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Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein threw for 475 yards in Saturdays Spring Game. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Klein Goes To The Pass

KSU Sports Information

Quarterback Collin Klein threw for 475 yards and six touchdowns as K-State held its annual Purple-White spring game on a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The game, which ended in a 42-42 tie after the score was reversed at halftime, featured the No. 1 players on the offensive and defensive spring depth charts (Purple) against the No. 2 players on the White team.

The day was also monumental for the athletics department, football program, university and Manhattan community as the groundbreaking ceremony for the West Stadium Center project at Bill Snyder Family Stadium took place prior to Saturday's game. Construction on the \$75 million project

will begin immediately with completion set for the start of the 2013 season.

Klein led the Purple team on Saturday, finishing 47-of-56 for 475 yards and six touchdowns through the air and five carries for 49 yards on the ground. Klein's top targets on the day proved to be Chris Harper, Tramaine Thompson and Curry Sexton. Harper led all receivers with 13 catches for 67 yards and two touchdowns. Thompson hauled in nine catches for 147 yards and a touchdown, while Sexton secured eight receptions for a game-high 153 yards and two touchdowns.

On the ground, Purple was led by Angelo Pease with 12 carries for 90 yards and a touchdown. Also reaching double figures in carries was Robert Rose with 10 carries for 88 yards and a touchdown. Rose also was effective out of the backfield in catching the ball, as he tallied five catches for 19 yards.

Defensively, Purple was paced by Tre Walker with 10 tackles. Vai Lutui and Meshak Williams finished with seven and five tackles, respec-

tively. The pair each recorded three sacks on the day, while Lutui registered a total of four stops behind the line of scrimmage and a fumble recovery.

Klein, a team captain for the 2012 season, opened the afternoon 11-of-11 through the air, including a 7-of-7 effort on the second scoring drive for the Purple squad. Thompson picked up 19 yards on one toss, while Travis Tannahill carded a 17 yard reception to set up a second red zone opportunity. Braden Wilson capped the drive with a one-yard dive to give Purple a 14-0 lead with 3:15 to play in the first quarter.

Purple marched down the field again on its third possession, with Klein connecting with Thompson for a 24 yard gain. Two plays later, Klein found Wilson out of the backfield for a 10-yard touchdown to open the second quarter and boost the Purple lead to 21-0.

The Purple team closed out the first half with two more touchdowns to lead 35-0 at the break. Klein connected with Sexton for a four-yard touchdown with 8:01 to play in the second quarter.

After Purple held White to a three and out, Purple used a 14-play, 79 yard drive capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Rose with 21 seconds to play in the opening stanza.

In the opening half, Klein finished 23-of-26 for 211 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Klein found nine different receivers in the first frame, including himself on a deflected pass that resulted in a two-yard gain. Thompson and Tannahill led the way with five catches apiece in the first half. Thompson led the Purple team with 79 yards, while Tannahill notched 42.

As with the two previous Purple-White spring games, the score was reversed at halftime to reflect White in front, 35-0. Klein started the comeback effort for Purple by connecting

on his third touchdown pass of the afternoon with 4:14 to play in the third quarter by finding Harper in the back of the end zone for a seven-yard connection to bring Purple back to 35-6.

On the second play of the fourth quarter, Klein dispensed his fourth touchdown pass of the day by finding Sexton down the sideline for a 24-yard and a 35-13 deficit with 14:22 to play.

White scored its first true points of the afternoon on the ensuing kickoff, as DeMarcus Robinson scampered 95 yards with 14:09 to play in the game and push White in front, 42-13. Offensively, Robinson finished with seven carries for 13 yards.

Klein answered the kickoff return touchdown with his fifth touchdown pass of the day on a 3-play, 63-yard drive. Klein again found Harper in the back of the end zone, this time on a four-yard completion with 13:00 to play.

Following a fumble recovery by Lutui, Wilson rumbled in for his second one-yard rushing touchdown of the afternoon to bring Purple within 15, 42-27, with 10:56 to play.

After Purple held White to another three and out, Pease zigged and zagged his way to a 32-yard touchdown run to pull Purple within eight points, 42-34, with 7:57 remaining in the game.

Klein completed the Purple comeback in the second half, as he dispensed his sixth touchdown pass of the afternoon, a six-yarder to Thompson in the left corner with 2:24 remaining. A two-point conversion pass from Klein to Rose evened the score at 42.

Consecutive sacks by Williams and Lutui on the ensuing White possession forced White to punt the ball back to Purple with 57 seconds

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KSU Commencement Starts This Weekend

As candidates for graduation, more than 2,800 Kansas State University students are preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Commencement ceremonies will be Saturday, May 5, at K-State Salina, and Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

The class of 2012 is the 145th to graduate from K-State since the first class in 1867.

K-State will award more than 2,450 bachelor's degrees; more than 750 master's; more than 80 doctorates; more than 100 doctor of veterinary medicine degrees; and more than 20 associate degrees. Nearly 150 students are earning their degree through K-State distance education.

A live webcast of the ceremonies will be available at <http://www.k-state.edu/graduation/>. A virtual commencement ceremony for distance students is available at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/commencement/>.

Commencement for K-State Salina will be 10 a.m. May 5 in the Student Life Center. The speaker will be Kansas native Skip Yowel, co-founder and vice president of Global Public Relations and JanSport.

Ceremonies on the Manhattan campus start May 11 with commencement for the Graduate School at 1 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Robert Gates, a native Kansan who served under two U.S. presidents as secretary of defense, will be the speaker for the Graduate School ceremony and become the 125th person to receive an honorary doctorate from Kansas State University. Gates is the first individual to receive an honorary degree from the university since 1988. Previous recipients include such distinguished individuals as Dwight D. Eisenhower, the U.S. president and military leader; Alf Landon, the former Kansas governor and Republican presidential candidate; Gordon Parks, the noted photographer; and Aaron Copland, the famous composer.

Commencement for the College of Veterinary Medicine will be at 3:30 p.m. May 11 in McCain Auditorium. Nels Lindberg, a College of Veterinary Medicine alumnus, and Meredith Jones, clinical assistant professor, will deliver the commencement address.

Representing the Kansas Board of Regents at both ceremonies May 11 will be Regent Kenny Wilk, Lansing.

The schedule of ceremonies and the speakers for ceremonies May 12 are:

* College of Arts and Sciences, 8:30



a.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Kirk Schulz, university president.

* College of Architecture, Planning and Design, 10 a.m., McCain Auditorium, with Randhir Sahni, architect, city builder and director of Llewelyn-Davies Sahni. He received his master's in architecture from K-State in 1968.

* College of Education, 11 a.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Kirk Schulz, university president.

* College of Business Administration, 12:30 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Terry Matlack, managing director of Tortoise Capital Advisor LLC. He received his bachelor's in business administration from K-State in 1978.

* College of Agriculture, 2:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Emery Castle, professor emeritus at Oregon State University. Castle received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economic from K-State in 1948 and 1950, respectively.

* College of Human Ecology, 4:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Petros Levis, president of the Human Ecology Alumni Association Board and general manager of Medallion Laboratories, a Division of General Mills Inc. Levis received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in food science from K-State in 1988, 1993 and 1998, respectively.

* College of Engineering, 6:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Byron Jones, the college's associate dean for research and graduate programs and director of the Engineering Experiment Station.

DVDs of the ceremonies may be ordered through the K-State Student Union Bookstore at 800-KSU-CATS or 785-532-6583.

K-State's Army and Air Force ROTC units will have commissioning ceremonies May 11 in Forum Hall in the Union. The ceremony for Army ROTC starts at 10 a.m., and the Air Force ROTC ceremony starts at 2 p.m.

Kansas Moves To Managed-Care

By Gene Meyer | Kansas Reporter
TOPEKA — Kansas is moving closer to converting its \$3 billion Medicaid program to a privately run managed-care plan.

Medicaid is a state and federal program that pays for about 380,000 Kansans who otherwise could not afford medical care. Kansas' share is about \$1.1 billion annually.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback formally submitted a 50-page request April 26 asking federal officials for the switch. Kansas doctors and providers who take Medicaid patients now bill the state for the work.

Brownback and Kansas Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, a surgeon and the administration's point man on medical policy issues, offered the plan to the Social Security Administration's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS. The plan — to turn Medicaid operations over to three managed-care companies — will slow the expected

growth in Medicaid costs by about \$838 million over five years, they say.

Their plan is to give the managed care-companies contracts to run the programs, including financial incentives for more closely coordinating medical services that patients receive and for getting those patients healthier faster. Kansas made an initial application for the change in January, and Brownback earlier this month signed government orders setting things in motion.

Kansas in May plans to choose the three companies from five that have applied, and to receive federal approval of those contracts in August, according to a timeline provided Friday.

Kansas will probably get federal approval for the change, said Scott Beaulier, a Troy University economist who studies Medicaid programs across the U.S.

K-State Breaks Ground On West Stadium Center

By Mark Janssen
KSU Sports

Speaking for the Wildcat Nation Saturday morning at groundbreaking ceremonies for the West Stadium Center, it was Mike Goss who said, "Building this stadium is for us!"

The 1981 graduate of K-State said that he changed his speech from Friday night to Saturday morning when he was prepared to speak of handing down improvements from generation to generation. But it was after attending the Friday night auction at Bramlage Coliseum that the Managing Director/COO of Bain Capital, LLC said he was hit with a new realization.

"Generations tend to be faceless and nameless," Goss said. "Last night I saw the faces of K-State fans who had real names. They were of all ages and all generations. They were all here because of their love for K-State and here because they enjoy spending time with each other.

"This is not about generation responsibility as I first thought," said

Goss of the privately-funded \$75 million WSC facility set to open on Aug. 31, 2013. "We're building this stadium for us. We make that great fan experience that is talked about. I'm very proud to be a part of that fan experience."

The West Stadium Center is said to be a facility that will be "built to the sky" and one that will serve as the "Gateway" from the northwest to the K-State campus.

Speaking at the ceremony, K-State President Kirk Schulz said, "Construction on a college campus lends itself to vibrancy. When you see cranes and construction, there's a feeling of '... something good is going on here.' There's a sense of pride."

What Schulz wants is for K-State to be recognized as is one of the top 50 public universities in the U.S., and he's the first to say that athletics and facilities are very much a part of that.

and a more fan-friendly ticket office, enhanced restrooms by 200 percent and 300 percent for concession points of sale, premium seating including suites, loge seating and club seating, more entry ways into the stadium, a tailgate terrace for the Ahearn Fund members and a dining hall for all student-athletes.

Athletics director John Currie credited head coach Bill Snyder's vision for the West Stadium Center's dining facility, which the AD said, "... would benefit all 444 of our student-athletes. When coach Snyder and I sat down the first time in 2009, I asked, 'What do you need from me?' He said a sold out stadium and a dining hall."

Overall, Currie said of the facility, "This will enhance the experience of all of our student-athletes, plus provide the best fan experience in the Big 12 Conference."

When Snyder took his turn to speak, he made reference on how the "Family" of Bill Snyder Family Stadium stretched beyond his own per-

sonal family, but included the entire Wildcat Nation.

"From day one when I arrived at Kansas State, I have always said that this university is about one thing. It's about the people caring about people, and people earning the trust of others," Snyder said. "That has never changed."

Goss added of those special K-State people, "Can you imagine what it's going to be like on August 31, 2013, when we all walk into that stadium. It will be an absolute blast!"

HISTORY OF THE STADIUM —The stadium's first game was on Sept. 21, 1968, which was a 21-0 blanking of Colorado State. The stadium was constructed at a cost of \$1.6 million.

—In 1970, expansion included 4,000 additional permanent bleachers on the east side and 3,000 temporary bleachers on the west side.

—Office and dressing room facilities were added to the north end of the stadium.

—Permanent stadium lights were added in 1983.

—The 'Vanier Football Complex' took shape between 1989 and 1992 at a cost of \$2 million.

—Dave and Carol Wagner donated a new Astroturf for the stadium in 1991.

—A \$3.3 million five-level press box opened in 1993 as well as a \$2.2 million indoor practice facility.

—A \$12.8 million expansion project took place in 1998, which included 8,000 permanent seats, including 31 suites and club level seating on the east side of the stadium.

—From 2003-07 the Vanier Football Complex was renovated to include a new training facility, weight room, equipment room, coaches' offices, meeting rooms and permanent seating in the north end zone.

—2011 brought the addition of an Astro Turf Gameday Grass 3D playing field, plus additional restroom facilities on the upper deck of the east side of the stadium.

Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

Have you ever seen a Bible with a barrel and a bullet? That doesn't sound like any Bible I know, but there was a time when a Sharps rifle was called a Beecher Bible. Today, an active church bears this historic name. The church is located in rural Kansas, north of the Native Stone Scenic Byway.

In a previous profile, we learned about the Native Stone Scenic Byway's many attractions, which are described on a CD and on the Wabaunsee County website. One of these attractions is the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church.

The Beecher Bible and Rifle Church is located in the town of Wabaunsee in the northern Flint Hills of Kansas. The origins of the church go back to May 1854, when Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act which provided that Kansas would become a free state or a slave state, depending on the vote of the people of Kansas. Pro- and anti-slavery factions flooded into the state to influence the vote.

In New England, "Kansas Fever" ran high. The people of New Haven, Conn., raised

money to send 60 colonists to Kansas.

Before the Connecticut-Kansas Company left for Kansas, a meeting was held in New Haven. A Yale professor pledged \$25.00 for a Sharps rifle for the Company. Then Henry Ward Beecher, the great minister from Brooklyn, N.Y., pledged that his congregation would give the money for 25 rifles if the audience would give another 25. People in the crowd responded with great excitement, and soon 27 had been promised. Mr. Beecher sent a check for the rifles, and with the money came 25 Bibles.

Newspapers throughout the country proclaimed, "Bibles and Rifles for Kansas." It was from this event that the Sharps rifle came to be called a Beecher Bible and the colony from Connecticut came to be known as Beecher's Rifle and Bible Colony.

In 1856, the Company left New Haven and traveled by steamboat, train and wagon to Wabaunsee, which the company called "The New Haven of the West." Local legend, which cannot be substantiated, has it that the rifles traveled through the slave state of Missouri in boxes marked Bibles, perhaps with a layer of Bibles over the

top of the guns. Henry Ward Beecher was quoted as saying that Missourians would understand the rifle better than they would understand the Bible.

In 1857, members of the Colony and other settlers organized "The First Church of Christ in Wabaunsee." After two years of raising funds, mostly in New Haven, for a church building, they started construction of the sturdy stone church that we see today. The new church was dedicated in May 1862. It became one of the largest and most influential Congregational churches in Kansas.

After 1917, as the population of the area dwindled, it was no longer possible to keep a resident minister. Eventually the old stone church was practically deserted. The last entry in the official record book was made in 1927.

In 1950 residents of Wabaunsee formed a new church group and began to hold weekly services. This was said to be the first inter-racial Congregational Church in Kansas, a fact that impressed many as a fitting tribute to the Connecticut-Kansas Colony.

Today, the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church is an independent, non-denominational congregation. Services are still

held every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the original stone building, which is located in the rural town of Wabaunsee with a population of probably fewer than 100 people. Now, that's rural.

Lynn Roth, a former missionary and retired school-teacher from nearby Wamego, is the primary preacher. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It does include stained glass windows which the congregation made themselves. For more information, go to www.wabaunsee.com.

Have you ever seen a Bible with a barrel and a bullet? During the era of Bleeding Kansas, the Sharps rifle came to be called a Beecher Bible, and the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church bears that historic name. We honor those brave founders who made a difference by fighting for the cause of freedom with both rifles and Bibles.

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Obituaries

Anna Marie White

Anna Marie White, 88, of Wamego, Kansas, died Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was a life-long resident of the area.

Ann was born December 2, 1923, on the family farm near Flush, Kansas, the daughter of Charles E. and Anna Ekart Ebert. She attended local schools and graduated in 1942 from Flush High School. She then attended the NYA Secretarial School in Manhattan.

Ann then began a twenty five year long career in the Federal Civil Service. She started

working at Fort Riley as a passport and port call officer. She later transferred to the Transportation Department and served as Supervisor of Storage.

Ann was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Past Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was a faithful member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and the St. Bernard's Guild.

Ann was a great cook and loved to travel. She visited many locations including Europe, Hawaii and many states.

Ann married Thomas Wayne

White on November 11, 1947, in Wamego, Kansas. He preceded her in death on December 10, 1997.

Ann is survived by her three sons, Wayne White, Pahrump, Nevada, Warren White, Olathe, Kansas and Wynn White, Sarasota, Florida; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her eight brothers and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 4, 2012, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wamego.

Father John Pilcher will be the Celebrant. A private family inurnment will be held

at St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery at a later date. Mrs. White will lie-in-state on Thursday, starting at 2:00 p.m. at Campanella-Evans Mortuary where the family will greet friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A Rosary prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. They suggest 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.

Barbara Christine Dexter

Barbara Christine Dexter, 81, of St. George, Kansas, died Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

Barbara was born on November 28, 1930, in rural Wakefield, Kansas, the daughter of John and Carolyn Kerner Thurlow. She attended local schools and graduated in 1948 from Wakefield High School. She then attended Brown Mackie College in Salina.

Barbara married Gail Dexter on March 18, 1951, in Wakefield, Kansas. He survives at their home.

Barbara was a homemaker

and mother. She lived for four years in Hope, Arkansas. There she was saved at Calvary Baptist Church and was later a member of First Baptist Church. She also worked for a time at Farm Bureau Insurance as a secretary and also as a tailor for Stevenson both in Manhattan. Barbara was an active member of Lighthouse Baptist Church in St. George. Church was an important part of Barbara's life, and she was actively involved with Trinity Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist and Lighthouse Baptist churches. She enjoyed playing the piano and was known for being a

prayer warrior for several churches. She was also a Sunday School Teacher and went on numerous mission trips. She loved her gardening both vegetables and flowers and her yard is known for its variety and beauty.

Barbara is also survived by her daughter, Kathy Wright and her husband, Jim, Claremore, Oklahoma; her son, David Dexter and his wife, Micah, Hartford, Kansas; three grandchildren, Angelique Worthen, Emporia, Abigail Barnhill and her husband, Matt, Topeka and Dave Dexter, Emporia.

Funeral Services will be

held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012, at Lighthouse Baptist Church in St. George. Pastor Jim Lowry will be officiating. Burial will follow at St. George Cemetery. Mrs. Dexter will lie-in-state starting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego, where the family will greet friends from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to the Barbara Dexter Memorial Fund and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Venessa "Nessa" Townley

Vanessa Joselyn "Nessa" Townley, 55, of Manhattan, passed away Friday, April 27th, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

Vanessa Bockelman was born in Buzzard Bay, Massachusetts, on November 13, 1956, the daughter of Virginia (Wucher) Bockelman and late Fritz Bockelman.

dren Jeremy Gibbons, Michelle Gibbons, Taylor Gibbons and Ashley Teinert; sixteen grandchildren, and many friends. Nessa is preceded in death by her step-father Robert "Da" Mann, an infant sister Vivian JoAnne, a sister Virginia Ayers, and step-son Shawn Gibbons.

Cremation was chosen and a graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Irvin Parkview Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit irvinparkview.com or on Facebook.



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She is survived by her three children Danielle Jones, Mark Townley II, and Michael Townley; four sisters; Vicky Sparrow, Valetta Purser, Veronica Bockelman-Wagner, and Vera Garcia; her partner Robert Gibbons; four step-child-

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Trustees' Projections Mask Social Security Shortfall

By Jagadeesh Gokhale
The CATO Institute

The Social Security Trustees' new report reveals serious deterioration in the program's financial outlook. This decline could have been known much earlier — instead of being gradually revealed to us — if the trustees had used correct projection methods.

Social Security officials have long been misdiagnosing the program's financial condition. Whether this reflects poor judgment, incompetence or deliberate misdirection seems impossible to determine.

This year's trustees' report shows that Social Security's 75-year actuarial deficit increased from 2.22 percent of payrolls to 2.67 percent — among the largest increases of the past two decades. Out of the total increase of 0.45 percentage points, 0.21 percentage points (or 47 percent) resulted from changes to economic assumptions. Why? It looks as though the program's actuaries are not particularly good at economics — and don't adequately build it into their financial projections.

Consider this example in the report:

This year, the trustees changed one of the ultimate economic assumptions — the annual rate of change in average hours worked for the future. Reasons for the change in the ultimate average hours worked include first, the need to establish consistency with the projections of an aging workforce; and second, the belief that increasing productivity is likely to result in workers' desire to enjoy productivity gains in the form of more leisure (2012 Annual Report of the Social Security Trustees, Chapter IV.B7).

The first reason is something that I have argued for. It's now finally being implemented but in a piecemeal manner.

The second reason — the trustees' newfound belief that workers would enjoy more leisure in the future — is stunning. Did new information since last year convince the trustees of the need for such a major change? It suggests that Social Security's financial projections are not informed by any disciplined application of proper projection methods.

Though there has been progress in updating the trustees' projection methods, the pace of this progress remains glacial. The trustees have not explained why they shied away from using all

available information in making their demographic projections. And all the key demographic changes are still not incorporated into deriving their economic assumptions.

Crucially, just projecting historical trends of economic variables into the future is insufficient to capture the full economic implications of projected demographic changes. This is a key methodological shortcoming that the recent report of Social Security's Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods overlooked.

The term "demographic change" of course includes the continuing retirement of the large baby boomer cohort. However, there are many other important, if less visible, demographic changes likely to persist and influence our economy's evolution in terms of labor-force participation, earnings, inequality, productivity growth, payroll taxes and Social Security benefits.

The most important of these are overall changes in family structures, marital trends, fertility, economic dependency relationships, educational attainment and workforce composition. All are evolving steadily but differently among different population groups.

These important "micro" demographic changes, however, are ones that Social Security's officials have ignored when making the program's financial projections. It's no wonder that the largest of the "technical adjustments" to the projections are now emerging among their economic components.

Had the Social Security officials used appropriate assumptions and methods in building financial projections, we might have seen more than mere lip service by lawmakers of both parties regarding program reforms. This has created big problems, because analysis of the relatively simple mechanics of the program's finances reveals that the longer we delay implementing reforms, the costlier they will be.

The program's total unfunded obligations — \$20.5 trillion according to the report — grow at an interest rate that is larger, on average, than the productivity-plus-population-growth formula that determines growth of the payroll tax base. Calculations based on micro-data sources of demographics and economic behavior suggest that the program's long-term financial shortfall is about 50 percent larger than the trustees

are letting on.

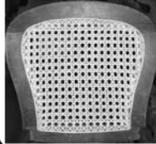
However, this difference will be revealed only gradually as official projections play catch-up with actual realizations. That can only mean costly delays to urgently needed Social Security reforms.

Jagadeesh Gokhale is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and a member of the Social Security Advisory Board. He is a co-author of *Fiscal and*

Generational Imbalances: New Budget Measures for New Budget Priorities (AEI Press, 2003), *Social Security: A Fresh Look at Policy Alternatives* (University of Chicago Press, 2010), and *The New Health Care Law's Effect on State Medicaid Spending: A Study of the Five Most Populous States*, Cato Institute White Paper no. 31, April 2011.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 19, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

9:00 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Dave Ball, Technician Assistant/Training Coordinator; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy County Clerk; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Johnson discussed a meeting he attended on the NBAF project. Johnson said Dr. Ron Trewyn feels comfortable the facility will be built in Manhattan.

Meredith said 60 Riley County sites have been identified as being impacted by last weekend's storms with an estimated amount of \$30,000 in damage.

Meredith said the Governor has declared Riley County a disaster area.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Janice J. Hill (204-18-2-80-23-014.00-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$442.00. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for MBI, Inc. (204-18-2-80-10-002.00-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$28,255.54.

McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to cross over Collins Lane with 1/0 atp service cable from existing pole and transformer to feed a new meter pole at 1374 Collins Lane. The crossing is located 590 feet west of the North Manhattan Avenue and Collins Lane intersection, with the service wire maintaining an 18-foot height minimum. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to accept the bid submitted by Shilling Asphalt, Inc., Manhattan, Kansas to supply 25,500 tons of BM-2 Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt at \$55.22 per ton. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to accept the bid submitted by Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, to supply CRS-1HP asphalt seal oil for the low bid amount of \$2.575 per gallon.

Per gallon	\$2.575
Demurrage charge	\$70.00 per hour, after 2 hours
Pump charge	\$70.00 per load
Returned load charge	\$300.00 per load

McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to accept the bid submitted by Hamm, Inc. to supply 3/8-inch crushed limestone chips at \$20.50 per ton. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Position Action Forms for the following:

A Legal Intern, in the County Attorney's Office, at a grade C. An As Needed Clerical Assistant, in the County Attorney's Office.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley

County Personnel Action Form for Deanne N. Petersen, a new hire, as a Planning Intern, in the Planning and Development Department, at a grade B step 3, at \$11.74 per hour.

McCulloh moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$264,441.70 and the following warrant vouchers for April 20, 2012:

2012 Budget	
County General	\$301,550.40
Health Depart	80,371.55
Teen Court Collected Fund	256.96
Riley Co Juvenile Service	10,505.88
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University Park W&S	4,054.48
Hunters Island Water Dist	2,132.01
H.I. Water Capital Replace	2,215.00
Deep Creek Sewer	82.91
Moehlman Bottoms	449.26
Terra Heights Sewer	352.50
Konza Water Operations	2,482.69
TOTAL	\$1,529,432.86

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Work Session

Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN; and Ben Bennett, Geary County Commissioner, attended.

Holeman discussed the 1/2 cent sales tax question.

McCulloh stated she will suggest we go forward with the original question because it allows the City of Manhattan to spend their funds on economic development.

Lewis stated the Riley County Commission has been consistent on proceeding with the original 1/2 cent sales tax

question.

10:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Jeff Burkhardt, KMAN, attended.

Wilson stated that on January 26, 2012, the County Commission agreed to the use of \$2,000 from the CIP fund earmarked for fair grounds improvements to be used to flatten approximately 50 feet of booth space area at CiCo Park. Wilson stated Parks crews were suppose to do this work during their down time over the winter, but warmer than average temperatures allowed them to continue work on their regular parks projects. Wilson stated Rod Meredith suggested to her that the County contract this work out so that it gets done in time for the fair and that they go ahead and complete the rest of the block (approximately 150 feet).

Wilson stated Meredith estimates materials will cost \$6,566. Wilson said Meredith is willing to pay for \$3,000 in labor costs from the Parks Department's budget. Wilson said she would like to request that this amount be taken from the CIP fund earmarked for fair grounds improvements. Wilson said completing this work will allow for easier use by vendors during the fair.

Wilson stated the fiscal impact of the project will be approximately \$6,556 which Wilson suggests be paid from the CIP fund earmarked for fair grounds improvements. Wilson stated those earmarked funds have been generated from booth vendor fees from 2006-2011. Wilson stated there is \$47,575 in that account, which should adequately cover the project.

Johnson moved to approve the proposed Fair Grounds improvements in the amount of \$6,566 to be taken from the CIP fund. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wilson reported the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program filed 442 federal tax returns and \$596,488 in refunds were claimed.

Wilson discussed the Park Quest summer program, which aims to get families outdoors and active together in the community's parks. Wilson stated there is the chance to win a prize for families that visit 6-8 park locations. Wilson stated the program will be kicked off

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KS Gov Says Sebelius Decision Led To Medicaid Flap

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

FAIRWAY — The federal government is investigating whether Kansas is violating the civil rights of 3,500 physically disabled residents who have waited years for help.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback bristles at the suggestion.

Brownback, a Republican, has told the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, the state is not discriminating against disabled people. Kansas, in fact, is trying to clean up a mess left by former Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Brownback said in a letter to Leon Rodriguez, head of the HHS Office of Civil Rights.

Sebelius is now the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, which has asked Justice Department investigators to review the situation.

Rachel Seeger, chief spokeswoman for the HHS Office of Civil Rights, said the agency has referred its review to the Justice Department and could not comment on the matter.

Kansas City regional HHS director Jay Angoff was unavailable for comment, said Adele Sink, the regional office's press spokeswoman.

The dispute centers on Kansas' handling of what, formally, is called a home- and community-based services, or HCBS, waiver for the physically disabled. The waivers are part of federal Social Security and Medicare-Medicaid law.

The law requires federal and state governments to help pay for personal assistants, medical equipment, home remodeling or other help applicants might need to continue living in their homes.

About 6,200 Kansas residents get that help, according to

the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

But some 3,500 more have applied and have been waiting — in some cases two to three years or longer — to receive it. Kansas does not have enough in its Medicaid budget to pay its approximately 40 percent share of the additional federal and state costs, Brownback said in the letter.

In his letter to Rodriguez, Brownback says Kansas has slowed the pace at which those waiting lists have grown, chiefly by ending a 2008 move by then-Gov. Sebelius that allowed one new Kansas applicant to get the benefits only when two other recipients stopped receiving them.

Brownback has since changed that requirement — allowing one new Kansas resident into the program when another patient leaves it.

That change has helped slow the growth of the waiting lists — from about 1,000 new applicants annually before

Brownback took office to about 500 in the past 15 months, said Sherriene Jones-Sontag, his press secretary.

Brownback's proposed KanCare program, part of which is designed to create job opportunities for people with disabilities, also will help reduce the waiting list, Jones-Sontag said.

Nationally, U.S. Justice Department lawyers acting on behalf of HHS have filed more than 25 lawsuits alleging discrimination against the disabled in 17 states, the Kansas Health Institute news service in Topeka reported.

Kansas Democrats and other Brownback critics say the state should use part of a projected \$500 million revenue cushion to pay an estimated \$33 million needed to fund all applications on the waiting list.

Kansas spends about \$1.1 billion annually, or 18 percent of its general funds budget, to pay its share of Medicaid costs.

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in conjunction with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce's "Get Around 2 It" event which will be held at CiCo Park on May 3rd from 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Wilson stated registration will continue throughout the month of May. Wilson stated the program will end on Labor Day, September 3rd.

Wilson stated Extension will be partnering with Riley County Farm Bureau to host Kids Ag Day at the fair grounds at CiCo Park on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

Wilson stated Andrea Feldkamp has resigned her position as 4-H Youth Development Agent to take a position at Kansas State University. Wilson stated the Riley County Extension Council Board decided to fill the position sooner rather than later due to the summer months being busy in the area of youth programming. Wilson stated applications are currently being taken through May 7, 2012. Wilson stated interviews will take place beginning on June 6, 2012, with the position hopefully filled by July 1, 2012.

11:00 Bob Isaac, Planner
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Hugo DeJesus and Andrea DeJesus-Britt, attended.

Johnson opened the Public Hearing.

Isaac presented a request to rezone a portion of an unplatted tract of land from "A-3" (Single Family Residential) to "G-1" (General Agricultural) for Hugo DeJesus and Andrea DeJesus-Britt of 1516 Collins Lane, Manhattan, Kansas.

Johnson asked for public comment.

Johnson received no public comment.

Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 041912-15, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Manhattan Township." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:07 Lewis moved to adjourn after the City/County/County Meeting. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 City/County/County Meeting (at county offices)

Representing the City of Manhattan Wynn Butler, Rich Jankovich, Loren Peppert — City Commission; Bill Frost, City Attorney; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Dale Houdeshell, City Public Works Director; Gary Fees, City Clerk; and Karen Davis, Community Development Director. Representing Riley County were Alvan Johnson, Dave Lewis, and Karen McCulloh — County Commissioners; Rich Vargo, County Clerk; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Assistant Director John Doehling, Riley County Police Department. Representing Pottawatomie County were Gary Yenzler, County Commissioner; and Robert Reece, County Administrator.

John Armbrust, Lyle Butler — Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Keith Westervelt; Jim Williams; Phil

Anderson; and Don Wiseman, attended.

Jankovich said the Wildcat Creek Watershed Working Group is developing a watershed plan. Jankovich said a meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, April 26, 2012. Jankovich discussed the data reflected from the 3 gauges along Wildcat Creek.

Fehr presented information from Mark Karolevitz, KDOT engineer, on the signage allowed on the bridge pier. Fehr stated Riley County and the City of Manhattan would need to come to an agreement on the sign since the location is in Riley County.

Holeman stated Riley County would not regulate signs in KDOT's right-of-way. Fehr stated Anderson is willing to move forward with fundraising if the City of Manhattan and Riley County agree to go forward with the project.

Anderson discussed steps and a platform for the other pier including a rendering of the Hartford Steamboat.

McCulloh suggested the separate bodies discuss the pier projects.

Yenzler stated if the City of Manhattan does a ½ cent sales tax, then Pottawatomie County asks that they be allowed a portion of the proceeds generated on their side of the line for economic development.

Peppert stated we need to get the Attorney General's opinion first. Peppert stated if it is a City sales tax, he would not want to dictate how Riley County or Pottawatomie County use the funds.

McCulloh stated Riley County would prefer the current ½ cent sales tax be approved in November.

Sherow said if the current tax is passed Riley County would lose revenue without the inter-local agreement. Sherow asked why would Riley County want to proceed with that option.

McCulloh said because the City of Manhattan and Riley County have said for the past two years we would proceed with the current question.

Butler said he wants to be clear option 1 the current sales tax question makes no sense and he will not support it, which leaves option 2 the shared City sales tax, or option 3 with the City and County having separate ¼ cent sales taxes.

Lewis stated he respectfully disagreed because the current sales tax question has shown a substantial success in the last 10 years.

Jankovich said some of the funds need to be available for economic development, debt reduction, and ad valorem tax relief.

Peppert stated whatever comes out of the sales tax, the City and County need to agree to work together for the success of the sales tax.

McCulloh discussed the cost the Riley County Police Department is seeing due to mental health issues in the community. McCulloh said a Mental Health Task Force would get everyone talking about and working on mental health issues.

Butler said there is no reason to spend the money to train the police if there is nowhere to take those that need the services.

Lewis suggested a multi-county taskforce. Lewis stated we will bring in Robbin Cole to discuss the task force. 5:06 Adjourned.

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Spring Game: Wildcat Look Good On Offense



Chris Harper (3) a Senior Wide Receiver goes high to pull down at touchdown pass.



Senior Fullback Braden Wilson (37) scores.



Junior Running Back John Hubert (33) looked good running the ball.

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remaining. An 11 yard rush by Klein, followed by a six yard completion to Sexton and a 12 yard rush by Pease set Purple up at the White 16 with 30 seconds remaining. Klein looked to the right corner of the end zone to seal the win, but White's Weston Hiebert picked off the pass to preserve the tie.

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Junior Wide Receiver Stephen Johnson (2) gets hit.

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Junior Wide Receiver Tramaine Thompson (86) pulls one down.



John Hubert (33) get hit by Defensive Back Randall Evans (15)

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