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The City of Manhattan wants to start making The Core District improvements starting at the Manhattan Town Center Mall Plaza at 3rd Street and Poyntz Avenue, the 300 and 400 blocks of Poyntz Avenue streetscape and landscape, and improving the alleys adjacent to 300 and 400 blocks of Poyntz Avenue. The original scenario projected the City to contribute \$3.3 million to the total project; \$1 million from the Downtown Fund and approximately \$2.3 million in principal and interest payments.

We're Already Europe

By Michael D. Tanner
The Cato Institute

With seemingly every day bringing more bad news from Europe, many are beginning to ask how much longer the United States has before our welfare state follows the European model into bankruptcy. The bad news is: It may already have.

This year, the fourth straight year that we borrowed more than \$1 trillion to support the U.S. government, our budget deficit will top \$1.3 trillion, 8.7 percent of our GDP. If you think that sounds bad, it's because it is. In fact, only two European countries, Greece and Ireland, have larger budget deficits as a percentage of GDP. Things are only slightly better when you look at the size of our national debt, which now exceeds \$15.3 trillion, 102 percent of GDP. Just four European countries have larger national debts than we do — Greece and Ireland again, plus Portugal and Italy. That means the U.S. government is actually less fiscally responsible than countries like France, Belgium, or Spain.

And as bad as things are right now, we are on an even worse course for the future. If one adds the unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare to our official national debt, we really owe \$72 trillion, by the Obama administration's projections for future Medicare savings under Obamacare, and as much as \$137 trillion if you use more realistic projections. Under the best-case scenario, then, this amounts to more than 480 percent of GDP. And, under more realistic projections, we owe

an astounding 911 percent of GDP.

At that point does the United States cease being the United States as we have known it?

Meanwhile, counting both official debt and unfunded pension and health-care liabilities, the most indebted nation in Europe is Greece, which owes 875 percent of GDP. That's right, the United States potentially owes more than Greece. France, the second most insolvent nation in Europe, owes just 549 percent of GDP. Even under the most optimistic scenario, we owe more than such fiscal basket cases as Ireland, Italy, Portugal, and Spain.

So far we have been able to avoid the consequences of our profligate ways because the very public turmoil in Europe has helped prop us up as the world's safe haven for foreign investment. Compared to the euro's problems, the dollar looks pretty safe. This means that others are still willing to lend us money at absurdly low rates. But that won't last forever. In fact, already seven European countries, including Germany and Sweden, have better credit ratings than the U.S.

Perhaps we can take some solace in the fact that our welfare state is not yet as big as Europe's. But the key word here is "yet." Today, our federal government spends more than 24 percent of GDP. Throw in state and local spending, and government at all levels consumes over 43 percent of everything produced in this country over the course of a year. As bad as that is, it's still less than Europe, where the average of government spending at all levels is slightly more

than 50 percent of GDP. But the Congressional Budget Office projects that federal-government spending in this country is currently on a path to exceed 42 percent of GDP by 2050. Government spending at all levels will exceed 59 percent of GDP. And CBO assumes state and local spending will decline in the future, which seems unlikely.

By way of comparison, today, Ireland is the only country in Europe with a bigger government than the U.S.'s will be in 2050. That's right, one can look at countries like France and Greece, or even Denmark and Sweden, and realize that we will eventually have bigger governments than those quintessential welfare states have today.

At that point does the United States cease being the United States as we have known it? At the very least, can our economy survive such a crushing burden of government spending, and its attendant level of taxes and debt?

Given this looming disaster, President Obama has just submitted a budget that explicitly rejects "austerity," avoids any reform of Medicare or Social Security, and adds some \$7 trillion to the national debt over the next ten years. And Republicans? They are busy debating the pros and cons of birth control.

What is wrong with this picture?

Michael Tanner is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and author of Leviathan on the Right: How Big-Government Conservatism Brought Down the Republican Revolution.

Shelley Aistrup Named Teacher Of The Year

EMPORIA, KAN. — Teaching to each student's needs and demonstrating a caring attitude are two traits that set the 2012 class of Kansas Master Teachers apart.

The 2012 class, announced today (Feb. 27, 2012), features two principals, two teachers in elementary classrooms, two in middle school and one in high school:

- Shelley Aistrup, principal of Northview Elementary School and College Hill Preschool in Manhattan;
- Cindy Ehrstein, eighth-grade language arts teacher at Andover Central Middle School;
- Sandra Gonsler, second-grade teacher at Sunrise Point Elementary School in Overland Park (Blue Valley district);
- Kendra Metz, seventh-grade reading and language arts teacher, South West Middle School in Lawrence;
- Katrina Paradis, English teacher at Salina Central High School;
- Jodi A. Testa, third-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Junction City (Geary County district); and
- Marc Woofter, principal of Comanche Intermediate Center in Dodge City.

Shelley Aistrup, principal of Northview Elementary

Students have always been the focus for Shelley Aistrup. As a classroom teacher, Aistrup looked to her students' individual characteristics and found resources that



Shelley Aistrup

helped them.

"When I began fourth grade," writes a former student, "I was becoming depressed and disenchanted with my educational experience. Dr. Aistrup displayed a great understanding of my needs as a student by giving me material that truly challenged and excited me."

A classmate, the former student recalled, worked best while standing up.

"As this did not disrupt other students, Dr. Aistrup allowed him to stand and learn in the way that was most beneficial for him."

As a building administrator for both Northview Elementary School and College Hill Preschool in Manhattan, Aistrup inspires teachers and staff to strive for excellence in themselves while remaining focused on their students.

"She guides and teaches through example," writes a colleague. "She is an integral part of many committees at school and in the community, always showing that giving to the profession does not end at the classroom."

Aistrup helps direct a before- and after-school program that

serves more than 120 students from 7 to 8:15 a.m. and 3:35 to 6 p.m.

"The students participate in club-based activities that are focused on state standards and designed to raise student achievement," Aistrup explained. "All students receive additional support to complete homework, increase reading comprehension and build math concepts."

Aistrup's belief in children's future also drives her community service. She is an active member and past president of the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club, an organization she chose because of its focus on serving the community's youth.

"One of the phrases from the Optimist Creed is especially important to me," said Aistrup. "'To think only the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.'"

Aistrup's optimism has brought success in projects to increase technology in the classrooms of her schools as well as the project of which she is most proud — creating a school library at College Hill Preschool.

A graduate of Maryville (Mo.) High School, Aistrup earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State University, a master's degree in instructional systems technology from Indiana University in Bloomington and her Ed.D. in educational leadership from Kansas State University.

Kansas Seeks Education Waivers

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Kansas doesn't want to duck tougher federal standards for teaching reading and math, but it does want more flexibility for interpreting the rules, educators say.

For a third time, the Kansas State Board of Education voted to seek a state waiver from federal educational achievement standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, or NCLB, said David Dennis of Wichita, the board's chairman. The 9-1 vote came last week.

Applications for the waiver are due to the U.S. Education Department on Feb. 28. The waiver is required to avoid various escalating administrative penalties for schools that fail, as well as the potential loss of up to \$350 million in federal aid that is part of \$6 billion that

Kansas spends annually on education.

Kansas teachers favor the waiver because many say NCLB emphasizes testing and test results over classroom instruction, said Peg Dunlap, an executive of the Kansas chapter of the National Education Association, or KNEA, the state's largest teachers' union.

KNEA is helping the Kansas Department of Education craft some of the formal language in the waiver application, Dunlap said.

"We believe the waiver will make it possible to focus more on learning instead of building arbitrary test scores that No Child Left Behind is focused on," Dunlap said. "It will give us more flexibility to show students' progress and to evaluate teachers."

Kansas PTA, the state's

largest organization of school parents, is watching the process but has not yet taken a formal position on its merits, said Jackie Waters, the state president in Wichita. She is also a PTA mom.

"I really believe No Child Left Behind needs a few changes, along with more school funding," she said.

Waters declined to go into more detail about the specific changes she would like to see.

Kansas has tried, and failed, to get similar waivers in each of the past two years, when more than 200 schools — among nearly 1,400 in Kansas — failed to make the required progress in reading and math, according to federal law.

"But I really don't anticipate our application will be rejected again," Dennis said.

Koch Sends Letter To Obama Campaign

Mr. Jim Messina
Campaign Manager
Obama for America

Dear Mr. Messina:

Because every American has the right to take part in the public discourse on matters that affect the future of our country, I feel compelled to respond directly about a fundraising letter you sent out on February 24 denouncing Koch. It is both surprising and disappointing that the President would allow his re-election team to send such an irresponsible and misleading letter to his supporters.

For example, it is false that our "business model is to make millions by jacking up prices at the pump." Our business vision begins and ends with value creation — real, long-term value for customers and for society. We own no gasoline stations and the part of our

business you allude to, oil and gas refining, actually lowers the price of gasoline by increasing supply. Either you simply misunderstand the way commodities markets work or you are misleading your supporters and the rest of the American people.

Contrary to your assertion that we have "committed \$200 million to try to destroy President Obama," we have stated publicly and repeatedly since last November that we have never made any such claim or pledge. It is hard to imagine that the campaign is unaware of our publicly stated position on that point. Similarly, Americans for Prosperity is not simply "funded by the Koch brothers," as you state — rather it has tens of thousands of members and contributors from across the

country and from all walks of life. Further, our opposition to this President's policies is not based on partisan politics but on principles. Charles Koch and David Koch have been outspoken advocates of the free-market for over 50 years and they have consistently opposed policies that frustrate or subvert free markets, regardless of whether a Democrat or a Republican was President.

If the President's campaign has some principled disagreement with the arguments we are making publicly about the staggering debt the President and previous administrations have imposed on the country, the regulations that are stifling business growth and innovation, the increasing intrusion of government into nearly every aspect of American life, we

would be eager to hear them. But it is an abuse of the President's position and does a disservice to our nation for the President and his campaign to criticize private citizens simply for the act of engaging in their constitutional right of free speech about important matters of public policy. The implication in that sort of attack is obvious: dare to criticize the President's policies and you will be singled out and personally maligned by the President and his campaign in an effort to chill free speech and squelch dissent.

This is not the first time that the President and his Administration have engaged in this sort of disturbing behavior. As far back as August, 2010, Austan Goolsbee, then the President's chief economic advisor, made public com-

ments concerning Koch's tax status and falsely stated that the company did not pay income tax, which triggered a federal investigation into Mr. Goolsbee's conduct that potentially implicated federal law against improper disclosure of taxpayer information. Last June, your colleagues sent fundraising letters disparaging us as "plotting oil men" bent on "misleading people" with "disinformation" in order to "smear" the President's record. Those accusations were baseless and were made at the very same time the president was publicly calling for a more "civil conversation" in the country.

It is understandable that the President and his campaign may be "tired of hearing" that many Americans would rather not see the president re-elect-

ed. However, the inference is that you would prefer that citizens who disagree with the President and his policies refrain from voicing their own viewpoint. Clearly, that's not the way a free society should operate.

We agree with the President that civil discourse is an American strength. That is why it is troubling to see a national political campaign apparently target individual citizens and private companies for some perceived political advantage. I also hope the President will reflect on how the approach the campaign is using is at odds with the constitutional values and the constitutional right to free speech.

Sincerely,
Philip Ellender, President,
Government & Public Affairs
Koch Companies

Theresa "Terry" Marie Gleue



Theresa "Terry" Marie Gleue, 55, of Manhattan, Kansas, passed away suddenly Feb. 19, 2012.

Born August 14, 1956, in Marysville, Kansas, Terry was the oldest of Mert and Marilyn (Dwerlkotte) Gleue's six children. Being an "army brat" she attended schools around the world; Marysville, Kansas, Taipei, Taiwan, Aberdeen, Maryland, Ft. Riley, Kansas, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and finally, Manhattan, Kansas.

Terry attended Kansas State University and graduated with

a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1979. She loved her KSU Wildcats. During her college years, Terry loved to be with friends, dance, ride horses, play the guitar, sing, and show people a good time.

Terry was a big Wildcat supporter, but her biggest love was her family. She supported her family and friends with an unwavering love and devotion. She spoke her mind and you knew, if Terry was in your corner, you would always come out on top.

Terry was quite the game master. She loved to play just about anything and was always up to learning new games and getting others involved. She had many hobbies including throwing darts, playing cards, cribbage, sudoku, boating, and pretty much HAVING A GOOD TIME!

Terry was a brilliant, creative and artistic person. She spent a lot of time teaching her siblings, nieces and nephews

everything from math to drawing cartoon figures to games. She worked for K-State for over thirty years, primarily as a graphic artist for Housing & Dining. She was a perfectionist and a stickler to the most minute details. Her artistic talents received national recognition.

Terry was a member of the VFW Post 1786. She donated her time and energy to activities for soup suppers, Halloween parties, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. She created and updated the VFW website and bulletins.

Terry is survived by her mother, Marilyn, sister, Julie, 3 brothers, Frank (Amy), John (Myrna) & David (Becky). She is survived by 11 nieces & nephews, Dylan, Alex, Sam, Owen, Maya, John, Lucas, Katie, Sam, Annie & Shaylee.

Terry was preceded in death by her father, Merlin "Mert" & younger sister, Virginia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was 10:30 a.m. Saturday February 25, 2012 at the Seven Dolores Catholic Church, 731 Pierre St, Manhattan, Kansas with Father Joseph S. Popelka as Celebrant.

A Parish Vigil & Rosary Service was at 7:30 p.m. on Friday February 24, 2012 at the Seven Dolores Catholic Church. Inurnment will be at a later date in the St. Gregory's Cemetery, Marysville, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics and sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Terry was not only generous in life, but following her death continued that generosity by benefiting others in the way of tissue donation.

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There will also be a Secondary Shadow Day on March 9 from 8:25am - 11:40am for students entering grades 7-12. Students may come sit in on classes with current students for the morning. Parents should call the school to reserve a spot.

Lula Marie Poe

Lula Marie Poe, 80, of Manhattan, passed away on Tuesday, February 21st, at Good Shepherd Hospice House

in Manhattan.

Lula Marie Madison was born April 30, 1931 in Newbern, AL a daughter of the late Carrie (Norfleet) and Tommy Madison, Sr. She was united in marriage to Renzie M. Poe, Jr. in Newbern, AL on January 26, 1957.

She graduated with a bachelors degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville. Lula retired on December 21, 2002 from Kansas State University, where she worked as an administrative assistant with the Architectural Engineering department.

Lula was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Manhattan, as well as Circle Six at Seven Dolores; BPW (Past President). She was a volunteer for the Red Cross and taught English as a second language.

Lula Marie Poe is survived by two daughters, Theresa A. Stinson, wife of Willie,

Berkeley, CA; Janevelyn Poe-Davis, wife of Gerald Ogden; two sons Renzie M. Poe III, husband of Terri Wamego, Kelvin M. Poe, husband of Cynthia of Wamego, seven sisters, Mamie L. Hamler, of Chattanooga, TN; Diciee Wheeler, of Chattanooga, TN; Lenora M. Poe, of Berkeley, CA; Francis Stephens, of Oakland, CA; WILLA Logwood, of Oakland, CA; Pearl Langworthy, of Oakland, CA; Margaret Madison of Nashville, TN; four brothers, Bobby Madison, of Oakland, CA; Charles Madison, of Chattanooga, TN; William Madison, of Chattanooga, TN; Samuel Madison, of Chattanooga, TN; a half sister, Lou Helen Lark, of St. Louis, MO. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Glenn Stinson, Tenecia Stinson, Renzie M. Poe IV, Cameron Poe, Jasmine Y. Bean, Kendall Poe, Isaac Poe, 1 greatgrandson, Ronde

LeDrew McElveen. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers; Tommy Madison, Jr., Robert Madison and Thomas Madison.

Friends were invited to call on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 from 1-8pm, with a parish vigil service at 7:00 pm, at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 am on Monday, February 27th, with Father Joe Popelka officiating at Seven Dolores Catholic Church, Manhattan, burial follow at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Home Care and Hospice House, 3801 Vanesta Dr. Manhattan or Meals on Wheels of Manhattan.

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Oliver Cornelius "O.C." Weaver Jr.

Oliver Cornelius Weaver Jr., a retired professor of philosophy and religion at Birmingham-Southern College whose courses were viewed as a benchmark in the education and intellectual life of many students over five decades, died Feb. 21 at the age of 97.

A graduate of BSC, Weaver co-authored the centennial history of the Methodist school in 1957, served as dean of the college in 1964-68, and in retirement wrote well-researched and compelling genealogies of his south Alabama family.

He was long a familiar figure on the campus, first in the 1930s as a student, then from 1945 to 1988 as a professor of philosophy and religion, and finally in retirement as a friend of many colleagues and a fixture at BSC basketball games with his wife, Laura, also a 'Southern graduate. She died in 2005.

Weaver lived on the campus from 1957, when he and Laura built a home on Greensboro Road, until 2009, when he moved to Manhattan, Kan., to live with his son, Larry Weaver, a physics professor at Kansas State University, and Larry's wife, Gabrielle Thompson.

He was in Manhattan when he died peacefully at their home.

Born in Camden, Ala., on Sept. 20, 1914, he was the second of six children of Oliver C. Weaver Sr. and Edna Lazenby Weaver, both of whom grew up in the Forest Home community of Butler County, Ala.

O.C. Weaver Jr. later would write a family history that detailed the hardscrabble origins of his "perennially optimistic father," who eventually

would become president of his senior class at Southern University at Greensboro, Ala., the school that would merge into Birmingham-Southern College.

Weaver, whose family moved to Brewton when he was 12, graduated from T.R. Miller High School. Along with his brother Harry, who was 11 months older, he entered Birmingham-Southern in 1931, graduating in 1935.

O.C. Weaver Jr. studied in 1935-36 at the Divinity School of Yale University. In 1937 he entered Garrett Theological Seminary and married Laura Ross Moore, whom he had met at BSC.

He graduated with distinction from Garrett Theological Seminary in 1939 and later received his doctorate in philosophy from Northwestern.

A Methodist chaplain on active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II, he joined the faculty of Birmingham-Southern in 1945 and became a member of the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of Alabama and West Florida. In 1963, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to India.

Weaver taught as professor emeritus at BSC from 1983 to 1988. He was named L.C. Branscomb Professor of Philosophy and, as college historian Donald Brown wrote in a 150th anniversary publication, Weaver was for nearly half a century "a leading figure on the faculty, in the administration, and in the Methodist church."

Weaver was a member of the Birmingham Ministers Discussion Group, which met monthly to discuss serious

papers on major issues confronting the church and state. In 2004, at age 90, he was the keynote speaker on the group's 75th anniversary.

In the college's 150th anniversary publication a short profile said it was "the intellectual challenge of Weaver's classes and the invitation to a larger world view that former students remember most ardently."

Along with Larry Weaver in Kansas, survivors include a younger son, Kendal Weaver, a now retired Associated Press news editor, and his wife, Penny, in Montgomery, Ala; grandchildren James Laurence Weaver and his wife, Nicole, of Chicago, Ill.; Amanda Frances Eckert and her husband, Joerg, of Marburg, Germany; Nate Thompson-Weaver of Manhattan, Kan; Christopher Bailey and his wife, Sandy Mead, of Manhattan; and Savannah Ferster and her husband, David, of Alexandria, Va.; and great grandchildren Nadja Anne, Angela and Niklas Oliver Eckert of Marburg; Ellis Kendal and Julia Ferster of Alexandria; and Eleanor Maxine Weaver of Chicago.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham at a date to be announced later.

Memorial donations may be made to Homecare and Hospice of Manhattan.

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Manhattan High School Student Selected at National Youth Delegate For Prestigious Conference

FAIRFAX, VA (02/23/2012)(readMedia)-- Samantha Grieger, of Manhattan, a student at Manhattan High School has been selected to represent Kansas as a National Youth Delegate at the 2012 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University. Grieger has been awarded opportunity to join a select group of 250 students from across the country to partici-

pate in an intensive study week-long of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Grieger was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies. George Mason University along with partners, National Geographic and the National Zoo are excited to welcome the nation's youth scholars to Washington, D.C. With distin-

guished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week-long program is held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus. The Summit will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic

industry. The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment will be held June 24-29, 2012. About George Mason University George Mason University is an innovative, entrepreneurial institution with global distinction in a range of academic fields. Located in Northern Virginia minutes from Washington, D.C., Mason provides access to diverse cultural experiences and the most

sought-after internships and employers in the country. In addition to environmental science and policy, Mason offers strong undergraduate and graduate degree programs in engineering and information technology, organizational psychology, health care and visual and performing arts. With Mason professors conducting groundbreaking research in areas such as climate change, public policy and the biosciences, George Mason University is a leading example of the modern, public university. George Mason University -- Where Innovation Is Tradition.

chaired by Mark Bauman, Executive Vice President of National Geographic Television and co-chaired by Joe Sacco, Educational Director for the National Zoo. Additional members include world renowned scholars, distinguished scientists and award winning university faculty, such as Dr. Tom Lovejoy, noted environmentalist and former executive vice president of the World Wildlife Fund. Delegates gain an insider look at environmental science, policy and conservation issues. For more information visit us online at wyse.gmu.edu.

About the 2012 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) is a unique student leadership conference designed to develop and encourage future leaders in the important field of environmental studies and conservation in the 21st century. The Advisory Board, is

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Barbara E. Cragg



Barbara E. Cragg, age 79, died Saturday February 25, 2012 at her home in rural Manhattan, Kansas surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 10,

1933 in Berkley, California the daughter of Orfy and Elizabeth Ann (Newell) Spencer. She graduated from Mission High School in San Francisco, CA. She was a loving homemaker. On November 10, 1951 she was united in marriage to John W. Cragg in Reno, Nevada. Two children were blessed to this union: Deborah and Lewis C. Barbara enjoyed doing embroidery, crocheting, listening to Country Western music and playing cards, especially Michigan Rummy. She also loved her trips to and from California to spend time with family and friends for over 20 years. She loved spending time with her family and always having them close.

Barbara was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother: Lewis Spencer. Survivors include her husband: John of the home; daughter: Deborah Seibel and her husband Eric of Wamego, Kansas; a son: Lewis C. Cragg and his wife: Terri of Wamego, Kansas; 2 sisters: Shirley Howard of Citrus Heights, California and Nova Cragg of Manhattan, Kansas; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday March 1, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral

Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, rural Manhattan, Kansas. Visitation was from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 29, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, Manhattan, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Homecare and Hospice, Inc. in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

James Benedict "Jim" Irvine

James Benedict "Jim" Irvine, age 87, of Manhattan, died February 23, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. Born March 21, 1924, in the farm home on the family homestead in rural Pottawatomie County, Kansas, the son of David and Hycienth (Repp) Irvine. Jim graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and attended Kansas State University. Jim served for three years in the United States Army during World War II as a Tech 4. He received the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the

Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Following his military service he worked for State Distributors as a sales representative, until his retirement at age 65 in 1990. In retirement Jim devoted his time to farming, hunting, fishing and tending his community garden. Playing with his grandchildren and socializing with his "Vista" coffee buddies were some of his favorite ways to spend his time. He was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 17 and Veterans of Foreign Wars # 1786. On June 2, 1952, in Manhattan, he married Eve

Zentz. Mrs. Irvine survives of the home. Additional survivors include two sons: Ron Irvine and his wife Beth, with grandchildren Alexandra, Sarah and Sam of Houston, TX; James "Jim" Irvine and his wife Joy of Manhattan, grandchildren Mike, Mitch and Maddy; and one brother, Tom Irvine of Manhattan. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings: Bernice Kelly, Neil Irvine, Kathryn Jordan, Dennis Irvine, Mary Lou Fox and David Irvine. A Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 A.M. Monday, February 27th, at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church with Father Don Zimmerman as Celebrant. Private family

inurnment will be in the St. Patrick's Cemetery on Elbow Creek. The family received friends from 6:30 until 7:30 P.M. Sunday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. A Christian Wake Service and Rosary will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the funeral home chapel. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Nicole L. Sloan



Nicole L. Sloan, age 31, of Manhattan, Kansas, died peacefully Sunday morning, February 26, 2012, at her residence following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on May 9, 1980, in Manhattan, Kansas, the daughter of Tim and Siegrid (Lundmark) Sloan. She had been a lifetime Manhattan resi-

dent where she attended public schools, graduating from Manhattan High School in 1999. Nicole was employed by the Facilities Department at Kansas State University as a custodian at Seaton Hall. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and life member of the Friends of Sunset Zoo, both of Manhattan. Her passion for animals was reflected in the countless hours of donated time spent at Sunset Zoo in addition to helping groom pets for Tail Wagger Pet Care in Manhattan. Nicole is survived by her mother, Siegrid Sloan of the home; her father: Tim Sloan of Manhattan and her step-mother Karen Sloan of Colorado Springs, CO; her brothers: Lucas S. Sloan and his wife Heather and their son Samuel, Manhattan, KS; Travis R.

Sloan and his wife Monica and their daughter Lauryn Patterson, Billings, MT; step-sister: Brandi Eilert and her husband Josh and their children: Brendan and Emri, Morgantown, WV; and step-brother: Jerad Boyd of Granby, CO. Also surviving are her maternal grandmother: Theresia Hagenmaier, Randolph, KS and maternal grandfather: Karl Lundmark, Leonardville, KS and numerous extended family, friends and colleagues. Nicole was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents: Ralph and Dorothy Sloan. The family received friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, February 28, 2012, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday,

February 29, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Rev. Nancy J Kollhoff officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery. On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorials have been established for the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU and for the Friends of Sunset Zoo. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Geraldine S. Kaste

Geraldine S. Kaste, age 75, of Manhattan, Kansas, died February 25, 2012 at her home. She was born on March 31, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois. She married Ronald E. Kaste in December of 1955. They were later divorced. Survivors include her two daughters: Lynn Johnston of Juneau, Alaska and Carol

Couchman of Manhattan, Kansas; one son, Theodore Kaste of Clovis, California; two brothers, Kenneth Ackmann and Robert Ackmann of Marengo, Illinois. Also surviving are six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Private interment will be held at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

Online condolences may be left through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Traffic Changed For K-18 Improvement Project

On Monday, February 27, numerous traffic changes took place as construction work resumed on the K-18 improvement project in Riley County. Both the eastbound and westbound lanes of K-18 will be affected during project construction.

Beginning on Monday, February 27, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the following traffic changes will occur for K-18/Fort Riley Boulevard drivers. These traffic changes (except for Walnut Street and Davis Drive closures) will be in place through late May 2012, weather permitting. Please click on this link: <http://www.ksdot.org/topekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp> to view a detailed aerial map of the K-18 improvement project showing these specific traffic impacts.

Eastbound K-18 Traffic: Traffic will be reduced to one lane (right lane) prior to the city of Ogden. Once reduced to one lane, eastbound traffic will proceed straight and enter onto the newly completed K-18 roadway. To access the south side of Walnut Street, 68th Avenue, Wildcat Creek Road, or the city of Ogden, traffic will follow the roadway signage to K-114/Riley Avenue and utilize the new intersection ramp to enter onto K-114/Riley Avenue. Once on K-114/Riley Avenue, traffic should turn right to access the

River Trail Townhomes or turn left and follow the roadway to access Wildcat Creek Road, 68th Street, or the city of Ogden.

To access the city of Manhattan, drivers should proceed straight at the ramp to continue on to Manhattan.

Westbound K-18 Traffic: To access 12th Street or I-70 from westbound K-18, traffic will need to be in the left lane of K-18. Just west of the Manhattan Regional Airport, traffic will crossover onto the old K-18 eastbound lanes where traffic will be then in a head to head placement with eastbound traffic in the adjoining lane. To continue on to I-70 or 12th Street, traffic will have to utilize the left hand exit and will enter onto the newly completed K-18 roadway. To access Wildcat Creek Road, 68th Avenue, the south side of Walnut Street, or the city of Ogden, traffic should not take the exit but proceed straight. The south side of Walnut Street will be accessed via the new Skyway Drive shoofly which is located directly across from 68th Avenue. Once on the Skyway Drive shoofly; traffic should follow the roadway to the new Cimarron Trail Road which will allow access to the River Trail Townhomes and Kansas River boat ramp.

Eastbound Traffic Exiting Ogden: For traffic exiting the city of Ogden, drivers will con-

tinue east on K-114/Riley Avenue. To access the city of Manhattan, traffic will have two separate options. First option: the left lane of Fort Riley Boulevard will be a continuous lane that will end at Wildcat Creek Road, where drivers can take Wildcat Creek Road to Eureka Drive to then access Scenic Drive. Second option: drivers in the right lane of K-114/Riley Avenue must turn right onto the new Skyway Drive shoofly, directly across from 68th Avenue. Traffic should follow the roadway signage to either enter onto westbound K-18 towards I-70 or eastbound K-18 towards the city of Manhattan.

Walnut Street Traffic: Walnut Street access to K-18 will be closed as crews construct a new bridge over K-18. When completed in mid-summer 2012, the new bridge will carry Walnut Street traffic over K-18. Walnut Street traffic will use the new Skyway Drive shoofly, directly across from 68th Avenue, to Cimarron Trail to the new K-18/K-114 interchange.

Davis Drive Traffic: Davis Drive access to K-18 will be closed and will remain closed until late 2013. Residents south of K-18 will need to use Allison Road and Stag Hill Road to the K-113/Seth Child Road Interchange or Rosencutter Road to K-18 for access to eastbound and westbound K-18.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via advance message boards and signage. The speed limit will be restricted to 55 mph throughout the project work zone. There will be a 12-foot lane width restriction throughout the project duration. Drivers should expect delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. To view updated K-18 project information including construction phasing, traffic impacts and overall project schedule, visit the following link: <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/TopekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp>.

This work is part of the overall improvement project that will reconstruct a seven-mile stretch of K-18 from Manhattan to Ogden to a freeway when completed. There are three construction phases included in the overall K-18 improvement project.

SEMA Construction (Centennial, CO) is the primary contractor on phase one of the K-18 improvement project with a construction cost of \$65 million. Phase one of this project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The scheduled completion date for phase one project work is fall 2012.

KOSS Construction Company (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on phases

two and three of the K-18 improvement project with a construction cost of \$55.4 million. These two phases of the K-18 improvement project are funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature last May 2010. The scheduled completion date for phase two and three project work is late 2013.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through project work zones. For more information on the K-18 improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353.

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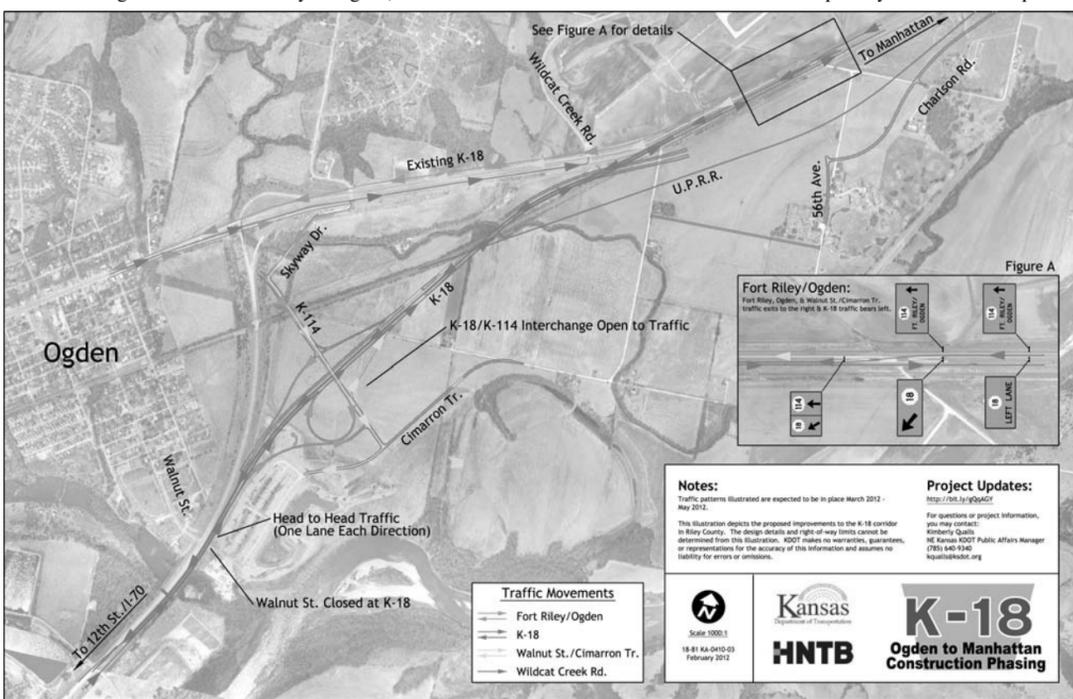
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Samuels, McGruder Lead Cats to Win at Texas A&M

KSU Sports Information

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- Rodney McGruder scored 26 points with five 3-pointers, while Jamar Samuels added a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds as Kansas State won its 20th game of the season following a 76-70 victory at Texas A&M on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats stormed out ahead in the first half and led by as many as 11 points behind 58-percent shooting in the opening 20 minutes, which included going 8-of-9 behind the three-point arc.

K-State upped its lead to 12 in the early stages of the second half before the Aggies slowly chipped away at the lead.

Texas A&M used a 6-0 run, capped by a jump shot by Dash Harris, to cut Kansas State's

lead to 66-63 with about 3 minutes left.

McGruder responded with a 3-pointer before a layup by Harris on the other end. A put-back dunk by Jordan Henriquez and a pair of free throws by Angel Rodriguez stretched the lead to 73-65 with less than a minute remaining.

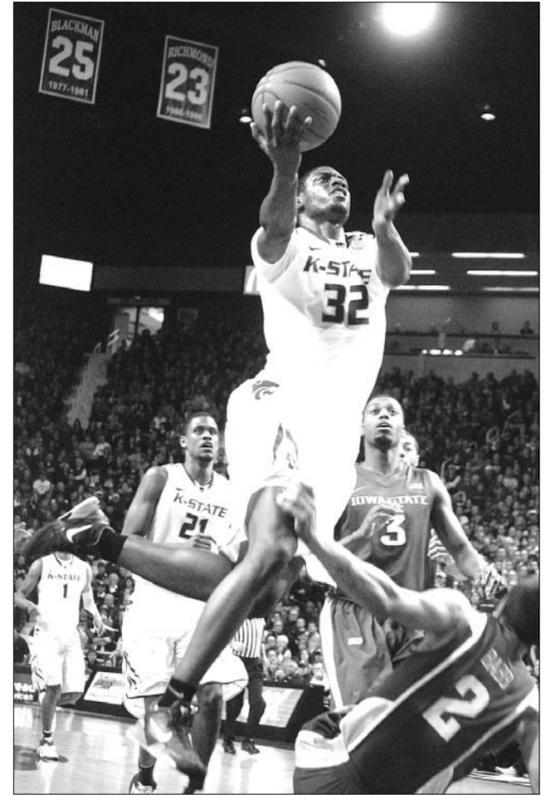
For the game, K-State shot 48-percent from the floor, was 12-of-17 from three-point range and 18-of-22 from the free throw line.

The victory gave Kansas State (20-9, 9-8 Big 12) 20 wins for the sixth straight season and 25th time in school history.

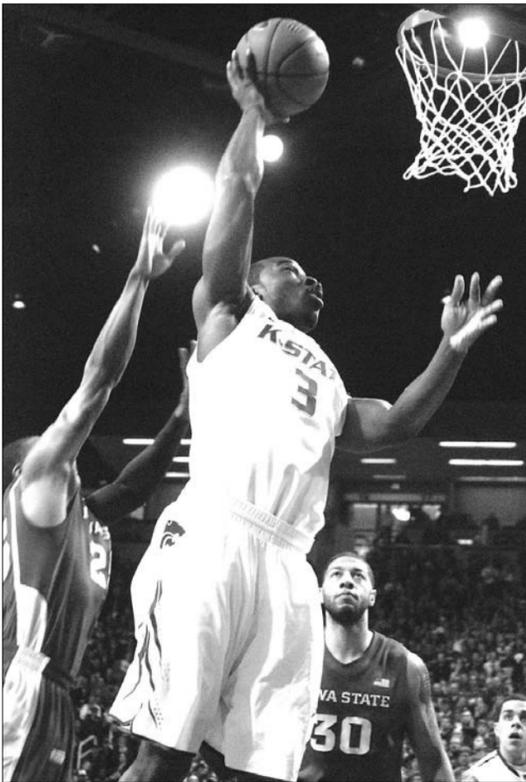
Elston Turner had 22 points for Texas A&M (13-16, 4-13), which has dropped four in a row, while Rodriguez added 13 for K-State.



Rodney McGruder (22) takes a shot to lead the Wildcats with 26 points.



Jamar Samuels (32) goes up for the net and scored 17 points against A&M.



Martavious Irving (3) goes up for the net and was 2 for 2 on 3 point shots against the Aggies.

Photos by Ben Brake.

K-State Falls At Missouri In OT

KSU Sports Information

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Holding a seven-point lead with under four minutes to play in the second half, Kansas State was unable to close out Missouri on Saturday afternoon as the Tigers nipped the Wildcats in overtime, 61-56, in Mizzou Arena. K-State is now 18-10 overall and 9-7 in Big 12 action, while Missouri improves to 12-15 and 2-14.

The Wildcats were led by the senior tandem of Tasha Dickey and Jalana Childs. Dickey tallied 18 points on 7-of-15 shooting, while Childs added 15 points.

The Tigers were paced by the post duo of Christine Flores

and BreAnna Brock. Flores notched a game-high 20 points, while Brock carded 15 and a game-high 10 rebounds. Also in doubles figures for Missouri was Liene Priede with 11 points off the bench, including nine of Missouri's final 12 points.

After the Tigers pulled in front by six in the first half, 18-12, K-State used a long 3-pointer from Brittany Chambers and a layup from Childs to cut the deficit to one and force Missouri into a timeout. Chambers finished the game with six points.

A Chambers layup staked K-State to a 19-18 lead with 7:18 to play in the first half. The

teams proceeded to exchange the lead eight times before the end of the first frame, with Missouri capturing a 25-23 advantage on a Kyle Simmons three-pointer with four minutes remaining. Ashia Woods converted a three-point play with 2:43 to play to push K-State back in front, 26-25. A layup for Missouri and one of two free throws by Chantay Caron sent the game into halftime tied at 27.

A 7-2 run by Missouri broke open a tie game at the half and pushed the Tigers into a 36-32 lead with 15:57 to play. An old-fashioned three-point play from Childs jump started the Wildcats into an 8-1 run and

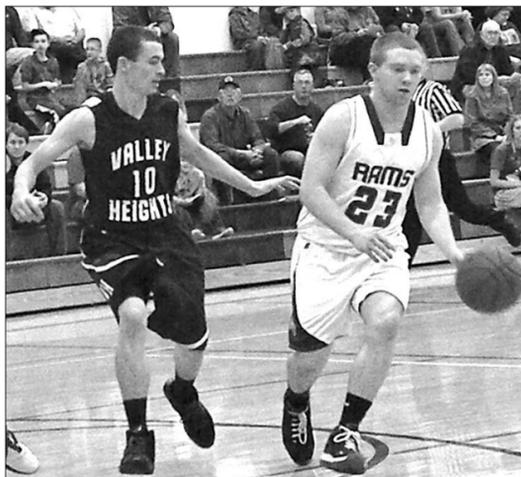
push K-State into a 42-39 lead with 7:51 remaining. The Wildcats took the lead for the first time in the second half, 40-38, on a steal and no look pass from Mariah White to Dickey on a fast break. Dickey followed on the next possession with a driving layup.

Missouri scored the next four points to take a brief 43-42 lead, but Childs answered the call with four straight points of her own to give K-State a 46-43 lead with 4:46 to play. These baskets were followed by a pair of long rebounds and run outs for the Wildcats, as Dickey and White each converted layups to push K-State into a 50-43 lead with 3:51 to play.

Blue Valley Rams Run Past Valley Heights Mustangs, 60-51



Bobby O'Neill (31) gets the rebound and starts to move the ball down the court.



Jason Drouillard (23) drives the ball around the Mustang defense on his way to scoring 29 points.

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Kyle Apley (40) jumps high above Valley Heights to get the rebound.

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role. Show-stopping songs include "People" and "Don't Rain on My Parade".

Parts available are Fanny Brice as well as 3 to 4 females and males in their twenties. There are also parts available for 4 mature females and 2 mature males. Bring a prepared song. An accompanist will be provided. Songbooks and scripts are available for perusal in the Manhattan Arts Center office at 1520 Poyntz Avenue Monday thru Friday from 12 to 5pm.

The show will be directed by Fred Burrack and runs April 27-29 and May 3-6. Rehearsals will begin on March 14th. The Funny Girl production is generously sponsored by Philip & Jeune Kirmser, Bruce & Julie Spellman, CivicPlus and NetworksPlus, and The Hype Weekly.

The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the City of Manhattan and Friends of MAC.

Seat Belt Enforcement

Beginning March 5, the Riley County Police Department will join other Kansas Law Enforcement agencies in addressing the problem of teen deaths in traffic accidents. In 2010, 51 teens lost their lives due to car crashes in Kansas, and 75 percent of

those killed were not wearing seat belts.

In an effort to reverse this trend, law enforcement officers across Kansas will be extra-vigilant when patrolling around schools. In particular, the Riley County Police Department will focus its attention in the area of

the Riley County High School both before and after school. Officers will be watching closely for seat belt violations, but they will also stop and cite for all observed traffic infractions.

Therapists Join Pawnee Mental Health Services

Paula Philson and James Reinerio have joined Pawnee Mental Health Services as outpatient therapists.

Paula Philson, Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW) has a bachelor's degree in social work from Washburn University. He worked as an Outpatient Therapist at Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare for 11 years and also worked for Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services as

Military.

James Reinerio, Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW) has bachelor's degrees in social work and psychology/sociology and a master's degree in social work from Washburn University. He worked as an Outpatient Therapist at Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare for 11 years and also worked for Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services as

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Manhattan Boys Team Wins Oklahoma City Championship

The Manhattan Elite, a basketball traveling team of 7th grade boys from the Manhattan area, won the championship of the Mid America Youth Basketball tournament in Oklahoma City on February 25-26, 2012. The team went undefeated and swept all four games to win the 7th grade boys tournament championship outright. In addition to beating three

Oklahoma teams, the Elite defeated another Kansas team (the World Class Sports Academy from Salina) by a score of 56-33 in the championship game. For the tournament, the team was lead in scoring by Dillon Blain and Sean Nordberg who both averaged 12 points per game. Ben Veach averaged 6 rebounds and Tommy Ekart lead the team with 3 assists per game.

Members of the team are: Tommy Ekart, Josh Haus, Carter Perkins, Jackson Schroeder, Edward Scott, and James Wilson from Manhattan, Dillon Blain and Sean Nordberg from Wamego, and Parker Base and Ben Veach from Abilene. Terry Ekart is the head coach. Assistant coaches are Jim Perkins, Chuck Scott, and Paul Blain.



Back row (seated): Sean Nordberg, Parker Base, Carter Perkins, Josh Haus, and Ben Veach.
Front row (left to right): Coach Terry Ekart, Edward Scott, Tommy Ekart, Dillon Blain, James Wilson, Jackson Schroeder, Jim Perkins, and Chuck Scott.
(Photo courtesy of Ron Wilson)

Kansas Basketball Coaches Association (KBCA)

Final Rankings for 2012

GIRLS RANKINGS

- 6A Girls**
1. Wichita Heights
 2. Maize
 3. Olathe Northwest
 4. Manhattan
 5. Olathe South
 6. Free State
 7. Gardner-Edgerton
 8. Blue Valley North
 9. Shawnee Mission Northwest
 10. Washburn Rural

- 3A Girls**
1. Riley Co.
 2. Atchison Co.
 3. Burlington
 4. Garden Plain
 5. Hillsboro
 6. Frontenac
 7. Silver Lake
 8. Hays-TMP
 9. Holcomb
 10. Cimarron

- 1A-Div 2- Girls**
1. Ingalls
 2. Wetmore
 3. Norwich
 4. Central Christian
 5. Wilson
 6. Hope
 7. B&B-Baileyville
 8. Hays-TMP
 9. Dighton
 10. Victoria

- 5A Girls**
1. Salina Central
 2. Blue Valley
 3. Mill Valley
 4. Kapaun
 5. Andover
 6. Hays
 7. Andover Central
 8. Carroll
 9. Seaman
 10. Highland Park

- 2A Girls**
1. Washington Co.
 2. Olpe
 3. Smith Center
 4. Berean Academy
 5. Jeff County North
 6. Oswego
 7. Lincoln
 8. Northern Heights
 9. Ell-Saline
 10. Republic County

- 1A-Div 1-Girls**
1. Hoxie
 2. St. John
 3. Waverly
 4. Spearville
 5. South Central-Coldwater
 6. Deerfield
 7. Pike Valley
 8. Thunder Ridge
 9. Dexter-Cedar Vale
 10. Caldwell

- 4A Girls**
1. Holton
 2. McPherson
 3. Ottawa
 4. Bonner Springs
 5. Wellington
 6. Prairie View
 7. Pratt
 8. Andale
 9. Hesston
 10. Labette County

- 2A Boys**
1. Meade
 2. Berean Academy
 3. Republic County
 4. Jeff County North
 5. Plainville
 6. Sterling
 7. Medicine Lodge
 8. Madison/Hamilton
 9. Lebo
 10. Ness City

- 1A-Div 1-Boys**
1. Ashland
 2. Lakeside-Downs
 3. South Haven
 4. Pretty Prairie
 5. Waverly
 6. Hanover
 7. Udall
 8. South Gray-Montezuma
 9. Hoxie
 10. Macksville

- 6A Boys**
1. Blue Valley NW
 2. Olathe Northwest
 3. Wichita Heights
 4. Blue Valley North
 5. Derby
 6. Wichita NW
 7. Leavenworth
 8. Olathe South
 9. Topeka High
 10. Wichita East

- 2A Boys**
6. Osage City
 7. St. Mary's Colgan
 8. Central Heights
 9. Hillsboro
 10. Sabetha

- 1A-Div 2-Boys**
1. Wilson
 2. Frankfort
 3. Hope
 4. Healy
 5. Greeley County
 6. Fowler
 7. Crest-Colony
 8. Baileyville-B&B
 9. Otis-Bison
 10. Dighton

- 5A Boys**
1. Andover Central
 2. Emporia
 3. Lansing
 4. Goddard Eisenhower
 5. Topeka Highland Park
 6. Bishop Miege
 7. Saint Thomas Aquinas
 8. Andover
 9. Kapaun Mount Carmel
 10. Bishop Carroll

- 4A Boys**
1. Pratt
 2. Ottawa
 3. Abilene
 4. Basehor Linwood
 5. KC Sumner
 6. Topeka Hayden
 7. Parsons
 8. Holton
 9. Buhler
 10. Wichita Collegiate

- 3A Boys**
1. Scott City
 2. Atchison County
 3. Nemaha Valley
 4. Moundridge
 5. Rock Creek

Environmental Education Awards

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012 Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education Awards. Nominated by their peers, these awardees exhibit outstanding innovation, leadership and achievement, as well as collaboration and cooperation within and beyond the environmental education field.

For the third year, three schools are receiving Kansas Green Schools of the Year Awards. "We are thrilled to honor these deserving individuals and organizations, who give so much of their time and are so dedicated to environmental education in Kansas," said KACEE President Kathy Sexson, of the Lee Richardson Zoo.

Awardees will be recognized at an Awards Celebration hosted by KACEE on Friday, April 13, 2012, at Heritage Hall in Topeka. The event is sponsored by KACEE and the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks. Ticket information is available at www.kacee.org or by calling 785-532-1902.

KACEE Awards

KACEE Awards are given in several categories and recognize outstanding leadership, achievements, and collaborations by individuals and organizations with at least five years' experience in conservation and environmental education in Kansas.

Jared Bixby, Sunset Zoological Park, Manhattan (Government)

The current Curator of Education at both the Sunset Zoo and the Flinthills Discovery Center, Jared's inter-

est for environmental education in Kansas started more 15 years ago as a Docent at Sunset Zoo. His willingness and passion to do anything to improve his knowledge and teach others, quickly put him in a leadership role. From youth mentoring, to innovative zoo environmental education programs to stepping into leadership roles with EE organizations, Jared's commitment to EE is evidenced in every aspect of his life. One of Jared's most recent accomplishments is the creation of a nature-based early childhood program at Sunset Zoo. Jared truly embraces the life-long learning that we need to promote an environmentally literate citizenry.

For more information on the awards celebration event, visit www.kacee.org or call 785-532-1902.

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