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Yes, it has been cold out, but you can not tell by the way construction workers have been going on the new Olive Garden at Third and Bluemont in the North Downtown Redevelopment area. Plans are to open sometime in April. (Free Press Photo by Sara Shuster)

## Pawnee Mental Health Services Cuts 34 Positions

Thirty-four positions were eliminated from Pawnee Mental Health Services' budget on January 1 after the Pawnee Board of Directors on December 15 approved a mid-year budget reduction of \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. This represents a work force reduction of 15%. These lay-offs follow a \$250,000 mid-year budget reduction and the elimination of 31 positions in early 2009.

These cuts are a direct response to state funding cuts to the community mental health centers, a 10% cut in Medicaid reimbursement rates and cuts in eligibility for MediKan as announced by Governor Mark Parkinson on November 23, 2009.

Sixteen vacant positions were eliminated from Pawnee's budget. Eighteen employees were laid off. Eight employees had their hours reduced or were reclassified to lower paid positions. Of these employees, 27 worked directly with mental health clients and 15 were in management or support positions. Twenty-one additional employees experienced adjustments in their job duties to accommodate for the organizational changes.

"Laying off staff is an excruciating process," says Robbin Cole, Executive Director. "It was especially difficult this year as there were significant changes made in the organizational structure itself and the positions of several long term employees were eliminated."

The state started reducing its grant funding of the Kansas community mental health system on July 1, 2007 when it cut \$9.1 million out of its \$31 million grant budget. Since that

time, state grant funding has been reduced by a total of over \$20 million (65%). Over the next year, the 10% cut in the Medicaid reimbursement rate is estimated to total more than \$19.1 million to the community mental health system. MediKan cuts are estimated to total more than \$3.1 million (46%) for the same time period. The Community Support Medication Fund is being cut by \$560,000 (53%).

Since July 1, 2007 Pawnee Mental Health Services has seen its state grant funding drop by 40% from over \$3.1 million annually to less than \$1.9 million annually. Pawnee's annual budget in 2009 was just a little over \$13 million. Based on Medicaid billing activity for the time period January-June 2009, Pawnee estimates it will lose over \$366,000 in Medicaid reimbursements for the same time period in 2010. Additional losses faced by Pawnee and other health care providers include a 2% cut in Medicare reimbursement rates each year for the next four years.

"It is a shame," says Cole, "that at a time when many members of our community need mental health support more than ever, the resources to assist them are becoming increasingly scarce." Cole says that mental health needs in communities do not go away just because public policy changes. "At the end of the day, we'll all spend more responding to the mental health needs of our community when the costs of untreated mental illness are passed on to other more restrictive settings such as our hospitals, courts and jails."

## Manhattan Offers Outdoor Wonders

Manhattan is a great place to get outdoors. The region surrounding Manhattan has long attracted nature enthusiasts who appreciate the many opportunities to hunt, fish, camp, hike, or just enjoy nature.

As proof of Manhattan's natural appeal, two local outdoor attractions have been honored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation as finalists for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography Award. The Foundation announced that Pillsbury Crossing and the public hiking trails at the Konza Prairie Biological Station are among 24 finalists for the honor. Now, the public votes for eight of the finalists to be selected as the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography.

The Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau encourages everyone to visit the Kansas Sampler Foundation Web site at [www.8wonders.org](http://www.8wonders.org) and vote for Pillsbury Crossing and the Konza trails. Voters can mark an online ballot as well as pick up a paper ballot at the Manhattan CVB office at 501 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, and make their selection.

Pillsbury Crossing, located seven miles south of Manhattan near Deep Creek Road and Pillsbury Crossing Road, is an historic site that has long attracted visitors. The site features a 60-foot wide and five-foot high

waterfall and a flat, natural limestone shelf that permits easy passage across Deep Creek. Named for Josiah Pillsbury who settled in the area in 1855, the site now is part of a 59-acre wildlife area managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Visitors can hike along trails around the crossing, wade across the creek in ankle-deep water, canoe upstream of the crossing, or climb the hills around the waterfall to enjoy a spectacular view of the Flint Hills.

The second award nomination includes six miles of hiking trails at Konza Prairie, located six miles south of Manhattan along McDowell Creek Road. The trails are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk, offering hikers a choice of three different loops for hikes of two, four, or six miles. The May, 2009 edition of Backpacker magazine included the Konza trails in an article describing the top 100 day hikes in America. Konza Prairie Biological Station is a research park owned by the Nature Conservancy and K-State University and managed by the K-State Department of Biology. The trails offer the hiker an up-close look at the tallgrass prairie and the forested area of Kings Creek, as well as several scenic overlooks over vast tracts of the Kansas Flint Hills.

This geography contest is looking

## Blue River Bridge To Close For Five Months

Monday, a repair project started on the Big Blue River Bridge located on Dyer Road spanning the Pottawatomie/Riley County line. The Big Blue River Bridge is located two miles north of the city of Manhattan. The bridge will close completely for approximately five months so repairs can be completed on the bridge deck.

Crews will completely replace the bridge deck. Project work will include removing the entire concrete deck and concrete corral rail from the steel girders, cleaning and priming tops of girders, welding on additional shear studs to the top of the girders, pouring a new lightweight concrete deck, and sealing the deck with a polymer concrete overlay. Work will take place during daylight hours.

### Spanning the Blue River on the Pottawatomie/Riley County line

The Big Blue River Bridge will close to all traffic on Monday, January 11, and will remain closed throughout the duration of the project. Drivers will need to use alternate routes during the duration of the project. Suggested alternate route is K-13 across Tuttle Creek Dam and/or US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard.

Bridges, Inc. (Newton, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project for a total contract cost of \$462,558. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is early June

2010. This is a Pottawatomie County project, which is being funded in part by Pottawatomie County and Riley County, and with federal funds from the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) that will be administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through project work zones. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353.

# Obituaries

## Wonda Coder

Wanda Lou Coder, age 83, of Manhattan, Kansas died Friday, January 8, 2010, at the Magnolia Village Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

She was born on August 11, 1926, in Wamego, Kansas, the daughter of Gilbert R. and Selma R. (Birk) Banks. Wanda was raised in the Wamego area where she attended school at the Cottonwood country school and was a 1943 graduate of Wamego Rural High School. While in high school she was quite active with numerous school activities including Pep Club and band and took up playing the accordion.

Following her high school graduation she went to secretarial school at Business Solutions in Topeka. She then went to work as a secretary for then Governor Alf Landon.

On March 8, 1946, in Wamego, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Andrew Wm. Coder. They made their home in Manhattan where Wanda became a homemaker and worked as a secretary in the Kansas State University Department of Education. In 1960 she applied for a part time job at the Riley County Clerk's office which eventually led to her being appointed County Clerk in 1968. She ran unopposed on the ballot for the county clerk's position

## Aaron Barkey

Aaron Paul Barkey, age 38, died January 5, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Manhattan, Kansas. Aaron had Cerebral Palsy, and had spent his life in a wheelchair, having never taken a step, walked into the arms of the Lord that he loved.

Aaron was born, August 29, 1971, at Englewood, Colorado, the son of Paul E. and Janet (Bryant) Barkey. He lived at Kiowa, and Fort Collins, Colorado and then lived at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Lewis, Washington, Denver, Colorado, Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Fort Richardson, Alaska, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and then Manhattan near Fort Riley, Kansas, all installations where his father ministered to soldiers as a chaplain. Aaron was a special education student in all those locations, and was a very proud member of the class of 1993 from Manhattan High School.

Aaron had served as a volunteer at Stoneybrook, Meadowlark Hills, as well as the Town Center Mall. For the last number or years he had been the top money raiser as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army with the red kettle at Hobby Lobby. He was also a member of the Manhattan Special Olympics Sports team, winning medals in bowling and track and field at regionals as well as state. He loved all sports, and assisted the sports trainer at Manhattan High with the football team, and with the swimming teams. Equipment was adapted so that he could ski in Colorado and Alaska. Aaron was also active in Cub Scouts and Webelos. He hiked, hunted and fished with his family in

through six elections, retiring on January 1, 1989.

Her role in public service stretched beyond the boundaries of Riley County. She was elected to numerous positions including the presidencies of the Northeast Kansas Officials Council, the Kansas County Clerks Association, the Kansas Officials Council, and the Kansas Association of Counties. She also was a member of BPW, the Pilot Club, Club LTD dance club, the League of Women Voters, Republican Women and the Blue Valley Memorial United Methodist Church where she was active with the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed playing golf at the Manhattan Country Club and was a former league bowler. Following her retirement she enjoyed working part time with the Kansas State Ticket Office, being active on the Walnut Woods Home Owners Association and traveling. She and her husband toured Alaska by car for two months with friends and enjoyed taking numerous cruises, traveling to all 50 states and taking bus trips. Most of all Wanda enjoyed time spent with her friends, having coffee with the Riley County Retirees and spending time with her loving family.

Mrs. Coder was preceded in death by her husband on February 22, 2000. She was also preceded in death by one son: Larry Coder

Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska, North Carolina and Kansas. Among his favorite memories were sled dog rides in Alaska and camping in Colorado, Wyoming and Alaska. Along with his father he completed the Denver Marathon, the Garden of the Gods Ten Mile Race and numerous other races, most of them to raise money for charities. He also participated in Olympic and Special Olympics Torch Relays. A highlight of recent years for Aaron was showing dairy cattle at the Kansas State Fair with his family. Aaron also participated in the horse riding therapy program at Hope Ranch near Manhattan and water therapy at the YMCA in Junction City and the YWCA in Topeka.

Aaron's favorite activity each week was going to church, either at Ashland Community Church or Grace Baptist Church. He loved telling people about his baptism, and participating in spiritual events like men's retreats and Promise Keepers rallies. The first question he would ask most people was, "Where do you go to church?" He approached and trusted every one as a friend. Each day was a challenge and often filled with painful experiences, but it never deterred his love for life and people.

His life and family were enriched by all of the people who were hired to assist with Aaron's care. Most of his workers were young people who are now doctors, nurses, therapists, special education teachers, and just all around better people for having worked with Aaron. Somehow he had a gift for bringing the best out of people. He touched so many lives because of being a living example of God's grace in the midst of adversity.

in July of 2005, by one daughter, Cheryl Coder who died in infancy in 1948, by her brother: Donald Banks and by one sister: Mildred Rash.

She is survived by two daughters: Jane Miller and her husband Dan of Amherst, Massachusetts, LeAnne Coder of Bowling Green, Kentucky, one sister: Margaret "Peggy" Heine and her husband Ray of Alma, Kansas and her daughter-in-law: Maria Coder of Morristown, New Jersey. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Brian Coder, Kimberly Knight, Erin McFarland, Stacey Gruener, Andrew Coder, Adriana Coder and Thomas Coder and three great grandchildren: Lexi and Ethan McFarland and Andrew Knight.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverends Neil and Bridget Gately officiating. Interment will follow in the Wamego City Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Aaron was preceded in death by his grandparents Cline and Ruth Barkey. He is survived by his parents Paul and Jan Barkey of Manhattan, grandparents Clarence and Lois Bryant of Scott City, Kansas. He is also survived by five aunts and uncles; Dan and Sharon Canterbury of Berthoud, Colorado, Phil and Karen Bryant of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dave and Marge Barkey of Loveland, Colorado, Dick and Margie Barkey of Fort Lupton, Colorado, Stan and Stephanie Barkey of Cupertino, California and a host of cousins. Nothing gave him more pleasure than participating in gatherings of his relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Flack officiating. Interment will follow in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Riley.

Aaron's family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at .

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502

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## Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural: Ron Hirst - Community Development Academy

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

A special community meeting was held in western Reno County. People wondered how many folks would attend. Someone said, "You'll have twenty there, maybe ten." So, it was quite exciting when 86 people showed up. That was the beginning of a western Reno County community partnership, which would probably not have happened without something called the Community Development Academy. The Community Development Academy is an opportunity for teams of community members, such as those in Reno County, to come together and learn about processes to benefit their communities. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Ron Hirst is one of those who participated in the Community Development Academy, and is a strong believer in its benefits.

He is an economic development specialist with the Quest Center in Hutchinson. He is also a long-time Reno County farmer and businessman, plus recently served as Mayor of South Hutchinson.

A few years ago, Ron participated in a public affairs facilitation workshop put on by K-State's Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy. He learned about a Community Development Academy to be held in 2008 in Newton. This academy was for teams of people from communities in the region, so Ron started checking around to see who was interested. He helped put together a team of people from Reno County who participated in the academy. It was a resounding success.

"I wish every small town would have a representative or two at this workshop," he said.

The Community Development Academy is a series of workshops designed to provide community leaders the assessment and strategic



Ron Wilson

planning information necessary to devise participatory community development plans and strategies. The academy is put on by a group of partners including K-State, the Kansas Department of Commerce, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, with grant support from USDA Rural Development.

The interactive four-day workshops are spread out over a three-week period. Topics include concepts of community development, community capital assessment, leadership, action planning, visioning, assessment, housing, strategic planning, and more. The program concludes with a resource fair of funding sources, so participants can get directly acquainted with funders who can help make those community plans become reality.

Academy participants receive extensive information, resources, and training on skills to help communities. The goal of the academy is to empower community leaders through increased knowledge, leadership skills, recharged spirits and inspired community action.

Ron Hirst feels the academy has been extremely beneficial. The Reno County team included people from the city of Hutchinson, plus rural outlying towns such as Pretty Prairie, population 610, and Partridge, population 259. Now, that's rural.

Ron said, "Our homework got us working together, plus we got a lot of good ideas from listening to what the other community teams presented."

One outcome was a partnership with K-State Research and Extension in creating Fairfield Area Partners, a joint initiative for the communities in western Reno County. That was the initial community meeting which I referenced at the beginning. Not only did this partnership come about through the academy, its initial meetings utilized some of the community development processes that were taught at the academy.

Ron said, "Another thing that was very useful was learning about PRIDE and the other resources that are available. I wish two or three people from every city council would go through this training. Anybody that attends will be ready to go back and do something good."

Additional academies are being planned in southeast, northwest, and northeast Kansas. In addition to the community workshops, there will be a parallel Community Coaching Academy for individuals such as Extension agents or economic development professionals to receive training in community coaching.

Communities are encouraged to participate. For more information, go to [www.ksu.edu/-cecd/cda](http://www.ksu.edu/-cecd/cda).

It's time to leave this Reno County meeting, which was brought about in part through the work of the Community Development Academy. We salute Ron Hirst and all those involved in Reno County for making a difference by learning these processes and applying them back home to improve their communities. And there's more. What exactly is a Quest Center? We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile column.

## Dana Peterson to Lead NAWG

After almost nine years working on behalf of Kansas wheat producers as producer policy specialist for the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and Kansas Wheat Commission, Dana Peterson will leave her position and follow a new adventure within the wheat industry. Peterson will become the chief executive officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers on Jan. 20; her departure is effective January 15.

"I am thrilled to be going to NAWG after a fantastic run at Kansas Wheat, where I learned more than I could have imagined about wheat farming and wheat farmers," Peterson said. "I am cognizant of the realities of the wheat industry and looking forward to getting in the weeds, literally and figuratively, to tackle the issues facing our crop. Wheat is a big part of my life, and I am dedicated to seeing this industry succeed."

Peterson accepted the position this week after an extensive search process undertaken by a committee including NAWG's officer corps and three leaders

from NAWG's affiliated state associations. The final staffing decision was recommended by the executive Board, made up of NAWG's officers and producers representing NAWG's member-states.

Peterson's tenure at Kansas Wheat began in June of 2001 as policy and membership specialist. She has managed federal and state grants for producer risk management education, and was involved in the push to increase research funding and give wheat producers access to biotechnology. Peterson also assisted in the budgeting process for a recent \$4 million award from the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

"Dana has been an excellent asset for Kansas Wheat over the past nine years," says Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer of Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission. "We will miss her leadership and passion for wheat grower's advocacy at the state level, but are very excited to gain her leadership at the National level."

A Smith Center native,

Peterson was raised on a farm where her family produces wheat, grain sorghum and cattle. Their homestead has been a family farm since 1871; two of her four brothers are now seventh-generation producers.

"Dana's extensive knowledge of current issues facing wheat producers will be a great asset to our national organization as it represents the interests of our nation's wheat growers," says Paul Penner, president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and a farmer from Hillsboro. "Her background in agriculture enables her to relate to the grassroots base of every wheat grower group that makes up NAWG. Her passion for agriculture and for representing wheat producers is unquestioned."

Peterson received both her bachelor's and master's degree in agriculture economics from Kansas State University. She has been an active member of American Agri-Women and the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

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# Thoughts From The Prairie

## Go Green, Recycle Politicians

My favorite cartoon of 2009 was Al Gore with his tongue frozen to a light pole in the Copenhagen blizzard during the International Global Warming Summit in December 2009. Unfortunately, it was after his speech in which he still got it wrong. But he is a politician and therefore not accountable for what he says. According to economist Thomas Sowell, a student of history and political spin, that is normal behavior for intellectuals and politicians. Sowell wrote, "If there is any lesson in the history of ideas, it is that good intentions tell you nothing about the actual consequences...Seldom do those who produce or peddle dangerous, or even fatal, ideas have to pay a price, even in a loss of credibility...Even political leaders have been judged by how noble their ideas sounded, rather than by how disastrous their consequences were."

Speaking of disastrous conditions, there are some in the Southeastern United States right now. The AP reported that, "Freakish cold weather continued to grip the South, with snow flurries spotted around Orlando and a record low set for Miami." Of course neither Al nor the collective 20,000 cohorts that gathered in Copenhagen had anything to do with the record low temperatures. However, these cosmic variations do highlight the scientific illiteracy and, even worse, scientific data manipulation to support false predictions. Sowell concludes, "We have had to learn the consequences of elite preemption the hard way — and many of us have yet to learn that lesson."

But if we don't learn that lesson, the disaster from the freakish weather is miniscule compared to the disaster that will result from the freakish legislation Congress and this administration is attempting to launch from the silos deep in the Capitol building. Charles Krauthammer told the Center for the American Experiment that, "Obama has a ruthless quest for power. He did not come to Washington to make something out of



Dick Miller

himself, but rather to change everything, including dismantling capitalism...and wants to level the playing field with income redistribution and punishment to the achievers of society."

The first rocket launch to target redistribution is called Obamacare. Michael Connelly, a retired constitutional attorney who read the entire bill, posted these comments to his blog August 12, 2009: "I have concluded that this legislation really has no intention of providing affordable health care choices. Instead it is a convenient cover for the most massive transfer of power to the Executive Branch of government that has ever occurred, or even been contemplated. If this law or a similar one is adopted, major portions of the Constitution of the United States will effectively have been destroyed."

The second rocket targets free enterprise and is called Cap and Trade. This legislation is based upon predictions of climate trends such as changes in the polar ice cap. The U.S. Geological Survey recently reported that summer sea-surface temperatures in the Arctic were between 50 to 64°F during the mid-Pliocene, about 3 million years ago, while current temperatures are about 32°F. If this trend contin-

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# "Conscience of Kansas"

## A Thankful Observance of the "Iron Lady"

By Paul A. Ibbetson

Today, when we watch the courageous actions of women who stand for conservative values in this country, we often bring up names like Sarah Palin, Ann Coulter, and Michelle Malkin. These women often gallantly rebuke the feminist fallacies and liberal lies of today in ways that make people proud not just to be men or women, but proud to be Americans.

It is not just their smiles, their wit, their skirts, or their grit that make these women ladies of interest, but the culmination of these tantalizing factors with the all-important center-piece of conservative values that make their thoughts, struggles, and victories interesting to the world and of value to public discourse.

As is the case with men, the women of today who champion conservative values owe a great deal to the stalwarts that precede them. Those that have not only battled the socialistic minions of their times, but have also forged a historic path that leads to defeating enemies of freedom with superior values. Despite my ever-eager desire to highlight Americans in these positions of distinction, when it comes to a contemporary display of leadership through conservative values, much can be gained by remembering the work of England's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Thatcher became the prime minister in the 1980's during an economic slump and period of national malaise. Her party name, "The Conservative Party," was a reflection of her values, and she spent her

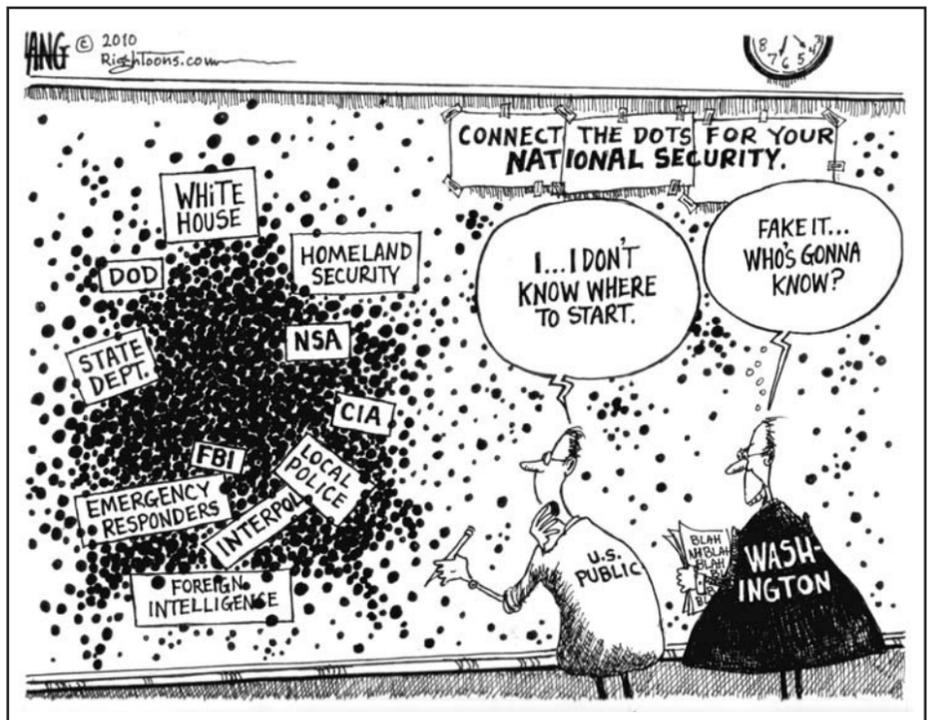


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time fighting the trade unions and championing her beliefs in the free market. If you take a stroll among the video archives of the many interviews Thatcher took part in with the liberal mouth pieces of the 1980's, you see the same classic confrontations as today: apathy vs. innovation, victimization vs. accountability, and pessimism vs. optimism.

Despite being the first female prime minister in the country's history, there was never a concern of whether or not she could carry the mantle of power in England, and her strong verbal debates during the rambunctious procedures within the House of Commons contributed to her nickname "Iron Lady." While some in England floundered on the issue of fighting communism, Margaret Thatcher acted with bold clarity on her belief in the dangers of the Red Menace and stood against

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**Schedule/Results Season**

Date	Opponent	Opp Rank	Location	Time (CST)	Results	Media
Sun, Nov 08	Pittsburg State (Exh.)	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	89 - 53 (W)	
Fri, Nov 13	Loyola Chicago	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	92 - 54 (W)	
Sun, Nov 15	Western Illinois	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	82 - 50 (W)	
<b>O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tipoff</b>						
Thu, Nov 19	Boston University	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	6:30 p.m.	80 - 70 (W)	
Fri, Nov 20	Ole Miss	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	7:30 p.m.	74 - 86 (L)	
Sun, Nov 22	Dayton 18/21	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	4:30 p.m.	83 - 75 (W)	
<b>K-State Holiday Classic</b>						
Sat, Nov 28	IUPUI	-	Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)	3 p.m.	70 - 57 (W)	
Tue, Dec 01	Fort Hays State	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	83 - 76 (W)	
<b>Big 12 / Pac-10 Hardwood Series</b>						
Sat, Dec 05	Washington State	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	86 - 69 (W)	
Tue, Dec 08	Xavier	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	71 - 56 (W)	
Sat, Dec 12	UNLV	-	at Las Vegas, Nev. (Orleans Arena)	6 p.m.	95 - 80 (W)	
<b>Coors Classic</b>						
Sat, Dec 19	Alabama	-	at Mobile, Ala. (Mitchell Center)	8 p.m.	87 - 74 (W)	
Mon, Dec 21	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	90 - 76 (W)	
Tue, Dec 29	Cleveland State	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	85 - 56 (W)	
Sun, Jan 03	South Dakota	-	Manhattan	12 p.m.	91 - 69 (W)	
Sat, Jan 09	Missouri *	-	at Columbia, Mo.	1 p.m.	68 - 74 (L)	
Tue, Jan 12	Texas A&M *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	88 - 64 (W)	
Sat, Jan 16	Colorado *	-	at Boulder, Colo.	3 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Mon, Jan 18	Texas *	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	ESPN	
Sat, Jan 23	Oklahoma State *	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Tue, Jan 26	Baylor *	-	at Waco, Texas	7 p.m.	FOX Sports Kansas City	
Sat, Jan 30	Kansas *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	ESPN	
Tue, Feb 02	Nebraska *	-	at Lincoln, Neb.	7 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Sat, Feb 06	Iowa State *	-	at Ames, Iowa	1 p.m.	ESPN2	
Sat, Feb 13	Colorado *	-	Manhattan	5 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Wed, Feb 17	Nebraska *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	FOX Sports Kansas City	
Sat, Feb 20	Oklahoma *	-	at Norman, Okla.	5 p.m.	ESPNU	
Tue, Feb 23	Texas Tech *	-	at Lubbock, Texas	7 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Sat, Feb 27	Missouri *	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	ESPNU	
Wed, Mar 03	Kansas *	-	at Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Sat, Mar 06	Iowa State *	-	Manhattan	5 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
<b>Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship</b>						
Wed, Mar 10	TBA	-	at Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)	TBA		

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# Free Press Sports

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## Kansas State Agonizes Aggies

### KSU Sports Information

Led by senior guard Denis Clemente's 24 points, No. 13/12 Kansas State bounced back from a tough road loss last Saturday to defeat Texas A&M in its nationally-televised Big 12 home-opener, 88-65. The victory set a new school record for consecutive home wins at 13 and moved head coach Frank Martin's career record in Bramlage Coliseum to 42-5.

K-State (14-2, 1-1) shot a solid 47.5 percent from the field (28-of-59) and out-rebounded the Aggies 47-32. The Wildcats were able to capitalize on Texas A&M (12-4, 1-1) miscues, converting 28 points off of 15 turnovers.

The backcourt tandem of Clemente and junior guard Jacob Pullen combined for 39 points in the contest as Pullen added 15 points of his own. Clemente, who also registered six

assists and one steal to the Wildcat effort, notched his highest point total of the season, bettering the 22 points he dropped at UNLV on Dec. 12.

The two teams battled back-and-forth in the early going, exchanging baskets and playing tough defense for the first five minutes of the contest. Clemente broke the game open for the Wildcats, hitting two shots from behind the arc in a span of 60 seconds to break open a nine-point lead for K-State. Clemente converted five three pointers on 5-of-10 shooting and ended the half with 20 points, the most points scored by a Wildcat in a half all season. Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels chipped in 12 points of his own to extend the K-State lead at the break to 12, 45-33.

K-State came out firing in the second half, going on an 11-1 run to extend the lead to 22 in the first five minutes of the frame. Sophomore

Victor Ojeleye provided a spark off of the bench, tallying five points and two rebounds in 14 solid minutes. The Aggies didn't give up though, fighting back to cut the lead to 12 with 6:28 to play. In the end, K-State's physical style of play was too much for A&M to overcome, and the Wildcats were able to pull away and close out the 23-point victory.

Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels tallied 19 points for the Wildcats, including 8-of-12 shooting from the charity stripe. Junior forward Dominique Sutton was a monster on the boards, tying his career high with 12 rebounds to go along with his 12 points.

The next action for the Wildcats comes Saturday, as they travel to Boulder, Colo., to take on Colorado. The game, which is scheduled to tip-off at 3 p.m., can be seen regionally across the Big 12 Network, and will be broadcast over the air on the K-State Sports Network.



Denis Clemente had 20 points in the first half



After the Missouri game, Coach Martin is trying a new coaching style, here he is saying: "Please play better."



Dominique Sutton had a big game for the cats.

(Photos by Ben Brake)

# K-State Blasts Past Kansas

**KSU Sports Information**

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Powered by a 28-3 run to start the second half and a stifling defensive effort, Kansas State won its fifth straight game with a convincing 59-35 victory over rival and 24th-ranked Kansas on Saturday in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

With the win, the Wildcats moved to 9-6 on the year and 1-0 in Big 12 play, while Kansas dropped to 10-4 and 0-1. The victory also gave K-State its ninth straight in Big 12 home openers.

Ashley Sweat paced the Wildcats with 24 points, while Jalana Childs added 15 and Taelor Karr 10. Brittany Chambers led the Wildcats in rebounds with eight, while Karr added seven.

K-State held the visiting Jayhawks to 26.4 percent shooting on the afternoon, including a 17.4 percentage in the second half on just 4-of-23 shooting. The Wildcats forced 20 turnovers on the day and converted them to 23 points

With K-State clinging to a 24-22 lead at halftime, the Wildcats took control of the game by scoring 28 of the first 31 points of the second half with nine of those points coming from Sweat. The Jayhawks did not record a field goal in the second half until the 6:32 mark and the Cats led by as many as 29 in the second half. Kansas did not get any closer than 21 points for the remainder of the contest.

K-State grabbed control of the contest early on thanks to a tenacious defense. The Wildcats held



Guard Brittany Chambers (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

visiting Kansas without a field goal for the first 6:48 of the first half as K-State took early leads of 6-0 and 11-2. The Wildcats held a 16-10 lead at the 7:08 mark of the first half until the Jayhawks scored six straight to tie the game.

Both teams would trade baskets for the remainder of the half as

Kansas State held a tight 24-22 advantage at the break. The Wildcats were led by Sweat and Childs in the first half as each scored 10 points, while the K-State defense forced 10 turnovers and held the Jayhawks to a 33-percent shooting percentage in the opening 20 minutes.

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)	Results	Media
Tue, Nov 03	Fort Hays State (Ex)	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	81 - 68 (W)	
Mon, Nov 09	Pittsburg State (Ex)	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	89 - 61 (W)	
Sat, Nov 14	Indiana State	Manhattan, Kan.	5 p.m.	73 - 77 (L)	
Mon, Nov 16	Arkansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	79 - 80 (L) OT	
Fri, Nov 20	Washington State	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	70 - 63 (W)	
Mon, Nov 23	Creighton	at Omaha, Neb.	7:05 p.m.	54 - 63 (L)	
Fri, Nov 27	BYU	at Provo, Utah	4:30 p.m. (CT)	65 - 62 (W)	
Wed, Dec 02	Arkansas	at Fayetteville, Ark.	7 p.m.	58 - 60 (L)	
<b>Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic</b>					
Fri, Dec 04	Missouri State vs. UTEP	at Manhattan, Kan.	4 p.m.		
Fri, Dec 04	Grambling State	Manhattan, Kan.	6 p.m.	64-60 (W)	
Sat, Dec 05	Consolation Game	at Manhattan, Kan.	1 p.m.		
Sat, Dec 05	Championship Game	at Manhattan, Kan.	3 p.m.	87-62 (W)	
Sun, Dec 13	Northwestern	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	50-53 (L)	
<b>Duel in the Desert</b>					
Sat, Dec 19	Hawaii	at Las Vegas, Nev.	9:30 p.m. (CT)	61-71 (L)	
Sun, Dec 20	VCU	at Las Vegas, Nev.	4:30 p.m./9:30 p.m.	73-67 (W)	
Mon, Dec 21	TBA	at Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA	59-55 (W)	
Tue, Dec 29	UC Davis	at Davis, Calif.	9 p.m. (CT)	73-59 (W)	
Sat, Jan 02	Yale	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	78-59 (W)	
Sat, Jan 09	Kansas *	Manhattan, Kan.	11 a.m.	59 - 35 (W)	
Wed, Jan 13	Missouri *	at Columbia, Mo.	6 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Sat, Jan 16	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Wed, Jan 20	Colorado *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.		FSN Kansas City
Sat, Jan 23	Nebraska *	at Lincoln, Neb.	11 a.m.		FSN K-State Sports Network
Sun, Jan 31	Iowa State *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Wed, Feb 03	Baylor *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Sun, Feb 07	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	1 p.m.		MetroSports K-State Sports Network
Wed, Feb 10	Missouri *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.		FSN Kansas City K-State Sports Network
Sat, Feb 13	Texas A&M *	at College Station, Texas	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Wed, Feb 17	Texas *	at Austin, Texas	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Sun, Feb 21	Oklahoma *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.		FSN K-State Sports Network
Wed, Feb 24	Texas Tech *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.		FSN Kansas City K-State Sports Network
Sat, Feb 27	Iowa State *	at Ames, Iowa	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Wed, Mar 03	Colorado *	at Boulder, Colo.	8 p.m. (CT)		K-State Sports Network
Sat, Mar 06	Nebraska *	Manhattan, Kan.	12 p.m.		K-State Sports Network

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## The Board of County Commissioners Minutes

### The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 4, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Chair, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Kearns asked Hobson to check the pothole at the intersection of Kaw Road and Tabor Valley Road.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of December 31, 2009 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Holeman and Kearns will attend a HB2169 meeting tonight.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Holeman said Kristina Hyland has requested changes to the bylaws for the Flint Hills Regional Council on January 13th.

9:30 Press Conference

Kelly Springer, Administrative Analyst; Joy Mendez, Account Clerk/Licenses; Julie Akers, Records Assistant II; Susie Brown, Administrative Assistant I; Rosemarie Roberts, Elections Senior Analyst; Jolene Keck, Elections Supervisor; Sherilyn McReil, Administrative Analyst; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Angel Dillon, Legal Assistant; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Captain Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police Department; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Amy King, Deputy Register of Deeds; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Lacey Yordy, Office Assistant II; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director;

Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Wilson presented an overview of the 2010 Extension Programs.

McClure presented the 2010 educational meetings. McClure discussed the following educational meetings: Coffee Shop Agronomy, Country Living Expo, Riley County Livestock Association Annual Meeting.

Wilson said you can enroll in 4-H at age 7 or at age 5 you can enroll in the Cloverbud program.

Captain Hegarty from the Riley County Police Department said from December 31st 10:00 p.m. - January 1st 4:00 a.m. there were 102 calls for service, 25 criminal reports, 15 arrests, no DUI, some MIPS.

Hobson said RL 404, Barnes Road, will be closed to replace the bridge deck over the Blue River beginning Monday, January 11, 2010. The road will be closed approximately ¾ of a mile east of US 24 from the Casement Road intersection to the Rocky Ford Road intersection in Pottawatomie County. Hobson said repairs will take approximately 5-months to complete, unless adverse weather conditions cause unexpected delays or rescheduling.

Holeman announced a session with the Secretary of Agriculture, Joshua Svaty will be held Thursday, January 7th at 11:15 p.m. during the County Commission Meeting.

Kearns and McCulloh presented a plaque for 32 years of service to Kelly Springer.

Volanti said on behalf of Rich Vargo, herself, and others Kelly Springer will be taking a lot of knowledge with her, will be missed within our office, and is a valuable employee.

9:57 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Wedel said Riley County is not eligible for the \$150,000.00 grant we applied for through the Department of Energy for the Courthouse boiler.

Hobson presented a proj-

ects update.

10:15 Bob Isaac, Planner  
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Ricky Allen; Chester Allen; William Freeborn; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

10:15 Kearns opened the Public Hearing for a request to rezone a tract of land from A-1 (Single Family Residential) to A-5 (Single Family Residential) and plat said tract along with another unplatted tract and Lot 1 of the Lovgren Addition, into three (3) residential lots (Freeborn-Allen Lovgren Subdivision).

Isaac presented the request to rezone a tract of land from A-1 (Single Family Residential) to A-5 (Single Family Residential) and plat said tract along with another unplatted tract and Lot 1 of the Lovgren Addition, into three (3) residential lots (Freeborn-Allen Lovgren Subdivision).

No public comment.

10:23 Kearns closed the Public Hearing.  
McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 010410-01, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township." Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to approve "Resolution No. 010410-02, A Resolution approving the Freeborn-Allen Lovgren Addition plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said plat." McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Julie Winter, Office Manager; Johnette

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# Commission Minutes

Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Kearns moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioner and convene as the Valleywood Combined Sewer District. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Holeman discussed the Interlocal Agreement between Valleywood Combined Sewer District and City of Manhattan.

Holeman said since the 2004 creation of the Valleywood Combined Sewer District (hereinafter "District"), Riley County Public Works has managed billing and collections for the District. Once Riley County Public Works collects the sanitary sewer fees, those funds are transferred to the City of Manhattan (hereinafter "City") to pay for District use of the Casement Inceptor Sewer. This is an awkward arrangement, since the County's collection efforts generate funds which do not end up in the County's coffers. Discussions between staff of Riley County and City resulted in City staff's agreement a better arrangement would be to transfer responsibility of the billing for sanitary sewer services to the City. The proposed interlocal agreement does just that. The proposed agreement has already been approved "in concept" (but not formally) by the Attorney General's office.

Kearns said it may increase the bill for some that live in Valleywood and said residents should be notified of the change.

Kearns suggested contacting the Valleywood residents that Riley County is considering transferring the responsibility of the billing for sanitary sewer serviced to the City.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to table the Interlocal agreement until January 14th.

Kearns moved to recess as the Valleywood Combined Sewer

District and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:47 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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Of Riley County, Kansas

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8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended. Volanti discussed scheduling the department head evaluations for the Board of County Commissioners. Volanti said she will start scheduling the evaluations in the next two weeks.

Shepek reported the last payment in our support of the construction of the new Manhattan Emergency Shelter is due and will be paid this month.

Kearns reported holding a meeting Monday night with the Working Group on HB2169 military encroachment. Kearns said the current version of the HB2169 is acceptable to everyone.

Kearns said at the Raising Riley meeting, Bruce Snead discussed plans for a fund raising effort for childcare.

Kearns said they will begin pursuing a fund raising campaign.

McCulloh said someone contacted her about too much time being spent on snow removal at CiCo Park.

Hobson stated he will check into it.

McCulloh said she has been asked to be Treasurer of the Regional Planning Organization (RPO).

McCulloh stated she would agree to be the Treasurer of the RPO.

Kearns moved to approve "Resolution No. 010710-03, Resolution authorizing Sunday sale of cereal malt beverage." McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Marc Wilson for the Appraiser's Office. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Catherine Wilson for the Appraiser's Office. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Rosewicz discussed a proposed contract between Riley County and KDOT for the Eureka Drive Project. By this contract Riley County will be paid to provide specified services to KDOT on that project.

McCulloh moved to approve the Proposal for Construction Engineering Services with the Kansas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$94,525.90 for the Eureka Drive Project. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Williams said the recent workload has decreased.

Williams presented a Community

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Corrections staff update.

Williams stated there will be \$20,068.00 less funds available through the Prevention Block Grant for programs such as The Boys & Girls Club, Parents as Teachers 3-6 Program and Detour Youth Center in Clay Center, Kansas, to apply for locally.

9:18 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/HHW staff report.

Peterson discussed snow removal.

McCulloh moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds for the Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste Department. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Peterson presented a 10-year CIP equipment replacement plan.

McCulloh asked about the oil burning heater.

Peterson said it is in a grant application Hobson is working on.

9:37 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

McHenry said on December 31, 2010 personal property statements were mailed.

McHenry presented an Appraiser's Office staff report.

9:52 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Wedel presented a Planning and Development staff update.

Wedel suggested Riley County and Manhattan be involved in the Ogden Comprehensive Plan update.

Wedel discussed organizing the County Retreat.

10:07 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman discussed the County Officials Luncheon.

Holeman discussed the bylaws of the Regional Planning Organization.

Holeman suggested reviewing the

RPO bylaws on Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed.

Holeman said Representative Schwartz is going to take steps to introduce HB2169 early in the session.

10:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Jerry Snyder, Manhattan Fire Department Chief; John Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Larry Couchman, EMS Director; Ronnie Grice, KSU Police Department; and Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief, attended.

Schoen presented the background information on the consolidation of emergency dispatch services.

Schoen said in consolidating dispatch five staff would need to be added. Schoen stated all the necessary hardware is in place to expand the services. Schoen said he does see potential savings in the future. Schoen said all the agencies agree this consolidation of dispatch needs to happen.

P. Collins discussed the history of consolidation of dispatch. P. Collins said the agencies are working to make the service work better. P.

# "Conscience of Kansas"

the Soviet Union for the betterment of her country. Unlike the flaccid nature found within the U.S. administration today, Thatcher refused to embolden the terrorists of her time by showing fear and apathy. Even after narrowly escaping an assassination attempt by IRA terrorist bombers on October 12, 1984, at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, England, Thatcher never flinched in her stance on strong national security.

There is little wonder that a leader of such quality would find an ally such as Ronald Reagan. Reagan, who was also rejuvenating a nation suffering from recession and liberal dysfunction, together with Thatcher, did more than perpetuate a continual rela-

tionship between countries that have shared so much history together; they showed the world the economic and social rewards of flowing conservative values.

Thatcher spoke at length about the values of personal responsibility and standing up for what you believe in, and she embodied her beliefs for her terms as prime minister of England. It could be argued that beyond the grit of Winston Churchill, the Union Jack has never flown with such bold grace in modern times as it did under the guidance of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a truly remarkable woman.

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# Thoughts

ues for the next 3 million years, they will ice skate year round in Cancun! Of course such an extrapolation is not valid for the earth's climatic variations are cyclical not linear. But it is interesting to note that the earth survived with Artic sea-surface temperatures 30 degrees F above what they are now and there is no evidence that internal combustion engines existed at that time to burn fossil fuel and cause the higher temperatures.

The point is, if one or both of these rockets are launched, our economy is poised to collapse based upon freakish ideology not

science. A Manhattan based small business entrepreneur recently lamented, "I can tell you the current policies are killing us...where does it stop? According to this administration it doesn't - not until we're broke."

There is still time to disarm the rockets, but it will require a return to our roots anchored in our Constitution and that must happen between now and November 2010. At the present rate of descent, in another two years of unchecked shredding of our Constitution and demolishing the free enterprise system, the

momentum will be so great that disarming the launch circuitry may be impossible. We must begin at the local and state level to elect commissioners, representatives and governors who know how to balance a budget, who cherish our Constitution, and are dedicated to the people.

Robert Falcon Scott displayed this kind of dedication. After reaching the South Pole, he and his crew all died in a severe snowstorm. Recorded on the last page of his diary on March 29, 1912, were these words: "For God's sake look after our people."

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## County Minutes

Collins said with just two dispatchers and six trunk lines the system gets overwhelmed.

Couchman discussed the need for additional staff for dispatch when three units are out. Couchman said when all units are out they need additional staff for dispatch.

Snyder said Manhattan Fire Department has one full-time dispatcher.

Snyder stated when the full-time dispatcher is not available they fill the void with firefighters and student dispatchers, which does not work as well.

Grice stated as a member of the 911 Advisory Committee he supports the consolidated dispatch proposal.

Grice discussed Kansas State Universities separate 911 system.

McCulloh asked, what will happen in the future and will we have space in 5-years?

P. Collins said we have enough space for five positions and will have six in the future.

Schoen said the committee looked at 2012 as the year to start the consolidated dispatch.

Kearns asked Shepek to brief the Board of County Commissioners on the cost associated with consolidation.

11:15 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Joshua Svaty

Chuck Murphy, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Director; Bob Strawn, City of Manhattan Mayor; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Representative Sydney Carlin; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Mike Gillespie; and Kathy Brower, attended.

Holeman stated today Secretary of Agriculture Joshua Svaty agreed to come and discuss State funding of local restaurant food inspections.

Secretary Svaty discussed Riley County's concern with food borne illnesses in food service and lodging inspections. Secretary Svaty said this is not an attempt to reduce funding to local units of government. Secretary

Svaty stated for years he has fought to support local units of government funding.

Secretary Svaty discussed establishing a call center for complaints concerning lodging facilities to help address concerns.

Secretary Svaty said food safety inspections on a statewide basis have been considered for some time. Secretary Svaty said it came about due to budget allotment reductions and decisions that had to be made. Secretary Svaty said five county contracts have been cut. Secretary Svaty said the two state inspectors assigned to Riley County live nearby. Secretary Svaty said the State believes they can provide the same level of service to the local entities. Secretary Svaty said they pride themselves in providing timely service to local entities. Secretary Svaty said the money is not available to fund local inspectors.

Kearns said he is hearing it will be more cost effective. Kearns asked, will the frequency of inspections be at the same level?

Secretary Svaty said the State inspects once a year and some local entities inspect twice a year. Secretary Svaty said one inspection a year will take place. Secretary Svaty said follow-up inspections are happening very quickly.

Kearns asked, will the food inspectors do lodging as well?

Secretary Svaty said lodging inspections will not take place due to the cuts.

McCulloh said no motel inspections are not acceptable at all. McCulloh said the main thing she is concerned about is the food inspection. McCulloh asked Murphy what is the Health Department currently doing?

Murphy stated they provide food inspections once annually. Murphy said the City has a requirement that food handling classes are provided to at least one individual per facility.

Murphy said City code will require the Health Department to provide inspections annually with a reduction in State funding.

Mayor Strawn asked, what assets

will the Health Department lose?

Murphy stated they have lost half of their funding for water and sewer and all funding for food inspections.

Murphy said every restaurant pays a fee for food inspections.

Kearns stated he understands the crunch Svaty is in, but for public safety and health he is very concerned. Kearns said it is imperative we keep the food inspections at the local level by a local contact that not doing lodging inspections is unacceptable. Kearns asked Secretary Svaty and Representative Carlin to take Riley County's concerns to the legislature.

Secretary Svaty stated the Department of Agriculture's budget will be \$2 million lower in 2011. Secretary Svaty said the Department of Agriculture is now at a 25% staff vacancy rate due to cuts. Secretary Svaty said the public needs to understand public services will be affected by the State budget problems. Secretary Svaty said we face an extraordinary situation.

McCulloh said when we cut into public safety and health we have gone too far. McCulloh stated we will be losing efficiencies with not having local inspectors.

Secretary Svaty said he feels we will find the State Food Inspectors will serve us well.

Mayor Strawn said if you are going to take the funding away give the counties the authority they need to manage the situation.

12:00 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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