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What's Really in the Ryan Budget

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Thanks to several years of fiscal restraint during the 1990s, the burden of federal spending dropped to 18.2% of gross domestic product by the time Bill Clinton left office. The federal budget today consumes more than 24% of economic output, a one-third increase since 2001 in the share of the U.S. economy allocated by politics rather than market forces. That makes the Republican House budget, which would reverse this trend, extremely important for the economic health of the country.

Both political parties deserve blame for the spending spree that's put America in a fiscal ditch. President George W. Bush was a big spender and President Obama has compounded the damage with his stimulus spending and other programs.

But the era of bipartisan big government may have come to an end. Largely thanks to Rep. Paul Ryan and the fiscal blueprint he prepared as chairman of the House Budget Committee earlier this year, the GOP has begun climbing back on the wagon of fiscal sobriety and has shown at least some willingness to restrain the growth of government.

Policy makers should focus on reducing the burden of government spending as a share of GDP — leaving more resources in the private economy.

The Ryan budget has generated considerable controversy in Washington, and it will become even more of an issue now that Mr. Ryan is Mitt Romney's running mate. So it's an appropriate time to analyze the plan and consider what it would mean for America.

The most important headline about the Ryan budget is that it limits the growth rate of federal spending, with outlays increasing by an average of 3.1% annually over the next 10 years. If spending is left on autopilot, by contrast, it would grow by 4.3% (or nearly 39% faster). If President Obama is re-elected, the burden of spending presumably will climb more rapidly.

This comes as a surprise to many people since the press is filled with stories about the Ryan budget imposing trillions of dollars of "savage" and "draconian" spending cuts. All of these stories, however, are based on Washington's misleading budget process that automatically assumes an ever-expanding government. The 4.3% "base line" increase is the benchmark for measuring "cuts" — even though spending is rising rather than falling, and it's only the rate of spending growth that is being slowed.

Even limiting spending so it grows by 3.1% per year, as Mr. Ryan proposes, quickly leads



Senator and Vice-Presidential Candidate Paul Ryan.

to less red ink. This is because federal tax revenues are projected by the House Budget Committee to increase 6.6% annually over the next 10 years if the House budget is approved (and this assumes the Bush tax cuts are made permanent). Since revenues would climb more than twice as fast as spending, the deficit would drop to about 1% of gross domestic product by the end of the 10-year budget window.

To balance the budget within 10 years would require that outlays grow by about 2% each year. Spending in the Ryan budget means the federal budget reaches balance in 2040. There are many who would prefer that the deficit come down more quickly, but from a jobs and growth perspective, it isn't the deficit that matters.

Rather, what matters for prosperity and living standards is the degree to which labor and capital are used productively. This is why policy makers should focus on reducing the burden of government spending as a share of GDP — leaving more resources in the private economy.

The simple way of making this happen is to follow what I've been calling the golden rule of good fiscal policy: The private sector should grow faster than the government. This is what happens with the Ryan budget. The Congressional Budget Office expects nominal economic output (before inflation) to grow about 5% each year over the next decade. So if federal spending grows 3.1% annually, the burden of federal spending slowly shrinks as a share of GDP.

According to the House Budget Committee, the federal budget would consume slightly less than 20% of economic output if the Ryan budget remained in place for 10 years. This would be remarkable progress considering that the federal government is now consuming 24% of GDP vs.

Mr. Clinton's 18.2% in 2001. If Paul Ryan's policies are social Darwinism, as Mr. Obama and his allies allege, one can only speculate where Bill Clinton ranks in their estimation.

Spending restraint also creates more leeway for good tax policy. Regardless of what you think about deficits, the political reality is that it is difficult to lower tax rates if government borrowing remains at high or rising levels. If deficit spending continues at current levels, then higher tax rates are almost sure to follow. And higher tax rates can't create an environment conducive to more investment and jobs.

The Ryan budget avoids this unpleasant outcome by addressing the problem of excessive government spending. This makes it possible to extend the 2001 and 2003 tax-rate reductions. It also clears the way for other pro-growth reforms, such as Gov. Romney's proposed across-the-board 20% income tax cut, a more competitive 25% corporate tax rate, and less double-taxation of dividends and capital gains.

One of the best features of the Ryan budget is that he reforms the two big health entitlements instead of simply trying to save money. Medicaid gets block-granted to the states, building on the success of welfare reform in the 1990s. And Medicare is modernized by creating a premium-support option for people retiring in 2022 and beyond.

This is much better than the traditional Beltway approach of trying to save money with price controls on health-care providers and means testing on health-care consumers. Price controls are notoriously ineffective — because health-care providers adapt by ordering more tests and procedures — and politically unsustainable due to lobbying pressure. Means testing imposes an indirect penalty on people who save and invest during their working years. That should be a nonstarter for a political party that seeks to encourage productive behavior and discourage dependency.

But good entitlement policy also is a godsend for taxpayers, particularly in the long run. Without reform, the burden of federal spending will jump to 35% of GDP by 2040, compared to 18.75% of output under the Ryan budget.

Assuming the GOP ticket prevails in November, Mitt Romney will make the big decisions on fiscal policy. But there is no escaping the fiscal math. If Mr. Romney intends to keep his no-tax-hike promise, he has to restrain the growth of spending. This doesn't mean he has to go with every detail of the Ryan budget — but it's certainly a good place to start.

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Changing The Game

By Jon A. Brake

They are changing the game, they did it in 2002 and they are doing it again in 2012. In 2002 the Riley County Commission sold the voter on a 1/2 cent sales tax that would go to "Roads and Bridges and Economic Development. The City of Manhattan re-wrote the definition of "Economic Development" so they could spend the money almost anyway they wanted.

Now the County is coming back for a second round of Sale Tax and the City voted Tuesday night to change their definition of "Economic Development" to include: " (2) property tax relief".

The problem is the City of Manhattan is so far in debt (\$270 million) and they need help in paying off the Bonds.

Last week Free Press showed the City spent \$11.7 million in the past 10-years of the Sales Tax and they are already counting on the Sales Tax to pay another \$9.3 million without anything new coming to town.

Here is a Memo given to the Commission:

BACKGROUND

In 2002, the voters of Riley County approved the so-called "Roads and Jobs" half-cent sales tax measure. State law mandated that Riley County share the proceeds of the tax with all municipalities within the County. The ballot reflected Riley County's voluntary pledge to use its portion of the proceeds to "pay the costs of developing, improving, and maintaining the system of roads, bridges, and culverts located in the County." The ballot also reflected the City of Manhattan's voluntary pledge to commit its portion of the proceeds for "economic development initiatives that occur within Riley County." The sales tax generates approximately \$4 million annually. Of that amount, the City receives approximately \$2.2 million annually. The City's funds have been used for such projects and companies as the Florence Corporation, Manhattan/K-State Innovation Center, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF), GTM Sportswear, Regional Jet Service via American Eagle Airlines, among others. The sales tax is set to expire in December 2012.

The ballot language from 2002 stipulated that the question of continuing the sales tax should be submitted to voters at the general election held in 2012. Riley County requested an opinion from the Kansas Attorney General to advise whether this language requires the County to resubmit an identical sales tax question in 2012. In addition, the request asked whether the purposes of the sales tax may be amended or revised. The Attorney General replied on July 30, 2012, and advised that the same ballot question must be submitted at the November general election and the purposes for the tax may not be changed. Based on this opinion, on August 2, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners of Riley County approved a motion to comply with the Attorney General's opinion and place the current half-cent Roads and Jobs sales tax on the general election ballot as is, with the exception of the sunset provision. The ballot question will instead have a true sunset provision ending the tax in 10 years without requiring a public vote.

DISCUSSION

The renewal of the 2002 Riley County Roads and Jobs sales tax would generate approximately \$2.7 million annually for the City. If the sales tax renewal is successful, the City will be limited to using its portion of the proceeds for "economic development initiatives...as determined and authorized by the Governing Board of the City." The public education campaign in 2002 narrowly construed economic development initiatives to include projects and incentives that grow businesses and create jobs. However, the Commission has expressed a desire to expand this definition to include initiatives that support and promote economic development without providing funding or incentives to a specific business.

On August 14, 2012, the Commission expressed general consensus to use the sales tax proceeds for two primary economic development initiatives: (1) traditional company incentives and projects along with infrastructure improvements and (2) property tax relief. Based on this direction, City Administration has drafted a new policy resolution (attached) to provide additional detail to the public. In general, the policy resolution states that 65% of sales tax proceeds may be used for either traditional company incentives/projects, as determined in accordance with the City's existing Economic Development Policies and Procedures document, or for infrastructure projects. Before approving sales tax funds for an infrastructure project, the City Commission must make a determination that the project is an economic development initiative that will improve the delivery of goods and services and enhance the vibrancy of the community, thereby supporting growth and making the Manhattan area more attractive for businesses to relocate or expand. The remaining 35% of proceeds will be deposited to the Bond & Interest Fund to directly offset the property tax burden related to outstanding city debt.

Visitors Day At Konza Prairie

The chance to see the inner-workings of Konza Prairie only comes in even-numbered years, and the biennial Visitor's Day for the Konza Prairie Biological Station is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29.

The Konza Prairie Biological Station is known worldwide as the preeminent center for grassland research. This 8,600-acre native tallgrass prairie preserve is dedicated to a three-fold mission of long-term ecological research, education, and prairie conservation.

On Visitors Day, the Konza will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offer guided access to its normally restricted areas, giving everyone the opportunity to hike the trail system, or potentially see the Bison herd.

Visitors will also see live animal displays and research exhibits at the station headquarters,

while learning about tallgrass prairie conservation and management. Techniques like grazing and burning will be discussed, and guests can even see the prairie as a satellite does. History of the site, Flint Hills geology, tallgrass prairie flora and fauna and much more will be offered by researchers, docents and staff.

Other activities offered during Visitors Day include driving tours of the bison enclosure, hay wagon rides, tours of the Hokanson Homestead along Kings Creek, and guided hikes. Special activities for youth will be held at the Hulbert Education Center in the lower level of the ranch house.

The Friends of the Konza Prairie will also be on hand to offer Konza Prairie t-shirts, hats, posters, mugs, and other items for sale. The Nature Conservancy will host an information

booth and offer book sales.

The Konza Prairie Biological Station is owned by The Nature Conservancy and K-State University, and is operated as a field research station by the K-State Division of Biology. Konza Prairie is located six miles south of Manhattan along McDowell Creek Road. To get to the station headquarters, drive on Konza Lane past the nature trail kiosk. The headquarters is located around the corner to the right.

While most of the Konza is closed to visitors the rest of the year, a six-mile series of nature trail loops is open to the public year round from dawn to dusk. For more information, contact Konza's Environmental Educator, Jill Haukos, at (785) 587-0381, or send an e-mail to konza-ed@ksu.edu.

Exploreing German Settlers' Struggle Against Slavery

The Riley County Historical Society and the Riley County Genealogical Society in Manhattan will co-host "Hurrah, Frei Kansas! Germans Struggle Against Slavery in Kansas Territory, 1854-1861," on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. William D. Keel is the speaker. Contact the Riley County Genealogical Society at 785-565-6495 for more information or visit www.rileycgs.com. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

In 1854, the New England Emigrant Aid Society recruited German settlers to Kansas in support of the Free Staters. Nearly 80 German

settlements in northeastern counties were established. Keel's presentation examines how Germans participated in the "Bleeding Kansas" period in the summer of 1856, their involvement in the territorial constitutional debates, and their participation in the Union Army.

William D. Keel is professor of German and chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas. His research interest is German settlement dialects in Kansas and he is the editor of the "Yearbook of German-American Studies."

"German settlers were actively recruited by the opponents of slavery in Territorial Kansas," according to Keel. "The belief was that Germans would vote against any state constitution allow-

ing slavery in Kansas." "Hurrah, Frei Kansas! Germans Struggle Against Slavery in Kansas Territory, 1854-1861" is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau featuring presentations and discussions about Kansas and what it means to be a Kansan over time and across generations.

The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based humanities programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information about KHC programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785-357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org



CMS Accepts KanCare Application

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) notified the State of Kansas Monday that its Section 1115 waiver application for KanCare has met the requirements for a complete application under federal regulations and public comment will be accepted Aug. 21st through Sept. 20th.

KanCare is Governor Sam Brownback's plan to reform the state's Medicaid system through innovative solutions

that will sustain this \$3 billion safety net. The state is leveraging private-sector experience while maintaining policy and hands-on oversight of the Kansas Medicaid program to ensure improved outcomes and sustainable growth. It is estimated that KanCare will reduce the rate of growth in the state's Medicaid spending by more than \$1 billion during the next five years.

Starting in 2013, KanCare

will offer Kansas Medicaid consumers three options for integrated care and value-added services. The health plans partnering with the State and the Medicaid service providers are Amerigroup Kansas, Inc., Sunflower State Health Plan, and United Healthcare of the Midwest, Inc. Improvements to the Medicaid program will include expanded coverage for dental care, heart transplants and bariatric serv-

es.

Prior to submitting the formal Section 1115 waiver application to CMS, the State held a public comment period that ended July 14. To see the public comments submitted to the State of Kansas on the Section 1115 waiver application, visit KDHE's KanCare page at <http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/kan-care/>.

Capitol's New Addition Costs \$296K

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

Kansas' century-old weathered copper Capitol dome will be bright as new penny when renovations are finished \$10 million from now.

FAIRWAY — Toss another \$296,000 onto the pile of Kansas Capitol renovation costs.

That's the price of an elaborate 900-pound chandelier that restorers installed this week

under the Capitol dome, said Barry Greis, the Capitol architect on the front lines of what has become a 12-year, \$320-million project to restore Kansas' Capitol building to its 1903 glory.

The new fabricated bronze and brass chandelier, replicated by St. Louis specialists working from old black and white photos, replaces a 19th century original sacrificed to a World War II scrap metal drive in

1942.

The money for the chandelier will not increase the nearly \$320 million cost of the renovation, because it's covered in work previously included in the project's to-do list in the building's north wing, Greis said.

The latest installation also promises to buy taxpayers something they haven't seen for a long while — major visible progress on the whole effort.

"All our interior work will be completed by Sept. 28 this year, and we'll be taking down all the sheet rock and other construction material in the first through fifth floor," Greis said.

That, in turn, will allow legislators whose offices were temporarily moved to other state buildings during the past dozen years to return to work under the Capitol dome.

Obituary's

Joseph Davis Ralston

Joseph Davis (Joe) Ralston, 91, died Thursday, August 9, 2012 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Manhattan, KS. Mr. Ralston's family and friends provided the following information.

Joe was born on January 11, 1921, in Cleveland, OH to Joseph Harold Ralston and Estella Davis Ralston. His father was an ophthalmologist while his mother cared for the home.

Joe graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland in 1939 and entered the Case Institute of Technology, graduating in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 at the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. The Army sent him for graduate study at Harvard University that same year and then to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1943 for training in advanced radar techniques. From 1943 to 1946, he was in charge of the installation of all ground radar on the Gulf Coast of the United States. He also served in the Pacific Theater where he directed the restoration of water and power for Manila and the Philippines after the return of U.S. troops to the islands. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged from the military in 1946 with the rank of Major.

Joe then went to work for Leeds and Northrup Company as a sales engineer from 1946 to 1951, working at the Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cleveland offices. From 1951 to 1962, he held positions of increasing responsibility with Hughes Aircraft Company in both Culver City and El

Segundo, CA. From 1962 to 1989, he was employed by Litton Systems, Inc. and was promoted from Project Manufacturing Engineer to Section Manager of Guidance and Controls in Woodland Hills, CA. He retired from Litton in January of 1989.

Joe married Roselind Palmer in 1945; a son, Joseph H. Ralston, and a daughter, Anne E. Ralston (Kane), were born to this union. They divorced in 1959. In 1972, Joe married Jacquelyn C. Schatz of Encino, CA. She died in 1997.

Joe married Marian Caddy Spears, Professor Emeritus and former Head of the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management and Dietetics at Kansas State University, in Manhattan, KS on May 29, 1998. Joe first met Marian in kindergarten at Miles Elementary School in Cleveland. Their paths crossed again when both attended what is now Case Western Reserve University, where they dated throughout their college years. To commemorate his graduation in 1942, Marian gave Joe a gold ring engraved with his initials. They kept in touch throughout his military service in WWII, with Joe wearing the ring by day, and hiding it in his shoe at night in order not to lose it. After his discharge from the military, however, the two lost contact.

Marian remained close to her alma mater and volunteered as the class notes correspondent for the alumni news section of the University's magazine. Then, one day in 1994, she read that Joe and his wife Jackie had lost their home in the 1994 Northridge, CA, earthquake. Wondering if this could be the Joe Ralston from her youth, she obtained his address from the alumni office and wrote him.

To her utter amazement, it was Joe. Over the next few years, Joe, Jackie, and Marian - who had been widowed in 1992 - enjoyed keeping in touch during the holidays and on birthdays. When Joe's wife unexpectedly died in 1997, Marian contacted Joe to offer her condolences. The two began to correspond more frequently and later, with their college romance rekindled, Joe moved from Los Angeles to Manhattan to marry Marian. At their wedding, their pastor blessed the gold ring Marian had given Joe fifty-six years earlier.

Joe loved the "town and gown" atmosphere of Manhattan and, following Marian's death in 2004, chose to remain at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community where he and Marian had lived. He was an avid HAM radio operator, and was a member of the KSU Amateur Radio Club from 1998 to 2005. He used his call letters, K6ESR, as his car license plate.

Joe was the epitome of a lifelong learner. While in his mid-80s, Joe audited three graduate courses in power electronics and electric power quality at K-State, consistently scoring the highest grades in the class on the exams.

More recently, Joe became interested in the "Great Courses" curriculum, completing courses in astronomy, the concerto, and physics. He was an avid reader, and despite failing eyesight, enjoyed the historical novels and mysteries in the Meadowlark library. Joe also embraced technology, enjoying the opportunity for daily video chats with his son and daughter-in-law in California and his brother in Houston. His grandchildren brought much joy to his life; he took special delight in the

impromptu telephone recitals of his grandsons who serenaded him on their musical instruments.

Mr. Ralston was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William, his wives Jacquelyn and Marian, and his son-in-law Tom Kane. He is survived by his brother James of Houston, TX; his son Joseph H. Ralston and wife, Maria de Jesus, of San Diego, CA; his daughter Anne Ralston Kane and his grandsons, Patrick, Matthew, and William, of Golden, CO; his granddaughter Ana Luisa Nascimento and husband Marcio of Washington, DC, and great-grandson Matteo, born in June, 2012; his friends Medo and Sharon Morcos and Jennifer Rettele-Thomas, his Manhattan "family"; Don Kropf, Stephen Minister from First United Methodist Church, who visited Joe regularly; and the staff and his many friends of Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.

Joe was a consummate gentleman, a kind man who daily displayed the virtues of integrity, graciousness, and gratefulness. He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Manhattan where Joe was a member. Associate Pastor Melanie Martin will officiate. Private inurnment will take place at Sunrise Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church in care of Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Online condolences may be left at for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Mary Jean Nelson

Mary Jean Nelson, age 78, of Manhattan, died August 18, 2012, at her residence.

She was born March 11, 1934, in Manhattan, the daughter of Joseph H. and Bernadine A. (Edwards) Doebele.

Mary Jean graduated from Msgr. Luckey High School in 1952 and then attended Kansas State University and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

She was a homemaker while the children were growing up and was co-owner of Doebele's IGA in Aggieville. She later worked as a secretary and later sales representative for Harding Glass and then as a receptionist at UMB Bank in Manhattan.

Mary Jean was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church and was previously active in the Altar Society. She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, her pet dogs, and most of all spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's events and the holiday's.

She was married to Myron

D. Nelson in 1954. They later divorced.

Survivors include her two children: Michael Scott Nelson and his wife Carole of Parkville, MO, and Melanie Ann Berry and her husband Rick of Manhattan; four grandchildren: Lindsay Lauppe and her husband Craig, Craig Berry, Christopher and Catherine Nelson; and one sister-in-law: Pat Doebele of Independence, MO.

Mary Jean was preceded in

death by her parents and one brother, Robert Doebele.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at Seven Dolores Catholic Church with Father Joseph S. Popelka as Celebrant. Interment will follow in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 until 8:30 P.M. Wednesday 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 Homecare & Hospice, Inc., Arthritis Foundation or Seven Dolores Catholic Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.



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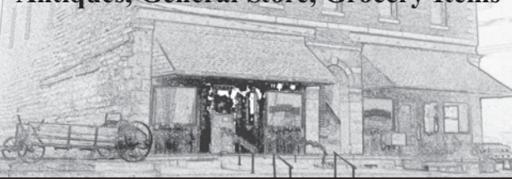
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Another Victory for Voter ID

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Last Wednesday, in a victory for election integrity, a Pennsylvania district court judge denied a preliminary injunction to stop Pennsylvania's new voter ID law from going into effect.

The law, passed in March 2012, minimally changes Pennsylvania's election code to require citizens voting in person on Election Day to present photo identification. Acceptable forms of photo identification include IDs issued by the federal or state government, such as municipalities, accredited public or private schools, and care facilities. Citizens who cannot produce an approved form of ID may still cast a provisional bal-

lot provided that the person delivers proof of identification within six days after the election. The law imposes a similar ID requirement for absentee ballots.

Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation is charged with issuing free identification cards. For those who cannot afford the minimal cost of supporting documentation, such as a birth certificate, their votes will still count if they sign an affirmation that they can't afford the cost.

The challengers claimed that many citizens will be disenfranchised or severely burdened by the photo ID requirement. At a trial in July, the challengers put forth testimony regarding the number of registered voters supposedly with-

out certain types of photo ID (e.g., drivers licenses) as of June 2012, but others have noted that most of these voters have other approved IDs that they use to pass through airport security or get into government buildings.

Judge Robert Simpson flatly rejected the challengers' attempt to "inflate the numbers" of disenfranchised voters—which he estimated were "somewhat more than 1% and significantly less than 9%," as claimed by the petitioners. He also found that the testimony of the petitioners' expert was "not credible" and demonstrated bias.

This outcome is similar to those in the unsuccessful lawsuits against the voter ID laws of Georgia and Indiana. In all

three states, the courts threw out the opinions of the alleged experts hired by the plaintiffs as "not credible."

In a motion for a preliminary injunction, the challengers must demonstrate their likely success on the merits. The challengers failed to convince the judge that Pennsylvania's law is facially unconstitutional (rather than as applied, which means that the law is unconstitutional only in its application to a particular person under particular circumstances). The challengers provided "speculation about hypothetical or imaginary cases," which Judge Simpson correctly observed has "no place in a facial challenge."

Fraud in elections is a legitimate problem, and states from

Colorado to Rhode Island have addressed it by passing laws that require identification at the polls. Voter ID laws strengthen enfranchisement of registered

voters and ensure the integrity of elections, and now Pennsylvania joins the ranks of other states with common-sense voter ID laws that have withstood judicial scrutiny, such as Indiana, Arizona, and Georgia.



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Taking To The Air..



These four veterans of World War II were Honor Flight participants, 28 veterans with 28 escorts and a host couple flying from Kansas City to Washington D.C. on July 31st for a three day experience of attending a banquet

with mail call, saw the changing of the guard, visited memorials, national cemetery, and a museum of their choice. Pictured left to right are: John Roberts, Charles Niernberger, Rix Shanline and Norbert "Doc" Stigge.

Developer Could Make Millions

**By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog**

OSAWATOMIE — A Sedgwick County developer has secured a steal of a deal, courtesy of the Wichita City Council.

WaterWalk LLC paid less than \$100 to lease a plot of land that originally was planned to become a parking lot but now may be the future site of a multi-million dollar apartment complex.

City officials Tuesday approved an amended ground lease, which allows the lessee

to improve the property while the city retains ownership, for a 4.4 acre plot on the west side of the Arkansas River north of Kellogg Avenue.

WaterWalk LLC, the chief developer for the city's decade-spanning downtown makeover, requested the change to the lease.

The land was not part of the original deal brokered in 2002, when city officials outlined plans for the WaterWalk development project, which called for the development of about 20 acres on the east bank of the

Arkansas River north of Kellogg Avenue.

The city added the 4.4 acres to the WaterWalk project in 2004 and leased it to WaterWalk LLC for 93 years at only \$1 per year. As part of the deal, the developer had to cut a check for \$93 up front.

Wichita is expected to benefit from the apartment complex because of the taxes it will generate. The land has sat empty and unused since the city acquired it in 1994.

The new lease is also a good

deal for WaterWalk LLC and its owner, developer Jack DeBoer. WaterWalk LLC has put the location up for bid, offering to sell its exclusive rights to develop the apartment complex for \$1,153,344.

Vice Mayor Janet Miller said the company is within its rights to do so.

"We have already a signed 93 year agreement," Miller said. "It's not an option to not lease it to them."

DeBoer did not return calls for comment.

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Road to the Downey Ranch headquarters.

Tour hosts Joe Carpenter and Barb Downey will outline the history of Downey Ranch and will discuss their management, marketing, and cattle handling philosophies. Participants will also view cattle and tour the

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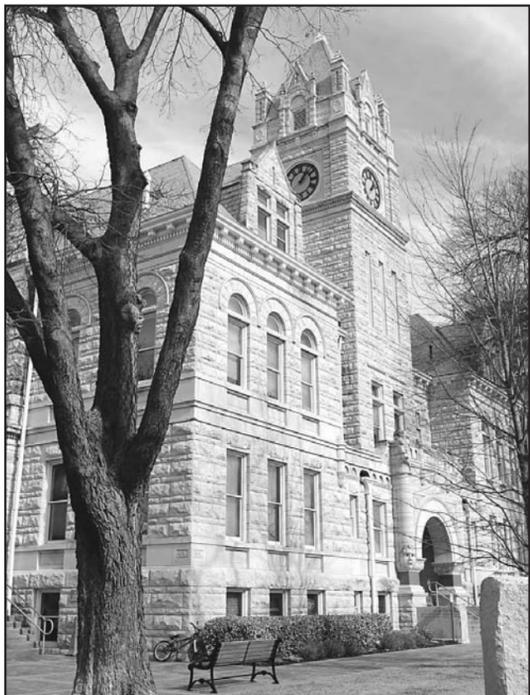
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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building August 6, 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

Rod Harms; Ron Wells; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy County Clerk; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Bob Boyd; and Dave Fiser, attended.

McCulloh moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Larry Feldkamp. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Greg Lund. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a State of Kansas Non-State Public Employer Contract with the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to appoint Dr. Joyce M. Kovar, MD as a Riley County deputy coroner of the Kansas 21st Judicial District. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (Dial Manhattan LLC) (204-18-2-10-36-001.05-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax

dollars of \$16.26. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan City (Dial Manhattan LLC) (204-18-2-10-36-001.03-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$17.96. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Patrick Keck, 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 a Medical Clerk, in the Health Department, at a pay grade G.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Rod Harms; Ron Wells; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/ Deputy County Clerk; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Dave Fiser, attended.

Holeman presented a draft resolution, "a resolution to submit to the qualified electors of Riley County, Kansas, the proposition of levying a one-half of one percent countywide retailers' sales tax in Riley County".

McCulloh suggested taking Riley County's question to the joint City/County/County meeting on August 16th.

Holeman stated he will wait until after the city/county/county meeting on August 16, 2012 before proceeding on the sales tax question resolution.

Holeman asked if the Board is agreeable to the 1.5% COLA for the indigent defense panel.

The Board by consensus agreed to the 1.5% COLA for the indigent defense panel.

Holeman discussed moving the Law Library to the Manhattan Public Library.

The Board agreed the Law Library should be moved to the Manhattan Public Library.

9:30 Press Conference
Eileen King, Treasurer; Tom Fryer, Treasurer of the Flint Hills Veterans' Coalition; Ron Wells; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Rod Harms; Paul Foltz; and Dave Fiser, attended.

King presented the following on motor vehicle renewals and registrations:

As of August 1, 2012, KDOR is waiving the Web Tags online fee for one year. There will be no electronic check fee or credit card processing fee for those using the state's website to renew their plates. Those who recently renewed online and paid the fee, will be able to renew using Web Tags without the fee next year.

Only vehicles that have PIN numbers assigned are able to use the website. The insurance company also needs to be online with the State to update the insurance information. Online registrations are limited to those without any changes, such as addresses. Those who need to bring in documentation aren't able to take advantage of the website at this time.

Those not able to renew over the web are:

- Active duty military
- Ag in the classroom plates
- Breast cancer plates
- Children's Trust Fund plates
- Educational plates
- EMS plates
- Firefighter plates
- Shriner plates

These plates need annual certification or annual payment of donation.

System Report:
The system worked very well on July 31st.

The system slowed down in the afternoon, but the Treasurer's Office was able to continue processing without interruption.

Lines at the end of the day were no longer than usual on the last day of the month.

Customers were very patient when the Treasurer's Office came across a problem and had to research the problem.

Fryer introduced his grandson Gage Devin and Dr. Stigge. Fryer discussed the Honor Flight program.

Dr. Stigge discussed the Honor Flight program trip.

Dr. Stigge discussed some of his experiences while serving in WWII.

Meredith said Riley County plans to apply an asphalt overlay to RL 406 Marlatt Avenue near the County Shops. The overlay will begin at the entrance to the shops and proceed south for 700 feet. The project will begin on Monday, August 6, 2012 and continue through Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

Meredith said the road will be closed during the construction process, although the road will be opened at the end of each working day. Meredith said be advised that fresh asphalt oil will be applied. Meredith said take alternate routes when possible. Meredith said the schedule may change due to weather delays.

Meredith reported the Riley County 1/2 cent sales tax educational program is available to schedule presentations to civic organizations.

Vargo reported advance voting closes today at noon. Vargo said the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Vargo reported so far 1,626 residents have participated in advance voting.

McCulloh stated the next HHW collection will be at Howie's Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon).

10:03 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

Ron Wells; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Rod Harms; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Paul Foltz; and Dave Fiser, attended.

Wilson presented the 2012 Riley County Fair Data.

Wilson stated the Riley County Fair attendance and entries were down due to the high temperatures and drought.

10:15 Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director

Ron Wells; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jill Conard, Administrative Assistant II; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Paul Foltz; Dave Fiser; Eileen King, Treasurer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Cindy Kabriel, Administrative Assistant II; and Rod Harms, attended.

Meredith presented the Riley County 1/2 cent sales tax educational program.

Kabriel and Meredith discussed the process to contact civic organizations for the 1/2 cent sales tax educational program.

The Board and staffs agreed to send letters and begin calling organizations to schedule presentations.

10:46 McCulloh left the

meeting.

10:49 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Ron Wells, attended.

Cox said the residents of Lakeview, Cliffside, Stony Brook, Vista Acres, and Terra Heights Street Benefit Districts have each circulated a petition requesting the repaving of their street.

Cox said the petitions have been submitted to Public Works, which has certified that the landowners of at least 51% of the front feet of the lots abutting the street requested to be repaved have signed the petitions.

Cox said if the Board of County Commissioners determines that the 51% front footage requirement of K.S.A. 68-728 has been met, they shall adopt a resolution declaring such repaving necessary, establishing a twenty-day protest period and scheduling a public hearing.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-31, A Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Lakeview Street Benefit District in Riley County,

Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners." Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-32, A Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Cliffside Street Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners." Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-33, A Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Terra Heights Street Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners." Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-33, A

Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Stony Brook Street Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-34, A Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Vista Acres Street Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 080612-35, A Resolution declaring the necessity and advisability of making an internal improvement for Terra Heights Street Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and describing the general nature of the improvement, the estimated or probable cost thereof, the extent of the improvement district to be assessed for the cost thereof, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of the cost between the improvement district and the county; and authorizing the improvement in accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:55 Lewis moved to adjourn after the Parks Tour. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-0.

1:30 Parks Tour - Rod Meredith, Assistant Public Works Director/Parks Director
Dave Lewis, Alvan Johnson - County Commissioners; Greg Lund, Parks Supervisor; and Cindy Kabriel, Administrative Assistant II, attended.

The commission toured Riley County parks (Scenic Overlook, Fairmont, Rocky Ford, and County Park facility).

4:08 Adjourned.

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2012-2013 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/01/12	vs. Missouri State	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	6:00 PM
09/08/12	vs. Miami	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	11:00 AM
09/15/12	vs. North Texas	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	6:00 PM
09/22/12	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA
10/06/12	vs. Kansas *	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA
10/13/12	at Iowa State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA
10/20/12	at West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA
10/27/12	vs. Texas Tech *	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA
11/03/12	vs. Oklahoma State *	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA
11/10/12	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
11/17/12	at Baylor *	Waco, Texas	TBA
12/01/12	vs. Texas *	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA

Big 13 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Baylor	0-0	0-0
Iowa State	0-0	0-0
Kansas	0-0	0-0
Kansas State	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma State	0-0	0-0
TCU	0-0	0-0
Texas	0-0	0-0
Texas Tech	0-0	0-0
West Virginia	0-0	0-0

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team
Sat, Sep 01	Texas Tech		Northwestern State
Sat, Sep 01	Texas		Wyoming
Sat, Sep 01	West Virginia		Marshall
Sat, Sep 01	Iowa State		Tulsa
Sat, Sep 01	Kansas		South Dakota State
Sat, Sep 01	Kansas State		Missouri State
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Thursday, August 23, 2012

WSC Construction Alters Stadium Landcape

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Construction on the \$75 million West Stadium Center at Bill Snyder Family Stadium is fully underway, and fans attending K-State football games this season will quickly notice major changes to the west side of the facility.

Approaching the stadium, fans will first see the two massive cranes towering over the complex. But upon closer inspection it's what's not there any longer that constitutes the biggest change to date in the construction timeline of the West Stadium Center.

Earlier this week, the building on the south end that housed Cat's Closet, First Aid and men's and women's restrooms was demolished. On the north end, the television truck compound has been relocated to a site adjacent to the Vanier Football Complex. In addition, the temporary aluminum bleachers behind Sections 2, 8 and 9, and the old handicap seating bunks have been removed. New seating for disabled patrons is being built behind Sections 3 and 7.

The only facilities that will remain through the 2012 season are the Dev Nelson Press box and the original men's and women's restroom buildings and concession stands. To supplement the restrooms lost on the west side, Bramlage Coliseum will be open during games through the northwest



The \$75 million West Stadium Center.

entrance so fans may utilize restrooms and concessions on the arena concourse. In addition, temporary restrooms will also be placed along the west Bramlage sidewalk for the convenience of fans.

Cat's Closet will still be open for fans wishing to purchase K-State souvenirs. A large tent will be erected on the same site as the former structure.

Entrance gates B, C, D, F and H on the west side of the stadium will remain open for this season, although Gate A has been removed during the construction of the north concourse. Fans who utilized that entrance coming from the north

side of the stadium or from the Vanier Football Complex parking lot will need to enter through any of the west-side gates.

"Seeing the progress being made at the stadium is not only exciting but reaffirms the commitment and support of Wildcat Nation in making this project a reality," said Athletics Director John Currie. "We appreciate the patience and understanding of our fans this season as construction continues throughout the fall, but the final product will be something special that all K-Staters will truly enjoy."

As the season progresses, the stadium will continue to trans-

form. It is anticipated by mid-October that steel structures for the north and south sections of the West Stadium Center will begin to take shape. Shortly after the season finale against Texas on December 1, the remaining structures on the west side will be demolished and the center section of the project will be constructed and connected to the north and south towers.

When completed in time for the 2013 football season, the West Stadium Center will feature superior amenities for all K-State fans. New concessions and restrooms along with an enhanced ticket office will

replace the current west side facilities, which were originally built in 1968. Additionally, a new souvenir store and Hall of Honor will be included on the main concourse level.

The seven-story facility built of K-State limestone will serve

for the West Stadium Center are AECOM with design support from Heery Design. Construction managers are GE Johnson Construction Company and Mortenson Construction.

K-State opens the 2012 season at 6 p.m., September 1 against Missouri State. The season opener is sold out, but a very limited number of seats remain for the North Texas, KU, Oklahoma State and Texas games while great seats are still available for the highly-anticipated matchup with Miami on September 8 and the October 27 Homecoming game with Texas Tech.

To purchase tickets fans can visit the ticket office online at www.kstatesports.com, call the ticket office by phone at (800) 221-CATS, or purchase in person at the Bramlage Coliseum Ticket Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

K-State Checks in at No. 22 in Preseason AP Top 25

K-State Sport Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — For the first time since 2004, Kansas State has a place in the Associated Press Preseason Top 25 as the Wildcats checked in at No. 22 in the poll released today. The Wildcats, who were No. 12 in the 2004 preseason survey, are ranked in both the AP and USA Today Coaches' Poll (No. 21) during the preseason for the first time since the 2004 campaign.

K-State was one of six Big 12 teams in the poll — tied for the most by a single conference — as the Wildcats joined West Virginia (11th), Texas (15th), Oklahoma State (19th) and TCU (20th) in the initial AP

survey. The Wildcats return 17 starters — the most since 2006 — and 42 total lettermen from last year's 10-3 squad that finished second in the Big 12 and earned a berth into the AT&T Cotton Bowl. Of those 17 starters, eight are on offense and six on defense, while K-State also has its kicker, punter and long snapper back for 2012.

Kansas State will open its doors to the public on Saturday as the Wildcats host Fall Football Kickoff beginning at 5 p.m., at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The public is asked to park on the west side of Bill Snyder Family Stadium and enter through Gates C and D

for the event, which is free to the public.

Fans can watch the final hour of practice from seats in Sections 1-9 before head coach Bill Snyder and team captains address the crowd. Fans will then be able to participate in a one-hour autograph session on the field with all players and coaches.

K-State officials announced Friday that the season-opening contest against Missouri State is sold out. But seats still remain available for the other six home games and fans are encouraged to act now. A very limited number of seats remain for the North Texas, KU, Oklahoma State and Texas

games, while great seats are still available for the highly-anticipated matchup with Miami on September 8 and the October 27 Homecoming game with Texas Tech.

To purchase tickets, fans can visit the ticket office online at www.kstatesports.com, call the ticket office by phone at (800) 221-CATS or purchase in person at the Bramlage Coliseum Ticket Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, the ticket window on the west side of the stadium will be open during Saturday's Fall Football Kickoff for fans who wish to purchase season and single-game tickets.

Television Picks for First Three FB Games Announced

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — K-State's first three football games will air to a full national audience, including an appearance on FX for its highly anticipated matchup with Miami, as the Big 12 Conference announced today television selections for the opening weeks of the season.

The Wildcats' September 1 season opener against Missouri State will be aired live exclusively to a world-wide audience on K-StateHD.TV, before FX crews head to Manhattan the following week for the 11 a.m. matchup with the Hurricanes. Closing out the non-conference schedule will be a full national telecast on FSN when North Texas heads to Bill Snyder Family Stadium on September 15 for a 6 p.m. contest. Television selections for the remaining nine games

will be announced 12 days prior to each contest.

The sold-out matchup with Missouri State is slated for a 6:10 p.m. kick from Bill Snyder Family Stadium and K-StateHD.TV programming will begin at 5:10 p.m. with its K-State Gameday show featuring Brian Smoller and former Wildcat great and 2012 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Mark Simoneau.

To visit the home of K-StateHD.TV, or to subscribe to the service, go to www.k-state-hd.tv. The subscription service remains a product of K-State's All-Access platform through the CBS College Network so current subscribers will have immediate access to the game and additional content.

For those interested in subscribing to K-StateHD.TV, which will feature live game broadcasts as well as premium

content such as original K-State shows, game replays and press conferences, the service is available for \$9.95 per month and \$79.95 per year.

In a landmark announcement by university and athletics officials last August, K-StateHD.TV has provided a world-wide connection to Kansas State University and K-State Athletics and established the university as an international leader in programming, accessibility and exposure. In fact, K-StateHD.TV is the nation's No. 1 premium digital network following a year that saw K-State rank at the top of CBS's premium platform in terms of number of subscriptions for a member institution.

The full lineup of K-State HD.TV programming for the 2012-13 academic and athletics season will be announced soon as the network continues to

help maximize the national exposure for both the university and athletics program. Live athletic events, all produced in high definition, as well as classic athletic games, game replays, press conferences, original programming and on-campus lectures and/or performances will once again highlight the year's schedule.

For a full list of programming options, including over 650 on-demand video productions from last season, visit www.k-statehd.tv.

Television Selections for September 1-15

Missouri State at K-State, 6:10 p.m., K-StateHD.TV
Miami at K-State, 11 a.m., FX
North Texas at K-State, 6 p.m., FSN

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