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But, we need it...



K-177 On-Ramp Closure

On Monday, May 14, 2012 the City of Manhattan contractor, R.M. Baril, will be closing the K-177 on-ramp located north of the Union Pacific Train Depot. The closure will allow for the construction of a pedestrian tunnel under the on-ramp and is expected to remain closed until late this summer. The pedestrian tunnel will provide access from the new Manhattan Conference Center and Flint Hills Discovery Center to the Historic Union Pacific

Train Depot located in the US-24/K-177 interchange. Access to K-177 leaving Manhattan will be accessible via Pierre Street. Please exercise caution while driving in the area. Your cooperation during construction is appreciated.

Please contact, Wade Heim of Alfred Benesch & Company, 785-539-2202 or Brian Johnson, City of Manhattan, 785-587-2415, with any questions.

(Editor's Note: But, we "need" it, the City of Manhattan says when ask

about spending a Half Million Dollars on a tunnel to no-where. The City of Manhattan spent \$1.4 million on the old depot (which cost \$9,000 to build originally.) but they only have 28 parking spaces.

They want people to park on the West side of the On-Ramp and take the tunnel to the beautiful Depot for meetings.

What does a City do when they are \$267 Million in Debt? They just keep on keeping on. Tax and Spend.)

Phillips, Carlin Vote Against Proposal

By Paul Soutar | KansasWatchdog
TOPEKA — The Kansas House on Friday approved a controversial resolution to condemn Agenda 21, a 20-year-old United Nations statement with implications for state, county and local planning.

House Resolution 6032 calls the UN initiative "radical" and requires state lawmakers to expose "its destructiveness to the principles of the founding documents of the United States of America."

Opponents say the House resolution is a right-wing distraction, but three House Democrats voted for it anyway. Vince Wetta, Wellington; Stan Frownfelter, Kansas City; and Jerry Williams, Chanute; joined the majority in passing the HR 6032 by a vote of 76-41.

Ten House Republicans voted against the resolution: Barbara Bollier, Mission Hills; Bob Brookens, Marion; Mike Burgess, Topeka; Don Hill, Emporia; Don Hineman, Dighton; Steven Johnson, Assaria; Tom Phillips, Manhattan; Charles Roth, Salina; Vern Swanson, Clay Center; and Ron Worley, Lenexa.

Supporters of the UN initiative say Agenda 21 is necessary to avert climate change.

Rep. Dennis Hedke, R-Wichita and the resolution's sponsor, noted that most U.S. citizens are unaware of the agenda or the implications of what he called a "massive attempt to restructure human activity on the planet."

"There is no other way to put it — this is the most aggressive attack on individual liberty and the foundations of our country we have ever seen," Hedke said in the days leading up to Friday's vote.

Lured by the promise of federal money, local governments around the state already are committing resources to planning in support of Agenda 21's sustainability goals. That trend has produced a backlash.

County Commissioner Richard Ranzau recently led an unsuccessful effort to keep Sedgwick County from participating in a federal regional planning grant linked to Agenda 21. He told KansasWatchdog the House vote was, "Another step in the right direction."

But he also said it's unlikely to make a difference in Sedgwick County.

"Unfortunately local officials don't seem to care about the opposition to Agenda 21, whether it's from the House or the Kansas people."

Sedgwick County approved the regional planning grant application in September and the grant agreement in April, both by a 3-2 vote with Ranzau and fellow commissioner Karl Peterjohn opposing.

The Wichita City Council voted 6-1 to April 17 to approve the grant agreement. Council member Michael O'Donnell cast the opposing vote.

Ranzau said he hopes the House vote will help keep the topic in the forefront of public discussion. "There's certainly been a lot more education on this than when the session began," Ranzau said.

From the Kansas Legislature page on HR6032:

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 76; Nays 41; Present but not voting: 6; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alford, Arpk, Aurand, Billinger, Boman, Bowers, Brown, Bruchman, Brunk, Calloway, Carlson, Cassidy, Collins, Crum, DeGraaf, Denning, Donohoe, Fawcett, Frownfelter, Garber, Goico, Gonzalez, Goodman, Gordon, Grange, Gregory, Grosserode, Hayzlett, Hedke, Hermanson, Hildabrand, Hoffman, C. Holmes, M. Holmes, Howell, Huebert, Kelley, Kelly, Kerschen, Kiegerl, Kinzer, Kleeb, Knox, Landwehr, Mast, McLeland, Meigs, Mesa, Montgomery, O'Brien, O'Hara, O'Neal, Osterman, Otto, Patton, Peck, Powell, Prescott, Proehl, Rhoades, Rubin, Ryckman, Scapa, Schroeder, Schwab, Schwartz, Seiwert, Shultz, Siegfried, Smith, Suellentrop, Tyson, Vickrey, Wetta, Williams, B. Wolf.

Nays: Ballard, Bollier, Brookens, Burgess, Burroughs, Carlin, Davis, Dillmore, Feuerborn, Finney, Flaherty, D. Gatewood, S. Gatewood, Grant, Henderson, Henry, Hill, Hineman, Johnson, Kuether, Lane, Loganbill, Mah, McCray-Miller, Meier, Pauls, Peterson, Phelps, Phillips, Roth, Ruiz, Slattry, Sloan, Swanson, Tietze, Trimmer, Victors, Ward, Winn, Wolfe Moore, Worley.

Present but not voting: Bethell, Colloton, Moxley, Pottorff, Spalding, K. Wolf.

Absent or not voting: LeDoux, Weber.

Manhattan Area Technical College Holds 2012 Graduation Ceremony

Manhattan Area Technical College occupied the new Hilton Garden Inn's main ball room all day Friday honoring one group after another.

Following a number of inspirational speeches, the College awarded Dental Hygiene pins to the inaugural graduating class of this now, two-year old program. After swapping out a room full of family members and other onlookers, the College repeated the process with the Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing students.

Families watch video monitors as their loved ones took the stage to move from one level of nursing to the next in these ceremonial rites of passage.

Finally, inspired by a graduation speech delivered by former Mayor Bruce Snead, 144 students crossed the stage to be congratulated by MATC President, Dr Rob Edleston and Board of Directors Chair, Marla Brandon.

This time, every seat was filled wall to wall with dozens upon dozens of attendees standing around the perimeter just to get a glimpse of their graduate.

This process will be repeated in December with another group of Nursing graduates, Electrical Linemen, and a variety of others as the college continues to grow and serve more of the community year after year.



The Manhattan Appliance and Sleep Store will be moving if the new CivicPlus building is built.

CivicPlus Gets Bonds

Tuesday night the Manhattan City Commission approved \$20 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds for CivicPlus to build a new building at the corner of 4th and Pierre.

The City Commission received this Memo telling about the package approved by the Commission:

ICON Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a CivicPlus is engaged in the business of developing, designing, and managing community engagement systems that use advanced technology to connect people with government. The company specializes in cost-effective website solutions for public sector clients. CivicPlus has won more than 250 website awards for its clients, including the Center for Digital Government's Best Fit Integrator Award of 2009. Founded in 2001, CivicPlus now serves more than 1,000 cities, counties, and other entities throughout North America and Australia.

CivicPlus is projecting nearly 40% growth in 2012 based on a steadily growing stream of both one-time revenue from professional services and committed recurring revenue from software clients. The client base has grown by 285% since 2008, despite a weakened economy during that period, which is indicative of the strong products and value offered by the company. CivicPlus needs to significantly expand its workforce and office space to respond to the growing demand for its services and products. The company is currently renting space at 317 Houston St. and has purchased a build-

ing at 121 S. 4th St. The building on 4th St. is being renovated to provide a temporary office space solution to accommodate new employees. However, the company desires to build a new multi-story facility at the southwest corner of the intersection of 4th St. and Pierre St. This will be a minimum 50,000 square feet facility that will house high-end office space for CivicPlus, first floor retail/restaurant space, and potentially some residential loft apartment space.

The company has submitted an application for economic development incentives to assist with this expansion (Attachments 1 - 4). On May 1, 2012, the City Commission considered the proposed incentive package for CivicPlus and approved advancing the application for a second consideration on May 15, 2012.

DISCUSSION INCENTIVE PACKAGE:

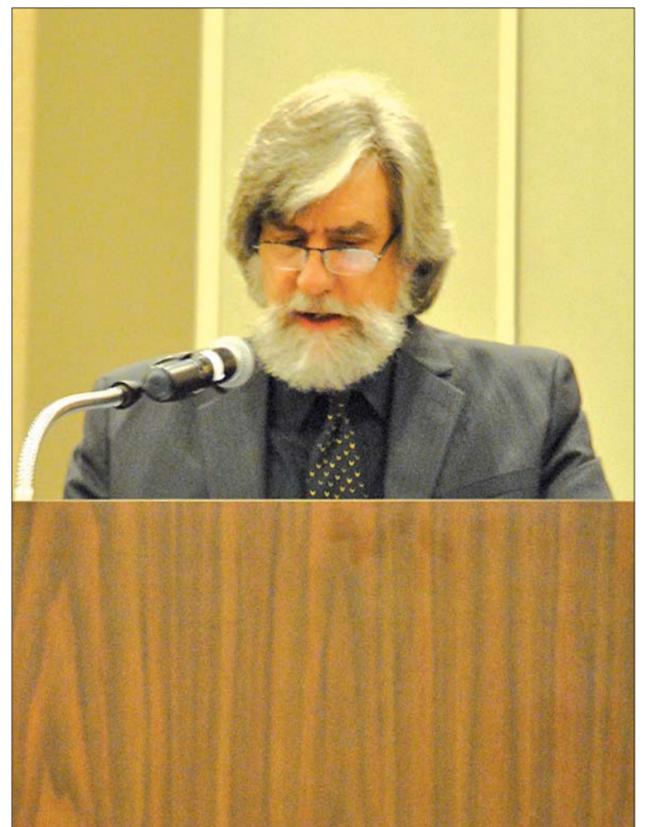
The proposed incentive package for the Company includes a forgivable loan of \$750,000 and a commitment to issue up to \$20 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) for the company to construct a minimum 50,000 square feet office building in downtown Manhattan (a preliminary building schematic is included as Attachment 5). The specific details of the incentive package are summarized on the attached "Summary of Proposed Incentive Agreement" (Attachment 6) and the "Summary of Estimated Financial Incentives" (Attachment 7). The proposed

Economic Development Agreement is also attached (Attachment 8).

The proposed Economic Development Agreement obligates the City to facilitate a 10-year partial property tax exemption for real and personal property acquired or constructed with IRB proceeds. The tax exemption will not apply to the first floor of any new structures or for any portions of land, buildings, or equipment used for purposes other than the direct corporate business. Therefore, any portions of the building that are used for residential units or leased for retail, restaurant, or other commercial space will not qualify for abatement. In addition, the company has agreed to make the first floor ineligible for abatement, ensuring that the existing tax base will be preserved or will grow, despite partial tax abatement. The current appraised value of the land and building on the proposed expansion site is \$453,000. CivicPlus intends to make a minimum investment of \$8 million in a new building. Since, at a minimum, the first floor will not be abated, the taxable value of the property, even with a partial abatement, is anticipated to more than triple. The City received \$4,774 in property taxes from the property in 2011. The City is anticipated to receive approximately \$16,860 from the property once the project is complete, even with partial tax abatement.

The forgivable loan will be paid in

See CivicPlus page 3



Former Mayor Bruce Snead delivered an inspired graduation speech to the 144 Students.

Obituaries

Joyce D. Cordry

Joyce D. Cordry, age 82, of Manhattan, died May 15, 2012, at Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born September 25, 1929, in Diller, Nebraska, the daughter of George and Edith (Greider) Freitag. She graduated from Diller High School and from Fairbury Junior College in Education.

Joyce taught school for several years prior to moving to Manhattan in 1953. She provided childcare in her home while her children were grow-

ing up and then worked in food service at Kansas State University for 16 years, retiring in 1992.

On August 2, 1953, in Diller, Nebraska, she was married to Kenneth D. Cordry. Mr. Cordry preceded her in death on February 18, 2004. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Dwaine Freitag.

Survivors include two children: Gail L. Brown of Olathe, Kansas, and Kevin D. Cordry of Gilbert, Arizona; two grandsons: David Brown and his

wife Mary and Danny Brown all of Denver, CO; and two siblings: Mary Kunc of Salina, KS, and Darrel Freitag of Beatrice, NE.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Kevin Larson officiating. Interment will follow in the Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery east of Manhattan.

The family of Mrs. Cordry will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Friday at the

Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Foundation of the Heartland. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Linda Darlene Horton

Linda Darlene Horton, 62, of Junction City, Kansas, formerly of White City, died, Friday, May 11, 2012, at Geary Community Hospital in Junction City. She was a long-time resident of the area.

Linda was born August 6, 1949 in Huntington, West Virginia, the daughter of Rockford and Lucille Downs Moore. She attended local schools and graduated in 1967 from High School in Russell, Kentucky.

Linda married Joseph G.

Horton on December 12, 1972, in Ocala, Florida. He survives at their home.

Linda spent many years as a military wife. She and Joe were stationed in numerous stateside locations and also in Germany. After moving to White City she was a cook at the school. Then she worked as the Kitchen Supervisor for the Riley County Law Enforcement Center in Manhattan. She just recently retired due to her health. Linda loved her family and especially

her grandchildren and was always happy when she was at the ocean. She enjoyed fishing, sewing and doing craft projects.

Linda is also survived by her mother, Lucille Moore, Orlando, Florida; her daughter, Shannon Robertson and her husband, Paul, White City; her son, Scott Horton and his wife, Carissa, Junction City; her sister, Sherri Fountain, Orlando, Florida; her brothers, Myron Moore and Dwight Moore, both of Orlando; two grand-

children, Gregory Robertson and Aiden Horton; two nephews, Rockford Heatherington and Dustin Moore. She was preceded in death by her father.

Private family memorial services will be held for Linda at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to Homecare and Hospice in Junction City, and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

F. Erma Fortner

F. Erma Fortner, age 87, of Manhattan, died May 13, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born November 29, 1924, in Corning, Kansas, the daughter of Ray S. and Elva L. (Brown) Wilkins.

Mrs. Fortner graduated from Sabetha High School with the class of 1941.

She was a homemaker and the worked Federal Civil Service at Fort Riley prior to being an Assistant to the Dean of Agriculture at Kansas State

University.

Her memberships include the First United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and Elks Lodge.

She was an avid bridge player, loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends.

On December 24, 1946, in Manhattan, she was married to Ray Fortner. Mr. Fortner preceded her in death on May 17, 2010. She was also preceded in

death by her sister, Ethel Norris.

Survivors include two children: Coleen Esping and her husband Wes of Olsburg, KS, and Rex Fortner of Manhattan; two grandchildren: Angie Kelley and her husband Roger and Amanda Esping; and two great-grandchildren: Wesley and Abigail Kelley.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with her granddaughter Reverend Amanda Esping officiating. Interment

followed in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan. The family greeted friends prior to funeral service at the funeral home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Joshua Jon Krause

Joshua Jon Krause, age 32, died Saturday May 12, 2012 at his home in Manhattan, Kansas following an extended illness.

He was born on October 23, 1979 in Dallas, Texas the son of JoAnn R. (Krause) Sutton. Joshua was a big fan of NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt and he also enjoyed fishing, playing video games, playing pool and reading about War History. He was a man of few words and loved the company of his beagle, Rosco, a true & faithful friend. He loved being with his family and friends, especially his Mom, as

they were always his biggest supporters during his life.

He was preceded in death by his father: James Edward May and a grandmother: Dorothy Knox.

Survivors include his mother: JoAnn R. Sutton and step-father: Greg Knox of the home; Grandparents: Melvin & Carolyn Krause of Geneva, NE and Joseph Knox of Chapman, KS; step sister: Nicole Knox of Abilene, KS; aunt: Karen (Krause) Ladman and her husband Allen "Lud" of Wilber, NE, a uncles: Brad Krause and his wife Joline (Colfack)

Krause of Columbus, NE and David Knox and Becky (Grubbs) Knox of Navarre, KS; cousins: Lisa (Ough) Hefner of Wilber, NE, David Baxa and Chad Baxa, both of Lincoln, NE, Kelly Krause & Nicole Krause of Austin, TX, Douglas Taber of Abilene, KS and many other family and friends.

Joshua's family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday May 17, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Memorial Services will be at

10:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 22, 2012 at the United Methodist Church 942 H. Street, Geneva, NE with Kim Dunker and Rev. Diana Chapel officiating. Inurnment will be at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Geneva Public Cemetery, Geneva, NE.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joshua Jon Krause Memorial Fund in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

research or First Church of the Nazarene, and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com

Lavon Marie Griffith

LaVon Marie Griffith, 67, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Manhattan. She was a life-long resident of the area.

LaVon was born October 26, 1944, in Westmoreland, Kansas, the daughter of Elmer and Veneva Bosse Eichem. She attended local schools and graduated in 1962 from Westmoreland High School.

LaVon was first and foremost a mother and homemaker. She loved to prepare for holiday seasons and meals. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and craft projects. She worked for several years at the Food Court in the Student Union at K-State. She also had worked in the lunch room at Marlatt Elementary School. LaVon was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Manhattan and active in their senior/adult group.

LaVon married Joseph F. Griffith on August 11, 1975. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2005.

She is survived by her mother, Veneva Eichem, Westmoreland; her two daughters, Lori Schultz and her husband, Bradley, Manhattan and Kimberly Bond and her hus-

band, Daniel, Everett, Washington; her sister, Virginia Haffener and her husband, Sid, Coffeyville; three grandchildren, Alexander Schultz and Angel and Zoey Bond. LaVon was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Eichem and her sister, LaVera Hynek.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 15,

2012, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. Pastor Patrick Weyrauch and Pastor Linda Johnson officiated. Burial will follow at Louisville Cemetery. Mrs. Griffith will lie-in-state on Monday starting at 2:00 p.m., where the family will greet friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to Relay for Life for breast cancer

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four installments when various performance indicators are met. The loan will accrue interest at a simple rate of 3% per annum, but annual payments will be forgiven if the company meets performance targets for capital investment, job creation, wage structure, and employee benefits. Loan payments will be forgiven over ten years. The details and payment schedule for each loan installment will be outlined in a promissory note (Attachment 9), and the loan will be secured by a personal guaranty of the company's Chief Executive Officer, Ward Morgan, and his spouse (Attachment 10). Proceeds from the loan may be used for any expenses related to the company's expansion in Manhattan.

Compliance percentages for all four performance categories will be reviewed on an annual basis and averaged to determine an overall blended compliance percentage. The blended percentage is used as a clawback provision to determine the annual level of loan forgiveness and tax abatement according to a declining scale.

INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS:

The company has submitted an application for up to \$20 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping the company's downtown expansion project. According to the terms of the economic development agreement, the company is obligated to make a minimum capital investment of \$8.85 million by December 31, 2014. The company is requesting additional capacity to issue IRBs up to \$20 million to allow flexibility for additional investment if needed. The proposed expansion building has not yet been designed, and the company may opt to add additional space or quality of furnishings depending on a variety of factors.

Although the City is the

issuer of the bonds, the City simply acts as a financing conduit and incurs no legal obligation to make payments on the bonds should the company become unable to make the payments. As part of the action on May 15th, the Commission is asked to conduct a public hearing and approve a Resolution of Intent (Attachment 14) to issue the bonds. Per the requirements of state statute, notice of the hearing was published in The Manhattan Mercury on May 4, 2012, and official notices regarding the tax abatement were sent to Riley County and USD 383. If the resolution is approved, the next step for the City Commission is to adopt an ordinance issuing the bonds and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the related documents for the bond issue. This will likely occur in early 2013 to coincide with the company's construction schedule. Subsequent bond issues may be required in future years depending on the company's growth needs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING CRITERIA:

The company has provided information to the City so that a report could be generated for the City Commission as required by the economic development funding process. The attached "Economic Development Funding Application Report for ICON Enterprises d/b/a CivicPlus" (Attachment 11) scores the Company's application, in accordance with the approved economic development funding process, based upon four major factors: return on investment, wages, community fit, and employee benefits. (Note: This report was revised following the May 1, 2012, meeting in order to reflect the full value of the IRBs for the purpose of conducting the public hearing, as required by state statute). Overall, the company received a score of 13.2 out of a possible

15 points utilizing the economic development matrix.

The City's financial advisor, Springsted, Inc., has performed a risk assessment in regard to the incentives agreement with CivicPlus. Springsted's review was positive, and it states in summary that, "ICON Enterprises is in a strong position to honor the financial obligation to the City of Manhattan. They meet or exceed the standards within their industry." Springsted did not perform an industry-specific risk analysis to determine the strength/weakness of CivicPlus in comparison to industry competitors. However, the company's own internal risk analysis (Attachment 12) indicates that currently no competitors pose a significant threat to the company's growth plans.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM MAY 1, 2012:

The City's economic development funding process requires that the City Commission consider an application at a minimum of two City Commission meetings. The first consideration was held on May 1, 2012. Below are responses to several questions and issues that were raised.

A concern was raised about what would happen in the event of a corporate buyout of the company. This is addressed in Section 10 of the economic development agreement. The agreement states that, "no party shall delegate or assign this Agreement or any rights or duties hereunder (including by the merger or consolidation of a party with any third person) without the prior, written consent of the other." It goes on to say that the Agreement is binding upon successors and permitted assigns of each party. Therefore, if the company is purchased by or merged with another corporate entity, the rights and responsibilities of the agreement would transfer to the new entity or relationship.

The Commission expressed a desire to ensure that all of the taxing jurisdictions would "remain whole" and not lose any of the existing tax base due to the abatement. Section 6 of the economic development agreement states that no property will be eligible for tax abatement until the appraised value of that property exceeds the appraised value from 2013, the base year before the initial

abatement begins. If a property meets this standard of eligibility, the City will limit the property tax exemption to "property used exclusively by the Corporation for the Corporate Business, and it shall not apply to portions of land, buildings, or equipment used for any other purpose." This provision ensures that any space utilized for restaurant, retail, residential, or other non-corporate commercial uses will not qualify for tax abatement. In addition, the company has agreed to revised language that stipulates that the first floor of any new structure will not be eligible for tax abatement, even if the company alters its plans and uses the entire building for its corporate purposes. Finally, if a parcel does not have a building (such as land used for parking), the City will only abate the portion of the value that exceeds the appraised value from the base year. These changes ensure that the property will always generate at least as much property tax as it does today, despite the partial tax abatement.

A question was raised about why the cost-benefit analysis shows a negative net benefit for the City, USD 383, and Riley County, in the early years of the project. The cost-benefit formula considers the value of the tax abatement as a "cost." It also calculates a "cost" for lost revenue that otherwise would have been created through the multiplier effect if additional taxes were paid. City Administration estimates that approximately 80% of real estate value will be abated; therefore, that "cost" outweighs the property taxes generated on the remaining 20% of the value and the other "benefits," such as sales taxes. Essentially, the formula is showing the opportunity costs, rather than hard costs, of not collecting the full amount of property taxes. However, since the project would not occur if not for the incentives, it is more accurate to compare the "benefits" in the model to the current condition. In every year of the analysis, the property taxes for each taxing jurisdiction are projected to exceed the amount currently being generated by the property. Finally, some concerns were raised about the impact of the project on downtown parking. City Administration and the company did review parking as part of this application.

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Harlan Jean Trennepohl

Harlan Jean Trennepohl, 89, died May 8, 2012 at Mercy Hospital of complications during recovery from April surgery. He resided at Wroten House, Meadowlark, in Manhattan, Emporia, and Fairview during his life. His wife of 65 years, Betty Lou Faulkender Trennepohl, his son Brian Gilbert, his mother, brother and sister predeceased him. He is survived by a son James Alan and his wife Karen (of Ellicott City, MD), daughter Jean Ann Trennepohl Post, her husband Edward, son Sam and grand daughter Ava Lynn (of Denver, CO), and daughter-in-law Njale Trennepohl, granddaughter Refilwe, and grandsons Oabone and Sedilame (of Moshupa, Botswana). He is also survived by his half-brother Jeff Berry (of Emporia), sister-in-law Alberta Cousino (of Michigan) and numerous cousins and children of his brother and sister.

Harlan spent his professional life in education, first in Emporia, KS as a teacher and principal in several elementary schools, having graduated from Emporia State and receiving his doctorate from the University of Colorado; he also attended Highland Junior College and Georgetown University. He retired in 1988 from Kansas State University after 31 years as a professor of elementary education and social studies. He was a visiting professor in Seattle, Washington in 1969. Many of his students remained in touch with him after his retirement. In 2010, he received the Alumni of the Year award at the 70th reunion of his Fairview High School graduating class.

During WWII, Harlan served his country in the US Army in the European theater from 1943-1945 attaining a rank of

T-5. During his life, Harlan was active in the 1st Methodist Church, the Manhattan Men's Garden Club, the Riley County Master Gardeners, the Solar Kiwanis club for 48 years, Mensa, and Phi Delta Kappa. He enjoyed gardening at home and on 5 acres of land north of Manhattan, bridge with his wife and visiting with his family. Harlan was a voracious reader all his life, and enjoyed receiving books via the homebound services of the Manhattan Public Library during the final years of his life.

After his retirement, Harlan and Betty traveled to Botswana where they visited Brian in 1980 and attended Brian's wedding in 1990, to Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and Germany, among other visits to Maryland, Pennsylvania, California and Colorado to visit relatives. They moved to Meadowlark in the early 2000s, after living on Virginia Drive since 1961.

Funeral services were held at 1st United Methodist church, 612 Poyntz, Manhattan, KS at 11 am on Monday, May 14, 2012, with Reverend Andy Hargrove officiating. Visitation was held prior to the funeral. Burial was held at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, May 15 at Isely Cemetery in Fairview, KS.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the homebound services at the Manhattan Public Library or to the Solar Kiwanis Club of Manhattan. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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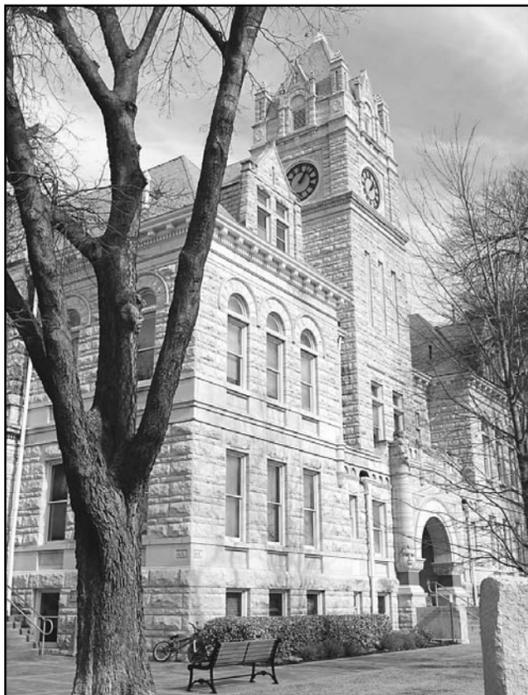
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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building May 7, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Kevin Murray, Chief Court Service Officer; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Paul Foltz; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Harms; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; and Mel Van Der Stelt attended.

Murray said about 8 years ago he found a small, empty corner upstairs in the Courthouse to place some exercise equipment. Murray said he did have permission from the Chief Judge at the time. Murray stated Leon Hobson's comments mentioned one individual being allowed to have personal equipment. Murray stated he has offered the use of the equipment to other staff. Murray said Hobson mentioned liability issues. Murray said he is willing to sign a waiver for the use of the exercise equipment. Murray stated he would be willing to donate the equipment to Riley County.

Meredith discussed mowing at the Riley County shops.

McCulloh moved to sign an Online Access Agreement with Heartland Document for the Register of Deeds' Office.

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign a Riley County Capital Improvement Program, CIP Project Funding, Amendment, and Completion Form for a retaining wall for additional booth spaces during the County Fair in the additional amount of \$4,566.00 for a total amount of \$6,566.00. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Mental Health Month Proclamation for May 2012. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

- an Intensive Supervision Officer (ISO) Assistant, in the Community Corrections Department, at a grade H,
- two As Needed Museum Assistants, in the Museum Department, at a grade Temp/As Needed step 3.

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

- Emily Disney, a new hire, as a Legal Intern, in the Attorney's Office, at a grade C step 1, at \$11.51 per hour.
- Eric Coleman, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a grade Temp/As Needed step 3, at \$8.35 per hour.
- Megan Allen, a rehire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a grade Temp/As Needed step 3, at \$8.35 per hour.
- Greg Canales, a new hire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, at a grade A

step 1, at \$10.44 per hour.

- Damon Newell, a new hire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, at a grade A step 1, at \$10.44 per hour.

- Kalen Wright, a new hire, as a Parks Intern, in the Parks Department, at a grade B step 3, at \$11.74 per hour.

- Chris Enroth, a transfer from the Parks Department, as an Engineer Tech Intern, in the Public Works Department, at a grade B step 3, at \$11.74 per hour.

- Jeremy Harter, a new hire, as an Engineering Tech Intern, in the Public Works Department, at a grade B step 3, at \$11.74 per hour.

- Matthew McDonough, an As-Needed Museum Assistant, in the County Museum Department, for Separation from County Service, effective June 17, 2012.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2012 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

- Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Paul Foltz; Mel Van Der Stelt; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; and Dan Page, KMAN, attended.

Holeman discussed House Bill 2501 regarding the proposed machinery and equipment exemption. Holeman said the bill is now House substitute for Senate Bill 59.

Holeman said there is currently no fiscal note on the bill. Holeman said early estimates by five counties put them at \$42 million in losses.

Holeman reviewed pending County projects.

Cox discussed Kristi Van Horn's e-mail regarding dangerous dogs in Riley County. Cox made Van Horn aware of the revised draft resolution on animal control in the County.

Cox stated animal control will be able to address these matters after the resolution is passed.

9:20 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a County employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission chambers at 9:30 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded.

Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:30 Press Conference

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Service Director; Dan Page, KMAN; Eileen King, County Treasurer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; Chris Enroth, Parks Management/Landscape Intern; Carol Hess; Stan Wilson; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director, attended.

Johnson presented the Mental Health Month Proclamation to Robbin Cole.

Cole stated the cost of untreated mental health illness in Kansas is \$1.17 billion.

King said the Treasurer's Office's conversion to the new software system and testing the system went great. King said there were only minor problems during the process. King said mailed-in transactions will be handled today. King said the State will let the Treasurer's Office know by the end of the day when they can begin to take in-person customers using the new software.

King said the second-half payments of 2011 property taxes are due Thursday, May 10, 2012. King said the Treasurer's Office accepts cash, check, or credit card. King stated that there is a 2.5% convenience fee charged by the credit card provider.

King said tax amounts can be found on under e-gov services, Online Property Tax Search.

King said taxes can be paid in person at 110 Courthouse Plaza, by mail with a May 10th postmark, by internet as described above with e-check or credit card (must have the statement #), or by phone at 1-800-2PAY-TAX, jurisdiction code 2613.

King said to call (785) 537-6321 if you have any questions.

Meredith stated the flood damage from the last large storm is approximately \$100,000. Meredith said our area has been declared a disaster area by the State of Kansas.

Meredith presented the new park map.

Enroth reviewed the new Riley County Parks Map/

Guide.

Meredith stated that Riley County plans to apply an asphalt overlay to RL 873 Lasita Road and LK&W Road. Meredith stated the overlay will begin at the intersection of US 24 and Lasita Road and proceed for 2 miles. Meredith stated the project will begin on Monday, May 7, 2012 and continue through Friday, May 11, 2012.

Meredith stated the road will be reduced to one lane during the construction process. Meredith said traffic will be allowed through the project, but drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes. Meredith advised that fresh asphalt oil will be applied and you should take alternate routes when possible. Meredith said the schedule may change due to weather delays.

Meredith apologized for any inconvenience caused by this project. Meredith said that if you have any questions concerning this project, please contact the Riley County Public Works Department, at 6215 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Manhattan, or call (785) 539-2981.

Meredith reported they are trying to make the landscaping more natural and save cost with less mowing.

9:55 Leon Hobson, Public

Works Director/County Engineer

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Paul Foltz; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Dan Page, KMAN; Mel Van Der Stelt; Richard Seaton Jr.; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Hobson said Hamm's agreement at the Transfer Station allows for a 3% cost increase annually and also a fuel surcharge.

Hobson said he will setup a work session with the Board on the Hamm's agreements and due to the higher cost for fuel and fuel surcharge.

Hobson discussed ongoing Public Works projects.

Van Der Stelt asked about the status of Julie Lane.

Holeman said he is waiting to hear from Van Der Stelt's attorney. Holeman said since Van Der Stelt hired an attorney, Van Der Stelt needs to talk to his attorney on the matter.

Seaton stated he would like to get on the agenda regarding the emergency sirens at University Park not working for the last 30 days.

10:15 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Taxmageddon: Massive Tax Increase Coming in 2013

By Curtis Dubay
The Heritage Foundation
 If President Obama and Congress fail to act this year, an enormous, unprecedented tax increase will fall on American taxpayers starting on January 1, 2013. The Washington Post called the looming tax increase "Taxmageddon,"[1] and Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke called it a "massive fiscal cliff." [2]

This impending tax increase is mostly the result of the expiration of many long-standing policies that all expire at the end of 2012. President Obama and Congress should start working together now to prevent this massive tax increase rather than waiting until the end of the year. That would assure families, businesses, and investors that their taxes will not rise sharply as the economy is still staggering to its feet and show the voters that

Washington really can get important things done—even in an election year.

Taxmageddon Is Huge
 Taxmageddon is a \$494 billion tax increase that strikes at the beginning of 2013. Under current law, tax policies in seven different categories will expire, and five of the 18 new tax hikes from Obamacare will begin.

These tax hikes will raise \$494 billion in 2013 but will remain in place unless President Obama and Congress stop them. Taxpayers would see even bigger tax hikes in succeeding years as the tax increases raise more revenue as the economy grows.

Although these tax increases will not start raising new revenue until next year, they are having a negative impact on the economy today. Families, businesses, and investors need to know how much tax they will pay in the future before making important economic decisions. The uncertainty caused by Taxmageddon means they are stuck in neutral while they wait for President Obama and Congress to act. This is slowing job creation and stopping many of the millions of unemployed Americans from going back to work.

A tax increase the size of Taxmageddon for just one year is simply unprecedented. Usually tax and budget policies are evaluated on estimates over 10 years. A 10-year tax increase of Taxmageddon's magnitude would be off the charts. By comparison, all the tax increases in Obamacare—itsself an enormous tax increase—raise \$502 billion over 10 years, which is almost as much as Taxmageddon will increase taxes just in 2013.

Taxmageddon's Sources
 Almost 34 percent of the tax increase from Taxmageddon comes from the expiration of the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts. These cuts are best known for reducing marginal income tax rates, but they also reduced the marriage penalty, increased the Child Tax Credit and the adoption credit, and increased

TABLE 1
Taxmageddon: \$494 Billion Tax Increase Is Coming
These tax hikes will occur if President Obama and Congress do not act before the end of the year.

FIGURES ARE IN MILLIONS

TAX POLICIES SET TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1, 2013	TAX INCREASE IN 2013
Bush tax cuts	\$165,750
Payroll tax cut	\$124,636
Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) patch	\$118,750
Tax cuts from 2009 stimulus	\$20,876
Tax extenders	\$20,465
Death tax at 35 percent with \$5 million exemption	\$13,000
100 percent expensing for business investment	\$7,695
TAX POLICIES SET TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 1, 2013	TAX INCREASE IN 2013
Tax hikes in Obamacare	\$22,750
Total	\$493,922

Sources: U.S. Office of Management and Budget, *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2013* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2011), at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/budget.pdf> (accessed March 28, 2012); Joint Committee on Taxation, "Estimated Budget Effects of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010," December 10, 2010, at <http://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=3715> (accessed March 28, 2012).

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tax breaks for education costs and dependent care costs.

Another 25 percent of Taxmageddon comes from the expiration of the once-temporary payroll tax cut. The expiration of the patch on the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)—which would raise the income threshold over which families qualify for the AMT to prevent middle-income families from paying this tax that is only supposed to impact "the rich"—accounts for 24 percent of the total potential 2013 tax increase.

The remaining tax increases come in part from Obamacare, notably the start of the Hospital Insurance 3.8 percent surtax on wages and salaries over \$250,000 and investment income over that amount. This is the most economically damaging tax in the law and the one that raises the most revenue.

Then there is the expiration of the tax cuts contained in the 2009 stimulus and the expiration of the "tax extenders," a group of about 50 tax policies that are regularly renewed for a year or two. The current policy on the death tax also expires in 2013. That means the rate will rise from 35 percent today to 55 percent and the exemption will fall from \$5 million to \$3.5 million.[3] The expiration of full expensing of new business

capital investments (deducting the full cost at the time of purchase) rounds out Taxmageddon.

Table 1 lists the revenue each category of tax hikes would raise just in 2013. The appendix lists each separate tax policy that falls under each category that expires or begins in 2013.

Act Soon
 Congress and President Obama have developed a penchant for waiting until the very last minute to act on pressing tax legislation. In 2010, they waited until late December to extend the expiring Bush tax cuts for two years. At the end of 2011, they waited again until late December to extend the expiring payroll tax holiday. They should break themselves of this bad habit.

Instead, Obama and Congress should remove the uncertainty clouding jobs and family finances by removing the threat of Taxmageddon now. Businesses, families, and investors need to know as soon as possible that this massive tax increase will not hit them as they awaken on New Year's Day 2013.

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TABLE 2
Tax Relief Policies from Bush Tax Cuts Set to Expire

EXPIRING POLICIES	TAX INCREASE IN 2013
Marginal rate reductions: • 39.6 percent bracket reduced to 35 percent • 36 percent bracket reduced to 33 percent • 28 percent bracket reduced to 25 percent • 31 percent bracket reduced to 28 percent	\$56 billion
10 percent bracket created	\$37 billion
Capital gains rate reduced from 20 percent to 15 percent	\$29 billion
Dividends tax rate reduced from 39.6 percent to 15 percent	
Eliminate exemptions and itemized deductions for high-income taxpayers (PEP and Pease)	\$9 billion
Marriage penalty reductions	\$17 billion
Child Tax Credit increased from \$500 to \$1,000	\$6 billion
EITC expansion	
Coverdell Education Savings Accounts increase	
Employer-provided educational assistance increase	
Student loan interest deduction increase	
Eliminate taxation of scholarships	\$12 billion
Reduce tax on bonds for school construction	
Dependent care tax credit increase	
Adoption credit increase	
Employer-provided child care credit increase	
Alaska Native Settlement Trusts changes	
Total	\$166 billion

Sources: Joint Committee on Taxation, "Estimated Budget Effects of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010," December 10, 2010, at <http://www.jct.gov/publications.html?func=startdown&id=3715> (accessed March 28, 2012).

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Hinkle Earns Big 12 Player of the Week

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State senior first baseman Wade Hinkle was named the Phillips 66 Big 12 Player of the Week after leading the Wildcats to a series victory over in-state rival Kansas, the conference office announced Monday.

Hinkle, who earned his first-career citation, became the third K-State player to earn weekly honors this season as Jake Brown was named player of the week on March 12 before Jared King picked up the award last week. K-State, which had two pitcher of the week and two newcomer awards last season, saw three players earn awards in the player of the week category in a single season for the first time since 2001 and in consecutive weeks for the first time in conference history.

The Albuquerque, N.M., product, who was playing in his

final home series, led the Wildcats at the plate by going 4-for-8 with a double, a home run, five walks and a .692 on-base percentage. With half of his hits going for extra-bases, Hinkle tallied a 1.000 slugging percentage and also tied for team-high honors with three runs scored in the three games.

Hinkle began his week by singling in the first inning on Friday before using great patience at the plate to tally three-straight walks in a 2-0 K-State win. He drew another walk on Saturday before finishing out his home career on fire on Sunday. In the rubber match of the series, Hinkle led Kansas State to a 9-3 win by going 3-for-4 with his 10th home run of the season in the first inning and a RBI double as part of a four-run eighth. Hinkle's home run followed a King homer, marking the first time K-State hit back-to-back home runs in con-

ference play since 2009.

A former transfer from Cochise College in Arizona, Hinkle is one of just two players in the league with 10 or more home runs this season. The first baseman ranks 11th in the Big 12 in batting average (.333), second in walks (44) and on-base percentage (.489), and third in RBI (47).

Kansas State closes out the regular season with a three-game series at Texas Tech, Thursday through Saturday, at Rip Griffin Park. First pitch on Thursday and Friday is set for 6:30 p.m., while the regular-season finale is slated for a 1 p.m., first pitch. All three games will be aired in the Manhattan area on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN and online at both www.k-statesports.com and www.1350kman.com. Saturday's game will be shown nationally on FSN.



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Davis Trades Rod & Reel For Baseball Bat

By Mark Janssen
K-State Sports Extra.

The world of competition is taking advantage of opportunities presented. That's whether challenged by a King Salmon, or a 95-mile per hour fastball.

No one knows that better than Kansas State junior baseball player Jon Davis, who has experienced, and defeated, both.

Davis, the first native Alaskan to ever put on a Wildcat baseball uniform, wavers when quizzed about which is a bigger thrill between the big catch of a fish, or the big run-scoring hit in the gap. What he does know is where his future lies.

"My dad's a commercial fisherman and that's what I plan to be," said the native of Juneau, Alaska. "I've spent time with him when he's doing his thing, and I don't even consider it working. It is hard work, but it's also that much fun and that much of a challenge."

While the baseball season runs from April into October, those are the same months that Davis has his line in the chilly waters of the USA's most northern state.

"Dad fishes for the Kings in May, Chinook in June and July, Sockeye in August and the Silver Salmon in September," said Davis. "It's only for a few months, but you really get after it when the season is on."

As comfortable as a rod is in his hands, so is a baseball bat. So much so that the Davis family moved to Vista, Calif., so their son could focus on his baseball career when a freshman in high school.

"So much of your work was in a gymnasium in Alaska," said Davis on how you work on your baseball skills in the most frigid state in the union. "The reason we moved was so I could play baseball. Dad could still go back to fish during the summer, but we moved to California for baseball and better exposure."

"We were looking for a more progressive baseball life instead of focusing on hunting and fishing," said Davis, who admits to missing the scenery, fishing and mountain biking in his home state. "We all knew that people in Alaska didn't have much of a chance to play college baseball, which had always been my goal. Moving to California would allow me to play every day and hit in the cage in my backyard every day. My game just progressed little bit by little bit."

Mr. Google says the trip south to Davis' California homes takes two days and one hour, and covers 2,271.2 miles. Davis remembers the journey vividly.

"My dad drives older vehicles and it was pretty cold... in the negatives... 30 or 40 below,"

said Davis. "It was one of those deals where you put cardboard in front of the radiator to keep the car running. It's a rugged lifestyle."

In other words, playing baseball when it's in the low-40s in March is nothing to the 5-foot-7, 175-pound Alaska native.

At Vista High School, Davis collected All-State honorable mention honors as a senior en route to earning a scholarship to perennial West Coast baseball power Cal State Fullerton.

As K-State head coach Brad Hill explains it, "Jon got caught up in a numbers thing and it didn't work out at Fullerton."

Didn't work out to the point that Davis says, "I contemplated going back (to Alaska) to start fishing. It's the only thing I knew how to do."

Instead, he transferred to Palomar College where he earned first-team All-Pacific Coast honors hitting .331 during a 28-11 season. That's where K-State associate head coach John Szefc heard of Davis' availability.

"He was a switch-hitter at the time and we were looking for that utility guy... a versatile guy who had the ability to get on base," said Hill. "While he didn't have a lot of baseball experience, we knew from one year at Fullerton he would have been taught a lot about the fundamentals of the game."

Initially, there was reason to wonder about the K-State's new signee. In the Wildcats' first 25 games, he was 1-of-18 at the plate with 11 strikeouts while coming off the bench.

"I was pretty frustrated and demoralized," Davis admitted. "But when I got the nod to start, I took advantage of it."

With the team mired in a bit of an offensive slump, Hill stuck Davis into the lineup on March 31, which was an 8-7 win over Oklahoma with Davis collecting a pair of hits.

"We had become stagnant," said Hill of Davis, who went 9-for-17 in his first five games as a starter and have never left the starting lineup. "We needed something to happen. We gave Jon an opportunity and he's made the most of it."

Since that start, Davis has been the toughest out on the team in the last five weeks of the season, raising his batting average to .315, which includes hitting .366 since becoming a starter 27 games ago.

Davis tops the team in being hit by pitches with 12, which has helped him reach base in 22 of the 27 games he has started. He's had nine multiple-hit games, which includes three-hit games on three occasions. While fanning 11 times in his first 18 at bats, he's struck out just 19 times in the last 27 games.

"My goal is to get on base two or three times a game whether it's with a hit, by walk or being hit by a pitch," said Davis. "My goal is to help the team win, and I'm willing to sacrifice my body to do that. The game isn't about me, it's about the team. We're in this together as fielders, pitchers and

hitters. We're all working together to get a W."

Davis and the Wildcats need two more W's to assure themselves of a spot in next week's Big 12 Conference Baseball Championship in Oklahoma City. Those opportunities will come Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Texas Tech.

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KSU Places Seven On Team

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State saw a school-record tying seven players named to either the first or second squad of the 2012 Academic Big 12 Baseball Team as the league released its list of 60 student-athletes who earned academic honors on Tuesday.

Five of Kansas State's seven seniors were named to the list as Matt Applegate and Matt Giller earned first-team honors, while Kayvon Bahramzadeh, Wade Hinkle and Mike Kindel were named to the second team. Sophomore Jared King joined Applegate and Giller on the first team, and junior Tanner Witt picked up second-team honors.

Kansas State's seven selections tied the 2003 and 2010 teams for the most in school history, while it was the seventh-straight season under head coach Brad Hill that the Cats have placed at least three members on the first team. In Hill's nine seasons at Kansas State, the Wildcats have collected 47 academic all-conference honors, including 34 first-team designations. Additionally, five of

the seven players this season earned academic all-conference honors for the first time in their career.

A kinesiology major from Wichita, Kan., Applegate earned the first all-conference honor of his career. The right-handed pitcher has seen time in 14 games, including 11 starts, and has posted a 2-6 record with a 5.64 ERA. Earlier this season, he earned the victory as he led K-State to a 5-2 win over No. 21 Texas by allowing just two runs in 5.2 innings.

Giller, a senior who is a double major in marketing and management, earned his second career first-team designation after being honored in 2010. A product of Manhattan, Kan., Giller has started 102 games during his career, including 36 this season. The third baseman is hitting .252 with one home run and 11 RBI.

King earned an all-conference designation during the first season he has been eligible for the award. A sophomore majoring in entrepreneurship, King ranks second in the Big 12 in average (.373), hits (74), slugging percentage (.563) and total

bases (111), while the Dublin, Ohio, product also sits in the conference's top 10 in seven other offensive categories.

Bahramzadeh earned the second academic all-conference honor of his career after collecting first-team accolades in 2010. Hinkle, Kindel and Witt were each first-time recipients.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services, the Academic All-Big 12 Baseball Team consists of first-team members who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, and the second team are those who have a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of their team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

Kansas State closes out regu-

lar-season action this weekend with a three-game series at Texas Tech, Thursday through Saturday, at Rip Griffin Park.

The first two games of the series begin at 6:30 p.m., and will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV. Saturday's regular-season finale is slated for a 1 p.m., start and will be televised nationally on FSN. All three games will be aired in the Manhattan area on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN and online at both www.k-statesports.com and www.1350kman.com.

2012 K-State Academic All-Big 12 Selections First Team
Matt Applegate, Senior, RHP, Kinesiology
Matt Giller, Senior, IF, Marketing and Management
Jared King, Sophomore, OF, Entrepreneurship

Second Team
Kayvon Bahramzadeh, Senior, RHP, Management Information Systems
Wade Hinkle, Senior, IF, Social Sciences
Mike Kindel, Senior, OF, Social Sciences
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