooker, and was cut into small chunks and added to the soup pot, as well as the drippings. I added a couple of cans of beef broth and a little over a quart of water to the mix, as well as a few shakes of salt and a few grinds of pepper.

The Compost Soup components were now all in place, and was simmered for over two hours to allow the ingredients to cook and mesh their individual flavors. Into the jars it went, and finished in the pressure cooker for no more than 10 minutes at 10 pounds of pressure. I now have 13 jars of Compost Soup, the likes of which the Campbell Company has never seen!

I hate waste! The gathering of the last vegetables, and almost a full day's work, has assured me a few lunches of pure delight. The jars look nice up there on the shelf beside the pickles, the tomatoes, the beets, the corn, the green beans and the sauerkraut.

And so, my "Rites of Fall" is complete, without Stravinsky or western Massachusetts.

**GOD SAYS**  
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
Matthew 11:28

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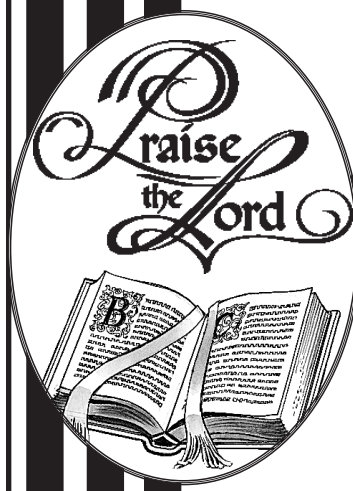


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