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One of the drawing of the Discovery Center.

## Latest Designs For Discovery Center Unveiled

By Adam Reichenberger  
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On Tuesday, the Director of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, Bob Workman showcased for the City Commission the latest designs for the center developed by the architectural team Verner Johnson, Inc. (VJI).

VJI had presented preliminary designs for feedback once before back on October 13, 2009.

"The design development phase for the Discovery Center building is now complete," Workman explained. "The architecture team is prepared to present updated drawings for additional input from the City Commission."

Workman highlighted the following: "Through the design development phase, significant space efficiencies have been identified. Consolidation in mechanical spaces, stairs, circulation, etc., has increased programming space. For example, the permanent exhibit area has been increased in excess of 2,000 square

### Watching Grass Grow Museum

feet in order to present the rich story matrix of the Flint Hills. The Center has also gained 850 square feet of unfinished shell space on the third level for future program expansion. At the same time, value engineering of the design such as modification of the dome height, entry tower materials selection and size, and others provide maximum value within the budget parameters.

The project is seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, and geo-thermal wells will provide for long-term cost efficiencies in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) operations. Additionally, the site development includes extensive plantings and two bio-swales, boulder walls, colored concrete paths and

additional sidewalks and paving."

Financially speaking, the presentation also presented more accurate estimates for the architecture and mechanical systems. "[The Construction Manager At-Risk.] McCownGordon is currently developing revised estimates from the 50% design development drawings, working in tandem with the architects and the City to close an 8% budget gap," Workman tells us.

The City Commission was asked to overhear the newest designs and give their input. To aid in this an extensive slide show was presented which beautifully displayed the Discovery Center VJI has in mind. A remarkable piece of craftsmanship, the new Discovery Center will be an attraction in itself, whatever might be inside.

As the project rolls on Workman reminded us, "This is the last time the building design is scheduled to come before the Commission."

## Konza Prairie Station In Competition

By Katie Mayes  
KSU News Service

Kansas State University's Konza Prairie Biological Station is one of 24 finalists in the Eight Wonders of Kansas Geography competition, sponsored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation.

The competition is an extension of the foundation's Eight Wonders of Kansas. The series features what the foundation calls the eight elements of rural culture: architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history and people. The aim is to help visitors and residents develop a fresh perspective on the state's rural assets and heritage by asking them to vote for their favorites.

"We are very honored to be one of

the 24 finalists in the Eight Wonders of Kansas Geography competition," said John Briggs, director of the Konza Prairie Biological Station. "I would like to encourage everyone who has experienced the Konza Prairie, either by walking the nature trail or at the biennial visitors day, to cast their vote in our favor."

Konza Prairie was first developed as an ecological research site in 1971 under the leadership of the late Lloyd Hulbert, an ecology professor at K-State. Jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy and K-State, and managed by the university's Division of Biology, the Konza Prairie spans about 8,600 acres, with 93 percent of the prairie having never been plowed. The station is host to around 130 reg-

istered research projects by roughly 150 scientists from all over the world and has been one of the National Science Foundation's Long-Term Ecological Research sites since 1980.

The Konza Prairie also is known for its six miles of versatile public hiking trails, which made Backpacker magazine's list of the top 100 day hikes in the country.

The list of other geographical wonders is available at:

<http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/geography.php>

The competition asks the public to vote for their favorite geographical features. People can place their votes online at <http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/>

## Settlement Finally In James Lowery Case

By Adam Reichenberger  
Manhattan Free Press

On Tuesday, a proposed settlement was brought before the City Commission in regards to the case of Lowery v. the County of Riley, et al. City Attorney, William L. Frost asked the Commission to "approve a settlement agreement in a civil rights case which has been pending since 2004."

Eddie James Lowery confessed to the rape of an Ogden woman in 1981 though later recanted his confession. Lowery spent 10 years in prison and was required to register as a sex offender. However, upon his release DNA tests "excluded Mr. Lowery as the perpetrator of the rape."

"In 2004," Frost explained, "Mr. Lowery filed suit in the United States District court against the Riley County Police Department and several of its officers, along with various local units of government, including the City of Manhattan and Riley County, for wrongful arrest, conviction and incarceration.

"...Ordinarily, claims against RCPD would be addressed by their insurance carrier; however, RCPD's carrier, related to this claim from 1981, was adjudicated as bankrupt prior to the commencement of this case. Under Kansas law, insureds of a bankrupt carrier have some minimal coverage from the Kansas Insurance Guarantee Association. That Association is expected to participate in the settlement of this case by providing its statutory limits of \$300,000. RCPD has no funds of its own to address a claim such as this; therefore, the balance of the claim is

required to be funded by Manhattan and Riley County, or the insurance carriers of those funding entities.

"The insurance carriers for the City and Riley County all dispute that their policies provide coverage for either the City or the County for law enforcement claims."

With much confusion between several involved parties the trial judge on the case ordered all parties and possible insurance carriers to hold a conference to figure things out. Aside from two insurers, the conference provided a cooperative result.

"Under the settlement agreement," Frost said, "Mr. Lowery will receive \$7.5 million in exchange for dismissing the lawsuit. Contribution of the \$7.5 million total settlement amount will be shared by the City of Manhattan, Riley County, and their insurance companies, along with the contribution of the Kansas Insurance Guarantee Association... The insurers will pay more than \$5.8 million even though they all dispute that they have coverage."

The agreed upon \$7.5 million is far less than the \$35 million Lowery's total claims had risen to by the time of the conference.

"Currently," Frost tells us of the financial status of the city, "the City is exploring several debt financing options to fund its potential \$1.424 million obligation under the settlement agreement. These options range from the issuance of 4-year temporary notes to the issuance of 20-year general obligation bonds.

## MPL Announces Contest Winners

The Manhattan Martin Luther King, Jr. Art & Writing Contest has been an important part of our community's celebrations of this day for several years. This morning at the MLK community celebration at Manhattan Town Center, Mayor Bob Strawn presented the awards to this year's winners.

Submissions for the contest were accepted at Manhattan Public Library beginning in December, and a panel of judges from across the community looked over all the entries last week to choose the best writing and artwork from the group. This was a difficult process, as there were 152 total entries - 43 artwork submissions and 109 written pieces.

This year students were challenged with the theme "What am I Doing for Others? The theme was drawn from the Martin Luther King Jr. quote: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

First place and best of show winners received books courtesy of the Manhattan Library Association. Best of Show winners also received a prize pack from Manhattan Town Center.

### Writing Winners

Best of Show from the writing entries goes to Cassidy Harper, who goes to school at Eisenhower Middle

School.

In First Place in the Kindergarten to second grade group we have a tie. Kayla Duggan from Manhattan Catholic Schools and Lola Gieber also from Manhattan Catholic Schools.

First Place in the 3rd - 5th grade group goes to Shreya Shulka, who goes to school at Lee Elementary.

First Place in the 6th - 8th grade age group goes to Bernadette Lovett, who attends Eisenhower Middle School.

First Place in the 9th through 12th grade age group goes to Hera Wu, who goes to school at Manhattan High School East.

An Honorable Mention goes to Sammi Grieger from the 6 - 8th grade category, who attends Eisenhower Middle School.

An Honorable Mention goes to Vincent Hanna from the 6 - 8th grade category, who attends Eisenhower Middle School.

An Honorable Mention goes to Jennifer Gross from the 6 - 8th grade category, who attends Eisenhower Middle School.

An Honorable Mention goes to Dominika Cornejo from the 6 - 8th grade category, who attends Manhattan Catholic School.

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Manhattan Mayor Bob Strawn, left, welcomes Battle of the Bulge speaker Robert Schaeffer. Schaeffer is the honorary consulgeneral of Luxembourg. (Photo by Sara Shuster)

## Changes In Valleywood Billing

By Adam Reichenberger  
Manhattan Free Press

Residents of the Valleywood Subdivision might have to change their Automatic Bill Payment settings this coming April. Currently each resident makes his or her monthly water payments to the previously established Valleywood Subdivision Combined Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Drainage District (The District), who then, in turn, hands these payments directly over to the city.

However, in a proposal to the City Commission on January 19, the Director of Public Works, Dale L. Houdeshell, P.E. suggested a new Valleywood Sewer District Interlocal Agreement in which residents will now pay their water bills directly to the city.

The proposal is pretty straightforward. "Because the City already has a

billing system in place to bill the residents of the Valleywood Subdivision for water usage," states Houdeshell, "the District desires that the City bill the residents directly for sewer usage, rather than the District acting as a "go-between" for the collection of those fees."

The District will remain intact carrying all original responsibilities, Houdeshell explained, "The District will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all portions of the internal mains, which shall include the connection of the internal mains to the City's system."

While residents might see a change, the City will incur no additional administrative costs "since individual water bills for these residents are already established," Houdeshell explained, "The monthly billing for both water and wastewater service charges to Valleywood resi-

dents will reflect "out-of-City" rates (two times the "in-City" rate for water and one and one-half times the "in-City" rate for wastewater). Winter-quarter averages will be established for all residential customers in Valleywood for wastewater service charges. These averages will be re-evaluated on an annual basis."

To pass, the Commission would need to "authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the [District] to directly bill the District's sewer customers for sewer services provided by the City of Manhattan," says Houdeshell.

With few alternatives beside the status quo it was recommended that the Commission does indeed authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to take those necessary steps for change which would bring an end to months of discussions regarding the matter.

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An Honorable Mention goes to Tyler Cochran from the 9 - 12th grade category. Tyler attends Manhattan High School East.

### Art Winners

Best of Show from the art entries goes to Samantha Kinderknecht from the 3 - 5th grade category. Samantha attends Lee Elementary School.

First Place in the Kindergarten to 2nd grade group goes to Faatimah Gamble, who is homeschooled.

First Place in the 3rd and 5th grade category goes to Amaya Miller, who attends Marlatt Elementary School.

First Place in the 6th and 8th grade age group goes to Lisa Zhu, who goes to school at Anthony Middle School.

An Honorable Mention goes to Safiyyah Gamble from the Kindergarten-2nd grade category, who attends Lee Elementary.

An Honorable Mention goes to Andrew Kim from the Kindergarten-

2nd grade category, who attends Amanda Arnold Elementary.

An Honorable Mention goes to Shreya Shulka from the 3rd - 5th category, who attends Lee Elementary.

An Honorable Mention goes to Emmalyne Ford from the 3 - 5th grade category. Emmalyne attends Good Shepherd Home School.

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Twenty-seven veterans of the 1945 Battle of the Bulge from around Kansas met in Manhattan last Friday. (Photo by Sara Shuster)

## Department Of Grain Science To Host Centennial Lecture Series

In commemoration of its 100th anniversary, the Kansas State University Department of Grain Science and Industry will host a six-part lecture series featuring speakers from across the grain and biotechnology fields.

Founded in 1910 as the Department of Milling Industry, and using an experimental flour mill set up in the chemistry building, the department began testing and exploring more efficient ways of milling wheat grown in Kansas and across the Great Plains and improving grain quality. Since that time, the department has emerged to become a unique and internationally distinguished program.

Today, milling science is but one of three unique undergraduate programs offered by the department, which also includes baking science and feed science degrees. K-State is the only university in the world to offer all three degrees.

The lecture series will feature six speakers representing the fields of

cereal science, nutrition, publishing, and biotechnology. The speakers have been chosen to discuss the future of agricultural science and industry as it relates to global challenges.

Dirk Maier, head of the Grain Science and Industry Department, said he views the lecture series as an opportunity to recognize the department's contributions to these global industries.

"We're very excited to celebrate this important milestone in our department," Maier said. "The Centennial Lecture Series will be a great opportunity to highlight the many, many contributions to the grain industry we've made here at Kansas State University and to challenge our perspective on the future. The uniqueness of our program is recognized both nationally and internationally and we're looking forward to welcoming outstanding speakers from the grain-based food, feed, biotechnology and cereal nutrition fields."

The first lecture is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Hemisphere Room at Kansas State University's Hale Library. Dr. Julie Miller Jones, professor emeritus of food and nutrition at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., will present, "Grains of Truth: Separating Grain Nutrition Myths and Facts."

"While our lecturers represent a diverse set of specialties, they share the common characteristic of having well-deserved, international reputations as thought leaders in their respective fields; experts with compelling powers of exploration and analysis.

It should be a fascinating series," said Dr. Jon Faubion, chairperson of the Centennial Lecture Series.

More information on the Centennial Lecture Series, or other centennial celebration events is available on K-State's Department of Grain Science and Industry website at: [www.grains.ksu.edu](http://www.grains.ksu.edu).

## Denison, Kimball Intersection To Change

By Adam Reichenberger  
Manhattan Free Press

On Tuesday, City Engineer, Robert K. Ott, presented to the City Commission a Request for Proposals for the improvement of the intersection of Denison Avenue and Kimball Avenue. The proposals will also improve Denison Avenue south of Kimball to the main entrance of the soon-to-be-built National Bio Facility (NBAF).

The anticipated 300 to 500 employees entering and leaving the new facility each day will require the City of Manhattan to upgrade infrastructure in the area to account for the increased traffic.

"City Administration," states Ott, "is requesting approval to solicit proposals for professional services from registered engineering firms with experience in transportation design, lighting design, landscaping, storm water, right-of-way acquisition, and utility line conflict resolution."

Financial support for the proposed changes was pledged by the City of Manhattan back in February, 2007 in Resolution No. 020607-D. Ott explained, "This pledge included \$750,000 to \$1.5 million in sanitary

sewer and water improvements and other economic support ranging from \$2.0 million to \$3.5 million to assist with other infrastructure and site improvements necessary for the project.

"Preliminary estimates for the aforementioned improvements to Kimball Avenue and Denison Avenue total approximately \$2.15 million. It is currently anticipated that funding for the project will come from the Economic Development Fund."

With limited alternatives to Ott's ideas for the project, the City Administration acted accordingly, as Ott documented, "[The] City Administration recommends the City Commission authorize City Administration to solicit proposals for the design of Kimball Avenue and Denison Avenue and Denison Avenue

south of Kimball Avenue for the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF) ... and appoint a City Commissioner to the Selection Committee."

Interested consulting firms will need to act quickly as the City Commission will look to receive proposals as soon as February 10, 2010 with the selection committee reviewing them on February 16. An approved contract with the consultant is set to be in place as of March 16.

The selected consultant will move forward with their design presenting final plans to both the City Commission and Public Works Department within the year. In April 2011 contractors will bid on the approved project and the following month the project will be awarded to the "lowest responsive contractor."

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# Thoughts From The Prairie

## Every Life is a Story

Hera Wu's story is an exciting profile in courage, determination and success. Hera, a senior at Manhattan High, is currently the Kansas District Key Club Governor. Key Club is Kiwanis International's organization for High School students. She is also the treasurer of Heritage Panel and a member of National Honor Society and Medical Explorers. She is on the Manhattan Junior rowing crew and works weekends at The Chef Café. She won first place in the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, first place in Families Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) District D STAR Events in Illustrated Talk in 2006, and first in the Martin Luther King Essay Contest in 2010. Miss Wu is also honored as an AP Scholar with Distinction, Kansas Honors Scholar and currently at the top of her class.

Hera's father, John Wu, and her mother, Florence Wang, grew up in Taipei, Taiwan. Her father is an Associate Professor in K-State's Industrial Engineering department. Hera's mother works in research at the Anatomy and Physiology department of the Vet School and volunteers at Meadowlark Hills and the Senior Center.

Hera's story calls to mind the Australian rowing team's motto: "Row through the Pain!" But it's her story so I'll let her tell it.

"What is Success to me? 'Smart and Nice' I am not. Since childhood, people have mislabeled me, mostly with good-intentions. If anything, my lack of innate intelligence and my passiveness in situations have hindered me in my journey through life and to any type of success. Now that I have addressed my insecurities, I can tell you what I am: Passionate!

"When I was younger, I struggled academically and socially to be even average. I was just never that great at anything. I didn't bother to correct those that assumed my parents were strict because I was of Asian descent. I didn't bother to correct those that assumed that I was a voracious reader because of my early acquisition of glasses, when the real reason was because of my unhealthy ardor for television. I couldn't compete with those around me that fit their roles so well. Everyone had a niche: the sporty types, the child prodigies, and the troublemakers. Where was mine? I lost all confidence.

"It was not until high school that I found my own interest. I joined Key Club my first year of



Dick Miller

high school. It was a humble group of about ten members. I immediately fell in love. I found self-worth in the service I was doing for others. I gained confidence and a new unexpected passion. The next year I became president of my local club and transformed from a quiet individual to an extroverted leader. I was sharing my passion at each meeting with a club that now had grown to 30 members.

"Stepping outside of my comfort zone and taking the initiative was what allowed me to move forward. I found myself spending many hours a day planning meetings and projects and reciting my presentations to myself. I wanted to find a way to affect even more people. I was elected Lieutenant Governor for the Kansas District Key Club Board to serve my junior year. I could now affect Manhattan, Junction City and Lawrence. I was elected Kansas Key Club District Governor at the end of the year. I realized that Key Club benefits not only those who are served in the community but mostly the members within the organization; they grow, learn and are inspired. I was on a mission to improve the Kansas District.

"In August, I made a speech at the 2009 Kansas District Kiwanis Convention and I told the Kiwanians of our not-so-pleasant numbers in membership. I raised issues in each division that were not so 'nice,' informing them that action was necessary for change. This had a grand effect on the attendees; many went back

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# "Conscience of Kansas"

## Pilfering the Dead: Barack Obama at the Pulpit of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church

It has been said that death is a sweet release from the many struggles of this world. While this is most certainly true for most, it does not release some that have passed from here to the great beyond from being shaken down for their last remaining earthly valuables.

As my desire is to see America survive into the future, I speak at length about the great divide between conservatives and the modern day liberal. I talk about the destructive nature of Barack Obama's socialism when implemented within a free market capitalist society. People are starting to get that one. The issue of the socialist anti-American stance also becomes of paramount importance when the country must stand and not only rebuke our enemies, but defeat them with unquestionable force. Here again, the divide between how conservatives move forward with action to address those who would kill us versus the modern day liberal are clear, with the fruits of this administration's game plan to defend the homeland being truly dipped in American blood.

If America is to truly awaken from its apathetic malaise and self-imposed restraints of the national "choker chain" of political correctness, it will most likely take the most egregious of violations of decency to shock the needed numbers into action. With that in mind, let's look at how liberals pilfer the dead.

Because of the atheistic nature of liberalism, democrats make it common fare to politicize the most sacred events to gain advantage on issues they champion. Funerals have become prime real estate for picking up votes and pushing for socialist agendas and most often, this dirty work is done by asserting that the dead, who should be honored in their passing, are really anxious for one last chance to push a liberal agenda to the public.

We can see a consistent history of these

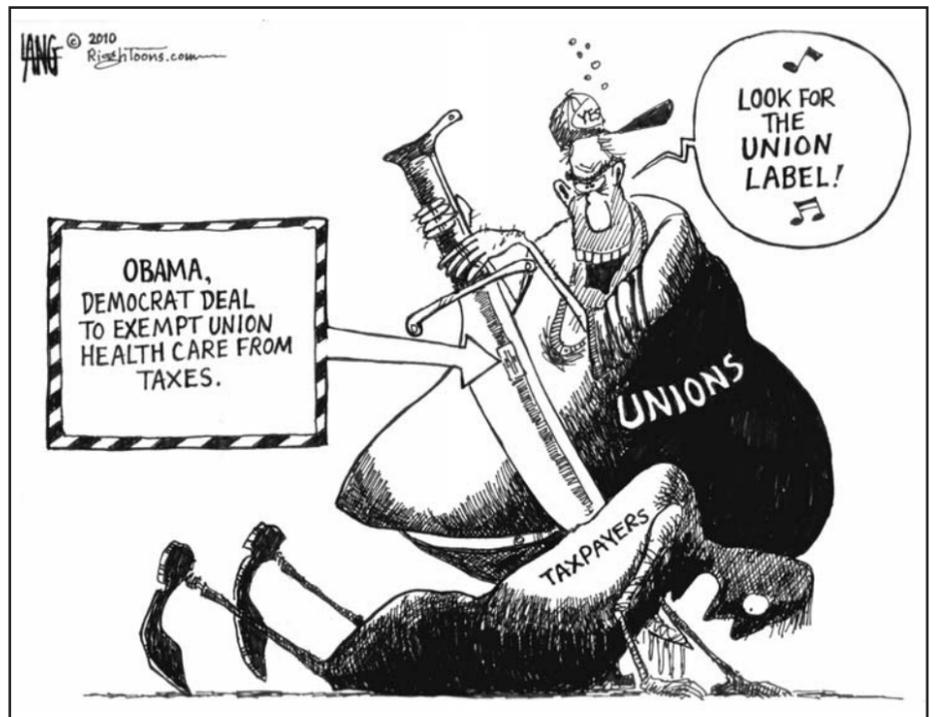
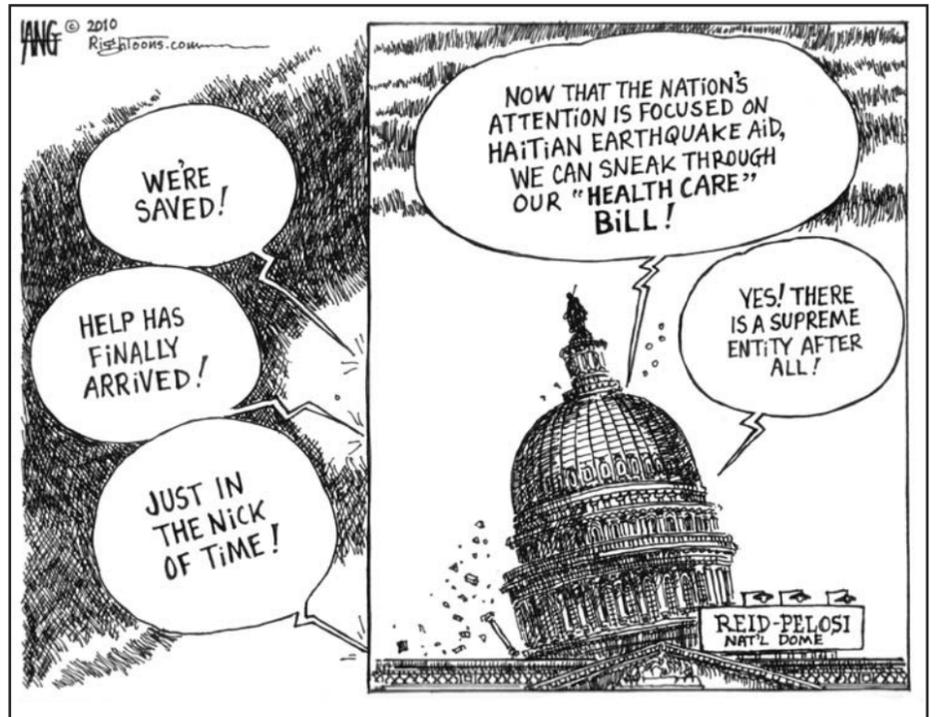
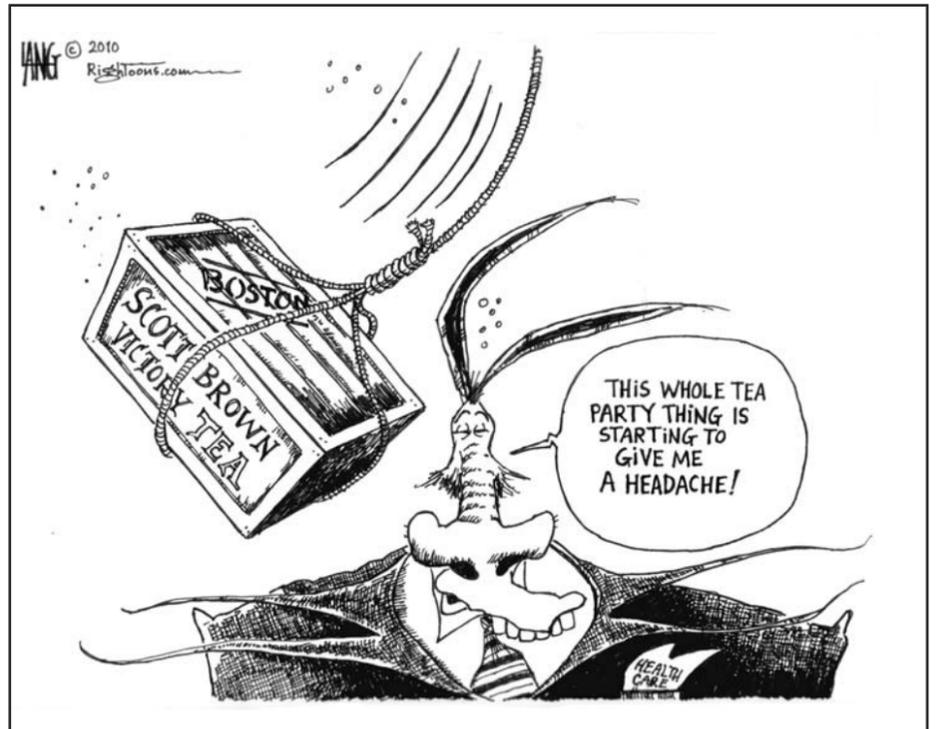


Paul A. Ibbetson

detestable activities from liberal democrats. As if it were yesterday, one can recall from 2002 the untimely death of Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone whose televised memorial turned into a 20,000-plus democrat rally for Walter Mondale to fill the seat by Wellstone's death. This debacle was filled with partisan booring by members of the political opposition and direct calls for republican politicians to support Wellstone's seat being filled by another democrat. The worst of the actions during this event was the clear assertion that to honor Paul Wellstone was to keep republicans out of his open seat. In flogging republicans in the name of Wellstone, liberals dishonored his name for personal gain in the same way one would by emptying the pockets of the dead for loose change. In a word, these actions were despicable.

In 2006, the repetitiously offensive Jimmy Carter would take the opportunity during funeral orations for Correta Scott King to viciously attack George W. Bush and the war

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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.	71 - 62 (W)	
Mon, Jan 18	Texas *	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	87 - 81 (W)	
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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## Wildcats Take Down No. 1 Texas

### KSU Sports Information

For just the third time in school history, Kansas State took down a top-ranked opponent as the No. 9 Wildcats knocked off the No. 1 Texas Longhorns, 71-62, in a Big Monday slugfest at Bramlage Coliseum.

The win was the first over a top-ranked opponent since defeating No. 1 Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse on Jan. 17, 1994. It also extended K-State's home winning streak at Bramlage Coliseum to 14, the longest in the arena's 22-year history.

In a game which featured Texas' much-touted post presence, it was the K-State big men that stole the show, as sophomore forward Jamar Samuels scored a game-high 20 points and junior forward Curtis Kelly added 17 of his own.

Samuels notched his first double-double of the season, adding 12 rebounds to his 20-point effort. It was the second career double-double for Samuels, with his first coming

against Iowa State on Feb. 21, 2009. Kelly was also a big factor on the boards, pulling down eight on the contest.

Junior guard Jacob Pullen finished with 12 points, converting eight points from the charity stripe, while hitting 6-of-8 free throws in the last five minutes of the game to ice the game for the Wildcats. Freshman guard Rodney McGruder, provided a huge lift off the bench, scored 11 points and pulled down an impressive seven rebounds, including five on the offensive end.

In the early going, both teams played tough defense, battling back-and-forth and exchanging the lead three separate times to go along with five ties in the first 12 minutes of the contest. At the 4:36 mark, Curtis Kelly opened up a nine-point lead for the Wildcats off of a great dish from Clemente. A minute and a half later, Jamar Samuels hit a wide-open three-pointer to send Bramlage Coliseum

into a frenzy, and opening up a 14-point lead for the Wildcats, the largest deficit Texas has suffered all season. K-State went into the locker room holding a 10-point advantage, 36-26.

K-State played stifling defense in the first half, holding the Longhorns to just 30.3 (10-of-33) percent shooting. Texas' 26 first-half points were the lowest amount scored all year, one less than the 27 it scored in the first half of their matchup last Saturday with Texas A&M.

The Wildcats were dominant in the paint in the opening period, out-scoring the Longhorns 30-14. Samuels led all scorers at the break with 15 points, while grabbing six rebounds, including three on the offensive end.

Texas came out firing in the second half, going on an 8-0 run in the first three minutes of the period to cut the Wildcat lead to two. At the 12:08 mark, Texas guard Avery Bradley hit a layup to give the Longhorns their

first lead since 17:48 remaining in the first half, 44-43. K-State responded quickly with a 6-0 run of its own capped off by a Pullen-to-Samuels alley-oop. The game was sent into its seventh tie when Texas freshman guard Jordan Hamilton connected on a free throw at the 7:35 mark to tie up the contest at 51. McGruder converted a stellar three-point-play at the 5:15 minute mark off of a Clemente steal, to open up a six point lead for

K-State. The Wildcats never looked back, scoring 12 points in the final five minutes to close out the nine-point victory.

The ninth-ranked Wildcats return to action Saturday when Oklahoma State visits Bramlage Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. The contest will be broadcast regionally on the Big 12 Network, and can be heard over radio along the K-State Sports Network.



Jacob Pullen (0) finished with 12 points.

(Photos by Ben Brake)



Jamar Samuels (32) game high 20 points.

### K-State Quotes: Head Coach Frank Martin

#### On what this win means to him...

"To me, it means that we won a game on January 18th. I do not mean to be silly about it, but we do not get parades this time of year. I am proud of our kids and I am proud of our assistants. We are a united group of people in our office, and it has been like that since day one. That united group that we have in our office has permeated into our locker room. Those kids that we recruited, and those kids that said they wanted to go to school here. The whole thought process from day one was to play in these types of games. These games

are not meaningful when you are 6-6 and playing the No. 1 team in the country. It is still an opportunity for us to take advantage of. Brad Underwood had the Colorado scout and the Texas scout. Dalonte (Hill) and Matt (Figger) had to help him, because we had to be prepared. After the Colorado game was finished, it has been an intense session for us coaches so that we could prepare a game plan to give to the kids. Our guys were phenomenal in the way that they understood the way that we wanted them to do things. They went out and played their hearts out."

# Sewer Line For Blue Township

By Adam Reichenberger  
Manhattan Free Press

For a few years now the City of Manhattan has participated in an Interlocal Agreement with Pottawatomie County and has acted as the governing body of the Blue Township Sewer Benefit District. Essentially the agreement allowed the City to connect certain properties to the District's collection system even though those properties were beyond the District's boundaries. That agreement, however, has changed several times.

In June 2007 the original agreement was dropped in lieu of another in which the District's sewer system was connected to the City's. A master meter was put into place at the connection point between the two systems. However, mild controversy arose over the location of this meter and in July 2009 another agreement was settled upon between the two parties in which an agreed upon location for the master meter was laid out amongst a slew of other issues that were also resolved.

On Tuesday Director of Public Works, Dale L. Houdeshell, P.E.

explained before the City Commission, "This agreement... provided for that portion of the District's system west of Heritage Square to be transferred to the City upon connection of the District's system to the City's system. The District would be reimbursed for the transferred portion in accordance with the previous Interlocal Agreement. Because City connection fees and monthly service fees are less than the District's fees (even for those properties still outside the City), it is anticipated that development and redevelopment in this area will be incentivized. The District would be due \$150,165.00 for the loss of 25 customers in the transferred area..."

"On January 5, 2010, the City Commission, in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement with Pottawatomie County, concurred with the award of a bid contract subject to approval of KDHE; and approved first reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a new loan agreement between the City of Manhattan, Kansas, and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of

Health and Environment, for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund in order to finance the City's portion of the Blue Township Sewer Extension Improvements project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan..."

The total cost, Houdeshell reported, for the Blue Township Connection Project was originally established at \$5,107,006, with the low-bid for this construction at \$4,506,995 by Morgan Construction Co., Inc. It was estimated the City would be responsible for just over \$1.5 million of that, with the assumption it will be lower if the low-bid proves accurate.

Houdeshell explained, "The City's share of the sewer connection is to be financed through the low-interest SRF [State Revolving Loan Fund] loan with loan payments to be made from the Wastewater Fund. The semi-annual payments will total less than \$115,000; there are sufficient revenues projected in the fund to accommodate this payment schedule."

He had mentioned previously "Pottawatomie County has applied to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for a joint [SRF] loan, which would allow both parties to finance their obligations through a 20-year low-interest loan, with separate payment schedules for each entity. KDHE has given concurrence for such a loan. The loan rate is 2.56%."

It was recommended to the City Commission to approve the new ordinance, which would authorize the execution of the aforementioned loan agreement.

## Opening At Manhattan Arts Center

The Manhattan Arts Center presents "Bad Dates", a comedy by Theresa Rebeck on January 29 and 30 at 7:30pm and on January 31 at 2pm. The show is generously sponsored by Schultz Construction and Jan and Fred Gibbs.

"Bad Dates" is a one-woman show directed by Penny Cullers and featuring Dianne Paukstelis. Paukstelis plays Haley Walker, a divorced mother who comes to the decision that it's time to begin dating again after seven years of devoting her attention to work and her twelve-year-old daughter, Vera. What ensues is a comedy you won't forget.

Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for

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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.	65 - 50 (W)	
Sat, Jan 16	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	7 p.m.	56 - 66 (L)	
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	
<b>2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships</b>					
Thu, Mar 11 -					
Sun, Mar 14	TBA	at Kansas City, Mo.	TBA		

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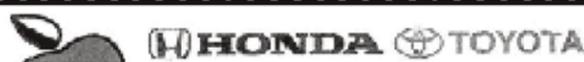
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## The Board of County Commissioners Minutes

### 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 11, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and 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; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Judge Miller; and Lana Nickels, Court Administrator, attended.

Kearns discussed the Fort Riley 2015 Campaign meeting he attended on Friday. Kearns asked Wedel to contact Fort Riley to get more information on Fort Riley's 5-year plan.

Judge Miller introduced Lana Nickels as the new Riley County District Court Administrator.

Kearns gave a short review of the Fort Riley 2015 Campaign Meeting he attended.

Wedel reported Peter Armesto with the Department of Energy called and stated he was incorrect and there may be funding available for counties under 200,000 in population. This is in regard to replacing the boiler and cooling tower in the Courthouse.

McCulloh moved to nominate Mike Kearns as the Chair of the Riley County Commission. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to nominate Karen McCulloh as the Vice Chair of the Riley County Commission. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Certificates of Appreciation for Buck Gehrt and Becky Mosier for serving thirteen years on the Riley County Planning Board.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Don Richard Turner and Susan Elaine Turner (111-12-0-20-04-003.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$78.88. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real

Estate Tax Roll Correction for Beverley M. Earles (166-23-0-00-00-006.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$373.46. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for David D. Baldwin (176-14-0-30-04-009.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$437.52. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John H. Borgerding Et Ux (203-07-2-80-12-006.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$353.96. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Scott and Holly Jeschke (211-11-0-10-13-057.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$711.30. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for David Yetter Et Ux (211-11-0-30-13-023.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$70.76. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Craig Harms Et Ux (212-03-0-40-02-015.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$448.40. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Alexander P. Mathews Et Ux (212-10-0-20-01-001.15-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$408.32. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for David A. Gustafson Et Ux (216-23-0-40-05-010.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$160.82. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Premier Commercial Equity, LLC/Ronald R. and Lori L. Hinkle (216-24-0-10-08-005.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$254.68. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Harry A. Watts Et Ux (216-24-0-30-09-

011.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$294.88. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for William E. Spiegel and Julie A. Spiegel (216-24-0-30-14-001.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$728.40. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Todd D. and Georgia G. Vasko (216-24-0-30-15-001.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$625.12. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Larry C. Hollis Et Ux (216-24-0-30-15-005.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$170.48. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for E. F. Murray III and Cheryl E. Murray (251-12-0-10-33-001.02-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$553.04. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Jacob Terrell, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works-Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective January 13, 2010.

Nicole Setter, a new hire, as an Administrative Clerk I, in the Public Works Department, at a grade H step 1, at \$14.48 per hour.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget

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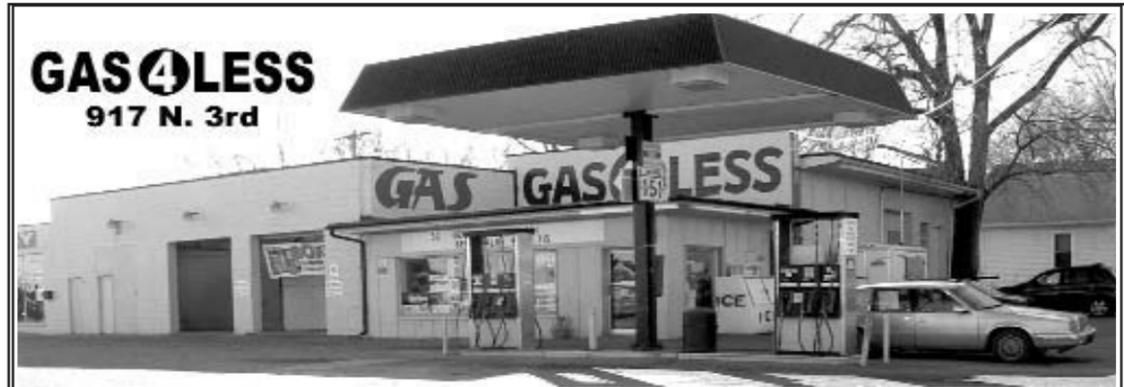
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and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:10 Lori Archer, GIS Analyst

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Archer presented a GIS staff report.

The Board of County Commissioners asked the office to provide cross training to GIS staff.

Kearns moved to add to the agenda today a 1:15 executive session on pending litigation.

9:30 Press Conference

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Tom Finney, Riley County Council on Aging; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Finney, Chair of the Riley County Council on Aging, stated the Council on Aging distributes the funds received from Riley County to twelve different agencies that provide services to seniors.

Finney stated the Board meets monthly and meets every other month with the organizations that they fund.

Wedel reported V2025 Plan was adopted at the end of 2009. Wedel stated the V2025 Plan is a road map of what we want Riley County to be.

Wedel said Clarion and Associates has been hired to assist Riley County with updating our Planning and Development Regulations.

Wedel stated once there is a draft of the regulations there will be public meetings held to discuss them.

P. Collins reminded individuals wanting to burn this year to apply for their 2010 burn permit.

Kearns suggested residents attend the Country Living Expo February 6, 2010.

Meredith showed pictures of the snowstorm cleanup.

Meredith said from December 24th and December 31st \$133,000.00 has been spent on county roads. Meredith said another \$50,000.00 has been spent on this last storm.

Rosewicz reported Barnes Road bridge will be closed today for a deck replacement.

Vargo reported there are sufficient signatures to call a Special Election for the recall of Ogden City Mayor, Jimmy Bond. Vargo stated the election will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

10:10 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Hobson presented a Public Works projects update.

Hobson stated Phase I of the K-18 project and the railroad track relocation will be let to bid in March. Hobson said Phase I will cost approximately \$70 million.

Hobson discussed the LEC expansion project.

Hobson discussed the need to replace the cooling tower and boiler replacement for the Courthouse. Hobson recommended the bid go out the first of February.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to go forward on the replacement of the cooling tower and boiler replacement for the Courthouse.

Hobson said both elevators in the LEC are having problems and needs replaced. Hobson said he is getting cost estimates to fix the current system and to replace the current system.

Hobson said the Eureka Drive project will be bid this Wednesday.

Hobson discussed the drainage on the east side entrance of the Courthouse.

McCulloh asked about the K-18 Traffic Study.

Hobson said he was told the K-18 study was to be completed by the first of the year, but he has not seen it. Hobson said he will check on the status of the report.

10:37 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session  
Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman discussed the Regional Planning Organization bylaws and proposed changes as the commission requested.

Holeman discussed the Konza water project. Holeman said the City of Manhattan is applying for a loan for the project.

11:00 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon

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Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director, attended.

Shepek presented the estimated 2009 General Fund ending cash balance of \$3,539,353.00.

11:10 Recessed.

12:00 County Officials Luncheon  
1:15 Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding pending litigation issues

Jon Brake, Kellie Paxton - Free Press; Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury; and Ron Miniski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

1:15 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:00 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

2:00 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:01 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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# “Conscience of Kansas”

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on terror, making parallels between wiretapping done in the 1960's when Martin Luther King Jr. was fighting for civil rights and the current-day attempts to keep terrorists at bay by the Bush administration. “Liberals found Carter’s denouncement of Bush (during funeral proceeding for Coretta Scott King) a bit of magical timing” when in fact, it was just another example of the unholy pat-down the left give the dead when they feel they have a bit of clout remaining to capitalize on.

When it comes to the yearly observance of the life of Martin Luther King Jr., Barack Obama is neither the first nor will he be the last liberal to rob for profit the name and beliefs of this fine man. However, the president has made arrogance and hypocrisy into a fine art, and once again seized the chance to pilfer the well-pilfered corpse of the civil rights activist, and to do it with unique Obama flare. In

his memorial speech to Dr. King, Barack Obama managed to blame George W. Bush for the nation’s current woes, urge the nation to support both of his socialistic initiatives in government healthcare and cap and trade, and then, as if challenging the rafters of the church to fall in on him, instructed the Christian assembly as well as the nation to promote the gay and lesbian lifestyle. Yep, he did it, but then again, who said grave robbers aren’t bold?

Since leaving the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Barack has been reported to seldom attend church in Washington, as if after leaving the warm embrace of two decades of Jeremiah Wright, nowhere else just seems like home. Regardless of Obama’s absence from a weekly spot in the church pews, he can more than carry his own weight when it comes to pick-pocketing the dearly departed to advance the agenda of

liberalism.

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# Thoughts

to their communities and started and supported Key Clubs. Their involvement deeply moved me. I traveled to many places for conferences and I met people with the same passion I have. Knowing that I was making an impact gave me confidence and motivation.

“My newfound confidence led me to improve in school and inspired me to become more active academically and in other activities. I can say that my passion for Key Club has changed my life, something intellect or conciliatory actions could not have done. Success to me is finding something you are passionate about and affecting others with it. I have learned that wanting to learn led to accomplishment by doing. When I

graduate from high school in May 2010, I will miss the organization that has helped me along the way, but I know that my passion for service will continue throughout my life.”

Hera Wu’s story irradiates Ellis’ 1923 proverb recorded in The Dance of Life: “The Promised Land always lies on the other side of a wilderness.” Way to dance, Hera!

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January 15th, 2010 This year begins a series of community training opportunities for citizens wishing to improve their community. Kansas State University's Center for Engagement and Community Development, with assistance from USDA Rural Development, will host the first Community Development Academy (CDA) February 25, March 3 & 4, March 10 in Independence, Kan.

The CDA is a participant-centered workshop that engages volunteer teams in the development of community improvement strategies. No prior planning or community development experience is required, just the willingness to invest in community betterment. Interested participants are asked to put together a group of people (a team of five is ideal) from their community to participate in the workshop. During the training, teams will meet one to

two days per week over a three week period. Between sessions, they will be given homework. During this three-week experience, community teams will be guided through a process that asks them to:

- Assess their community assets and devise a public engagement plan
- Make initial contacts for a community-wide effort
- Devise a draft community development process plan
- Identify needed resources and meet resource providers

After the workshop, participants will have a characterization of their community, a community involvement plan and resources to help them in the process of reaching their goals.

Communities are encouraged to recruit team members who have an active role in housing, community or economic development, or those who will have sim-

ilar roles in the future. Teams are encouraged to include community leaders and youth participants. For teams of five or more, the training costs \$125 per person; for teams of four or fewer, the cost is \$150 per person. This fee covers all materials and meals for the academy.

Thanks to the generosity of the SEK Economic Prosperity Foundation, scholarships may be available to southeast Kansas teams from communities with a population under 5000. Community members interested in scholarships should contact Erika Mason-Imbody (erika@k-state.edu, 785.532.6868) for application information.

The CDA is being held in conjunction with a Community Coaching Academy - a training for Extension and economic development professionals. The Coaching Academy will meet with the teams, plus two extra days -

Feb. 24 and March 11.

Applications and registration for the academy session are available online. This is an excellent opportunity for

your community to organize for broad community assessment and project planning. For more information, visit

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The Community Drum Circle begins at 7pm at the Manhattan Arts Center. The rhythm will be facilitated by Richard Pitts, who will provide you with an instrument, show you how to play your drum or other percussion instrument and then it's up to

you to fill the Arts Center with rhythm and music! The evening is generously sponsored by Little Apple Afternoon Optimists and Penny Alonso. The Drum Circle is \$10 for adults, \$8 for military and \$5 for children (12 and under).

Tickets are available online at [www.manhattanarts.org](http://www.manhattanarts.org), or at the Manhattan Arts Center box office, 1520 Poyntz, 537-4420.

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