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Manhattan Debt Rockets To \$200 Million

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

Anyone have the phone number of the Tea Party?

They are going to hold a meeting in Riley this Saturday but if they take a look at what is going on in Manhattan they may want to turn the car around.

The City of Manhattan (using their own records) has gone from \$100 million in debt to \$200 million in debt in one year.

One year!

How can you do that? Oh, that's right, keep-electing people that want to spend, spend, spend.

As you can see by the Debt Disclosure Statements Manhattan was deep in debt in 2009 at \$100 million. This year the Downtown Redevelopment "started" to kick in and the figure went to \$200 Million.

We say started because that \$75.8 million for Downtown Redevelopment is going to go up this year and next year.

And don't look for things to get better, the voters approved money for the parks, pools and zoo last year and that will be added.

Isn't it about time the voters of Manhattan started electing people who will hold down spending? The next election is not until 2011. More spending and more debt will continue.

Tea? Anyone?

Debt Disclosure Statement January 1, 2009

Instrument	City at Large Portion	Benefit District Portion	Total	Date of Final Payment
General Obligation/Special Assessment Bonds	19,560,809	57,764,191	77,325,000	11/01/28
(1) Temporary Notes	9,750,913	10,164,087	19,915,000	12/15/12
Lease Purchases	1,068,061	-	1,068,061	03/15/17
(2) State Department of Health and Environment Loan	5,469,385	-	5,469,385	09/01/21
State Dept. of Transportation -Transportation Revolving Fund Loan	4,199,610	-	4,199,610	08/01/24
Total Debt:	40,048,778	67,928,278	107,977,056	
Debt Authority Remaining:	80,304,180	-	-	

Debt Disclosure Statement January 1, 2010

As of January 31, 2010

Instrument	City at Large Portion	Benefit District Portion	Other Obligations	Total	Date of Final Payment
General Obligation/Special Assessment Bonds	23,435,461	63,989,539	-	87,425,000	11/01/29
1) Temporary Notes	21,851,773	4,038,227	-	25,890,000	12/15/13
Senior Lien TIF Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Series 2009A)	-	-	21,220,000	21,220,000	12/01/26
2) Subordinate Lien TIF Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Series 2009B)	-	-	4,160,000	4,160,000	12/01/27
3) Sales Tax Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (STAR Bonds Series 2009-1)	-	-	16,855,000	16,855,000	12/01/26
4) Taxable Sales Tax Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (STAR Bonds Series 2009-2)	-	-	33,145,000	33,145,000	12/01/26
5) Limey Pointe TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Series 2009)	-	-	505,000	505,000	12/01/16
6) Lease Purchases	1,100,393	-	-	1,100,393	03/15/17
7) State Department of Health and Environment Loan	5,986,497	-	-	5,986,497	09/01/21
8) State Dept. of Transportation -Transportation Revolving Fund Loan	4,000,070	-	-	4,000,070	08/01/24
Total Debt:	56,374,194	68,027,766	75,885,000	200,286,960	

Memories Still Vivid After 65 years For Vet

By Gloria Freeland

Most youngsters look forward to their 21st birthday with great anticipation. Julian Siebert was just hoping to live to see his.

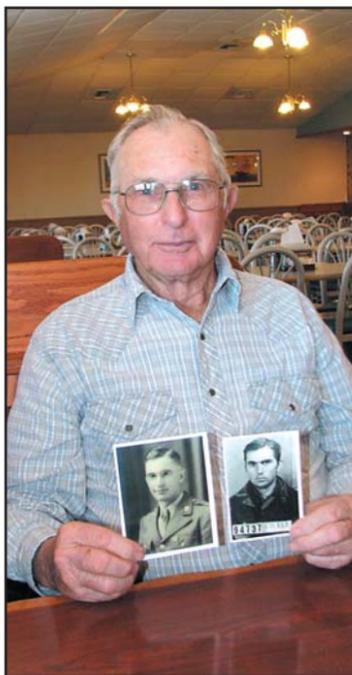
Growing up on a farm near Westmoreland, Kan., he left for Fort Leavenworth on May 4, 1944 with good friend Clyde Aubert. They were inducted the next day, trained in Texas and traveled overseas, first to Britain and then France. They were assigned to the 328th Infantry as replacements, taking the positions of soldiers injured or killed.

On Nov. 20, just eight days before Julian's birthday, they went into battle near Dieuze. He clearly remembers it. Clyde was killed.

"This was my first realization of the price we pay in war," he said.

I had seen Julian's photo in the paper after he and other area veterans traveled to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight trip to see the national World War II Memorial. Husband Art and I met him and wife Barbara for lunch shortly before Christmas and asked him about some of his World War II experiences.

The night before his birthday, they were dug in at the edge of a small town. The next day Julian and several other men went to mass in the church behind them. That afternoon, they came under artillery fire that seemed to follow them when they moved. Later, a sniper fired from the church steeple and they knew he must have been spotting for the guns. "Between the artillery and the



Julian Sieber

sniper, it got so hot that I found an old foxhole that was full of water," he said. "I broke the ice on top with the butt of my rifle and jumped up to my shoulders in water. That night the sniper tried to escape, but he didn't make it."

About mid-December - after nearly a month of continuous fighting - his unit was relieved and went to Metz, France for a rest and to spend Christmas. But the offensive Americans call the Battle of the

Bulge began the next day, sending him back to the front.

"Our assignment was to find the enemy and engage him," he said. ". . . At this time, the Germans had American uniforms and some spoke good English so it was difficult to know if you encountered Germans or Americans . . . There was lots of snow on the ground and the Germans would sometimes wear white over their uniforms so it was hard to see them . . ."

Julian's farm experience came in handy.

"Sometimes we would see a milk cow and it was my job to milk her as I was the only one who knew how and we would heat it and put D-bars in it to make some hot milk chocolate."

Early on Christmas morning, when kids back home were waking up to see what Santa had brought, his company attacked a small town and met some strong resistance. His squad was cut off from the rest of the group.

"Shells went off in front of us. It took the pack from my back and scratched my back. The man next to me was killed. We moved into a building and tried to hold off there."

A hand grenade was thrown into the room, but he and his buddies couldn't find it in the dark, so they hit the corners of the room. It went off, but no one was injured.

"Later they pointed the tank's 88 gun at us so we came out as we knew this was the end, and we were taken prisoners."

They were taken behind German lines and were lined up behind a hill.

"We knew they were about to shoot us. The fellow next to me said, 'It looks like this is it.' I answered, 'It sure looks like it.' It was real quiet from then on. I guess there was a lot of praying going on about then."

A vehicle similar to a Jeep came around the hill and a German officer got out and talked to their captors. The prisoners were then lined up and marched out.

They walked for days, collecting more prisoners as they went. Finally they arrived at a railroad yard with a lone boxcar and were loaded into it.

"There was only room enough to stand, but we were left for several days . . .," he said.

He learned that it was possible to sleep standing up. Things got worse when some became ill.

They were transported to Stalag 12A, a prisoner-of-war camp near Limburg, Germany. Guards questioned them, gave them identification tags and took their photos.

The camp had no facilities for bathing or washing and food was in short supply, consisting mostly of soup. But even under those grim circumstances, prisoners tried to find humor.

"One guy said at first if you see a worm in your soup, you will probably throw it out. Then if you see a worm in your soup, you will pick it out and eat the soup. After that, if you find a worm in your soup and he tries

to crawl out, you will knock him back in."

Julian was among a group of 30 who worked in a forest cutting pine trees.

"One night, one of the guards gave us an ax and told us that if things got too bad we should break ourselves out of the barracks for our own protection. The next day we were told that the Russians were getting close and we were going to the American lines. We walked all day and at one time the Russians were firing in one side of a small town as we went out the other side. Finally the guards gave us their guns and said, 'We are your prisoners now.' We were almost to the American lines. This was May 2, 1945. The war was almost over."

When reflecting on his experiences, Barbara said Julian has often mentioned what a beautiful sight the American flag was when he got to the American lines.

Although the Battle of the Bulge is now more than 65 years ago, many who fought in it remember details vividly.

"When they say, 'freedom isn't free,'" remarked Julian, "that sure is the truth."

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Obituaries

Christabelle Fitzgerald

Christabelle Fitzgerald, 97, Manhattan, KS passed away Sunday, February 21, 2010 in the St. Joseph Village, Manhattan.

She was born May 27, 1912 at Plainview, TX, the daughter of Harry Gillispie Thomson and Tessie Carr Thomson. She came to Manhattan with her family, as a small child, and had been a long-time Manhattan area resident. She attended the local schools and was a graduate of the Manhattan High School.

She was united in marriage to

Raymond Fitzgerald on June 1, 1930 at Manhattan. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church, Manhattan. Many will remember her as a greeter and hostess at the McDonald's Restaurant on north Third Street for over 10 years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Fitzgerald was preceded in death by a son, Robert Fitzgerald in 2001; a daughter, Patricia L. Baker in 2001; her parents; and two sisters, Virginia Green and Mildred Frieri.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Fitzgerald, and his wife, Joanne,

of Boscobel, WI; a daughter, Christa Wimmers, Albany, OR; a sister, Frances VanScoyoc, Manhattan; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services and inurnment will be scheduled for a later date and will be announced by the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

Mary Evelyn Undorf

Mary Evelyn Undorf, 92, of Topeka, Kansas, formerly of Alma, Kansas, died Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Lexington Park Nursing Facility. She was a long-time resident of Alma prior to her move to Topeka in the early 2000s.

Evelyn was born October 9, 1917, in Canyon, Texas, the daughter of Emmett Raymond Snider and Mary Elizabeth McClintic. Her father died when she was a baby and her mother then married Lloyd Yeager. Evelyn attended grade school in Rantoul, Kansas. She then moved to Wichita in 1929 and graduated from East High School in 1935. She attended the Kansas City Art Institute for three years

and was a student of Thomas Hart Benton, noted mural painter. From 1938 until 1942, Evelyn was a fashion artist in Kansas City, Missouri.

Evelyn married Hubert Joseph Undorf on July 15, 1939 in Alma, Kansas. He preceded her in death on October 17, 1997.

In 1948 Evelyn and Hubert moved to Alma. Evelyn did freelance art work and owned and operated the Undorf Commercial Art Studio. She also enjoyed being a homemaker. Evelyn was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Alma.

She is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Jones and her husband, Bill, Tecumseh and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson, Topeka; eight grandchildren, Jeff Clark, Angela Carter, Kimberly Devlin, Jennifer Davis, Ryan

Jones, Scott Johnson, Cody Rigsby, Bryan Rigsby and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant children, Patricia Ann and Philip James.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Alma, Kansas. Father John Pilcher will be the Celebrant. Burial will follow in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery. A rosary will be held at 1:30 p.m. prior to the Mass. The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Operation Impact

During the week of February 22, the Riley County Police Department will begin a project designed to reduce crime in specific areas of Manhattan. The project, Operation Impact, is designed to help accomplish the RCPD's mission of reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Riley County. In late 2009, the RCPD began its formal crime reduction efforts by initiating a Repeat Offender Program (ROP) that focuses on identifying, apprehending, and incarcerating the prolific offenders in the community. The goal of Operation Impact is equally simple: to identify high crime areas in the community and to reduce crime in those areas through quality of life enforcement. Operation Impact was developed based upon the evidence that crime tends to con-

centrate in a small number of places, called "hot spots," rather than being evenly distributed across a wide geographic area. Evidence also shows that overall crime in a large geographic area can be reduced by concentrating on crime hot spots

Each week an RCPD analyst will review the latest crime intelligence and identify an area in Manhattan with a high concentration of crime. This area will be designated as an Impact Zone, and RCPD officers will target it for extra patrol and monitoring of offenses that affect the quality of life, to include:

- Noise violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Alcohol violations
- Speeding and other traffic infractions that represent a danger to the public

- Parking violations
- Abandoned vehicles
- Truancy and curfew violations

In addition, officers will note code violations and report them to the Manhattan Code Services Department. Finally, officers will attempt to identify any environmental issues that may be contributing to crime in the area.

Officers are being encouraged to patrol Impact Zones by foot as much as possible and to make contact with individuals living and working in the area in order to seek their input about any problems the area might be experiencing.

As with any new operation, it is expected that adjustments will be made as Operation Impact develops. The community also needs to know that this project will not alter the RCPD's commitment to deliver police services to other areas of Manhattan and Riley County.

Fabric and Jewelry Donations Needed

The Seniors' Center, 412 Leavenworth is accepting donations for Fabric and Jewelry Sales scheduled during the month of March.

On March 22 and 24 KSU Social Work Students are hosting a Vintage Accessory Sale at the KSU Union 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The proceeds from the sale will go to the Center to purchase chairs. The Center is hosting a

Fabric and Jewelry Sale on Friday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center.

Items for both sales can be brought to the Center weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jewelry, scarves, hats, belts can be brought throughout the month of March. Fabric can be donated beginning March 22nd. For more information call 537-4040. Thanks for your support.

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Council Grove Native returns as Hospital Lab Director

Thomas Buttrey, Council Grove High School graduate in 1998, returned to his hometown to accept responsibility as the Laboratory Director at the Morris County Hospital in January 2010.

Buttrey, a graduate of Butler Community College with an Associates Degree in Biology; Emporia State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, and Wichita State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology, assumed the Laboratory Director's position at the local hospital on Monday, 4 January 2010.

Buttrey has held several medical laboratory positions after graduation including at the Olathe Medical Center, the

Overland Park Regional Hospital and the Quintiles Clinical Research Organization at Overland Park, Kansas prior to accepting the Morris County Hospital laboratory director's position in January.

In his lab director's position, Thomas Buttrey oversees the overall operation of the hospital's medical laboratory assuring that correct testing is done on all lab specimens, establishes and oversees laboratory policies and procedures, and monitors all quality controls to keep the lab and hospital in compliance with strict medical practice.

Buttrey was a standout athlete at Council Grove High School playing baseball and was an All-

Conference football linebacker two years – and also made the All Conference Academic football team. He is married to the former Deanna Litke, who works in the radiological department at the Morris County Hospital. The couple has two sons – ages three and one-and-a-half.

Hospital administrator, Jim Reagan, in welcoming Thomas Buttrey to the Morris County Hospital, also thanked the other members of the hospital staff for stepping in and maintaining the high quality standards of the hospital laboratory during the months following the untimely passing of former long-time laboratory director J.D. Jones in August 2009.

Kansas Agri-Women To Hold Annual Meeting

Women from across the state will be meeting in Manhattan, Kansas, on Saturday, March 6, 2010, for the annual meeting of the Kansas Agri-Women (KAW).

The business meeting will begin at 10 o'clock. In addition to election of officers, the organization will discuss plans for hosting the national American Agri-Women (AAW) convention in 2011.

The luncheon and presentation are open to the public: KAW would like to invite all partners in the agriculture industry to attend; producers, agri-business professionals, land owners and families. Luncheon speakers will include

AAW president, Chris Wilson, Manhattan, Kansas, and Jan Lyons, Past President National Cattleman's Beef Association, Manhattan, Kansas. The presentation will share real life experiences in Ag-Advocacy and give guidelines for producers to follow while representing the industry.

Kansas Agri-Women president, Abby Dechant, Alma, said, "This is an opportunity for producers to learn what they can do to be advocates of the agriculture industry everyday."

The meeting will be held at First Church of the Nazarene Parish Hall, 3031 Kimball Ave., Manhattan, Kansas (at the inter-

section of Seth Child and Kimball).

Kansas Agri-Women, an affiliate of American Agri-Women, is a non-partisan organization of women interested and involved in agriculture. More information about Kansas Agri-Women can be found at www.ksagriwomen.org and AAW may be contacted at www.americanagriwomen.org.

To make reservations for the meeting, or for additional information, contact Abby Dechant, at adechant@ksu.edu or call 271-2953.

Long Term Rewards for Energy Retooling

By Adam Reichenberger

On Tuesday, Assistant to the City Manager, Brian Williams gave an overview to the City Commission of his "Facilities Conservation Improvement Program." The program aims to spend a little money now to make certain qualifying facilities more energy efficient thereby saving money in the long run.

"Under guidelines established by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the State Energy Office," Williams reported, "municipalities are able to fund certain capital improvements that will offer a projected return through reduced energy costs over a prescribed period of time."

An approved Energy Service Company (ESCO) must enter into a "performance contracting relationship" with the city first before becoming, according to Williams, "responsible for performing the

required energy usage analysis, making recommendations for energy conservation measures (ECM's), assisting the City in securing funding (if necessary), and guaranteeing the annual savings."

The City has been cooperating with Trane Commercial Systems in a joint effort to identify potential cost-effective measures and upgrades to current facilities. Included in this analysis by special request of the city, is the Manhattan Public Library and Senior Center.

Randy Jameson and Chad Remboldt, representatives of Trane had prepared a preliminary report for the City Commission to review. "In Trane's evaluation," Williams stated, "there are a number of projects that were evaluated but not included as recommended ECM's because the annual cost savings did not produce sufficient returns to offset

the capital costs of the necessary improvements."

Jameson and Remboldt were able to separate the possible ECM's into two groups: those projects requiring fewer than 15 years to attain pay-off by way of sufficient savings (high-return projects) and those taking over 15 years.

The 15-year cut-off seems to be the most attractive option for financiers, despite being well under the 30-year maximum allotted time allowed under the original terms.

"Ultimately," Williams concluded, "the ESCO will need to perform an Investment-Grade Audit (IGA) to finalize the combination of ECM's necessary to produce a positive cash-flow over the financing term."

The project awaits direction and input from the City Commission.

Symbiotic Solution

By Adam Reichenberger

Public Works Director/County Engineer, Leon Hobson recently reported a peculiar case before the County Commission. Resident, Bruce Ewing is asking to be connected to the Deep Creek Sewer District. For the simple waiving of a connection fee, it appears Mr. Ewing is willing to not only allow the use of

his land for access to the local water lagoon system but he is also willing to provide the District with a travel easement from the end of Vinson road to the lagoon.

The water lagoon in question is one in which access, while relatively simple in dry weather, can be hazardous and sometimes impossible when conditions are wet.

Presently, Mr. Ewing maintains the current access to the lagoon since he, too, travels on it. However, with the construction of a new box culvert to more easily access his own property, Mr. Ewing will no longer be using or maintaining the old lagoon access.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

One Life, One Nation, Under God

February 27th at 10 AM, Flint Hill Tea Party patriots will gather in Riley to pay tribute to and pledge to defend the Constitution of the United States "and the government for which it stands." A nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" and "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The embodiment of these rights and the result of one life dedicated to their perpetuity is nowhere more classically displayed than in the life of a grassroots patriot whose journey we were privileged to see on display this past weekend as related below.

They came from every corner of the rural Appalachian town of Jane Lew and the surrounding area and stood in long lines that were continuous for more than six hours in subfreezing weather in the snow-covered foothills of West Virginia. They came to pay their respects to a person who had changed their town and touched their lives. Her name is Shirley Dianne Wyant Hicks, known to all as Dianne. Dianne had lived among them for 62 years. She epitomized the pioneer woman spirit of foresight and determination.

Jane Lew was once a thriving town with coal tipples that transferred millions of tons of coal annually and glass factories with their hand blown stemware found in the Kennedy White House and around the world. The tipples now stand as rusted monuments of a bygone era and the glass factories are reduced to small, craft-like operations. Twenty years ago the life of Jane Lew and surrounding area began to ebb away.

Then Dianne stepped onto the court with the determination of local basketball hero Jerry West. In addition to managing the office for Standard Gas, Dianne began to score two- and three-pointers for her hometown. She was elected to the Jane Lew City Council, a position she held for ten years. She then was elected to Mayor for ten more years and served on the Region 7 Development Council for ten years. The hundreds who came to pay their respect attested to the impact one determined life can have who is passionate about a worthwhile mission.

During the memorial service, some rose to praise the quiet strength, tenacity and impeccable character of their friend and leader. Elaine chronicled Dianne's 20-year journey as a servant leader whose values were anchored in Family, Church, and Community. "Jane Lew is now alive with welcome signs, Christmas lights, flower boxes, flags, street signs, a renovated Town Hall and a Main Street Museum."

Elaine continued, "Then there is the new City Park with paved walking trails, edible landscaping, children's playgrounds, benches and streamside cleanup. In a town of about 1,000, funds for this work had to be raised from many sources. Dianne's resourceful ability resulted in a mosaic of contributors including Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Veterans groups and grants from various sources. She was so proud of the new \$250,000 fire truck. She wrote letters to the state and national representatives followed by a 'campaign of badgering and hounding until they gave up and sent the funds!'"

Joe came forward to praise Dianne for being his friend and mentor when she was the Youth Leader at First United Methodist Church, a position she held for 20 years. Previous pastors Paul Helmick and Ron Brown praised Dianne for her consistent life of faithfulness and her continuous "pastor's to-do list to innovate the youth program with an endless pattern of activities in which her planning flurries were as joyful as the culmination of the activity!"

Aunt Lorena brought laughter to the audience by sharing an incident from Dianne's childhood. "At four years old, Dianne and brother Jimmie suddenly disappeared from the yard. After a frantic search of the river-



Dick Miller

bank and surrounding area, Aunt Lorena and Mother Norma found them totally engrossed in some activity in the lower dresser drawer. Dianne looked up and in her slow drawl exclaimed, 'Motheerrr! Ole Tom is falling apart!' Ole Tom was the family cat and not a Tom. Dianne and Jimmie were watching Tom give birth to four healthy kittens."

Joy and laughter were the hallmark of Dianne's life. Even in the throes of devastating cancer to the very end, her faith never wavered, the gleam in her eyes never dimmed, her undaunted spirit radiated to all around her. Husband Sam, a man's man, lovingly claimed, "She never ceased telling me what to do." One admirer was overheard saying, "Dianne, we were blessed by your life and are now blessed by memories of you. Thank you for the new life you brought to our town. You were Jane Lew!"

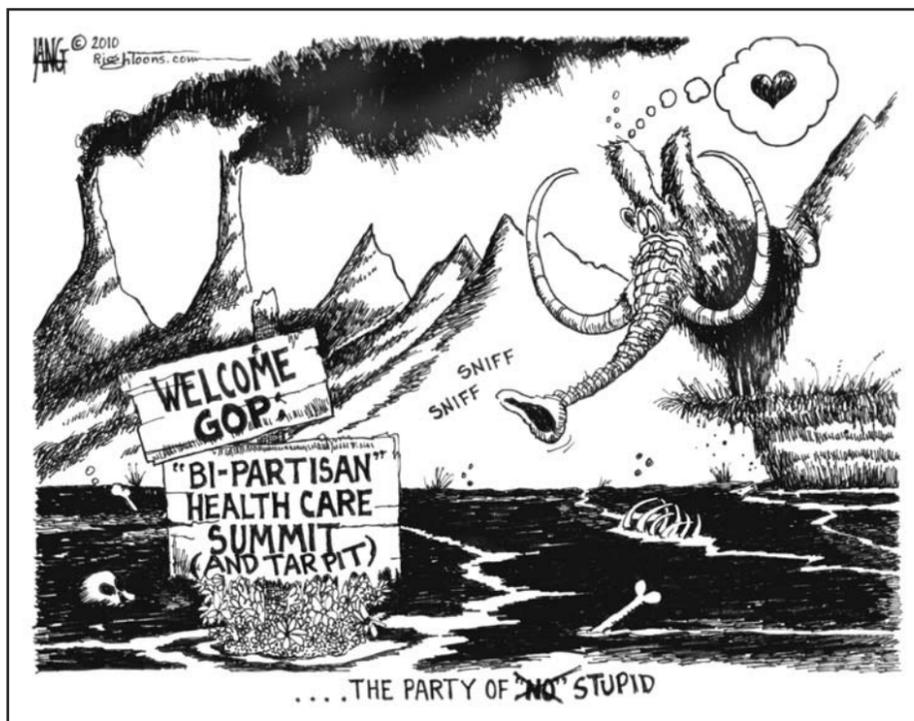
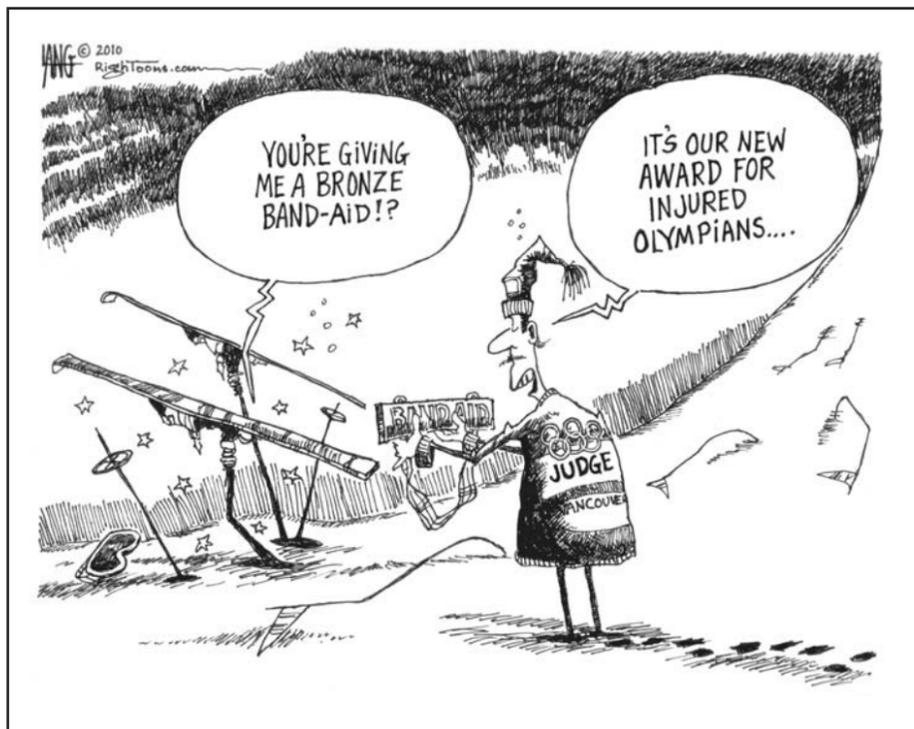
Dianne's legacy lives on in her son, Greg, and daughter, Monica, who chronicled the journey of her mother's pain and joy in emails as the entire family near and far rose to the task as 24-7 caregivers and soldiers to stand guard over her path. As her journey on this earth came to a close, one whose day it was to stand guard, "saw" Dianne's pain-wracked body blossom as a radiant flower and her devoted mother Norma heard the welcoming bells of angels as they came to escort Dianne home. It can truly be said that her death was swallowed up in victory!

In her final email, Monica shared her memories of the last two days, writing, "One last thing before I go. Saturday night I was thinking of the experience my family had today...So many people surrounded us with LOVE as a thousand people came to pay respect to her...There was the janitor from the high school, the City Council, County Officials and a Representative from the Governor's Office, Samantha's former coaches and some team members, Allison's cheerleading squad, Natalie's friends and some of the team. It was amazing. And the flowers, oh, the flowers!!! We cried, we laughed and we simply hugged some of the visitors, no words were needed.

"This morning, Sunday, I woke to the sunshine bursting in the room and the birds singing. It was the sound of Easter morning to me. How fitting, she had risen!!! All that was missing was the smell of bacon from my grandmother's kitchen. We arrived at the Chapel to say our last goodbye to the woman we called Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mom, Mama, Aunt, Friend...The last song she had chosen was Victory in Jesus and it was a toe tapper. The kids said they could see her dancing a jig up the isle to the music. Very appropriate!!!! We got in our cars and were led by a police escort and the Jane Lew Fire Department. How beautiful! The line of cars went on forever it seemed, driving thru Jane Lew on her last trip home...We made our way thru the snow and mud to where she is laid to rest, right next to her 'daddy'. To those of you who came, 'Thank You!!!' And to those who could not, you were missed. I now sign off to let my heart heal."

Dianne Hicks, a true patriot, lover of liberty. "Well done faithful servant!"

Rally in Riley



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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)	
O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tipoff						
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)	
K-State Holiday Classic						
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)	
Big 12 / Pac-10 Hardwood Series						
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)	
Coors Classic						
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.	87 - 81 (W)	
Mon, Jan 18	Texas *	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	81 - 62 (W)	
Sat, Jan 23	Oklahoma State *	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	69 - 73 (L)	
Tue, Jan 26	Baylor *	-	at Waco, Texas	7 p.m.	76 - 74 (W)	
Sat, Jan 30	Kansas *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	79 - 81 (L)	
Tue, Feb 02	Nebraska *	-	at Lincoln, Neb.	7 p.m.	76 - 57 (W)	
Sat, Feb 06	Iowa State *	-	at Ames, Iowa	1 p.m.	79 - 75 (W)	
Sat, Feb 13	Colorado *	-	Manhattan	5 p.m.	68 - 51 (W)	
Wed, Feb 17	Nebraska *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	91 - 87 (W)	
Sat, Feb 20	Oklahoma *	-	at Norman, Okla.	5 p.m.	83 - 68 (W)	
Tue, Feb 23	Texas Tech *	-	at Lubbock, Texas	7 p.m.	83 - 64 (W)	
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	
Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship						
Wed, Mar 10	TBA	-	at Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)	TBA		

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No. 6 Kansas State Hang On For 91-87 Win

KSU Sports Information

Chris Merriewether hit two clutch free throws to break up an 87-87 tie with 26 seconds remaining and Denis Clemente converted an easy layup following a steal from Jacob Pullen as the seventh-ranked Wildcats hung on for a 91-87 win over Nebraska Wednesday night.

Junior forward Dominique Sutton was huge for the Wildcats, tying his career high with 21 points and finishing just shy of a double-double with nine rebounds in the contest. Sutton was 3-of-3 behind the arc after never hitting a 3-pointer in any other game this season. He was also an impressive 8-of-10 from the free-throw line and finished the game with two steals.

The backcourt tandem of Clemente and Pullen combined for 39 points in the game, with Clemente's 21 points tying Sutton for team-high honors. Clemente started the game off cold, hitting only 1-of-7 from the field in the first half before catching fire in the second, where he converted on 5-of-7 from the floor. Pullen dished out six assists and two steals to go along with his 18 point effort.

Both teams pushed the tempo in the early going, with K-State (21-4, 8-3 Big 12) pushing out to an 11-10 lead at the first media timeout behind four points each from Luis Colon and Curtis Kelly. Nebraska (13-13, 1-10) took its first lead of the game, 15-14, at the 13:25 mark following a layup by Brandon Richardson. The Cornhuskers extended their lead to as much as 10 at the 7:44 mark, but the Wildcats battled back, ending the first half on an 18-9 run that was capped off by a Pullen layup to send K-State to the locker room trailing by just one, 40-39.

Nebraska came out on fire in the first half, shooting a blistering 14-of-22 (63.6 percent) from the field, while converting 4-of-8 (50.0 percent) on shots from

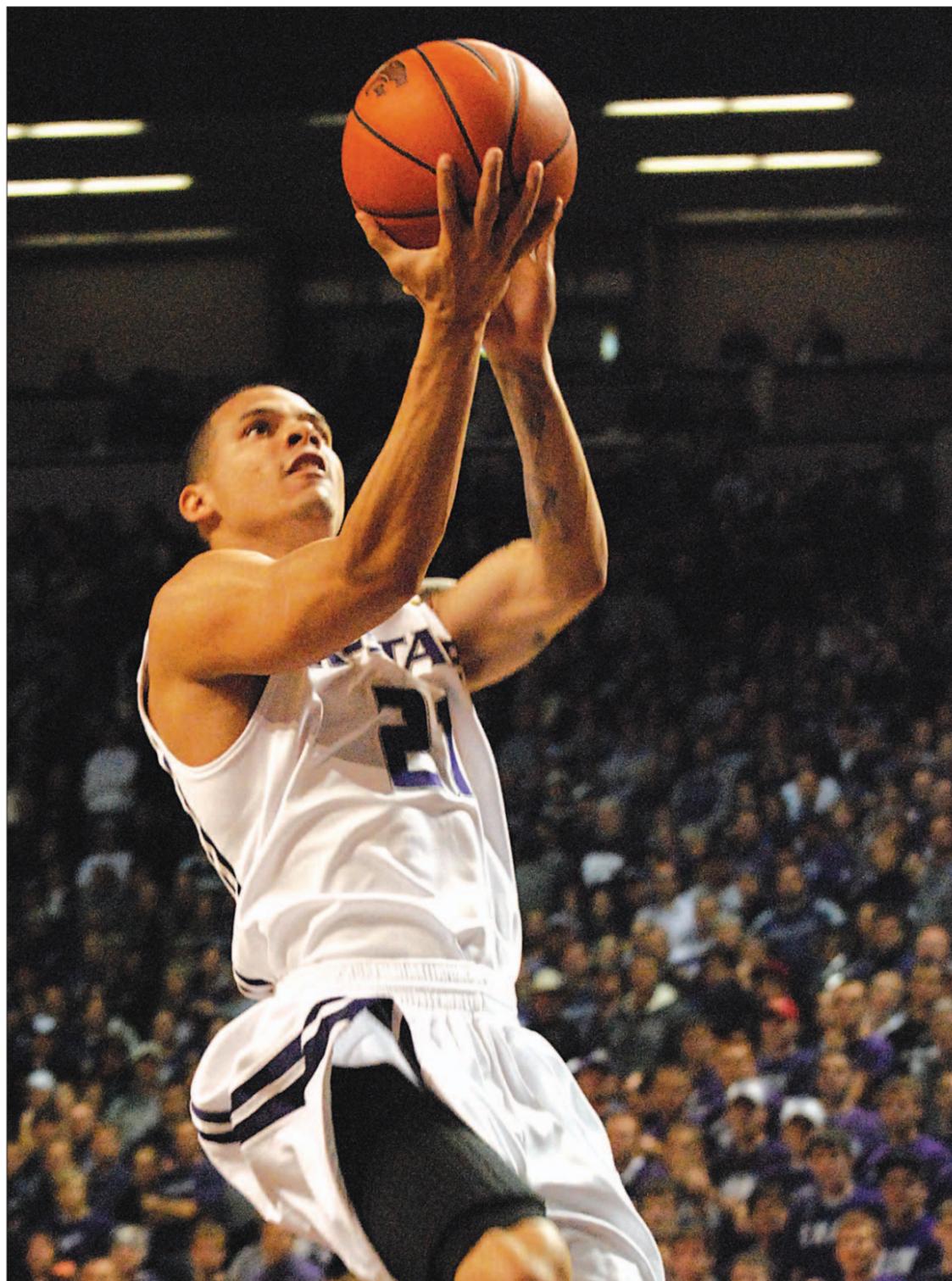
behind the arc. K-State wasn't struggling on the offensive end either, hitting on 13-of-33 (43.4 percent) from the field, and hitting on 11-of-14 (78.6 percent) from the charity stripe.

Nebraska came out firing again after the break, starting the second half with an 11-3 run to pull ahead by nine at the 16:57 mark, 51-42. K-State then turned up the heat on defense, holding the Cornhuskers scoreless for the next 6:31 while putting together a 15-0 run of its own. In the midst of that run, the Wildcats regained the lead for the first time since the 13:25 mark in the first half when Denis Clemente hit two free throws off of a technical foul called on Nebraska head coach Doc Sadler with 12:02 left to play, 53-51.

K-State continued to build upon its second half momentum, stretching the lead to 10 points with 3:00 minutes to play, but Nebraska wouldn't go away quietly.

Late in the game, the Cornhuskers started fouling the Wildcats, hoping to claw their way back off of K-State missed free throws. The Wildcats didn't cooperate with that plan, converting on 14-of-14 shots from the foul line in the last five minutes. However, Nebraska caught fire from 3-point range, hitting an astounding 6-of-6 attempts in the last 2:36 of the game, the final two of which followed back-to-back turnovers by the Wildcats, tying up the score at 87 all. K-State was able to outlast the late Nebraska surge though, closing out the four-point victory with the Merriewether free throws and Clemente layup.

The game was won at the line for the Wildcats, who finished the game converting an impressive 32-of-40 (80.0 percent). K-State was able to get to the line for 17 more attempts than Nebraska managed, and the Wildcats took advantage, bettering their season average of 65 percent by 15.



Above: Denis Clemente (Photo by Ben Brake)

Clemente Notches 27 in Win at Oklahoma

KSU Sports Information

Five Wildcats scored in double figures and seventh-ranked Kansas State used a strong second-half performance to surge past Oklahoma, 83-68, Saturday at the Lloyd Noble Center.

With the win, Kansas State improved to 22-4 on the season and 9-3 in Big 12 play, while Oklahoma dropped to 13-13 and 4-8. The win guaranteed K-State a winning record on the road in Big 12 play for the first time in league history and for the first time since the 1987-88 season.

Denis Clemente paced the Wildcats with 27 points on 11-of-18 shooting, while Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly each had 14 points. Jamar Samuels added 12

points off the bench, while Dominique Sutton had 11. Clemente now has seven 20-plus point games this season and 16 for his career.

K-State shot 53.3 percent for the game, including 58.1 percent in the second half, and connected on 10-of-20 three-point field goals. The performance from beyond the arc marked the fourth time this season that the Wildcats have hit 10 or more three-pointers.

Holding on to a two-point half-time lead, Clemente's three-pointer in transition three minutes into the second half gave K-State a seven-point advantage at 44-37. But, the Sooners bounced right back to close the gap to 47-46

until a Samuels lay-in upped the margin to 49-46.

K-State then went up seven following three-point field goals by Clemente and Samuels and another Clemente three from the top of the key at the 12:39 mark upped the lead to 10 at 59-49. The Wildcats would extend their lead to 71-55 with 8:35 left after Sutton drained a three from the left side.

The Sooners would only get as close as 11 in the final minute and a Clemente runner and two free throws from Kelly upped the lead back to 15 at 83-68.



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Sweat Named Academic All-American

KSU Sports Information

Ashley Sweat earned CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America third team honors on Tuesday.

Kansas State senior forward Ashley Sweat garnered CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America third team honors in an announcement by the organization on Tuesday morning. This is the first national honor for Sweat in her career and it is the second straight season K-State has had a student-athlete earn Academic All-America honors.

Sweat is a two-time CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine All-District VII selection, earning first team honors this season and a second team selection in 2009. She has also garnered a pair of Academic All-Big 12 first team honors. This season, Sweat is a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award with fan voting continuing through March 22 at www.seniorCLASSaward.com or by texting 'W9' to 74567.

The 6-2 forward from McPherson, Kan., leads the Wildcats in scoring (17.1 ppg), rebounding (5.5 rpg), free throws made (115), free throws attempted (142) and blocked shots (17). She ranks seventh in the Big 12 this season in scoring and eighth in the league in free throw percentage (.810).

During her senior campaign, Sweat has ascended a number of K-State career lists as she ranks

third in scoring with 1,735 points and into 15th in career rebounds with 583. She also ranks in the top-10 in career blocks with 69 to become the third player in school history to record 1,700 points, 500 rebounds and 60 blocks for a career. She also ranks in the top-10 in career free throws made (401) and attempted (518), career field goals made (614) and min-

utes played (3,878).

Sweat, a kinesiology major, is the fifth student-athlete in school history to earn Academic All-America honors. She joins Shalee Lehning (2009 - third team), Laurie Koehn (2004 - first team; 2005 second team), Nicole Ohlde (2004 - second team) and Gayla Williams (1981, third team).



Right: Ashley Sweat (4)
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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)	
Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic					
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)	
Duel in the Desert					
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.	57 - 63 (L)	
Sat, Jan 23	Nebraska *	at Lincoln, Neb.	11 a.m.	56 - 71 (L)	
Sun, Jan 31	Iowa State *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	73 - 67 (W)	
Wed, Feb 03	Baylor *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	47 - 65 (L)	
Sun, Feb 07	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	1 p.m.	60 - 70 (L)	
Wed, Feb 10	Missouri *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	37 - 33 (W)	
Sat, Feb 13	Texas A&M *	at College Station, Texas	7 p.m.	63 - 69 (L)	
Wed, Feb 17	Texas *	at Austin, Texas	7 p.m.	41 - 62 (L)	
Sun, Feb 21	Oklahoma *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	58 - 64 (L)	
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 February 4, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Member, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Bob Isaac, Planner, attended.

Hobson presented a copy of the K-18 traffic study.

Volanti reported the "Green Sheet" for Steven Rightmire is a status changed due to certifications being met.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Steven Rightmire, for a status change (completed Commercial Drivers License (CDL) certification to be promoted to level II as per McGrath Compensation Study of 2008), as a Public Works Operator II, in the Road & Bridge Department, at a grade I step 1, at \$15.20 per hour.

McCulloh moved to sign a letter approving the proposed membership list for the Riley County LEPC. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Harrison stated there is a 50% in kind match for the EMPC Application. She stated the match can be made by in kind contributions.

McCulloh moved to sign the FFY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to recess as the Riley County Board and convene as the University Park District Board. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Isaac presented an Agreement for Easement with Richard and Laura Soash.

McCulloh moved to approve the Agreement for Easement with

Richard and Laura Soash. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to recess as University Park District Board and reconvene as the Board of Riley County Commissioners. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 020410-08, A Resolution adopting revisions to Article "D-8" of the Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines". Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 020410-09, A Resolution adopting replacement of the acknowledgement page for Article "M" of the Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines". Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the LEC Expansion - Allowance Request #11 in the amount of \$944.00 for reconfiguring the size, shape, and length of the HVAC ductwork. This amount will be charged against the "owner's allowance" contract line item in the original bid. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Harrison presented the software maintenance contract on the recording equipment for the 911 system at the LEC.

McCulloh moved to approve the Voice Products, Inc. Software Maintenance Agreement for Riley County 911. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:00 Heather Jager, ISO II - Juvenile and Jenny Trudo, Youth Court Coordinator

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Rebecca Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Jager said that there is good news for teen courts, youth courts, student courts, and peer courts across America. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the United States Department of Justice has now listed "Youth Court/Teen Court" in their OJJDP Model Programs Guide under both Prevention and Intervention. The Independence, Missouri Youth Court and the Anchorage, Alaska Youth Court are both utilized as examples showing these programs do in fact reduce recidivism rates.

Jager said in these tight fiscal times and with the on-going struggle to fund all kinds of social and human

service programs, this is good news, we now have more validation that Youth Courts and Teen Courts are effective and are among the least expensive juvenile justice programs in existence. We are very fortunate to finally have Youth Court and Teen Court recognized and named as a program that works by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Jager said the local Teen Court is funded through Community Corrections' budget. Jager said Teen Court has been in Riley County since 1999.

Kearns stated Riley County does pay for the position to administer Teen Court.

Brooks stated Riley County budgets approximately \$55,000.00 for the position.

Trudo stated a lot of our cases are due to theft and shoplifting.

9:15 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste Department report.

Peterson presented the purchase request for a mower tractor and a HHW trailer.

McCulloh moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for a 24' Gooseneck Cargo Trailer (HHW Collection) for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$12,000.00 to be funded by the CIP fund. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for a tractor with roadside mower for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be funded by the CIP fund. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:30 Greg McHenry, Appraiser Johnette Shepek, Budget and

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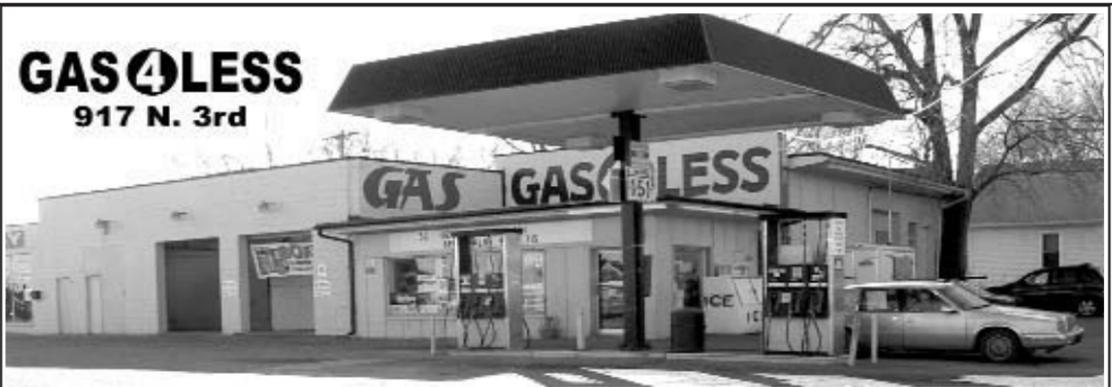
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Commission Minutes

Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

McHenry reported the 2010 Change of Value Notices for Real Estate will be mailed February 12, 2010. McHenry stated personal property change of value notices will be mailed May 1st.

McHenry discussed the Orion Enhancement Committee he will be serving on and the Orion project. The State support, which was originally to be funded will not be funded.

9:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Bob Isaac, Planner; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Wedel stated Clarion and Associates suggested the Board consider designating the Riley County Planning Board as the Riley County Board of Zoning Appeals. Wedel stated the designation is allowed by statute.

Kearns asked, would the Board of Zoning Appeals be reviewing the work they performed as the Planning Board?

Wedel said the Board of Zoning Appeals does not review appeals from the Planning Board. Wedel said they will review decisions made by his department.

McCulloh asked with V2025, will it create more appeals for the Board

of Zoning Appeals to consider?

Wedel said variances are reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals not staff or the Board of County Commissioners.

McCulloh said with more regulations there may be more appeals coming in the future.

McCulloh moved to proceed with the designation of the Riley County Planning Board as the Riley County Board of Zoning Appeals. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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

Administrative Work Session Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager, attended.

Holeman discussed the Riley County testimony at the hearing on HB2445 military encroachment. Holeman stated Wedel, Kearns, and he testified at the hearing.

Holeman discussed the hearing on HB2445.

Kearns stated they are going back today while the Kansas House works HB2445.

Kearns discussed the Air Force concern with waiving sovereign immunity. Kearns said sovereign immunity cannot be waived anyway.

Holeman stated the City signed the joint letter to the Governor of support

for reinstating State funding of hotel and restaurant inspections.

10:21 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:30 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:30 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:35 Executive Session to discuss department head evaluation

10:35 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (John Cowan) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:50 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:52 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken dur-

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ing the executive session.

10:52 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bob Isaac, Planner; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; and Blake Richards, attended.

Isaac presented a request by Blake Richards for a road vacation at Grandview Heights Subdivision.

Isaac said staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the request. However, if it is not feasible to vacate all of the rights-of-way of Redbud Lane, Hickory Circle and Clyde Drive, staff alternatively recommends approving a subsequent request to vacate all of the right-of-way of Hickory Circle and certain portions of the right-of-way of Clyde Drive, as legally described in the vacation order.

Richards said he did not believe anyone would walk down the easement, because of the brush and trees. Richards stated he is concerned someone will trespass on his property get hurt and he would be liable.

Kearns stated he would like to vacate a portion, but not the access to the lake.

Kearns said lake access for the public is difficult.

Richards said public access is available from the end of Martin Avenue.

McCulloh suggested posting to

pedestrian traffic only.

Kearns stated he can support Option B.

McCulloh moved to approve the Vacation Order for Option B for Blake Richards. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

11:07 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

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Therefore all repairs and maintenance to the access will become the sole responsibility of the District.

There is apparently no contest to Mr. Ewing's request to join the District, as Hobson explained, "The sewer system is currently underutilized and the addition of this request will still allow all of the remaining lots in the Deep Creek Subdivisions to be developed."

The only question at hand is whether or not to waive Mr. Ewing's \$2,500 connection fee in

return for services provided.

Hobson mulled, "The proposed access will provide a much easier route and will virtually eliminate maintenance and repair costs. The only drawback would be the route would not have a rock surface the entire distance. Generally access to the lagoon can be made during dry weather but if access was needed during wet weather one could mud their way to the lagoon or the District could expend funds to rock the entire route.

Utilizing the proposed access

will reduce the amount of funds the District will have to expend on repairs and maintenance for the existing crossing and road in the future. Couple this with the value of the donated land and easements, the District will see a benefit in excess of the \$2,500 connection fee."

Under Mr. Ewing's proposal both sides clearly benefit. Hobson suggested the County Commission authorize Mr. Ewing's connection to the Deep Creek Sewer District and waive his connection fee.

Continued Oklahoma

Kelly recorded two quick baskets to open the game to give the Wildcats a 4-0 lead before Oklahoma answered with 10 of the next 13 total points to take a 10-7 lead. The Wildcats battled back to take a 12-10 lead but the Sooners came back with eight straight to take an 18-12 advantage.

Down 20-12, the Wildcats pulled back even following consecutive three-pointers from

Pullen and Clemente, but the Sooners answered right back with five straight points. After Oklahoma pushed out to a 31-23 lead at the five-minute mark, the Wildcats stormed back with 12 straight and took a 35-33 lead into the locker room.

The Wildcats shot 48.3 percent from the floor in the first half, while the Sooners hit on 38.7 percent of their shots. Oklahoma also out-rebounded K-State in the

opening 20 minutes, 22-14, which led to eight second-chance points.

1,546 points and third in 3-pointers with --178. "That's over with, so I'm just trying to play as hard as I can in the D-League and develop my game enough that someone will think I've developed into an NBA player. I know I can play in this league."

Back to School Assistant Fire Chief

By Adam Reichenberger

Recently it was "administratively determined to be to the advantage of Riley County" for Assistant Fire Chief, Doug Messer to attend a Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) class at the National Fire Academy located in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The class, titled "Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Target Hazards" is set to take place over six days, from May 30 to June 4, 2010.

"The fiscal impact of this should be minimal," Messer explained. "There are no tuition fees for NFA courses. All instruction and course materials are provided at no cost. The transportation costs and lodging for students who represent career or volunteer fire departments, rescue

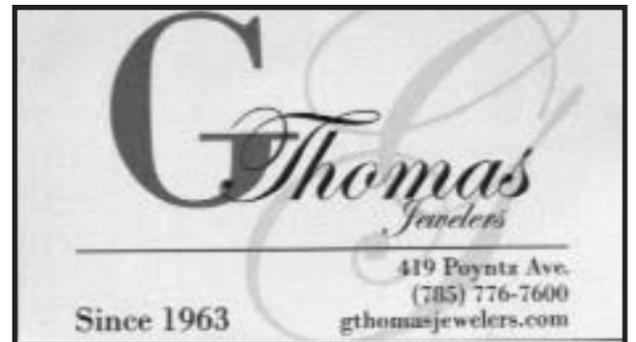
squads, or State/local governments attending on-campus courses are currently provided as part of funding under the student stipend reimbursement program.

"The only cost will be for meals. Currently a meal ticket costs \$130.48 for a six day course. There will be two days of travel, with meal costs of approximately \$40.00. The total fiscal impact will be approximately \$170.00."

Messer described the course: "This 6-day course is designed to introduce command officers to the complexities involved incidents that include high life hazard, multiple exposure, and unusual occupancy risk considerations. The students are taught advanced applications in ICS, command and control, decision making, strategic and tactical

considerations, pre-incident preparation, documentation, and post incident analysis. Several simulations and case studies are used to depict and review incidents in various types of target hazards. Some examples of these are penal institutions, bulk oil-storage facilities, nursing homes, colleges, chemical/agricultural manufacturing plants, and grain elevators. The course is comprehensive and uses lecture, case study, simulation, and student participation as instructional methods."

The numerous benefits of Messer taking this course appear to far outweigh the minimal costs. "Based on the number of target hazards in Riley County," Messer concluded, "I believe that this training will be highly beneficial."



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Gregg Eystone, Riley County Extension Agent, Horticulture

1 P.M. **New Vegetables for 2010**
Rita Arnold, Arnold's Greenhouse, LeRoy, KS

2 P.M. **Pondless Water Features**
Dr. Emily Nolting, K-State Research & Extension

3 P.M. **Totally tomatoes**
Dr. Chuck Marr, K-State Research & Extension Emeritus

4 P.M. **Death, Taxes and Weeds**
Dr. Stu Warren, K-State Research & Extension Horticulture

* Sunday, February 28 *

1 P.M. **New Plants for Your Flower Garden**
Dr. Alan Stevens, K-State Research & Extension Horticulture

2 P.M. **Genetically Modified Plants**
Dr. Harold Trick, Kansas State University

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Final Plat Re-Platted

By Adam Reichenberger

In November, 2009, the original Final Plat of the Downtown Entertainment District was approved conditionally upon the PUD being approved. The PUD was approved in December, however, after all that it was determined that changes must be made again to the Final Plat.

On Tuesday, Senior Planner, Steve Zilkie, AICP, tackled this conundrum before the City Commission.

Zilkie explained, "...The Planning Board will need to 'set aside' this previously approved Final Plat, and approve the

revised Final Plat to coincide with the modifications, which include:

Dedication of additional right-of-way along the east side of S. 3rd Street for street improvements and bike lanes;

Adjustment of property lines located between Lots 1-4 as a part of the building design process;

Reversing the proposed vacation of the existing alley between Lots 5 and 6;

Adding a utility easement to Lot 10; and, • Resolving an issue related to KDOT right-of-way on the eastern portion of Lot 9...

"As modified, the Final Plat is

a replat of lots, vacation of public utility easements and portions of rights-of-ways in Ward 1, in an area generally bounded by Pierre Street, Ft. Riley Boulevard and S. 4th Street. The Plat is associated with the rezoning of the approved Downtown Entertainment District and will facilitate the transfer of lots. The Final Development Plan for Lot 1-4 was approved by the Planning Board on January 21, 2010. Other Final Development Plans will be submitted in the near future and others at later dates.

"The proposed Final Plat will incorporate the modifications and

establish Lots 1-10, dedicate additional rights-of-ways for Ft. Riley Boulevard, Colorado Street, and S. 3rd Street, and public utility easements. No vehicular access will be allowed along Ft. Riley Boulevard, along S. 4th Street, except where curb cuts are proposed, along portions of S. 3rd Street immediately north of Ft. Riley Boulevard, and along the K-177/Pierre Street frontage."

The City Administration recommended the Commission accept the changes in conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

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Long Term Rewards for Energy Retooling

By Adam Reichenberger

On Tuesday, Assistant to the City Manager, Brian Williams gave an overview to the City Commission of his "Facilities Conservation Improvement Program." The program aims to spend a little money now to make certain qualifying facilities more energy efficient thereby saving money in the long run.

"Under guidelines established by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the State Energy Office," Williams reported, "municipalities are able to fund certain capital improvements that will offer a projected return through reduced energy costs over a prescribed period of time."

An approved Energy Service Company (ESCO) must enter into a "performance contracting relationship" with the city first before becoming, according to Williams, "responsible for performing the

required energy usage analysis, making recommendations for energy conservation measures (ECM's), assisting the City in securing funding (if necessary), and guaranteeing the annual savings."

The City has been cooperating with Trane Commercial Systems in a joint effort to identify potential cost-effective measures and upgrades to current facilities. Included in this analysis by special request of the city, is the Manhattan Public Library and Senior Center.

Randy Jameson and Chad Remboldt, representatives of Trane had prepared a preliminary report for the City Commission to review. "In Trane's evaluation," Williams stated, "there are a number of projects that were evaluated but not included as recommended ECM's because the annual cost savings did not produce sufficient returns to offset

the capital costs of the necessary improvements."

Jameson and Remboldt were able to separate the possible ECM's into two groups: those projects requiring fewer than 15 years to attain pay-off by way of sufficient savings (high-return projects) and those taking over 15 years.

The 15-year cut-off seems to be the most attractive option for financiers, despite being well under the 30-year maximum allotted time allowed under the original terms.

"Ultimately," Williams concluded, "the ESCO will need to perform an Investment-Grade Audit (IGA) to finalize the combination of ECM's necessary to produce a positive cash-flow over the financing term."

The project awaits direction and input from the City Commission.

Taste of Adventure Goes To Colombia

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure Hosts Evening of Colombian Adventure and Cuisine

February 19, 2010 - On Sunday, March 7th, Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure presents the first in their series of educational evenings for 2010, Taste of Adventure: Colombia featuring Alvaro Herrera and his wife Sandra Contreras, both natives of Colombia's capital city of Bogota. Alvaro currently works in the Biochemistry Department at Kansas State University where he is a PhD candidate. Before coming to Kansas, Mr. Herrera received his degree in Chemical Engineering from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Sandra teaches Spanish at Kansas State University where she received her Master's Degree in Spanish Literature and is currently working towards her PhD in Agricultural Economics. Alvaro and Sandra will present an

evening of insight into the culture, customs, and cuisine of Colombia.

Admission to Taste of Adventure is \$30 per person, with the event commencing at 6:00 pm. Reservations are required for Taste of Adventure by Monday, March 1, by reserving online at www.rollinghillswildlife.com, by calling 827-9488, extension 117, or via e-mail to anita@rollinghillswildlife.com. Taste of Adventure is sponsored by Bennington State Bank.

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, a non-profit organization, features a world-class zoo, a state-of-the-art wildlife museum, full service catering, a conference center, and unique educational and volunteer opportunities and programs. For more information on Taste of Adventure or any activities or programs at Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure call 785-827-9488 or go online to www.rollinghillswildlife.com.

Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters Host Match

The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters hosted 118 youth at their annual match. Youth from nine Kansas counties participated in Air Pistol, Air Rifle and BB Gun matches. Youth are required to complete an instructional course in their home counties before participating in matches. The course teaches gun safety, proper gun handling, position shooting and gun care. The awards were given based on age and experience level with first year shooters and over one year shooting being awarded separately.

Youth participating in the Air Pistol discipline shoot 20 shots onto four bulls in 20 minutes for a possible score of 200. Youth 13 and under, junior, shoot two-handed and youth 14 and over, senior, are required to shoot one-handed.

The Air Pistol team of Seth Gotchey and Jacob Stroda placed 3rd. Stroda placed 3rd with 130 points and Gotchey 4th with 109 points in the seniors over 1 year shooting. Wade Stroda placed 1st in the junior over 1 year shooting with 172 points. Shooting state 4-H match qualifying scores were Austin Becker with 119 points and Ryan Tully with 106 points.

Air Rifle participants shoot 20 shots each, in prone, standing and kneeling positions, worth 200 points each position for a total aggregate of 600 points.

The Air Rifle team of Austin Becker, Jacob Dietrich, Jacob Stroda and Wade Stroda placed 2nd in the match with 1842 of 2400 possible team points. J. Stroda placed 1st in prone with 184 points, standing with 163 points, kneeling with 183 points and aggregate with 530 points in the senior division over 1 year shooting. W. Stroda placed 2nd prone with 186 points, 2nd standing with 158 points, 1st kneeling with 172 and 2nd aggregate with 516 points in the junior over 1 year division. A. Becker placed 1st kneeling with 155 points and 3rd aggregate with 412 points in the junior first year shooting division. J. Dietrich shot a state match qualifying score of 384 in the match.

The BB Gun shooters are required to shoot 10 bulls in each of the four positions: prone, standing, sitting and kneeling. Each position is worth 100 points for a total aggregate of 400 points.

The BB Gun team of Austin Becker, Daniel Dietrich, Wade Stroda, Mattie Swisher and Morgan Swisher placed 2nd in the match with 1811 of 2000 possible team points.

Cade Shanks placed 2nd in prone with 91 points in the 7-9 year over 1 year shooting division and qualified for the state match in BB Gun with 300 points. John Allen also qualified for the state match with a score of 290 as did Barnabas Hawkinson with 278 points. W. Stroda placed 2nd in prone with 97 points, 1st in standing with 94 points, 1st in sitting with 97 points, 2nd in kneeling with 95 points and 2nd aggregate with 383 points of 400 in the 12-14 over 1 year division. Morgan Swisher placed 3rd in standing with 90 points and 4th aggregate with 365. A. Becker placed 3rd in sitting with 96 points. In addition, the following youth qualified for the 4-H state match: Daniel Dietrich with 350 points, Seth Gotchey with 348 points, Matthew Plummer with 346 points and Morgan Reves with 302 points.

In the first year 7-9 year olds Cameron Minihan placed 1st in prone with 94 points, 4th in kneeling with 73 points and qualified for the state match with a score of 280. Braedon LaRocque placed 5th in prone with 82 points and qualified for state with a score of 280. Brendan Becker placed 4th in prone with 84 points as a 1st year shooter 7-9 years. Bryan Armbrust placed 3rd in prone with 87 points, 1st in standing with 79 points, 2nd in sitting with 91 points, 1st in kneeling with 88 points and 1st aggregate with 345 points in the 10-11 year division and qualified for the state match. Matthew Logan placed 4th aggregate with 320 points also qualifying for state. Mattie Swisher placed 3rd in prone with 91 points, 2nd in standing with 84 points, 3rd in sitting with 89 points, 2nd in kneeling with 87 points and 2nd aggregate with a state qualifying score of 351 points in the 12-14 1st year division. Tristan LaRocque shot an aggregate score of 312 in the same division qualifying for the state match.

The RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters also participated in the Wabaunsee County and Sedgwick County Matches this winter. The RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters will be traveling to Bonner Springs for the Northeast Regional 4-H match and Hays for the Northwest Regional Match the first weekend in March.

The RL/PT Invitational Match was sponsored by Dillon's, Wal-mart, Hy-Vee and all 4-H Shooting Sports parents, families and instructors. The RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters are supported by Daisy Outdoor Products, Kansas State Rifle Association, Kansas Muzzleloaders



Association, Riley and Pottawatomie County Extension Councils, Riley County Fish and Game, Kansas State University Military Science Department, Kaw Valley Archery, Flint Hills Pheasants Forever, Justin Corbet Foundation, Friends of NRA and 4-H Shooting Sports parents, families and instructors.

7410 - Mattie Swisher, Morgan Swisher, Daniel Dietrich and Cade Shanks get ready for the prone position of the 9 a.m. relay at Havensville.

7422 - Ryan Tully shoots a 4-H State Match qualifying score in the

Air Pistol discipline.

7427 - Jacob Stroda, Wade Stroda and Austin Becker participate in the standing portion of the Air Rifle Match.

7462 - The second place Air Rifle team was Austin Becker, Jacob Dietrich, Jacob Stroda and Wade Stroda of the RL/PT 4-H Straight Shooters.

7470 - Austin Becker, Daniel Dietrich, Wade Stroda, Mattie Swisher and Morgan Swisher were the second place BB Gun Team in Havensville Feb. 13, 2010.

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Letter To The Editor

Thank you for helping us publicize the Battle of the Bulge 65th Anniversary Reunion held in Manhattan, January 15th. It was a huge success, with more than 200 veterans, family members and friends attending from all across northeast Kansas. We attribute much of the success to the publicity you provided for us.

We were very pleased, and surprised to have 29 Battle of the Bulge veterans in attendance. Twelve of those veterans spoke of their experiences in the largest land battle ever fought by the US Army. Also present were Honorary Consul, David Barber representing Belgium, and Robert Schaeffer of Luxembourg, who spoke and expressed appreciation to the BOB veterans for liberating their countries from Nazi occupation. Mr. Schaeffer was a 14 year old boy living in Luxembourg when the battle started.

We have had numerous people provide us with photos and video, and we are in the process of producing a DVD of the speakers and the proceedings. Because of the historical

importance of this battle, we also plan to do some more extensive interviews of the veterans who fought that battle, and produce a book of these experiences. At a later date, we expect to have a public showing of the video.

Battle of the Bulge veterans who attended from this area were: Elmer Blankenhagen, Harold O'Malley, Richard Jepsen, Jim Sharp, Ross Pauli, Carl Shell, Don Nixon, Julien Siebert, Fred Stueve, Art Holtman, Gerald Umbaugh, Wallace Jeffrey, Don Huse, Ivan Woellhof, Vern Osborne, Bent Yancey, Bill Pickett, Ole Olsen and Walter Schumm.

It was a wonderful experience for those attending, and many expressed the desire to have another reunion next year. The BOB committee is working on plans and any veteran, relative or friend who wishes to assist should contact a committee member.

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