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Kansas House & Senate

K-State's Miller School Recognized

The Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas Senate passed resolutions March 23, congratulating the A. Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Kansas State University on its 2010 centennial celebration.

Rep. Sydney Carlin, Democrat from the 66th District, and Rep. Tom Hawk, Democrat from the 67th District, made remarks and presented a framed certificate of the House resolution to Gloria Freeland and Steven Smethers, Miller School faculty members. Both Freeland and Smethers are graduates of the K-State journalism and mass communications program.

"Thank you for your leadership in the School and the tradition of excellence for the past 100 years," Hawk said.

Carlin spoke about A.Q. Miller.

"A.Q. Miller was active in Kansas newspapers for 60 years," she said. "Born in 1874, he got his start as a printer's devil on the Clifton News. He is most remembered as the publisher of The Belleville Telescope. His commitment to excellence in journalism led to the presidency of the Kansas Editorial Association."

Sen. Roger Reitz, Republican from the 22nd District, also made remarks and presented the Senate resolution to Freeland and Smethers later in the day.

"As a Kansas State University graduate, I am proud to bring this res-

olution to the attention of the Kansas Senate," Reitz said.

The Miller School will celebrate its centennial with activities Sept. 2-4, 2010. The kick-off event will be the 11th annual Huck Boyd Lecture in Community Media at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 in Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union. Gail Pennybacker, award-winning journalist at ABC/WJLA-TV and 1981 K-State journalism and mass communications graduate, will be the speaker for the lecture. Workshops on advertising, journalism and digital media, and public relations will bring together current students and alumni on Thursday and Friday afternoons. A celebration banquet and program on Friday, Sept. 3, will include a silent auction. Alumni can also attend a tailgate party and the K-State-UCLA football game on Saturday, Sept. 4. Receptions, campus tours and tours of Greek houses and residence halls will also be part of the festivities.

The K-State journalism and mass communications program began in 1910, when Kansas State Agricultural College President Henry J. Waters appointed Charles James Dillon to teach "reportorial work" and to establish a Department of Industrial Journalism, separate from printing, which had been a part of the curriculum from KSAC's beginning.

Among its more well-known alumni are Marlin Fitzwater, presidential press secretary to Presidents Ronald



Posing with the Kansas House resolution congratulating the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications on its centennial: Rep. Tom Hawk, Democrat from the 67th District; Steven Smethers, A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications faculty member; Rep. Mike Burgess, Republican from the 51st District and 1998 graduate of the Miller School; Gloria Freeland, Miller School faculty member; and Rep. Sydney Carlin, Democrat from the 66th District.

Reagan and George H.W. Bush; Clementine Paddleford, food writer for the New York Herald Tribune for 30 years; Gordon Jump, who played Arthur Carlson on the television

series, "WKRP" and was the "lonely Maytag repairman;" Pete Souza, official White House photographer for Presidents Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama; Milton Eisenhower, brother of

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and ninth president of K-State; and Marianna Kistler Beach, for whom K-State's art museum is named.

Florida Leads 10 State To Sue Over Health Care Bill

Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum will file a lawsuit against the U.S. government over passage of ObamaCare. With 10 states joining Florida in this proposed lawsuit, Alabama, Texas, South Carolina, Utah, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Washington, North Dakota and South Dakota, the lawsuit will challenge if the passage of the bill is constitutional.

"The health care reform legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives last night clearly violates the U.S. Constitution and infringes on each state's sovereignty," McCollum said during a news conference.

The lawsuit will be filed once Obama signs ObamaCare into law. McCollum expects the lawsuit to end up in the Supreme

Court's hands. Massachusetts is painfully aware of the destruction a healthcare insurance mandate does. It is the only state in the nation to currently require mandatory health insurance for its residents. The failed healthcare plan has all but bankrupted the state.

Voters in Massachusetts know this and took back the Kennedy seat in the Senate by electing Scott Brown. Now America is outraged that Democrats by passed the people of and the 41st vote against ObamaCare in the Senate. Americans were ignored when Democrats in the House accepted Pelosi's bribes of power, money, promises of committee positions and getting better office space to sell out America and destroy the best healthcare system in the world.

Heritage Foundation Sends Message

By Edwin J. Feulner, President of The Heritage Foundation

President Obama this morning cited The Heritage Foundation's research in an attempt to sell his health care package as a "middle of the road, centrist approach." We take great exception to this misuse of our work and abuse of our name. This is but the latest act in a campaign to sell this big-government program as a moderate law that incorporates conservative ideas. Americans should not be fooled.

Let's be very clear: We oppose this new law because it is a radical new intrusion into the daily lives of all Americans and a massive takeover of one-sixth of the U.S. economy. We view the President's health care law as inimical to our national interests and offensive to the historic American dedication to the principle of self-government.

Our research has shown that President Obama's health approach is financially unsustainable and will ultimately lead to health care rationing, a lower quality of care and a greater degree of dependence on government. We deplore those outcomes and are committed to making the intellectual case for this law's repeal.

What part of that does President Obama not understand?

Specifically, President Obama told NBC's Today Show host Matt Lauer that a centerpiece of his health care package, "in terms of the exchange, just being able to pool and improve the purchasing power of individuals in the insurance market—that originated from The Heritage Foundation."

But the President knows full well—or he ought to learn before he speaks—that the exchanges we and most others support are very different from those in his package. True exchanges are simply a market mechanism to enable families to choose their health insurance. President Obama's exchanges, by contrast, are a vehicle to introduce sweeping regulation and federal standardization on health insurance.

Moreover, we completely disagree that President Obama's law improves the purchasing power of individuals in the insurance market. On the contrary, it will create a staggeringly complex and costly insurance system that will drive up premiums for Americans.

The President's health care law is only eight days old, and already it has cost our economy billions of dollars.

Late last week, AT&T alone took a \$1 billion charge because of the impact of the bill, and the consulting firm Towers Watson told the Wall Street Journal that the total hit this year will reach nearly \$14 billion. It is sad, given the present state of our economy, that the President's party in Congress has reacted not by trying to find ways to spare the jobs that will be lost because of this law. Instead, they are trying to intimidate companies that take such charges with threats that they will be hauled in before the Energy and Commerce Committee.

It is also revealing that President Obama is still struggling to sell the American people on a bill that he and his party rammed through passage by a narrow margin in the face of bipartisan opposition. It is a sign of desperation that he, his handlers and the media echo chamber are reverting to the campaign practice of selling the President and his policies as centrist, middle of the road and aisle-crossing. As the country has found out the hard way in the past 15 months, they are none of those things.

The President has made a habit of using conservative talking points
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Riley County History: The One-Room School Remembered

A One-room School Remembered

The Riley County Historical Society, founded in 1914, is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Kansas. The purpose of the society is to collect, preserve, and display historical records and items of Riley County and the State of Kansas by encouraging interest in local history. It serves as an educating agency to citizens, including students. With this in mind, let us talk about the one room school given to the Society by District #383 in 1987. The first meeting for organizing a school was held in 1885 and in 1886 construction was started. The present building is stone, which we are told, was quarried near by. It was built in 1903. A fire destroyed some of the building in 1927, and the interior was refurbished and served students until 1947. Much work has been done on the building and grounds during this past summer. Vines had encroached on the exterior and they have been removed, the old roof replaced, including the bell tower, the coal shed and the outhouse. As we were working on the building, we discovered two baby vultures in the coal shed. It was interesting to watch them develop and one day fly away. Many hours were spent cleaning floors, desks, bookcases were repaired, and glass doors installed. A family was generous in donating a piano to our schoolroom. We now have a flag available for the outside flagpole and one for a permanent display inside. New curtains will soon decorate the windows. You could almost hear the old building saying "Thank You" as we gave it care. There is still much work to be done, but since there is no



This is what the one-room school looked like on the inside.

heat in the building, we will wait to continue when the weather warms.

Can you see the teacher at her desk welcoming in students for the day? Some of the subjects taught by those early teachers were Orthography, Grammar, Reading, Geography, Writing and Arithmetic. Rules for teachers and students are displayed in the entry along with pictures of students, one group from 1908. In 1895 there were 12 students at Rocky Ford. The teacher was paid \$30.00 per month and classes were held on a six-month basis. In 1929, there were 17 students and the teacher's salary was \$100 per month with an eight-month year, by 1945, there were 10 students, and records indicates there were 78 library volumes. No teacher's salary was given!

Some elementary teachers of today have chosen to take their students to Rocky Ford for hands on discovery of what it might have been like to attend a one-room school. There is no water inside, no restroom, oh, but we do have an outhouse! I understand the teacher dressed in attire of the period and encouraged students to do so also. A day much like their grandparents, and maybe parents, would have experienced. Games from those earlier days, lunch from dinner pails etc. were part of the day.

As it happens, the writer of this article had both parents who were one-room school teachers in Washington County. We would like to encourage current teachers to give their students the opportunity of "Spending a Day at Rocky Ford School".

As an 8th grader of the past, you were required to complete a test, usually at the county seat with 8th graders from across the county, before you could advance on to high school. Here are a few of the questions asked. Can you answer them?

1. Give the advantages to you of writing a neat, rapid and legible hand.
2. Name five selections in Eighth Grade Classics studied this year, and give the author of each.
3. Explain States Rights, Nullification, and Succession.
4. Write two simple, two complex, and two compound sentences.
5. (Now here is one for the farmers) State the number of cubic feet in a ton of thoroughly settled hay. Give the rule for finding the amount of hay in a mow.

This was only a sample of the test given in April of 1921. Another test was to follow a week later on other subjects.

Included with this article are a couple of pictures of the building we see today. If you went to a one-room school, think about giving us some of your memories as we are attempting to put together a booklet for teachers to share with her students. You may contact Arlene at 785-537-1545 with your memories. Please consider joining the RCHS and perhaps becoming a docent at the school. Our thanks to the writers of the book "Rural School of Riley County Kansas", where we found the number of students attending Rocky Ford and the test questions for eighth graders.



A look at the outside of the school house.

Griffin Wins First Prize Art Contest

Griffin, a student at Amanda Arnold Elementary School in Manhattan, was awarded first prize in the kindergarten division of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) and the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) 2010 Post Card Art Contest.

KFAC and KDA recently invited eight elementary students representing grades kindergarten through sixth to the State Ag Day celebration at the Capitol Building on March 18 in Topeka. The students were recognized by Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty as winners of

the contest. Griffin was awarded a certificate and received a \$50 U.S. savings bond and a framed copy of her artwork.

"This is a wonderful way for students to not only showcase their talent but also their understanding of the role agriculture plays in their daily lives," said Cathy Musick, executive director of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

More than 630 kindergarten through sixth grade students from across the state entered this year's contest, by designing a postcard

around the theme "Kansas Crops: Seeds of Understanding." Artwork was judged on relevance to the theme, creativity, originality, use of color, use of space, and clarity of idea and image.

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has been hosting the contest since 1999. The winning entries from 2010 and previous years can be viewed on the Foundation's website at www.ksag-classroom.org, under the "For Students" tab. Packets of winning post cards are available for a \$10 donation to the foundation.

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endorsement.

Shepek said if the Riley County Commission chose to reimburse the Siebenalers and Currents for their claims, it would be at total claim of \$6,302.36. The Current's requested \$1,480.06. The Siebenaler's requested \$4,822.30. The adjustor's reports show \$1,909.76 of actual cash value to the Currents and \$3,021.08 actual cash value to the Siebenalers.

McCulloh said the adjustor is the expert.

McCulloh moved to approve the payment of the Adjustors actual cash value determination to Grace Current of \$1,909.76 and to the Siebenalers \$3,021.08 from the damage caused by the sewer backup in the Valleywood addition on January 23, 2010. This is to be paid out of the Valleywood Combined Operations fund and is in return for a signed release of Riley County's liability. Kearns seconded. Carried 3-0.

Kearns moved to recess as the Valleywood Benefit District and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:45 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session
 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bob Isaac, Planner; Angel Dillon, Legal Assistant; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Dillon presented an update on the Riley County Prescription Discount Card through the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program.

Dillon said the NACo report showed 58 cards used in Riley County in January for a savings of 26.71%.

Holeman discussed a revised draft attendance policy for appointed boards and committees.

Johnson moved to authorize Holeman to present this revised version of the attendance policy to each of the County's advisory boards and committees for their input. Holeman has scheduled a work session and will invite representatives of those advisory boards and committees to attend in late March, 2010. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:01 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mindy Robbins, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department Child Care Licensing Supervisor; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Cox presented an overview of the public meeting that was held Monday, March 15th on Family Day Care Home Regulations for the unincorporated areas of Riley County.

Kearns thanked KMAN for the recorded CD from Monday's public meeting.

Kearns said he listened to the CD and he understands Mrs. Cook's concern.

McCulloh moved to approve the "Resolution No. 031810-18, A Resolution adopting registered Family Day Care Home Regulations for the unincorporated areas of Riley County, Kansas, by the adoption, by the reference, of that certain document known

as Family Day Care Regulations for the unincorporated areas of Riley County, Kansas." Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:15 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Schoen discussed a letter from a citizen concerning safety at the Riley County Police Department firing range.

Schoen said June 30, 2019 is the end of the lease for the range.

Schoen said many people feel it is time to do something about Fake Patty's Day.

Schoen said they continue to work on the RCPD budget.

10:28 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Laurie Harrison, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Shepek presented Alternatives #2, #3, and #5 for the cost of five additional dispatchers in a consolidated dispatch center at the Riley County Police Department.

The commissioners agreed Alternative #3 would be best for Riley County, but Alternative #5 will probably be best for all.

The commission requested consolidated dispatch be placed on the next city/county meeting for discussion.

10:49 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Public input on KDOT 5-year plan
 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Rob Ott, City Engineer, attended.

Hobson said yearly, KDOT requests each county review their projects that are included in the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Hobson said it is our opportunity to reaffirm our current priorities (FY 2010 - 2014) and then to add our new project(s) to an additional year of the Five-Year program, which will be extended from FY 2011 through FY 2015.

Hobson said public input is important to this process. The Public Works Department receives public input in many ways. The Public Works Department receives comments from citizens during the year at meetings, phone calls, road trips, inspections, and construction projects. Another avenue for public input is with a Public Information Meeting.

Hobson said in addition to public input, commissioners' input and approval is required of the proposed five year plan.

Ott presented a letter from Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager, with the City's recommendation of seven projects for the Board's consideration

for Riley County's portion of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Hobson discussed the City's seven recommended projects.

Hobson said Riley County has an obligation authority balance of \$277,556 for FFY 2011 to 2015. Last year we added the bridge replacement project or road relocation project on West 40th for a total construction cost of \$500,000.

Hobson said the \$277,556 of obligation authority available to us is basically for the year 2015. We currently have projects scheduled out 5 years. A lot of things can change in that time-frame. Staff would recommend we delay adding any projects this year and combine our current balance with next year's funds which would allow the addition of a project in excess of \$600,000.

Hobson said therefore, staff would recommend the Commissioners approve the 5 Year Plan as submitted or amended.

Johnson moved to accept the 5 Year Plan as submitted and to submit the appropriate paperwork to KDOT. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:08 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Johnson moved to approve "Resolution No. 031810-19, A Resolution to remove and relocate one stop sign at the intersection of Peach Grove Road and Jerusalem Road in Riley County, Kansas." McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:17 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman said the order is the product of a fence view conducted by the BOCC, acting as fence viewers, September 14, 2009. At the invitation of the BOCC, the parties appeared before the BOCC at a regular meeting on October 19, 2009, to further present their respective positions.

Holeman said the BOCC ordered Mr. and Mrs. Gordon to make repairs to their assigned 1/2 portion of the partition fence at issue. Additionally, the BOCC directed that the order specifically provide such repairs be made by posts of sufficient depth that livestock would not be able to push over the repaired sections.

Holeman said the order provides for the statutory payments by the parties to this request.

Holeman said he would recommend the Board approve the order as presented and authorize its filing with the Register of Deeds. Holeman said he will provide both parties a copy of the filed order.

Johnson moved to approve the "Order Assigning Partition Fence Responsibility" as presented and filed with the Register of Deeds. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:22 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

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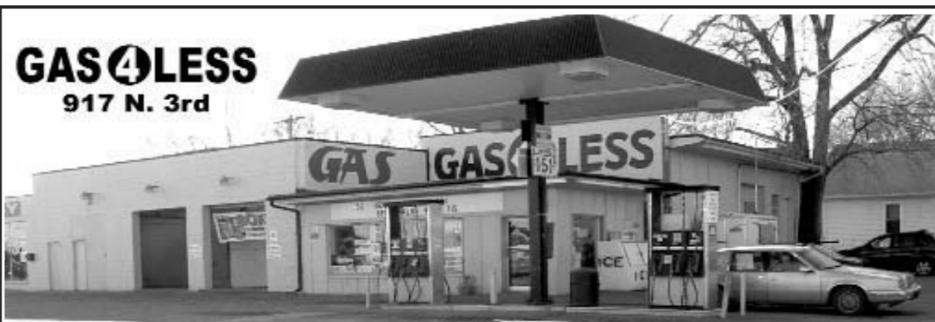
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Obituaries

BERNARD WELLS

Bernard Wells, age 84, died Thursday March 25, 2010 at the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan, Kansas.

He was born on Mary 20, 1925 in Meriden, Kansas the son of Glen & Bertha (Pray) Wells. Bernard worked as an animal caretaker at KSU Vet Med for many years. He also farmed all of his life.

He was united in marriage to Betty Ellis on September 1, 1948 in Riley, Kansas. This union was blessed with two daughters: Linda and Julie.

Bernard loved riding horses, fishing, pheasant hunting, watching sports and he especially loved being with his family and friends. He is well known for his lifetime of leadership at all levels of horse activities throughout Kansas. In 1962, he was asked to help out with the 4-H horse show at the Riley County Fair. He acted as horse project leader and superintendent of the Riley County horse project which grew during his reign for 26 years. His leadership did not only exist in the horse proj-

ect, Bernard and Betty were also community leaders of the Wildcat 4-H club for many years. Bernard's knowledge of horses led him to judge and assist in many horse shows and horse activities throughout Kansas. When a new arena was constructed at the Riley County Fairgrounds it was named Wells Arena in recognition of all the work that Bernard and Betty had done for the horse industry and 4-H youth. In addition to his work with 4-H, Bernard also worked in the large animal hospital at KSU for 26 years and farmed west of Manhattan. He was a member of the Wildcat Township Board, the Riley County Livestock Association, was one of the original members of the Kaw Valley Rodeo Association where he served as director for many years and the Manhattan Roundup Saddle Club. Along with all the public accomplishments, Bernard was an unrivaled husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother: Robert Wells and 2 sisters: Marjorie Harenchar and Vivian Cochran.

Survivors include his wife:

for Champlin Oil Company. In August, 1963, Manhattan was selected as the City of choice for a legal practice and for life.

Margo graduated from Kansas State University in 1972, as one of the first non-traditional students, with a degree in Interior Design and was a self employed Interior Designer. Her first project was the design of their first Lakewood home. Since 1988, she has also been employed part-time in the Sensory Department at Kansas State University as a Research Assistant. She did extensive traveling - all 50 states, all Canadian provinces, 36 foreign countries, South America, and Mexico. A lot of the traveling was with the four grandchildren.

Community service included; President and Secretary of the Senior Center Board, President, Treasurer and secretary of the local AAUW Branch, President and Secretary of the Historical Society Board, President of the Friends of the Library Board., first President of the North Pointe Homeowners Association Board, President Manhattan Civic Theater Board.

She was an avid supporter of Kansas State athletics. A season ticket holder since 1967, she never missed a home football game since the stadium was built in 1968. She attended all K-State football bowl games. She traveled to every Big 12 out-of-town games, except one, and most of the out-of-town games

Mr. Weyerts was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Laymen's League, and the Manhattan Retired Educator's Association. He also served as a Sunday school superintendent and would video tape church services for homebound members. For five weeks in 1989 he went to Uganda and Kenya visiting and helping his brother-in-law who was a medical missionary. Following his retirement he and Phyllis enjoyed participating in Bike Across Kansas, the oldest in their group to bike the entire route.

On June 27, 1950, in Ludell, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Phyllis Niefeld. She survives of their home. Also surviving are six children: Wanda House and husband Jim, Manhattan, KS; Twila Schneiders and husband Dick, Salina, KS; Leah Burke and husband David, South Burlington, VT; David Weyerts and wife Judy Love, Zeandale, KS; Douglas Weyerts and wife Linda, Windsor, VT; and Daniel Weyerts, Lawrence, KS. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: James, Maggie, Joe, Jon, Katie, Josh, Molly, Lily,

and his wife Steffanie, Heather D. Fick and Austin N. Fick. She is also survived by her two brothers: Kenneth Allen Griffis and his wife Rose Mary of Navarre, Kansas and Joe Marion Griffis and his wife Connie of Coquille, Oregon. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment will follow in the Abilene City Cemetery in Abilene, Kansas.

Visitation will be held from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorials have been established for the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU and for the First Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Betty; 2 daughters: Linda Kleiner of St. George, Kansas and Julie Ebert of Westmoreland, Kansas; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 1 sister: Bernice; 3 half brothers and a half sister: Willard, Dwight, Paul and Barbara and many nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday April 1, 2010 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin Larson officiating. Burial will follow in the Westmoreland Cemetery.

Family will greet friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 31 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley County 4-H Foundation in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

since 1968.

She is preceded in death by her husband Howard Fick, and her parents.

She is survived by her sons: Brian and his wife Ann of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mitchell and his wife Sharon of Topeka, Kansas; four grandchildren: Ryan and his wife Steffanie of Portland, Oregon, Heather of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Michelle of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Austin of Salina, Kansas; and her brother, Darryl Smika of Hays, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverend Kay Scarbrough officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family of Mrs. Fick will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley County Seniors' Service Center or the Mike Ahearn Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Mercedes, Brook and Rowan, six great-grandchildren: Melanie, Ethan, Rylie, Jaryd, Landyn and Praxis and by his sister-in-law: Ann Hogshead of Fort Valley, VA..

Mr. Weyerts was preceded in death by his parents, by his brother, Raymond H. Weyerts and by one grandson: Bryant House.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset Avenue, Manhattan, with Pastor Joe Jones officiating. Cremation will follow.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the St. Luke's Lutheran Church or CCCS (Children's Christian Concern Society). Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

and his wife Steffanie, Heather D. Fick and Austin N. Fick. She is also survived by her two brothers: Kenneth Allen Griffis and his wife Rose Mary of Navarre, Kansas and Joe Marion Griffis and his wife Connie of Coquille, Oregon. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment will follow in the Abilene City Cemetery in Abilene, Kansas.

Visitation will be held from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorials have been established for the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU and for the First Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Audrey E. Yorgensen

Audrey E. Yorgensen, age 82, of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away Tuesday afternoon, March 23, 2010, at a Topeka care facility with her family at her side.

She was born on November 10, 1927, in Doniphan County, Kansas, the daughter of Paul Allen and Frances V. (Ptomey) Griffis.

Mrs. Yorgensen was raised in Abilene, Kansas where she was a graduate of Abilene High School. She attended Business College and took business courses at the Manhattan Area Vocational Technical College.

On June 16, 1950, in Abilene, she was united in marriage to William D. "Bill" Yorgensen. They moved to Manhattan in 1954, where her husband joined the Burliew-Cowan Funeral Home. In 1970, they purchased an interest in the funeral home which became what is now the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Following his death in 1994, Mrs. Yorgensen remained a partner in the

Thoughts From The Prairie

Thoughts from the Prairie Good Friday and Nathan Hale

Tomorrow is Good Friday and you may be wondering what Good Friday and Nathan Hale have in common and what their relevance is for today. Captain Nathan Hale, a 21-year old soldier in the American Revolutionary Army, because of his conviction of the just cause and loyalty to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, volunteered to go into enemy territory on a mission that would save the lives of Colonial patriots. On September 22, 1776, the British condemned Nathan Hale to death as a spy and sentenced him to death by hanging. According to Captain John Montresor, a British engineer at the scene, Hale's last words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

In a similar way, 2,000 years ago, a volunteer from Heaven's Trilogy, because of His conviction of a just cause and His loyalty to the Commander-in-Chief (CINC) of Heaven, volunteered to come into enemy territory on a rescue mission of colossal proportions. According to Matthew, an apostle and historian, the volunteer was Jesus Christ. Matthew recorded that on the day before Good Friday, Jesus reported to the CINC of Heaven, "My hour has come. You sent me to give eternal life to as many as You gave me. I have completed the mission and am ready to return to Base." (Matthew 17, condensed by author)

History records that after an all-night trial and severe beating, His enemies hanged this emissary from Heaven on a cross as a traitor on the day we call Good Friday. Like Captain Hale, His last words showed no regret and in fact welcomed the opportunity to make a great sacrifice for others. Among His last words was a plea for the CINC of Heaven to forgive His crucifiers because they didn't know what they were doing.

So here we are in 2010 and some say this is our most crucial hour. The passage of Healthcare against the will of the majority of Americans has triggered a variety of reactions. Millions of citizens are protesting the foreboding cloud of federal control and the tyrannical approach to legislative processes. Extreme elements, labeled as Christian Militias, were arrested over the weekend for alleged threats to law enforcement agents. Recent polls indicate the percentage of citizens who self-sensor for fear of government retribution is increasing significantly. Thomas Jefferson understood such occurrences: "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty."

So what are the rules of engagement in this battle for the heart and soul of America? Brian Darling, director of U.S. Senate relations at The Heritage Foundation believes it is going to be a long, tough battle. "There's basically a three-front fight going on right now -- one being the legal, one being the electoral, and one being the legislative," he explains. Darling contends November elections will be a referendum on Obamacare. There are the governmental rules of engagement, but what about rules of engagement for patriotic, private citizens?

I was discussing this with a friend and he made this profound observation: "Our



Dick Miller

own morality is often our Achilles heel" Here's what I think he means. The progressives, liberals, socialists, whatever, are all branches on the same tree rooted in the destruction of our free market system and individual freedoms. They do not play by any set rules. Conservatives on the other hand are guided by moral principles that often inhibit steadfast confrontation. Many operate under the "Turn the other cheek" principle without comprehending what that really means.

The "Turn the other cheek" principle comes from a statement made by Jesus recorded in Matthew 5:39: "But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also." Because of intimidation or fear of offending someone many people disengage. Thus, intimidation, one of the primary weapons of progressives, is very effective on many conservatives. However, if you are slapped on one cheek, in order to be slapped on the other cheek, you have to be standing in the same place and stay engaged. And what do you do while you are standing there? Not hating but loving. G. K. Chesterton claimed that, "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

Sandy Rios, guest columnist on Onenewsnow.com, March 25, 2010, argued that the best weapon of engagement is, "A healthy dose of unbridled truth, powerfully written and spoken and broadcast daily, faithfully, relentlessly." American history is replete with examples of relentless engagement with the truth, such as the Covenant established by the Pilgrims followed by the United States Constitution about which James Madison wrote in Federalist No. 37: "It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it [the Constitution] a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution."

The British took the life of Captain Hale but his words still ring across the ages. The Romans sealed the grave of Jesus on Friday night, but the stone rolled away on Sunday. It may be our most crucial hour, but we have the unbridled truth and we know the rules of engagement. And as Carman sings, "When you feel like troubles are about to bury you, it may seem like a Friday night, but Sunday is on the way!"

K-State University Theatre To Present Our Town

Kansas State University Theatre will present the play "Our Town" at 7:30 p.m. on April 22-April 24 and April 28-May 1 in Nichols Theatre on the K-State campus.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Thornton Wilder's, "Our Town" focuses on life in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. A character simply known as the Stage Manager narrates the story, weaving together the play's three acts, each representing a different aspect of the human experience: Daily Life, Love & Marriage, and Death & Loss.

"Our Town...whispers to us the urgent necessity of living in the here and now — which is all anybody in Grover's Corners ever had, all anybody anywhere really has," says Charles Isherwood, writer for the New York Times.

Charlotte MacFarland, associate profes-

or of theater, directs the KSU production of "Our Town"; set design is by Kathy Voecks, assistant professor of theater; costume design is by Dana Pinkston, associate professor of theater, and lighting design is by John Uthoff, associate professor of theatre.

Tickets are \$13 for the general public, \$11 for seniors and military, and \$8 for students. They can be purchased at the McCain Auditorium box office from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling McCain at 785-532-6428 during box office hours. Tickets also may be purchased at the Little Theater box office in the K-State Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays. Groups of 10 or more may receive a discount rate. For more information or assistance in planning a theater party, contact Marci Maullar at 785-532-6878.

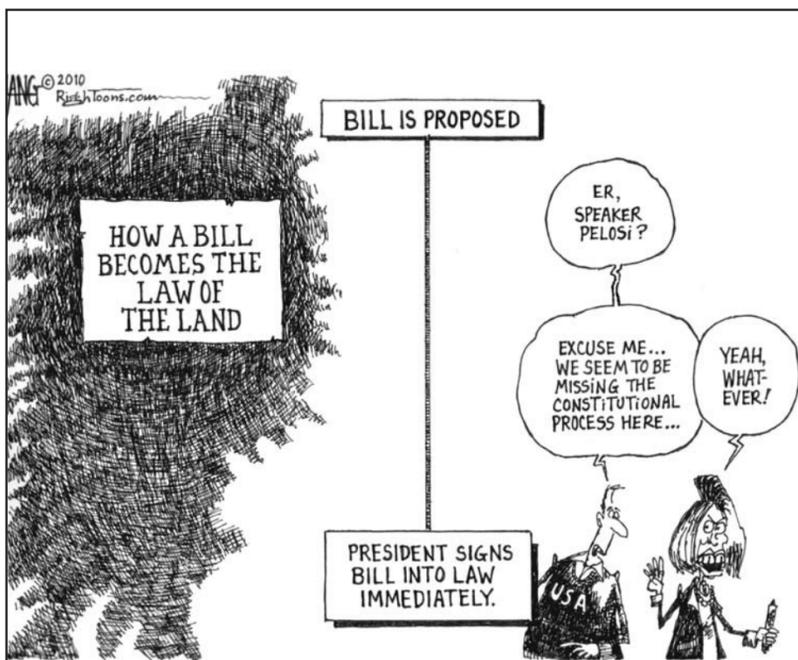
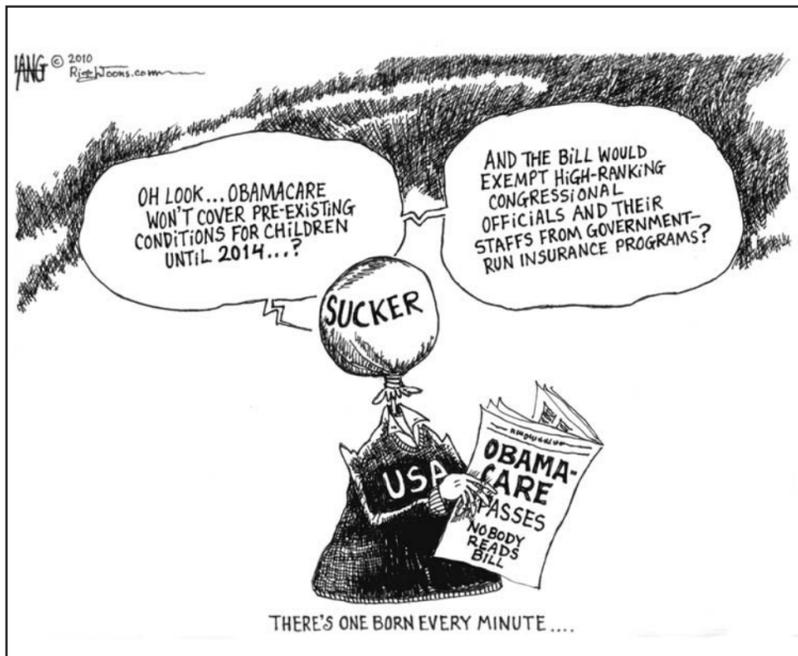
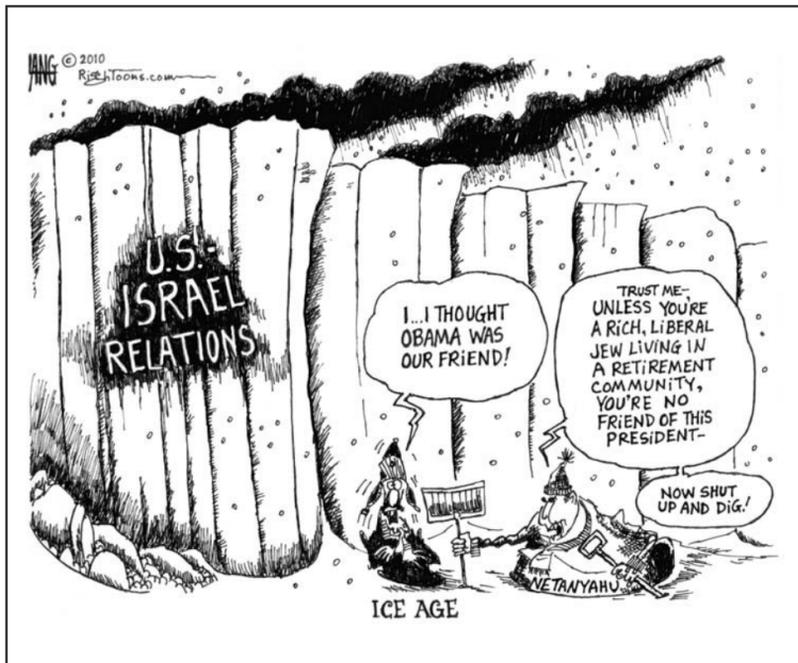
Parallel Tones: An Exhibition Clay and Word

The Manhattan Arts Center presents Parallel Tones: an exhibit in clay and word and in the front gallery, Photos by Chris Hodges from April 17 to May 29 with an opening reception on April 16 from 5-7pm. Parallel Tones is the collaboration of sculptor Michaela Groeblicher and poet Kim Stanley. Michaela was born and raised in Austria before migrating to America in 1989. She moved to Kansas in 2000. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from McPherson College in 2005. Michaela has exhibited in many Kansas galleries in-group and solo shows and also at the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina. Her work is part of multiple private and corporate collections throughout the USA, Austria and Germany. Several paths led to the creation of the Parallel Tones Exhibit beginning with Michaela attending a writers' group recite some of their works. One of the speakers that night was Kim Stanley.

Michaela was struck by her insights, her vast knowledge and linguistic talent, which she delivered in a lighthearted and humorous way. It didn't take long to come up with the idea of a joint project. At the opening reception you will be able to meet Michaela and listen to Kim as she presents some of her poems. In the front gallery you will be sure to enjoy the photo exhibit by new artist, Chris Hodges.

The Manhattan Arts Center galleries are free and open to the public Monday through Friday 10 to 5pm.

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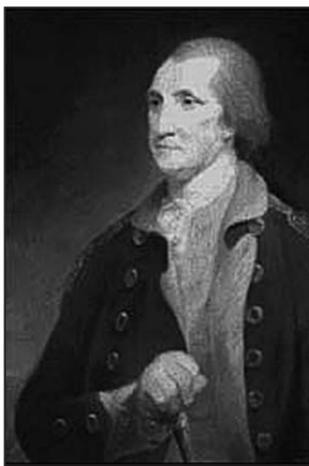
From Loyal Subjects To Traitorous Rebels - A Royal Proclamation

When the last dutiful & humble petition from Congress received no other Answer than declaring us Rebels, and out of the King's protection, I from that Moment look'd forward to a Revolution & Independence, as the only means of Salvation; and will risk the last Penny of my Fortune, & the last Drop of my Blood upon the Issue.

George Mason, October 2, 1778

In 1761, fifteen years before the United States of America burst onto the world stage with the Declaration of Independence, the American colonists were loyal British subjects who celebrated the coronation of their new King, George III. The colonies that stretched from present-day Maine to Georgia were distinctly English in character although they had been settled by Scots, Welsh, Irish, Dutch, Swedes, Finns, Africans, French, Germans, and Swiss, as well as English.

As English men and women, the American colonists were heirs to the thirteenth-century English document, the Magna Carta, which established the principles that no one is above the law (not even the King), and that no one can take away certain rights. So in 1763, when the King began to assert his authority over the colonies to make them share the cost of the Seven Years' War England had just fought and won, the English colonists protested by invoking their rights



General George Washington was unanimously elected president of the Philadelphia convention.

as free men and loyal subjects. It was only after a decade of repeated efforts on the part of the colonists to defend their rights that they resorted to armed conflict and, eventually, to the unthinkable—separation from the motherland.

Courage of the Founders The Perilous Road to Independence

"Perhaps our Congress will be Exalted on a high Gallows."

Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence, August 6, 1776

The sole governing authority presiding over the tumultuous events of the American Revolution between 1774 and 1789 was a

body known as Congress. With no power to regulate commerce or lay taxes, and with little ability to enforce any of its decisions, this group, representing the thirteen colonies, declared independence, conducted a war that defeated one of the greatest military powers of its day, and invented a new political entity that became a sovereign independent nation. Its members pondered everything from the rightness of independence to the number of flints needed by the armies—sometimes with the enemy not far from their doorstep. Asserting their rights, they found themselves labeled as traitors.

The fifty-four men who composed the First Continental Congress represented different interests, religions, and regions; they held conflicting opinions as to how best restore their rights. Most did not like each other. With no history of successful cooperation, they struggled to overcome their differences and, without any way of knowing if the future held success or nooses for them all, they started down a long and perilous road toward independence.

The Spirit of the Revolution - The Declaration of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." From the Declaration of

Independence, adopted July 4, 1776

In June 1776, as Thomas Jefferson composed a draft of the Declaration of Independence from a second floor parlor of a bricklayer's house in Philadelphia, the largest invasion force in British military history was headed for New York Harbor. By the time the last of the fifty-six signers had affixed their names to the final, edited document months later, an invading force of British soldiers had landed at Staten Island, the British had taken New York City, and the American patriots had committed themselves to a long and bloody struggle for liberty and independence.

The Declaration announced to the world the separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain and the establishment of the United States of America. It explained the causes of this radical move with a long list of charges against the King. In justifying the Revolution, it asserted a universal truth about human rights in words that have inspired downtrodden people through the ages and throughout the world to rise up against their oppressors.

Jefferson was not aiming at originality. The Declaration articulates the highest ideals of the Revolution, beliefs in liberty, equality, and the right to self-determination. Americans embraced a view of the world in which a person's position was determined, not by birth, rank, or title, but by talent, ability, and enterprise. It was a widely held view, circulated in newspapers, pamphlets, sermons, and schoolbooks; but it was Thomas Jefferson, the 33-year-old planter from Virginia, who put the immortal words to it.

On July 4, 1776, Congress completed its editing of the document that reduced the text by 25 percent ("mutilations" is what Jefferson called it) and formally adopted the Declaration; on July 19, Congress ordered that a formal copy of the Declaration be prepared for members to sign; and on August 2, the final parchment—the one presently displayed in the nearby case—was presented to Congress and the signing began.

The First Constitution - The Articles of Confederation

We have it in our power to begin the world over again.

A situation, similar to the present, hath not happened since the days of Noah until now.

The birthday of a new world is at hand.

Thomas Paine, February 14, 1776

Throwing off the British monarchy on July 4, 1776, left the United States with no central government. It had to design and install a new government—and quickly. As early as May 1776, Congress advised each of the colonies to draw up plans for state governments; by 1780, all thirteen states had adopted written constitutions. In June 1776, the Continental Congress began to work on a plan for a cen-

tral government. It took five years for it to be approved, first by members of Congress and then by the states. The first attempt at a constitution for the United States was called the Articles of Confederation.

This first constitution was composed by a body that directed most of its attention to fighting and winning the War for Independence. It came into being at a time when Americans had a deep-seated fear of a central authority and long-standing loyalty to the state in which they lived and often called their "country." Ultimately, the Articles of Confederation proved unwieldy and inadequate to resolve the issues that faced the United States in its earliest years; but in granting any Federal powers to a central authority—the Confederation Congress—this document marked a crucial step toward nationhood. The Articles of Confederation were in force from March 1, 1781, until March 4, 1789, when the present Constitution went into effect.

Slavery and the American Revolution - Voices of Protest

I beheld a middle aged African raised and exposed on one of the stalls in the shambles of Philadelphia market at Public Sale, as a Slave for life! and this is the capital of Pennsylvania, a land high in the profession of Liberty and Christianity.

Colonist quoted in Pennsylvania Packet, a Philadelphia newspaper, February 7, 1774

The Revolution's ideals of liberty and equality existed side by side with the brutal realities of human slavery. By the time of the Revolution, slavery existed in all the colonies, slaves made up 20 percent of the population, and their labor had become a vital contribution to the physical and economic development of the colonies. The existence of slavery created tensions that would strain the integrity of the United States for many decades to come.

The Society of Friends, a religious group also known as the Quakers, formed the first formal antislavery society in 1775. Throughout the Revolution, as the states struggled to find common ground, the issue of slavery was so divisive that it threatened to shatter their fragile union. Some prominent leaders of the Revolution raised their voices to oppose slavery on moral grounds. Slaves and free Africans embraced the principles of liberty and equality embedded in the Declaration as their own best hope for freedom and better treatment. Many, fighting as soldiers in the American armies, helped to defeat the British, while earning their freedom and gaining the respect and gratitude of some whites. And clinging to their own understanding of "all men are created equal," they pushed the country closer to living out the full promise of its words.

The History of the U. S. Constitution will continue next week in the Free Press.

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The Board of County Commissioners Minutes

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building March 18, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director, attended.

Kearns discussed a letter he received as a member of the Executive Council of Raising Riley from the K-State Center for Child Development stating that all of their families' Smart Start subsidies would be reduced from 50% to 33%, effective April 1, 2010. Kearns asked the County Clerk's Office to schedule Susanne Kufahl on the agenda to discuss the Smart Start subsidies being reduced especially for KSU Child Care.

Kearns said a Special Law Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers. Johnson stated he will be at the Mayo Clinic during this time.

Kearns said Ogden City Council has appointed a Mayor. Kearns said the Ogden City Council voted to support continuation of the 1/2 cent sales tax.

Kearns said the Ogden City Council is not in favor of changing the make up of the Law Board.

Kearns discussed an e-mail the Riley County Commissioners received from Robbin Cole, Director of Pawnee Mental Health Services, asking Riley County to e-mail and/or call our State Senators, urging them to restore funding to the CMHC system. The budget being debated on the senate floor

includes a reduction of \$11.1 million dollars in funding to the CMHC's.

Kearns said Brad Schoen, RCPD Director, contacted him about Kelly Briggs's concern with safety at the firing range.

Kearns discussed the inmate medical provider no longer providing inmate medical care at the jail.

Shepek said the provider's physician assistant gave their two weeks' notice. Shepek said Riley County will probably receive a letter stating the provider will no longer provide inmate medical care at the jail after 30-days. Shepek asked for the Board's support in requesting the wish list for inmate medical care from RCPD.

The Board agreed.

McCulloh discussed "A History of Demand Transfers" article in the Kansas Government Journal magazine noting a \$1.4 B loss to counties.

Johnson moved to approve a 2010 Airline Marketing Agreement Letter to Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for For Sale By Developer LLC (216-23-0-20-08-018.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$126.26. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

John Cowan, GIS Director, in the GIS Department, for Separation from County Service, effective February 18, 2010.

Robert Benavides, a rehire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Road and Bridge Department, at a grade A step 1, at \$10.29 per hour.

Johnson moved to approve a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to install seven poles and 930' of OH primary conductor and 215' of 1/0 OH secondary along the new Charlson Road. This work is being done as part of the KDOT K-18 Road Project and is located in the SW1/4,

S33; T10S; R07E in Riley County. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Highway Use Permit for Kansas Gas Service to install a new 16" steel natural gas pipeline across W. 61st Avenue. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Peterson recommended the Board accept the lowest bid that meets the specifications which is the bid from Bruna Implement for a Case IH Maxxum 110 Limited Tractor with a Tiger TM-60C Side Mount Mower for \$71,799.00.

Johnson moved to accept the lowest bid that meets the specifications submitted by Bruna Implement for a Case IH Maxxum 110 Limited Tractor with a Tiger TM-60C Side Mount Mower in the amount of \$71,799.00. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a corrected Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with William Kip Wilson for the Appraiser's Office. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the Board of County Canvassers minutes of March 12, 2010 as presented. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Dani Siebenaler, Valleywood resident; Angel Dillon, Legal Assistant; and Will Klusener, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Kearns moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Valleywood Benefit District. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Shepek said on January 23, 2010, the Siebenalers at 3318 Shady Valley experienced and reported sewer gas and visible feces in the water accumulating in their basement. Based on this issue, she was instructed on Monday, January 25th by Public Works that the Siebenalers would be contacting her on filing a claim to the county requesting reimbursement for the cost of damages as a result of the sewer back up. On January 27th, she was contacted by Grace Current of 3315 Shady Valley of the same incident and her interest in filing a claim with the county on their damage. Shepek contacted Charlson-Wilson Insurance Agency about the possible claim. The county's deductible is \$10,000.

Shepek discussed a list of the claims submitted by the Siebenalers and Currents as well as a timeline of events for this occurrence. Since the total claim is less than our \$10,000 deductible, she instructed Charlson Wilson not to file a claim on the county's behalf. An insurance adjuster on our behalf did visit and assess the damages to the properties stated above. Shepek said she has copies of quotes for replacement of items damaged as well as pictures of the damage in the Siebenaler's residence. The Current's claim contains a letter and copies of quotes for replacement items excluding the quilts. They are requesting reimbursement for the quilts.

Shepek said since the claims submitted by the residents are less than our deductible, does the Riley County Commission wish to reimburse the residents for the damage from the sewer backup? Charlson Wilson Insurance Agency advised Shepek damage from water back-up from sewers and drain is not automatically included in homeowner's policies. It is a coverage that would have to be added by
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Little Apple Pilot Club Receives Grant

Little Apple Pilot Club president, Rose Harris, presented Ann Pearce, director of the Assistive Technology Center, with a check for \$10,000 at the Little Apple's annual Women's Seminar on Saturday, March 27th. The Little Apple Pilot Club of Manhattan, a service organization, received a \$5,000 grant from the Pilot International Foundation to expand and upgrade the current Assistive Technology Center located in the Manhattan Public Library. Little Apple Pilot Club matches the grant with another

\$5,000 and with the funds, additional state-of-the art adaptive computer equipment, ergonomically designed furniture and new library materials related to brain-injury disabilities will be purchased for the use of area residents with brain-related disorders. The Pilot International Foundation is the charitable arm of Pilot International, a global organization of approximately 25,000 adult and youth members working together to improve the quality of life in local communities and throughout the world. Pilot's serv-

ice focus is helping people affected by brain disorders and disabilities through volunteer activities, projects and fund-raisers. The Assistive Technology Center strives to offer information and assistive computer technology opportunities to persons with disabilities and their advocates. In addition, the Center provides instruction and support to patrons on the use of computers and related systems and equipment. Contact the library for more information about using the Center.

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Event To Raise Funds For Equine Therapy Program

Civilians don't often have the opportunity to directly recognize the sacrifices that seriously wounded U.S. soldiers make for their country. However, this spring Kansans can do so, thanks to a fundraising event in Kansas City.

Noble Cause U.S.A. Foundation is a tax-deductible, charitable organization based in Leawood, Kan. Founded by Zoe Herrington, a businesswoman and daughter of a WWII veteran, the group directs

100 percent of all donations to efforts to support wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families posted at Fort Riley, Kan.

Since its inception in 2007, the Warrior Transition Battalion Complex at Fort Riley has cared for over 900 wounded warriors, and maintains an average daily assignment level of 200 to 300 wounded soldiers, plus their family members. Noble Cause is currently working with fort officials to

establish an equine therapy program at the complex.

"Noble Cause is providing help and support to wounded warriors in exactly the way the U.S. Army hopes that communities and organizations will," said retired Army Lt. Col. Art DeGroat, director of military affairs at Kansas State University and board member of Noble Cause U.S.A. Foundation. "The Army can't do everything by itself, so partnerships with organizations like this enable citizens to really help soldiers who have sacrificed so much."

In keeping with the theme of equine therapy, the organization is sponsoring Derby Day, a fundraising event Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Leawood at Mission Farms, an upscale shopping and dining venue. Featuring a red carpet, gourmet appetizers, cocktails and live entertainment, organizers say this Derby-watch event will be elegant fun for adults.

"Even if you can't attend Derby Day yourself, please consider buying a ticket for a soldier or family member to attend," DeGroat said.

"We want to shed light on the plight of the warriors of our country," Herrington said. "We do have a responsibility to give back to these people who have given so much to us. They are the gatekeepers of our security."

For more information about Noble Cause U.S.A. Foundation or Derby Day, or to purchase tickets, please visit noblecauseusa.com, call DeGroat at 785-210-6570, or call New Boston Creative Group in Manhattan, one of the corporate sponsors, at 877-315-8185.



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The Wildcat team and Cheerleaders at the Pep Rally before going to Salt Lake City.

Season Ends At Elite Eight

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Kansas State's historic 2009-10 season came to an end Saturday afternoon as the Butler Bulldogs held off a second-half surge from the Wildcats to take a 63-56 win Saturday in the West Regional Final at EnergySolutions Arena and advance to the Final Four.

The 2009-10 Wildcats will go down as the winningest team in school history with their 29-8 record this season and the postseason run through the NCAA Tournament was one Wildcat fans will not soon forget.

Despite trailing almost the entire game, K-State rallied as Denis Clemente made a three-pointer with 4:49 left to cap an 8-0 run and give the Cats their only lead of the game, 52-51.

Butler's Gordon Hayward then got fouled going to the hole and made two free throws to take the lead back, and teammate Matt Howard made one more free throw to make it 54-52. Clemente dribbled for a layup to tie the score at 54, and that was the last

significant basket the Wildcats would make.

Clemente led the Wildcats with 18 points in his final collegiate game, while Curtis Kelly and Jacob Pullen each had 14. K-State was out-rebounded by Butler, 41-29, while the Bulldogs held the edge at the free throw line as well (14-of-20 to 7-of-14).

Down seven at the half, Clemente hit a free throw and connected on the team's first three-pointer of the contest to pull within three at 27-24. Two Pullen free throws capped a 6-0 Cat run to open the half before Butler answered with seven straight to go up 34-26. The Bulldog lead would then grow to as many as 10 on two occasions before the Wildcats made their late charge.

Hayward paced Butler with 22 points and nine rebounds en route to Most Outstanding Player honors in the tournament, while Shelvin Mack added 16. Pullen and Clemente were also named to the All-West Region

squad.

Butler grabbed the early 10-4 lead in the game as K-State hit just two of its first eight shots from the field. The Bulldogs hustled their way to a 20-10 lead as the Cats connected on just five of their first 20 shots. But, Kelly answered with four straight to pull within six before Butler scored five in a row to go ahead 23-14. Down 27-16, the Cats closed the half with a Luis Colon tip-in and a Clemente layup to get back to within seven at the break, 27-20.

The 20 points were the fewest in a half this season for the Wildcats, while K-State hit on 35 percent of its field goals in the opening 20 minutes. Clemente and Pullen combined for just two points in the first half and K-State was 0-of-4 from the free throw line and committed eight turnovers. Kelly carried the Wildcats in the first half by scoring 12 of the team's 20 points.

"Swingtime Canteen" At RCHS

"Swingtime Canteen", a musical centered on a fictitious USO — United Services Organization — group entertaining U.S. troops in London during World War II, will be performed by Riley County High School students at 7:30 April 8 and 10 in the RCHS south gym.

Songs will include "Sentimental Journey," "Apple Blossom Time," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Sing Sing Sing," "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," an Andrews Sisters medley and many more.

"Swingtime Canteen" is the perfect balancing of comedy, song standards and sentiment," Janie Brokenicky, RCHS vocal music instructor and director of the show, said. "The tight harmonies show off this very talented group of

young women while entertaining audiences of all ages with familiar tunes from the World War II era. Please come and join us for a night of reminiscing, including a live canteen prior to the show from 6:30-7:15 p.m."

Students and the characters they are playing are Bekah Bailey as Jo Sterling, Janelle Bailey as Connie Mae Blaugh, Megan Bowen as Katie Gammersflugel, Jessica Huey as Topeka Abotelli, Katherine Vaughan as Marian Ames and Sarah Wirtz as Lilly McBain.

Emily Collins, Courtney Hall and Abby Marcotte will be canteen girls Essie, Dulcie and Audrey. Eric Zeak will play the part of Captain Lewis Taylor.

Accompanist will be Deb Huyett.

Jazz band members and the instruments they will play include: Betsy Blazer of Waterville, saxophone and clarinet; Jon Strom, saxophone; Laurel Burton, clarinet; Brian Stuckenschmidt of Manhattan, trumpet; Adam Keller, double bass.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Silent auction items also will be available for sale.

Proceeds from the musical and auction will help fund the RCHS vocal and band students' April 17 trip to Kansas City, where they will perform at Worlds of Fun.

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when trying to sell a liberal ideology because he knows that this is a center-right country that rejects his agenda when articulated honestly. His supporters have even tried to pin the blame of the potentially unconstitutional individual mandate on us. This approach brushes over the details of our research and ignores our ability to evolve past further developed research.

Over 16,000 new IRS agents will be hired by the government to enforce the President's mandate on the American people. The President's health care plan also raises premiums, taxes, and costs while lowering quality and

expanding Medicaid. These are not conservative ideas.

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"A Service Of Shadows"

The Chancel Choir from the First United Methodist Church of Wamego will be performing "A Service of Shadows" by Lani Smith on Good Friday evening at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary of the church.

This presentation is derived from the ancient Tenebrae services that date back to the early years of the church.

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