

*Legislator looks at work

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The five-year tax plan would reduce the state income tax each year until it zeros out.

The tax plan was the key to the session, Cassidy said, and the Legislature had to come up with about \$200 million in cuts to make it work. The cut to higher education was part of that, but Cassidy said he and a group of other legislators fought to keep community and technical colleges out of that.

Cassidy said he was happy that the Legislature was able to keep charitable deductions from income taxes at 100 percent of their value, and that they were able to expand the Rural Opportunity Zone to include more counties. The tax incentives make those counties attractive to new businesses and employees, he said.

There were other new laws that might affect northwest Kansas, Cassidy said:

- One of the issues on which he gets the most feedback is gun legislation.

"We passed some good gun legislation," he said, "essentially reaffirming to the federal government that they can't mess with us."

The Legislature also passed a law which recognizes the concealed-carry permits of other states, allowing anyone with a permit to carry their weapon in Kansas. Cassidy said there are still some questions that the attorney general's office will need to work out before the change can be fully implemented. He said the differences in concealed carry requirements across the various states are not any danger to Kansans.

- Money was added to the Kansas Highway Patrol and Stockton Prison budgets, though cuts in the corrections department remain a concern.

- The Kansas Department of Transportation, whose budget is often diverted to other departments, largely escaped intact this year.

"They were going to take away

money," Cassidy said. "We fought to get it back. Some of it was still swept out to pay for buses for schools."

- Liquor laws did not change this year, despite a renewed push for allowing hard liquor sale at grocery stores. Cassidy said someday that will happen, and advised small liquor stores to prepare for a change. He said he had asked several liquor stores in Nebraska about their law. The owners said they make as much or more money today, but only after the adjustment period.

- Care for developmentally disabled people will be under KanCare starting Jan. 1. Cassidy said he was wanting to wait another year for KanCare to establish itself, but after meeting with the three managed care companies which run the state's new system, he is confident that any problems that arise can be addressed.

- Also passed this year was a law allowing for drug testing of anyone receiving a government check. Cassidy said this includes everyone from legislators and the governor to those receiving welfare checks.

"The goal was to help the unemployed or those on welfare not to go down a bad path," he said.

- Judicial selection for the Kansas Court of Appeals was changed this year. Appeals judges will be appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, similar to the federal model. Cassidy said he voted in favor of the change, adding that there was discussion of expanding it to include the Kansas Supreme Court, but that was not done this year.

- In education this year was a new program: "Innovative School Districts." Cassidy said 10 school districts will be chosen to participate, which will free them up from a lot of state regulations. Cassidy said it gives administrators more freedom to be creative in how they provide an education. The things they come up with might be shared with other districts.



Shoppers find bargains

TAKING SHELTER (above) from a brief rain during the citywide garage sale Saturday were Carrie Morford (left), Kellie Stanley and Cheryl Sauvage. Kellie Greene, 4, (left) did some shopping of her own at Teresa Diederich's sale. There were lots of good deals around town, such as this modern pitcher (below).

— Herald staff photo by Ramell Taylor



Trooper gives lesson to drivers

Students in the driver's education program at Decatur Community High School got a lesson on drinking and driving from Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol on Friday.

Mr. Hileman, of Hays, is the patrol's public affairs officer for northwest Kansas. He talked to the students about seat-belt laws and the dangers of drunk driving.

He didn't come empty handed. Officer Hileman brought "The Convincer," a crash simulator that lets the students experience a crash at five mph.

Driver's education student Jakobi Blau was among those who volunteered to ride in the simulator.

"It went into a slant and the impact of the crash was kinda scary," she said.

After the students experienced the crash simulator, Officer Hile-



TEACHING STUDENTS about drunk driving, Trooper Tod Hileman (left) set Jakobi Blau to take a ride in "the Convincer," a crash simulator owned by the state Highway Patrol, during a driver's education class at Decatur Community High.

man introduced them to what he calls drunk goggles. The goggles distort things and create the illusion of feeling intoxicated.

Miss Blau said the goggles made her feel like she would fall with

every step she took.

"The best part was trying out all the cool stuff he brought with him," she said, adding that his presentation had been different from the lectures she's used to.

*Water tops list

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4, at the city pool.

Mrs. Williby said all proceeds would be split between the city and the pool committee. She said the club would provide lifeguards. Council members approved the request.

- Charlotte Linsner, executive director for Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, reviewed statistics for the number of domestic violence and sexual assault victims served in the last two years. The council presented her with a check for \$500 for the current year and members said they would consider the group for the 2014 budget.

- Heard that Logan Fortin had completed his fourth year of electric journeyman courses and was approved for a \$1-an-hour pay increase.

- Heard that a meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at The Gateway to discuss where businesses can place the iron benches purchased from a McCook firm. Thirty-five benches were ordered.

- Heard that an engineer from the Kansas Department of Transportation will meet with city officials Monday, July 1, to discuss a grant application to repair pavement at the intersection of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83.

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Guess first load time, win money

The Oberlin Herald's 28th annual Harvest Countdown contest started last week, and there's still plenty of time to enter.

Anyone 18 and older can pick up entry slips at any sponsoring business.

Include your best guess of the day, hour and minute the first load of new-crop wheat will arrive at one of the participating elevators in the county. The grain's moisture needs to be 14 percent or less.

Entry slips can be filled out and dropped in the box provided at any sponsoring business.

The first-place winner will receive \$50 in scrip money, second will get \$35 and third \$15. The scrip may be spent at the sponsoring businesses

only. These include Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Stanley Hardware, Ward Drug Store, Decatur County Title and Abstract, Hansen Mueller, the Decatur Cooperative Association and The Herald.

Winners in the last five years and anyone who has delivered the first load of wheat in that time are ineligible, as are their relatives.

Relatives of the person delivering

the first load and employees of The Herald and their immediate families also are ineligible.

The deadline to sign up is 4 p.m. Friday, June 21, or whenever the first load arrives. The eligible first load can be taken to Hansen Mueller in Oberlin or Cedar Bluffs or to Decatur Co-op elevators in Oberlin, Norcat, Jennings or Kanona.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

Brought to you in part by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism

Secret Garden Tour in Fort Scott
June 15, Fort Scott
Six gardeners open their garden gates. City to the country, antiques to salvaged history. One hour south of KC, 2.5 hours east of Wichita. 9 AM - 4 PM
Tickets: \$8 advanced, \$10 at garden gate
fortscott.com

Washunga Days
June 20-22, Council Grove
Inter-tribal powwow at the Kaw Mission Historic Site. Reenactments, Parade, 5K Run, Arts & Crafts Show, Flea Market, Classic-Car Show and live entertainment.
councilgrove.com

Susan Convention
June 29, Concordia
Are you a Susan? Suzanne? Susie? Then the Susan Convention is for you! Celebrating the name of Susan (or any derivative thereof) with a day full of frivolity and fun activities.
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PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. CT
FOR BETH SEABAUGH & MARGRET VACURA
Doors open at 8 a.m. day of sale.
Location: Gateway, 1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS
Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CT Friday, June 14, 2013

VEHICLES / GUNS WILL SELL AT 1:30 P.M.:

- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria - White, load, 4-door, gray cloth interior, all electric, 4.6 liter engine, like new tires with only 49,320 org. miles always been in garage.

- 1970 Chevy Impala 4-door, 350 engine, automatic, cloth interior, white wall tires, runs and drives, always been in the garage, with 54,126 org. miles

- 1999 Chevy Tracker, 83,645 miles, loaded, air, power steering
- 1990 Honda Shadow, 1100 cc, water cooled, shaft drive, 27,119 miles, 606 miles on new tires, new battery
- J.C. Higgins mod 583.17 12 ga. bolt action shotgun
- Marlin mod 81 22 cal bolt action

Miniature lamps; Krut cutter; Assorted end tables; Metal wash tubs; Hen on nest; Glass fruit jars; 4-cream cans; Wooden keg; Wash boiler; Floor lamps; Luggage; Assorted bedding; Punch tin jelly/pie cabinet; Pat 1904 metal pie cabinet; Metal kitchen cabinet; Monarch refrigerator; 1930's metal kitchen table; Metal kitchen cabinet; Sewing machine table; Royal typewriter; Victor adding machine; Table fans; Floral sofa; 2-crock jugs; 1930's metal floor lamp; Cast iron Dutch oven; 3-burner kerosene stove; Hump back trunk; 1940's radio/record player; Bennington crock cuspidor; Kirby vacuum cleaner; Dirt devil vacuum; Pine wash stand; 2-door metal wardrobe; 1940's rocker; 1921 Decatur county atlas; Lard press; Perfection kerosene stove; Small microwave; Lady Kenmore dish washer; Whirlpool frost free refrigerator; Tappan self cleaning electric stove; 6gal blue band water crock w/lid; 6gal Red Wing crock; 8gal Red Wing crock; 1900's hanging ceiling lights; Jadeite creamer & sugar; Glass radio candy container; Small toy anvil; Maple drop leaf table & chairs; Baldwin double key board organ; Wurlitzer spinet piano & bench; Burnina 1030 sewing machine & cabinet; Brown leather lazy-boy rocker recliner; Queen size sofa sleeper; Lite colored floral sofa; Oak coffee table; Entry table & mirror; Green rocker recliner; Japan luster ware s&p set with mustard dish and tray; Pink Miss America glass ware; White floral sofa; RCA TV with remote; Ruby red glass ware; Book case; 3pc oak bedroom set; Hall tree; Several men and women's golf clubs; Round top trunk; Maytag washer; Whirlpool dish washer; Hotpoint refrigerator; 33 rpm records; Old sheet music; Vita master exercise bike; Christmas decorations; Assorted pictures; Assorted shop and garden equipment; 2-walking cultivators; Aluminum step and extension ladders; 2-air compressors; Bench grinders; Assorted shop hand tools; Snapper self propelled mower; Seed spreaders.

Much more day of sale! Lunch will be served!

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