

## Grand Opening



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## Sunset Zoo To Open New Nature Exploration Center This Weekend

June is National Zoo & Aquarium Month and Sunset Zoo has a weekend full of historic celebrations planned. On Sunday, Sunset Zoo will unveil its new entryway and education facility, The Nature Exploration Center, to the public. The Zoo will open at Noon with a formal ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony; guests be invited to use the new ticket booth immediately following the ceremonies. Zoo Ambassadors will be stationed throughout the facility to answer any

questions as guests explore; regular Zoo admission rates apply for this event.

"We can't wait to show off this new building to the community," said Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director. "We're excited for folks to see how this new space will enhance their connection to Sunset Zoo and I cannot thank our guests enough for their patience throughout the construction process."

In addition to Sunday's festivities, community members can get an exclu-

sive first look at the new facility during Friends of Sunset Zoo's Wine in the Wild Saturday evening. The event's VIP reception will begin at 6pm in the Nature Exploration Center with wine and food tasting stations set up throughout. General Admission begins at 7pm with additional tasting stations throughout the main Zoo. To purchase tickets to this historic celebration, visit [SunsetZoo.com](http://SunsetZoo.com) or call 785.587.APES. VIP tickets are \$80 in advance (\$100 at the gate) and General

Admission is \$40 in advance (\$50 at the gate).

Sunset Zoo's new Nature Exploration Center will house an interactive distance learning lab, expanded education offerings, a year-round gift shop and ticket booth, and provide a unique venue for private events, including weddings, family reunions and corporate gatherings.

The project is funded primarily through a sales tax initiative that was passed by Manhattan citizens in 2009.

Private support is also a crucial aspect of the project with several organizations and individuals providing funding. For more information about the Nature Exploration Center, the Zoo's new Gibbons Exhibit or Grand Opening festivities, visit [www.SunsetZoo.com](http://www.SunsetZoo.com) or call 785.587.APES. ##-



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## Kansas' Redistricting Snafu Foils Local Elections

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Candidates for the 165 seats up for grabs in the Kansas Legislature are eager to see what the political boundaries for state lawmakers and U.S. Congress will look like.

But they aren't alone in their curiosity. An unknown number of people aspiring to serve on precinct committees want to know, too.

The legislative candidates Tuesday packed into a Kansas City, Kan., courtroom where three federal judges are expected to decide on the lines. Those candidates have the relative luxury of waiting until the judges rule before deciding whether to hit the campaign trail.

State election officials said they hope word comes by June 11, because ballots must be printed and sent to military members overseas in advance, beginning June 23.

The precinct hopefuls must decide by Friday, the filing deadline for most office seekers in Kansas. Candidates must file by then to get on the Aug. 7 primary ballot, even if they aren't sure about who they will be wooing, or where.

"I've never seen a situation quite like this ever before," said Tyler King, an associate researcher at Ballotpedia.com, an online self-proclaimed "interactive almanac of state politics."

Kansas, like all states, must redraw its congressional and state legislative districts after each U.S. census to ensure political districts represent equal numbers of voters.

Kansas legislators ended the 2012 session May 20 without passing a redistricting plan, becoming the only state that failed to do so. Legislators accused one another of jiggering proposed boundaries to drive opponents from power.

Tuesday, a panel of three federal judges in Kansas City, Kan., began hearings in a lawsuit over redistricting. It's expected the judges will come up with a plan of their own, the first in Kansas history not passed by legislators.

Robyn Renee Essex, a member of the Olathe Republican precinct committee, filed the lawsuit in early May, alleging the Legislature's inaction violates her constitutional rights to cast a vote that counts as much as anyone else's. Twenty-six interveners have since joined the lawsuit, each supporting one side or another.

The three judges hearing the lawsuit, Chief Judges Kathryn Vratil and Mary Beck Briscoe, and Senior Judge John W. Lungstrum, are looking at more than a dozen plans for redrawing the boundaries of Kansas' four congressional districts, 40 state Senate and 125 state House districts, and 10 state board of education districts.

The judges may pick one of the plans before them or create one of their own.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, the state's chief elections officer and a defendant in the Essex lawsuit, hopes a plan can be chosen quickly, said Kay Curtis, Kobach's chief communications officer. Election officials in Kobach's office say the district lines need to be decided by June 11 in

time for candidates to get on ballots and for the ballots to be printed and mailed overseas.

Precinct workers and candidates for any office not involved in the Kansas City lawsuit must file by June 1, said Bryan Caskey, who heads the secretary of state's election division.

"It's the law," Caskey said. "The only exemptions are those specific congressional, state legislative or school board districts that are affected by redistricting."

Redistricting won't be a problem for 600 or more county offices up for grabs this fall across the state, because all voters in each of those counties already cast equally weighted ballots, Caskey said.

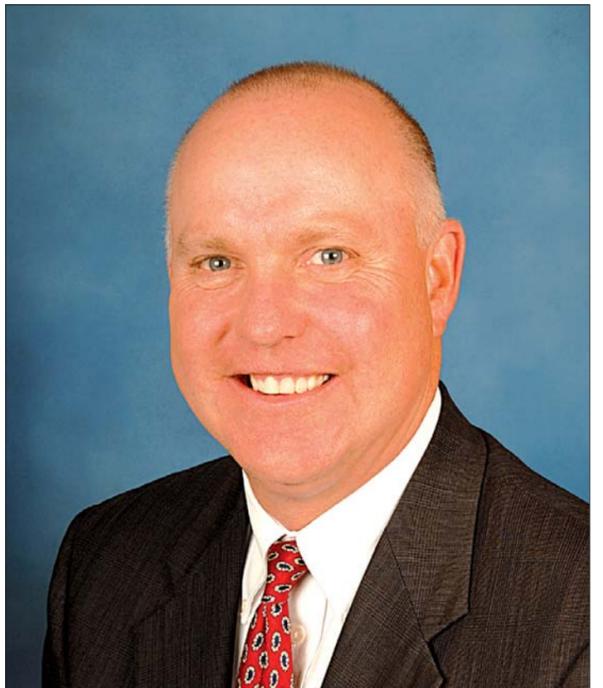
The problem involves precinct workers, the locally elected volunteers who host the more than 13,500 voting stations in the state where voters cast ballots.

Precinct workers, like county sheriffs, treasurers or county commissioners, are elected according to where they live, Caskey said. But redistricting can change precinct boundaries, where county city or other lines are more firmly fixed.

Candidates who want to file for offices with undecided boundaries essentially have two choices, said Michael Smith, a political science associate professor at Emporia State University.

"They can wait. The courts could move very quickly and put out a map," Smith said. "Or they can file and suck it up if redistricting doesn't go their way."

## Eric Londeen Is Director Of The Year



Eric Londeen

Eric Londeen of Manhattan, Kansas was recently named Funeral Director of the Year by the Kansas Funeral Directors Association at its annual convention held May 6-9, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas.

Eric received his Associate of Arts Degree from Kansas City Kansas Community College in December of 1985. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and is a partner in Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Eric served on the Campaign

Leadership Committee for the Sheltering Embrace Hospice House Campaign, and is a member of the First Lutheran Church.

Eric resides in Manhattan with his wife Julie and daughters, Kirsten and Emily.

Other KFDD officers elected at the convention include Robert Gashaw of Osborne as President, Justin Smith of Derby as President-Elect, and Dudley Feuerborn of Garnett as Vice-President and Bill Nicholson of Hoisington as Secretary/Treasurer.

## Little Relief From Car Tag Backlog

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

OLATHE — The Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles is back online.

Problems with a new \$40 million computer system from 3M that bogged down vehicle registrations statewide Monday — and halted them Tuesday — are fixed, said Nick Jordan, Kansas Revenue secretary, Wednesday.

The issues that caused Monday's slowdown and Tuesday's stoppage appear to be related to routine maintenance performed Sunday night, he told reporters.

But people still waited Thursday, sometimes as long as three hours in Johnson County's Mission and Olathe offices, and two to three hours in Wichita. The DMV office in Topeka did not return messages left 30 minutes after opening.

The state's 109 DMV offices are dealing with backlogs of unissued tags, which began piling up when the DMV and drivers' license stations were closed for a week beginning May 1 to

replace the 30-year-old computers.

County treasurers and DMV workers in more thinly populated western Kansas counties, where lines are an anomaly, are helping with paperwork, which has been piling up in Kansas City, Wichita and Topeka.

"We live in a really small county, and we were never actually bombarded," said Pat Sharp, the Lane County treasurer and president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association. "So we're doing what we can to help catch up."

So are the big guys, said Johnson County Treasurer Tom Franzen, whose office includes the state's two busiest offices — in Mission and Olathe.

Johnson County, which includes some of Kansas City, Mo.'s, most affluent southwestern suburbs, is filling some jobs left vacant to save money, hiring temporary workers and compiling more than \$10,200 in overtime expenses since May 7, when the week-long shutdown ended.

Even so, "we've processed only 28,814 transactions this month, 52 per-

cent of the business we processed a year ago," Franzen told Johnson County commissioners at their weekly meeting Thursday.

Johnson County DMV offices, like many in the state's more populous counties, closed the registration lines by mid-day Thursday, so people could finish their business by late afternoon.

Processing Johnson County registrations with the new system still takes about twice as long as it did before the change, Franzen said, but he declined to estimate when the pace might return to normal.

"What we are saying is don't come to the office. Use the mail," he said.

Customers in Wichita DMV offices are still waiting two to three hours to register vehicles, Sedgwick County Treasurer Linda Sizzire said.

That's better by about two hours than a week or so ago, when computer problems seemed to peak, she said.

When will things return to normal? Hard to tell, she said.

## New Name For Catholic Agency

Catholic Charities of Salina is changing its name to better reflect the widespread geographic territory it serves.

Effective June 1, the agency will use the name Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas.

"For years we've grappled with the idea," said Dr. Karen Hauser, chief executive officer of the social services agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salina. While the name coincides with the diocese's name, she said, it doesn't reflect either's territory.

"Our presence is also elsewhere, not just Salina," Hauser said. The agency and the diocese serve a 31-county area that stretches from the Colorado line on the west to Manhattan and Hanover on the east.

She, her board and her staff determined after debating the issue that "northern Kansas" best reflected the

region served.

Other Catholic Charities agencies have taken a similar approach. The Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City's agency is known as Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas to reflect that it, too, provides services in a territory well outside the metropolitan area.

The Salina-based agency has branch offices in Manhattan, Concordia and Hays. Catholic Charities provides adoption and birth parent services, emergency assistance, counseling, legal immigration assistance, Hispanic services and family strengthening programs.

The name change will be gradual, Hauser said. Staff email addresses already reflect the new name, and Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas will be introduced soon on the agency's website.

## American Idol Contestant At Fort Riley

A former American Idol contestant who now has four No. 1 Top-40 hits will perform June 10 at Fort Riley.

Chris Daughtry and his band, Daughtry, will perform at 7 p.m. outside Riley's Conference Center.

Perhaps best known as a contestant from the fifth season of American Idol, Daughtry's No. 1 Top-40 hits include "It's Not Over," "Home," "Feels Like Tonight" and "No Surprise."

Now introducing the band's third album, "Break the Spell," Daughtry is touring the nation and stopping at several military installations along the way to play shows for Soldiers and Families.

The concert is open to Department of Defense card-

holders and their guests, according to Brad Carlton, recreation program manager, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Admission is free to the Air Force Reserve's Tour for the Troops. Gates will open at 5 p.m., and the opening band will start at 6 p.m. before Daughtry takes the stage. About 5,000 people are expected to attend the concert, Carlton said.

The Daughtry concert and a carnival will kick off the 1st Infantry Division's Victory Week.

For the second year in a row, DFMWR will host the Victory Carnival June 7 to 10 at Rally Point Field.

"The Victory Carnival brings the carnival experience right here to Fort Riley at Rally Point Field. There will be food, fun and entertainment for the entire family," said Duane Clayton, recreation specialist, DFMWR.

The event is open to the public. Tickets and wristbands will be available for purchase on site for access to games and rides. Carnival ticket prices are \$1.50 for one ticket; \$12.50 for a 10 pack; or \$21.50 for a 20 pack. Wristbands can be purchased for \$15 and used during the following times: June 7 from 6-10 p.m.; June 8 from 6-10 p.m.; June 9 from 1-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; and June 10 from 1-5 p.m.

Food and beverages also will be sold on the carnival grounds.

No outside food, beverages, glass, coolers or pets are allowed at the carnival or concert.

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley host the annual Victory Week June 7 to 15 at Fort Riley in order to honor current and former members of the 1st Inf. Div. and affiliated units, commemorate our fallen warriors, induct nominated members of the 1st Inf. Div. Distinguished Members of the Regiment and celebrate the "Big Red One's" lineage and history.

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## Look For Green Slime This Weekend

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

**FAIRWAY** — It's summer and the algae are in bloom, although those who assess the bacteria levels for Kansas don't expect the type of problems that limited traffic to state parks last year.

Bacteria counters at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are finding far less of the toxic cyanobacteria, which seasonally cover parts of lakes, ponds and slow-moving rivers with a smelly green slime.

"That's a good thing, too, because we have to have a good

weekend this week," said Linda Lanterman, Kansas' acting state parks director.

Memorial Day and the Fourth of July weekends are peak times for the parks, which get money from entrance, camping and other fees.

Last year, algae bloomed on 38 Kansas lakes in infestations large enough to prompt public health warnings, including parts of Kansas' largest lake, the Milford Reservoir, which covers 25 square miles near Junction City.

Blooms were unusually abundant last year because of hot weather, spring flooding

that washed nutrients off farm land, and Missouri River flooding that delayed normal releases of reservoir water.

"It was a perfect storm," said Connie Hall, director of the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Junction City.

No one has yet come up with a good estimate of total losses to marinas, campground owners and other business owners, Hall said.

But those forces affected traffic to Kansas state parks, Lanterman said.

Park traffic in 2011 dropped by about 100,000 visits from

year-earlier levels, trimming fee income revenue to \$5.2 million from the \$6.4 million Lanterman and other Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism officials had projected.

So far this year, state health officials have posted algae hazard warnings[ [link to warnings](#)] for only one Kansas lake — Memorial/Veterans Lake near Great Bend. Advisories of a potential hazard have been posted at five other lakes, though all, including Memorial/Veterans, are small enough to see across.

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## Obituaries

### Lula Mae Harper

Lula Mae Harper, 86, of Manhattan, passed away Thursday, May 24th, at her residence. She was a graduate from the Manhattan Vocational Technical College, where she became an LPN, working for the former Memorial Hospital in Manhattan for 30 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Lula Mae Richardson was born in Cass County, TX on February 24, 1926, the daughter of the late Robert and Phebie (Mayberry) Richardson. She grew up in Cass County, TX and attended a local country school.

On February 6, 1944 she married Ferris "Fess" Harper, they moved to Kansas City in 1947 and to Manhattan in 1949 where they have lived ever since. Mr. Harper died on November 14, 2010. She was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Manhattan, where she taught Sunday School, was a member of the choir, and a past president of the Mission. Mrs. Harper's greatest hobby was fishing with her husband, Ferris.

Lula is survived by two daughters, Linda Lucas, of Manhattan, Ruthie, wife of

Dale Guliford, of Manhattan; four sons John, husband of Linda Harper, of Manhattan, Robert, husband of Debbie Harper, of Manhattan; Ray J., husband of Martha Harper, of Manhattan and Craig Harper, of St. George; one sister, Margaret Lawson, of Dayton, Ohio; many grandchildren, great grandchildren & great-great grandchildren as well as a host of many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Mrs. Harper was preceded in death by her husband, Ferris "Fess" Harper; her parents; and her sister, Mary Helen Taylor.

Friends are also invited to call on Thursday from 9:00am to 8:00pm, with family present from Thursday 6:00 to 8:00pm at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation.

Funeral services will be held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Manhattan at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 1st, with burial following at the Sunrise Cemetery.

The family request donations to Pilgrim Baptist Church in memory of their mother. To send an email condolence or for more information visit [irvinparkview.com](http://irvinparkview.com).

### Merrill E. Blackman

Merrill Emmett Blackman, age 91, former longtime Manhattan resident, died Sunday, May 13, 2012, at the Valley View Good Samaritan Center in Wamego where he had been residing since 2005.

He was born on November 6, 1920, in Stanford, Montana, the son of Leo Revere and Hulda Elizabeth (Schmitt) Blackman. The family moved to McPherson in 1924 where he graduated from McPherson High School in 1938 and attended two years at McPherson College. He had a love for music having played clarinet in the high school and piano in a dance band in high school and college. From 1940 to entering in the army in 1942, he started his education at Kansas State, worked in Great Falls, Montana and then in McPherson, Kansas.

In the army he served in the 348th Engineering General Services Battalion then later in the 233rd Combat Engineering Battalion deployed to the Pacific theater. Master Sergeant Blackman participated in four combat landing oper-

ations as an Army Transport Quartermaster, and supervised the construction of roads, bridges and airports much under combat. He received the bronze star for meritorious service. Following the war, he returned to Kansas State receiving a B.S. Architectural Engineering degree in 1949.

He lived in Salina, Kansas from 1949-1965 where he was employed by Wilson & Company, Engineers and Architects, and held various positions including managing construction projects.

On June 18, 1951, in Salina, Kansas, he was united in marriage to Lois Marie Johnson. They divorced in 1992 and she would precede him in death in 2000.

Mr. Blackman moved to Manhattan, Kansas in 1965 where he accepted a position at Kansas State University. He developed and taught numerous new courses and was a founding faculty member of the Construction Science curriculum now within the Dept. of Construction Science and Architectural Engineering. In

1967 he organized the Kansas State student chapter of the Association of General Contractors (AGC) and served as its faculty advisor. Under Prof. Blackman's guidance, the student chapter consistently received high national recognition including four first place awards as Outstanding National Student Chapter of the Year. Known as a student's professor, that took pride in the success of his students, Prof. Blackman was recognized as the Kansas State Activities Advisor of the Year in 1984 and named the College of Engineering Outstanding Academic Advisor in 1986. In 1985 he received the AGC Foundation's first annual Outstanding Educator of the Year award. Mr. Blackman retired from Kansas State in 1989.

In his retirement, he enjoyed K-State sports, walks, volunteer activities and attending local music events. Merrill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan and former member of the Manhattan Kiwanis

Club.

He is survived by his son, Bradley Kent Blackman of Pittsboro, Indiana and a grandson, Adam Joshua Schlub of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2012, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan, Kansas with Reverend R.C. McConnell officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to the KSU Foundation for the Merrill Blackman Construction Science Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

### M. Patricia Campbell

M. Patricia Campbell, 81, of Westmoreland, Kansas, died Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the Deseret Nursing Home in Onaga. She was a life-long resident of the area.

Pat was born April 10, 1931, in Westmoreland, Kansas, the daughter of Sherman and Cheryl Seymour Godlove. She attended local schools and graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1948.

Pat worked many years as Clerk of the District Court in Westmoreland. She retired in 1995. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Red Hatters. She loved sewing, crocheting and craft projects.

She also was an artist and enjoyed doing landscapes.

Pat married Frederick M. Campbell on September 23, 1949, in Topeka, Kansas. He preceded her in death on September 16, 2000.

She is survived by her children, Steven Campbell and his wife, Patricia, Westmoreland, Jan Schaffer and her husband, Lee, Liebenenthal, Joy Krouse and her husband, Charles, Westmoreland and Jill Tanner and her husband, Justin, Wamego; six grandchildren, Kristin Knisler and her husband, Darby, Kaleb Campbell and his wife, Megan, Aaron Krouse, Kyle Campbell and his

wife, Molly, Justin Tanner, Jr., and Jamie Benton and her husband, Andrew; five great-grandchildren, Jalen, Kynsley, Kabe, Ethan and Allie; sisters, Jo Plummer, Westmoreland, Anne Reeves, Blaine and brother, Keith Godlove, Westmoreland.

Graveside inurnment was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at Westmoreland City Cemetery. Reverend Phoebe Pitney officiated.

The family suggest memorial contributions to Shriners Hospital or the Lions Eye Bank and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condo-

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## Michelle Obama's 'Civilian' Act Is Hard To Swallow

By Michelle Malkin

The first lady of the United States is on a whirlwind publicity tour for her hefty new food and gardening book (\$30), which the White House hopes will bolster Team Obama's favorability ratings. I'd say it's a classic recipe for rank campaign hypocrisy and media double standards.

While journalists savor chummy chitchats with Mrs. Obama about beets and Beyonce, FLOTUS is once again escaping hard questions about her cronyism, junk science and generous junkets at taxpayer expense.

Mrs. Obama's 2012 campaign media blitz has already brought her to daytime airwaves ("The Ellen DeGeneres Show"), prime-time reality TV ("The Biggest Loser") and children's programming ("iCarly"). This week, she's hitting up "Good Morning America," "The View," Rachael Ray's cooking show, "LIVE! with Kelly (Ripa)" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Out: Let's Move! In: Let's Move ... in front of the TV cameras!

My prediction? As soon as the fawning media frenzy dies down and Mrs. Obama's book rises to the top of The New York Times best-seller list, POTUS will go back to claiming that FLOTUS is a "private citizen" who should be left alone. The Obamas' Chicago strategists have long enjoyed invoking selective immunity for the first lady without challenge. Lapdog reporters have

assisted in creating an impenetrable bubble of political protection around the profligate, policy-meddling first lady.

We've seen it before. When conservatives challenged Mrs. O's caustic 2008 campaign trail statements disparaging America and fear-mongering for votes, her hubby invoked the "civilian" shield. He threatened Republicans to "lay off his wife," arguing that political spouses should not be subject to public scrutiny because they didn't choose public life.

When Mrs. O's lavish vacation in Spain -- accompanied by an entourage of 70 Secret Service agents and 250 Spanish law enforcement officers -- provoked a massive public backlash in 2010, then-White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs argued that the first lady was a "private citizen" who should be off-limits to tough questions about her behavior.

Horse-hockey. Obama's outspoken bitter half conscientiously and deliberately inserted herself into the public square long before the family moved to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue -- whether it was organizing a Woods Fund panel with her husband and Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers, taking a publicly subsidized government job with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, or parlaying her relationship with political mentor Valerie Jarrett into a cushy public job at the University of Chicago Medical Center, where she

oversaw a patient-dumping scheme that benefited her political cronies.

As I reported earlier this month, Mrs. Obama's signature program (now run by Obama's best golfing buddy Dr. Eric Whitaker) just received a \$6 million grant from an Obamacare agency with zero independent oversight. Taste the boodle.

Just a humble private mom raising her two daughters while Dad does all that hardball politics stuff? Pshaw. Let's not forget that Mrs. Obama leveraged her hubby's Senate victory to snag a lucrative seat on the corporate board of directors of TreeHouse Foods, Inc. despite having zero experience in the industry.

When her garden gloves are off, her political boxing gloves are on. Mrs. O famously has castigated other Americans' choices in how they earn their money. She used her East Wing power to push Obamacare. She has exploited the bully pulpit to restrict food advertisers' speech. She has served the SEIU's legislative agenda of increasing the welfare state and padding membership rolls with more government school workers under the guise of fighting child obesity.

And she has relied on questionable science to declare war on so-called "food deserts" in poor neighborhoods where she claims only fast food is available. But according to two major peer-reviewed and published studies: 1) poor neighborhoods had nearly twice the

number of supermarkets and large-scale grocers per square mile as wealthier neighborhoods, and 2) there is no correlation between what students in a large-scale California survey ate, what they weighed and what kinds of food they ate within the immediate radius of their homes.

While she denies a Nanny State agenda, Mrs. Obama successfully has strong-armed several major restaurant chains into redesigning their menus to her exacting healthful standards. One of those targets is Darden Restaurants, which operates Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants across the country. At a time when most food service providers are struggling under the weight of increased taxes, health care mandates and regulations, Darden Restaurants just happens to be one of the few and fortunate businesses to obtain one of those coveted Obama-care waivers.

When Michelle Obama stops using her public office to push new Big Government power grabs and redistribute wealth to her cronies (flashback: Chicago Obama-lympics), stoke racial grievances, and meddle in Obama administration personnel decisions that lead to whistleblower firings (ask her about former AmeriCorps Inspector General Gerald Walpin), I'll leave her alone.

Until then, someone's got to deliver FLOTUS her just deserts.

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## Kansas Profile: Brian Pettey - RobotZone

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

Boeing. General Motors. MIT. McDonnell Douglas. U.S. Air Force. Lockheed Martin. Raytheon. NBC SE. Microsoft. U.S. Army. Carnegie Mellon. Ford Motor Company. That's quite a client list. In fact, it reads like some of the leaders in technology worldwide. Today we'll meet a Kansas company whose innovative work in robotics is helping serve these major industries and more.

Brian Pettey is CEO and founder of RobotZone in Winfield, Kansas. Brian spent his early years in the Leavenworth/Lansing area of Kansas before his family moved to Illinois.

"I grew up playing with Legos, and I liked adding things to make them move," Brian said. He moved back to Kansas to attend Winfield's Southwestern College as had his parents.

One day in 1995, Brian got a call in his dorm room. It was from his old junior high school teacher in Illinois. His teacher said, "I remember you were building things like electric cars all the time back in junior high. We are on a push to incorporate technology into the classroom, and I wonder if you would build a robot or something that would demonstrate

technology for the school."

Brian took on the challenge to build a prototype of a robot for his old school. It went so well that neighboring teachers in Illinois wanted one also, and Brian could see it developing into a business. Then he got to thinking that, if teachers in Illinois would want these products, maybe teachers in Kansas would as well. He went to the library, got a list of school addresses, and mailed out flyers. Sure enough, Kansas teachers were interested. That was the beginning of the business known as RobotZone, founded in a dorm room at Southwestern College.

After Brian did a number of robot demonstrations around the state, some teachers at Wellington suggested he go to the tech fair at Pittsburg, and so Brian did. He had an appointment to meet with two teachers at the tech fair, but as he went down the hall, people started asking him about the robot that he was carrying. They followed him to the classroom where he was to have the meeting. Instead of two teachers, there were more than 60 in the room by the time he started his demonstration. In response to market demand, RobotZone began to grow.

Robotic systems for the education market was the first niche for the company, but demand grew into other sectors as well. Today, RobotZone focuses on designing and man-

ufacturing various products for the medical, industrial, military, and factory automation industries.

The company website is at RobotZone. The company's robots use lots of remote controlled actuators called "servos." These servos are essentially computer- or radio-controlled gear systems which control movement. Over time, the company added a retail division called ServoCity.com, for individuals who wanted to purchase these devices for their own use.

"This took off like crazy," Brian said. "Online sales quickly surpassed the education sales."

One application for these robotic controls is in pan and tilt camera systems. RobotZone has produced products for use by such clients as the BBC, National Geographic, Animal Planet, NBC Special Effects, and others in Hollywood. They've been used for everything from movies to documentaries to TV commercials to the Tonight show.

These products have even gone overseas. Families in India, for example, are buying the robotic controlled cameras for filming their weddings.

How amazing to find this company in rural Kansas.

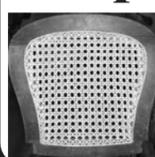
"Many companies are surprised to find we're not located on the coasts," Brian said. RobotZone has contracted out some of its manufacturing to a machine shop in Atlanta - Atlanta, Kansas, that is, population 252 people. Now, that's rural.

RobotZone completed a 30,000 square foot building in 2010. "The city of Winfield has been fantastic," Brian said. "We have absolutely the best employees who are passionate about their work."

From the BBC to the U.S. Army, RobotZone has an impressive client list. We commend Brian Pettey and all those involved with RobotZone and Servocity for making a difference with their innovation and creativity. How exciting to find robots making the journey from Kansas around the globe.

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In her role as the director of the Kansas Weather Data Library, Mary Knapp answers many questions, including some related to lightning.

One question she was asked recently was, "Can a bolt of lightning come out of a clear sky?" Knapp said. "The answer is yes. The phrase 'bolt from the blue' is often used to indicate surprise, as 'a bolt of lightning from a blue sky.'"

According to Phrase Finder, a reference for quotations, the earliest citation is Carlyle, 1837 - "Arrestment, sudden really as a bolt out of the blue, has hit strange victims," she said.

"Sadly, that is still true. Lightning can travel more than 25 miles from the thunderstorm itself," said Knapp, who also

serves as a delegate to the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN). "There have been numerous cases of victims being surprised by lightning from a clear sky. That is why it is important to take cover when thunderstorms are in the vicinity - even if the rain has yet to arrive. It is also recommended to wait about 30 minutes after the storm has passed to resume outdoor activities."

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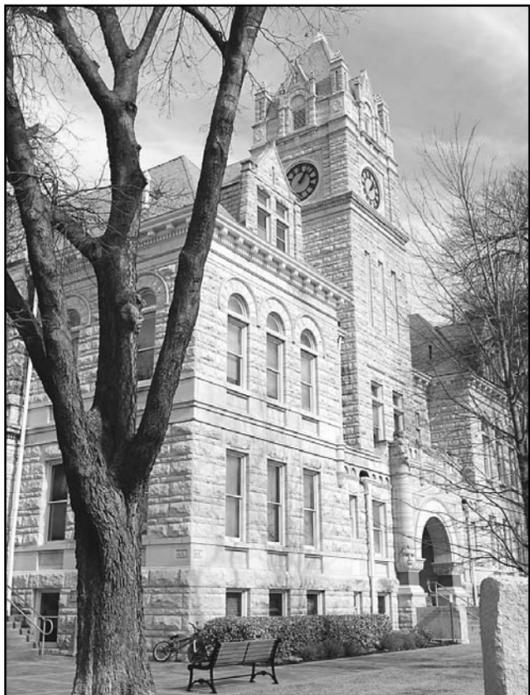
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## Riley County Commission Minutes

**The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas**

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Randolph City Hall, Randolph, Kansas May 17, 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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds, attended.

Johnson said he visited with Dr. Rob Edleston, President and CEO of the Manhattan Area Technical College. Johnson stated they are considering trying to convert to a community college.

Johnson said Kirk Schulz, KSU President, is supportive.

Johnson stated Rob Edleston will meet with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the matter.

McCulloh said there was a meeting May 16th on the mental health task force. McCulloh said Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health, stated our community needs a short term respite facility. McCulloh stated a crisis stabilization unit is needed.

Lewis stated there has been talk about a multi-county facility similar to the Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

Lewis said at the Chamber Board meeting it was stated the Riley County Police Department's Fake Patty's Day cost was \$54,000.

The Board of County Com-

missioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Christian Ford, a new hire, as a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a step 3, at \$8.35 per hour.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Assistant Fire Chief, in the Fire District #1 Department, at a grade P.

McCulloh moved to approve "Charter Resolution No. 10, A Charter Resolution exempting Riley County, Kansas, from K.S.A. 65-201, and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject" for the Health Department. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved "Resolution No. 051712-16, A Home Rule Resolution repealing a taxi coupon program for Riley County residents." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to sign a Public Fireworks Display Permit for Bruce L. Zimmer, Randolph Lions Club for June 30, 2012 from 10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. north of Randolph City Park. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign a letter to Leon Hobson for authorization of excess hours to allow those employees working on the projects Hobson's memo describes to exceed 100 total compensable hours per pay period. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$270,358.05 and the following warrant vouchers for May 18, 2012:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 2012 Budget               |              |
| County General            | \$296,687.91 |
| Health Department         | 65,424.43    |
| Riley Co Juvenile Service | 5,705.44     |
| Motor Vehicle Operations  | 5,249.13     |

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 21st Jud Dist Teen Court  | 1,117.47     |
| Riley Co Adult Services   | 6,105.59     |
| Capital Improvements Fund | 55,774.92    |
| Emergency 911             | 48.47        |
| Solid Waste               | 149,036.51   |
| County Building           | 12,257.77    |
| Road & Bridge Cap Project | 2,340.00     |
| RCPD Levy/Op              | 3,379.14     |
| Landfill Closure          | 893.38       |
| Riley Co Fire Dist #1     | 3,469.57     |
| University Park W&S       | 3,944.03     |
| Hunters Island Water Dist | 1,830.77     |
| Deep Creek Sewer          | 75.00        |
| Moehlman Bottoms          | 836.62       |
| Terra Heights Sewer       | 492.50       |
| Terra Heights Sinking     | 318.50       |
| Konza Water Operations    | 2,481.41     |
| Univ Park W&S Cap Reserve | 788.80       |
| TOTAL                     | \$618,257.36 |

McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Carl Friedrich, Randolph Mayor; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Wilson discussed the following upcoming Extension Programs:

May 20—Food Preservation Workshop for Kids at Riley County High School to be conducted by Ginny Barnard

May 29—Riley County Wheat Plot Tour coordinated by Greg McClure

May 29-June 1—4-H Discovery Days: 16 Riley County teens will be taking part in this mini-college experience at K-State.

June 4-5—Hazardous Occupations Training: Formerly known as tractor safety training, this course is offered annually for teens ages 14-15.

June 9—4-H Horse Show at Wells Arena, CiCo Park

June 10—Extension Master Gardener's Annual Garden Tour

June 12-15—4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center: 113 campers and 17 counselors will be attending Riley County.

June 21—Operation Military Kids Day Camp sponsored by Riley County 4-H Ambassadors

June 26 & 28—Kids4Health Day Camp for pre-schoolers

July 26-30—Riley County Fair

Wilson said every three years Riley County takes a group of teens on a 10-day trip to Washington, D.C., to attend Citizenship Washington Focus at the National 4-H Center. The youth tour the nation's capital and participate in citizenship

workshops at the National 4-H Center. The next group will go in June 2013. Preparations for the next trip are starting now. Youth are required to complete a notebook of various citizenship requirements. One optional requirement is to attend a city/county/county commission meeting. The commission may begin to see youth attend their meetings.

9:15 Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds

Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Carl Friedrich, Randolph Mayor; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Regester presented a year to date revenue report for the Register of Deeds' Office.

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

Administrative Work Session  
Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Carl Friedrich, Randolph Mayor; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Holeman reported the BOCC's request for an Attorney General's opinion on the ½ cent sales tax has been reassigned. Holeman said the Attorney General's opinion should be provided by June 1, 2012, according to a staff attorney in the Attorney General's Office.

10:00 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Carl Friedrich, Randolph Mayor; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Steve Galitzer, Solid Waste Management Committee; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

P. Collins said he has contacted Richard Seaton, Jr. regarding the University Park siren. P. Collins said the University Park siren board will be upgraded. P. Collins said there are nine sirens in the county, which will be upgraded or modified in August.

P. Collins said the Randolph siren malfunction was due to a blown fuse. P. Collins said all three sirens, which had problems are now working.

Friedrich stated the problem with the monthly test is when they push the button in Manhattan to test the sirens in rural Riley County, Manhattan doesn't know if the siren actually works or not.

Lewis suggested having

someone in each community designated to contact to see if the sirens work.

McCulloh said we need to do more to educate people to use weather radios for storm warnings.

P. Collins said there are five different exchanges in Riley County. P. Collins stated there are many reasons 911 systems fail. P. Collins said the Twin Valley phone system went down at 4:00 p.m. and was up by 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4th.

Friedrich said the bad part is the system went down Friday night and none of the staff knew the system was down until they saw their e-mail the next Monday.

McCulloh asked, what should residents do if 911 is not working?

P. Collins stated people should listen to the radio.

10:34 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Carl Friedrich, Randolph Mayor; Jeff Burkhart, KMAN; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Burk Krohe, Manhattan Mercury; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Steve Galitzer, Solid Waste Management Committee; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Schoen stated he has met with Leon Hobson and Rod Meredith on the planning for the future needs of a law enforcement firing range.

Schoen stated the Riley County Police Department budget is on the Monday, May 21, 2012 Law Board meeting agenda.

Schoen discussed the meeting held last night on resources needed for people with mental disabilities.

10:47 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Steve Galitzer, Solid Waste Management Committee; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Donna Baer, Randolph City Council; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Jeff Burkhart, KMAN, attended.

Rosewicz said Hamm Inc. has been under contract to load, haul, and dispose of the municipal solid waste brought to the Riley County Transfer Station since 2000.

Rosewicz said in August of 2010, Riley County negotiated a new long term agreement with Hamm to provide the same services. The agreement provides for an annual 3% increase in their per ton disposal fee every July. A fuel surcharge provision is also a part of the agreement.

Rosewicz said on July 1st of this year, the per ton rate paid to Hamm will increase \$1.06. Our current charge to cus-

tomers is \$45.00/ton for Municipal Solid Waste.

Rosewicz said in 2011, they paid Hamm a fuel surcharge of \$71,178.18. To date in 2012, the fuel surcharge has cost more than for the same period in 2011.

Rosewicz said the Solid Waste Fund ended 2011 with an approximate loss of \$60,000. The beginning balance for 2012 was approximately \$122,000.

Rosewicz said if the Solid Waste fund attempts to just break even and assuming no more increases in fuel, a minimum \$3 per ton increase in the tipping fee would be necessary. This would raise our charge to customers to \$48 per ton. Rosewicz said the Solid Waste fund can only afford to operate in a break even mode for so long. The demand for repairs, maintenance, and equipment replacement will always exist.

Rosewicz said the following are operational changes, which could be implemented to help offset the above referenced increases. The items listed below would have varying impacts in offsetting an increase:

\*Charge more for commercial brush disposal.

\*Charge public and governmental entities for brush disposal.

\*Charge for the disposal of compost materials.

\*Raise the price for compost.

\*Support HHW operations with tax dollars.

\*Fund subsidy to Howie's with tax dollars.

\*Subsidize Solid Waste fund with tax dollars.

Rosewicz said another way to combat higher prices is to encourage more tons of trash be brought to the Riley County Transfer Station. From 2007 through 2011, the amount of MSW received at the Transfer Station has decreased by 5,969 tons. A large part of this decrease can be attributed to the drop in MSW brought to our facility by Waste Management. With the ever increasing population in our area, the waste stream should also be increasing. Rosewicz said they can only assume a large part of this is being taken to the Transfer Stations in adjoining counties.

Rosewicz said possible solutions to insure the MSW collected in Riley County is brought to the Riley County Facility are:

\*Implement a flow control policy.

\*Institute a County operated trash service.

\*Collaborate with the City through their licensing of the trash haulers to require all trash collected within the City to be disposed of at the transfer station.

Rosewicz said there are no easy answers, but they cannot continue to operate with a negative balance.

Rosewicz said based on the information they have at this time and barring any unforeseen issues, a \$3 per ton increase in the tipping fee should allow them to operate

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without a loss. The \$3 increase will not allow them to rebuild their reserves.

Wedel stated if we want to change things we need to be sure to modify the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Galitzer said another thing the Board needs to keep in mind is Riley County is a leader in the state in the HHW program and yard waste collection.

Galitzer asked, what is the role of the Solid Waste Management Committee?

The Board of County Commissioners asked for a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Committee.

11:34 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

## 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 May 21, 2012 with the following members present:

Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Cindy Kriebel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Paul Foltz; Mel Van Der Stelt; Eileen King, Treasurer; Rod Harms; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

King said she received a letter from Kansas State Bank stating the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance requires ATM owners to provide additional accessibility features. King said the ATM in the County Office Building, those features cannot be added and the ATM can only be replaced.

King said Kansas State Bank has reviewed the historical activity and income of the ATM, and evaluated the cost to install a compliant ATM. King said Kansas State Bank doesn't find it economically viable for them to install a replacement ATM in the County Office Building.

McCulloh suggested looking at other banks.

Lewis asked King to contact Kansas State Bank and ask them to reconsider before asking other banks.

The Board agreed for Eileen King to contact Kansas State Bank and ask them to reconsider and then ask other banks if Kansas State Bank is not willing to replace the ATM machine.

McCulloh moved to sign a Highway Use Permit with the City of Riley to bore highway Kansas Avenue and West Street to run water line to homeowner's property. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 052112-17, A Resolution reclassifying Wildcat Creek Road from a Township Road to a County Road". Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 052112-18, A Resolution reclassifying Messenger Road and Rannels Road from Township Roads to County Roads". Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Contract Agreement with HPS Systems for the University Park Water and Wastewater System Operator. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Contract Agreement with HPS Systems for the Terra Heights Wastewater System Operator. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-

0. The Board of County Commissioners a signed Riley County Personnel Action Form for Chris Enroth, a Parks Management/Landscape Intern, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective June 8, 2012.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Parks Management /Landscape Intern, in the Parks Department, at a grade B.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Paul Foltz; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Dan Page, KMAN; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Meredith discussed the Little Apple Fieldhouse.

Meredith said a group of citizens has organized to plan the development of a multi-sport indoor recreational facility. The prime location under consideration by the committee is Fairmont Park.

McCulloh said Riley County needs to make sure the City of Manhattan is willing to help fund the facility.

Foltz suggested Anneberg Park for the multi-sport indoor recreational facility.

Meredith discussed the land acquisition at Fairmont Park.

Meredith said funds may need to be set aside in the CIP for land purchase.

Meredith presented an update on the following current Park projects:

- Install retaining wall at fairgrounds vendor area
- Dirt to Fairmont playground
- Leonardville playground equipment
- Soccer fields and roads in Fairmont
- Trail at Fairmont - add vistas and connecting trails
- Repair rail and end fan on Rocky Ford fence at dam
- Heat bathrooms at Fairmont
- Replace net at Keats basketball goal
- Water trees, sedum, and turf at new courthouse parking lot
- Water new plants in shop flower beds
- Clean up chips from stumps at Fairmont

Meredith said the Parks Department has several projects in the works. In addition to spring seeding, fertilizing, mowing, watering and other normal park maintenance activities, park staff will be working on the projects outlined above.

Meredith stated Riley County is waiting for Leonardville to pick up their Park equipment.

9:30 Press Conference

Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Paul Foltz; Mel Van Der Stelt; Rod Harms; Dan Page, KMAN; Jolene Keck, Elections Supervisor; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

McCulloh said a tour of the Riley County Extension wheat variety plot will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29th at the plot site located at 5490 West 76th Avenue, Manhattan.

McCulloh said a Hazardous Occupations Training course (tractor safety) will be held Monday, June 4th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 5th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at KanEquip in Wamego.

Meredith said Riley County plans to apply an asphalt overlay to P396E Stockdale Park Road. The overlay will begin 1/2 mile east of the Blue River Hills Road intersection and

proceed west for 3.95 miles. The project will begin on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 and continue through Friday, May 25, 2012.

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

Keck said the new filing deadline for state candidates is June 11th at 12:00 (noon) and all other positions remain June 1st at noon.

McCulloh encouraged the public to get their Tdap vaccination for whooping cough, because of an outbreak in the Kansas City area.

10:14 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Jerry Howard, Facility Supervisor; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Rod Harms; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman discussed options regarding Mineral Springs bridge.

Holeman presented a county projects update.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 052112-19, A resolution supporting the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) and urging Governor Brownback to sign the FY 2013 budget enacted by the Kansas Legislature which includes state funding for LEPP in FY 2013". McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:30 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Harms; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jerry Howard, Facility Supervisor; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special

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Projects Director; Bob Isaac, Planner; Myron Calhoun; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson discussed modernization of the CPE elevator.

Hobson said the total project cost of the CPE elevator would be \$120,000 and take 6 weeks to complete.

10:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Harms; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Bob Isaac, Planner; Myron Calhoun; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Johnson opened the Public Hearing for the Vision 2025 Regulation Amendments.

Wedel presented the Vision 2025 Regulation Amendments.

Johnson closed the Public Hearing.

Holeman discussed changes to the resolution.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 052112-20, A Resolution adopting amendments to the zoning and subdivision regulations of Riley County, Kansas, which amended regulations were developed by the Riley County Planning Board and will govern all of unincorporated Riley County, Kansas, Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-741, et seq., incorporating by reference a publication titled "Vision 2025 Amendments". Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:01 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:11 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:12 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:12 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

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Group photos from past years can be found on the Kansas 4-H website under the "Discovery Days" link at [www.kansas4H.org](http://www.kansas4H.org).

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## Sports Extra: Simoneau Receives Honors

By Mark Janssen

**Kansas State University**  
Mark Simoneau's advice to youngsters with dreams of being... well, a Mark Simoneau: Don't waste a day. Each day is critical to have success and to get to where you want to go.

Where that philosophy has sent the former Kansas State linebacker is into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

"The recognition is hard to put into words," said Simoneau of his recent honor that will include an official induction on Dec. 4 in New York City. "It's exciting for me and my family, but I hope also exciting for K-State and my hometown (Smith Center). It was an exciting time that was very unexpected. I so appreciated just being nominated. I had no expectations after that."

Simoneau said he received word of the honor from a box that arrived in the mail at his Overland Park, Kan., home.

"It said National Football something, so I just thought it was something from the NFL," said Simoneau. "But inside was a football with my name on it and a note saying I was being inducted. I was shocked."

There are plenty of reasons for Simoneau's induction starting with leading the Wildcats to a 42-7 record between 1996 and 1999, which included three 11-win seasons. He led the 'Cats to four bowl games and two Big 12 North titles, plus holds the school record of 251 solo tackles, and is third in total tackles with 400, tackles for a loss with 52 and forced fumbles with eight.

"I think playing four years had a lot to do with it and being in front of the media for a long period of time," said Simoneau on what elevated him to the most elite of honors. "What I did on the field, plus the Butkus recognition (a three-time candidate) and being an All-American (twice) all tied things together."

Not bad for a young product from Smith Center, Kan., who grew up in the shadows of his brothers, Tim and Jeff, while starting his career in a Huffy uniform, plastic helmet and a t-shirt pulled over miniature shoulder pads.

It was a time when, "I'm sure we didn't tackle properly, but it was just trying to get the guy down on the ground."

Through the years, few got people to the ground better than Simoneau.

K-State was the only school to offer the prep runningback/linebacker a scholarship. A dasher, by the way, who totaled 2,252 yards, averaging better than 10 yards per tote. Demonstrating his dedication and work ethic, the weight room, he squatted 585 pounds and benched 330.

"I never had anyone knocking at my door other than K-State," said Simoneau. "I never attended camps, but my brother (Jeff) had played there in 1992, so I was familiar with the program and had a good feeling about it."

Simoneau immediately recognized the size and speed difference, but following Bill Snyder's theme of day-by-day, he saw his game get better to the point he said, "I can do this."

While there was a debate as to whether to play as a true freshman, a bout of mononucleosis made that decision easy, giving Simoneau another year to mature into the program.

In 1996, Simoneau was named the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year, followed by All-Big 12 First Team honors in 1997, 1998 and 1999 when he was also the Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season.

"When you're an athlete trying to get better it becomes a gradual process over time. When that process is going on, success really doesn't become a surprise," said Simoneau, who calls the 40-30 victory over Nebraska in 1998, and the 35-18 upset of Syracuse in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl as his biggest personal team wins. "There have been times I've wondered

if I would have missed several days of trying to get better, what it might have met to my career. You just have to take advantage of every day to better yourself."

Now two years removed from an 11-year career in the NFL that included 525 career tackles in 124 games with the Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs, Simoneau says of his recent reflections, "My college career and years in the NFL... those are things I never dreamed would happen. Even at a young age, my thoughts were only of that next step, whatever that was. But now that it's over, sure, with time to reflect you just say, 'Wow... what a dream.'"

First with legendary head coach Roger Barta at Smith Center High where he was also a Class 3A state shot put and 100-meter champion, and then Bill Snyder at K-State, Simoneau said, "It's all been about consistency and effort. More than teaching anything at a high level, it was teaching gradual improvement and consistency over a long period of time. That's what allows you to go things down the road."

Like Barta prepared Simoneau for K-State, it was Snyder who prepped the 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker for being a third-round draft choice by the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, and an 11-year career that followed until back and triceps injuries ended his career in 2010.

With his own personal commitment to Snyder, Simoneau said, "He was one of those guys you respected so much because he expected so much out of you. You wanted to play as flawless as possible for him. You did that by becoming a little bit better each day with your fundamentals and your focus on the game."

Simoneau added, "It all goes

back to the amount of work coach demanded and the discipline in the program. He knew how to prepare you to play. You prepared for every team, good and bad, the same way. A lot of guys didn't have that background of already knowing how to compete out of college."

Today, Simoneau, a member of the Kansas State Ring of Honor and Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, carries that same teaching philosophy at Simoneau Sports Performance in Overland Park where his mission statement includes maximizing the potential of each athlete, achieving measurable results in a competitive environment, teaching proper technique and being a positive influence in an athlete's life.

"To see a kid start to see the value of those things is pretty exciting," said Simoneau. "When you see them realize how their hard work is paying off is pretty exciting."

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