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The City did a good job of trying to make the redeveloped area look like the downtown area. This is the 80,000 sq. ft HyVee Store.

Evaluating Downtown Redevelopment

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The Free Press has been asked by friends if we were wrong in opposing the Downtown Redevelopment because the area looks so good.

Yes, we believe the new North Redevelopment Area looks good, very good.

The TIF, TDD and STAR Bonds all look like they will be paid off in time or even before. (See page 3.) As long as none of the big stores don't go dark.

Should we get out the salt and pepper to help the taste of crow? I don't think so.

1. Remember in the beginning all of the calls "No big box stores"? The City paid good money to have Canyon Research Southwest, Inc. tell them that the project would work. In the end the City had three different research companies do the math. We do not know what it all cost. Well, Canyon Research produced a report that showed the largest retail building would be a "Junior Anchor" of 34,000 Sq. Ft.

At meetings when ask what stores would fill the 20 some buildings the answer would always be "Oh, stores like Kohl's." Everyone got the idea that the Developer had a lease for Kohl's to anchor the area. That went on for several years. And then it was announced that Kohl's would not be coming to Manhattan.

For months it looked like the area would never fill. In the end HyVee Grocery Store took the place of Kohl's. But the "No big box stores" was lost as HyVee ended up getting over 90,000 Sq. Ft.

Now we are being told that Kohl's is still looking to build in Manhattan but they need more than 70,000 Sq. Ft.

Could it be that Kohl's would have stayed in the North Development if they had been allowed to build a larger building? Could be, we will never be told.

2. The City contracts with the developer was amended several times because the developer could not get business to lease the properties. At one point the Financing Plan called STAR bonds to be sold after Dial had leases on seventy-percent of the North District. They changed the April 1, 2007 deadline for the completions of the leases to being called a "Target date".

3. The area called "Limey Pointe" on the corner of Tuttle Creek and McCall Rd. the City sold to Dial for \$1 million and then the City spent more than \$900,000 in digging out the pit and filling it with dirt.

The City did not include this area in the North District. The Sales Tax money could have been used to help pay for the bonds but City staff did not make this a requirement.



Looking West from 3rd Street and Poyntz Avenue in Downtown Manhattan.

4. The City Commissioners were told for several years that all of the risk for the South Development area was being taken by the developer Dial Realty. But when it came down to signing a development agreement the City of Manhattan developed a "Moral Obligation" to pay back all of the bonds.

The City Commissioners were told: "Dial has indicated they are not in a position to finance the acquisition of property on the South, as they have done and are currently holding on the North. They indicate they are currently holding the financing of approximately \$16 million in land acquisition and site preparation associated with the North Project and are unwilling to finance the

South."

5. In August of 2007 after printing the owners of the north properties and the amounts they had received the Free Press received phone calls from owners stating that they had not received that amount of money. The Free Press went back to the City Staff and ask why the figures were different. The answer was: "The City paid Dial Realty a real estate commission on the properties."

This was before the City paid \$18 million for the purchase of all of the North Development and then gave the property to the developer.

6. And what about the Flint Hills Discovery Center or as we like to call it "The Watching Grass Grow Museum?"

Lauren Ritterbush, associate professor in sociology, anthro-

polo, and social work has served as a museum consultant in the past. She said she does not think the Center will be able to survive on its own.

"My observations of museums indicate to me that museums are not self-sustaining.

They require outside funding, lots of it and consistently," she said in an e-mail interview. "I am not aware of any funding sources for this museum beyond limited admissions and city funds, which must also be applied to many other things."

7. And what happened to the South Redevelopment Area called the "Entertainment District"? Original plans called for the Discovery Center, a Multi-Theater, three Restaurants and several retail shops. Now we have the Discovery Center and three

new Motels to go along with the Fairfield Inn which has been there for years. Four Motels in a one block area. You could still call this an "entertainment area."

8. The Conference Center: The City of Manhattan is giving \$9.5 million to the Hotel to have the Center built. Four and a half million will be a "forgivable loan and then the City pays \$800,000 a year principal and interest. The Hotel will own the Conference Center and pay the City \$100,000 for 30 years and then pay \$2.5 million in a balloon payment.

A lot of people are making big money off the City of Manhattan and it is not the taxpayers.

Eat Crow, I don't think so but the development does look good.

Proposed Budget Would Cut Bio Funding

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Placing a \$650 million livestock disease research lab in the nation's third-largest beef-producing state is either a really good idea or a spectacularly bad one, according to people on both sides of the debate.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to build a 500,000-square-foot laboratory in Manhattan, Kansas' ninth-largest city. At this center, treatments for virulent animal and human diseases that occur naturally or may be spread intentionally will be researched and developed. It would replace a similar, albeit smaller, 50-year-old lab in Plum Island, N.Y., off the tip of Long Island.

Kansas has issued \$45 million in bonds to help finance early construction, but President Barack Obama this week cut further proposed federal construction funds from the 2013 budget he sent to Congress.

Many Kansas farmers favor building the National Bio- and

Agro-Defense Facility, or NBAF, said Mike Matson, a spokesman for Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization with headquarters in Manhattan.

"Healthy livestock obviously are important to farmers and ranchers," Matson said. "It's not just a bottom-line issue; it is also important to raise public understanding that our food is safe."

Many state leaders, including Kansas GOP Gov. Sam Brownback and the state's entire congressional delegation — all Republicans — back the project. They cite the high-tech investments and job creation the lab could bring to northeast Kansas.

NBAF, which is scheduled to go online in 2018 unless its opponents prevail and funding falls through, also would be a defense facility where scientists would look for ways to counter potential biological weapons. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security would run that part of the facility in cooperation with the U.S. Agriculture Department, which will run animal-disease

research.

Opponents of the plan, such as Tom Manney, a retired Kansas State University physics and biology researcher from Manhattan, say the project is too risky and is being rushed before safer and perhaps cheaper alternatives are considered.

"This is much more than just a big federal government project," said Manney, who is active in a Manhattan opponent's group called NO NBAF. "We've been skeptical about whether adequate reasoning has gone into this plan and whether it is safe," he said.

Manney and opponents point to questions about the planned research center from studies by the National Academy of Sciences, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others warning of potential safety hazards at NBAF, which is being designed to research the most lethal and fastest spreading biological threats.

A study by the National Academy of Sciences sees a 70 percent chance that a strain of bovine foot- and mouth-dis-

ease might escape the laboratory sometime in its planned 50-year lifetime. The disease is considered eradicated in the United States, but some strains remain in research labs at Plum Island.

Such an outbreak is unlikely to threaten human health, because the virus affects only bovine animals, such as cattle. But it spreads quickly and fatally and, according to the study, could cause billions of dollars in losses to the livestock industry.

National Academy researchers are re-examining the 70 percent risk conclusions and are expected to report their findings this summer.

But, following the anthrax scare after the 2001 terrorist attacks, "We believe the government should be looking for more feasible solutions than a giant super project such as this," Manney said.

All questions about funding have not been answered.

Congress last year appropriated only \$50 billion of \$150 billion requested for construction in 2012, the president said

in his budget message. That resulted in so little work getting done on the project that the White House is proposing a review and re-evaluation of the plan.

Homeland Security officials did not respond to Kansas Reporter requests for more information about what that review was intended to determine.

Brownback, however, said he will talk with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsac and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Brownback said he thinks the review was intended to look for ways to trim the project's estimated \$650 million price tag.

"We know the federal budget is under a lot of pressure, and they want to see about the scope of the project to cut that cost," Brownback said.

Brownback also said Vilsac and Napolitano have reassured him "they were committed to building NBAF and to building it in Kansas."

Kansas U.S. Rep Lynn Jenkins, R-District 2, who rep-

resents Manhattan and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, called the president's budget recommendation "a disappointment."

But, "I have been assured time and again by the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee ... that NBAF is a priority of the House and that funding for construction will continue," Jenkins said Friday.

New York U.S. Rep. Timothy Bishop, D-District 1, who represents the Plum Island research facility NBAF would replace, said Friday that he believes the federal budget pressures would cause many lawmakers, other than Kansans, to take a new look at upgrading current research labs in his district, in Fort Detrick, Md., and other places instead of building a new super lab in Kansas.

"I fully support the president's decision to evaluate leveraging existing laboratories to meet our nation's bio-security needs as opposed to constructing a new billion-dollar facility," Bishop said.

Don LaDoyt Good



Don LaDoyt Good, master motivator to his family, students, staff, colleagues, and many in the livestock industry died at home on the afternoon of February 14, 2012. Jane Swick Good, love of his life for 64 years, preceded him in death by just 2 months. Don was born October 8, 1921 and was raised on an 80-acre livestock and crop farm in Van Wert county Ohio with 3 brothers and one sister. He was the son of George Lewis and Dora Haines Good.

Don's livestock interests manifested early, through 4-H and FFA projects with Oxford sheep and swine. He was a member of the swine ton litter club at age 13, showed a champion pen of 5 lambs at a district show the next year, and was a member of Ohio's champion junior livestock judging team. Don is recognized nationally and internationally for his accomplishments as a teacher, livestock judge, administrator and strong supporter of research.

In 1939, Don entered Ohio State University, working in the beef and horse barns and the meats laboratory to work his way through school. He also found time to play baseball and wrestle for Ohio State. During his senior year, Don was called

to active duty in World War II and he served in Europe and the Pacific, earning the Combat Infantry Badge and two battle stars. Throughout the years, Don has been an advocate for veterans and the armed services. After returning to Ohio State, he was on the 1946 Ohio State livestock judging team and was high man in judging at the Kansas City Royal Livestock Show and was second high man at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, where the team won.

Don received his bachelor's degree in 1947 and was named to the Animal Science Hall of Fame at Ohio State in 1950 and in 1970 he received the OSU College of Agriculture Centennial Award. After a summer of working with the Pet Milk Company in public relations, Don started his 40-year career at Kansas State University. His first position was to coach the livestock judging team, manage the purebred beef herds, and teach/advice students. As judging team coach, he won 14 major contests in 18 years. At the end of his first semester at KSU, he returned to Ohio to marry Jane Swick and bring her back to live in Manhattan.

In 1950, Don received his master's degree from KSU and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1957. He was named department head of Animal Husbandry at KSU in 1966 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1987. Following a devastating tornado in 1966, he and others along with his "can-do" attitude, helped to form the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. This is a group of industry leaders that would aid in seeking private and corpo-

rate funding for use in improving or rebuilding facilities used to teach students and perform research.

Don's illustrious career, with Jane always by his side, is dotted with many recognitions and teaching/leadership awards, large and small. The year of his retirement from KSU, nominated by his peers, Don's portrait was hung with those of other great contributors of the livestock industry in the Hall of Fame portrait gallery at the Saddle and Siroloin Club in Louisville, KY. But when Don looked back on his career he always spoke of the special friends he made in the livestock industry all over the world and the importance of family and faith. A colleague commented that Don's interest in people has been the trademark of his career. "He has a charisma, a personality that always puts people at ease whether it's a 4-H kid showing his first animal or a well-traveled livestock breeder."

Don was widely known as a livestock judge and was a strong advocate for measurable carcass traits to back up meat animal judging decisions. His decision to select an Angus Charolais crossbred steer as champion at the International Livestock Exposition in 1969 has often been called a landmark event in the acceptance of crossbreeding and a change to the modern beef type of today. Don's influence transcended KSU and North America with seminars and consulting to more than 10 countries.

Don loved nothing more than doing chores, chopping weeds/thistles, and looking at the purebred Angus cattle at the family farm in Olsburg, KS, now operated by son Craig and his wife Amy. His grandchild-

dren, Laura and Grant were often the highlight of his day when he went to the farm to help. He also enjoyed hunting upland game birds.

Survivors include his three children: Linda (and Joe Mikols), East Lansing, MI; Craig (and Amy), Olsburg, KS; and Gary (at Kansas Neurological Institute), Topeka, KS;

Two beloved grandchildren: Laura (and Isidro Lina Jimenez), Abu Dhabi, UAE, and Grant, Mound Ridge, KS. Siblings include: Byron H. Good (Helen), Lansing, MI deceased; Paul L. Good (Alice) both deceased, Van Wert, OH; Elizabeth Owsley (Clarence, deceased), Eureka, IL; and Fred C. Good (Judy), Charlotte, MI.

Memorial Services for Mr. Good were held at 3:00p.m. Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, in Manhattan with the Rev. Kay Scarbrough officiating. Private inurnment will be held in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family greeted friends during a visitation from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Friday February 17, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall, in Manhattan.

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

Memorials contributions are suggested to the Livestock and Meat Industry Council for the Don Good Student Enrichment Fund or to the First United Methodist Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Marcus "Mark" Lawrence Breitenstein



Marcus "Mark" Lawrence Breitenstein, 99, of Wamego, Kansas, died Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center. He was a life-long resident of the area.

Mark was born on August 19, 1912, in Paxico, Kansas, the oldest child of Louis and Martha Hesse

Breitenstein. He attended local schools. Mark was a farmer, stockman and dairyman. He farmed for 21 years north of McFarland and then 27 years near Newbury and Paxico. He retired in 1983 and moved to Wamego.

Mark was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Paxico and then St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego. He was member of the Perpetual Adoration Society and a Third Degree, Knights of Columbus, Paxico Council 1392. In the 1930's he served for a time with the CCC camps. He also enjoyed going to dances, especially the one where he met his future bride.

Mark married Zelpha Smith Haas on July 3, 1964 in Paxico, Kansas. She preceded him in

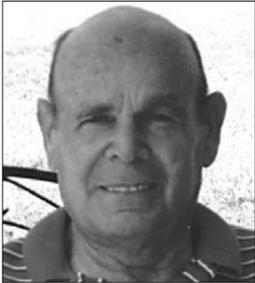
death on January 6, 2002.

Mark is survived by his ten step-children: Waneitta Rockhold, Topeka, Darline Minkler, Hastings, Nebraska, Frederick Haas, Smith Center, Norman Dean Haas, Bremerton, Washington, Norma Jean Matern, Magna, Utah, Raymond Haas, Marietta, Texas, Alberta Sweat, West Branch, Iowa, Helen Payne, Maple Hill, Juneitta Kahlmann, Osborne, and Vera Dean Lewman, Lawrence; His brother, Paul Breitenstein, Kansas City; thirty five grandchildren, seventy great-grandchildren and numerous great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Rita Breitenstein, Helen Minder and

Esther Palmer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 20, 2012 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego. Father John Pilcher will be the Celebrant. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery north of Paxico. A rosary prayer service was held at 10:00 a.m. prior to the Mass. Mr. Breitenstein lied-in-state on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Ronald Harold Hyde



Ronald Harold Hyde, age 73, of Manhattan, died February 16, 2012, at his residence. He was born December 21,

1938, in Cumming, Iowa, the son of Ivan Edward and Marie Christena (Lane) Hyde, and had been a Manhattan resident since the early 1960's.

He served in the United States Army as a Specialist 4 from 1961 until 1963. He worked for Steel and Pipe Supply, Inc. first in the warehouse and later as the maintenance supervisor, retiring in 2003 after 36 years of service.

Mr. Hyde enjoyed fishing, keeping his yard looking nice, tinkering on mechanical things, was very organized, always had

a plan of action for his day, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

On September 30, 1995, in Manhattan, he was married to Shirley Jane Lehr. Mrs. Hyde survives of the home. Additional survivors include his four children: Jeffery Hyde of Woodward, OK, Angel Hyde of Mesa, AZ, Ronald Hyde and his wife Maria of San Antonio, TX, and Roneda Sauerbrunn and her husband Robert, Jr. of St. George, KS; five step-children: Mark Ryan and his wife Dora, of Baltimore, MD, Steve Hubbs and his wife Jody of Northeast, MD, James Lehr, III and his wife Jen of Norway, ME, Cindy Unger and her husband Jeff of Garden City, KS, and Johnny Lehr of Overland Park, KS; one brother: Donald Hyde of Des Moines, IA; four sisters: Eleanor Dykes, Fern Thacker, Mae Countryman and Carol Wright all of Des Moines, IA; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, six step grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Edward and Irvin.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, February 21st, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Ben Duerfeldt officiating. Cremation will take place following the service. Private family graveside services were in the St. George Cemetery.

The family received friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Monday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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City of Manhattan Downtown Redevelopment Bond Issues

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TIF Bonds

	Project Cost	Cost of Issuance	Capitalized Interest	Debt Service Reserve	Total
Bond Proceeds	17,784,633	815,632	497,734	2,122,000	21,220,000
Expenditures to Date	(16,834,633)	(815,632)	(497,734)	-	(18,148,000)
Remaining Balance	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,122,000	\$ 3,072,000

Revenue Collections	2011 YTD	2010 YTD	Percent Change
City Sales & Use Tax (North)	668,131	587,032	13.8%
City's Share of County Sales & Use Tax (North)	206,917	178,997	15.6%
Incremental Property Tax (North & South)	334,566	383,350	-12.7%
Total	\$ 1,209,614	\$ 1,149,380	

Debt Service	2011	2010
June 1	497,734	497,734
December 1	497,734	497,734
Total	\$ 995,468	\$ 995,468

*Debt service payments for 2010 and 2011 only consist of accrued interest. Principal payments will begin in 2012.

STAR Bonds

	Project Cost	Cost of Issuance	Capitalized Interest	Total
Bond Proceeds	47,422,441	1,568,978	1,008,582	50,000,000
Expenditures to Date	(36,090,854)	(1,568,978)	(1,008,582)	(38,668,413)
Remaining Balance	\$ 11,331,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,331,587

A Debt Service Reserve Fund resides at the State of Kansas in the amount of \$5 million. State sales tax revenue generated within the district from the inception (2005) until the issuance of STAR Bonds (2009) was used to finance this fund.

Revenue Collections	2011 YTD	2010 YTD	Percent Change
State Sales Tax (North & South)*	4,480,485	3,446,262	30.0%
City Sales and Use Tax (South)	43,057	24,170	78.1%
City's Share of County Sales and Use Tax (South)	13,317	7,370	80.7%
Total	\$ 4,536,859	\$ 3,477,802	

*The State sales tax rate increased from 5.3% to 6.3% in July 2010

Debt Service (Net of Federal Subsidy)	2011	2010
June 1	1,008,582	1,008,582
December 1	1,008,582	1,008,582
Total	\$ 2,017,163	\$ 2,017,163

*Debt service payments for 2010 and 2011 only consist of accrued interest. Scheduled principal payments will begin in 2012.

**In June 2011, enough excess sales tax was available to redeem \$3.57 million in STAR Bonds up and above the regularly scheduled debt payment. In December 2011, another \$1.175 million was also be redeemed.

TDD Bonds

	Project Cost	Cost of Issuance	Debt Service Reserve	Total
Bond Proceeds	5,469,356	171,025	512,500	6,152,881
Expenditures to Date	(3,948,170)	(149,655)	-	(4,097,825)
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,521,185	\$ 21,370	\$ 512,500	\$ 2,055,055

Revenue Collections	2011 YTD	2010 YTD	Percent Change
TDD Sales Tax	384,927	265,984	44.7%

Debt Service	2011	2010
June 1	121,195	-
December 1	152,556	-
Total	\$ 273,751	\$ -

To finance the Manhattan Downtown Redevelopment the City has issued or will continue to issue Bonds to pay for the projects. This includes the North Development Area anchored by HyVee and the South Development Area anchored by the new Hilton Garden Inn. The TIF and TDD Bonds are for streets, sewers and green space. The STAR Bonds are State of Kansas Sales Tax funds returned to pay for the purchase of land and to construct the Watching Grass Grow Museum. The City paid interest only on the STAR Bonds in 2010 and 2011 but paid another \$3.57 million above the regularly scheduled debt payment. Everything is working according to plan. Problems could develop if one of the major stores were to go dark.

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"This is the third year for the program, and we have taken a lot of the feedback that we have received from the last two years and tried to incorporate them into what the participants have asked for," states Angie Barber,

Volunteer, for the Get Healthy program.

The reason for the name change – we wanted the program to focus more on "all the different avenues of getting healthy" states Holly Lincoln, Personal Trainer and Volunteer. "The program is designed to help individuals look at more than counting calories and working out; it is about giving participants diverse tools through educational classes and letting individuals experience more than one way to be active: i.e., biking, zumba, basketball, soccer."

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HDL, Triglycerides, LDL, Relative Risk and Glucose), blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), and the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a dietician. Get Healthy provides educational events such as the anatomy of a workout, how to be Heart Healthy, Wellness Coaching, Fad Diets and more. Additionally, the fitness activities will include Zumba dancing, dodge ball, biking, soccer and more. Lastly, points for participation, drinking water, eating fruits and vegetables will be kept on-line through a secure web site.

The registration deadline is Monday, March 5, 2012. Register on-line at www.gethealthyflinthills.com.

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Obituaries

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Lavonne James

Lavonne James, after a 10-year bout with cancer, passed away peacefully Saturday afternoon, February 18, 2012. She was a patient at The Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, Kansas.

Lavonne was born on November 25, 1945 in Sheridan, Wyoming. Her first home was her Grandpa's homestead cabin, nestled against the Bighorn Mountains between Kaycee and Buffalo, Wyoming. The cabin, though long unoccupied, still stands, picturesquely poised for travelers along I-25. Lavonne grew up in the oil fields of Wyoming. She was a graduate of Upton High School, Upton, Wyoming.

In the spring of 1965, she became a committed disciple of Jesus Christ. In the fall of that year, she met and married the love of her life, Ken James, on December 4, in Newcastle, Wyoming. This began a 46-year journey of loving companionship with a Baptist preacher

whose ministry would find them with pastorates in Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas. They served College Heights Baptist Church in Manhattan, Kansas for ten years. In 1990, she and Ken were appointed as missionaries by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their assignment of Interfaith Ministries, found them spending time in all the states of the union but eight. Lavonne, along with Ken, touched many lives as they led Interfaith conferences in many venues across the United States.

Lavonne, never self-seeking nor self-promoting, proved to be a marvelous example of what it means to be a Godly wife, mother, and mentor to many young ladies. With a quiet and gentle spirit, she impacted the lives of so many.

Lavonne was employed by USD 383 for seventeen years. She served at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, along with

her lead teacher, Joan McIlvain, as a para-professional in special education.

Lavonne was preceded in death by her father, Jack Zimmerman, her mother, Florence Zimmerman, and her stepmother, Doris Zimmerman.

Survivors include her husband, Ken James, of Manhattan; Brother and family, Les and Vicki Zimmerman of Texas City, Texas; Son and family, Les and Tracy James, Ethan, and Caitlyn of Deerfield, Kansas; Daughter and family, Kendra and Bill Cecil, Kenny, and Carly of Manhattan, Kansas; Daughter and family, Vicki and Andy VanMeter, Allyson and Austin of St. George, Kansas; Stepbrother and wife, Mark and Kim Watson, Osage, Wyoming; Stepbrother and wife, Doug and Leanne Watson, Newcastle, Wyoming. Several nieces and nephews are among the survivors.

Sharing the same faith that

characterized Lavonne's life, her family now finds comfort and assurance in the knowledge that now she is FINALLY HOME.

A memorial service, celebrating her life, will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, March 2, 2012, at Ogden Baptist Church, Ogden, Kansas, with Pastor Kevin Dunaway officiating. Private family inurnment will

be in the Kansas Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Riley.

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

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to Ogden Baptist Church or The Lavonne James Women's Evangelism Fund. Donations may be sent to

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Doris Setterquist



Doris Setterquist, age 86, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born on January 7, 1926, at Greenleaf, Kansas, the daughter of Horatio and Ella Marie (Bledsoe) Myers.

Doris graduated from Cleburne High School in 1944 and earned her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Kansas State.

She taught in rural schools in Northern Riley County and for many years at Eugene Field Elementary School in Manhattan. Her passion for teaching and of rural schools led her to become one of the co-authors of a book entitled "Rural Schools of Riley County."

On August 2, 1958, she was united in marriage to Charles Setterquist at the Alert Covenant Church west of Randolph, Kansas. Doris was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan where she was active in the United Methodist Women's organization and in many money making projects. Other memberships include: Manhattan Area Retired Educators, Kansas Retired

Educators, A.A.R.P., Delta Kappa Gamma, K.S.U. Foundation, and LaSertoma. Doris was very active in LaSertoma having held offices at both the state and national levels. In addition to her numerous memberships she enjoyed crafts of all kinds, playing dominoes and reading.

Charles and Doris traveled throughout the United States on bus tours and by driving their own car. They also enjoyed attending dinners in the fall at area churches, and luncheons at the Randolph, Leonardville, and Riley Senior Centers. They were also regular attendees at the monthly Cleburne luncheon. Doris was the ticket representative in Manhattan for the Olsburg Swedish Dinner which she attended as recently as December, 2011.

Doris is survived by her nieces and nephews: Gayle McCoy and Kaylene Myers, both of Topeka, KS, Carolyn Kinkade, Brownsville, KY; Sheryl Richardson, Topeka, KS; Mary Kay Barkley, Hutchinson, KS; Tawney Stenberg, Manhattan, KS; Rev. Larry Myers, Clay Center, KS; Gregory Myers, McPherson, KS; Bryce Myers, Catoosa, OK; Jim Myers, Grand Prairie, TX; Jon Gendre, Blaine, KS; Ron Gendre, Concordia, KS; Gerald Woodyard, East Lake, CO; Don Taylor of Manhattan, KS; and Scott and Greg Taylor of Marysville, KS. Doris is also survived by numerous friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on February 1, 2006. Also preceding her in death were her siblings: Harold Myers, Fern Roth, Leon "Shorty" Myers, Noel Myers, her twin sister, Lois Gendre, and Clair Myers.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2012, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverend Nancy J Kollhoff and Reverend Larry Myers officiating. Interment will follow in the Randolph/Fancy Creek Cemetery north of Randolph, Kansas.

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

Memorials have been estab-

lished for the First United Methodist Church Foundation-Education Center Building Fund or the Manhattan/Ogden Public Schools Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Maritza Cedeño



Maritza Cedeño, 38, of Manhattan passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2012. The family received friends at 9:00am and her services were 10:00am, Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation, Manhattan, Kansas.

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BOE Members Encourage Congress to Find Collaborative Solutions

Manhattan, Kansas. Manhattan-Ogden Board of Education member Curt Herrman joined more than 800 school board and state school boards association leaders to ask Congress to support public school students as they consider the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) this year.

Curt was in Washington, D.C., to take part in the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) 39th annual Federal Relations Network Conference, held February 5-7, 2012. Both are participants in NSBA's Federal Relations Network, a national grassroots legislative effort that urges members of Congress to make K-12 education a top priority.

Once Congress reauthorizes ESEA, local school boards will be responsible for implementing the federal policies, so it is important that school board leaders are involved in the legislative process.

School funding also remains a major concern for local districts. School board leaders are requesting that Congress help ensure that public education is

adequately funded and discontinue the practice of passing education legislation without providing the necessary funding for local implementation.

"To increase student success,

public officials on the local, state, and federal level must work together to provide proper funding and support for local school districts," said Herrman.

In addition, some members of Congress are pushing for alternatives to local school governance. School board leaders strongly believe that schools are best governed by the communities they serve.

Herrman said, "Local governance and decision-making are essential to advancing public

education and student achievement."

Founded in 1940, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) is a not-for-profit organization representing state associations of school boards and their more than 90,000 local school board members throughout the U.S. Working with and through our state associations, NSBA advocates for equity and excellence in public education through school board leadership.

Congratulations To FCCLA

CONGRATULATIONS to Manhattan High School FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America)!!! Members recently competed in District D STAR Event competitions. Four of five teams are moving on to state competition, and our 5th team tied for 1st and it was the judges call for who moved on. It is important to note, members can only compete in one event and they have to be in 1st place in order to move on to the state and national levels. If you know any of the following members, please congratulate them on a job well done. We will also be submitting these projects, as well as our Dollars & Sense financial literacy program from the fall, for FCCLA National Program recognition at the state and national levels for additional recognition.

Chapter Service Project Display event, Senior category - Amanda Frakes & Mikayla Jackson-Barth - Gold medal and state alternate - They collected donations and organized volunteers to make mask straps for St. Jude's hospital. Thank you to Shannon Eickhoff (east campus faculty member) for the idea and all the volunteers for helping! The girls had a goal of making 100 straps. They made 200 and were able to donate an additional \$250. "Sew Many Straps, Sew Little Time" was their theme.

Focus on Children event, Junior category - Kristen

Fraley, Siera Haug, & Shaylyn Hubbell - Silver medal and state qualifier - They created and facilitated 3 lessons for elementary students related our FCCLA National Program Student Body. The goals of the program focus on eating right, being fit, and making healthy choices. Thank you to Amanda Arnold Elementary, for allowing them to conduct their lessons. The presentation title was "Superkids" based on a super heroes theme.

Focus on Children event, Senior category - Claire Freeby & Tyler Henry - Gold medal and state qualifier - They conducted a Saturday morning/afternoon workshop in January, also centered around the National FCCLA Program Student Body. Thank you to the PE teacher, nurse, and others who helped support their efforts. FUN - Fitness & Understanding Nutrition was their theme.

National Programs in Action - Holly & Jordan Morris - Gold medal and state qualifier - The Morris's project was "The Morris Quints Give Back." They conducted 4 different activities as a family. The first was passing out ribbons and collecting donations in the fall to show support for March of Dimes - approximately 200 ribbons and \$100 in donations. Throughout the fall and winter, they sold programs at KSU football and basketball games and raised over \$8000 for

Special Olympics. In January, they held a local blood drive and collected 23 pints of blood bank. They also took paper supplies for the Neonatal Care Unit at St. Francis hospital in Topeka, where they were born, and visited with the staff. You may have seen this story on 13 or 27 news or read about it in the Topeka Capitol Journal.

Promote & Publicize FCCLA - Kayla Fraley & Taylor Warner - Silver medal and state qualifier - They have worked this year to help in promoting our organization and activities and event in our school and the community.

A congrats also needs to go out to Taylor Bonnette. She ran for a District D FCCLA officer position this past week. Although the elections did not turn out the way we wanted them to, she represented MHS well!

As you can see, we have been busy with many events this year and have been recognized for our accomplishments. Even with the school's support, we already know we will have to increase our efforts in fundraising for the possibility of national recognition. Our national meeting is held over a week's time in July every year. It costs approximately \$1200 per student to attend. If you have suggestions or would like to donate, please let us know. Thanks so much for your continued support of our FCCLA program and members!

Flint Hills Christian School will hold its annual Visitors' Day, K-4 & Kindergarten Round-up Friday, March 9 at 9am and 6:30pm. The program will last about an hour and will include a campus tour, classroom visits, a question and answer session with teachers and our administrator. There will also be teacher led activities for future K-4 & Kindergarten students. Flint Hills Christian School is located at 3905 Green Valley Road. For more information, parents may call 785-776-2223 or visit our website at flinthillschristianschool.org.

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Wildcats Run Away from Longhorns, 65-45

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — With a 15-2 run to open the second half, the Kansas State Wildcats were able to leave the Texas Longhorns in the dust with a lead that was too much to overcome. K-State grabbed the momentum out of the break and never surrendered it to get the win in commanding fashion 65-45.

The win helps separate the Wildcats from the pack in the Big 12 Conference standings to solidify their spot in fourth place with 17-9 overall record and 8-6 in the Big 12. With Kansas losing on Saturday, the Wildcats are now two games ahead of the Jayhawks and await the result of Iowa State's contest with Oklahoma see if the Cyclones can keep pace with K-State.

K-State had three players score in double digits led by Tasha Dickey with 18 points. Dickey was 8-of-16 shooting as she scored on a number of back door cuts for layups. Brittany Chambers scored 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds on the defensive end to assist in transition. Jalana Childs scored 14 points inside for the Wildcats and was a perfect 4-of-4 at the free-throw line. Mariah White played a big role for the Wildcats as well leading the team with 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Texas (15-11, 5-9) struggled to get its offense clicking, shooting 31.5 percent (17-of-54) from the field. The Longhorns spread their offense around with only one player reaching double digits on the night. Ashleigh Fontenette scored 10 and got help from four other players who scored at least seven points.

The teams traded the lead throughout the first half, with K-State wresting the advantage from the Longhorns with a 7-0 run, 21-17, with 6:26 remaining. Chambers jump started the run with her first 3-point field goal of the game. Childs, who recorded 10 first half points, followed with a jumper in the lane and Ashia Woods tallied an offensive rebound and put-back to give the Wildcats the four-point edge.

K-State expanded its lead to seven, 29-22 with 1:31 to play, as White found Dickey on a back cut for a layup to force a

Texas timeout. After a steal from Woods, Dickey registered another layup to extend the lead to nine, 31-22, with 22 seconds to play. A pair of Fontenette free throws before the end of the half gave the Wildcats a 31-24 halftime lead.

The Wildcats stormed out of the locker room to jump on Texas with a 15-2 run to hold a 46-26 lead with 14:55 to play. Dickey continued her hot hand into the second stanza, scoring 10 of the 15 points.

Texas cut into the K-State lead with a 9-0 run, 46-35, highlighted by a pair of Fontenette fast break layups. K-State was able to hold off the Longhorns' charge and increase the lead to 22, 65-43, with 1:21 to play.

K-State dominated the glass, 43-30. The Wildcats pulled down 16 offensive rebounds to convert them into 15 second chance points. Texas could only muster seven second chance points and could not win the battle in the paint with K-State scoring 38 points.

Kansas State will conclude its two-game home stand on Wednesday night, as the Wildcats host Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Fans have the opportunity to take advantage of a "Wildcat Weekday 4 Pack" promotion. For just \$30, fans will receive four general admission tickets, four hot dogs and four drinks. To purchase tickets, please contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS or visit www.kstatesports.com/tickets.

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Head Coach Deb Patterson

Opening statement...

"I want to start by thanking our fans. I thought that was a tremendous crowd at home and supporting the Play4Kay initiative. That meant a lot to women's basketball, a lot for the Big 12 and a lot for our program. I want to sincerely thank our fans for showing up to support the Play4Kay initiative and proudly wearing pink. Tonight's game, I think was a great defensive effort by our basketball team. I was extremely pleased with our perimeter defenders stepping up. In our last game against Texas, I thought our posts defended well and we were on our guards a little bit, and tonight they

really played locked down. Everybody did a great job on our perimeter defense and we boarded the ball extremely well on the defensive boards and those two elements gave us a chance to pull away and be successful tonight."

On the run to start the second half...

"I think, going in at halftime we understood that when we had played in Austin, we came out and allowed Texas to go on a big, strong run. We have done that a couple times at home here when we have had a lead.

We addressed it; we talked about how important it would be for us to come out and be aggressive on the offensive end. I thought our plays defensively gave us some energy. That was a key for us just in terms of us getting better. I do not know how it impacted the game and the big picture, but I know it impacted us in a positive way. It was important for us to take that positive step forward, to not let all of the work all of the work we had done in the first half and stretching that lead to go to waste and to not

come out with a passive disposition. I thought that was important and a good step of growth for our team. It has been a while since we have been in attack mode, right from the get-go in those second 20 minutes."

On the play of Tasha Dickey ...

"Terrific play and anticipation by Tasha (Dickey). Again, her and Mariah (White) were so on point defensively tonight, relative to their individual assignments. Tasha, I think, established early on in the game that she was going to be very accountable defensively;

her length, just her work ethic was huge. She is playing terrific on the defensive end on the floor. It is carrying over to her decisions offensively. I thought her instincts on getting to the rim, finding gaps, reading next pass scenarios with your teammates, that chemistry connection there, was terrific tonight, and I think she is doing a great job playing with her strengths and taking what the game is giving her in the frame of the system. It was a very mature and competitive game tonight by Tasha."



Tasha Dickey (13) goes up to block Texas' Yvonne Anderson (12). Tasha led the Wildcats with 18 points.

Photos by Tonya Ricklefs.

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McGruder's 24 Lifts Cats to Win at No. 3 Mizzou

KSU Sports Information

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Rodney McGruder scored 24 points and Kansas State upset No. 3 Missouri 78-68 Tuesday night, the Wildcats' second win this season over the Tigers and second straight on the road against Top 10 teams.

Kansas State (19-8, 8-7 Big 12) led 40-30 at halftime and by 16 points in the second half after a twisting McGruder layup before a late run by Missouri (25-3, 12-3) got the Tigers within 63-60 with six minutes remaining.

Missouri trailed by 4 after two free throws by Michael Dixon with 2:21 left, but Jordan Henriquez answered with an alley-oop dunk following a Tiger timeout. The Wildcats extended the lead on two free throws by Henriquez after a Steve Moore foul on a missed Michael Dixon 3-pointer and built a cushion from the foul line in the final minute.

Thomas Gipson added 13 points for Kansas State, which connected on 53.8 percent of its field goals for the game. The Wildcats were even better in the second half, converting 14 of 24 for 58.3 percent.

Dixon scored 21 and Marcus Denmon added 19 for Missouri. The Tigers' made just 38.3 percent of their field goal attempts after entering the game hitting more than 50 percent, tops in the Big 12 and third-best nationally.

The K-State win was Missouri's first home defeat of the season and kept Missouri from the best start in school history.

Kansas State, coming off a one-point weekend win over No. 9 Baylor in Waco, Texas, had already throttled Missouri 75-59 in Manhattan in early January. And while Tuesday night's game remained in doubt until late, the Wildcats and coach Frank Martin again relied on physical defense and a deeper roster to prevail.

K-State goes 10 deep, with

each player averaging at least 10 minutes a game. McGruder entered as the leading scorer at 14.5 points a game, but got strong support from the beefy Gipson, a 6-foot-7, 275-pound freshman who now comes off the bench after eight straight starts. Gipson hit six of seven shots in 19 minutes.

Missouri, by contrast, uses a four-guard starting lineup and a 7-man rotation. The Tigers and coach Frank Haith have succeeded with that lineup, but when reserve forward Steve Moore picked up his second foul late in the first half, Haith had to turn to Andrew Jones.

Missouri led by six points early in the first half but soon struggled to both make shots and defend Kansas State. The 10-point halftime deficit was their second-largest of the season. Their biggest? Falling behind 44-26 in the first meeting in Manhattan. Missouri made 10 of 29 shots in the first half on Tuesday.

In one uncharacteristically out-of-sync sequence, Henriquez swatted Phil Pressey's driving layup attempt out of bounds. Ricardo Ratliffe then missed an open 10-foot jumper off the in-bounds play, and after a K-State miss, Denmon bobbled the ball out of bounds on a fast-break. Minutes later, the ball again glanced off his hands on a similar pass by Phil Pressey for another Tiger turnover. In between, English missed two consecutive free throws.

English was also hit with a technical foul late in the first half for slamming the ball to the court in frustration, which sent him to the bench with his third personal foul. He would later foul out and was held to 9 points.

Jamar Samuels added 9 points and 11 rebounds for Kansas State. With his four blocks, all in the first half, Henriquez set a school record for career rejections with 125.

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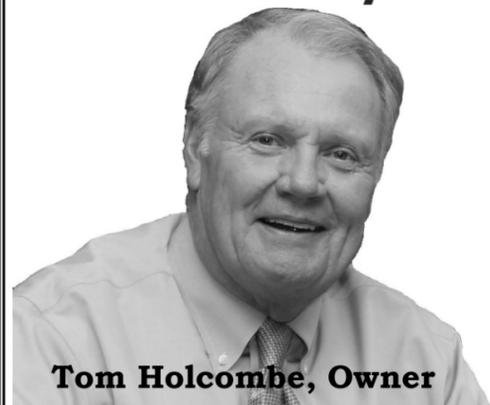
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