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Revenue Detail	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
300.00-00 BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 3,126,982	\$ 2,402,264	\$ 2,995,081	\$ 1,469,022	\$ 1,540,087
311.10-00 AD VALOREM	570,281	905,004	877,337	2,399,386	2,429,181
311.30-00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	5,380,908	5,671,905	5,822,174	6,123,164	6,220,446
311.35-00 DELINQUENT / SPECIALS	337,635	-	107,604	-	-
311.40-00 DELINQUENT / AD VALOREM	9,478	18,023	13,757	25,000	25,000
311.50-00 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	42,397	51,497	48,593	78,917	204,741
318.10-10 SALES TAX / CITY SALES TAX	-	-	-	1,066,700	1,401,093
372.00-00 CONTRIBUTIONS & OTHER/MISC	-	-	-	-	100,000
372.01-00 MISCELLANEOUS / STAR BOND REVENUE	-	-	-	2,017,163	3,727,163
372.02-00 MISCELLANEOUS / TIF BOND REVENUE	-	-	-	979,554	1,439,554
376.00-00 DONATIONS	-	74,000	11,000	74,000	74,500
391.13-00 SALES TAX TRANSFER	900,000	1,797,833	1,593,745	1,350,000	1,100,000
391.14-00 SPECIAL STREET & HWY TRANSFER	-	-	57,377	-	-
391.17-00 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REVENUE	1,086,341	1,069,779	765,139	970,401	853,258
391.18-00 TRANSFER FROM ENTERPRISE	432,335	1,479,605	718,282	1,080,249	1,209,703
391.21-00 TRANSFER FROM CAP PROJECT	-	-	6,504	-	-
391.22-00 TRANSFER FROM TRUST/AGENCY	22,371	15,000	327,025	21,969	21,031
* REVENUE	\$ 11,908,727	\$ 13,484,910	\$ 13,343,617	\$ 17,655,525	\$ 20,345,757

Expenditure Detail	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
510.65-25 ASSESSMENT FEE	\$ 106,662	\$ 106,662	\$ 106,662	\$ 106,662	\$ 106,662
510.66-00 CASH RESERVES	-	750,000	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
510.81-01 BOND / PRINCIPAL	5,140,000	7,838,000	7,380,000	8,699,000	9,241,713
510.81-02 BOND / INTEREST	3,231,467	4,153,060	3,424,977	4,289,380	4,107,453
510.82-01 TEMPORARY NOTES / PRINCIPAL	75,000	251,000	75,000	179,000	340,000
510.82-02 TEMPORARY NOTES / INTEREST	4,745	30,422	5,633	29,000	27,446
510.83-01 COMMISSION & POSTAGE	6	-	5	-	-
510.84-00 DEBT RETIREMENT	-	-	-	-	-
510.86-01 STATE LOAN REPAY / PRINCIPAL	199,541	206,963	206,963	214,662	222,648
510.86-02 STATE LOAN REPAY / INTEREST	156,226	148,803	148,803	141,104	133,118
510.87-01 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION / STAR	-	-	-	2,017,163	3,727,163
510.87-02 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION / TIF	-	-	-	979,554	1,439,554
* EXPENDITURE	\$ 8,913,646	\$ 13,484,910	\$ 11,348,042	\$ 17,655,525	\$ 20,345,757

Competing tax plans head to Legislature

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — New parents Jared and Emily Hamburg say they don't regret for a moment becoming a one-income family when their daughter, Abigail, was born eight months ago.

"We gave up a lot of stuff — cable TV, going to movies and other luxuries — so that Emily could stay home with Abigail," said Jared Hamburg, who works as an accountant at a small business in Wichita.

"We sat down. We did the math. We knew it would be tight," said Emily Hamburg, who had been working for a Wichita bankruptcy attorney before Abigail was born.

But even with careful budgeting, the Hamburgs, of Bel Aire, must deal with one household expense they cannot easily cut back on — their taxes. They say they are hoping for, but not counting on, relief from those pressures, when Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and state legislators tackle various potential tax reforms in the next session of the Legislature.

"We work hard to make it on one income and any tax increase really hurts," Jared Hamburg said.

In the coming months, Brownback and state legislators are expected to deal with at least three major proposals to change Kansas' tax structure.

Some of the biggest changes are expected in proposals that Brownback has pledged to reveal by year's end to reduce state income taxes that individuals and families, such as the Hamburgs, pay and corporations pay.

Individual income taxes provide about 45 percent of the state's general fund tax revenue, and corporate income taxes account for less than 5 percent, state budget figures show.

Brownback has said the plan will cut personal and business income tax rates sharply to encourage investment and increase tax revenue, but provided no details. Brownback said the changes are needed to make Kansas more competitive by breaking it out of its middle-of-the-pack position.

"We've got to break out of the position we've been in," he told a meeting of his economic advisers council in September. "And we are going to have to be aggressive to do it."

Most recently, in a September speech in Wichita, Brownback com-

pared Kansas with states such as Florida and Texas, which have no income tax.

Derrick Sontag, Kansas director for Americans for Prosperity, which advocates lower taxes and free market approaches to public policy, said, "Any reduction in corporate and individual income taxes would be positive because of the revenue generated by increased economic activity."

Such a reduction might modify plans for families, such as the Hamburgs, Emily Hamburg said.

"Although being home for Abigail is important, if those taxes came down, I would consider looking for a part-time job," she said.

"I think there are a lot of us out here with talent and college degrees who might want to go back to work part time," she said. "But in our case, it doesn't work out now. After you add in day care and other additional costs, all it would really do is increase our combined income and throw Jared into a higher tax bracket."

Legislation, which passed the Kansas House but not the Senate in 2011, calls for reducing individual and corporate income taxes the following year, when the previous year's tax revenue rises faster than population or economic growth.

State Sen. Ty Masterson, R-Andover, separately proposed a similar bill, but which cuts tax rates when collections rise rather than the next-year revenue collected.

"Increases in personal cash flow result in more personal spending that increases sales and use tax receipts, ultimately widening the tax base," Masterson said when he introduced the plan.

State Sen. Dick Kelsey, R-Goddard, offers a third plan that he contends will:

Allow Kansas to eliminate corporate income taxes entirely.

Cut income taxes payments for individuals by 15 percent or more.

Eliminate sales taxes on food bought in grocery stores.

Reduce the state's current basic 6.3 percent sales tax by one percentage point for other purchases.

Sales taxes are Kansas' second largest tax generator, landing between income taxes and property taxes.

Manhattan: The city of debt

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

When the Manhattan Free Press started in January 1991 the Manhattan City total budget was \$24 million. Now you can see by the City report above the 2012 payment on our \$256 million debt is \$20 million. Oh! How times have changed.

Yes, the downtown area looks good. It should. The City gave the developers tens-of-millions of dollars in land, loans and buildings. And now it is going to cost the taxpayers more and more. Look at the second line in the Revenue Detail list above. The Ad Valorem Tax in 2009 was

\$570,281, in 2012 it will be \$2,429,181. Ad Valorem is property tax. That is almost four times more than in 2009.

But, the City looks good! Yes, and it should. In 2006 the City Budget was \$73,004,567. By 2008 the Budget had jumped to \$89,111,132. In 2010 the Budget was \$96,923,520 and 2011 it is \$105,045,538. The 2012 Budget as passed by the City Commission is \$113,253,170. That is an increase of \$61,719,250. The increase is almost the same as what the Budget was just 6-years ago. Yes, the City does look good, it's the best that money can buy.

In 2006 the City Debt was \$85,201,707. Today the City Debt is \$256,755,345. That means the Debt has tripled in six years - tripled!

The Free Press is not the only one watching the City Budget and the City Debt, Standard and Poor's dropped Manhattan's Credit Rating from Aa to Aaa last year.

In six-years the Budget has gone from \$73,004,567 to \$113,253,170. In six-years the City Debt has gone from \$85,201,707 to \$256,755,345.

Are the new City Commissioners looking at all of this? Are they cutting programs and cutting the Budget and Debt? It looks like the answer is No.

Foundation sees Kansas jobless tax costs heading higher

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Having to lay off good workers in the Great Recession was a hard decision, says Dave Huston, CEO of Olson Manufacturing and Distribution Inc. in Shawnee.

Hiring them back will be tougher, Huston said. Orders for the custom-fabricated industrial plastic parts that his company manufactures and distributes in three states still aren't rebounding after the plunge a couple years ago that forced the company to cut its workforce to 28 workers from a peak 50.

Plus, for Huston and about 73,000 Kansas employers on whom families rely for regular paychecks, the cost of hiring more workers or even retaining them is increasing.

"Our unemployment insurance taxes, which cost us about \$120 to

\$130 a year for each worker before we cut back (the company's payroll), are running about \$400 to \$450 per employee now," Huston said.

These rising costs reflect his company's share of the more than \$171 million that Kansas borrowed from the U.S. government to help pay extended unemployment benefits to more workers than have been laid off in a generation.

Kansas employers aren't the only ones in such a jam. A new report released Monday by the Tax Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan Washington, D.C., research organization, counts 34 states on the hook for more than \$37 billion.

Kansas is "in about the middle of the pack in many ways," said Joseph Henchman, the foundation's vice president, who wrote the study titled "Unemployment Insurance Taxes: Options for Program Design and

Insolvent Trust Funds."

Henchman's research ranks Kansas as 26th in how heavily it taxes employers to pay for unemployment benefits and 13th in the amount of benefits it pays the jobless. Kansas, like most other states, cut the unemployment taxes that employers such as Huston pay in good economic times, and raised them in bad times when needs increase dramatically, the study's author said.

"Now businesses are in danger of facing higher unemployment taxes at a time when private-sector hiring is already low," Henchman said.

And in Kansas, the consequences of those higher taxes will linger long in Shawnee, Huston suggested.

Unemployment tax rates in Kansas vary between 0.1 percent for the first \$8,000 of each employee's wages at companies with histories of very few layoffs to 7.4 percent with companies

with many layoffs. Some, with the costliest layoff histories, are hit with a variety of state-required surcharges as well.

One problem for employers, such as Olson Manufacturing, is that even a few rough years can change a company's unemployment insurance record from few layoffs to many layoffs, which are costly to the state.

"We didn't used to be as cautious about hiring as we are now," Huston said. "But anybody we bring in now, we bring in at the highest tax rate we've paid in years."

Insurance costs for employers statewide may rise as much \$23 million next year because of a federal unemployment tax law feature, said Inayat Noormohamad, director and senior labor economist at the Kansas Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Services division.

Until now, state unemployment

insurance taxes also counted as federal unemployment insurance taxes, Noormohamad said. But now Kansas' insurance debt threatens the tax credit that made that savings possible, and employers will end up paying more, he said.

"What this really means for most employers in Kansas is that costs are going to go up for everyone, including those employers who've done it right," said Dan Murray, a lobbyist in Topeka for the Kansas chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest advocate for small business owners.

Henchman's study also found that in addition to raising taxes, some states are trying to rein in costs by cutting some unemployment benefits, either by trimming the size of checks or the number of weeks jobless workers can collect.

Let's Be Honest And Do What's Best For Students

By: Dave Trabert
Kansas Policy Institute

Imagine if the Kansas Department of Education issued this press release: "Students performing in the top three performance levels on the reading assessment (exemplary, exceeds standards and meets standards) increased to 87.6 percent in 2011, up from 86.3 percent in 2010. But with only one year remaining before Kansas juniors move on to the workforce, college or other forms of advanced training only 54% are able to read grade-appropriate material with full comprehension."

That would likely cause quite a stir across the state. And yet that first sentence is exactly how KSDE characterized the results of the 2011 State Report Card, which includes these second sentence for 11th grade students.

Demographic and socioeconomic differences are known to impact achievement levels so comparing districts with significantly dissimilar

District	Percent
Statewide Average	54%
Dodge City	53%
Kansas City	28%
Lawrence	57%
Manhattan	56%
Pittsburg	42%
Salina	54%
Shawnee Mission	65%
Topeka	36%
Wichita	34%

student body compositions is invalid. You can, however, compare achievement levels of the same demographic grouping across districts and those details are available at Kansas-OpenGov.org. We collected district-level data from KSDE and posted 2006 through 2011 results for multi-

ple grade levels, racial groupings and other demographic breakdowns.

If these achievement levels seem lower than expected, it's because the KSDE definition of Meets Standard is not "reads grade-appropriate material with full comprehension;" that is the state's definition of Exceeds

Standard. Kansas' reading standard is less than full comprehension of grade-appropriate material.

It's good that KSDE tests show some improvement but we do kids no favors by reducing standards and pretending to have high achievement levels. It's no wonder universities spend millions on remedial training or that so many students drop out of college for academic reasons. It also helps explain why so many young adults have a hard time holding steady employment. They can't read and fully understand high school-level material.

Most Kansas education officials maintain that spending more money is still the answer but that clearly hasn't been working. State aid to schools went from \$1.5 billion in 1994 to \$3.2 billion this year; total aid went from \$2.6 billion to \$5.6 billion. On a per-pupil basis, total aid went from \$5,987 to over \$12,000 this year. And still only 54% of Kansas juniors can fully comprehend

grade-level material according to KSDE tests.

Kansans don't have billions more and even if the money existed, we can't keep throwing away generations of kids while hoping that achievement levels will continue to inch toward levels that allow graduates to be productive citizens and reach their full potential.

'Just spend more' isn't the answer and in fact there is no silver bullet solution. Other states have come to this conclusion and are aggressively transforming public education by simultaneously implementing a broad array of reforms. They are providing more school choice to parents of low-income and special needs kids...expanding online learning...changing tenure and compensation laws to reward and attract effective teachers...implementing accountability systems so parents clearly understand how their students and schools are performing.

Why Not Kansas?

Straight Shooters take first at Hunting Skills state match

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports held their second Hunting Skills State Match Oct. 8, 2011 at the Ark Valley Gun Club, Valley Center, Kansas. The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters had four youth participate in the match, all in the senior division.

The Hunting Skills Match consisted of four sections: Wildlife Identification, Compassing & Orienteering, Hunting Knowledge, and Shooting Skills. The sections were worth 60 points, 60 points, 60 points and 20 points respectively for a total aggregate of 200 points.

Matthew Plummer, Wamego, placed 4th in wildlife identification with 43.5 points, 4th in compassing & orienteering with 51 points, 3rd in hunting knowledge with 51.34 points, received 18.65 points for shooting skills and placed 2nd aggregate with 164.5 points. Daniel Dietrich, Wamego, tied for 6th in

wildlife identification with 37 points, placed 5th in compassing & orienteering with 50 points, 1st in hunting knowledge with 58 points, received 18.45 points for shooting skills and placed 4th aggregate with 163.5 points. Austin Becker, Manhattan, tied for 6th in wildlife identification with 37

points, placed 3rd in compassing & orienteering with 53 points, 4th in hunting knowledge with 50.67 points, received 18.70 points for shooting skills and placed 5th aggregate with 159.4 points. Jacob Dietrich, Wamego, placed 1st in wildlife identification with 50 points, 7th in compassing & orienteering with 34 points, 2nd in hunting knowledge with 51.67 points, received 16.67 points for shooting skills and placed 6th

aggregate with 152.3 points. The two person Hunting Skills team of Plummer and Jacob Dietrich placed 1st with 316.8 points with Jefferson County placing 2nd with 306.1 points in the match.

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Matthew Plummer begins the orienteering competition by setting the bearings on his compass.



Jacob Dietrich participates in the Wildlife ID section of the State 4-H Hunting Skills competition. (Photos courtesy of Tami Alloway)

KU to honor 87 high school seniors

LAWRENCE, KS (10/17/2011)(readMedia)-- Students from 10 Kansas high schools will be honored Monday, Nov. 7, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 87 seniors from high schools in Clay, Pottawatomie and Riley counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner and program at the Manhattan Country Club, 1531 N. 10th St., Manhattan.

During the ceremony, each student will receive a Webster's New College Dictionary presented by Nikki Epley, director of reunions and affinity programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Ann Brill, dean of Journalism at the University of Kansas, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of \$15 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Toni and Mark Stremel from Manhattan are the site coordinators and Riley County coordinators. Lucy Mulrone and Sylvia Mansfield both of Clay Center are the Clay County coordinators. Doug and Joyce Elcock from Wamego are the Pottawatomie County coordinators.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible by KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program. The Class of 2012 scholars are:

- Emily Tucker, a Leonardville senior at Blue Valley High School.
- Boaz Love, a Manhattan senior at Flint Hills Christian School.
- Magda Borgarelli, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Jessica Boyle, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Brian Burton, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- August Fitch, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Kayla Fraley, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.

- Anne Hodges, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Rachel Hunt, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Brandon Majcher, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Megan McHaney, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Laura Muller, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Stefan Nagy, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Ethan Pauls, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Linda Pei, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Madeleine Riley, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Shawn Sheu, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Jordyn Stephens, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Sarah Tatarko, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- David Unruh, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- George Wang, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- James Weiss, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Nicole Yau, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Ryan Barrett, a Manhattan senior at Riley County High School.
- Laurel Burton, a Manhattan senior at Riley County High School.
- Nicholas Fief, a Manhattan senior at Riley County High School.
- Blake Vargo, a Manhattan senior at Riley County High School.
- Holley Banks, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Emily Collins, a Riley senior at Riley County High School.
- Kyle Jennings, a Riley senior at Riley County High School.
- Kelly Thomson, a Riley senior at Riley County High School.
- Crystal Hoard, a Randolph senior at Blue Valley High School.
- Sarah Dodge, a Manhattan senior at Flint Hills Christian School.
- Brady Adams, a Manhattan senior at

- Manhattan High School.
 - Vamsi Bhadriraju, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Jennifer Bliss, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Christopher Davis, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Courtney Faucett, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Fanqi Gao, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Brady Hendricks, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - William Honey, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Katherine Knox, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Changyang Liu, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Emily Londeen, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Taylor Lund, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Nicholas Martin, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - David Meierer, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Grishma Pradhan, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Elisabeth Richt, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Jacob Sobering, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Sophia Tolentino, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Matthew Webb, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Mikaela Wefald, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
 - Guo Dong Zhang, a Manhattan senior at Manhattan High School.
- Since 1971, the Kansas Honors Program has recognized over 114,000 scholars, who rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of occupational plans or higher-education goals. Each year, the KU Alumni Association and its volunteers host 41 programs that reach all 105 counties across the state and include more than 360 high schools.

Obituaries

Richard William Gier

Richard William Gier, age 83 of Tulsa, Oklahoma, former area resident, died Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Oklahoma Methodist Manor in Tulsa.

He was born on May 30, 1926 in Manhattan, Kansas the son Richard Herman and Freida (Theel) Gier. He was a graduate of Manhattan High School and Kansas State University. He served in the United States Navy in the

Pacific theater during WWII. He married Rayola Simmons on June 8th 1947. He and Rayola lived in Arkansas City for 33 years where he worked at General Electric as an accountant. They moved to Wamego, Kansas in 1988, and in 1997, relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In his retirement he enjoyed wintering in McAllen Texas where he enjoyed church activities, Spanish classes, and woodcarving. In Tulsa he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death

by his wife Rayola in 2003. Survivors include two daughters: Rashelle Lynn Robins and her husband Roy; Ricinda Marie Spatz and her husband Jeff of Tulsa; five grandchildren: Ryan and Kacie Robins; Emma, Claire, Cora, and William Spatz, and four great-grand children.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego with the Reverend Jim Mayes officiating. Interment will follow in the Wamego City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2011 evening at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

A memorial has been established with Lutheran Social Services. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Rosemary H. Busset

Daughter of Ralph Sterling Hicks and Myrtle Elizabeth (Rice) Hicks, Rosemary was born October 4, 1921, at the home of her maternal grandparents, Charles Milton Rice and Frances (Fellows) Rice, in Tabor, Mills County, Iowa. She passed away in the evening of October 16, 2011, in Manhattan, after a series of illnesses.

Originally named Myrtle Rosemary Hicks, after her marriage she adopted the name Rosemary H. Busset, and in later years was often known simply as "Rose".

Survivors include her husband, Glenn, of the home; a daughter, Cynthia Sue Epler, and her husband, John Michael Epler, of Hallowell KS; a son: Gary Glenn Jason Busset, of Lawrence KS; two grandsons: Jonathan Curtis Epler and his wife Theresa of Eskridge KS, and Michael Glenn Epler and his wife Jan and their daughter Avery (Rosemary's great-granddaughter) of Olathe KS; and two nephews: Charles Christopher Hicks and his wife Alma and son Andrew, and Thomas Sterling Hicks and his wife Mona and their children Amy and Jeremy.

Additional survivors include the five children of her sister Jessie: Janice Marie Seber, Rosemary Kay Morrison,

William Raymond Endicott III, Julia Claire Hopkins, and John Sterling Endicott, and their families.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her sister Jessie Frances Endicott in 1968, and by her parents, Ralph and Myrtle Hicks in 1979. Her brother, Charles Sterling Hicks, died Dec. 31, 2007, in Silvis IL; a ham radio enthusiast and decorated WWII veteran, Charles had served five years as a radio communications specialist with a Fighter Control Squadron in the 8th Army. A great grandson, David John Epler, died in 2011.

Rosemary lived her early years in Arizona, Oregon, South Dakota, and New Mexico. During several years in her childhood, she lived on the Navaho Reservation in New Mexico, where her parents taught school in the Indian Service. She graduated Valedictorian from Tularosa High School, in Tularosa NM, in 1938.

In 1945, Rosemary graduated from Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, with a BS Degree in Home Economics. She was employed four years (1945-49) as a County Extension Agent in New Mexico. She and Glenn first met at Extension Summer School in Fort Collins CO in 1949. They married in Albany OR on December 29th of that year, an event which her hus-

band looks back upon, across the years, by recalling the saying, "Had I my choice among thousands, I could not have chosen better."

In 1950, Rosemary and Glenn bought land in western Manhattan and began building a house, assisted by Rose's father, who at that time was a retired teacher, a master carpenter, and a member of a Masonic Lodge.

In 1955-56, Rosemary brought the family along to accompany Glenn to Ithaca NY where he attended graduate school at Cornell.

From 1956 to 1958, the family made their home in Hyderabad, India, where Glenn served two years for the KSU Technical Cooperation Mission team at Osmania University, in Andhra Pradesh State.

From 1962 to 1964, Rosemary maintained the family in Madison WI, where Glenn earned his PhD degree at the University of Wisconsin, after which the family returned to their house in Manhattan. During the following 40 years, Rosemary and Glenn did extensive volunteer work for Hospice, Heifer Project International, and the LABO Program (Japan/4H international youth exchange program). Rosemary also worked on organizing her brother's World War II diary and letters, and on restoring old movie film clips shot by her father on

the Navaho Reservation during the 1920s.

Rosemary's memberships and activities included First United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, the Santa Fe Trail Association, Stardusters Extension Unit, and the United Nations Organization. Additionally, she supported a variety of causes devoted to Native American rights, environmental protection, peace, justice, and the humane treatment of animals.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday October 20 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan. Funeral services will occur at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, at 2:00 p.m. on Friday October 21, with the Rev. Nancy Kollhoff presiding. Interment will occur at Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan after the service.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, to Heifer Project International, or to the Kansas 4H Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Offering: Lots 1-7; 17-25; and 33-56 in the Park Valley Addition to the City of Alma, Wabaunsee County, Kan.

Absolute Auction - Properties Subject to Specials

Lot	Yearly Special	38	\$1,759.28
1	\$455.12	39	\$2,004.44
2	\$391.28	40	\$527.12
3	\$432.16	41	\$451.74
4	\$562.54	42	\$379.68
5	\$629.70	43	\$369.72
6	\$648.82	44	\$425.08
7	\$643.98	45	\$502.18
17	\$1,648.00	46	\$517.56
18	\$1,749.74	47	\$389.54
19	\$1,838.20	48	\$535.14
20	\$1,782.14	49	\$400.06
21	\$1,476.20	50	\$453.88
22	\$1,877.68	51	\$425.08
23	\$1,682.82	52	\$499.52
24	\$1,542.76	53	\$404.80
25	\$1,658.52	54	\$416.68
33	\$410.86	55	\$473.14
34	\$418.74	56	\$481.92
35	\$436.44		
36	\$413.82		
37	\$392.06		

The lots are subject to future specials with the last statement issued in November 2010. Lots 17-25 and 33-56 are on a paved street. Lots 40-44, 46-48, 50 and 51 have frontage on a dirt road. Lots 2-7, 46-56, 33-37 and 45 do not have access to a developed street. Lots subject to existing covenants.

For More Information on the properties or auction contact:
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Chapter 9

Lincoln and the Runaway Slaves

Last Chapter: The twins meet Dave Strait who works at a POW camp where German prisoners were held during WWII. They are surprised to learn that the prisoners are often released to help the local farmers. They meet Walter, whom the Straits invite to Sunday dinners. He has a little dog, a stray he named Mary Sunshine. When he is sent back to Germany after the war, the Straits adopt the dog.

"Hush," whispered the woman raising anxious eyes toward the ceiling. Her arms tightened about the baby in her arms. The three men in the room froze, dark eyes in dark faces, alert and waiting. Footsteps sounded overhead. One of the men blew out the small candle, plunging the room into darkness.

Seconds before the twins had been in the time machine. Now they were in a cold, damp cave-like room, with floor and walls of dirt. A musty smell mingled with the odor of unwashed bodies and melting candle wax.

Above them, a door lifted, spilling light into the room. The four adults shrank back against the walls.

Now Jack and Mollie saw that they were like the others in the room. Their hair and skin as dark, their clothes ragged and worn. Instantly they knew they had been transformed into runaway slaves.

"It's all right," a boy called softly. "I've brought a friend."

A collective sigh of relief followed the boy's words, and the twins could almost feel the tension seep from the room.

A tall, lean man dressed in black descended the stairs and when his face came into view, the twins barely suppressed a gasp. The man was Abraham Lincoln!

Too tall to stand upright, Mr. Lincoln sat on the cellar steps and introduced himself.

"I'm aiming to make a run for president of these United States," he said and went on to explain his interest in the slavery question. "I realize there are both pro and anti-slavery folks here in Kansas. Some, like the owners of this hotel here in Doniphan, are against slavery and will help you folks all they can. Others would report

you in the blink of an eye."
"We're aiming to get to Canada," one man said. "But it shore do seem a long ways off."

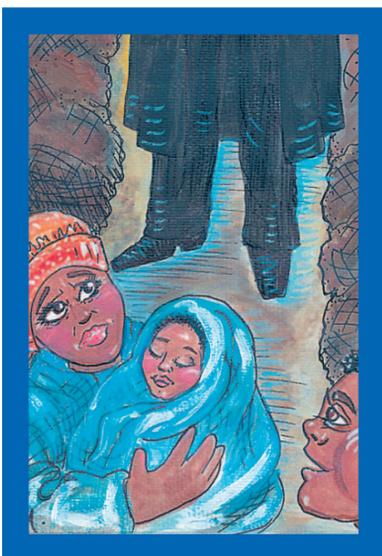
"A daunting task," Mr. Lincoln said. "I'm not sure I could do it."

"You could, suh. If you was a slave, you could."

Mr. Lincoln nodded. "I expect I could."

"Many times as it takes," one of the men said and went on to tell his story of life in slavery.

"We got no life, but what the master decides. He say we go there, we go there. He say he's going to sell us, he sells us. He say we work here, we work here. He say he feed us hog slop, we eat hog slop. First time I run I was real young, hot-headed like. He put me in a place with no food no water ..."



He shrugged. "Ten days, maybe."

No one spoke, and it seemed to the twins as if the silence was a presence, something they could touch, if they reached out a hand.

"The next time I run, the dogs catch me. The master he whip me 'til my back all blood and pieces of skin."

"And yet here you are," Mr. Lincoln said. "I guess that alone tells the tale."

"It sure do," the man said. "I will be free, even if I die."

"We die, we shed of slavery," one of the other men murmured.

"And your story?" Mr. Lincoln asked turning to him.

His story was of a wife and a child sold away, he knew not where. The couple with the baby told of stealing sleeping medicine to give to the baby. "If he cries, the slave-catchers hear. The Lord willing, this child will grow up free."

"I believe the Lord is willing," Mr. Lincoln said. "It's the people that can't see the evils of slavery that hinder His work."

When the tall, gaunt-faced man turned to question Jack and Mollie, Jack said, "I'd be obliged to know the year we's in, Mr. Lincoln."

"I don't imagine you or your sister were allowed to learn to read or write," Mr. Lincoln answered.

"No suh," Jack said.

"It's 1859," Mr. Lincoln said. The first part of December."

Most of the pictures Mollie had seen of President Lincoln, he'd had a beard. This Mr. Lincoln was clean-shaven. She remembered hearing the story of Grace Bedell. She was a young girl living in New York when Mr. Lincoln was campaigning for president. She wrote to him, suggesting he grow a beard. He did and, of course, won the election. Years later, she and her husband moved to Kansas near Delphos and in later years the town erected a monument in her honor.

"I'll remember your stories whether or not I become president," Mr. Lincoln told them. "And if I am elected ... " He was interrupted by the boy at the top of the stairs.

"Mr. Lincoln, sir. Someone is coming. You have to get out. Now!"

With a hurried "Good luck," the tall man scrambled up the stairs. The door closed and once again they were in darkness.

After a time of waiting and listening, one of the men relit the candle.

A few hours later, the boy returned with some bread and meat and a bucket of water with a dipper. No one seemed to notice that neither Jack nor Mollie ate or drank anything.

After a time, the boy returned and led them outside to use the privy. They hugged their arms, shivering in the cold darkness. The woman covered her baby with the ragged shawl draped about her shoulders.

Shocked at finding themselves in this cellar room as runaway slaves and feeling

helpless because they couldn't find their glasses, Jack and Mollie slept fitfully through the night leaning against the dirt walls. Once the baby cried, and Mollie wondered how the woman could see to take care of it. She had heard of people dying from too many sleeping pills. If in the dark, the mother gave the baby too much ... She shivered and tried to go back to sleep.

The door opened overhead, bringing the twins out of a restless sleep.

"Get up," a voice called urgently. "It's time to move out."

They hurried up the stairs after the others. It was still dark outside, but because it was winter, they knew it might be morning of the next day. A figure in a dark coat ushered them outside and into a wagon filled with hay.

"Get down," the voice commanded, "and cover yourself."

Jack purposely waited, so he and Mollie would be at the end of the wagon. He knew it would be easier to get away if, or when, they needed to. Whenever that might be.

To Be Continued.

This is an original serial story that is written and illustrated by two Kansas women. To learn more about them, go to their websites: www.euniceboeve.net and www.michellemeade.weebly.com

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First-Ever Flint Hills cowboy poetry gathering in Alma

Cowboy poets, artists, and all who love the American West are invited to Alma, Kansas for the first-ever Flint Hills Cowboy Poetry Gathering on November 4-5, 2011.

"We are pleased to host this event, which showcases the authentic ranching culture and working cowboy heritage found here in Wabaunsee County and the Flint Hills region," said Abby Amick, Director of Wabaunsee County Economic Development.

The schedule will feature concerts on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the

St. John's Lutheran Church Hall at 218 West 2nd Street in Alma. During the day on Saturday, sessions will be held at the Wabaunsee High School at 912 Missouri Avenue in Alma. Admission will be charged for all sessions. Noted western artist, Don Dane will have a full-color commemorative poster available, titled "Searching For Strays." Chili and all the trimmings will also be available on Saturday, as catered by Cowboy Way Ranch and Vacations.

The Saturday program will include a noon presentation by

noted Flint Hills cowboy and scholar Jim Hoy, who is director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University and author of the book "Flint Hills Cowboys." Saturday afternoon will feature concurrent sessions where cowboy poets will perform, on such topics as "Cowboy to the Bone, Tall Tale Windies, Spurs and Lace, Rodeo Rhymes, and Had to Laugh or Cry."

Headlining the Friday night concert will be Geff Dawson, two-time National Champion cowboy poet, and Trey Allen,

winner of the Governor's Buckle at the 2011 Cowboy Poetry contest held in conjunction with the Symphony in the Flint Hills.

Featured at the Saturday night concert will be award-winning western musicians Three Trails West, along with cowboy poets Paul Schmitt and Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat. Cowboy poets will also be visiting Wabaunsee County schools on Friday to interact with students about poetry and western heritage.

"This event is not a contest, just a time of western family

fun," Abby said. "We invite poets, western musicians, story tellers, re-enactors, and western artists and gear-makers to participate, and we invite people to come out and enjoy the whole weekend."

For more information, go to www.flinthillscowboygathering.com or contact Abby Amick at 785-765-4655 or abby@wabaunsee.com.

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Letters to Tom

Where Does It All Go?

In the last Letters to Tom, we looked at how much we pay in taxes. It's no surprise that here in Manhattan, Kansas, we are taxed a lot. In fact when you add it all up, between taxes and the cost of living, most of us are barely getting by. A large percentage of those taxes are spent on our government - federal, state, county and city. Another big piece goes to pay for our school system. Let's look at what they do with the money we pay to operate the city of Manhattan.

The City of Manhattan's Annual Operating Budget is a good starting point. If you are interested, you can find it on the City of Manhattan web site. You can probably get an actual copy of it at City Hall. It is a 261 page document and the folks who put it together did a very good job of providing an impressive amount of detailed information. It is a masterpiece. The general theme is that Manhattan City Government provides lots of services at a reasonable cost to tax-payers. The General Fund is the part of the Annual Operating Budget that accounts for where tax-payers' money goes to finance the majority of the City's operating expenditures. There are over 30 categories of General Fund Expenditures from



Mike Kryschal

General Government (City Commission/City Manager and Staff) to Outside Services (Chamber of Commerce, Crime Stoppers, City Band, etc. - lots of etceteras!) Each category has been deemed essential to the operation of the city. Some, like the Fire and Police Department, deal with safety and security. Others, like General Government, Human Resources, and Finance, are necessary to operate our government. Still more, like the Animal Shelter and Parks and Recreation, provide services that are desired and supported by the citizens of our community.

The General Fund Budget for 2011 is \$23,253,312.00; the projected population of Manhattan for 2011 is 54,340. Using these figures the cost of the General Fund per person is

\$427.92. If you divided the cost by actual tax-payers, the cost per person would probably more than double that amount. The largest portion of the General Fund Budget is Personnel Services at \$16,012,905 or 68%. This is not a surprise, especially when dealing with a government agency. When the military is forced to cut its budget, the first areas cut are personnel and benefits. When the military comes under the budget axe, few tears are shed because the impact is not felt in any particular district or municipality. It's not the same when the cuts are made in a city. No politician wants to layoff voters. Politicians would prefer to save money by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. This sounds good but it rarely results in any significant cost savings. Another tactic is to threaten to cut back on services like the Fire and Police Departments or Snow Removal. Faced with the prospect of reduced safety services, or unplowed snow covered streets, the tax-payers usually pony up additional "revenue".

As I said before, the Annual Operating Budget is a masterpiece. However, it does not lend itself to identifying those areas where staffing can be reduced without risking reduced services. For exam-

ple, many departments have at least one assistant department head or equivalent. Are they necessary? I don't know the answer, and I am not going to single out any position for elimination, but staffing must be cut or taxes increased. Making tough calls like that is one the duties of our elected representatives. My experience with large organizations has taught me that bureaucracies never shrink, unless they are compelled to do so. It takes courage and leadership to keep it government in check. Our City Government (and County Government, and School System) are not jobs programs. None of our elected officials ran on a platform of growing government. Let's hope they live up to the promise of efficient (and downsized) government in 2012.

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Manhattan Arts Center presents Vi Tran

The Manhattan Arts Center is proud to present former Manhattanite Vi Tran in concert on Friday, October 28 at 7:30pm. Vi Tran will be performing his unique style of Pacific Americana music, a diverse blend of his Vietnamese heritage and Southwest Kansas roots, with Kansas City visual artist Vaughn Schultz. Within three sets of music, Vi Tran will deliver storyteller performances of original music, as well as favorite songs by his biggest influences. Vaughn Schultz will simultaneously create three accompanying paintings during the performance.

You may remember Vi Tran from many K-State Theatre shows; he received his MA in Theatre Directing from KSU in 2005. Vi Tran is now a proud resident of Kansas City working as a singer-songwriter, actor, and arts advocate. Vi Tran is passionate about arts advocacy and spreading art's role in the community at large.

Described by critics as an earnest, deeply personal and inspiring artist, Vi Tran tells his story through his music: "Mine's a refugee story. It's also an All-American tale, equal parts sea salt and wheat fields. My music reflects a breezi-

ness that captures both my Southeast Asian heritage and a childhood spent in Southwestern Kansas, set against a backdrop of melodic pop, rock, alt-country, folk—a melting pot I like to call Pacific Americana."

Vaughn Schultz's inspiration is derived from both the beauty and the tragedy of the world. Vaughn was inspired to be an artist before he knew what any of those words meant, let alone how to spell them. After gaining degrees in painting and theatre design in Lawrence, KS, he spent a year making a living in Prague. He moved back to Kansas City and continued to paint and design professionally for several years. Life then took him to Chicago for an MFA at Northwestern University. Loving the three years in the Windy City but missing the Paris of the Plains, he moved home. He continues to create in greater spirit with both the beauty and the tragedy the world has shown him.

Vi Tran approached visual artist Vaughn Schultz about providing cover art for his debut release, *Goodbye, Summer*. Dispatched with a batch of acoustic demos, Schultz found a kindred artistic spirit and offered up his painting, "Roses

and Roller Coasters: Autumn," which captured the wistful romantic melancholy of Tran's song cycle. From that point on, an artistic partnership was formed, with Schultz accompanying the Vi Tran Band on numerous occasions, bringing to life a visual representation of the narrative storytelling within the music.

For more information about Vi Tran, visit him on the web at www.vitranmusic.com, www.facebook.com/vitranmusic, or www.twitter.com/vitranmusic.

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave, by phone at (785) 537-4420 or online at www.manhattanarts.org. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for military, students and children. The Manhattan Arts Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 5 pm. This concert has been generously sponsored by Olivia Collins.

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Two cheers for proposed labor, health, education appropriations

By James Sherk and Patrick Louis Knudsen The Heritage Foundation

House appropriators deserve two cheers for their recently released bill funding the Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies for fiscal year (FY) 2012. Disappointingly, the legislation only slightly reduces federal spending. Nevertheless, its policy riders take important steps in the right direction.

The legislation blocks funding for many harmful regulatory proposals that discourage business expansion. It defunds the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) attempts to push workers into unions, large portions of Obamacare, and the sea of red tape rising from the DOL. Cutting funds for these harmful initiatives will encourage employers to expand and hire.

Spending Levels

Overall the bill reduces spending by 2.5 percent from FY 2011 of \$157.4 billion to \$153.4 billion for FY 2012. Taken alone, these numbers reflect a largely status-quo measure, maintaining a number of programs and activities that have little justification.

In addition, many of the spending cuts are technical rather than policy-based. For example, the bill reduces spending in the Employment and Training Administration by \$2.2 billion. The committee summary explains that these cuts come mostly from "the transition of employment and training programs to a federal fiscal year and the elimination of \$2.4 billion in advance appropriations."

The bill merely trims some programs that—especially in light of trillion-dollar annual budget deficits—the federal government has no business financing. These include the ineffective Job Corps; the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which should move toward self-financing; and the Corporation for National and Community Service, an early 1990s creation that fostered the oxymoron of "paid volunteers."

Nevertheless, the bill does make much-needed reforms in Pell grants, such as holding the maximum award at \$5,500 and tightening eligibility requirements in a manner consistent with the House-passed budget resolution. More broadly, the bill, combined with other House appropriations, does

keep a lid on spending by keeping total FY 2012 base discretionary spending (excluding war funding) within the \$1.043 trillion budget authority cap required by the Budget Control Act. But the cap level is still excessive, as it is well above the comparable FY 2008 pre-stimulus level of \$933 billion.

Policy Riders

While the bill can be criticized for being too timid on spending reductions, the same cannot be said about its policy riders. The bill would eliminate funding for many harmful policies that the Obama Administration is seeking to implement. This would sharply limit the damage the federal government is doing to the economy.

Obamacare. The bill includes language de-funding the new health care law. Under the legislation, the Administration could not spend money to implement Obamacare. The economically damaging effects of the health care law are well documented, and public opposition remains strong.

De-funding is an important tool Congress should use to stop the implementation of the health care law until it can be fully repealed. Equally, it is critical that the language used to de-fund the law is properly structured to avoid any potential conflicts with pending court cases.

Department of Labor. The bill takes direct aim at the most harmful Obama DOL initiatives, which already discourage businesses from expanding and hiring and would needlessly raise business costs even further. It bars the DOL from spending money to:

- Deter employers from classifying workers as independent contractors;
- Refer allegations of wage and hour violations to plaintiffs' lawyers to pursue private lawsuits;
- Implement new ergonomic injury reporting proposals, seen as a prelude to expensive new ergonomics regulations;
- Make it more costly for employers to educate their workers about the downsides of unionizing during organizing drives;
- Revise the H-2A (temporary foreign agricultural workers) program to make it much more costly for employers to use while substantially raising required wage payments;

Change the methodology for calculating prevailing wages under the H-2B (temporary foreign nonagricultural workers) program to artificially inflate the required minimum wage rates; or

Alter the definition of a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Union Subsidies. The legislation further targets expensive taxpayer subsidies to organized labor. It prohibits any agency it funds from paying:

Officers in federal unions to perform union business while on the clock as federal employees (i.e., Official Time), or

For construction contracts that force contractors to sign collective bargaining agreements with unions before starting work.

National Labor Relations Board. Many employers fear that the NLRB has moved from being a neutral enforcer of the law to an agency actively promoting unionization no matter the cost to the economy. The spending bill would prevent the NLRB from engaging in union favoritism. It would prevent the agency from:

Conducting snap organizing elections that would force workers to vote as little as 10 days after a union files for an election;

Allowing unions to cherry-pick bargaining units to exclude the votes of workers who oppose unionizing;

Refusing to process petitions for a secret ballot decertification election if an employer recognizes a union formed with publicly signed cards;

Requiring employers to display posters encouraging workers to unionize;

Regulating small businesses; or

Conducting organizing elections over e-mail.

The National Labor Relations Act protects employees' right to decide whether or not to join a union, and it protects employers' rights to communicate with their employees. The provisions in the appropriations bill would force the NLRB to protect these rights impartially instead of attempting to push workers into unions. The bill also cuts the NLRB's budget by 17 percent—a long overdue reduction given the agency's declining caseload.

Protecting Life and Conscience. Despite the Hyde

amendment, federal law allows some taxpayer funding for abortion. Taxpayers also heavily subsidize Planned Parenthood, an organization that performs more than one-fourth of the abortions in the United States. The appropriations bill takes steps to protect conscience for taxpayers and health care providers, including:

Statutorily prohibiting any federal agency—or state or local government that receives federal funding—from discriminating against health care providers who do not provide abortions;

Prohibiting the federal government from paying to perform abortions under Obamacare;

Cutting off federal taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood until it certifies that it has stopped providing abortions; and

Denying tax funding for the creation of human embryos that are destroyed in research.

Good but Not Perfect

The House appropriators' draft bill is not perfect. It should go much further to reduce spending, aiming for pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels. On the other hand, the bill would prevent the Administration from implementing many harmful policies. It would cut off funding for the DOL's proposals to burden employers and the NLRB's plans to foist unions on workers. It denies funding to implement Obamacare and prevents taxpayer funds from subsidizing abortions. House appropriators deserve two cheers for this proposal.

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Free Press Big 12 Sports

No. 12 K-State Travels To Sunflower Showdown

Coming off a gutty 41-34 comeback win at Texas Tech on Saturday, 12th-ranked Kansas State heads back on the road for the second straight week when it travels to Lawrence for the 109th edition of the Sunflower Showdown, presented by Dillons, against in-state rival Kansas. The Wildcats, now bowl eligible for the second straight year, will look to improve upon their 6-0 start to the season, the best since 2000, and move to 7-0 for the first time since 1999.

The matchup from Memorial Stadium will kick at 11 a.m. and be televised by Fox Sports Net as Bill Land (play-by-play), Dave Lapham (analyst) and Emily Jones (sideline) will have the call. A free live audio broadcast is also available on k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS XM satellite radio channels 113 and 194. Wyatt Thompson will call the action with Stan Weber providing color analysis and Matt Walters giving sideline updates.

Live stats will be also available through Gametracker, while Twitter updates - @kstatesports and @kstate_gameday - will all be a part of k-statesports.com's gameday coverage.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Kansas State scored on special teams and defense, while forcing four Texas Tech turnovers in the comeback win last week as the Wildcats improved to 6-0 on the season. Collin Klein ran for 110 yards and three touchdowns, while throwing for 146 yards and another score, to lead the K-State offense against Texas Tech. Klein has now accounted for at least three touchdowns in each of the last five games.

Klein and Hubert continue to lead the Wildcat offense as Klein ranks third nationally among FBS quarterbacks in rushing with his 96.3-ypp average. The junior quarterback has three 100-yard games on the season, while Hubert has added 90.8 yards per game, including two 100-yard performances this season.

But, the Wildcat defense has been the story of the season through six weeks. A remarkably improved unit, K-State heads into this weekend's game ranked in the top 25 nationally in three defensive categories (scoring defense, rushing defense and turnover margin). Arthur Brown leads the team with 45 tackles, which ranks eighth in the Big 12, while three others have recorded picks, led by Nigel Malone's Big 12-leading four, which also ranks sixth nationally. Meshak Williams leads

the team with 5.5 tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks, while former walk-on Jordan Voelker has added 4.0 sacks as well.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

Kansas heads into Saturday's matchup with a 2-4 overall record and 0-3 mark in Big 12 play. The Jayhawks dropped a 47-17 contest to No. 1 Oklahoma last weekend in Lawrence. The Jayhawks are averaging 206.8 yards per game on the ground, a figure that ranks 23rd nationally, and 425 yards of total offense through six games. Quarterback Jordan Webb has thrown for 1,238 yards and 11 touchdowns, while running back James Sims has rushed for 455 yards and six scores. Tim Biere (21 catches) and D.J. Beshears (20) lead the team in receptions.

Defensively, Steven Johnson ranks second in the Big 12 with 63 tackles, while Toben Opurum has collected a team-best 7.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks.

WILDCATS AND JAYHAWKS

The Dillons Sunflower Showdown certainly has stood the test of time. The Wildcats and Jayhawks will do battle for the 109th time this week.

According to the 2011 NCAA record book, the 108 meetings make the Sunflower

Showdown the 13th most-played rivalry in the country. The series dates to 1902 and as one of the most continuously-played rivalries in the nation has been played every year since. Kansas State and Kansas also play annually for The Governor's Trophy. The "trophy" game was initiated in 1969 by Gov. Robert Docking. The trophy is presented to the winning team and coaches in the winner's dressing room immediately following each year's game by the Governor of Kansas.

Kansas State has won two straight in the series, and the Wildcats hold an 11-4 edge since the Big 12 was formed and a 15-4 advantage under head coach Bill Snyder.

SNYDER AND THE SUNFLOWER SHOWDOWN

Head coach Bill Snyder and the Wildcats have held their own in the yearly matchup for bragging rights

in the state of Kansas. Since 1989, K-State is 15-4 against KU under the legendary head coach and has

currently won three in a row and 14 of the last 15 meetings when Snyder is patrolling the sidelines. Also, from 1993-2003, K-State won 11 straight meetings

between the two rivals until a 31-28 KU win in

Lawrence ended the streak.

OUT OF THE GATE

Following last week's win over Texas Tech, K-State - one of only 10 remaining unbeaten teams in the

country - will look to start the season 7-0 for the first time since 1999, while the Cats will also be out to start Big 12 play 4-0 for the first time since the 1999 season. Also, the Wildcats will look to win three

straight road games to open a season for the first time since 1999. Under Bill Snyder, K-State has opened 7-0 a total of two times (1998 and 1999).

CONFERENCE ROAD NOTES

K-State will look for its second straight road Big 12 win this weekend when the Cats face rival KU. The

last time K-State has won two straight Big 12 road games was back in 2003, while the last time a Wildcat team has won its first two Big 12 road games of a season was back in 2000. Under head coach Bill Snyder,

K-State is 26-12 in conference road games when the Wildcats are ranked.

THE 150 CLUB

Head coach Bill Snyder picked up the 150th victory of

his career in the season opener against Eastern Kentucky. He joined Joe

Paterno (Penn State), Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Steve Spurrier (South Carolina), Mack Brown (Texas) and Gary Pinkel

(Missouri) as active coaches with 150 wins at FBS schools. After guiding the Wildcats from 1989 to 2005, and again over

the past two seasons, Snyder is also one of the longest-tenured active coaches in the FBS. The Wildcat head coach ranks fifth among active coaches behind Paterno (46th year), Nevada's Chris

Ault (27th), Beamer (25th) and Troy's Larry Blakeney (21st). Even more impressive is that Snyder is one of

just two active BCS coaches who have served at the same school for at least 19 years and have never held

the same position at another school (Paterno).

Additionally, Snyder has tallied the sixth-most victories among active coaches since 1990 with 154 despite a three-year hiatus from 2006-2008.

Kansas State Wildcats

2011-2012 Football SCHEDULE

		Record
Sept. 3 vs. Eastern Kentucky	W 10-7	1-0
Sept. 17 vs. Kent State	W 37-0	2-0
Sept. 24 at Miami Miami,	W 28-24	3-0
Oct. 1 vs. Baylor * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 36-35	4-0
Oct. 8 vs. Missouri * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 24-17	5-0
Oct. 15 at Texas Tech * Lubbock, Texas TBA	W 41-34	6-0
Oct. 22 at Kansas * Lawrence, Kan. TBA		
Oct. 29 vs. Oklahoma * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Nov. 5 at Oklahoma State * Stillwater, Okla. TBA		
Nov. 12 vs. Texas A&M * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Nov. 19 at Texas * Austin, Texas TBA		
Dec. 3 vs. Iowa State * Bill Snyder Family Stadium 11:30 AM		

Big 12 Football Standings

	Big12	Overall
Kansas State	3-0	6-0
Oklahoma	3-0	6-0
Oklahoma State	3-0	6-0
Texas A&M	2-1	4-2
Texas	1-2	4-2
Baylor	1-2	4-2
Texas Tech	1-2	4-2
Missouri	1-2	3-3
Iowa State	0-3	3-3
Kansas	0-3	2-4

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Kansas State goes to 6-0



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Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klien can see the goal line on this run, he took the ball down to the two yard line and then scored two plays later.



David Garrett (27) gets low on the Tech runner.



Meshak Williams (42) put heat on the Tech Quarterback.



Travis Tannahill (80) picks up more yardage after the catch.



Adam Davis (97) goes for a block on the Texas Tech pass.

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Guidry, Klein receive Big 12, National honors

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Kansas State defensive lineman Raphael Guidry and quarterback Collin Klein were honored Monday for their performance last Saturday in the Wildcats' 41-34 victory at Texas Tech. Guidry was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week, while Klein was one of eight quarterbacks nationally to earn Manning Award Star of the Week accolades.

A senior from Texas City, Texas, Guidry became the first

player in the Bill Snyder era to block two field goals in a game when he batted down 48- and 38-yard Red Raider field goal attempts. He also added a tackle for loss.

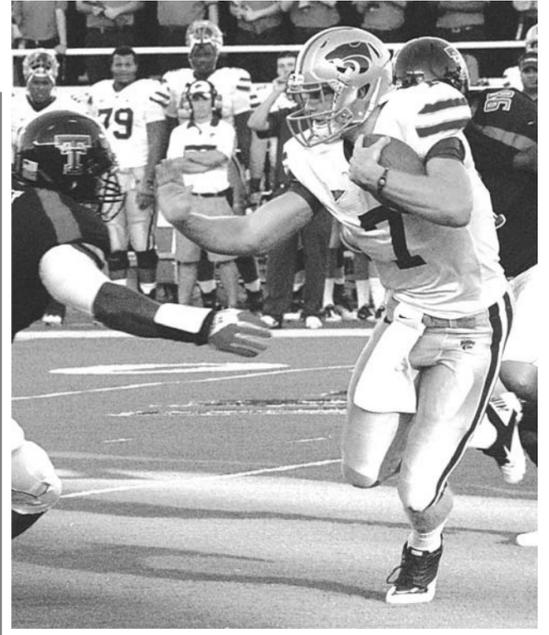
Guidry became the fourth Wildcat this season to earn Big 12 weekly honors after Tre Walker and Arthur Brown picked up defensive honors following the Miami and Baylor games, respectively, while Anthony Cantele took home the special teams award after the contest against the Bears.

Klein rushed for 110 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Wildcat offense against the Red Raiders and pick up Manning Award Star of the Week honors. He also became the third quarterback in school history to top 1,000 career rushing yards and was the first K-State signal caller since 2002 to rush for at least three touchdowns in multiple games (Ell Roberson). Additionally, Klein tied his career high in passing yardage at 146 and threw for another score.

For being one of eight quarterbacks honored this week, Klein now has a chance to become the Overall Manning Player of the Week by a fan vote at www.facebook.com/all-statesugarbowl. Voting concludes at 9 p.m. (ET) on Thursday.

The Manning Award was created by the Allstate Sugar Bowl in 2004 to honor the college football accomplishments of Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning. It is the only quarterback award that includes the candidates' bowl performances in its balloting.

No. 12 Kansas State travels to Lawrence, Kan., on Saturday for the 109th edition of the Dillons Sunflower Showdown against Kansas. The game, which kicks off at 11 a.m., will be televised nationally on FSN.



Collin Klein earned Manning Award Star of the Week.

Cowboys Run Past Jayhawks, 70-28

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Kansas went into the locker room at halftime trailing the No. 1 team in the nation by 10 points, but the Jayhawks couldn't sustain anything offensively in the second half as Kansas fell to Oklahoma, 47-17, on Saturday evening, in Memorial Stadium.

With the loss, Kansas dropped to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in Big 12 play, while the Oklahoma improved to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in conference action.

Kansas running backs James Sims and Darrian Miller provided a good one-two punch in the backfield for the Jayhawks as Sims finished with 75 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown. Miller added 15 carries for 66 yards and a touchdown.

The Sooners struck first as quarterback Landry Jones connected with wide receiver Kenny Stills from 17 yards out to give Oklahoma a 7-0 lead with 11:32 left in the first quarter. The drive started on the Kansas 35-yard line thanks to a 33-yard punt return from Ryan Broyles.

Oklahoma would then add a 36-yard field goal by Mike Hunnicutt to extend their lead to 10-0 midway through the first quarter.

Then, on a fourth-and-one from their own 44-yard line late in the first quarter, KU head coach Turner Gill gambled and sent his offense back onto the field following an injury to offensive lineman Jeremiah Hatch.

The gamble paid off as sophomore quarterback Jordan Webb pitched the ball on a broken play to running back James Sims and from there Sims would do the rest. Sims broke one Sooner tackle and dashed down the left sideline 56 yards to the end zone, cutting OU's lead to 10-7 with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing Oklahoma offensive possession, KU freshman safety Victor Simmons forced and recovered a fumble at the Sooners' 25-yard line. The turnover led to a 36-yard field goal by Kansas freshman kicker Alex Mueller to tie the game 10-10 with just over 11 minutes left in the first

half. Oklahoma answered right back as the Sooners marched 70 yards in nine plays, capped off by an eight-yard scamper from running back Roy Finch.

Following a Kansas punt, Jones connected with his go-to receiver Ryan Broyles on a 57-yard pitch and catch to stretch the lead 24-10 with just under eight minutes left in the first half. The catch for Broyles, made him the NCAA all-time leader for career receptions.

Not to be outdone, the Kansas offense struck right back with a two-yard touchdown run by Miller. The touchdown run was set-up when Webb found running back Rell Lewis for a 26-yard gain, on a third-and-11, cutting across the field as Webb escaped pressure in the back-field.

However, the Sooner defense came out of the locker room after halftime and shut down the Kansas offense. The Jayhawks had one first down and were held to just six yards for the entire second half.

Sports update:

Hello Wildcat Fans!
You can call them majestic, magnificent, or even lucky but whatever you call them, don't forget undefeated. The 6-0 Cats are #11 in the BCS, #12 in the AP and #16 in the USA Today Coaches polls, but have struggled in every win except for Kent State. Does K-State deserve to be ranked as high as they are? The answer is yes. Until the Wildcats prove otherwise they deserve every ranking they receive; however, they don't have the big power punch to put away opponents that the pollsters look for.

Offense: The Wildcats had 339 yards of total offense with 146 yards in the air and 193 on the ground. The Cats pass attack is ranked 114th in the nation out of 120 colleges but they rank 25th on the ground. Kansas State is now midway through their season and their numbers are anything but balanced at this point. K-State over 6 games has 1276 yards rushing on 246 attempts (4.2 avg.) and 74 receptions for 781 yards passing (10.6 avg.) for the season to date. You can expect K-State's offense to



Ben Brake

be the same this weekend. They will be systematic and methodical in every aspect of the offense. Coach Snyder may throw in one or two trick plays or plays that will catch you off guard but don't expect much out of the norm.

Defense: The Wildcat Defense never ceases to amaze me! Once again, week after week, this defense steps up to make the big plays. The defense bends and bends and bends, then just when you think the opponent is going to blow things open, the Wildcats turn into the super defense that saves the game. K-State's defense gave up 580 total yards to Texas Tech and still managed to walk away with a win. The key to the victory

was 4 turnovers against the Red Raiders, three interceptions and a fumble credited to QB Seth Doege. The four turnovers is big no matter who you play; however, what makes this stat so special is coming into the game Doege had over 200 pass attempts with only one interception prior to being clawed by the Cats.

KU Preview: KU has nothing to lose by this game and everything to gain. I expect Coach Turner Gill to pull out all the stops and make it a very interesting game to try to keep KSU from reaching 7-0.

K-State will need to expect the unexpected on every single play. The Jayhawks rank dead last in allowing points scored against them and has had a lot of trouble in the second half of their games. I expect this game to be closer than most may expect and not a blowout. K-State has played to their opponent's level and keeps them in the game to the end.

Prediction: KSU 42 KU 31
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Sports Second Front

Wildcats come from behind to beat Tech 41-34

LUBBOCK, Texas - No. 17 Kansas State got production from all aspects of its team, including a four touchdown effort by junior quarterback Collin Klein, to earn its first win at Texas Tech since 1997 with a 41-34 victory on Saturday night before 49,744 fans at Jones AT&T Stadium.

With the victory, the Wildcats moved to 6-0 for the fifth time under head coach Bill Snyder and for the first time since 2000. The squad is now bowl eligible for the 14th time under Snyder, including consecutive years for the first time since 2002 and 2003. In addition, the team is unbeaten after three Big 12 games for the first time since 1999.

Klein ran for 110 yards on 23 carries, scoring on three short runs and hitting Chris Harper for a 3-yard TD pass on the Wildcats' first drive of the third quarter. He was 12-of-18 through the air for 146 yards. Running back John Hubert added 76 yards on the ground on 19 carries.

Freshman Tyler Lockett returned a kickoff 100 yards early in the second quarter for K-State. It tied for the longest return in school history, matching William Powell's 100-yard return against Baylor on Oct. 23, 2010. Overall, it was the 20th kickoff return for a touchdown and the eighth since 2008.

After allowing Texas Tech (4-2, 1-2) 28 points in the first half, the K-State defense was stellar after halftime, holding the high-octane Red Raiders to just two field goals in the second half.

Texas Tech quarterback Seth Doege had 461 yards and a touchdown on 43-of-63 pass-



Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein (7) scores to make the score Kansas State 33, Texas Tech 31.

ing, but had three of his four turnovers in consecutive possessions in the fourth quarter. He also ran for a score. He had just one interception coming into the game.

After Texas Tech's field goal late in the game to pull within 41-34, the Red Raiders recovered an onside kick when Tremain Swindall fell on the ball at their own 47. But Doege and the offense seemed

to rush and failed to get a first down after running four plays.

The Wildcats, who appeared flat in the first half, came out with more energy after halftime. On their first possession Klein put together the team's longest drive of the game, capping it with a fade to the corner of the end zone to Harper to lead 28-27. The touchdown pass was set up after Klein scrambled out of the pocket

for a 25-yard gain to the 3. Kansas State, which came into the game leading the nation in time of possession, held the ball for 33:33, while Tech had it for 26:27.

K-State stayed close in the first half, all due to the play of its defense and special teams. The offense mustered just 94 yards, less than half of those on the ground. Texas Tech's defense was tough against the

run, allowing the 26th-ranked rushing offense just 45 yards on 18 carries before the half.

After Lockett's kick return score in the second quarter, kicker Anthony Cantele missed the extra point to cut the deficit to 14-13. Lockett took the ball straight up the middle and into a pile of Red Raiders at about the 50. Suddenly, though, he was out front of the pile and outraced them all to

the corner of the end zone.

The Wildcats blocked two field goals, setting up a touchdown with the second.

Defensive tackle Raphael Guidry blocked the kick and corner Nigel Malone picked it up and returned it 30 yards to the Texas Tech 46. Klein put K-State up 20-14 when he scored from a yard out.



Nigel Malone (24) on the second play of the game intercepted the ball and ran 24 yards for a Wildcat touchdown.



Look out this Collin Klein (7) pass is coming right at you.



Kansas State Defensive tackle Raphael Guidry blocked two Texas Tech field goals during the game.



Freshman Tyler Lockett returned this kickoff 100 yards early in the second quarter for K-State.

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