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## Editorial: Elected Officials Are Keeping Up

By Jon A. Brake

To hear candidates running for President you would think the average worker in the United States is falling back in their pay. Not if you work for Riley County.

Last week the Riley County Commission voted 3-0 to give Elected Officials and Department Heads a pay raise.

For 10-years the Free Press ran the Salaries of the City, County and School District. In 2005 the Fast Footed Daily paper ran the list so the Free Press stopped. But going through the Riley County Minutes this week we find were the Commission gave the pay raise so we looked up what everyone was making in 2004 and this is what we found.

County Officials and Department Heads have been doing very well, thank you.

Now, the Riley County Commissioners pay only increased from \$25,943.06 in 2004 to \$36,411.78 in 2012 but remember they only work two days a week. They will tell you that they put in a lot more time than that, but most of the time it is make work.

Here is the list:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
2004 \$25,943.06  
2011 \$35,873.67  
2012 \$36,411.78

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
2004 \$90,839.30  
2011 \$113,743.34  
2012 \$119,016.88

**RILEY COUNTY COUNSELOR**  
2004 \$81,898.18  
2011 \$113,743.34  
2012 \$119,016.88

**DIR PUBL WORKS/ENGINEER**  
2004 \$88,047.12  
2011 \$112,482.02  
2012 \$117,697.08

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2004 \$63,906.40  
2011 \$102,866.56



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2012 \$107,635.81

**County Appraiser**  
2004 \$70,848.33  
2011 \$101,975.62  
2012 \$101,975.62

**County Clerk-Elected**  
2004 \$64,026.91  
2011 \$97,457.16  
2012 \$100,539.66

**Asst Public Wrk Director**  
2004 \$66,719.70  
2011 \$88,045.82  
2012 \$92,127.93

**ASST COUNTY ATTORNEY 4**  
2004 \$70,814.32  
2011 \$82,368.00  
2012 \$91,000.00

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
2004 \$50,705.34  
2011 \$82,726.01  
2012 \$86,561.48

**Asst County Attorney**  
2004 \$59,739.04  
2011 \$83,387.20  
2012 \$85,000.00

**Info Systems Coordinator**  
2004 \$55,218.18  
2011 \$77,983.44  
2012 \$84,042.54

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
2004 \$53,421.72  
2011 \$78,674.35  
2012 \$82,321.97

**Noxious Weed Director**  
2004 \$58,636.02  
2011 \$78,360.46  
2012 \$81,993.53

**Emerg Mgt Director**  
2004 \$56,843.29  
2011 \$78,360.46  
2012 \$81,993.53

**COMM CORR DIRECTOR**  
2004 \$70,378.53  
2011 \$77,908.56  
2012 \$81,520.67

**Museum Curator**  
2004 \$53,459.88  
2011 \$75,408.46  
2012 \$78,904.66

## Food Stamp Rules Draws More Fire

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Tax reform advocate Dale Chaffee of Shawnee Mission isn't a fan of how the state's food stamp program helps undocumented immigrants in Kansas.

"To me, the question is why decent citizens should be forced to have money taken from them and given to people who don't have a right to be here," said Chaffee, who also goes by the nickname "Geezer."

But Chaffee opposes any plan reversing a change to policy last fall that counts any illegal or undocumented immigrant as an income earner for purposes of calculating food stamp assistance, as nearly one in five Kansans are living near or below the federal poverty line.

A change to the current plan could provide illegal or undocumented users of food stamps with better benefits than qualified U.S. citizens, he said.

"That's totally unacceptable."

The food stamp program — the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Plan, or SNAP — provides what essentially is a federally loaded debit card to help low-income households with savings of \$2,000 or less buy basic food items.

The program is federally funded, but it is managed by the states. Federal law passed in 2001 does not allow undocumented immigrants to receive food stamps, but their U.S.-born children are eligible for the benefits if total household income is below 130 percent of the federal poverty line — \$3,321 a month for a family of four.

Most states — including Kansas until last October — count only part of a total household income if one or more members fail to provide proof of legal U.S. residency. If one member of a four-member household failed to provide citizenship or proof of legal residence, the Kansas

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Service, or SRS, essentially counted only 75 percent of the household income.

The state, however, would count 100 percent of the household income if all four members were counted as legal residents.

As a result, an ineligible household of four, on average, could bring in \$908 more in income and qualify for the same food stamp benefits, Michelle Schroeder, SRS director of public policy told House Appropriations Committee members.

In October, SRS changed the rules to count all household income equally, regardless of the household members' immigration status. The U.S. Agriculture Department, which funds food stamp programs, allows states to make either choice. Kansas and three others — Utah, Nebraska and Arizona — follow the tighter rules.

"We decided this was a better policy for Kansas," Schroeder said. "It treats everybody equally."

The change also means that fewer households may get food stamp benefits; counting the extra \$908 would put some over the upper income limits for qualifying.

More than 2,880 Kansas households stopped getting food stamp benefits in October and November because their income was too high, SRS reports. Of those, 1,042 included one or more ineligible non citizens. On average, 297,000 people each month received Kansas food stamps in 2011, up almost 60 percent from the number in 2008, according to SRS.

But in either case, "the increase in income may or may not be related to the policy change," Schroeder said. The reports don't tell why incomes changed.

Even so, some legislators worry the change is not as fair as SRS and Gov. Sam

Brownback's administration contented.

"My concern is that we have children who are born here, are legal citizens, and all of a sudden their food stamps are cut off," said state Rep. Bill Feuerborn, D-Garnett, the highest ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee.

"The perception of many people is that this is another way to go after undocumented individuals," said state Rep. Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence.

Neither is true, countered Schroeder. Although SRS is required to check workers' citizenship status to verify eligibility, the agency is prohibited by federal regulations to share that information with any other agency, she said.

"The policy really is meant to equalize incomes across the board," she said.

Still, the policy seems anything but fair to low-income Kansans who count on food stamp benefits, said Elena Morales, director of El Centro Inc., a Kansas City anti-poverty group.

"It is turning an already severe situation into a crisis," Morales said.

"Low-income people rely on SNAP to subsidize their incomes; it was never meant to be the whole thing," she said. "But without it, if you need food, you have to decide if you are going to cut back on heating or paying the rent."

Officially, Brownback "has requested an update on the SNAP, but does not plan to make any additional changes," said Sherriene Jones-Sontag, the governor's press secretary.

"The policy decision to include all incomes of adult members of a household has nothing to do with cutting aid off (for) children of people who decline to provide proof of legal presence in the United States," Jones-Sontag said. "It is about properly calculating household income and treating all citizens equally."

## Pentagon's Preview Of Defense Budget Indicates Future Military Will Lack Important Capabilities

By Baker Spring  
The Heritage Foundation

On January 26, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta provided the public with a preview of the defense budget request the Obama Administration will submit February 13. The full details of the fiscal year (FY) 2013 defense budget request will be released next month, but Panetta's presentation makes it clear that the budget will not provide the U.S. military with the resources it needs. With inadequate resources come inadequate capabilities, which the Secretary described in general terms.

**Lessening the Overall Readiness of the Force**

As was the case following the Vietnam War in the 1970s, defense budget reductions of the scope previewed by Panetta generally lead to reduced combat readiness and, ultimately, a hollow force. This is because a force that is too small has to endure higher operating tempos and rotation cycles. It also results in a reduction in the technological edge that permits the U.S. military to achieve victory on the battlefield quickly and with fewer casualties. Finally, it becomes more difficult to man the force with high-quality personnel and maintain high morale.

Meeting the security challenges of the U.S. and its allies requires a ready force that is capable of conducting operations on a global scale. For

example, the lack of a persistent U.S. military presence in Asia could permit China to block the freedom of transit in the South China Sea. The resulting disruption of trade would be a disaster for U.S. friends and allies, including Taiwan, which imports 98 percent of its oil via this sea-lane. Likewise, an Iranian blockade of the Strait of Hormuz would disrupt global commerce, as 20 percent of the world's petroleum products transit the strait.

Further, weaker conventional capabilities carry a significant risk of conflict escalation, including the use of weapons of mass destruction. The costs of the use of nuclear weapons, for example, are practically incalculable in humanitarian, economic, and political terms. Finally, it is critical for the American people to understand that these kinds of defense budget reductions will decrease the power-projection capacity of the U.S. military. It is this power-projection capacity that permits the U.S. to fight its enemies "over there" in places like Afghanistan, as opposed to here at home. If September 11 taught the American people anything, it is that they do not want wars fought on their territory.

**The Loss of Important Military Capabilities**

After providing his cursory explanation of the budget numbers, Panetta went on to describe the capabilities that will be lost as a result of this budget. Accordingly, it is

important for Congress to keep in mind that this budget is not just about cutting waste at the Pentagon. Specifically, the Secretary revealed that the lower budget would result in the following:

**A smaller Army and Marine Corps.**

The budget will produce an active Army of just 490,000 people. This compares to a current force of some 562,000. On the force structure side, it will reduce the number of combat brigades, including by taking two such brigades out of Europe. The size of the active Marine Corps will be reduced from roughly 202,000 to 182,000. These personnel reductions will be spread over five years. In taking these steps, the Department of Defense raises questions about the level of protection provided to U.S. allies and interests in Europe and confirms that it will no longer be capable of sustaining long-term stability operations.

A smaller tactical fighter fleet in the Air Force. The spending plan will disestablish six tactical fighter squadrons. An additional training fighter squadron will also be eliminated. Further, the procurement rate of the F-35 or Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) will be slowed. This will likely increase the unit cost of the aircraft and lead to a reduction in the size of the buy over time.

Retiring older Navy ships while slowing the procurement of new ones. Under the budget,

the Navy will move to retire seven cruisers and two amphibious ships at an early juncture while delaying or reducing the procurements of a large amphibious ship, a Virginia class submarine, the replacement strategic nuclear submarine, Littoral Combat Ships, and Joint High-Speed Vessels.

Reducing air mobility. The budget will force the retirement of 27 C-5A and 65 C-130 aircraft. It will also divest the military of 38 C-27 aircraft.

Scaling back the missile defense program. In this case, the preview is quite vague. All that Panetta states is that not all funding was protected in this area and that the program will accept some risk in terms of deployable regional missile defense.

Increased risk to the defense industrial base. The preview acknowledges that the defense industrial base "will require careful monitoring in the future." This is code, meaning that its viability in certain areas will be difficult to maintain. Further, the Secretary talks about the industrial base in terms of "reversibility," which means its health is on a downward trajectory.

Future limits on military compensation. Panetta stated that military pay increases will be limited starting in fiscal year 2015. Health care for military retirees will be subject to increased fees, co-pays, and deductibles. While no specific changes in the military retire-

ment system were proposed, the Department of Defense will establish a commission to make recommendations for restructuring the system. It is certain that the commission's mandate will include finding ways to reduce costs.

**A Shrinking Defense Budget**

The Secretary of Defense indicated that the total defense budget will amount to about \$635 billion in budget authority in FY 2013, some of which falls outside the Department of Defense and Panetta's preview. By way of comparison, the total defense budget in FY 2010 was more than \$721 billion. Thus, the Secretary of Defense is proposing a defense budget for FY 2013 that is more than \$80 billion less than it was in FY 2010—three years earlier. Further, this does not account for the effects of inflation. When inflation is taken into account, the defense budget in FY 2013 will be more than \$90 billion less (in FY 2005 dollars).

The decline, however, will not stop in FY 2013. While Panetta did not provide the full array of numbers for the defense budget in the years 2014 through 2017, he did say the budget would cut some \$259 billion cumulatively over that period against an unspecified baseline. He made it clear that the budget to be submitted February 13 does not account for the application of automatic spending cuts under the Budget Control Act. The Budget Control Act, enacted

late last summer, triggers automatic spending cuts that could amount to as much as \$600 billion from the defense budget in addition to those already contained in the pending budget for the period covering FY 2013 through FY 2021. At this point, the only way to avoid these automatic cuts is for the Budget Control Act to be amended or repealed. President Obama, however, indicated last November that he would veto legislation that does either.

The defense budget Secretary Panetta has previewed raises the level of risk for the U.S. and its friends and allies around the world. He acknowledged that reality. What Congress and the American people need to understand is that the stakes are exceedingly high. These stakes include the lives and well-being of many people around the globe, the preservation of the global trading system and future prosperity, and, ultimately, the cause of liberty worldwide. These are not risks worth taking.

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# Students Named to Dean's List at Creighton University

OMAHA, NEB.— (01/23/2012)(readMedia)-- The following students from your area were named to the fall Dean's List at Creighton University for the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Joel Eastes of Manhattan, a senior College of Arts and Sciences student  
Abigail Haag of Manhattan, a senior School of Nursing student  
Amber Schaffer of Manhattan, a junior College of

Arts and Sciences student  
Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll.  
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located in Omaha, Neb., enrolls more than 4,200 undergraduate and 3,500 professional school and graduate students. Nationally recognized for providing a balanced educational experience, the University offers a rigorous academic

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university in the college edition of U.S. News & World Report magazine for more than 20 years. For more information, visit our website at: www.creighton.edu.

## Obituaries

### Laura, Joshua and Joy Geske

Laura, Joshua and Joy Geske, of Salina, Kansas, formerly of McFarland, Kansas, died Saturday, January 28, 2012 due to an automobile accident on Interstate 70 just west of Topeka.



Laura Ruth Geske

Laura Ruth Geske, 37, was born April 5, 1974 in Bay City, Michigan, the daughter of Lynn and Helen Zurstadt Genter. She attended St. Paul Lutheran School and graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1992. She then received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Concordia University-Nebraska. Laura was a fourth genera-

tion Lutheran teacher. She taught elementary school at Immanuel Lutheran School in St. Charles, Missouri, East Bethlehem Lutheran School in Detroit, Michigan, Messiah Lutheran School in St. Louis, Missouri, Immanuel Lutheran School in Junction City and six years at Topeka Lutheran School in Topeka. She also taught at Eastridge Elementary School in Amarillo, Texas.

Laura married Jeffrey Geske on June 3, 1995 in Leavenworth. Laura was an active part of each church family where she and her husband served, including LWML and serving in the various music and educational ministries. Pastor Geske and Laura had served at Trinity Lutheran in McFarland, KS, Prince of Peace Lutheran in Amarillo, TX, and most recently at Christ the King Lutheran in Salina, KS. Laura was devoted to her family and loved family outings. She loved to read and cross-stitch. She was an active member of the Amarillo Area Mothers of Multiples.

Laura is survived by her husband Rev. Jeffrey Geske and son, Jacob Geske; her parents, Lynn and Helen Genter,

Leavenworth; her sisters, Heidi Genter and her fiancé, Eric Eaton, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Emily Wood and her husband, Reverend Eric Wood, Okawville, Illinois; her mother and father-in-law, Arnold and Linda Geske, Thief River Falls, Minnesota; her brothers-in-law, John Geske and his wife, Melanie, Mounds View, Minnesota, Mike Geske, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends.



Joshua Lynn Geske

Joshua Lynn Geske, 8, was born December 29, 2003 in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Reverend Jeffrey and Laura (Genter) Geske. While in

Amarillo, he attended Eastridge Elementary and was proud to be an "Eastridge Eagle". He was currently a student at Coronado Elementary School in Salina. Joshua loved to play with Legos and his Wii. He was always eager to help his mom and dad with the wash and vacuuming. He also loved to help cook and bake. He is survived by his father, Jeffrey; brother, Jacob; his grandparents; aunts, uncles and cousins.



Joy Linda Geske

Joy Linda Geske, 3, was born August 9, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas, the daughter of Reverend Jeffrey and Laura (Genter) Geske. While in Amarillo, Joy enjoyed going to Christ Lutheran Child Care and

Trinity Lutheran Child Care. She was attending the YMCA Daycare in Salina and loved Cinderella and playing anything "princess". She is also survived by her father, Jeffrey, her twin brother, Jacob, her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2012, at Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery, south east of Paxico. Laura, Joshua and Joy will lie-in-state on Friday, at the church, from 4:00 p.m. until

6:00 p.m. The family will greet friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to the Geske Family Memorial Fund and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

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### Alice Elizabeth Jones



Alice Elizabeth Jones, 97, of Manhattan, died Friday, January 27th, at Good Shepherd Hospice House.

Alice Elizabeth Steiner was born in Lafayette, IN on February 15, 1914, the daughter of the late Barbara (Steill) and Louis Steiner. She was a homemaker and a secretary for the America Farm Research

Association with the Indiana Farm Bureau from 1944-1946. On June 27, 1944 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Lafayette, IN she married Harold Eugene Jones, who preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1987. Alice had formerly lived in Lafayette, IN and St. Paul, MN. She was a member of the Seven Dolours Catholic Church, Altar Society, Circle #3, National Right To Life Community, Inc., KSU Social Club, and also was a cofounder of Birthright of Manhattan and was with them for over 20 years.

Alice graduated from St. Francis High School in Lafayette, IN in 1932. In July of 1946 she and Harold moved to Manhattan from Lafayette, they then moved back to Lafayette in 1948 to 1949 where he attended Purdue for 2 years. In 1949 they moved to

St. Paul MN while Harold was doing research as a soil specialist from 1949-1956 and in 1956 they moved back to Manhattan.

Survivors include two sons Dennis A. Jones, of Manhattan and Ronald H. Jones, and his fiancée Heather J. Warden, of Annandale, VA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Catherine E. Jones & Anna T. Jones; her niece, Joanne Blind and nephew Edward Steiner, both of Lafayette, IN and Jeanne Richards of Westfield, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, Allan Jones on August 5, 1994; 4 brothers, Raymond C. Steiner, Robert M. Steiner, Harold Steiner at 3 years of age and Joseph Steiner in 1998; 2 sisters, Marie M. Steiner in 1958 and Kathleen L. Williams in 1983.

Friends were invited to call

Tuesday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and on Wednesday from 8:00am to 8:00pm. A parish vigil was recited at 7:00pm, Wednesday, February 1 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30am on Thursday, February 2nd, at the Seven Dolours Catholic Church, Manhattan, with Father Joseph Popelka officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

Family request donations to Seven Dolours Catholic Church Manhattan, KS 66502 or Good Shepard Hospice House, 3801 Vanesta Dr. Manhattan, KS 66503.

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### Nelva May Wilcox



Nelva May Wilcox, 93, of Manhattan, passed away on Thursday, January 26th, at Mercy Regional Health Center. She was retired from the USDA Grain Marketing Research Center after 25 years of service. She also had worked for the Comptroller's

office at Kansas State University and with the Manhattan Credit Bureau.

Nelva May Harris was born in Dunlap, Kansas on July 2, 1918, the daughter of the late Verna Charlotte (Daharsh) and Orel Clyde Harris. Nelva was united in marriage on May 28, 1939 in Americus, to James Edward Wilcox, who preceded her on Dec. 1, 2011. She attended the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia while Jim was completing his Bachelors and Master of Science.

Nelva Wilcox was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, the AARP, NARFE, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Nelva is survived by two daughters, Nancy W. McClanathan, of Manhattan; Connie J.W. Walker, wife of Duane, of Manhattan, two granddaughters, Morgan Morton and husband Jeff of Burleson, TX; Megan Johnson of Manhattan; two grandsons, Troy Walker of Terra Haute, IN; Wade Walker and wife Deidra of Lenexa, KS; and three great granddaughters, Gracie and Kylie Morton; and Christina Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim of 72 years, and a brother Wylie Harris.

Friends were invited to call from noon till 8:00pm on Sunday, Jan. 29, with the family present from 6:00pm to

8:00pm at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30th, at the funeral home with Rev. R. C. "Cam" McConnell officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date in the Sunrise Cemetery Manhattan.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP) at the KSU Foundation in Manhattan.

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# MHS Students Named Candidates for the 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Manhattan, Kansas. Officials of the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the United States Department of Education recently announced that two Manhattan High School students were named candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program – Ethan Pauls and Mikaela Wefald.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Students have the opportunity

to become Presidential Scholars based on two paths of accomplishment. The majority of the Scholars are selected on the basis of broad academic achievement. Approximately twenty additional students are selected on the basis of their academic and artistic scholarship in the visual arts, the performing arts, or creative writing.

A review committee of qualified individuals experienced in secondary and post-secondary education evaluates candidates on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essay. Approximately 560 candidates are named semifinalists and forwarded to the Commission for further review. All arts nominees submitting candidacy materials are automatically advanced to the semifinalist stage.

In April, the Commission on Presidential Scholars reviews the applications of all semifinalists based on the same criteria used by the review committee. The Commission selects up to 121 academic scholars and up to 20 arts scholars. All scholars are honored for their accomplishments during National Recognition Week, held in June in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Presidential Scholars are guests of the Commission during National Recognition Week and enjoy an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with government officials, educators, authors, musicians, scientists and other accomplished people. During the weekend, scholars have the opportunity to visit museums and monuments, and to attend recitals, receptions and ceremonies. To commemorate their achievement, the Scholars are

awarded the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a ceremony sponsored by the White House.

All U.S. Presidential Scholars are asked to identify those educators who have most influenced them. The selected educators are also invited to attend National Recognition Weekend. There, they are honored at a special reception to recognize and thank them for their efforts, and they are presented with the Teacher Recognition Award.

For over 47 years, this unique federal program has honored over 6,000 U.S. Presidential Scholars, who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and contribution to school and community. The work of the Commission on Presidential Scholars reaffirms, on behalf of the President, the Nation's commitment to education.

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# Country Living Expo - Feb. 4, 2012

Bernard Irvine will be the keynote speaker at the Country Living Expo on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the St. George Elementary School, 200 Blackjack Road, St. George. Irvine is an attorney with Morrison, Frost, Olsen and Irvine LLP in Manhattan.

He will discuss "Ag Law – Rules for Living in the Country".

Topics Irvine will cover include: fence law, lease law, and liability issues related to stray livestock and wandering dogs, as well as other issues

encountered when living in the country.

Irvine's Ag Law presentation will be the lead-off session and will start at 9:00 a.m. Concurrent sessions at 10:00 and 11:00 will offer participants choices of sessions to

attend.

The Country Living Expo will end at noon.

Concurrent session are:

10:00 a.m. **Right Place, Right Plant:** Landscape Plants for Kansas — Gregg Eyestone, KSU-Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent

10:00 a.m. **Protecting Your Rural Homestead** — Greg Riat, Pottawatomie County Sheriff

11:00 a.m. **Birds in the Backyard** — Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent

11:00 a.m. **Gardening Under Cover:** High Tunnels / Backyard Greenhouses — David Coltraine, River Valley District Extension Agent

Advance reservations are requested by February 3, to help with room setup and refreshment planning. Attendees are invited to register online at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu) or by calling the Riley County Extension Office at 785/537-6350.

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# Legislative Research Chief Lands KPERS Chief Executive Job

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — The Kansas state pension fund is broken and, so far, there is no clear plan for fixing it.

By conservative estimates, an \$8.3 billion gap exists between the money the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System will need to pay retirement benefits promised to teachers and government workers through 2033, and the money it will probably have by then to make those payments.

"The unfunded liability is like an elephant that won't go away," KPERS chairman Ron Hagen said.

Some say the shortfall could be much more, and taxpayers — who are obligated by state law to pick up the tab for promised benefits that investment profits fail to cover — would be left with the bill, the size of which also remains unclear.

Pension watchers — making assumptions about how fast investments will grow — say the gap is nearly three times larger than the \$8.3 projection.

"That value fluctuates," Alan Conroy said. "I'm confident that KPERS' actuaries are following currently accepted guidelines in their projections."

This week, Conroy, director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department, was chosen over 25 other candidates to lead the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System as executive director. He'll earn

\$175,000 a year. The previous director, Glenn Deck, retired in September.

Conroy, 56, will supervise a staff of 85 workers who administer about \$1.3 billion annually in retirement benefits to KPERS members.

Conroy said Tuesday he has no immediate plans to make major changes in the pension fund's approach for dealing with the funding shortfall, and he declined to talk in detail about potential changes to KPERS until he starts work Feb. 13.

Conroy has no investment background. "But that's a good thing," Hagen said. "We hire other people with investment backgrounds. He has a management background. His job is really about managing the resources."

Conroy now works as director of the Kansas Legislative Research Department, a non-partisan research and fiscal agency that, among other things, calculates the official budget and revenue numbers that legislators use to allocate more than \$14 billion in spending each year.

Retiree Ernie Claudel will be watching.

"He's always shown a great deal of interest in KPERS, which we think is a good thing," said Claudel, a retired Olathe school administrator who often visits the Capitol to watch pension fund deliberations and blogs to other retirees.

"But it is way too soon to know what difference he will make."

Hagen and other observers predict the pension liabilities will increase faster if legislators this session begin converting KPERS from a traditional pension plan for current employees to a 401(k)-style retirement savings plan for future hires. The move would slow the rate of contributions to the traditional plan, but it would not slow the rate at which more than 160,000 teachers and workers now on public payrolls will continue to earn benefits.

With \$13 billion in assets, KPERS is the largest pension plan in Kansas. It tends to the retirement funds of teachers and other public employees of state government, as well the funds for workers in more than 1,500 state, local and municipal governments and school districts.

Other analysts contend that KPERS — like many public pensions in the nation that also presume their portfolios will grow an average 8 percent annually — is making unrealistic assumptions about future market profits and how quickly they can rebound from profound market losses in 2008 and 2009.

American Enterprise Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank, said the actual shortfall will be nearer \$21.8 billion when adjusted to real market values, rather than the multiple averages that pensions

use to adjust for volatility.

In a separate study for the National Bureau of Economic Research, economists Robert Novy-Marx and Joshua Raugh estimated the gap will hit \$22 million. NBER is a private, nonpartisan research group in Cambridge, Mass. That shortfall, Novy-Marx and Raugh calculate, would require every household in Kansas to pay as much as \$1,197 in additional taxes annually for 30 years to cover.

"Even if you believe in 8 percent investment returns, that \$8.3 billion unfunded liability now will increase to a minimum \$9.5 billion in another year," said Richard Stumpf, a certified financial planner in Wichita who also served on a KPERS Study Commission.

"But even though KPERS investment managers are doing commendable jobs and achieving higher than average market returns, KPERS hasn't had an average 8 percent return in 13 or 14 years," Stumpf said.

If investment profits are as low as 4 percent or 5 percent, then that's \$20 billion to \$22 billion more that taxpayers will have to put into the system "is probably a minimum," Stumpf said.

By KPERS' calculations, its investments earned 13 percent in 2010, the latest calendar year for which numbers are available. But those earnings are calculated following current Governmental Accounting Standards Board rules. GASB, the professional accounting

standards board for government accounting, is proposing a change in those rules to require counting losses more immediately, the way the American Enterprise Institute and Novy-Marx and Raugh did.

It is unclear whether those proposed new standards would prompt KPERS trustees to lower the funds' planned

investment returns below the current 8 percent, which also would cause unfunded liabilities to grow. The trustees last summer debated cutting the rate to 7.5 percent, but ultimately voted not to change.

Conroy said Tuesday he didn't think such a reduction would happen in the short term.

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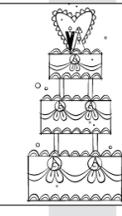
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artists." This exhibit will explore the tie between America's most beloved fairytale and America's cultural art history. Pieces on display will include rare stained glass from Century Studios in Minnesota,

unique carved wood figures, a mechanical piece of art from Ann Wood and Dean Lucker, and a one of a kind piece by celebrated Southern California artist Simone Gad.

The exhibit will be on display February 1- March 31. This is the second exhibit in the OZ Museum's new Exhibit Series. "This is a great way to showcase different pieces of

our collection that are not usually on display. It also allows us to tell a story about these pieces and connect with our visitors in new ways", says Mercedes Michalowski, OZ Museum Director. Please contact the museum for more information about the exhibit or how you can be a part of the Exhibit Series by sponsoring one of the upcoming displays.

## Comedy Group to Perform At Columbian

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## Emporia State University Fall 2011 Honor Roll

EMPORIA, KAN. (01/30/2012)(readMedia)--Emporia State University has released the honor roll for the Fall 2011 semester. To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a minimum

3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours. Students from this area named to the honor roll are:  
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# Free Press Big 12 Sports

## K-State Releases 20 Names In 2012 Football Recruiting Class

Head football coach Bill Snyder released Kansas State's 2012 recruiting class Wednesday with the announcement of 26 student-athletes who plan on joining or already are a part of the Wildcat program.

Kansas State's class of 2012 includes 20 players from the high school ranks and six junior college players. Of the group, nine are currently enrolled at Kansas State and will participate in spring practice.

Overall on the defensive side of the ball, the 2012 class includes six total defensive linemen, two linebackers and three defensive backs. K-State's offensive recruiting haul also includes one quarterback, three running back/fullbacks, five wide receivers, one tight end and three offensive linemen. Also included are two players listed as "athletes" who could play on either side of the ball.

Kansas State's class of 2012 also continues to show how broad and thorough Snyder and his staff were on the recruiting trail as all 26 players hail from 12 different states, including nine from the state of Texas, five from the state of Kansas, two from Oklahoma, two from the state of Louisiana and one each from the states of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Nebraska.

**Dante Barnett**  
ATH 6-1, 175 | Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington)

AT BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Recorded 100 tackles and nine interceptions on his way to earning second team all-state honors as a senior in 2010... Also hauled in 10 touchdowns as a receiver... Recorded 101 tackles as a junior and also caught 32 passes for 775 yards and six touchdowns... Led Booker T. Washington to a 13-1 record and a state championship this past season... Also collected nine interceptions as a junior... High school teammates with Tyler Lockett and Keenan Taylor.

PERSONAL: Dante Barnett was born June 14, 1993... Son of Larry Barnett and Tiah Pankey.

**Tavarius Bender**  
QB 6-3, 208 | Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)

AT LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated early and is currently enrolled at K-State... Rated the No. 20 dual-threat quarterback in the country by Rivals

and the No. 1 overall player in the state of Nebraska... Threw for 1,025 yards, rushed for 699 yards and accounted for 20 total touchdowns as a senior... 2011 Super State First Team pick and First Team All-City selection... Ran for 793 yards and five scores in 2010 while throwing for 970 yards and six touchdowns as a junior... Selected to the All-City Class A team and all-state team as a sophomore... No. 55-ranked QB in Class of 2012 as rated by ESPN... 2010 Class A Honorable Mention All-State selection as named by The Lincoln Journal-Star and Omaha World-Herald... Accumulated a 3.5 GPA in high school.

PERSONAL: Tavarius Bender was born April 1, 1994... Son of Jeremy Bender.

**Travis Britz**  
DT 6-4, 287 | Harrisonville, Mo. (Harrisonville)

AT HARRISONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Rated the No. 20 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals... 2011 first team all-state pick by the Missouri Coaches Association and Missouri Sports Writers Association... 2011 Kansas City Star All-Metro First Team pick... Recorded 70 tackles and seven sacks in 2011... Collected 99 tackles and three sacks as a junior... Totaled 214 career tackles in three seasons... Two-time All-Missouri River Valley pick... MaxPrep Second Team All-American and Missouri Class 4 Defensive MVP in 2011... Also took fourth in the state in wrestling as a heavyweight in 2011... Accumulated a 3.3 GPA in high school.

PERSONAL: Travis Britz was born January 26, 1994... Son of Janice and Tom Britz.

**Morgan Burns**  
DB 5-11, 195 | Wichita, Kan. (Trinity Academy)

AT TRINITY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL: The No. 14 player in the state of Kansas in 2010 according to Rivals.com... A three-time all-league pick at both defensive back and running back... Two-time all-metro selection... Rushed for 2,700 yards and 36 touchdowns over his last two seasons... Also a state champion in track at 100m, 200m and 400m and a member of the state-champion basketball squad.

PERSONAL: Morgan Burns was born May 19, 1993... Son of Brad and Greta Burns.

**Deante Burton**

WR 6-2, 200 | Manhattan, Kan. (Manhattan)

AT MANHATTAN HIGH SCHOOL: Helped Manhattan to an 11-1 record last season... First Team All-Centennial League as a senior... Earned all-state honors as a defensive back... Had 20 receptions for 327 yards, five touchdowns, and a pair of interceptions in 2011... Collected 216 rushing yards and three scores in 2011... Returned a punt 63 yards for a touchdown in the 2011 playoffs against Dodge City... Totaled two punt return scores on the season... Had 244 yards receiving in 2010 with three touchdowns... Two-year starter at both wide receiver and defensive back... Lettered three seasons for the Indians and compiled a 30-3 record during that time.

PERSONAL: Deante Burton was born July 12, 1994... Son of Morrison and Valentina Burton.

**Marquez Clark**  
WR 6-0, 180 | Texarkana, Texas (Navarro JC)

AT NAVARRO JC: The No. 16 rated junior college player in the nation by Rivals... A 2011 First Team All-American and Southwest Junior College Football Conference MVP... Set NJCAA individual single-season receiving records for receptions (98) and yardage (1,639) and claimed virtually every Navarro career and single-season pass-catching record in the process in 2011... Totaled 100-plus receiving yards in each of his final 10 games... Caught nine or more passes in six of those games, including a 13-catch, 186-yard effort in a 40-24 Heart Of Texas Bowl win over New Mexico Military Institute... In 23 games during two years at Navarro, finished with 126-2039-19 receiving, but also starred in an all-purpose role by totaling 3,304 yards and 20 touchdowns in 181 plays — almost 18.3 yards per touch... For his career, averaged 26.1 yards per kickoff return (38-993) and 20.3 yards from 10 punt returns during the 2011 season, including one for an 84-yard score against Trinity Valley... Led Navarro to a 21-3 record in two seasons, including a national title in 2010 and a No. 5 national ranking in 2011.

AT LIBERTY-EYLAU HIGH SCHOOL: A First Team All-District 16-3A pick as a junior and senior by Rivals... Voted Offensive Most Valuable Player as a sophomore... Holds school records in the 100-meter

and 200-meter dash... Took fifth in the 100-meter dash in the 2010 Texas State Championships... A former teammate of Oregon's LaMichael James.

PERSONAL: Marquez Clark was born September 26, 1991.

**Ellwood Clement**  
OL 6-5, 310 | Deptford, N.J. (Eastern Arizona CC)

AT EASTERN ARIZONA CC: Helped Eastern Arizona to a 9-3 record in 2011... A second team all-conference pick as a freshman... A First Team All-American and first team all-conference pick in his sophomore season... Helped Eastern Arizona finish with a national ranking of No. 20 and No. 19 in his two years... Led the way for the No. 1 rushing attack in the NJCAA in each of his two years.

AT DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the All-Tri County team and was a second team all-state pick... Received honorable mention accolades in basketball as well.

PERSONAL: Ellwood Clement was born January 22, 1991... He is the son of Yetta Clement.

**Hunter Davis**  
DE 6-3, 246 | Choctaw, Okla. (Choctaw)

AT CHOCTAW HIGH SCHOOL: Named to PrepStar magazine's All-Midlands Region team in 2010... Recorded 59 tackles during his senior season (30 solo, 34 assisted)... Recorded 3.0 sacks... Participated in Under Armour and U.S. Army Combines... Named all-conference, all-district and all-state as a senior... Nominated for the Wendy's Heisman Trophy for high school student-athletes... Was also a team captain.

PERSONAL: Hunter Davis was born December 12, 1992... Son of Ken and Bobbie Brewer... Relative of current Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker.

**Will Davis**  
LB 6-1, 213 | Southlake, Texas (Carroll)

AT CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL: Led Carroll to an undefeated state championship in 2011... Had 176 tackles, including 115 solos, 10 sacks, six knockdowns, two forced fumble and two fumble recoveries... Named the Texas Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year by the Texas Sports Writers Association and Padilla

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### Kansas State Wildcats 2011-2012 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
01/18/12	vs. Texas	W, 84-80	13-4
01/21/12	at Oklahoma State	W, 66-58	14-4
01/25/12	at Texas Tech	W, 69-47	15-4
01/28/12	vs. Oklahoma	L, 63-60	15-5
01/31/12	at Iowa State	L, 72-70	15-6
02/04/12	vs. Texas A&M	3:00 PM CT	
02/07/12	vs. Texas Tech	7:00 PM CT	
02/11/12	at Texas	1:00 PM CT	
02/13/12	vs. Kansas	8:00 PM CT	
02/18/12	at Baylor	12:30 PM CT	
02/21/12	at Missouri	6:00 PM CT	
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### 2011-2012 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result	Record
01/17/12	vs. Oklahoma	L, 65-57	13-4
01/21/12	at Baylor	L, 76-41	13-5
01/25/12	vs. Iowa State	L, 66-57	13-6
01/28/12	at Oklahoma State	W, 67-56	14-6
02/01/12	at Texas	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/04/12	vs. Baylor	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/08/12	at Texas A&M	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/12/12	vs. Kansas	12:00 p.m. CT	
02/15/12	at Oklahoma	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/18/12	vs. Texas	6:00 p.m. CT	
02/22/12	vs. Oklahoma State	7:00 p.m. CT	
02/25/12	at Missouri	12:00 p.m. CT	
02/29/12	at Iowa State	7:00 p.m. CT	
03/03/12	vs. Texas Tech	6:00 p.m. CT	
<b>2012 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships</b>			
03/07/12	TBD	TBA	

### Big 12 Men's Basketball Standings

Team	W	L	Big 12 Overall
Kansas	7-1	17-4	
Missouri	7-2	20-2	
Baylor	6-2	19-2	
Iowa State	6-3	16-6	
Kansas State	4-5	15-6	
Oklahoma State	4-5	11-11	
Oklahoma	3-5	13-7	
Texas A&M	3-5	12-8	
Texas	3-6	13-9	
Texas Tech	0-9	7-14	

### Big 12 Women's Basketball Standings

Team	W	L	Big 12 Overall
Baylor	8-0	21-0	
Oklahoma	6-3	14-6	
Texas A&M	5-3	14-5	
Kansas State	5-3	14-6	
Kansas	5-4	16-5	
Oklahoma State	4-4	12-5	
Texas Tech	3-5	15-5	
Texas	3-5	13-7	
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## Kansas State Drops Heartbreaker To ISU

AMES, Iowa - Sophomore Royce White hit the game-winning jumper with 1.8 seconds left as Iowa State rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat Kansas State 72-70 on Tuesday night. White finished with 22 points and senior Chris Allen had 15 for the Cyclones (16-6, 6-3 Big 12), who have won four of their last five and have already doubled their league win total from last season. The win also snapped a five-game losing streak to the Wildcats at Hilton Coliseum.

Iowa State's Chris Babb tied the game at 70 with a free throw with 49 seconds left. The Cyclones then corralled a loose ball to gain possession with the shot clock off, and White drove to the baseline and floated in the deciding bucket from about 8 feet.

The Cyclones knocked the ball out of the hands of Kansas State's Will Spradling at the buzzer.

Freshman Thomas Gipson led the Wildcats (15-6, 4-5 Big 12) with 13 points, while three others - Rodney McGruder, Jamar Samuels and Martavious Irving - all added 11 points. Senior Victor Ojeleye led all players with a career-best 10 rebounds.

K-State led by as many as 14 points in the second half, including a 53-39 lead with 14:27 to go on a 3-pointer by Samuels. However, ISU used a 19-7 run over the next six minutes capped by a 3-pointer

by Allen to cut the lead to just 60-58 with 7:55 to go. The game stayed close the rest of the way, as the Cyclones closed it to 68-67 with 1:57 remaining on two free throws by senior Scott Christopherson.

Iowa State shot 51 percent for the game, including 53.6 percent in the second half, while K-State connected on 48.3 percent, including 58.3 percent from 3-point range. The Wildcats scored 40 points in the paint and held a 34-31 edge on the glass, but the Cyclones were able to convert 12 turnovers into 14 points. K-State posted season-lows for both free throws (7) and free throws attempted (11).

On the strength of 11 first-half points by Irving, K-State entered halftime with a 36-29 lead. In all, eight Wildcats scored in the opening stanza, including 16 from the bench. Both teams shot above 46 percent from the field, but the Wildcats were able to knock down 5-of-8 from long range. The squad also took advantage of a 21-13 edge on the board to score nine second-chance points.

Kansas State begins a two-game homestand on Saturday, as the Wildcats play host to Texas A&M (12-8, 3-5 Big 12) for the final time as conference members. The game tips at 3 p.m. on Big 12 Network with Mitch Holthus and Jon Sundvold on the call.



Kansas State's Angel Rodriguez (13) puts up a shot against Oklahoma. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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**Poll...** Team captain and Defensive MVP in 2011 and also was named the Defensive MVP of the 2011 state title game... Earned 2011 first team all-state honors from Fox Sports, Old Coach and 5A Texas Football... Named all-area by the Dallas Morning News and Old Coach... Named one of the state's top recruits by the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Dallas Morning News, Dave Campbell's Texas Football and Lemming... Totaled 308 tackles, 25 for a loss, and 14.0 sacks in his final two seasons... Led Carroll to a combined 37-6 record in three seasons... Also an academic all-state scholar and a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Will Davis was born November 4, 1993... Son of Barry and Leigh Davis.

**Aderius Epps**  
OL 6-2, 295 | Cedar Hill, Texas (Cedar Hill)

**AT CEDAR HILL HIGH SCHOOL:** Named to the Old Coach Texas Top 100 list... Rated the No. 87 player in the state of Texas by Old Coach... First team all-district as a senior and honorable mentioned pick as a junior... Team captain as a junior and senior... Led the team in pancakes, averaging 5.0 a game... Four-year letterman... Earned a third-place finish at the regional power lifting meet... Also a team captain on the basketball team.

**PERSONAL:** Aderius Epps was born May 18, 1994... Son of Oscar and Belenthia Epps.

**Kent Gainous**  
S 6-1, 190 | Orlando, Fla. (Trinity Valley CC)

**AT TRINITY VALLEY CC:** Tallied 35 tackles and an interception this past fall for Trinity Valley... All-SWJCC first team selection... Teammate of fellow Wildcat signee Wesley Hollingshed.

**AT EDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL:** Made Florida's Third-Team All-4A team as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Kent Gainous was born April 6, 1992... Son of Kent and Cynthia Gainous.

**Glenn Gronkowski**  
FB 6-3, 235 | Amherst, N.Y. (Williamsville North)

**AT WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL:** Caught 53 passes for 762 yards and 11 touchdowns during his 2010 senior season... Had two passes for 90 yards... Recorded eight interceptions,

returning two for touchdowns... Recovered two fumbles, returning one for an 85-yard touchdown... Recorded 43 solo tackles... Punted for a 35.8 average and handled all of the kicking duties... Named co-Offensive Player of the Year in Section VI Class AA North... Totaled 125 catches for 2,076 yards and 23 touchdowns during high school career.

**PERSONAL:** Glenn Gronkowski was born March 25, 1993... The brother of current NFL players Dan (Browns), Rob (Patriots), and Chris (Colts) Gronkowski... Brother Gordie also played pro baseball in the Angels' organization... Son of Diane and Gordon Gronkowski.

**Samuel Harvill**  
DT 6-1, 255 | Springdale, Ark. (Shiloh Christian)

**AT SHILOH CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Named to the 2010 4A All-State First Team by the Arkansas Activities Association... Selected as a MaxPreps Class of 2011 All-American... Set the Army All-American Combine Bench Press Record... Set the Under Armour All-American Combine Bench Press Record... Selected as a two-time lineman MVP of the state title game... Selected to the AP All-Arkansas Team... Named the Morning News Defensive Player of the Year... Named the Arkansas Sophomore Defensive Player of the Year... Named to Prep Star magazine's All-West Region team... Led Shiloh Christian to four league titles and three state championships... Recorded 71 tackles with 10 sacks and two forced fumbles as a senior... Had 68 tackles (47 solo, 21 assisted) as a junior... Recorded 8.5 sacks... Forced five fumbles and recovered three... Finished his career with 341 tackles, 95 tackles for loss and an Arkansas state-record 48.5 sacks.

**PERSONAL:** Samuel Harvill was born March 3, 1992... Son of Bill and Kristi Harvill... Has two siblings, Brad and Mindy.

**Wesley Hollingshed**  
DL 6-2, 300 | Atlanta, Ga. (Trinity Valley CC)

**AT TRINITY VALLEY CC:** The No. 47 rated junior college player in the nation by Rivals... Totaled 21 tackles in eight games in 2010... Helped Trinity Valley rank 20th in rushing defense in the

NJCAA... Teammate of fellow Wildcat signee Kent Gainous.

**AT PEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL:** A first team all-state selection... Helped Peach County High School win back-to-back state championships... Played in the Gwinnett County All-Star game and was also a Gwinnett County player of the week... Compiled 14 sacks, 110 tackles and 22 tackles for loss during his senior campaign.

**PERSONAL:** Wesley Hollingshed was born April 7, 1991... Son of Terry Hollingshed and Tracey Tharpe.

**Demonte Hood**  
DT 6-0, 295 | Arlington, Texas (Bowie)

**AT BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL:** Had 60 tackles, seven for loss and two sacks in 2011... A first team All-District 4-5A selection.

**PERSONAL:** Demonte Hood was born August 20, 1993.

**Charles Jones**  
RB 5-11, 180 | Mandeville, La. (Mandeville)

**AT MANDEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** A three-year starter for head coach Guy Lecompte... Rushed for 1,767 yards and 22 touchdowns while hauling in 31 passes for 321 yards during his senior season... Honorable mention all-state pick by the LSWA... Named the New Orleans Player of the Week following a 213-yard performance against Parkway... Accounted for nearly 700 yards of scrimmage and eight touchdowns as a junior... Will join fellow New Orleans-area Wildcat Cornelius Lucas, Torell Miller and Daniel Sams.

**PERSONAL:** Charles Jones was born January 20, 1994... Son of Charles and Zondra Jones.

**Judah Jones**  
WR 6-1, 180 | Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian)

**AT EVANGEL CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:** As a junior, Jones put up just over 1,000 all-purpose yards and scored 16 touchdowns en route to all-district honors... Had 43 receptions for 728 receiving yards with six touchdowns as a senior... Also averaged 24.0 yards on eight kick returns in 2011... Evangel advanced to the Louisiana 2A State Semifinals in 2011.

**PERSONAL:** Judah Jones

was born November 14, 1993... Son of Dewitt and Kim Jones... Judah plays the drums for the highly successful family Christian Gospel band, forever JONES... His parents formed the band with their five children... The band was nominated for two Grammy Awards in 2011.

**Jarvis Leverett**  
RB 5-11, 200 | Katy, Texas (Cypress Lakes)

**AT CYPRESS LAKES HIGH SCHOOL:** Listed as the eighth-best running back in Texas by the Houston Chronicle... Also named to the newspaper's Texas Top 100 list this season... In a three-game stretch, he had 500 yards rushing and five touchdowns as a senior... Was named the school's MVP as a sophomore in track... Member of the district qualifying 4x100 meter relay team as a sophomore.

**PERSONAL:** Jarvi Leverett was born April 21, 1994... Son of Pearlina Williams.

**Mike Moore**  
LB 6-1, 213 | Dallas, Texas (Skyline)

**AT SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL:** Helped lead the Raiders to a 9-3 overall record (7-0 league) during the 2010 season... Two-time all-district pick... Named one of the Top 100 players in the state of Texas prior to senior season... Teammate of current Wildcat Marquel Bryant.

**PERSONAL:** Mike Moore was born January 30, 1993... Son of Mike and Shannon Moore.

**Chaquil Reed**  
DL 6-3, 290 | Wichita, Kan. (Butler CC)

**AT BUTLER COUNTY CC:** Helped lead Butler to a combined 22-2 record in 2010 and 2011... Collected 43 tackles and five sacks en route to 2011 all-conference honors... Also tallied 21 tackles in 2010.

**PERSONAL:** Chaquil Reed was born December 4, 1991... Grandson of Israel and Nancy

Reed... Cousin, Kamerion Wimbley, plays for the Oakland Raiders.

**Tavon Rooks**  
OL 6-6, 270 | Randallstown, Md. (Navarro JC)

**AT NAVARRO JC:** Rated as the No. 23 junior college player in the country by Rivals... Considered by many the top pass-blocker among available junior college offensive linemen... Led Navarro to a 21-3 record in two seasons, including a national title in 2010 and a No. 5 national ranking in 2011... Navarro had the No. 5 ranked passing offense with Rooks on the line in 2011.

**PERSONAL:** Tavon Rooks was born May 10, 1990... Son of Stephanie Kees.

**Matt Seiwert**  
ATH 6-3, 260 | Conway Springs, Kan. (Conway Springs)

**AT CONWAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL:** Made the Topeka Capital Journal's Top 11 and was also an all-class pick... A 2011 MaxPreps All-American... A first team All-Central Plains League pick on offense and defense... Named Co-Defensive MVP for the Central Plains League... Helped Conway Springs win the 2011 3A State Championship with four assisted tackles, one for a loss, and a fumble recovery... Led Conway Springs to a combined 38-4 record and two state titles in three seasons... Also earned all-league and all-state honors in basketball and javelin (187 feet).

**PERSONAL:** Matt Seiwert was born September 5, 1993... Son of David and Mary Seiwert... Brother, Darin, played for K-State.

**Cody Small**  
TE 6-4, 237 | Cypress, Texas (Cypress Woods)

**AT CYPRESS WOODS HIGH SCHOOL:** Helped Woods to a 9-3 record in 2011... Listed in VYPE's Top 75 Football Prospects in the Northern Houston area at No. 38... All-district performer as a junior and senior and also earned All-Houston area honors as a senior... A "Rising Star" in 2010 by 5ATexasFootball.com at defensive end... Competed on Cypress Woods' 7-on-7 team, which reached the semifinals of the Cy Falls Tournament in 2011.

**PERSONAL:** Cody Small

was born September 16, 1993... Son of David and Jo Small.

**Donnie Starks**  
DB 5-11, 180 | Crosby, Texas (Crosby)

**AT CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL:** Was the District 19-4A Newcomer of the Year during his sophomore season... An all-district cornerback during his senior year... Accumulated 189 solo tackles, 44 assisted tackles, and six interceptions with a touchdown... Also ran track two years.

**PERSONAL:** Donnie Starks was born June 6, 1994... Son of Henry and Ann Starks.

**Vernon Vaughn**  
WR 6-2, 190 | Kansas City, Kan. (Sumner Academy)

**AT SUMNER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL:** A Kansas City-Atchison League first team pick... First Team All-Kansas during his sophomore and junior seasons... Had 58 catches for 865 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior... Finished career with 94 catches for 1,517 yards and 24 touchdowns... Averaged 16.1 yards per catch and one touchdown for every three catches... Led Sumner Academy's basketball team to two state championships... Was a league Honorable Mention selection on the court as a junior... A Kansas Honor Scholar, USD 500 Scholastic Athlete and National Honor Society member... Accumulated a 3.48 GPA in high school.

**PERSONAL:** Vernon Vaughn was born August 26, 1994... Son of Vernon and Debra Vaughn.

**Steven West**  
WR 6-1, 190 | Keller, Texas (Fossil Ridge)

**AT FOSSIL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL:** Caught 52 passes for 1,003 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior, and had 52 catches, 852 yards and 10 touchdowns in his senior season... A first team All-District 7-5A selection by Rivals in 2010... A first team All-District 5-5A pick by TexasHSFootball.com.

**PERSONAL:** Steven West was born November 13, 1992... Son of Steven and Carolyn West.