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Big 12 Approves West Virginia

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP

The Big 12 has approved bringing in West Virginia to replace Missouri when the Tigers complete their move to the Southeastern Conference, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither the school nor the Big 12 had announced that its board of directors unanimously approved inviting West Virginia when Missouri's spot comes open.

The move would allow the Big 12 to maintain 10 members and is another blow to the embattled Big East, which already has lost two members and one member-to-be in the last six weeks.

The Big East is trying to reconfigure as a 12-team football league and has been courting Boise State, Navy and Air Force as football-only members and Central Florida, SMU and Houston for all sports. Commissioner John Marinatto met with officials from some of those schools Sunday in Washington.

Since there is no timetable for Missouri to complete its expected departure from the Big 12 — and the league's board of directors announced that it expressed "a strong desire" for Missouri to stay during a Monday meeting — there is no timetable for West Virginia to receive a formal invitation, the person said. But the school will accept an invi-



Bob Huggins could be coming back to coach West Virginia against the Wildcats. Huggins left KSU in 2008 for WVU.

tation once it is offered, the person said.

Big 12 Commissioner Chuck

Neinas has already said he expects Missouri to compete in the Big 12 in 2012, but all signs indicate Missouri

is leaving and now the conference is prepared for that.

On Friday, the Missouri Board of Curators gave Chancellor Brady Deaton the authority to move the school out of the Big 12. The school has been considering a move to the SEC, where it would become that conference's 14th member and join Texas A&M, which made its move from the Big 12 official earlier this month.

The SEC has not publicly acknowledged interest in Missouri and Commissioner Mike Slive has said his conference was making plans to have 13 members next season, but there are scheduling problems — especially in football — that come with that number.

West Virginia has been the Big East's most successful football program since the league lost Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College to the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2004 and '05. The Mountaineers have been to a bowl game every season since and won two BCS games.

Without West Virginia, only one of the original eight schools that made up the Big East's football conference when it began in 1991 will remain: Rutgers.

Last month, Pittsburgh and Syracuse announced they were leaving the Big East for the ACC, and earlier this month TCU reneged on its plans to join the Big East in 2012 to instead go to the Big 12.

Marinatto has said he plans to make Pitt and Syracuse abide by the league's bylaws and stay in the Big East for the next two years. The Big East's 27-month notification will likely be a hurdle for West Virginia to clear on its way to the Big 12.

TCU only must pay the league's \$5 million exit fee.

The Big East presidents voted last week to double that fee to \$10 million if the league added either Navy or Air Force, but the conference has not formally invited any new members yet.

It's unclear how the loss of West Virginia will affect the Big East's expansion plans. The Big East made protecting its status as a BCS automatic qualifying conference its expansion priority, and adding Boise State's high successful football program to the conference with West Virginia had league officials optimistic.

Boise State President Bob Kustra has said that getting into conference with an automatic bid to the BCS was one of his top priorities, but the stability of the Big East was a concern. Boise State is in its first season in the Mountain West Conference. Air Force also plays in the MWC. Navy is an independent in football.

To replace West Virginia, the Big East could turn to Temple, which was also being considered before the conference decided to try to add the two Texas schools from Conference USA.

Scrapping U.S. required health exchanges may be costly

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — No one yet knows how much it will cost Kansas to set up insurance plans in accordance with the new federal Affordable Care Act.

Federal regulators haven't figured out the details of what the plans will cover, what kind of subsidies low-income consumers might pay for required coverage, or what kind of markets states might organize to help consumers buy their plans.

But whatever the cost, it is expected to be higher than what officials imagine now, especially if Kansas misses some key deadlines coming as soon as December, members of a special Kansas Legislature Joint Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance learned Monday.

"It's outrageous," said state Rep. Brenda Landwehr, R-Wichita, who serves on the joint committee and has

opposed the federal health-care legislation since it was proposed in 2009.

Landwehr said her quarrel with the plan goes back to when then U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was quoted as saying federal lawmakers wouldn't know what was in the plan until they passed it and the appropriate rules and regulations.

Writing the rules for any legislation "is a legislative function," Landwehr said.

"We didn't elect the IRS to write rules and regulations," she said.

Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, and his administration say they won't enforce the federal health-care law that requires everyone in the nation beginning in 2014 to be covered either by a plan at work or one they buy individually.

Backers insist universal coverage is needed to keep costs down, but critics say that, among other things, such a

requirement violates individual rights protected by the U.S.

Constitution.

The Obama administration earlier this month announced it was declining to pursue a part of the health-care plan, which would have helped older Americans buy long-term coverage, because of the lack of a universal coverage requirement there sent the projected costs prohibitively higher.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear cases, challenging the constitutionality of the federal health care law, this session.

Brownback in August also chose to return a \$31.5 million federal grant the state received to help set up a high-tech electronic insurance exchange that Kansas and other states could establish to help consumers shop for the required insurance the same way they might shop for airline tickets or hotel reservations.

He and Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Robert Moser subsequently announced plans to create a bigger \$80 million databank.

The Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement System, or KEES, would compare online social services and other applications against drivers' license applications, pension and insurance records and other state databases to check applicants' eligibility.

KEES also could be used to handle some of insurance exchange chores if that proved necessary, officials said.

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, also a Republican, meanwhile, continued with preliminary work by state insurance regulators to create a Kansas insurance exchange if the Supreme Court did not overturn that provision of the law.

That work so far has been funded

with about \$280,000 of an initial \$1 million grant the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the state.

Kansas Insurance Department regulators will continue with some of that work, which involves extensive consulting with about seven dozen insurance groups, technology providers and consumers representatives, Praeger told the committee Monday.

"However, if a decision is made to move forward with a state-operated exchange or a state-federal partnership exchange, additional funding will be needed," Praeger said.

Federal Health and Human Services officials also are offering Kansas and other states two more rounds of federal grant money, Praeger said.

City Budget Projections from Forecasts plus property tax implications

| | 2012 | Mill Inc. | 2013 | Mill Inc. | 2014 | Mill Inc. | 2015 | Mill Inc. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 101 General Fund | 24,348,374 | | 26,307,134 | | 27,357,300 | | 28,066,709 | |
| Mill Rate Projections | 2.444 | (0.248) | 4.664 | 2.221 | 6.418 | 1.753 | 7.086 | 0.668 |
| 102 City/University Projects | 677,000 | - | 609,300 | - | 624,600 | - | 638,800 | - |
| 103 Aggieville BID | 56,500 | - | 58,760 | - | 61,110 | - | 63,555 | - |
| 104 Downtown BID | 65,500 | - | 68,120 | - | 70,845 | - | 73,679 | - |
| 105 Economic Development | 5,376,096 | - | 2,870,200 | - | 3,261,823 | - | 2,650,931 | - |
| 106 Employee Benefits | 1,794,000 | - | 2,066,000 | - | 2,232,000 | - | 2,417,000 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 1.532 | 0.093 | 2.075 | 0.542 | 2.359 | 0.284 | 2.666 | 0.307 |
| 107 Fire Equipment Reserve | 483,500 | - | 449,800 | - | 514,962 | - | 632,327 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 0.111 | (0.004) | 0.108 | (0.003) | 0.607 | 0.499 | 1.076 | 0.468 |
| 108 KP&F Pension | 628,000 | - | 727,000 | - | 761,000 | - | 799,000 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 0.167 | (0.005) | 0.432 | 0.265 | 0.556 | 0.124 | 0.695 | 0.139 |
| 109 General Improvement Fund | 62,717 | - | 106,624 | - | 56,641 | - | 56,658 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 110 Industrial Promotion | 180,725 | - | 403,336 | - | 410,766 | - | 411,205 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | - | - | 0.527 | 0.527 | 0.767 | 0.240 | 0.746 | (0.021) |
| 113 Park Development Fund | 25,000 | - | 50,000 | - | 25,000 | - | 50,125 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 115 Sales Tax Fund | 4,961,000 | - | 5,335,891 | - | 5,329,889 | - | 5,291,123 | - |
| 116 Special Alcohol Programs | 560,900 | - | 540,850 | - | 502,021 | - | 457,463 | - |
| 117 Special Park & Recreation | 979,313 | - | 903,750 | - | 779,026 | - | 787,496 | - |
| 118 Special Street & Highway | 2,103,167 | - | 1,874,725 | - | 1,859,123 | - | 1,881,953 | - |
| 119 Special Sunset Zoo | 399,050 | - | 395,975 | - | 404,664 | - | 433,815 | - |
| 121 Tourism & Convention | 1,266,231 | - | 1,327,497 | - | 1,300,785 | - | 1,376,588 | - |
| 126 Capital Improvement Reserve | 2,605,000 | - | 1,770,019 | - | 1,775,019 | - | 1,780,019 | - |
| 127 Downtown Redevelopment TIF | 2,700,000 | - | 2,061,996 | - | 2,331,406 | - | 2,396,253 | - |
| 301 Bond & Interest Fund | 20,345,757 | - | 21,381,984 | - | 24,028,118 | - | 26,006,924 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 5.407 | (0.090) | 5.702 | 0.296 | 9.081 | 3.379 | 10.669 | 1.588 |
| 501 Water Fund | 12,693,490 | - | 13,155,835 | - | 12,715,330 | - | 12,573,844 | - |
| Rate Increase | 7% | - | 7% | - | 7% | - | 7% | - |
| 521 Wastewater Fund | 12,576,640 | - | 12,881,813 | - | 12,960,349 | - | 13,229,309 | - |
| Rate Increase | 15% | - | 8% | - | 7% | - | 3% | - |
| 531 Stormwater Fund | 2,797,000 | - | 3,080,751 | - | 3,278,045 | - | 3,508,847 | - |
| Rate Increase | 5% | - | 6% | - | 6% | - | 6% | - |
| City Services Total | 97,684,960 | | 98,427,361 | | 102,639,824 | | 105,583,623 | |
| Property Tax Projections | 9.661 | (0.254) | 13.509 | 3.848 | 19.789 | 6.280 | 22.938 | 3.149 |
| 111 Library | 2,073,910 | - | 2,177,406 | - | 2,286,326 | - | 2,400,680 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 4.236 | 0.061 | 4.370 | 0.134 | 4.482 | 0.112 | 4.584 | 0.102 |
| 112 Library Employee Benefits | 439,800 | - | 466,188 | - | 494,159 | - | 523,809 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 0.891 | (0.025) | 0.906 | 0.015 | 0.923 | 0.018 | 0.957 | 0.033 |
| 123 Riley County Health Department | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | - | (0.612) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 124 Riley County Police Department | 13,054,500 | - | 13,892,620 | - | 14,727,424 | - | 15,599,102 | - |
| Mill Rate Projections | 27.350 | 1.051 | 28.497 | 1.147 | 29.460 | 0.963 | 30.410 | 0.950 |
| Outside Agencies Total | 15,568,210 | | 16,536,214 | | 17,507,909 | | 18,523,591 | |
| Property Tax Projections | 32.477 | 0.475 | 33.773 | 1.296 | 34.866 | 1.093 | 35.952 | 1.086 |
| Projected City Budget: | 113,253,170 | | 114,963,575 | | 120,147,733 | | 124,107,214 | |
| Mill Rate Projections | 42.138 | 0.221 | 47.282 | 5.144 | 54.655 | 7.373 | 58.889 | 4.234 |
| Projected City Valuation: | 449,283,415 | | 462,761,917 | | 476,644,775 | | 490,944,118 | |
| Valuation Increase: | 2.93% | | 3.00% | | 3.00% | | 3.00% | |

The city of Manhattan's new Budget Forecasts show the City Budget going up over \$10 million in three years. (see 4th line from the bottom) The mill rate will go up from 42 to 58 mills in that same time.

Sunset Zoo's SPOOKtacular is this Saturday & Sunday

Community members looking for a safe and affordable trick or treat event are encouraged to attend Sunset Zoo's SPOOKtacular next Saturday, October 29 & Sunday, October 30. The event features a family-friendly atmosphere and candy trails opened from noon to 5:00pm each day. Admission is \$3 per trick or treating child; two adults admitted free with each paid child's admission.

SPOOKtacular 2011 features a "Villains & Heroes" theme and a Zoo full of activities, including: Walgreen's Photo Spots where guests can snap a photo with a famous "Villain or Hero"; Columbian Theatre's "Heroes of OZ"; Sunset Zoo Animal Ambassadors shows; performances by KSU's Tap Ensemble; hand-carved jack-o-lanterns by KSU's College of Architecture, Planning & Design;

and more!
Guests can also watch the "Heroes of Sunset Zoo," the keeper staff, provide pumpkin enrichment to the animal collection throughout the weekend. The pumpkins are part of the quality care that each animal receives at Sunset Zoo; enrichment ensures the daily mental and physical exercise animals need for an active and healthy life.

Don't forget your costumes and candy bags! Parking will be limited; SPOOKtacular attendees are highly encouraged to carpool as construction continues on Sunset Zoo's new Education Center, entry and gift shop facility. The project is expected to open by the summer of 2012 and offers a full-time child care center, expanded education programming and a unique venue for private events.

Wamego Hospital Places 11th In Healthcare Organizations

Out of the top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare, Wamego City Hospital was named #11 out of a total of 327 healthcare organizations and companies who participated in the program. In the Small Companies category with 25-99 employees, Wamego City Hospital ranked #4.

According to Modern Healthcare, the program sponsor, only 38% of applicants make the Top 100 list for two consecutive years. "The competition was solid, which makes this recognition even more meaningful for our team," says Shannan Flach, CEO of Wamego City Hospital who attended the live announcement of rankings. "Being recognized for two consecutive years as one of the best in the nation demonstrates a real con-

sistency in executing our cultural values. We were already honored to make the top 100; but, then to climb to #11 from #24, last year's rank, makes this award even more special for our team."

Modern Healthcare revealed the rankings in an awards program held on Tuesday, October 18 in Chicago, IL. In addition to Ms. Flach, several other team members were in attendance to receive the award. Teri Nester an LPN at Wamego City Hospital for five years, was one of the employees chosen to attend the conference. Teri stated, "the best part of the whole experience was the camaraderie I felt with my co-workers as we waited to hear our name called. It was just wonderful."

Manhattan joins 150+ cities making reading a priority

National Award Tied to Best Plans for Improving Third-Grade Literacy

A coalition of Manhattan civic leaders has agreed to target early literacy as an urgent priority, recognizing that children who don't learn to read well by the end of third grade are more likely to struggle academically and less likely to finish high school.

Manhattan joins more than 150 other cities, counties and towns to address what is clearly a national crisis: A full two thirds of U.S. students fail to become proficient readers in the early grades, and schools cannot fix this problem without community support.

The communities—ranging from big cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, and Baltimore to smaller places like Manhattan, Kansas—are developing strategies to tackle three underlying issues that have consistently kept children from learning to read well:

- **school readiness** — too many children are entering kindergarten already behind
- **school attendance** — too many young children are missing too many days of school
- **summer learning** — too many children are losing

ground academically over the summer

The cities and counties (read the list here) have signaled their intent to apply for the 2012 All-America City Awards, which will go to those that develop the most comprehensive, realistic, and sustainable plans to deal with these three challenges.

A pact between the National Civic League and the foundation-led Campaign for Grade-Level Reading allows these communities to join the Campaign's network, which will provide assistance throughout the application process and help cities develop community-wide plans for improving reading achievement by the end of third grade. These localities will also be on the radar screen for the Campaign's 80 foundations and philanthropic donors, who fund early childhood and early learning and literacy projects.

The concerted local action comes at a time when states and the federal government are paying particular attention to early education through legislation and grant programs. It also complements efforts underway by United Way Worldwide and the National

League of Cities, both key partners in the Campaign. Other major partners include the United States Conference of Mayors, America's Promise Alliance, and the Council for a Strong America, whose Mission: Readiness affiliate brings a strong national security message to the Campaign and other efforts to improve the prospects of the nation's youngest children.

"We've put a stake in the ground to cut the number of high school dropouts in the U.S. by half, and we know that boosting reading proficiency by the end of third grade is critical to meeting our goal," said Brian A. Gallagher, president and CEO of United Way Worldwide.

The national movement focusing on grade-level reading responds to a "call to action" issued by a special Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT report, Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters. The 2010 report underscored the troubling data on student achievement and poverty: Only 17 percent of low-income children scored proficient in reading on the National Assessment of

Educational Progress. Half of them hadn't even mastered basic reading skills.

Children who don't read well by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school than proficient readers, 2011 research shows. Poverty compounds the problem: Poor children who don't read proficiently early on are 13 times more likely not to finish high school than good readers who have never lived in poverty, according to Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation.

"Those numbers are catastrophic and they bode ill for those children," said Ralph Smith, the Casey foundation senior vice president who is managing director of the Campaign. "They bode ill for our communities, and they bode ill for the nation as a whole."

"Clearly, we must hold schools accountable for helping all children achieve. But schools cannot succeed alone. We need to bring together communities to help solve these problems."

The All-America City

Award is given annually to 10 communities recognized for outstanding civic accomplishment, with an emphasis on innovation, inclusiveness, and collaboration among community leaders. It does not come with a cash prize, but cities have touted it to attract new businesses and seek higher credit ratings. The Campaign will provide assistance to cities to develop their final applications, which are due in March. Finalists will be selected by April, and the winners will be announced in June.

"Any community that works collectively and passionately to get all children reading and succeeding in school will see tremendous benefits," said Gloria Rubio-Cortes, president of the National Civic League.

"Regardless of whether a community wins, this process will allow places across the country to develop ambitious, doable, and coherent plans that can help close the academic achievement gaps, improve graduation rates and guarantee a better future for our children."

The local push complements what state and federal leaders are doing to improve early learning:

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Obituaries

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| <p>Sarah Steuart</p> <p>Sarah Ann "Sally" Steuart, age 74, of Raymore, Missouri, passed away Friday, October 21, 2011, at the Research Medical Center, Kansas City,</p> | <p>Missouri. Sarah was a former longtime resident of the Manhattan, Kansas area.</p> <p>Sarah was born February 6, 1937, in Kidder, Missouri the daughter of Charles and Ethel Streeter.</p> <p>On June 8, 1956, she was</p> | <p>united in marriage to Edwin C. Steuart in Independence, Missouri.</p> <p>A memorial has been established for the Kansas City Hospice House, 1200 Wornall, Kansas City, Missouri 64145. Contributions may be left in</p> | <p>care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.</p> <p>On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com</p> |
| <p>Kathleen Murray</p> <p>Kathleen McKelvy (Mickey) Murray, 82, of Manhattan, KS, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on October 22, 2011. Mickey was born on February 27, 1929 in Atchison, KS, the daughter of Charles S. and Mary Anne Dolan McKelvy</p> | <p>who preceded her in death along with three siblings, Mary Ann Hull; Dolan McKelvy; and, Charles S. (Mack) McKelvy, Jr. She and her late husband of 54 years, Edward Francis Murray Jr. were the proud parents of five children and 11 grandchildren, including: Shelly, Bob, Kinsey and Stacey Hauck of Manhattan; Mary Anne, Ken,</p> | <p>Marisa and Molly Simons of Prairie Village, KS; Ted, Cheryl, Caitlin and Megan Murray of Overland Park, KS; Kevin, Barbara, Madison and Daniel Petracek of Olathe, KS; and, Teresa, Mike, Alec, Brennan and Jillian Morand of Omaha, Nebraska.</p> <p>Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located</p> | <p>at ymlfuneralhome.com</p> <p>Memorial contributions in Mickey's honor may be made to Seven Dolors and St. Patrick's Catholic Churches. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.</p> |
| <p>Alfred TenEyck, Sr.</p> <p>Alfred Paul TenEyck, Sr., 75, of Alma, Kansas, died Thursday, October 20, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. He was</p> | <p>a life-long resident of the area. Alfred was born February 15, 1936, in rural McFarland, Kansas, the son of Raymond and Amanda Senne TenEyck. He attended Trinity Lutheran School and McFarland High</p> | <p>School. Alfred then served in the Kansas National Guard. He married Fern Ehrlich on April 5, 1954, in Alta Vista, Kansas. She survives at their home.</p> <p>They suggest memorial con-</p> | <p>tributions to the Good Shepherd Hospice House or St. John Lutheran Church and those may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.</p> |
| <p>Charles Eddy</p> <p>Charles H. Eddy, 95, of Manhattan, Kansas, formerly of Marysville, died Thursday,</p> | <p>October 13, 2011 at Manhattan.</p> <p>Charles was born August 12, 1916 at Marysville, KS, son of Horace and Esther (Holcomb) Eddy. He graduat-</p> | <p>ed from Marysville High School in 1934.</p> <p>On September 30, 1945 he was united in marriage to Laura Lee Davis at the Evangelical United Church of</p> | <p>Christ in Marysville.</p> <p>A memorial fund has been established and will be designated at a later date. Contributions may be sent in care of Kinsley Mortuary.</p> |
| <p>Bryan Wood</p> <p>Bryan Paul Wood, age 41, died Tuesday October 18, 2011 at the Via Christi-St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas following a farming accident. He was born on March 10, 1970 in Manhattan, Kansas the</p> | <p>son of Albert Darrell and Laura (Swank) Wood. He graduated from Manhattan High School in 1988 and earned his Associates Degree in Diesel Mechanics from Beloit Vocational Technical College.</p> <p>He was united in marriage on May 23, 1998 to LeAnn</p> | <p>Florke in Ogden, Kansas. He was the proud daddy of Jarid, Marc-Antoni, Brayden, Kale and ShiLe and proud grandpa of Alexia Ann Marie Lynne.</p> <p>Memorial contributions may be made to the Bryan Wood's Children's Education Fund or to the Life Choice Ministries for Adoption Services and left</p> | <p>in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.</p> <p>Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com.</p> |
| <p>Conrad Streeter, Sr.</p> <p>Conrad O. Streeter, Sr. age 80, of Bennington, Kansas died Wednesday October 19, 2011 in Salina, Kansas. Conrad was born on</p> | <p>September 17, 1931 in Topeka, KS the son of Alan P. Streeter and Elizabeth Donnelly.</p> <p>On May 21, 1955 in Columbia, Missouri he was united in marriage to Charlene Livingston. She preceded him</p> | <p>in death on September 20, 2007.</p> <p>Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com</p> <p>Memorial contributions are</p> | <p>suggested to the Kay Pogue Hospice Center, Salina, Kansas. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.</p> |
| <p>Harold Conklin</p> <p>Harold Ivan (Hal) Conklin, of Manhattan, KS, passed</p> | <p>away Thursday, October 13th, at his home. He was eighty three years old.</p> <p>Harold was born on April 11, 1928, a son of the late</p> | <p>Berna (Fitch) and Frank Conklin.</p> <p>For more information, or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit irvin-parkview.com.</p> | <p>parkview.com. Irvin Parkview Funeral Home is responsible for the arrangements.</p> |
| <p>Sarah Jurgensmeier</p> <p>Sarah Jean Jurgensmeier passed away on October 15th,</p> | <p>2011 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, Kansas at the age of 31. Sarah was born September 27, 1980 in Washington D.C. to Leland and Victoria Jurgensmeier.</p> | <p>The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Pawnee Mental Health Services Endowment Association through Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home under</p> | <p>Sarah's name.</p> <p>Irvin Parkview Funeral Home is responsible for the arrangements. To leave condolences for the family you can visit www.irvinparkview.com.</p> |
| <p>Charles Sanders</p> <p>Charles Edgar Sanders, age 71, of Manhattan, died October 8, 2011, at Mercy</p> | <p>Regional Health Center in Manhattan.</p> <p>He was born March 21, 1940, in Stockton, Kansas, the son of Charley and Nadine (Palmer) Sanders.</p> | <p>On December 24, 1963, he was married to Rose Shipley. They later divorced.</p> <p>Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at</p> | <p>www.ymlfuneralhome.com.</p> <p>The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, is handling the Manhattan arrangements.</p> |
| <p>James Kelley</p> <p>James Francis Kelley, 82, died Friday, September 30, at 6:35pm. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his</p> | <p>death.</p> <p>James was a life-long resident of Manhattan. He was born May 28, 1929 in Stockton, Kansas (Rooks County), the son of Frank J. and Mary Eileen (Gahn)</p> | <p>Kelley.</p> <p>He married Elizabeth Howley on April 12, 1964 in Smith Center, Kansas.</p> <p>The family requests memorial contributions directed to the Manhattan Catholic</p> | <p>Schools and the Home Care and Hospice House, Manhattan, KS.</p> <p>Irvin Parkview Funeral Home is responsible for the arrangements.</p> |
| <p>Alvin Wiens</p> <p>Alvin K. Wiens, age 89, a longtime resident of Pratt, Kansas, died October 11, 2011, at Stonebrook Retirement Community in Manhattan. He was born February 5,</p> | <p>1922, in Montezuma, Kansas, the son of Jacob and Carrie (Koehn) Wiens. He graduated from Copeland High School as the Valedictorian.</p> <p>He was married to Ruth Anna Martha Nusser at the Trinity Lutheran Church in</p> | <p>Garden City, Kansas, on June 1, 1945. Mrs. Wiens survives of Manhattan.</p> <p>Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.</p> <p>Memorial contributions may</p> | <p>be made to the Lutheran Hour or to the Alzheimer's Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.</p> |
| <p>Melvin Stork</p> <p>Melvin Charles Stork, 78, of Paxico, Kansas, died Monday, October 3, 2011, at Eventide</p> | <p>Convalescent Center in Topeka. He was a long time resident of the area.</p> <p>Melvin was born February 13, 1933, in Paxico, Kansas,</p> | <p>the son of August J. and Catherine M. Meinhardt Stork. They suggest memorial contributions to the Sacred Heart Repair Fund and those may be</p> | <p>sent in care of Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.</p> |
| <p>John Maike</p> <p>John Rau "JR" Maike, 71, of Hessdale, Kansas, died Sunday, October 9, 2011, at his home. He was a life-long resident of the community.</p> | <p>JR was born May 19, 1940, in Hessdale, Kansas, on the same farm as he died, the son of Adolph and Alice Rau Maike. He attended local schools and graduated in 1958 from Alma High School.</p> <p>JR married Sandra Simmons</p> | <p>on July 8, 1962, in Eskridge, Kansas. She survives at their home.</p> <p>The family will greet friends on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home. They suggest memorial contribu-</p> | <p>tions to the JR Maike Memorial Fund and those may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.</p> |
| <p>Floyd Barry</p> <p>Floyd W. Barry, age 81, of Manhattan, Kansas died Saturday October 1, 2011 at the Westy Care Home in Westmoreland.</p> <p>He was born on August 15, 1930 in Manhattan the son of</p> | <p>Charles and Bertha (Milholland) Barry. He was raised along with his six brothers in the Deep Creek area.</p> <p>He fell in love at the age of 15 and on October 2, 1949 in Manhattan he was united in marriage to Delores "Dee" Roberts. They were married</p> | <p>62 years. She survives at her home in Herington.</p> <p>Online condolences maybe left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com</p> <p>Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Ashland</p> | <p>Community Church.</p> <p>Contributions maybe left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.</p> <p>Continued on Pages 3A and 4A</p> |

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Chapter 10

Ghosts of the Past and the Present

Last Chapter: Jack and Mollie were transformed into runaway slaves hiding in a dark cellar in Doniphan on their last adventure. They met Abraham Lincoln and were sent on to the next safe place, with the other runaways, hidden in a wagon load of hay. Not having found their glasses, the twins are fearful.

The wagon wheels rumbling over a rough road jolted the twins and sent bits of hay down on them, making Jack's nose itch. Ever since they had landed in that dark cellar,

Jack had worried about not having their glasses. If somehow they were lost, not only would they never see their home and parents again, but they would have to live as runaway slaves. And if caught and sent back ... He shuddered. Back to where?

Mollie, who had been fighting the same fears, felt a sudden small weight in the pocket of her ragged old dress. A wave of giddiness washed over her as she reached in a hand and touched their glasses. "Jack!" she whispered.

They stood on an empty road, once again two redheaded kids in jeans and T-shirts, and to their right set the time machine.

"Oh, Jack," Mollie cried, "I'm so glad to be out of that hay ... and away ... She started to say those people and was ashamed.

"I know what you mean," Jack said. "I wish they could know that Mr. Lincoln would keep his promise and abolish slavery," Mollie said.

"But it will take a war," Jack said. "I could have told them about Martin Luther King and President Obama," Mollie said. "Oh, and Nicodemus, Kansas, that all-black town settled by ex-slaves."

Now that he was no longer afraid, Jack thought of how awesome it was to have met Abraham Lincoln. "Did you know he'd been to Kansas?" he asked Mollie.

Mollie shook her head. Mr. Lincoln's visit to Kansas was on the computer. Besides Doniphan, he'd gone to Elwood, Blair, Troy, and Leavenworth. The runaways in the cellar at Doniphan

existed only as an oral account and could not be proven.

"Like the Post Office Oak," Mollie said. The twins spent time reading about the Underground Railroad, a network of places, like the cellar in Doniphan, where runaway slaves could hide and be transported on, hopefully, to freedom.

When the familiar ticking of the time machine began, Mollie held up two crossed fingers.

"That won't help get us home," Jack said. "It won't hurt either," Mollie replied.

The woman stood on top of the hill, the wind ruffling her long blue dress. As they came up beside her, she turned in surprise. "Oh! I didn't realize I wasn't alone. Did you come from Hays?"

Startled the twins looked at each other,



each seeing in the other's eyes, a small gleam of hope that quickly died. Long dress ... pants ... a shirt ... all of another era? Even if they were home, it wasn't 2011. But the glasses! Mollie patted her skirt pockets and grinned.

Jack felt his heart give a little leap. "Yes," he told the woman.

Now, looking down from the hill, Jack noticed in the distance a cluster of limestone rock buildings, corrals, and a barn and realized they were seeing Old Fort Hays

when it was a military post for the U.S. Calvary. Remembering that General George Armstrong Custer, who was killed along with the Seventh Calvary at the now famous Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana, had once been at Hays, Jack asked the woman if he were there now.

"No," she said. "And he is most fortunate for cholera has stricken the Fort and many are dying. I try to ease their suffering, but there is precious little one can do. When I can bear it no longer ... She paused ... "Up here, the air is clean, fresh, not laden with the fetid breath of sickness and death. Up here, for a little while ..." She wiped a handkerchief at sudden tears. "But I must go. Duty calls."

As the woman in the blue dress descended the hill, Mollie said, "Okay. Let's go home."

The ordinary sights and sounds of modern-day Hays, thrilled the twins. Even the trucks and cars speeding along Interstate 70 and the slower traffic through town filled them with happiness. They were home!

They could no longer see the old fort, hidden as it was behind motels, fast food restaurants, and used car lots. "Remember," Mollie said, "when we were 5 and Dad and Mom took us there for an old-time program called Christmas at the Fort?"

"I remember," Jack said, "But let's think now about getting home. It's quite a ways and we'll have to keep our glasses on all the time or get sent back to 18 something ... And we may have to go back, anyway."

"Maybe there's a switch or something on the time machine that Mom and Dad can turn off," Mollie said, daring to hope.

"Maybe," Jack said, also hoping. "But first, it'll only take a minute to see who that woman was and what year they had a cholera epidemic in Hays."

"Okay," Mollie said. "I can stand to wait a minute."

The information on the computer gave the year of the cholera epidemic as 1867, the hill as Sentinel Hill, and the woman as probably Elizabeth Polly, the young wife of Ephraim Polly. She, too, died of cholera.

"The park on Indian Hill road is called Elizabeth Polly Park," Mollie said. "And there is a statue of her there by that artist, Pete Felton."

"Look at this!" Jack said. "Elizabeth Polly was buried at the foot of Sentinel Hill and people say she haunts it. Some claim to have seen her. They call her the Blue Light Lady."

"We saw a ghost?" Mollie's face screwed up in a look of disbelief.

"No," Jack said laughing. "She wasn't a ghost then. But she might be now."

"Whatever she is or was," Mollie said, "I still want to go home. Let's walk to our school and ride the bus home."

The twins anticipated a kind of hero's welcome from Mr. Crawford and the kids as they burst into the classroom, but not one kid even looked up, and Mr. Crawford kept right on talking about a math test. On the blackboard where he wrote it every morning, was the day's date.

"It's the day we left," Mollie said. She glanced toward their empty seats. "And we're not here."

Jack frowned. "Time must have stood still."

"We're like ghosts," Mollie said. Like Elizabeth Polly." She laughed, but tears sparkled in her eyes. "Let's go. Maybe Dad and Mom can see us."

"How?" Jack said. "If time stands still ..." His voice trailed off.

Mollie frowned. "The school bus won't come until schools out and school won't be out until we get back home."

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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Obituaries

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Marceline Parker

Marceline V. Parker, age 88, passed from this life peacefully on October 5, 2011 at the Meadowlark Hills-Lyle House

in Manhattan, Kansas. She was born November 6, 1922, in Pawnee County, Kansas, the daughter of Frank C. and Frances M. (Kraisinger) Riedl. She married Alva Parker on

May 5, 1946, and was a strong and supportive mother to their three children. In the farm community near Trousdale, Kansas, Marceline was a member of the Trousdale United Methodist Church and

was involved in the church ladies' group who could put together church suppers at the drop of a hat. Marceline always made pies and was proud that she would have "special requests" at the sup-

pers. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorials have been established for the Trousdale United Methodist Church, the College

Avenue United Methodist Church and for Meadowlark Hills-Lyle House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Patricia Beaudet

Patricia M. "Pat" Beaudet, age 83, of Manhattan, died October 13, 2011, at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. Pat was born November 28, 1927, in St. Paul, Minnesota,

the daughter of Peter and Hattie (Tessmer) Miller. She grew up in Stillwater, Minnesota, and graduated with honors from Stillwater High School. Following graduation, she attended business college. Pat worked in a social work office prior to her marriage to

Joseph J. "Joe" Beaudet on October 14, 1950, at St. Croix Beach, Minnesota. Theirs was a beautiful love story. Joe was the happiest when Pat was happy and Pat was the happiest when Joe was happy. Online condolences may be left for the family through the

funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502

Edith Wilkinson

Edith Mae Oneita (Garron) Wilkinson, 73, died Sunday October 9 at her home in Manhattan after a courageous battle with cancer. Edith was surrounded by many family

members during the last few weeks of her life. The following information was provided by the family. Edith was born on September 7, 1938 in Westport Nova Scotia, Canada, the daughter of Dolan and Adelia

(Dot) Garron. She moved to Manhattan in 1960 where she married Don Wilkinson in April of 1962. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

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

Don Yothers, Sr.

Don Arthur Yothers, Sr., 77, of Manhattan, passed away Friday, October 7th at the Mercy Regional Health Center, while in the company of his

family. Don was born in Hopewell, PA on December 15, 1933, the son of the late Edith (Helms) and Darius Yothers. Don was married to Susan M. Graham on September 18,

1959 at Bemus Point, NY. She survives. The family requests donations be made to the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 260 - Ogden, KS and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview

Funeral Home. To leave a special message for the family visit www.Irvin-Parkview.com. Irvin Parkview Funeral Home is responsible for the arrangements.

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Letters to Tom

You don't just wear the shirt. If you pay taxes in Manhattan, Kansas - you pay for it - twice. If you donate to United Way of Riley County, good for you! I bet you didn't know that a number of the organizations and groups that receive funds from the United Way also receive funds from folks who pay taxes to the City of Manhattan.

Early this week I was listening to Rush; the local news came on at 11:30, and it was announced that this Tuesday (October 25) the City Commission would examine budget projections for the next three years, including the money given to outside agencies. According to the report, the Mayor thought that funding for the Social Service Advisory Board (which received \$417,200 in 2011) might be in jeopardy. This intrigued me (OK, it made me smile), so I decided to do a little research into the Social Service Advisory Board, what they do with \$417,200, and how it was that they were at risk of losing their funding.

My search for information led me to the City of Manhattan's web site (<http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/>). If you want to learn more about what our local government is doing for and to us, this is a great source of information. Manhattan City Government does a good job of providing information to its citizens in a transparent man-



Mike Kryschal

ner. I downloaded the proposed agenda for the October 25 Meeting, which was more about budget projections for 2013 to 2015 than it was about funding for outside agencies and the Social Service Advisory Board. I did learn that the Social Services Advisory Board did not "receive" \$417,200 in 2011 (\$373,600 in 2012). The Social Services Advisory Board processed requests from local charities and community organizations and recommended that the city award them with \$417,200 in monetary grants paid for by Manhattan tax-payers. In essence, they duplicate the efforts of the United Way; in fact most of the charities and organizations that receive grants (Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, Manhattan Day Care, Shepherd's Crossing, Manhattan Emergency Center, Crisis Center, Kansas Legal Services, Sunflower CASA)

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also receive support from United Way of Riley County. The organizations that receive funding through the United Way of Riley County are worthy of support. I question whether it is appropriate for the city government to use our tax dollars for involuntary charitable donations, particularly when the United Way is already supporting these organizations. In government terms \$417,200 may not seem like a lot of money, however it works out to \$9.50 per Manhattanite.

The real news about the Budget Projections for 2013 to 2015 is not the funding recommended by the Social Services Advisory Board, it is the fact that given the current trajectory of revenue and spending, taxes, specifically Property Taxes, are going to increase dramatically. General Fund Expenditures which are projected to be \$24,348,374 in 2012 are expected to increase to \$28,066,709 by 2015. As a result, Property Taxes which have a projected Tax Levy Rate of 2.44 (\$1,097,977) for 2012 will increase to 7.086 (\$3,478,902) by 2015. Remember, this forecast is restricted to the City of Manhattan. When you add in the County and the School District the result will be breathtaking. Why the increase? The report mentioned that 24 additional hires would be made for firefighters

for the two new fire stations that will be completed in spring 2012. This seems strange since we are not adding two new fire stations. We are adding two fire stations and closing one. Additional increases are also expected in health insurance costs. How can that be, Obamacare was supposed to cut costs! Also mentioned was an additional hire for the city's legal department. Hiring another lawyer on top of everything else is simply incredible. Finally the budget projection mentioned that local sales tax growth has averaged less than 1% for the past three years. This is important because sales taxes were supposed to be the revenue that would allow the reduction of mill levy rate increases. The Finance Department recommends prudence in predicting larger sales tax increases between now and 2015. No kidding! Contrary to what some would have you believe, raising taxes does NOT increase revenue. While tax-payers cannot avoid paying the local sales tax on the necessities of life, I can tell you that it does have a big impact on discretionary spending. Ask the merchants who sell big ticket items like cars, boats, and appliances. It all adds up to one inevitable conclusion. If you own a home, Manhattan is going to be a very expensive place to live. Some people want you to

believe that the crisis is whether the Social Services Advisory Board is going to have enough tax money to dole out to worthy causes. No, the real crisis is the fact that Manhattan is on the road to pricing itself out of the market as an attractive place to live and work. Hopefully our elected representatives understand that we simply cannot afford to continue building government. It's not \$373,660 in funding for Outside Agencies - even if it represents a double payment, it's \$19,787,523 in Personnel Costs. We - the ones who pay - are going broke.

Mike Kryschal, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, has a Bachelor's Degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio and a Master's Degree in International Relations from Boston University. He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1999. He was a platoon leader in the 25th Infantry Division, company commander in the 82d Airborne Division, battalion commander in the 1st Infantry Division, and brigade commander in the 2nd Infantry Division. He served in the 1st Infantry Division in Desert Storm. Since retirement, Mike has been an adjunct professor of history, political science, and leadership.

He lives in Manhattan,

Kansas with his wife, Karen and their Siberian Huskies.

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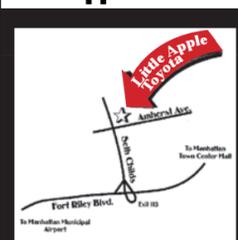
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The true killers of school spirit: Notre Dame and the whining Irish

There are times in life when it must seem that one just cannot get a break. The city of Chapman, Kansas, and its school district must very well feel that way today. This small Kansas school was devastated by a tornado back in 2008. Despite the overwhelming destruction to the school wrought by the massive tornado, students and officials alike rallied behind school chants of the "fighting Irish!" depicted by their fighting leprechaun, and worked to rebuild their beloved school and future. Three years later their long hard rebuilding project was complete, and it appeared that at long last, the sun was about to shine again on a town and school that refused to die in the face of hard times. Then, even before the "new smell" was gone from the school, a second more devastating storm returned to Chapman, Kansas. This time it was not a tornado but the powerhouse college of Notre Dame. It cast its own dark shadow on the little Kansas town. Ironically the major college, as had the tornado of 2008, was determined to strip the school of its identity and morale once again.

As reported by the Associated Press, Notre Dame claimed that Chapman's long used leprechaun mascot was too similar to the college's



Paul A. Ibbetson

famous trademarked image. Chapman high school, Principal Kevin Suther, told media officials that the school had received a letter over the summer from Notre Dame after the Kansas mascot was observed on the school's website. Superintendent Lacey Sell stated it was cruelly apparent that Notre Dame was serious about getting Chapman to cease using their fighting leprechaun. Instead of entering into a long, costly court battle with the college, the newly rebuilt Kansas school has decided to change their identity and hope that Notre Dame, like their destructive tornado, will blow on by and spare the school a second annihilation. From a legal perspective, Notre Dame has the legal right

to trademark and protect their images. The university has its own legal standing to protect itself and the funds it acquires through the sale of university apparel and other images that reflect their particular university name. With that said, however, none of these concerns appear to apply to the school in Chapman, Kansas. Readers should ponder the validity of such concerns. Is there really a valid concern that the small Chapman school with its similar leprechaun posted in a fighting stance will actually be confused with the well-known University of Notre Dame in Indiana? Can an argument be truly made that this Kansas public school, if it retained its long standing mascot will actually drain economic resources from Notre Dame? The answer is a resounding "No!"

The reality is that the little school in Chapman will be forced to change its longstanding identity because some Notre Dame official happened to stumble upon a little Kansas school website, and a university founded on the virtues of the Blessed Mother Mary, decided that compassion is best served through making threats with lawyers. The truth is that many small town schools across the nation have mascots that could be chal-

lenged as trademark violations by powerful universities who may hold trademark privileges. But don't worry small towns out there, I will never give you up to anyone. Still, you may someday have to face the same understanding and compassion that Chapman, Kansas has received from Notre Dame. Officials of the Chapman School District have decided to sponsor a contest to create a new mascot and logo. On my radio show, "Conscience of Kansas" I submitted that the Kansas school should create its own unique leprechaun doing the "one finger wave" to the mascot trademarked by Notre Dame. While that might not be the proper precedent or lesson to set for school children here in the heartland, I've kept my paint and brushes ready in case they are called into action.

Notre Dame in this situation is the heartless bully, and it is a sad and frustrating characteristic to observe. However, the town and school of Chapman, Kansas will endure as they have already with a pride that transcends logos. Notre Dame's selfish nature may end up erasing this newly rebuilt school's mascot, but they will not kill the school's spirit. Therein lies the importance of such a lesson. What a tornado in Chapman, Kansas could not destroy, neither will Notre

Dame. Paul A. Ibbetson is a former Chief of Police of Cherryvale, Kansas, and member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force. Paul received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminal Justice at Wichita State University, and is currently completing his Ph.D. in Sociology at Kansas State University. Paul is the author of several books including the 2011 release "The Good Fight: Why Conservatives Must Take Back America." Paul is also the radio host of the Kansas Broadcasting Association's 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 award-winning radio program, Conscience of Kansas airing on KRMR The Patriot 105.7 FM, www.ibbetsonusa.com. For interviews or questions, please contact him at ibbetson105.7@gmail.com

Obituaries

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Helen M. Marks

Helen M. Marks, 95, Manhattan, passed away on October 23, 2011 at Mercy Regional Health Center.

Helen was born May 9, 1916 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Elmer T. Lutz and Margaret Ann Johnson Lutz. She grew up in Manhattan and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1933. She had

one year of college and one year of business school.

She was married to Leo A. Marks on August 27, 1937 at Seven Dolores Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1966.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seven Dolores Catholic Church or the Riley County Senior Service Center and may be left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

Harvest soup supper at Seniors' Center

The Seniors' Center, 301 N. 4th Street is hosting their annual Harvest Soup Supper on Sunday, October 30, 4-6 p.m. The dinner features pies and roll prepared by Katie

Brich from Emporia, Kansas. Soups have been generously donated by the following local restaurants Coco Bolos-Cox Brothers, Colbert Hills, People's Grocery, Radina's

and Rock-a-Belly. Entertainment will be at 5 p.m. and highlights ventriloquist Nick Levendofsky and his good friend Elmer. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00

at the door. Tickets sell out quickly so buy yours as soon as you can. The supper supports the activities and programs of the Seniors' Center.

9th annual Holly Fest in Wamego

You are invited to attend the 9th Annual Holly Fest sponsored by the Women's Group of the Wamego First Presbyterian

Church on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located on the corner of 6th and Elm Streets, one

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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No. 8 K-State Home To Host No. 9 Sooners

Coming off a dominant 59-21 win over Kansas in the annual Sunflower Showdown, eighth-ranked K-State returns home as No. 9 Oklahoma visits Manhattan and Bill Snyder Family Stadium for a key nationally-televised Big 12 matchup. The Cats, bowl eligible for the second straight year, will look to improve upon their 7-0 start, the best since 1999, and move to 8-0 for the first time since that same season.

The matchup from Bill Snyder Family Stadium will kick at 2:30 p.m. and be televised nationally by ESPN with Sean McDonough, Matt Millen and Heather Cox on the call. A free live audio broadcast is also available on www.k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS XM satellite radio channels 94 and 195. 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 - and a live in-game blog will all be a part of k-statesports.com's gameday coverage.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Kansas State returned a

kickoff back for a touchdown for the second straight week and dominated the first three quarters play in last week's win over KU as the Wildcats improved to 7-0 on the season. Collin Klein ran for 92 yards and a career-best four touchdowns, while throwing for a career-high 195 yards and another score, to lead the K-State offense against the Jayhawks. Klein has now accounted for at least three touchdowns in each of the last six games and has rushed for 10 scores in his last three games.

Klein and Hubert continue to lead the Wildcat offense as Klein ranks third nationally among FBS quarterbacks in rushing with his 95.7-ypg average. The junior quarterback has three 100-yard games on the season, while Hubert has added 91.0 yards per game, including two 100-yard performances this season.

But, the Wildcat defense has been the story of the season through seven weeks. A remarkably improved unit, K-State heads into this weekend's game ranked in the top 30 nationally in four defensive categories (scoring defense, rushing defense, total defense and turnover margin). All-America candidate Arthur Brown leads the team with 53 tackles, which ranks 10th in

the Big 12, while Nigel Malone's four picks lead the Big 12 and also rank sixth nationally. Meshak Williams leads the team with 8.0 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks, while former walk-on Jordan Voelker has added 4.0 sacks as well.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

Oklahoma (6-1, 3-1) will look to rebound following its first loss of the season last week - a 41-38 setback to Texas Tech in Norman. The Sooners, led by former K-State and Bill Snyder assistant Bob Stoops, continue to rank among the nation's best units on both sides of the ball. Heisman Trophy candidate Landry Jones has thrown for 2,589 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 65.3 percent of his passes. His favorite target is All-American Ryan Broyles, who has caught 67 passes for 899 yards and nine scores this season. At the running back position, Dominique Whaley has rushed for 627 yards and nine touchdowns while averaging 5.5 yards per carry. Defensively, linebacker Travis Lewis leads the team with 51 tackles, while Frank Alexander has a team-leading 7.5 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss on the interior. In the secondary, Tony Jefferson has four picks, which ties K-State's Nigel Malone

for the most in the Big 12.

WILDCATS AND SOONERS

Oklahoma leads the all-time series against K-State, 70-17-4, but head coach Bill Snyder has recorded six of those 17 wins in the series for the Wildcats. Since 1993, OU has held a 7-6 advantage in the series as K-State stringed together five straight wins from 1993-1997, while the Sooners currently have won four in a row. Also, in Big 12 regular season meetings, Oklahoma holds a 6-2 advantage. Saturday's matchup will be the sixth in the history of the series that the Wildcats head into the game with a higher national ranking than the Sooners (in at least one of the major polls) with K-State holding a 4-1 record in those games. Also, K-State's first program win over a ranked team came against the Sooners back in 1969 - a 59-21 win for the No. 18 Cats over the No. 11 Sooners.

TWO OF THE LEAGUE'S BEST

When Kansas State and Oklahoma meet on Saturday, it will pit two of the Big 12 Conference's most successful programs in football. Kansas State, along with Oklahoma, are two of five Big 12 programs that have reached the 60-win mark during 15-plus

year history of the league. K-State became the fourth program in Big 12 history to reach 60 wins and currently ranks third in league history with 73 wins. Texas leads the group with 91 conference wins, while Oklahoma is second with 89. Since 1996, K-State is 73-51 in Big 12 league play.

OUT OF THE GATE

Following last week's win over KU, K-State - one of only eight remaining unbeaten teams in the country - will look to start the season 8-0 for the first time since 1999, while the Cats will also be out to start Big 12 play 5-0 for the first time since the 1999 season. Also, the Wildcats, ranked inside the top 10 for the first time since 2003, have won three straight road games to open a season for the first time since 1999.

Under Bill Snyder, K-State has opened 8-0 a total of two times (1998 and 1999).

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 K-State 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 155 despite a three-year hiatus from 2006-2008.

SNYDER IN OCTOBER

Fast starts propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons throughout the Bill Snyder's era at K-State. The Wildcats' success in the month of September under Snyder is well-documented and K-State has also been a solid team in October under Snyder. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, K-State is 32-23 (.582) in October under the legendary head coach, including four wins this season. The Wildcats are looking for their third undefeated October under Snyder and the first since 1999.

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 | W 59-21 | 7-0 |
| 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 |
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| Kansas State | 4-0 | 7-0 |
| Oklahoma State | 4-0 | 7-0 |
| Oklahoma | 3-1 | 6-1 |
| Texas A&M | 3-1 | 5-2 |
| Texas Tech | 2-2 | 5-2 |
| Baylor | 1-2 | 4-2 |
| Texas | 1-2 | 4-2 |
| Missouri | 1-3 | 3-4 |
| Iowa State | 0-4 | 3-4 |
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K-State Downs KU, goes to 7-0



Good blocking by the Kansas State Offensive Line gives John Hubert (33) time to clear the line for a touchdown. **Photos by Jon A. Brake**



Quarterback Collin Klein (7) gets the first score.



Backup Quarterback Samuel Lamur (13) took part and scored.



Place Kicker Anthony Cantele (10) puts another one through.



Wide Receiver Tramaine Thompson (86) lays out to pull in a Klein pass.

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Kansas State's Tyler Lockett selected for Big 12, special team honor

Seth Doege (Texas Tech), Shaun Lewis (Oklahoma State) and Tyler Lockett (Kansas State) have been named Big 12 Conference Football Players of the Week, as selected by a media panel. Doege (offense) was recognized for the second time this season. Lewis (defense) and Lockett (special teams) picked up their first career award. Lockett is the first freshman to receive a Big 12 weekly honor in 2011.

Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week

Seth Doege, Texas Tech, QB, Jr, Wolfforth, Texas
Junior quarterback Seth Doege helped lead Texas Tech to its first win over a No. 1-ranked opponent on the road with a 41-38 victory at No. 1/3 Oklahoma. The win snapped OU's nation-leading 39-game

home win streak. Doege finished the game 33-of-52 for 441 yards passing with no interceptions. He had four touchdowns through the air and another on the ground. Tech's 41 points were the most given up by OU at home since 1997. The 441 yards passing are the most by any Texas Tech quarterback against the Sooners.

Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week

Shaun Lewis, Oklahoma State, LB, So, Missouri City, Texas
Shaun Lewis had nine tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery in No. 6/6 Oklahoma State's 45-24 win at Missouri. His interception set up a touchdown and his fumble recovery stopped a

Missouri drive in the red zone. OSU's defense limited the Tigers to seven second-half points.

Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week

Tyler Lockett, Kansas State, WR/KR, Fr, Tulsa, Okla.
Tyler Lockett tallied 251 all-purpose yards in No. 12/12 Kansas State's 59-21 win at Kansas. He became the first player in school history to return a kickoff for a score in consecutive games following his 97-yarder to open the second half. The true freshman also registered career-highs in both receptions and yards with five catches for 110 yards and a receiving touchdown. He became the first K-State receiver this season to surpass the 100-yard barrier.



Photo by Tonya Ricklefs

Tyler Lockett (16), Kansas State's Wide receiver and kickoff returner received Big 12 honors.

Texas Tech upends No. 3 Oklahoma

By JEFF LATZKE
AP College Football Writer NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Tommy Tuberville got his first landmark win with Texas Tech in a place where practically no one else could.

Seth Doege threw for 441 yards and connected with Alex Torres on three of his four touchdown passes, and the Red Raiders snapped No. 3 Oklahoma's 39-game home winning streak with 41-38 victory Saturday night.

The Sooners' run had been the longest active streak in the Bowl Subdivision, and they were bidding to become only the ninth team in FBS history to win 40 in a row at home.

"We wanted to show everybody what kind of team we really do have. We're a resilient team," Torres said. "We have a lot of fight in us. ... We knew coming in what we were facing, coming in to Oklahoma and playing in Norman. We knew what kind of challenge we were up against but we knew exactly what we needed to do."

Doege carved up an Oklahoma defense missing three starters, and Tuberville pulled off a feat that Mike Leach couldn't accomplish in his 10 years in charge of the Red Raiders.

The Sooners (6-1, 3-1 Big 12) are now 75-3 on Owen Field in Stoops' 13 years. The other losses came to TCU in the 2005 season opener and Oklahoma State in the 2001 regular-season finale.

The celebration in Lubbock, Texas, featured bells ringing on campus, car horns blaring and fireworks being shot off.

"It's one game, but it's a huge game for recruiting, for national stature. Obviously, you don't read too much about Texas Tech," Tuberville said.

"For some reason, I haven't seen much on TV. I bet you see it the next few days. We're going to be proud of that. When you go on the road and beat a No. 1 team (in the coaches' poll), it's really special. That's almost impossible to do."

Landry Jones ended up with 412 yards passing and five touchdowns, but it wasn't

enough to rally Oklahoma back from a sluggish start and save its unbeaten season.

Doege, the nation's fourth-leading passer, had little trouble leading the Red Raiders up and down the field against the banged-up Sooners. Oklahoma was without cornerback Jamell Fleming (knee), defensive tackle Casey Walker (left thumb) and middle linebacker Tom Wort (concussion) but Tech had no sympathy while playing without starting running back Eric Stephens (knee) and then losing center Justin Keown on the second play of the game.

"It was a big-time win for us. It was a fun night for our football team," Tuberville said, praising his young team for looking like the veterans.

"I'm proud of Texas Tech and all the faithful they've got. This team deserves to win after what they've been through the last few weeks."

A storm packing heavy winds, strong rain and lightning arrived just before kickoff, and fans were asked to leave the stands and take shelter on the concourses. The game got started after a delay of 1 hour and 35 minutes, and Texas Tech struck almost immediately.

Doege bounced back from three fourth-quarter turnovers a week earlier in a loss to Kansas State to throw touchdown passes of 44, 30 and 11 yards to Torres and build up a 31-7 lead just over 2 minutes into the second half. The Red Raiders hung on from there.

After Jones' 22-yard TD pass to James Hanna cut the deficit to three, Aaron Crawford recovered an onside kick with 69 seconds left to seal the victory. The Red Raiders came bouncing off the sidelines to celebrate.

"It's special for the entire team. I'm excited about it," Doege said. "The best part of it is seeing how happy and excited my teammates are. We all got together, and we pulled it off. Everybody didn't think we could."

The win prevented Tech from losing three straight games for the first time since 1998 — and in stunning fashion.

The Red Raiders came in as four-touchdown underdogs playing on a field where, until last month's game against Missouri, no one but the Sooners had had even led for 20 straight games spanning back to 2007.

There hadn't been in many squeakers, either. Oklahoma's average margin of victory had been 30 points.

"I don't know that it has to be all that surprising," Stoops said. "The teams we play can come in here and beat us. And sometimes maybe too much is said about it like it can't happen."

"I told the players that anyone who we'll play the rest of the year will whoop us if we don't play better than we did today. They just flat out beat us."

The Sooners were out of sync, failing to get their high-powered offense into the fast-paced tempo that gives so many opponents trouble. They failed to get a first down throughout the second quarter, when Tech capitalized to score 17 straight points, and didn't click until it was too late.

With the lead starting to dwindle, Tuberville got into a gambling mood. Having already cashed in one fourth-and-1 for a touchdown, he went for it again from the 6-yard line and Crawford got stuffed.

Then he took another chance by calling for a fake punt on fourth-and-4 on Tech's side of midfield, and upback Jackson Richards got stuffed close enough to the first down that officials took a second look at the replay.

Oklahoma capitalized on the short field that time, needing seven plays to cover the 44 yards and get within 31-24 on Trey Millard's 3-yard TD catch to start the fourth quarter.

Doege had an answer, though. He led Texas Tech down for a 39-yard Donnie Carona field goal to bump the lead back to 10 and, after yet another Oklahoma three-and-out, Tramin Swindall got his left foot in for a 14-yard touchdown grab to make the lead 41-24 with 7:38 to play.

Sports update:

Hello Wildcat Fans,
Can you say seven and Ohhhh my?

I want to thank the University of Kansas for making the K-State fans and players feel very welcome at their stadium. I don't know how they did it but the first half the stadium was a bright blue and peppered with purple. After the half-time band performances I came back and the stadium looked like it didn't have as much blue but the purple stood out a lot better. In the fourth quarter it was amazing the entire stadium turned purple with very few dots of blue. That was very sweet of the university and their fans to make K-State feel at home.

The Cats did a great job taking control of this game early and never looking back. I have to admit I didn't expect a 59-21 poultry plucking. I was expecting the Wildcats to struggle in the first half, but take control in the 3rd and 4th quarters. Now K-State needs to keep up the momentum for the battle next weekend against the Sooners. KSU comes into the weekend 7-0, ranked 8th in the BCS, 10th in the AP, and 12th in the USA Today Coaches Poll. The 6-1 Sooners come into Manhattan ranked 9th in the BCS, 11th in the AP, and 9th in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Offense: Freshman WR Tyler Lockett was spectacular in the game against KU. He had 5 receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown. He also ran a kickoff return back for a touchdown for the second weekend in a row. Lil Lockett seems to be stepping out of his father's and



Ben Brake

Uncle's boots and getting ready to really make a name for himself. He's doing a great job! K-State's offense looked like they really had it working against KU. Coach Snyder opened up the offense (a little) and they had everything clicking. QB Klein and his offense had 466 yards of total offense. Klein went 12 of 19 passing for 195 yards with 1 touchdown and no interceptions. Congrats to the KSU offense, they looked stellar against the KU defense.

Defense: K-State held KU to 286 yards of total offense and KU only rushed for 76 yards. The defense looked very good; however, the KU offense is not anything like what they will be facing this coming Saturday when the Sooners take the field. The defense has been really good all year to bend not break and they will need to do it again this coming Saturday.

OU Preview: I will tell you right now, if the K-State defense lets QB Landry Jones have time to setup in the pocket he will pick apart the Wildcat secondary and go home with a win. The Wildcats will have to put pressure on Jones every single down to keep him off his game. He will get flustered if he is under

constant pressure and has a difficult time completing passes when he doesn't have time to pick through his receivers. K-State cannot allow their receivers a cushion at the line of scrimmage because they will take every yard that the defense will give them. K-State's offense better be ready for the toughest defense they have faced yet this season. The Sooner defense does have some holes in the secondary and have a difficult time with the crossing pattern in the middle. If the Cats can complete some short passes and spread the defense, they will be able to open up the run against the Sooners. K-State will have to show up with their "A" game on offense, defense, and special teams. They will have to be aggressive and play heads up the entire game. OU needs this win bad to save their season and still be able to make it to the national championship game. K-State needs this game worse though, because the pollsters will not be as nice to the Wildcats as they would be and have been to the Sooners after their loss to Texas Tech. OU is beatable but the Wildcats will have to give it all they got to pull off this win. Just remember, we have the best coach in the country and he will have these guys playing to the best of their capability come Saturday. My prediction is going to be based on our coaching staff and our player's ability not to give up during a game.

Prediction: KSU 45 OU 42 (Keep your fingers crossed)
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Sports Second Front

Jayhawks routed by No. 12 Kansas State, 59-21

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas scored 14 points in the first half Saturday. Kansas State scored 24 in less than 5 minutes.

The rivalry game called the Sunflower Showdown was more like a beat down.

After the Jayhawks' Jordan Webb orchestrated a 78-touchdown drive late in the first half, the Wildcats answered with a field goal as time ran out. That started a run on points that continued into the second half, and No. 12 Kansas State rolled the rest of the way to a 59-21 victory.

The Kansas defense gave up 40 points or more for the sixth consecutive week. Mired in a five-game losing streak, coach Turner Gill has come under increased scrutiny, with many calling for him to be fired despite three years and \$6 million remaining on his five-year contract.

"He's kind of like between a rock and a hard place," linebacker Steven Johnson said. "Coming in here and trying to turn things around in this program. It's going to be hard. Nobody can do that. It's hard. With kids you don't know and you come from Buffalo. I stand behind coach Gill's back. Sometimes I think it's ridiculous what people say about him."

Safety Bradley McDougald and running back James Sims said that Gill can't make plays, just call them, and that it's not entirely his fault when players



It was a big day for Freshman Wide receiver Tyler Lockett (16) as he scores on this pass play. Lockett was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the week.

are not fulfilling their assignments.

"It's all on us as a team, we just need to play together," Sims said. It was a missed assignment that led to the avalanche of Kansas State points.

Webb's touchdown drive

made it 28-14 with 14 seconds left in the first half, but then Collin Klein hit Tyler Lockett for a 58-yard pass over the middle. That set up a 26-yard field goal as time expired.

"We had a guy who didn't do what he's supposed to do," Gill said. "He went onto

another receiver instead of staying in his quarter of the field. They threw the ball right here he left. That was a huge play in the game. There were several others that we didn't execute as well, but that one hurt."

It hurt even more when

Lockett took the opening kick of the second half 97 yards for a score.

"I can't speak for them," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said, "but I think it was a major play in the game."

After the ensuing kickoff, running back Tony Pierson

fumbled the ball on the first play of the drive on his own 8-yard line, which was recovered by Kansas State. Two plays later, Klein bullied his way in for his fourth score of the game.

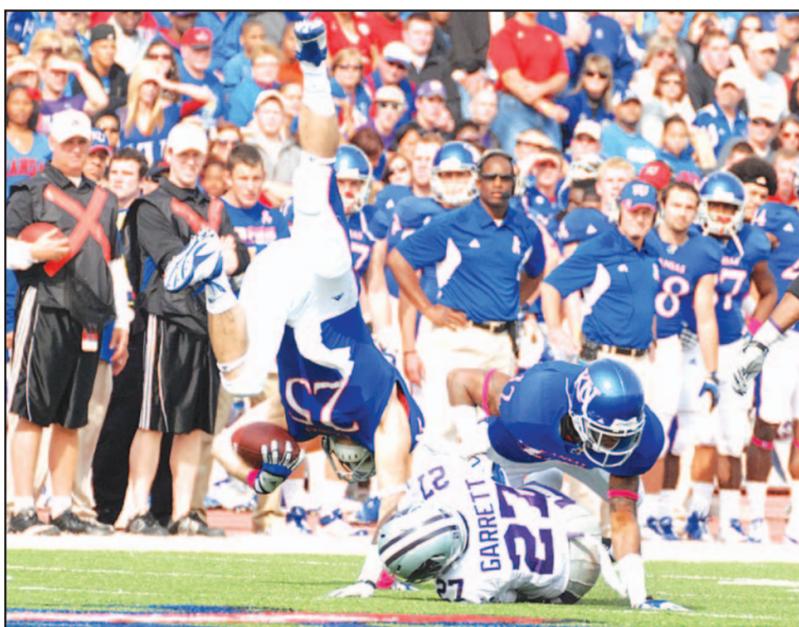
The woes continued for the Kansas offense on the next drive when Webb fumbled again in Jayhawks' territory. Kansas State converted the turnover into another touchdown and the rout was on.

The Wildcats (7-0, 4-0) are riding their best start since 1999, when they won their first nine games. They'll host third-ranked Oklahoma next Saturday in a matchup that should go a long way toward deciding the Big 12 champion now that there's no conference title game.

Snyder improved to 16-4 in his career against the Jayhawks, including a 59-7 blowout last year in Lawrence. The stretch of 1-70 dominance includes 11 straight wins during the 1990s and early 2000s, when Snyder was annually fielding one of the best teams in college football.

The Wildcats are headed in that direction again.

Behind the solid decision-making of Klein, a vastly improved defense and the guidance of their 72-year-old coach, Kansas State has already matched its win total from all of last season.



K-State Cornerback David Garrett (27) makes a high flying tackle.



Freshman Wide receiver Tyler Lockett (16) goes wide around end.

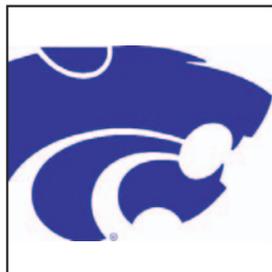


It was a good day for Wildcat fans. Not so good for Jayhawk fans.



KSU Runningback John Hubert (33) scores another touchdown.

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