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## Emails Supply New Evidence of Hillary Clinton Pay-to-Play Scheme, Watchdog Argues

By Jack Crowe  
The Daily Signal

Former Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin used her personal email account to transmit classified documents and coordinate favors for Clinton donors, according to emails obtained Wednesday by the watchdog group Judicial Watch.

Judicial Watch obtained the documents as part of a lawsuit filed after the State Department failed to respond to a March 2015 Freedom of Information Act request.

The newly obtained documents include 91 email exchanges involving Clinton when she was secretary of state that were not turned over to the State Department, the group said.

It said the documents contradict Clinton's claim that, "as far as she knew," she had turned over all of her government emails, sent via a personal



Hillary Clinton (Clinton for America photo)

email account using a private server while she was secretary of state.

The emails reveal multiple instances in which Abedin used her personal account to send and receive classified documents as well as arrange per-

sonal favors for Clinton donors and political allies on behalf of the 2016 Democratic nominee for president, Judicial Watch said.

"Pay to play, classified information mishandling, influence peddling, cover-ups—these

new emails show why the criminal investigation into Hillary Clinton's conduct must be resumed," Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said in a prepared statement.

In one example, Miguel Lausell, a Puerto Rican telecom executive and donor of over \$1 million to the Clinton Library, requested through Clinton Foundation executive Doug Band that a specific candidate be considered for the U.S. ambassadorship to the Dominican Republic.

The following day in April 2009, a Clinton aide passed Lausell's message to the secretary of state's special assistants and instructed them to "make sure there is a response." It remains unclear whether the person in question received the ambassadorship, as the name is redacted.

In a similar example of apparent preferential treatment for Clinton donors, the managing

director of left-wing fundraising organization Democracy Alliance, Kelly Craighead, emailed Abedin asking her to "reach out" to an "extremely loyal supporter" who was awaiting a response regarding an application for a senior position at the State Department.

One year later, in April 2010, Craighead reached out again with a State Department personnel request.

"It would mean a lot to me if you could help or advise on a personnel situation for a dear friend," Craighead said.

Abedin appears to have prioritized the request. "We love [name redacted]. Looking into this asap," she responded.

Fitton criticized President Donald Trump's Justice Department for "slow-walking" the release of information, and said the newly obtained documents merit a new investigation into Clinton's conduct as President Barack Obama's first secretary

of state.

"Justice Department officials are in court repeatedly and regularly defending Clinton's conduct," Fitton told The Daily Caller News Foundation. "The sheer number of instances of influence peddling and pay to play we've reached passes the point of critical mass for something to be done."

"Someone who doesn't feel the need to protect Clinton or Obama could make a clear-eyed decision. You want to reassure people that justice is being administered clearly."

Fitton argued that Trump will need to assume a more active role if the Justice Department is to launch a thorough investigation into Clinton's conduct.

"If [Trump] wants something done, he's gotta do it himself, and I think he knows it," he said.

## Kansas Reading Roadmap Hosts Annual Conference

TOPEKA — Nearly two-thirds of U.S. fourth graders are not proficient readers, according to a national reading assessment data. Fortunately, The Kansas Reading Roadmap (KRR), an initiative focused on improving reading proficiency among Kansas grade school students, is actively working to combat the issue by providing an integrative framework to support Kansas schools and make sure that every child graduates on time and achieves his/her full potential.

This week, KRR held its annual "kick-off conference" in

Wichita. The event began on Wednesday, Aug. 2 and concluded, Aug. 3. The meeting consisted of representatives from all 60 KRR sites in Kansas.

The focus of this year's conference was "Kansas Third Grade Assessments" and maximizing test scores. Some of the key speakers at the annual conference were Executive Director of Kansas Parent Information Resource Center Jane Groff, Boys & Girls Club President Dave Smith and Director of Grade-Level Reading Support Center Campaign for

Grade-Level Reading Ron Fairchild.

KRR was commissioned by Governor Sam Brownback and is funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF). KRR also works in partnership with the Kansas Department of Education (KDOE), 34 local schools and local partners.

Currently, KRR is working in 28 counties, including Allen, Barton, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cloud, Crawford, Dickinson, Elk, Finney, Franklin, Greenwood, Harvey, Jefferson, Labette, Lyon, Marshall, Montgomery, Morris,

Olathe, Osage, Pottawatomie, Reno, Riley, Sedgwick, Stevens, Sumner and Wyandotte.

Also this week, the KRR joined the campaign for Grade-Level Reading (GLR Campaign), a nationwide movement to promote early school success for children from low-income families. This national partnership will further KRR's efforts to ensure Kansas children are receiving the best education possible.

"KRR is excited to be added to the Campaign for Grade-

Level Reading's national network," said Executive Director of KRR Andrew Hysell. "Funding from the Kansas Department for Children and Families has allowed us to create a powerful network of school-based programs that are now being recognized nationally."

Launched in 2010, the GLR Campaign is a collaborative effort of funders, nonprofit partners, business leaders, government agencies, states and communities across the nation to ensure that many more children from low-income families succeed in school and graduate

prepared for college, a career and active citizenship.

Since its launch in 2013, KRR has continuously improved proficiency across the state. Now, membership in the GLR Communities Network will give KRR access to experts and policymakers focused on early literacy, assistance in addressing the challenges that keep many children from learning to read and opportunities to share and learn best practices.

A complete list of GLR communities is available at [gradelevelreading.net/communities](http://gradelevelreading.net/communities).

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## Greater Manhattan Project Community Assessment Available

MANHATTAN, Kan. (Aug. 1, 2017) – The Greater Manhattan Project, which includes partners in both the private and public sector, has embarked upon a long-term strategic community and economic development planning process. The goal is to create a shared vision for the area's future growth and actions to accomplish the cohesive plan.

Market Street Services, Inc., a community and economic development consulting firm based in Atlanta, Ga., is facilitating the creation of the plan. Initial funding was provided by Advantage Manhattan, a private-sector-based economic development initiative that is a program of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. Public sector funding partners include Riley County, City of Manhat-

tan and Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation.

The project has enjoyed broad-based support throughout the Greater Manhattan community, as more than 2,000 public surveys were completed online. Dozens of focus groups and one-on-one interviews will also help to refine a consensus-based vision for the next five years and beyond in the Greater Manhattan area.

This public input and Market Street data analysis is included in the Community Assessment, now available at the project website: GreaterManhattanproject.com. This site also lists 51 steering committee members who will continue to guide the strategic process.

Vern Henricks, President/CEO of the Greater

Manhattan Community Foundation, is one of three chairs for the steering committee. Henricks said the process allows for great input from the business community, and online surveys with focus groups provide added perspective to the study.

"The Greater Manhattan Project has provided a great opportunity to gather a diverse set of business leaders from our community and listen to their thoughts and vision for the future of Manhattan," Henricks said. "The data provides refreshing detail, and we've received candid thoughts from consultants about our Manhattan business process."

Manhattan has numerous strengths it can build upon. According to Market Street CEO J. Mac Holladay, momentum has been generated in a positive

direction.

"This report shows that Greater Manhattan can hold its own against some very strong competition," Holladay said. "Clearly, residents love this place and think it has a lot of potential. The key to the kingdom will be to balance public sector jobs with a strong mix of private employment."

The final report will be delivered in early 2018. Tri-chairs for the committee: Vern Henricks, President/CEO, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation; Dennis Mullin, Chairman, SPS Companies, Inc.; and Linda Morse, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Manhattan. Their participation has been invaluable in facilitating the planning process.

## Kansas schools prepare for major changes in state oversight

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) – The Kansas State Board of Education is set to take the first official step toward enacting sweeping changes in the way the state's public schools are accredited and held accountable.

The 10-member board is expected to receive a set of new regulations Tuesday that represent the first overhaul of an accreditation system that has been in place since 1992, the Lawrence Journal-World reports.

The system, known as Quality Performance and Accreditation, grew out of a movement in the 1970s and 1980s known as outcomes-based education, in which individual schools were held accountable for the results they produced. The new Kansas Education System Accredita-

tion represents a massive change, in part by accrediting whole districts instead of individual schools.

"Since 1992 we've always accredited buildings," said Brad Neuenswander, the state's deputy education commissioner for learning services. "But you can have in a school district buildings that are governor's achievement award winners and others that are 'on improvement.' We just didn't believe in the past that accrediting isolated buildings helped move things forward."

The new system also put districts on a five-year accreditation cycle instead of renewing accreditation every year. And it bases accreditation on a much wider set of criteria than academic test scores by taking into

account such things as each student's social and emotional growth and the level of engagement the districts have with the communities they serve.

Neuenswander said the concepts behind the new system grew out of a statewide listening tour that the state Department of Education and the State Board of Education conducted in 2015. During the tour, officials asked parents, community leaders and local businesses what they expected from their public schools.

"What Kansans clearly told us, we need to put value back on nonacademic skills," he said. "Things like grit, teamwork, resilience, those social-emotional character development skills."

## Lt. Governor's Office makes key staffing additions

TOPEKA – Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer today announced the hiring of two new staff members. Clay Barker will serve as Special Assistant to the Lt. Governor, and Kara Fullmer will serve as Press Secretary to the Lt. Governor.

"Clay has been a tireless advocate for Reagan Conservatism in Kansas, and served his country with distinction in the United States Army. I'm thrilled to bring his experience and expertise to our team," said Dr. Colyer.

Barker served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Republican Party from 2011 until 2017. Barker graduated from West Point as a member of the Dean's List with a degree in economics and history, and served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas, and previously

worked as an attorney in Kansas City.

"Kara has grown a business and raised a family right here in Kansas," said Dr. Colyer. "Her first-hand experience as a businesswoman, a mother, and a journalist make her a tremendous addition to our team."

Fullmer worked in the news industry reporting for WIBW-TV in Topeka from 2003-2005 where her coverage included local and state government. She graduated with honors from Southern Utah University, earning a dual degree in Broadcast and Interpersonal Communications. She has spent the last several years growing a small business in Topeka, and growing her family of four children.

Barker joined the Lt. Governor's Office today, August 7, and Fullmer joined the office full-time on July 31.

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## US in rare bull's-eye for total solar eclipse on August 21

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) -- It will be tough eclipsing this eclipse.

The sun, moon and Earth will line up perfectly in the cosmos on Aug. 21, turning day into night for a few wondrous minutes, its path crossing the U.S. from sea to shining sea for the first time in nearly a century.

Never will a total solar eclipse be so heavily viewed and studied - or celebrated.

"We're going to be looking at this event with unprecedented eyes," promises Alex Young, a solar physicist who is coordinating NASA's education and public outreach.

And the party planning is at full tilt from Oregon to South Carolina.

Eclipse Fests, StarFests, SolarFests, SolFests, Darkening of the SunFests, MoonshadowFests, EclipseCons, Eclipse Encounters and Star Parties are planned along the long but narrow path of totality, where the moon completely blots out the sun.

Vineyards, breweries, museums, parks, universities, stadiums - just about everybody is getting into the act.

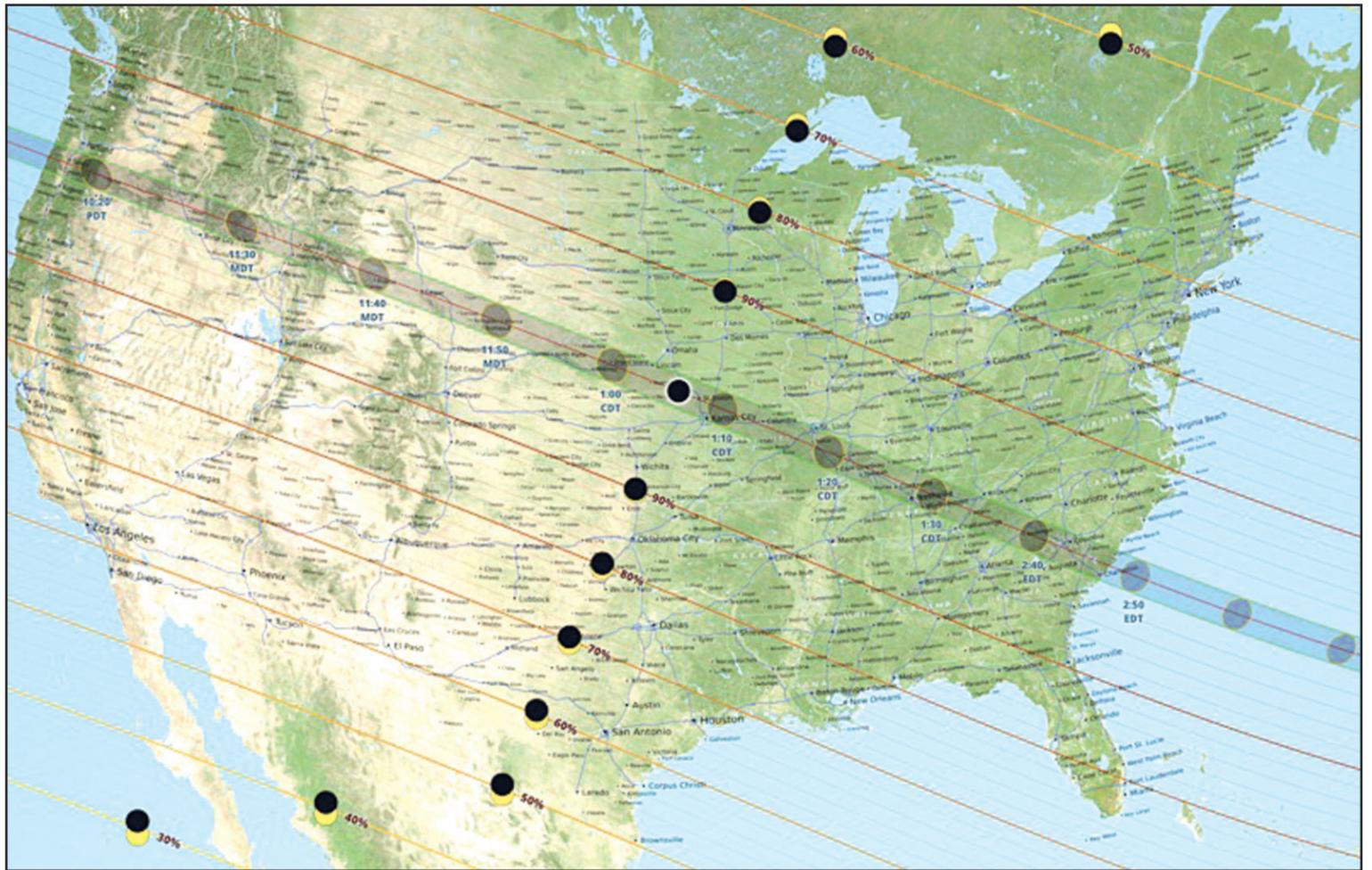
The Astronomical League for amateur astronomers is holing up at Casper, Wyoming. Minor league baseball teams will halt play for "eclipse delays" in Salem, Oregon, and elsewhere. By a cosmic quirk of the calendar, the Little Green Men Days Festival will be in full swing in Kelly, Kentucky, as will the American Atheists' annual convention in North Charleston, South Carolina.

And where better to fill up on eclipse T-shirts and safety glasses - and eclipse burgers - than the Eclipse Kitchen in Makanda, Illinois.

Scientists are also going gaga.

"This is a really amazing chance to just open the public's eyes to wonder," says Montana State University's Angela Des Jardins, a physicist in charge of a NASA eclipse ballooning project. The student-launched, high-altitude balloons will beam back live video of the eclipse along the route.

Satellites and ground telescopes will also aim at the sun and at the moon's shadow cutting a swath some 60 to 70 miles wide (97 to 113 kilometers) across the land. Astronauts



will do the same with cameras aboard the International Space Station. Ships and planes will also catch the action.

"It's going to be hard to beat, frankly," says Thomas Zurbuchen, head of NASA's science mission office.

At the same time, researchers and the just plain curious will watch how animals and plants react as darkness falls. It will resemble twilight and the temperature will drop 10 to 15 degrees.

Expect four hours of pageantry, from the time the sun begins to be eclipsed by the moon near Lincoln City, Oregon, until the time the moon's shadow vanishes near Charleston, South Carolina. NASA will emcee the whole show, via TV and internet from that coastal city.

The total eclipse will last just 1 1/2 hours as the lunar shadow sweeps coast to coast at more than 1,500 mph (2,400 kph) beginning about 1:15 p.m. EDT and ending at 2:49 p.m. EDT. The sun's crown - the normally invisible outer atmosphere known as the corona - will shine forth like a halo.

Sure, full solar eclipses happen every one, two or three years, when the moon positions itself smack dab between the sun and Earth. But these take-your-breath-away eclipses usually occur in the middle of the ocean somewhere, though, or near the sparsely populated top or bottom of the world. In two years, Chile, Argentina and the empty South Pacific will share top billing.

The United States is in the bull's-eye this time.

It will be the first total solar eclipse in 99 years to cross coast-to-coast and the first to pass through any part of the Lower 48 states in 38 years.

NASA's meteor guru, Bill Cooke, was in Washington state for that one in 1979. This time, he's headed to his sister's farm in eastern Tennessee.

"It is the most weird, creepy, awe-inspiring astronomical event you will experience," Cooke says.

No other country but the U.S. will be privy to the path of totality. Originating in the wide open North Pacific and ending in the Atlantic well short of Africa, the path of totality will

cover 8,600 miles (13,800 kilometers) from end to end.

In all, 14 states (two of them barely) and 21 National Park locations and seven national historic trails will be in the path.

Darkness will last just under two minutes in Oregon, gradually expanding to a maximum two minutes and 44 seconds in Shawnee National Forest in southernmost Illinois, almost into Kentucky, then dwindling to 2 1/2 minutes in South Carolina. Staring at the sun with unprotected eyes is always dangerous, except during the few minutes of totality. Even then, most pros recommend eclipse glasses.

With an estimated 200 million people living within a day's drive of the path, huge crowds are expected. Highway officials already are cautioning travelers to be patient and, yes, avoid eclipses in judgment.

The view from the sidelines won't be too shabby, either. A partial eclipse will extend up through Canada and down through Central America and the top of South America. Minneapolis will see 86 percent of the sun covered, Miami sees 82

percent, Montreal gets 66 percent, while Mexico City sees 38 percent.

But who wants to settle for not quite when you can experience the whole eclipsed enchilada?

Not Kevin Van Horn, an astronomy buff from suburban Pittsburgh who will make the 8 1/2-hour drive to Nashville with his wife, Cindy. Nashville is the biggest metropolitan area along the eclipse's main drag.

"It would be like going to the Super Bowl and sitting outside the stadium rather than being inside and watching it," says Van Horn, a total solar eclipse newbie.

By contrast, it will be the 13th total solar eclipse for Rick Fienberg, spokesman for the American Astronomical Society. He's headed to Oregon.

"Going through life without ever experiencing totality," Fienberg declares, "is like going through life without ever falling in love."

To give everyone a shot at the cosmic drama, which falls on a Monday, many schools are canceling classes, while offices plan to take a break or close for

the day. The true beauty of the experience, according to NASA's Young, comes from sharing "arguably the most amazing astronomical event that anyone can see" with millions of others.

Those multitudes are what terrify Jackie Baker, who owns and runs the Eclipse Kitchen with her father in a village of 600 that's tucked into a valley in southernmost Illinois. The 18-seat cafe - which had its grand opening last Aug. 21 - is named for this eclipse and the one coming up in 2024.

The Eclipse Kitchen is in the crosshairs of both.

While it won't span coast to coast, the April 8, 2024 eclipse will still be a doozy, coming up from Mexico into Texas, moving through the Midwest and into Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. Darkness will last four minutes. The world record is just over seven minutes.

Baker expects to sell out of food well before showtime on Aug. 21. Then she'll just enjoy the eclipse.

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## HuffPost Tells Gun Enthusiasts to Move to Kansas

Editorial  
From the Sentinel

The Huffington Post—not the Onion—is encouraging gun enthusiasts to move to Kansas. Kansas, long hemorrhaging residents, could use the extra manpower, but that doesn't seem to be the point of a snark-filled post in the Huffpo.

"If you are what my friends in Fairfax call a 'law-abiding' person, go into a gun shop, buy a

banger, stick some ammo into it and you're ready to defend yourself and everyone against all enemies—foreign, domestic or anything else," Huffpo contributor, Mike Weisser, writes. "And the best news of all is that if you're 21 years old, you can bring your gun into the most dangerous environment where nobody should be walking around unarmed, namely, college campuses because that's where the threats to your safety and the

safety of others can always be found."

Weisser runs through a brief history of recent gun legislation, bemoaning that lawmakers eliminated a requirement that individuals take a class and apply for a license in order to carry a concealed weapon, "as if sitting around in someone's backyard and talking about the last time you shot a squirrel or a skunk constitutes training of any kind."

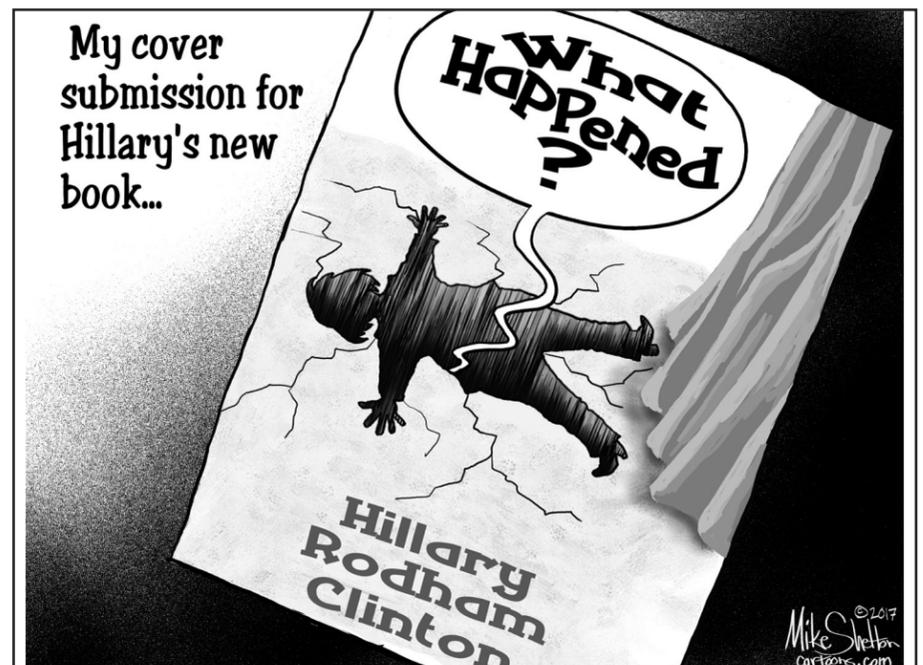
And then he notes gun violence has exploded just across the state line in Missouri. (At least Weisser took a look at the map and made note of where Kansas ends and Missouri begins. The same can't be said of the NAACP and several other media outlets.) Weisser says gun violence increased in Kansas City by 64 percent from 2014 to 2016, and that the city is about to set a new record for annual shootings.

"Of course the number of shootings in KC and throughout the state would probably be much higher if the law-abiding state residents weren't all walking around with their guns," he writes. One suspects that's supposed to be sarcasm, but it's actually the sole part of the scribbling that makes any sense.

There are likely far more gun owners in Johnson County, Kansas City's neighbor on the Kansas side. However, the homicide rate in Johnson County is virtually nil. Snarky Weisser, however, suggests guns represent a threat to public safety.

"And it's not only true of schools and hospitals, it's true of everywhere else," he writes.

The evidence in a city separated by two states and straddling a river suggests otherwise.



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West Virginia	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
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Kansas State	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
TCU	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
Texas	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
Texas Tech	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
Iowa State	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000
Kansas	0 - 0	0 - 0	.000

### Kansas State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Sat, Sept 2	vs Cent Arkansas	6:10 PM
Sat, Sept 9	vs Charlotte	11:00 PM
Sat, Sept 16	@ Vanderbilt	6:30PM ESPNU
Sat, Sept 30	vs Baylor	TBD
Sat, Oct 7	@ Texas	TBD
Sat, Oct 14	vs TCU	TBD
Sat, Oct 21	vs Oklahoma	TBD
Sat, Oct 28	@ Kansas	TBD
Sat, Nov 4	@ Texas Tech	TBD
Sat, Nov 11	vs West Virginia	TBD
Sat, Nov 18	@ Oklahoma State	TBD
Sat, Nov 25	vs Iowa State	TBD

### Kansas Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Sat, Sept 2	vs SE Missouri St	6:00 PM
Sat, Sept 9	vs Cent Michigan	3:00 PM
Sat, Sept 16	@ Ohio	1:00 PM ESPN3
Sat, Sept 23	vs West Virginia	TBD
Sat, Oct 7	vs Texas Tech	TBD
Sat, Oct 14	@ Iowa State	TBD
Sat, Oct 21	@ TCU	TBD
Sat, Oct 28	vs Kansas State	TBD
Sat, Nov 4	vs Baylor	TBD
Sat, Nov 11	@ Texas	6:00 PM L Network
Sat, Nov 18	vs Oklahoma	TBD
Sat, Nov 25	@ Oklahoma State	TBD

## Big 12 Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Thu, Aug 31	Tulsa	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	6:30 p.m.	FS1
Sat, Sep 02	Maryland	Texas	Austin, Texas	11:00 a.m.	FS1
Sat, Sep 02	UTEP	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	2:30 p.m.	FOX
Sat, Sep 02	Eastern Washington	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	3:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 02	SE Missouri State	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	6:00 p.m.	JTV
Sat, Sep 02	Central Arkansas	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	6:00 p.m.	K-StateHD.tv
Sat, Sep 02	Liberty	Baylor	Waco, Texas	6:00 p.m.	FS2
Sat, Sep 02	Northern Iowa	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	7:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
Sat, Sep 02	Jackson State	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sun, Sep 03	Virginia Tech	West Virginia	Landover, Md.	6:30 p.m.	ABC
Fri, Sep 08	Oklahoma State	South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Sep 09	Iowa	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	11:00 a.m.	ESPNor ESPN2
Sat, Sep 09	Charlotte	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	11:00 a.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 09	East Carolina	West Virginia	Morgantown, W. Vir.	11:00 a.m.	FS2
Sat, Sep 09	TCU	Arkansas	Foayetteville, Ark.	2:30 p.m.	CBS
Sat, Sep 09	San Jose State	Texas	Austin, Texas	2:30 p.m.	LHN
Sat, Sep 09	Central Michigan	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	3:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 09	Oklahoma	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	6:30 p.m.	ABC
Sat, Sep 09	UTSA	Baylor	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 16	Oklahoma State	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	11:00 a.m.	ABC/ESPN2
Sat, Sep 16	Iowa State	Akron	Akron, Ohio	11:00 a.m.	CBSSN
Sat, Sep 16	Delaware State	West Virginia	Morgantown, W. Vir.	11:00 a.m.	ROOT
Sat, Sep 16	Baylor	Duke	Durham, N.C.	11:30 a.m.	ACC RSN
Sat, Sep 16	Kansas	Ohio	Athens, Ohio	1:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Sat, Sep 16	SMU	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	2:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Sep 16	Tulane	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	5:00 p.m.	FSN-PPV
Sat, Sep 16	Kansas State	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	6:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Sep 16	Arizona State	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 16	Texas	Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.	7:30 p.m.	FOX

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## The Princeton Review ranks Kansas State University, Manhattan relationship No. 1; university named Top 10 in nine categories



Kansas State University and Manhattan's No. 1 ranking for best town-gown relationship in The Princeton Review's "The Best 382 Colleges" is one of 15 rankings that reinforce the view that the university offers one of the best undergrad experiences.

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University has again been recognized as one of the nation's top undergraduate college experiences.

The Princeton Review ranked Kansas State University No. 1 for great town-gown relations in the 2018 edition of "The Best 382 Colleges." The university was ranked in 15 categories — nine of which are in Top 10. These rankings and

many like them reinforce a view that K-State offers a superior undergraduate experience, according to Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students.

"K-State students continue to enjoy several Top 10 rankings in value and quality, which is why many believe K-State offers the best undergraduate experience in America today," Bosco said.

In addition to the No. 1 town-gown ranking, the university is No. 2 for best athletic facilities, No. 3 for best quality of life, No. 3 for students pack the stadiums, No. 6 for happiest students, No. 6 for students who love their colleges, No. 6 for best health services, No. 7 for best-run colleges, No. 8 for everyone plays intramural sports, No. 16 for best career services and No. 19 for best col-

lege dorms.

"These national rankings reflect decades of quality and value provided by K-State's talented and caring faculty, academic advisers and student life staff," Bosco said. "Supported by a family-like atmosphere, K-State's numerous leadership and volunteer opportunities help students round out their academic career. In addition, the many undergraduate research

programs available give students a competitive advantage in the job market, which is one reason we have a 94 percent job placement rate."

In the last 10 years, the university also has had high rankings in many national and regional publications, including most recently Business Insider, Money Magazine, SmartAsset, College Choice, Association of Public and Land-grant Univer-

sities' economic prosperity designation, Wall Street Journal and Travel + Leisure, as well as many other discipline-specific rankings.

The Princeton Review, an education services company, surveyed more than 137,000 college students to rank schools in 62 categories. The book identifies the Top 20 schools in each category.

## Big rise in number of Justice Department active leak probes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions has pledged to clamp down in government leaks that he said undermine American security, taking an aggressive public stand after being called weak on the matter by President Donald Trump.

The nation's top law enforcement official is citing no current

investigations in which disclosures of information had jeopardized the country, but says the number of criminal leak probes had more than tripled in the early months of the Trump administration.

Justice Department officials are reviewing guidelines put in place to make it difficult for the government to subpoena jour-

nalists about their sources, and aren't ruling out the possibility that a reporter could be prosecuted.

"No one is entitled to surreptitiously fight to advance their battles in the media by revealing sensitive government information," Sessions said Friday in an announcement that followed a series of news reports this

year on the Trump campaign and White House that have relied on classified information. "No government can be effective when its leaders cannot discuss sensitive matters in confidence or talk freely in confidence with foreign leaders."

Media advocacy organizations condemned the announcement, with Bruce Brown, the

executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, saying the decision to review existing guidelines was "deeply troubling."

Meanwhile, a White House adviser raised the possibility of lie detector tests for the small number of people in the West Wing and elsewhere with access to transcripts of Trump's phone calls. The Washington

Post on Thursday published transcripts of his conversations with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway told "Fox & Friends" that "it's easier to figure out who's leaking than the leakers may realize." And might lie detectors be used? She said: "Well, they may, they may not."



**"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."**

— Thomas Jefferson

## The Return To Black Canyon



At the bottom is the Gunnison River it is 164 miles long. The “Black Canyon” is a National Park and very well kept. The Gunnison River is a tributary of the Colorado river.

**By Jon A. Brake**

The return to Colorado’s Black Canyon started more than 60-years ago.

During the 1940’s and 50’s Paul and Ruth Miller would load up their 4 children in their big Hudson and travel the West. This was after harvest and mostly in Colorado.

In the early 50’s, with two children out of the house Paul and Ruth took the two remaining children, Virginia (Virginia Miller Sutton) and Linda (Linda

Miller Roche Brake) and started for southern Colorado. This trip took them several places but Linda still remembers the trip and a special place called “Black Canyon”. Linda remembers “Black Canyon” because the road in was steep and it seemed as if Paul was driving a little fast.

Last week Linda and I went back to “Black Canyon”. It was a beautiful trip.

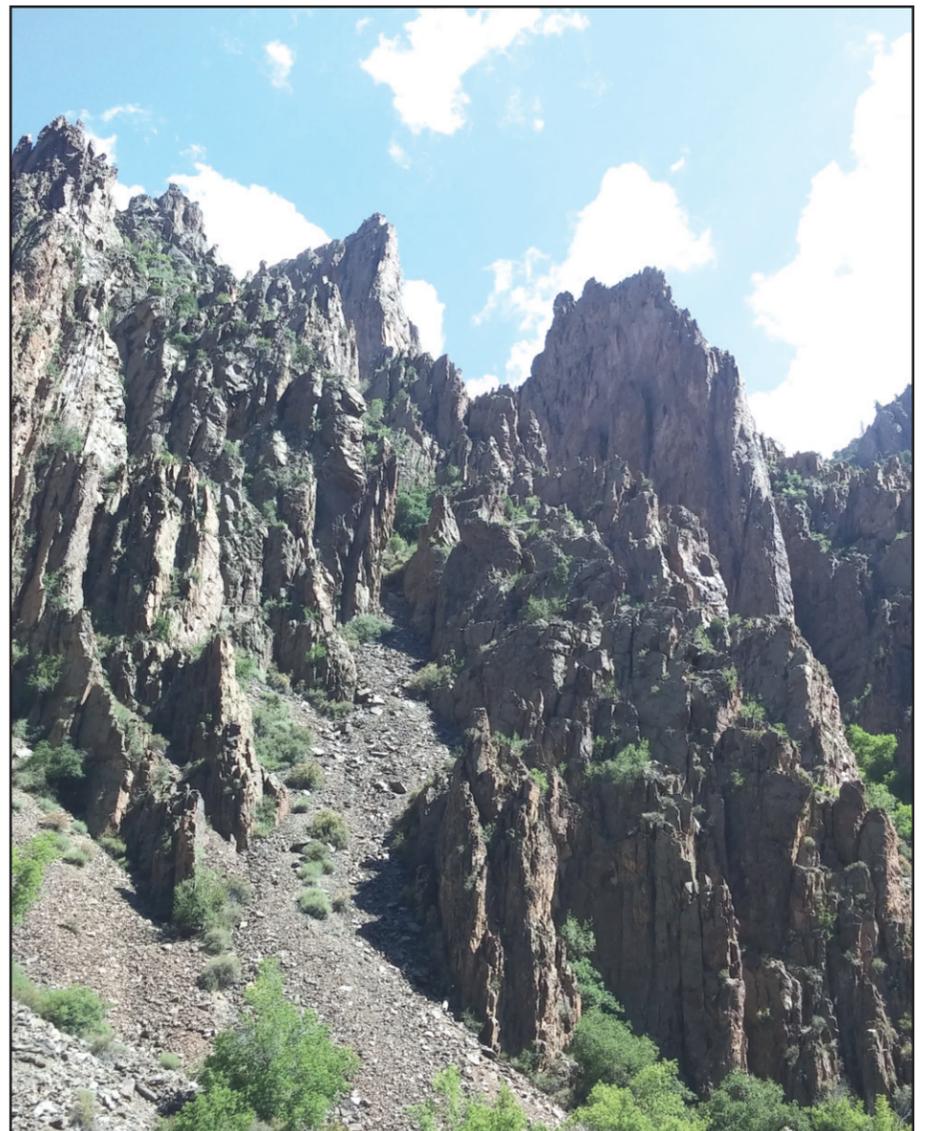
We started out Sunday morning and took I70 west to Dillon,

Colo. (558 miles). Spent the night at a local Motel and took off the next day going South. We drove on Highway 91 through Leadville and down Highway 24 to Buena Vista. (68 miles) It is only 147 miles from Buena Vista to Montrose on a good day. This was not a good day.

You know when you are going thru the mountains signs tell “truckers if you lose your brakes, use the runaway truck ramp? For the last 45 miles



Another look at the Gunnison River and the sides of “Black Canyon”.



The “Black Canyon” walls reach for the sky.

# On The Way To The Past



On the way to Gunnison you can visit Leadville.



In the city of Buena Vista, you can stop (in town) and fish.

down the mountains our brakes were grinding. We did not "ride" the brakes but they still wore down to metal.

We got them fixed the next morning in Montrose. Most of the mountain highways were at a 6% grade up and a 6% grade down. When we got to the "Black Canyon" it was a 16% grade. You know how a rock will pick up speed when thrown off a cliff? Well, a big 2006 Buick SUV will do the same. Was it worth it? Look at the photos, yes, it was worth every mile. Beautiful. I know why Linda wanted to return to Black

Canyon. We had lunch at the bottom, took photos and then returned to Montrose.

It was time to head back, we left Montrose and drove to Delta turned north on Highway 92 for a beautiful drive in the mountains.

When we hit Redstone and driving down the street, all of a sudden, there was a big parking lot full of old cars and trucks. (see page 5)

We stoped to take photos and had to wonder how many collectors would want to drive to Redstone to see if the cars and trucks were for sale. We do not

know because we were only interested in taking the photos. There must have been 35-40 in all. And it was fun just looking at the collection.

We spent the night in Glenwood Springs and took off the next morning for home.

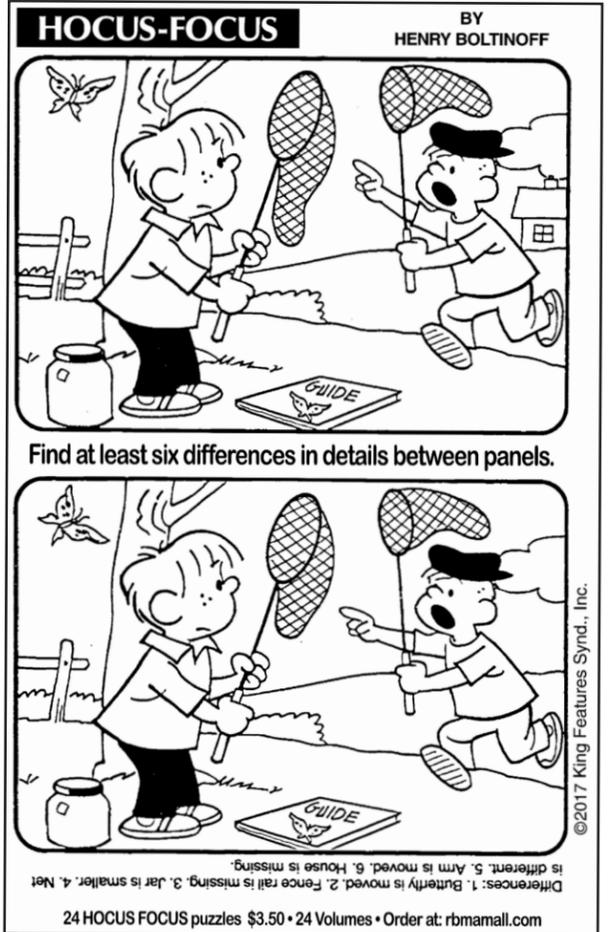
Everyone needs time off and we needed it this year. It has been three years sense our last short vacation.

In all we traveled 1,684 miles in 4 days, yes, that is a lot of time driving, but, going through the mountains makes for an easy drive. Unless your brakes start to grind.



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# Kansas prisons saw staff vacancies increase at end of July

By JOHN HANNA  
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Vacancies among corrections officers increased at Kansas prisons in the final days of July with intensified scrutiny of inmate unrest at one maximum-security lockup and staff shortages throughout the system.

The state Department of Corrections reported Thursday that it had 268 vacancies in positions for uniformed officers in its eight prisons as of Tuesday, up about 13 percent from 236 on July 24. The increase of 32 left the state with a 13.2 percent vacancy rate in those jobs.

The department also saw a

slight increase in vacancies for non-uniformed positions in the same period, to 49 from 47, for a new vacancy rate of 6.2 percent.

The vacancies in uniformed-officer positions increased at six of the eight prisons, including its three largest maximum-security facilities in Lansing, Hutchinson and El Dorado. The El Dorado prison has been the site of multiple inmate disturbances since May and it vacancies in uniformed officer jobs jumped to 84 from 73 on July 24.

“Basically, correctional officers are just very despondent and tired, and they are just giv-

ing up hope,” said Robert Choromanski, executive director of the Kansas Organization of State Employees, the union representing the officers.

The department released the latest vacancy figures to The Associated Press in response to a request and hours before Corrections Secretary Joe Norwood faced questions from lawmakers during a meeting on budget issues.

Norwood told the AP on Wednesday that the department

is having some success in recruiting new employees, despite relatively low pay for corrections officers. He said 16 new officers are being trained for the El Dorado prison.

The El Dorado prison in June began scheduling its employees for four, 12-hour shifts a week and then requiring some of them to work a 16-hour shift on the last day of their work weeks when staffing problems required it. Norwood formally declared a staffing emergency in

response to a union grievance about the long shifts.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Troy Waymaster, a Bunker Hill Republican, said legislators must consider increasing pay for corrections officers, which starts at \$13.95 an hour and is blamed for much of the staffing shortages plaguing state prisons in recent years. One proposal is to increase the pay as much as 20 percent, though that could cost \$20 million a year.

Waymaster also said scrutiny of the prison system's problems also could be hindering efforts to recruit and retain officers.

“When you have the media focusing on a correctional facility such as El Dorado and all these incidents — it seems like almost every day, there seems to be a new incident that pops up — it is going to distract people from wanting at that particular position, not just in El Dorado,” Waymaster said.

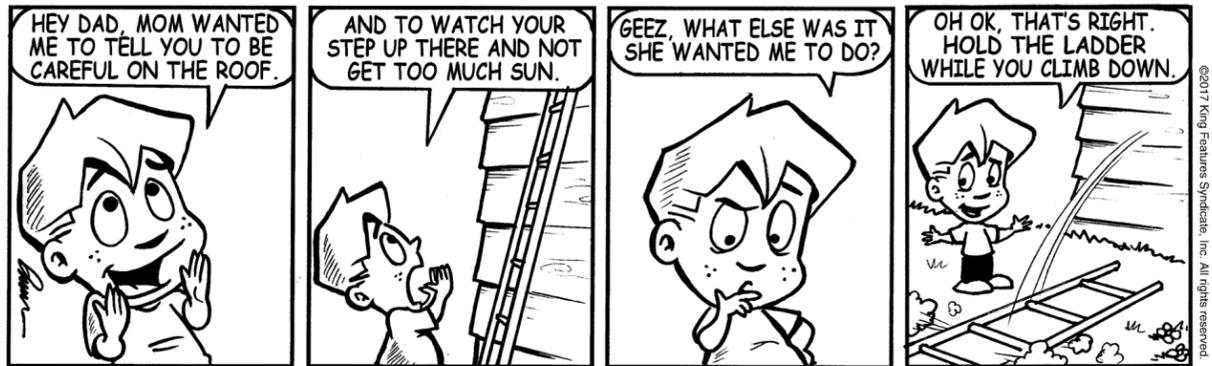
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  - 9 Zodiac feline
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  - 14 Sixth sense, for short
  - 15 Students' excursion
  - 17 Chubby
  - 18 Oklahoma city
  - 19 Ranking
  - 21 Laundry container
  - 24 "I'll — and I'll puff ..."
  - 25 A Gershwin brother
  - 26 Just out
  - 28 Corn
  - 31 Outlet
  - 33 Depressed
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  - 40 Trail behind
  - 41 Bus rider's payment
- DOWN**
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  - 45 Original
  - 47 Modern-day evidence
  - 48 Fib
  - 49 Voles, e.g.
  - 54 Every bit
  - 55 Terrycloth item
  - 56 Illuminated
  - 57 Homer Simpson's neighbor
  - 58 Cubic meter
  - 59 Fond du —, Wis.
  - 10 Birthright
  - 11 Chooses, with "for"
  - 16 Sitter's creation
  - 20 Somewhere out there
  - 21 Bee's home
  - 22 Neighborhood
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  - 27 Existed
  - 29 Ardor
  - 30 Advantage
  - 32 Squad
  - 34 Time waster
  - 37 Conscripts
  - 39 Something wicked?
  - 42 His work inspired "Cats"
  - 44 Beaver's structure
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From our past Issues

## Konza Water District Getting Soaked

August 8, 2007  
Editorial  
By Jon A. Brake

The Riley County Commission runs by the law. Their law! They are rewriting the law books again.

Last week the Commission took up the Konza II Water District and came up with a way of doing business that makes professionals shake their heads.

The Commissioners do not want to pay homeowners for easements across their lands. It started when Commissioner Bob Newsome "suggested" if landowners charge us for the easement then Riley County will charge them the connection fee plus what we paid them for the easement."

It will be hard for Riley County Councilor Clancy Holman to write a County Resolution. Resolutions are laws written by a county commission. Most are written to be fair to all concerned. The Riley County Commissioners are acting like spoiled little kids. "Well, if you don't give us the easement, we are going to charge you more than the others."

The Commissioners also are going to name their own price. Newsome "moved to accept donations of easement, and pay \$5.00 per foot for easement, for those who sell the easement." It is OK for the Commission to state what they will pay \$5 per foot but this is a contract and it requires the approval of two parties, the County and the landowner. Owners do not have to accept the \$5 offer, it is a negotiated figure.

Officials contacted by the Free Press had never seen or been part of a government charging "extra" because someone would not "give" their land away.

Land in the same area can have a different value. The Commissioners may think that everyone should give them the easements because it will improve their land and the value but, that is not the way governments work.

The City of Manhattan just took several business owners to court on Eminent Domain proceedings because wanted their land and the owners did not want to sell. That is the correct way to take property, not by paying for the land and then charging "extra" later.

It is wrong and the Riley County Commission knows it.



Will the Downtown area be completed?

## Investing In Downtown

Editorial  
By Jon A. Brake

At a February 27, 2007 meeting the City Staff told the City Commission: "It is also important to recognize the potential of a TIF B Bond. If this project performs as expected, the TIF B will supply the dollars necessary to accomplish a significant number of public improvements associated with North and South project areas. Again, if the project performs as expected, the STAR, TIF and TDD bonds are retired sufficiently and the North and South private projects will pay for the public improvements within the projected areas. If the project performs as expected, the moral obligation will never be realized and project revenues will full finance the bond structure as proposed."

What are the magic words? "If the project performs as expected." Wonder if the City Staff would like to have those words back? Staff is known for saying something and then taking them back or just never saying them again.

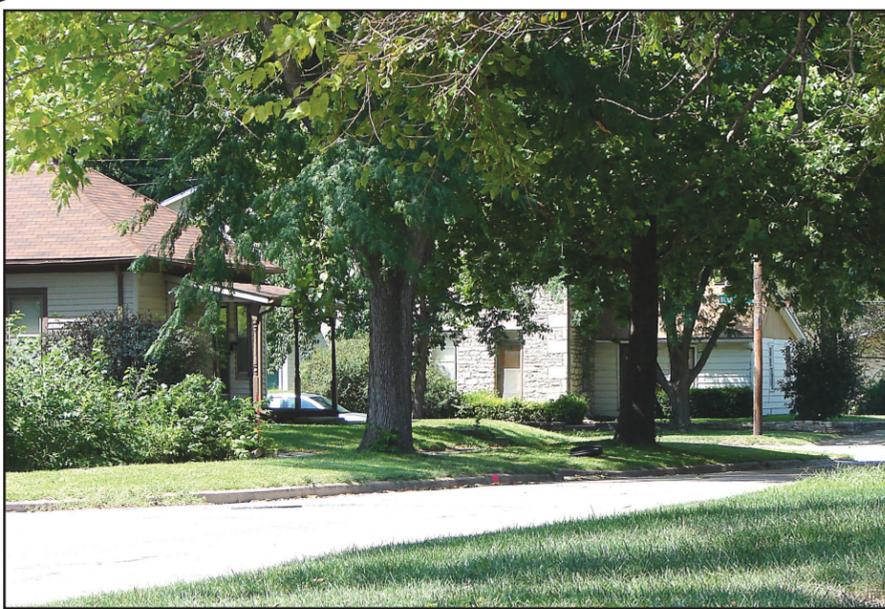
In the beginning the City Staff told the City

Commission and the public that: "The Developer is obligated to contribute \$2,000,000 for acquisition." This was the purchase of the Steel and Pipe land. Last month the Free Press ran the land costs (received from the city) for the North Project and in part the city said: "North Properties Purchased by Dial; Purchased and Bonded by the City, and then listed MBI Steel & Pipe 16 tracts of land."

When the Free Press pointed out to Staff that Dial would no longer be putting any money into the purchase of the North Properties we were told that Dial was being required to pay \$500,000.

After printing the owners of the north properties and the amounts they had received the Free Press received phone calls for owners stating that they had not received that amount of money. The Free Press went back to the City Staff and asked why the figures were different. The answer was: "The City paid Dial Realty a real estate commission on the properties. What? The City paid 3.5 percent commission to Dial to for purchasing the land."

Can the City pay a Real Estate Commission to a person or company that does



Owners of these properties at 4th and Bluemont were told last year they needed to move. Now the City is telling them, "another 6 months."

not hold a valid Real Estate license? We put that question to the Kansas Real Estate Commission: they could not answer the question. The only regulate licensed Real Estate agents. We ask is Dial or the two representatives known here had Real Estate licenses and we were told "no".

We talked to Real Estate Brokers and Attorneys about the commission and no one could give an answer.

Let's see \$11.5 million at 3.5 percent is ....\$345,000.

We do not know that is the amount or not but with the City paying a Real Estate Commission to Dial it looks like Dial will not be paying in \$500,000 as we were told.

Another subject....

The 4th Street project was to go out for bids two months ago, it was put on hold. Two homes were going to be purchased to make the Roundabout larger. Owners were told last year that they needed to move (one did and is now pays rent) because the City

needed the property.

Now the City has told the owners that they need to rent the properties for six months because the City does not have the money to purchase the homes.

Remember what they say about Kansas weather? If you don't like it wait five minutes. The City makes changes to the Downtown Redevelopment Project, about every five minutes.

## Diary of Issac T. Goodnow - 1855

*Transcribed by staff and volunteers of the Riley County Historical Museum from a typescript of the original diary held in the collection of the Kansas State Historical Society. The Goodnow House Historic Site, 2001 Claflin Road Manhattan, Kansas 785-565-5490 is open to the public Saturday and Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and when Riley County Historical Museum staff is available Tuesday through Friday 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.*

### Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow 1855

Sunday, 2/4/55

Br Woodbury has been with us since yesterday. Pleasant time.

Monday, 2/5/55

Spent the time in packing up preparatory to moving to Kansas. Wrote to J. Denison, Rev. C.H. Lovejoy, S.E. Smith, M.A. J—, Br. T.C. Wells, Wakefield, R. I. spent the night here.

Tuesday, 2/6/55

Wrote L.H. Whitney. Francis B. Smith, Phenix, R. I. called to see about Kansas. Continued packing up. Eve attended a meeting of the Sons.

Wednesday, 2/7/55

Wrote J—, & L.H. Whitney, also C. Robinson on Temperance. Had several calls of the students. Called at Br. Allyn's, &c. Getting ready to leave in the morning for Vt. & Ms.

Thursday, 2/8/55

Very stormy— have concluded to remain at home. Wrote some.

Friday, 2/9/55

Still stormy—cars delayed 6 ½ hours by snowdrifts. Set out to go to P—but the cars run by & left me.

Saturday, 2/10/55

Went to P— & did some business & proceeded at 11 ¾ for Woonsocket, found Br Cone on the cars. Went with him to Dr Small's. Called on C. Robinson & B.E. Borden. Dined with Dr. S at Ballou's H—. Evening went to Millville to J.C. Scott's Called at Isaac Wynns & talked about K—

Sunday, 2/11/55

Heard sermon by Br Nason, prayer meeting in the evening. P.M. Saw 3 of my old pupils—a gladsome & yet a melancholy meeting. Some conversation on Kansas. Several are going from this place. B.—h Day!!

Monday, 2/12/55

Visited the school & called on a number of friends—had some effectual conversation on K—. Saw Z—. Went to Worcester & saw E.T. Martin. Met Mr Tabor an old student carrying on a child to burial. Went to Southbridge.

Tuesday, 2/13/55

Stopped the last night at Br Denison's. P.M. Mr Healy

called & took me to his home. Took tea with him. Eve visited with L. Crowell one of my old pupils.

Wednesday, 2/14/55

Left in the stage for Palmer Depot. Saw Mr Morse, an old W. student, also Br Tisdale, an old acquaintance. An emigrant aboard for Wisn. Talked myself tired.

Called on Brs Raymond, Binney, took tea at the B. House spent the night at Br O. Marcy's. Called on Sisters Moody, Leech &c. Pleasant time.

Thursday, 2/15/55

Made calls in Wilbraham & walked most of the way to the Depot & fatigued myself a good deal as I was late. Met Br D. Sherman in Sprd. Dined at Aunt Denison's in Chicopa. Stirred them up for Kansas! Stopped in Northampton.

Friday, 2/16/55

Visited last eve at Rev. Hubbard, & staid over night at Br Marcy's Made him an offer to go to K—to save his life. Went to Greenfield & dined at James Avery's. Called on Hugh M. Thompson. Recd. several letters. Went to Colerain. Stopped at Br Shattuck's who is going to Kansas.

Saturday, 2/17/55

Went up to Br Denison's—all well. P.M. Rode with Truman to T. Shearer to talk on K—. Quite cold.

Sunday, 2/18/55

Went to church in the P.M. Sermon on future punishment by Rev. Mr Langstroff.

Monday, 2/19/55

Went to Whitingham to see Mother—all well as usual. Cold weather still. Spent most off the time visiting.

Tuesday, 2/20/55

Visited at home today. Kansas the all engrossing subject!

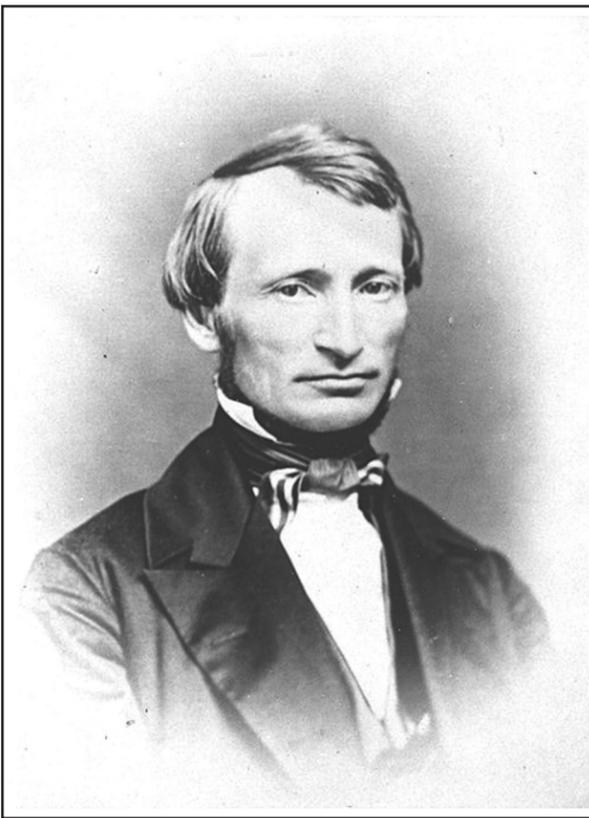
Wednesday, 2/21/55

Lyman carried me to Jacksonville, where I took the stage for Colerain. Found several letters, & replied to 7. expect Joseph & family to night.

Thursday, 2/22/55

Lectured in the M.E. Church on Kansas to a large house. Had an easy time speaking among my old friends. Staid over night with Br. Shattuck.

Friday, 2/23/55



**Isaac Goodnow was an early resident of Manhattan, Kansas, and was a free-state supporter. He was a delegate to the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention and was one of the founders of Bluemont College.**

Left at 6 ¼ A.M. with Br S—fro Greenfield. Called on James Avery, Hugh M. Thompson, & saw George Denison. Rode in the cars to Worcester, saw Eli Thayer & went to B— & stopped at Mr P—

Saturday, 2/24/55

Rode to Boston 3 hours going on the Norfolk road. Met Eli Thayer, Dr. Robinson, E.B. Whitman, C.H. Branscomb, J.M.S. Williams & made arrangements to start with Dr R—for K. March 6th Went home to Greenwich.

Sunday, 2/25/55

Rested at home all day.

Monday, 2/26/55

Went up to Providence & Pawtucket & saw Brs Done & Deane.

Tuesday, 2/27/55

Worked at home.

Wednesday, 2/28/55

Do. Packed up some.

Thursday, 3/1/55

Finished packing. Saw Dr Hunting, & went down to Westerly, sat up till 1 ¼ o'clock at night writing a circular, recalling our departure on account of ice in Missouri.

Friday, 3/2/55

Wrote early & sent out letters & a circular to be printed & sent to 40 persons on Kansas. Feel quite fatigued & am resting.

Saturday, 3/3/55

Bade adieu to sister & friends in Westerly & went to E. Greenwich. Spent the day in closing up my business &c Made several calls in the evening & stopped at Br Allyn's.

Sunday, 3/4/55

Called at my old M. town 2

coln, Revs. C.H. Lovejoy, Newell Trafton & others. Left Boston in the Express Train at 2 ½ O'clock, P.M. for Albany. 20 passengers for Kansas. 8 added at Framingham. 30 at Springfield 8 at Albany 2, Buffalo.

Wednesday, 3/7/55

Arrived in Albany at 2 ½ A.M. Went to the Delaware House. Breakfasted at 7. Found my br. J—at (?) Hall. So he went on with me to Syracuse. Stopped at Buffalo from 8. till 11. P.M. Rode all night, through Dunkirk, Erie, &c.

Thursday, 3/8/55

Arrived at Cleveland in the A.M. & proceeded to Trafton, arriving at Toledo about 2. P.M. & proceeded to White (?) at 7 ½ P.M. Stopped over night with Br. Gill. Called & made more definite arrangements relative to note, due me at Kalamazoo. Esq?

Friday, 3/9/55

At 3 A.M. took the cars again & arrived at Chicago at 8 ¾ A.M. Through the kindness of Mr Darling got my baggage aboard for St. Louis, at 9 ¼ A.M. Lost off my hat at Pontiac, Illinois. Arrived at Alton & took the boat at 11 P.M arrived in St. Louis at 3 ½ next morning.

Saturday, 3/10/55

Left the boat at 4 A.M. & went to bed at 4 ½, arose at 7 ½, took breakfast & made purchases. At 6 ½ P.M. took passage in the steamboat, Kate Swinney with some 120 Emigrants, 93 U.S. troops & 80 horses & a fine band of music for Ft Leav. Went 12 miles.

Tuesday, 3/6/55

A.M. Finished preparations for my departure with Br. Lin-

Sunday, 3/11/55

Lay by most of the day—

foggy. Preaching by Rev. C.H. Lovejoy & N. Trafton. A pleasant Sabbath. Went only (?) miles.

Monday, 3/12/55

We find ourselves at night only 90 miles above the mouth of the River. Slow progress. Are laying by the shore for the night. A strong wind has driven us snugly against the bank, which has caved on to the boat, (?) frightened horses, &c. One jumped overboard but was recovered.

Tuesday, 3/13/55

Meeting of the Kansas Co'y. to pass resolutions &c. On the committee. Wrote several letters. Have had a pleasant day & I trust profitable one.

Wednesday, 3/14/55

Spent the day in writing reading & conversation. We progress slowly but agreeably. Our Company contrives all sorts of ways to busy themselves in discussing various doctrines, & subjects.

Thursday, 3/15/55

Time about as usual; Quite cold. Snowed in the night. We have to feel our way among the snags by sounding (?) Music U.S. Band in the evening.

Friday, 3/16/55

It snowed most of the day. Have kept quiet, excepting the usual routine of writing. Evening, had an unexpected call from my old pupil T.B. Smith who is bound for Kansas. He came aboard while we were (?) from another boat.

## Continued Next Week

### Goodnow House State Historic Site

The Goodnow House, built in 1861, is an important site to the citizens of Kansas. Isaac Goodnow and his wife Ellen were abolitionists who immigrated to Kansas in 1855 to establish Manhattan as a free-state community. Isaac Goodnow was also a founder of what became Kansas State University and was instrumental in developing the Kansas public school system as the first elected Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The site has significant documentation through letters, diaries, and photographs and much of the furniture is original to the house. Many of Goodnow's letters and other information is on the web site [www.territorialkansasonline.org](http://www.territorialkansasonline.org) and on the Kansas State Historical Society web site [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org).

The Goodnow House Museum is located next door to the Riley County Historical Museum at 2301 Claflin Road in Manhattan. The Riley County Historical Society, Riley County, and the Kansas State Historical Society signed a partnership agreement for the operation of Goodnow House in 1996.



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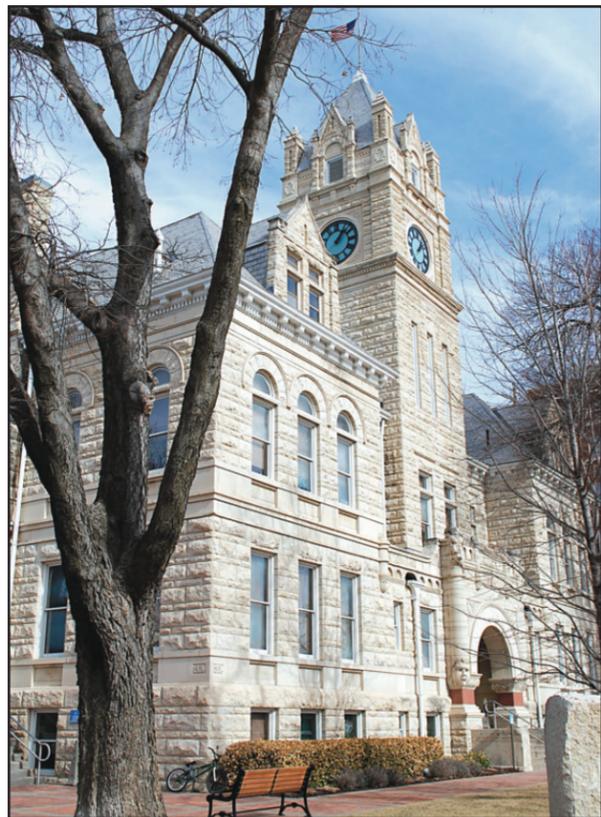


Goodnow Barn and Pump



Goodnow House From South

## County Minutes Are Light On Detail



### Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

The minutes for years did not cost the county extra. They were produced using Word. A new program now costs \$700 per month.

**Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes**  
July 31, 2017  
115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502  
Commission Chambers  
8:30 AM

8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments

Hobson briefed the Board on the Federal Fund Exchange. Hobson said they are dropping the match from 90% to 75% due to lack of funding.

**Business Meeting**

Action on Portable Communication Device Allowance Form(s)

Move to approve the Portable Communication Device Allowance Form.

RESULT: MOVER: SECONDER: AYES: ABSENT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Commissioner Wells, Rodriguez

ABSENT: Wilson

**Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)**

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Kristi Glessner, a new hire, as a WIC Dietitian - Fort Riley, in the Health Department, at a grade O step 2, at \$22.58 per hour.

**Sign Riley County Position Action Form**

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an As Needed Clerical Assistant (@ 1000 hours), in the Clerk-Elections Department, at a grade D.

Review Minutes

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jul 27, 2017 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

7. Tentative Agenda

8. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services<sup>9</sup>. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed the agreement with the City of Manhattan for the Fairmont Heights Sewer Benefit District.

Holeman said he has returned the revised Transition Agreement with Via Christi for the hospital's review.

**10. Pending County Projects County Counselor**

9:30 AM

Press Conference

**11. First Infantry Division centennial exhibit at Manhattan Public Library - Allana Parker (2 minutes)**

Parker said the Riley County Historical Museum will open a temporary exhibit, "The Fighting First: 100 Years of the 1st Infantry Division" at the Manhattan Public Library, 629 Poyntz Avenue, on August 1, 2017. This exhibit features a brief history of the Big Red One which organized following the United States' entry into World War I in 1917, and made its headquarters at Fort Riley during Operation Gyroscope in 1955. This exhibit will run through August 31st and is available for viewing during normal Manhattan Public Library business hours. Admission is free.

Admission is free.

Parker said the Riley County Historical Museum exhibit at the Manhattan Public Library will also promote the upcoming Flint Hills Discovery Center exhibit, "Duty First: 100 Years of the Big Red One," which opens August 26th, 2017 in the Tallgrass Gallery at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. In this exhibit, visitors will learn the stories of five heroic soldiers and their personal chronicles through WWI, WWII, Vietnam, The Gulf Wars, the Kosovo conflict, and the military activity of today. "Duty First: 100 Years of the Big Red One" is a collaborative exhibit produced by Flint Hills Discovery Center staff and the Fort Riley Museums.

**12. Tax Sale Auction - Craig Cox (3-5 minutes)**

Cox reported the Tax Auction will be held August 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Riley County Commission Chambers. Cox stated bidders must be pre-registered. Cox said there are currently 114 properties, with 7 having structures.

**13. Riley County Fair and Kaw Valley Rodeo update - John Jobe and Josh Kinder (5-10 minutes)**

Jobe reported the Fair was very well attended. Jobe said the open class exhibits were up 60 entries over last year. Jobe said there were 24 pie entries.

Jobe said the Fair is still open until 7:00 p.m. today with the carnival remaining open until 10:00 p.m.

Kinder said not all the numbers are in yet, but on Thursday they were pushing 2,000 attendees at the Rodeo. Kinder stated their feedback is the changes to the rodeo were well received.

**14. Public Notice - Leon Hobson (1-2 minutes)**

Hobson said the structure replacement project on Falcon Road is scheduled to begin Monday, August 7th. The project is located approximately 600 feet south of the intersection of Walsburg Road. Falcon Road will be closed to through traffic during construction from Walsburg Road to LK&W Road. The project is expected to be completed August 10th weather permitting.

10:00 AM

Bob Isaac, Planner

**15. Signature on application to initiate the petition process for a Special Use Authorization for the construction and use of a rural fire station (Ogden) (owner: Riley County).**

Isaac presented the application to publish the Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed Special Use Authorization.

Move to sign the application to publish the Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed Special Use Authorization.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

10:05 AM

Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

**16. FY17 Adult & Juvenile Services Year-End**

Williams presented the FY17 & FY18 Adult & Juvenile Services Line-Item Adjustments and YAP MOA Amendment #2.

Move to approve both the FY17 Adult & Juvenile Services Line-Item Adjustments.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

Move to approve the FY17 Adult Services Year-End Outcome Report.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

Move to approve the FY18 Revised Behavioral Health Budget Summary & Budget Narrative.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

Move to approve the YAP MOA Amendment #2.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

10:11 AM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Rodriguez ABSENT: Wilson

## US officially tells UN it wants out of Paris climate deal

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Trump administration on Friday officially told the United Nations that the U.S. intends to pull out of the 2015 Paris climate pact.

But the State Department's announcement doesn't formally start the process of the U.S. getting out of the voluntary agreement. That's still to come.

Still, the department described its communication as a "strong message" to the world, following President Donald Trump's decision in June to leave the accord.

"The State Department is telling that U.N. what the president already told the world on June 1 and it has no legal effect," said Nigel Purvis, who directed U.S. climate diplomacy during the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.

Purvis said countries can't withdraw from new international agreements, including the Paris climate one, until three years after they go into effect. The Paris agreement went into effect on Nov. 4, 2016.

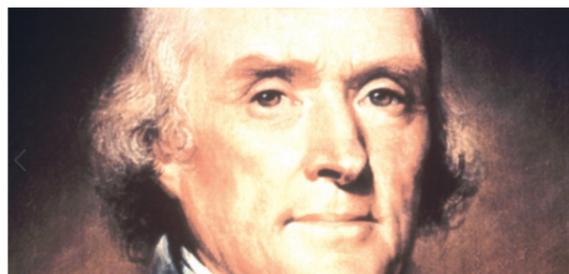
Then the process takes a year.

The State Department cited the same timeline, saying it can officially start withdrawing as soon as November 2019. That means the earliest the U.S. can be out of the climate agreement is Nov. 4, 2020 - the day after the next presidential election.

In a statement, the State Department said the U.S. will continue to participate in international meetings and negotiations on current and future climate change deals. The next meeting is in Bonn, Germany, in November.

Trump is "open to re-engaging in the Paris Agreement if the United States can identify terms that are more favorable to it, its business, its workers, its people and its taxpayers," the department said.

Under the agreement, countries set their own national plans for cutting climate emissions. That means Trump can come up with different targets for the United States than those set by President Barack Obama. But Trump can't unilaterally change the text of the Paris deal.



**I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.**

**Thomas Jefferson**

## Sports Potpourri

By Mac Stevenson

In almost ever preseason football poll, Kansas State has been justifiably ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation. The recent USA Today coaches poll had the Wildcats as the 19th best team and that's encouraging.

K-State had a 9-4 record in 2016 that included winning six of their last seven games and a prestigious win (33-28) in the Texas Bowl against Texas A&M. Coach Bill Snyder returns 18 starters from that ball club, which could have competed with any team in the nation at the end of the season. Snyder also has an astounding 44 lettermen returning from the 2016 team.

Four K-State players made the 2017 preseason All-Big 12

team: FB Winston Dimel (6-1, 235 Jr), RT Dalton Risner (6-5, 300 Jr), DB D.J. Reed (5-9, 188 Jr), and DE Reggie Walker (6-2, 235 So).

Wildcat fans recognize that there's a realistic basis for the sky-high expectations for the upcoming season. Any team that's ranked in the top 25 nationally has the opportunity for bigger and better things. Much depends on avoiding injuries to key players and the overall team attitude.

Coach Snyder was pleased with the summer workouts and said, "During the course of the summer I thought we had a reasonably good response from our players. A lot of what they do is not mandatory so they did a lot of things on their own."

Snyder also recognizes that

his present team cannot rest on past accomplishments. He said, "That is a key element . . . when you have a decent number of returning starters and returning players, the general public will probably say if you have a lot of people coming back then you will have an even better football team. We were pretty decent at the end of the season last year, so there are great expectations. There is nothing wrong, that is great."

"But the key element is you have to do something about it. You just can't be a returning starter or guy that played an awful lot and the same coaches coming back, etc. You have heard me say so many times . . . every season presents new dynamics and each season is different regardless."

Kansas State's offense is loaded: the offensive line re-

turns four starters and the Wildcats are set at quarterback with senior Jesse Ertz. K-State's receiving corps has talent and experience and the running back position is well-stocked with proven players.

Every team that aspires to the highest national ranking possible has at least one player who lives up to the "great" label. That adjective should be used sparingly; nevertheless, K-State has one player who could carry the Wildcats to unprecedented heights this season and that's RB Alex Barnes (6-1, 221 So) from Pittsburg, Ks.

Barnes averaged an astounding 7.9 yards per carry on 56 rushing attempts as a freshman last season; he was limited by late-season injuries. That set a single-season rushing record for running backs during Bill Snyder's era. Any knowledgeable

observer who watched Barnes last season knows he is one of those rare players who has the chance to be extra special.

Snyder's offense is predicated on eating up the clock with a devastating running game that's complemented by an effective passing attack. Alex Barnes has the natural ability to be one of the best running backs in the country; if Barnes fulfills that potential, Kansas State could be the surprise team in the nation.

There's an old adage that perfectly describes the current state of the Kansas City Royals baseball team: "You get what you pay for." KC's recent trade with San Diego that brought three pitchers Ryan Buchter, Trevor Cahill, and Brandon Maurer to the Royals is not going to significantly bolster the mediocre pitching staff.

Owner David Glass put a

stop to any big spending on Kansas City players, past or present. The Royals could have Greg Holland and Wade Davis in their bullpen, but Glass said no to their high salaries.

Mr. Glass has made a lot of money from his franchise since purchasing the Royals and he's entitled to whatever financial strategy he deems best for himself and his family. It might, however, be best for all concerned if he took his profit and sold the franchise to someone who was prepared to invest more liberally in KC's future.

When the dust clears after free agency at the close of this season, the 2018 team's outlook is going to be dire indeed. Successful team ownership is limited to those folks who are super rich; being just a regular old multi-millionaire won't feed the bulldog.

## Welcome boost from China to global pressure on North Korea

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A global pressure campaign on North Korea propelled by sharp new U.N. sanctions received a welcome boost Sunday from China, the North's economic lifeline, as Beijing called on its neighbor to halt its missile and nuclear tests.

The Trump administration cautiously embraced China's

apparent newfound cooperation, while putting it on notice that the U.S. would be watching closely to ensure it didn't ease up on North Korea if and when the world's attention is diverted elsewhere. But there were no signs the U.S. would acquiesce to China's call for a quick return to negotiations.

The diplomatic wrangling

sought to build on the sweeping new North Korea sanctions passed by the U.N. Security Council a day earlier - the strongest in a generation, the U.S. said. As diplomats gathered in the Philippines for an annual regional meeting, President Donald Trump was cheering the move. He cited the "very big financial impact" of

the sanctions and noted optimistically that both China and Russia had joined in the unanimous vote.

"It was a good outcome," U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said in characteristically understated fashion.

For the U.S., it was a long-awaited sign of progress for

Trump's strategy of trying to enlist Beijing's help to squeeze North Korea diplomatically and economically. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, meeting with North Korea's top diplomat during the gathering in Manila, urged the North to "maintain calm" despite the U.N. vote.

"Do not violate the U.N.'s decision or provoke international society's goodwill by conducting missile launching or nuclear tests," Wang said, in an unusually direct admonition.

Tillerson did not meet with North Korea's envoy, Ri Yong

Ho. In fact, on his first day in Manila, Tillerson appeared to go out of his way to avoid crossing paths with Ri.

Though Beijing repeated its call for the United States and North Korea to resume talks, the U.S. said that was still premature, and rejected yet again a Chinese call for the U.S. to freeze joint military exercises with South Korea in exchange for the North halting nuclear development. Pyongyang views the military exercises as rehearsals for an invasion.

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## Cats Preview Upcoming Season at Football Media Day

**KSU Sports Information**  
 MANHATTAN, Kansas - K-State Football's preparation for the 2017 season continued Thursday as Fall Camp entered its fourth day with practice number three on the turf at Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium, but the Wildcats paused for a bit to meet with the media during the team's annual media day event. Head coach Bill Snyder conducted a media day press conference inside the Vanier Family Football Complex, while student-athletes and members of the coaching staff posed for pictures and answered questions on the field.

Selected comments from Snyder's press conference (also streamed live and archived here) are posted below, along with a collection of comments from K-State's coordinators and an assortment of players. The Cats resume Fall Camp and preparation for its Sept. 2 opener against Central Arkansas Friday. The next public event for K-State Football is the annual Fan Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 12 at 5 p.m. For details on the event, please click here.

Limited quantities of season and single game tickets remain for the 2017 season. Ticket availability for the Oklahoma game is down to scattered singles and standing-room only. Wildcat 4 Packs, which include four reserved tickets, are still available for K-State's other six home games and are only \$99 for Central Arkansas and Charlotte, \$149 for Baylor, West Virginia and Iowa State, and \$199 for TCU. Fans can order tickets online at [www.kstatesports.com/tickets](http://www.kstatesports.com/tickets), by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or at the main ticket office inside Bramlage Coliseum.

### K-State Football Media Day Quotes

**Head Coach Bill Snyder**  
*On the team's preparation during the summer...*  
 "During the course of the summer I thought we had a reasonably good response from our players. A lot of what they do, not all of it, but a lot of it is not mandatory so they did a lot of things on their own. I appreciate how the leaders have been responsible and have gotten all of our players to be invested in some of the work they did."

*On Fall Camp...*  
 "We just finished our third practice this morning. We had two practices that have been in shorts and one practice with pads. So we really haven't had the capacity to have major full contact yet, that will come in a

couple of days. Practice has gone well. For the most part we do a lot of individual work and fundamentals, etc., and then we will do group work as well as team work. Our group work and team work is normally what we would call 'good-on-good' meaning our ones against our present ones of that day. So it becomes very competitive and I think our youngsters have responded to that. Sometimes our offense has a good day, sometimes our defense has a good day and sometimes it is back and forth."

*On the team's conditioning at this point of camp...*

"I have been reasonably impressed with the conditioning, the vast majority of our players came back well conditioned."

*On how the team does not take things for granted...*

"That is a key element. When you have a decent number of returning starters and returning players, the general public will probably say if you have a lot of people coming back then you will have an even better football team. We were pretty decent at the end of the season last year, so there is great expectations. There is nothing wrong with that, that is great. The key element is you have to do something about it. You just can't be a returning starter or guy that played an awful lot and the same coaches coming back, etc. You have heard me say so many times every season presents new dynamics. Each season is different regardless."

*On the mild weather at camp thus far...*

"It has not been unseasonably hot at all, so weather has really played in their favor."

*On having so many returners on offense...*

"The experience is beneficial to them because when they take advantage of the experience they have had, and if they have learned, now they feel more comfortable. If they understand schemes offensively and defenses better, then they can probably react quicker. They probably get in and out of assignments a lot faster and it probably makes them quicker on the field."

*On Trent Tanking's role with the linebackers...*

"Trent Tanking has taken over the leadership of the linebackers and has become a firm leader with our entire defense. He has done well. He has had a good summer and has done well in the three practice days we



K-State quarterback Jesse Ertz talks with reporters on the field.

have had so far. I think he has really stepped forward."

### Associate Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator Sean Snyder

*On dealing with Bill Snyder's health issues...*

"As far as the work side goes, we have a lot of veteran coaches here, so really we were able to move forward and pick up where things needed to be. We also kept dad informed on what was going on. On the family side, a lot of concern and worry. I know he is tough. I know he is going to fight it. I know he is going to beat it. Since he has been giving a clean bill of health, he has made it to every practice and meeting. As a matter of fact, he is probably wearing us down more than he is wearing himself down. I think right now he is doing great."

*On returning so many pieces of special team...*

"It is great. Obviously, I have not been able to work with them during the summer, but what they have done with the program with Coach (Chris) Dawson and the strength program which is phenomenal. They have gained strength and gained speed. Our core guys have done a great job during the summer, getting their craft perfected. We always have a long way to go, but we are working towards it. I think the summer went well for them."

*On building off last year's bowl win...*

"A win really promotes a

positive energy going into the offseason, which you start off a little higher on the ladder and you have a chance to advance higher on the ladder. Through offseason to summer, when you end on such a great positive note, you are able to move forward faster. At the end of the day, I think the jump you get from a win is a real positive. Now, it does not win any games for this season. We have to go out and do our job. Players have to play and we have to do a good job coaching, and if things go right and the ball bounces the right way, we will have a pretty good season."

### Offensive Coordinator Dana Dimel

*On the explosiveness of the offense...*

"We do not want to make predictions. We are just excited to have a lot of guys back that are good players that are more experienced in the system that have worked very hard. All these guys do their stuff the right way off the field, so they are fun guys to work with. I love working with these guys, and, obviously, there is some talent there as well."

*On running back Alex Barnes...*

"When he gets his touches, he does a very good job with it. He will obviously get a chance to showcase what he can this year for sure. We also have some other backs. Justin Silmon ran very well last year when he got his opportunities and did really well toward the end of the season when Alex was hurt.

Dalvin (Warmack) has had a great fall camp and is really coming into his own too, so there are some choices for us back there."

*On the cohesion of the offensive line...*

"Having those guys back since we do so much is so important to us. Having quarterback and offensive line back are the two groups that, because of the all the concepts and schemes, that having experience is so important to us."

### Defensive Coordinator Tom Hayes

*On D.J. Reed's leadership...*

"He's been elected captain on defense, and anytime you are elected captain it is a great responsibility. In other words, you are kind of between the players and the coaches and that is the way it has always been. He is capable of doing that, he has a single purpose in mind and is very focused. He works his tail off on the field and is not afraid to say something to someone that is not. That is a good sign of a leader."

*On the linebacker position...*

"Trent (Tanking) is a captain along with D.J. Reed and is doing a nice job. Jayd Kirby is doing some nice things. Sam Sizelove is in that hunt as well. There is several guys competing. We do not necessarily play lot of linebackers because of the all the spread offenses we play. We expect a lot out of those guys. They have to do a lot of things, make a lot of calls and checks, and I think all these

guys are capable of doing it."

*On building off last year's defensive success...*

"I told the players that a great standard was set last year. A lot of these guys in the room right now that are still with us are a big part of that. They should have a quick memory to draw on. As long as they keep working, having daily improvement, stay together, play together, we will find replacements for those five or six guys we lost, but that is just the landscape of college football. It is our job as coaches to identify them and certainly the players' job to go earn them and that is what they are doing."

### Junior Fullback Winston Dimel

*On offensive versatility...*

"We try to do what we have always done here at Kansas State. We try to control the ball, control the clock and play hard-nosed football. We try to be a balanced team as well. A lot of people say that we are run-heavy, but we like to consider ourselves a balanced team. It helps us in this league. Most defenses do not match us each week."

*On K-State quarterback Jesse Ertz...*

"That dude works harder than anybody I know and gives everything to this game. He is up here watching film all the time. Just everything that a champion does, he does. To have him as my quarterback, I could not ask for anything else."

### Sophomore Running Back Alex Barnes

*On where the offense ranks in the Big 12...*

"We are up there for sure. We have a lot of guys coming back and I think the passing game is going to be good. This is going to be a fun year."

*On depth of skill position talent...*

"I think we have a ton of talent, especially with the guys coming back from last year. Last year, we knew we had the talent but we did not have the experience. Now everyone has that experience and has gotten their feet wet in the Big 12."

*On where the offense will improve the most this season...*

"In the passing game. Jesse (Ertz) and the receivers have been getting a bunch of extra film work and running extra routes after practice. It is going to special. There are some really good connections going on with Jesse and the receivers."

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