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Kansas State Wildcat

Sports

Standing Tall

By Jon A. Brake

You could not tell it by the 51-9 score but Kansas State had quite a game Saturday with the Missouri State Bears.

They tell you to save your best for last. Saturday night the Kansas State Wildcats did just that, they saved their best game for the fourth quarter.

Coach Bill Snyder said, when asked "what was the defining moment of the game?" "The defining moment was the first half of the ball game. It was a 6-6 ball game in the first half and we had yet to score a touchdown."

At the end of the first quarter it did not look good for another great year from the Wildcats. The score was 3-3 but the Bears had 6 first downs and Kansas State only had 4.

Missouri State had 8 rushes for 42 yards. Kansas State had 7 rushes for 32 yards. Passing was all MSU. They had 15 passes with 8 completions for 103 yards. Kansas State completed 6 of 10 passes for only 58 yards.

Talking about the slow start Coach Snyder said: "I said that when I came back, I did not think there would be any generation gap, but I am beginning to believe there is. It seems like we are not very good at explaining what we are talking about. I am going to tell the team to have a really slow start next week and see what happens."

By the end of the game Kansas State was on top in all areas but one, passing.

Kansas State had 21 first downs to MSU's 19. Kansas State had 324 net rushing yards and the Bears had 95. Missouri State out passed Kansas State 323 yards to 169.

Total offensive yards at the end of the game were 418 to 493 with the Wildcats on top.

Quotes:

Kansas State Head Coach Bill Snyder

On the offensive and defense line...

"It is all defined in the first 30 minutes, which were horrible. I thought in the second half the play got a little bit better. We still did not have a sack in the game and did not get the quarterback on the ground. We did not play so well against the pass, but they had less than 100 yards rushing so we played well against the run. With the two rushing touchdowns that Daniel (Sams) had and the touchdown that



Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein had a very good night against Missouri State. He had 63 rushing yards on 13 carries. He passed for 169 yards on 19 of 28. (Photo by Ben Brake)

John (Hubert) had, the offensive line played well. We were playing error-free football until the holding call at the end of the game."

On Missouri State...

"That is going to be a good football

team. They were picked last in their conference although they have nine starters on defense. You have to realize that their defense kept us out of the end zone for the entire first half and into the second half. I think they are

going to be fine."

On Collin Klein's pass-to-run ratio...

"That was what I perceived it too. Collin is Collin, and he needs to play the way he is supposed to. He made some good throws, made some good decisions and we let him have the offense for a while during the game.

The first drive we had came through him taking command of the ball game and making the right calls. We were not as good at playing to our strengths in the first half, but we did a better job of that in the second half."

On Daniel Sams...

"He has decent speed, but he is a running back type of guy. Had the game not been in the situation it was in, there would have been more balance to the offense while he was in. However, with the score being what it was, it was inappropriate to throw the football. I thought he played well."

On if Collin Klein's progression in the passing game...

"He tried to go downfield on numerous occasions but the defense did a nice job of covering us. They were also able to contain him well when he tried to scramble. I am comfortable with him throwing the ball any way they allow us to throw it. It is up to the defense to determine when and where he throws the ball more

than anything. I am not saying he cannot throw the ball because I believe he certainly can."

Senior Quarterback Collin Klein On tonight's performance...

"I think we learned and got better faster. We were able to get some things corrected and start finishing drives and touchdowns. We performed a lot better towards the end of the game and that is what it is all about."

On fighting complacency...

"You are never going to be satisfied and the coaches make sure of that. I appreciate that since that is our vision and something that I am trying to adopt. There is always room to improve. We made a lot of good plays and good throws but we can make more and it is about improving."

On the similarities to last year's opener...

"There was a little similarity. The first games are always hard. Everyone is so emotionally ready and charged for the game. I know it even took me the first half to get the feel of the game again. I know running the ball a little bit and getting the feel and sync of everything again. I feel it took us awhile to get there and I would have liked to have got there faster. At the end, we finished strong and stayed together."



Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder looks determined during the game. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

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High School Graduates At Risk of Not Succeeding in College

IOWA CITY, Iowa—Success in college and career is at risk for at least 60 percent of likely college-bound 2012 U.S. high school graduates, according to nonprofit ACT's newly released report, The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2012. The annual report focuses on the scores earned by graduating seniors who took the ACT college and career readiness exam—this year a record 52 percent of the U.S. graduating class.

More than a fourth (28 percent) of ACT-tested 2012 graduates did not meet any of the four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks in English, mathematics, reading and science, suggesting they are likely to struggle in first-year college courses in all four of those subject areas. Another 15 percent met only one of the benchmarks, while 17 percent met just two. In short, a total of 60 percent of test takers met no more than two of the four benchmarks. In comparison,

only 25 percent of tested 2012 grads met all four ACT benchmarks, unchanged from last year.

"Far too many high school graduates are still falling short academically," said ACT Chief Executive Officer Jon Whitmore. "We need to do more to ensure that our young people improve. The advanced global economy requires American students to perform at their highest level to compete in the future job market and maintain the long-term economic security of the U.S."

ACT's empirically derived College Readiness Benchmarks are based on actual grades earned in college by ACT-tested students. They specify the minimum score needed on each of the four ACT subject tests to indicate that a student has a 75 percent chance of earning a grade of C or higher or a 50 percent chance of earning a B or higher in a typical credit-bearing first-year college course in that subject area.

ACT continually updates its research to ensure that the benchmarks are reflective of college success.

College readiness levels remain particularly low among African American and Hispanic students. None of the four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks were met by more than half of students in those racial/ethnic groups. In contrast, the majority of Asian American and white students met or surpassed the benchmarks in all areas except science.

"The 2012 ACT Condition Report is clear: There is far too much disparity in education outcomes for our students—gaps based on income, ethnicity and race, subject area, and vast differences between those who take the core and those who do not," said Council of Chief State School Officers Executive Director Gene Wilhoit. "This report is a reminder as to why we're making sweeping changes in state standards, among other

reforms, and that we need to move even more swiftly."

Many states have already taken steps to address deficiencies in college and career readiness.

"There is significant work going on here in Alabama, as well as the other states, to implement a set of high-quality academic expectations that define the knowledge and skills students should master by the end of each grade level in order to be on track for success in college and career," said Alabama Superintendent of Education Tommy Bice. "This ACT report affirms the reason why we are moving our state work toward a new goal of college and career preparedness for all students. As we embark on this new trajectory, we will work through our local school districts to ensure they are equipped with the very best tools and resources to accelerate student success."

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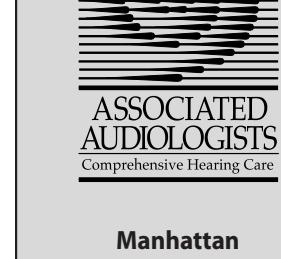
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Ora Jean Buffington

Ora Jean Buffington, age 82, died Monday September 3, 2012 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House, Manhattan, Kansas.

She was born on September 1, 1930 in Manhattan, KS the daughter of Earl Russell and Lorena Mae (Davis) Shelby.

She graduated from Manhattan High School and worked in various occupations during her life. She was a secretary for Insurance companies, worked at Kansas State University and was a wonderful homemaker.

Jean was the proud mother of two daughters: Lorena and Cheryl. Jean had a lot more kids call her mom over the years because she was a very understanding and trusting person. She was well known for being very upbeat despite vari-

ous health issues. She loved being around people, whether it was going out to eat, her Tuesday coffees or barbequing with her family and friends.

She had a great memory for remembering family names and events and was always very close to her Lord and Savior.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters: Ronda and Dixie.

Survivors include her two daughters: Lorena Lee and her husband Curtis of Manhattan and Cheryl Schumacher and her husband Dan of Manhattan, Kansas; a sister: Anna Mae Buser of Crete, NE; 2 brothers: John Edwards, Jr. of Wamego, KS and Beryl Shelby of Topeka, KS. She is also survived by 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, two half

siblings and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 am on Thursday September 6, 2012 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas with Pastor Tony Cash officiating. Interment will follow in the Saint George Cemetery, Saint George, Kansas.

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Macular Degeneration Association or to the American Diabetes Association in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Louis A. Ball

Louis Alvin Ball, age 90, of Manhattan, died August 29, 2012, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born October 25, 1921, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of George R. and Frances M. (Beals) Ball.

Mr. Ball was raised in Kansas City where he graduated from high school. He attended Kansas State University where he earned his B.S. degree in Business Administration.

On January 17, 1947, in Manhattan, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Norma Jane Laudenberger. Mrs. Ball preceded him in death on August 2, 2008.

He was employed as an executive with Kansas Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Manhattan for 43 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Ball was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Manhattan Country Club, Kansas State University

Foundation President's Club, and the Association for Systems Management, Greater Kansas City Chapter. He is also listed in the Who's Who in America.

Cremation is planned with private inurnment in Sunset Cemetery. A celebration of Lou's life will be scheduled at a later date.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas State University Foundation, College of Veterinary Medicine for the Louis A. and Norma Jane Ball Scholarship Fund or the Coco Perpetual Pet Care Support Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church or Hospice Care of Kansas. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Robert W. Lansdowne

Robert W. Lansdowne, age 88, of Manhattan, died August 31, 2012, at his son's home in Hutchinson, Kansas.

He was born May 16, 1924, on the family farm near Parsons, Kansas, the son of Willard and Ellen (Shaw) Lansdowne.

Mr. Lansdowne attended Salem Elementary School and graduated from Labette County Community High School in 1942. He attended the fall of 1942 semester at Kansas State College, and the second semester he joined ROTC. March of that year they were called into active duty for WWII. In March 1944, he was home on furlough, during which he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Herold of Altamont, KS. In October 1944, he was shipped out for Europe and served under General Patton. He was captured south of Metz, France in the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge, and was a prisoner of war in Germany until three days before the surrender of Germany. He received the Purple Heart among several other awards and citations.

Following his Honorable discharge in 1946 they moved

to Manhattan to complete his college degree. Upon graduation in January 1949 he joined Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company where he served as a Claims Adjuster, retiring in 1986.

Robert was a member of Grace Baptist Church where he served as an Elder, Deacon and a Trustee, and taught an adult education class for many years. He loved to landscape his yard, work in the garden, and he loved his country and was very proud to fly our flag. He was also a member of American Legion Post # 17.

To the union of Robert and Margaret they were blessed with five children: Miriam (Zeibert) Kindle and her husband Harry of Manhattan, Bob J. Lansdowne and his wife Patty of Hutchinson, Mark Lansdowne and his wife Amy of Lewiston, Idaho, Kathy Lansdowne of Springfield, MO, and David Lansdowne of his wife Kathy of Hutchinson, KS.

Robert is also survived by one sister, Laura Davis of Lubbock, TX; 18 grandchildren: Sandi Zeibert, Mindy Sturr, Bill Lansdowne, Jenny Springer, Joe Lomax, Dawn

Nicholson, Michael, Kristin and Tara Lansdowne, Lane, Zanthia and Jacquelyn, Benjamin, Andrew and Linde Underwood, Matthew, Whitney and Amanda Lansdowne; 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews who are all greatly loved.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: James, Harvey, Harold and Ralph; four sisters: Olive Cooper, Mary Bailey, Ethel Burkland and Lucy Moodie Lacey; one granddaughter, Laurie Hill; and one great-grandson, Alex Shively.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 7th, at Grace Baptist Church, 2901 Dickens Avenue, Manhattan, with Pastor Bob Flack officiating. Interment will follow with military honors at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley.

The family of Mr. Lansdowne will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home at Fort Riley.

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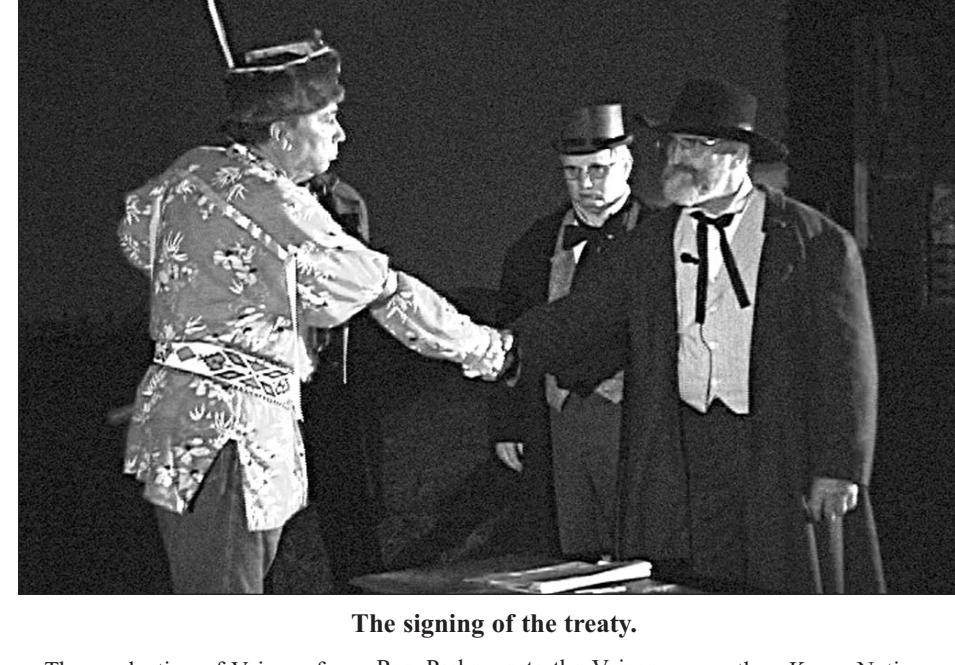
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Voices Of The Wind To Be Performed At Council Grove

Though the Kaw Tribe was exiled from Kansas 139 years ago, members of the Kaw Nation will return once again to their Kansas homeland to tell the story of their ancestors in the outdoor drama, Voices of the Wind People. Performances will take place Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Old Riverbed Amphitheater in Council Grove.

Voices is a multi-media presentation depicting a series of live action scenes of both Council Grove citizens and Kaw Indians; historical artwork and photographs projected onto a large screen, video segments, paintings and photographs of the Flint Hills, sound effects, a Kaw village, an early-day Council Grove townset, horsedrawn wagons, a stagecoach, singing, dancing, drumming, fiddling, bagpipe playing, and mandolin music.

The pageant features the 1821 Santa Fe Trail horse-drawn pack train, two wagon caravans, the signing of the 1825 Council Oak Treaty, trading at the Seth Hays store, an 1859 confrontation between Kaw warriors and whites in Council Grove, bushwhackers raiding Council Grove in 1863, Kaw village scenes, and the forced removal of the Kaw tribe from Kansas.



The signing of the treaty.

The production of Voices of the Wind People is accomplished completely by volunteer staff and performers. The action is alternately narrated by the Kaw Chief Allegawaho and Council Grove trader Seth Hays. Allegawaho's narration is rendered by Luther Pepper, great-grandson of Alegawaho. Hays is portrayed by Council Grove resident, Mark Brooks. Approximately 35 Kanza Indians of the Kaw Nation, whose ancestors once lived in the Council Grove area, return to participate in this production. Council Grove area residents perform a variety of roles as early townspeople.

Ron Parks wrote the Voices script in 1992 while he served as site administrator of the Kaw Mission State Historic Site in Council Grove. "Wind People" is the English meaning of the tribe's name. The script was subject to review by the Kaw Nation executive council and all subsequent changes have required the approval of the council.

This is the 20th anniversary of the first production of Voices. The first pageant was in 1992 followed by productions in 1993, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. Sponsors for this event

are the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, Kaw Mission State Historic Site, and the pageant committee of the Friends of Kaw Heritage.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 620.767.5410. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children K-12. For further information, visit www.voicesofthewindpeople.com, email voicessotp@gmail.com or search for Voices of the Wind People on Facebook and Twitter.

Wamego To Host Kansas Sampler

The Kansas Sampler Foundation has announced that Wamego will be the host for the 2014-2015 Kansas Sampler Festival. The event is designed to provide the public a sample of what there is to see, do, hear, taste, buy, and learn in Kansas.

Foundation director Marci Penner said, "We are so excited to bring the festival to Wamego's picturesque city park. Though Wamego will be the smallest town to ever host this event, we know that the communities of Olsburg, Westmoreland, Onaga, St. Marys and others in Pottawatomie County will be there to assist."

Wamego went through an 8-month process including a preliminary application, final application, site visit and interview before being designated as the ninth community to host the festival. The only event of its kind in the Midwest, the festival will take place the first weekend of May each year in the Wamego city park and the ballfields just to the east of the park.

With support from the City of Wamego, Pottawatomie County Economic Development, and the Wamego Convention & Visitors Bureau, the application process was completed by a core team led by Julie Roller, Michelle Crisler, Bunny McCloud, and Betsy Rilett.

"We are very proud to be

selected as the host for the 2014-2015 Kansas Sampler Festival; this is something we've been working on for several years. >From starting with hosting our first Pottawatomie County tent at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Leavenworth, to completing the final application, our efforts have paid off and now the real work begins!" Julie Roller said. "We look forward to hosting communities, entertainers, attractions and visitors from across the state and showing them all Kansas has to offer."

The festival started as an open house for Mil and Marci Penner's first Kansas guidebook in 1990. Several places in the guidebook were invited to set up booths at the Penner Farm near Inman. The public response was so positive that the event was given a name, the Kansas Sampler Festival, and became an annual Kansas gathering. Eight thousand people attended in 1997, the final year the Kansas showcase was held on the farm.

Since then it has moved around the state every two years with stops in Pratt, Ottawa, Independence, Newton, Garden City, Concordia, and Leavenworth. Liberal will be in charge of the festival for a second year in 2013 when the festival takes place on May 4 and 5 in Light Park.

Bridge Under Repair

On Tuesday, September 4, a repair project began on the westbound US-24 over Big Blue River Bridge at the east city limits of Manhattan (Pottawatomie County).

The eastbound US-24 Big Blue River Bridge will remain open and is not included in this project. Project work includes expansion joint replacement, bridge deck patching and a polymer overlay. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 4, traffic was reduced to one lane over the westbound US-24 Bridge and will remain this way throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 40 mph and a 15-foot width restriction throughout the project work zone. Drivers should expect some delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. NOTE: K-State game

day traffic should allow plenty of extra time on home game days due to potential travel delays.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Wildcat Construction Co. (Wichita, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$197,654. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is late October 2012, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010.

For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353. (KDOT Project #24-75 KA 2226-01)

Court To Rule On \$1.5B Lawsuit

By Travis Perry

Kansas Watchdog

TOPEKA — It could be another 90 days before a three-judge panel rules on the latest school funding lawsuit to hit Kansas courts, which seeks to award \$1.5 billion to public schools.

The lawsuit accuses state legislators of violating the state constitution by failing to provide a "suitable" education to Kansas youths after curtailing education funds in 2008.

Wichita attorney Alan Rupe successfully sued the state in the last school funding lawsuit in 2006, resulting in the court-ordered injection of \$755 million into public education funding.

He is now representing a coalition of 54 Kansas school districts, Schools for Fair Funding. The group brought the class action lawsuit against

the state in 2010 and is seeking nearly \$1.5 billion it contends is owed to Kansas schools.

Arthur Chalmers, a private attorney from Wichita, was hired by Attorney General Derek Schmidt to represent the state. Chalmers and Rupe exchanged verbal blows during closing arguments Wednesday at the Shawnee County District Courthouse here.

Kansas State Board of Education member Walt Chappell said he sides with the Legislature, and said he thinks a ruling in favor of the plaintiffs would be felt statewide.

"Every segment of our economy will have a tax increase. Corporate taxes will go up, and the same with sales tax," Chappell said. "It depends on how much the courts decide it's supposed to have from the Legislature, if they can do that constitutionally."

Sen. Jean Schodorf, R-Wichita, said she's confident the court will side with the schools, but "the state has done nothing to prepare for a successful lawsuit for schools for fair funding. In fact, they've just done the opposite by passing a tax plan that will decrease revenue and make it extremely difficult to fund schools."

"We're really, I believe, setting up a perfect storm of a tax plan that's probably going to bankrupt the state because of the deficits that are coming up in 2014 and 2018, and he's (Gov. Sam Brownback) trying to cut everything he can to backfill that hole so that the state doesn't go bankrupt," Schodorf added.

Rupe and Chalmers' arguments Wednesday focused on whether increased funding improves student performance.

"This argument — that

money does not make a difference — should fall on deaf ears in this courtroom," Rupe said. "The evidence is uncontested that everybody who testified in that witness stand said costs have gone up."

Rupe accused state legislators of acting irresponsibly by cutting \$511 million from state education funding since 2009. Chalmers said portraying legislators as acting without regard for public schools is unfair.

"I hope that it is absurd to this court to assume that there are members of the Legislature sitting around trying to figure out how to harm education," Chalmers said, adding that there's no evidence that increased funding leads to higher student performance.

Judges Franklin Theis, Robert Fleming and Jack Burr are presiding over the case.

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Flood Inundation Maps To Enhance Flood Forecasts

Emergency responders and residents living along Wildcat Creek in Manhattan, Kan., have a new tool to help them understand their risks during floods. A partnership of federal, state and local organizations collaborated to provide a comprehensive flood warning system that includes three new stream gauges and on-line access to local flood inundation maps.

NOAA's National Weather Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District, the U.S. Geological Survey Kansas Water Science Center, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Riley, Riley County and the city of Manhattan collaborated to provide on-line access to detailed flood inundation maps for a reach of Wildcat Creek in Manhattan.

In addition, U.S. Geological Survey personnel installed a new flood forecast point stream

gauge at Scenic Drive and an observation gauge at Seth Childs Road. The gauges provide on-site data collection points for the Wildcat Creek flood maps, which span from 3.5 miles upstream to 6 miles downstream of Scenic Drive. A third stream gauge was added on Wildcat Creek near Keats, Kan.

The flood inundation map project for Wildcat Creek in Manhattan demonstrates the multi-agency commitment to identify specific flood impacts and help communities become more weather ready," said Lynn Maximuk, director of the National Weather Service's Central Region. "Now when the Topeka National Weather Service issues forecasts for the Wildcat Creek area at different flows and stages, residents and emergency responders will be able to open the map and see what those stages mean to be closed."

This project was structured under the Corps' Silver Jackets pilot program from 2011. Successful implementation is a proof of concept of the interagency agreement known as the Integrated Water Resources Science and Services, signed by officials of the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Weather Service and the Corps of Engineers. The Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team, led by the Division of Water Resources and the

management officials," said Chad Bunger, Planner for the city's Community Development Board. "Using the static inundation map library, the folks at Riley County Emergency Management, Riley County Police Department and Manhattan Fire Department are now able to better plan for flood events. Using the map library, they are able to determine, foot by foot of flooding, which areas of town will be impacted, what properties will most likely need to be evacuated and which streets need to be closed."

This project was structured under the Corps' Silver Jackets pilot program from 2011. Successful implementation is a proof of concept of the interagency agreement known as the Integrated Water Resources Science and Services, signed by officials of the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Weather Service and the Corps of Engineers. The Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team, led by the Division of Water Resources and the

Kansas Department of Emergency Management were also participants.

"The city of Manhattan and Riley County have met monthly with the public since the flood of June 2011 as the Wildcat Creek Watershed Area Work Group," said Brian Rast, Senior Planner and Senior Project Manager for the Corps of Engineers. "The group has six committees that focus on how to address flood hazards. The committee's work will be

summarized in a floodplain management plan, which will be eligible for credit in FEMA's Community Rating System to reduce the costs of flood insurance for land owners along Wildcat Creek. The plan promotes a better understanding of the flood hazards, decisions made on flood risk management, public participation and provides a formal action plan on what will be done next and when."

The Wildcat Creek map, the flood warning system and floodplain management plan are the result of months of planning,

research and development accomplished through the Federal-state-local partnership. The base funding for the project was provided by the Corps of Engineers Silver Jackets program; however, the partner agencies all contributed their time, expertise and agency assets to develop the project.

Riley County and the city of Manhattan assembled flood impact data, and served as the local technical and public points contact for the project. A detailed floodplain model and topographic information were provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources. The detailed model and terrain data were originally funded under a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Technical expertise in developing the flood maps, as well as project management, was provided by the Corp of Engineers. Technical expertise in location, installation and maintenance of the stream gauges was provided by the U.S. Geological Survey. Riley County, the city of Manhattan

and U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Riley, Kan., contributed funding for the ongoing maintenance of the stream-gauges. Assistance in developing the flood maps and flood forecasting service was provided by the National Weather Service.

The local inundation maps are available online at: http://water.weather.gov/ahp/s2/inundation/inundation_gooe.php?gage=mcwck1.

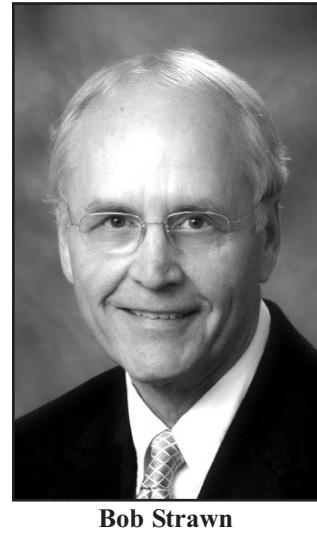
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Over Easy... by Bob Strawn

Let's chat for a minute about the ethics, or lack thereof, of the countywide sales tax question, and the manner in which it is allegedly going to be sold to the public.

My understanding from disgruntled Chamber members is that the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce is presently attempting to raise \$20,000 from its membership for a marketing campaign to sell you on the tax. And why shouldn't they? They are the biggest single benefactor of city proceeds thanks to the tax revenue sharing policy recently approved by the City Commission. The Chamber's economic development program, in the end, will receive more money from this tax than any other city use, perhaps up to \$20 million over the next 10 years. That is, if Riley County citizens are silly enough to approve the November referendum question.

So, the Chamber, accompanied by city officials, supposedly, will soon be out in the city and outlying county pitching their "Chamber Tax." It's really not officially named that, but what the hay, why not call the joker for what it is? The fact the Chamber is in such a fuss



Bob Strawn

over the question, telling their members that the issue is a "looming crisis," makes the case better than any words I could craft.

Anyway, it's the "city officials" participation in this sales effort that is most troubling. The Chamber itself has every right to sell it, but not our elected commissioners or staff. Because Kansas law says they may not "advocate." Now, they'll claim this is an "education" campaign, not advocacy. But any objective review of the

city's PowerPoint presentation, which you can find on the city's website, would lead one to conclude that this is, pure and simple, a sales pitch favoring the tax.

The Kansas Attorney General has, in Opinion Number 93-125, said this: "The public purpose doctrine does not encompass the use of public funds to promote or advocate a governing body's position on a matter which is before the electorate." He goes on to say that funds may be used to educate. But believe me, folks, this is not education. At least not the kind that leads one to a fair & balanced understanding of results achieved by our city government in spending more than \$40 million for Chamber driven economic development over the past twenty years. No, this is advocacy.

Riley County Counselor Clancy Holman put it this way in a letter to me, "I can confirm the Board of Riley County Commissioners may not advocate passage of the ½ cent countywide retailers' sales tax ballot question ... In my opinion, the applicable legal authorities recognize the distinction between 'advocacy' and 'education' is an easy standard to

state, but it can be difficult to apply ..." And therein lies the ethics question, doesn't it. Application. Although commissioners and staff may say, "This is education we are doing here!" in reality, the presentation materials clearly show they are trying to sell you on voting for the countywide sales tax. And for that, if indeed they do, we can certainly question their ethics.

But this is more than an ethics conundrum for them. There will be a legal question at play as well. A legal question that could end up in district court if some community organization or individual gets the hankering. And after reviewing the city's presentation materials, there's absolutely no doubt a jury would find for plaintiffs, not the city or its elected officials. Seriously, is that what we really want, my friends – another lawsuit between citizens and our local government? Methinks not.

So, when you see the mayor or commissioners from either the city or county, counsel them to not participate in selling the countywide sales tax. They've done their work by offering the question to the public for their consideration. Tell them to back-off now. Let the community debate the merits. There's

no need for them to validate the Chamber position anymore than they already have by putting it before us. And also, let them know that this is not personal. This is a matter of public policy. A community debate that should be argued within the ethical and legal limits of Kansas law.

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"Cut Government Spending" Gains Ground

David S. Addington

Heritage Foundation

As the public debate swirls over whether and how to limit the size and cost of the federal government, The Heritage Foundation's longstanding efforts to shrink the government gain ground.

In May 2010, Heritage published Saving the American Dream: The Heritage Plan to Fix the Debt, Cut Spending, and Restore Prosperity. The Heritage plan proposes to balance the federal budget within a decade and keep it balanced forever at no more than 18.5 percent of the total output of the American economy in

goods and services in a single year, called gross domestic product (GDP). The government currently spends over 23 percent of GDP — which means that government is nearly a quarter of the depressed American economy.

The delegates to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, recently adopted a platform for their party noting that the federal government is "financially broken" and calling for "cutting spending" and "balancing the budget." Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI), addressing those delegates on August 29, 2012, said that "we will keep federal

spending at 20 percent of GDP, or less." Previously, President Obama noted, disparagingly, on June 4, that the Republican Party believes that "we have to drastically shrink government."

For decades, Heritage has encouraged the public to focus on the importance of limited government in maintaining our liberty. The current public debate may well bring about a healthy, sharp focus on whether and how to reduce the size and cost of the federal government.

The public debate reflects progress toward the key Heritage fiscal objective: to drive down federal spending toward a balanced budget not to exceed 18.5 percent of GDP

without raising taxes, while maintaining a strong national defense.

As it has for the past two years, so too in the coming years, Heritage will continue to fight for Saving the American Dream. The plan advances the principles of limited government, free enterprise, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense. With national attention now focused on reducing the size of the government relative to the size of the economy — that is, shrinking the size and cost of government — key Heritage ideas are on the march.

Counties Weight State DMV Costs Help

By Gene Meyer

Kansas Reporter

MISSION — Kansas motorists in some of the state's largest counties may be asked to pay more toward the state's new Division of Motor Vehicles computer system.

Johnson County, the sprawling Kansas City area suburbs where about one in five Kansas cars and trucks are registered, plans to ask state legislators to hike a county service fee for titles and registrations to \$7, from \$5. Owners of an estimated half million of the 2.7 million vehicles registered in Kansas could be affected.

Johnson County needs the money to cover additional staffing costs because the new \$40 million state DMV com-

puters, which went online in May and require counties to do more title verification work, previously done in Topeka, Hanes Zacharias, the county manager, told county commissioners Thursday.

Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan., are considering making a similar request on behalf of all Kansas counties that need such help. It's part of a package of requests the Kansas Association of Counties is preparing for the 2013 Kansas Legislature, which meets Jan. 14. Mike Taylor, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City Kansas, said Friday.

Wyandotte-KCK also plans to seek repayment for overtime and other expenses it and other

counties incurred this year, after Kansas shut down its DMV operations for one week in May to switch on the new system. DMV offices across Kansas were jammed by backlogs in the weeks just after the conversion and the largest offices — in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Douglas and Wyandotte counties — are still coping with some of the aftershock.

Sedgwick County Treasurer Linda Kizzire, in Wichita, said no one there had reached a decision yet about recouping any of the costs.

Johnson County officials say the conversion increased their DMV costs by \$800,000 to hire additional workers and by more than \$52,000 for increased

security and crowd control in the first three months after the switch. Taylor said he didn't know precisely how much Wyandotte-KCK costs increased, "but it certainly is thousands and thousands of dollars."

Waiting times were estimated at two hours or more in many of Kansas' biggest city DMV offices at midday Friday, when many of those waiting were still trying to beat end-of-the-month deadlines for tags and titles.

"Lines are long in every DMV office in the United States on the last day of the month," said Shawnee County Treasurer Larry Wilson in Topeka.

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More Fed Bond Buying Won't Let 'Animal Spirits' out of the Cage

By Gerald P. O'Driscoll Jr.
CATO Institute

Markets will be hanging on every word in Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech Friday morning in Jackson Hole, Wyo. That is because the minutes from the July 31-Aug. 1 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, released on Aug. 22, were widely interpreted as signaling some kind of further easing of monetary policy.

The minutes stated in part that "many members judged that additional monetary accommodation would likely be warranted fairly soon unless incoming information pointed to a substantial and sustainable strengthening in the pace of the economic recovery." And yet, one day after the minutes were released, St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said they were "a bit stale." This turned market sentiment around, sending equity prices down.

So will he send a signal favorable to "additional monetary accommodation"? Or will he endorse Mr. Bullard's comments?

Looking ahead to its next meeting on Sept. 12 and 13, the FOMC could decide to initiate a new round of "quantitative easing" through purchases of Treasury bonds, mortgage-backed securities or other unconventional asset classes, which has been its strategy since the fall of 2008. It might also choose to extend beyond

the end of 2014 the period in which it anticipates holding the federal-funds rate near zero. These aren't mutually exclusive possibilities.

But whatever path Mr. Bernanke points the FOMC toward, further "monetary accommodation" of the type being discussed will be futile at best or counterproductive at worst.

Bond purchases won't change any fundamental determinant of economic activity.

Consider the kind of policies implemented by the Fed since the crisis began. One variety consisted of credit allocation, whether by direct lending to targeted financial institutions or even nonfinancial firms such as auto makers. Fed purchases of mortgage-backed securities direct credit to favored firms and sectors rather than to the businesses that could make most productive use of it.

Subsidizing housing finance is especially problematic, as homebuilding clearly overexpanded in the early 2000s and needed to contract. If public policy subsidized a good into excess supply, further subsidies aren't the cure. The Fed has merely delayed adjustment in the housing and financial sectors by continuing to direct credit to them.

The Fed has also engaged in temporary infusions of money into the economy via two previous rounds of quantitative easing, QE1 and QE2. It did so after driving short-term interest

rates to near zero, which limited the effectiveness of traditional purchases of short-term government debt.

Quantitative easing is the Fed's version of "stimulus," the complement to fiscal stimulus. The trouble with all forms of temporary spending is that they have no permanent effects. They delay needed adjustments in the economy.

Today's state and local governments are a case in point. Municipal and state spending was propped up by federal transfers of many billions of dollars in the president's 2009 stimulus package. But as this federal money has dried up, public payrolls are declining, ironically enough for this administration, close to the presidential election. President Obama received bad advice when he was told that government spending would prime the pump of the economy. Instead

it had the effect of temporarily transferring resources from the productive private sector to a bloated public sector.

The Fed's version of temporary stimulus will likely involve purchasing government bonds. If past is prologue, this will act as a sugar rush to financial markets. There will be equity and bond-market rallies. Wall Street will rejoice, but none of this will translate into "substantial and sustainable" economic growth, the FOMC's stated goal.

Bond purchases won't change any fundamental deter-

minant of economic activity. And in the current economic climate, a crucial issue is that investors don't know what the tax code will be next year. Investments are made in anticipation of after-tax profits. If the tax rate is unknown, investment returns are unknown. That is a great deterrent to capital formation and job growth.

This is no secret: The FOMC minutes from its July 31-Aug. 1 meeting refer to fiscal and regulatory uncertainties as a reason for the Fed to take action. The minutes reported that some participants thought a new bond-buying program "might boost business and consumer confidence." It hasn't done so in this recession. No amount of quantitative easing at this point will stir what John Maynard Keynes called the "animal spirits"—a spontaneous urge to action rather than inaction—needed for growth.

What would stir the spirits of investors and employers would be some policy certainty, reigning-in of out-of-control government spending, stopping ill-advised regulations, and clearing the air of antibusiness rhetoric. No repeat of a one-off round of bond buying by the Fed substitutes for the fundamental and permanent changes needed.

Gerald O'Driscoll, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, was vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and later at Citigroup.

Education Spending Doesn't Deliver

By Neal McCluskey
CATO Institute

When a presidential candidate decries education cuts he's probably not serious about education. He's serious about winning elections.

The Obama campaign didn't waste time before attacking Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., on education, stating in its response to Ryan's being named Mitt Romney's running mate that Ryan proposed "deep cuts in education from Head Start to college aid." The campaign hit education even before Medicare, illustrating just how much they must think voters will recoil at any diminution of education spending.

"But hold on," you're thinking, "isn't education vital? And if so, shouldn't we invest as much as possible?"

Those are reasonable questions for people with jobs, families, and not a whole lot of time to research education policy. After all, with most things, if you pay more you get something better.

But President Obama employs lots of people who assess education policy, and he must know what the statistics reveal: Washington spends huge amounts in the name of education but gets almost no educational improvement in return.

Begin with Head Start, a nearly \$8 billion program that's politically untouchable, not only because it deals with education, but it's for preschool kids. It's almost tailor-made for demagoguery, with anyone who'd dare trim — much less eliminate — the program practically begging to be declared a rotten so-and-so who hates even the littlest of children.

But the fact is there's no meaningful evidence the program does any good. In fact, the most recent federal evaluation found that Head Start produces almost no lasting cognitive benefits, and its few lasting social-emotional effects include negative ones. Only the people employed by Head Start money — and the politicians who appear to "care" — are really benefiting.

This is repeated in elemen-

tary and secondary education, only with a bigger bill. In 2011 Washington spent almost \$79 billion on K-12 education, and the latest federal data show inflation-adjusted federal outlays per pupil ballooning from \$446 in 1970-71 to \$1,185 in 2008-09. Meanwhile, scores for 17-year-olds on the National Assessment of Educational Progress — the "Nation's Report Card" — have been stagnant.

Oodles "invested," no return.

Lastly there's higher education. Once again, someone who hasn't had much time to study policy might reasonably think the key to improving and expanding higher education would be for the federal government to spend more on it.

But again, reality differs: federal aid fuels tuition inflation and encourages massive waste.

The connection between aid and prices is somewhat intuitive if you think about it. Basically, if you give people \$100 more to buy something, sellers will raise their prices \$100. The buyers are no worse off, the sellers are better off, and the only losers are the peo-

ple who furnished the money. With college aid, we call these losers "taxpayers."

Of course there's more to college pricing than aid, but the effect remains.

Studies have found that private colleges raise their prices a dollar for every extra buck students get in Pell Grants, and schools often reduce their own aid when government assistance rises.

Then there are the dismal outcomes that go with giving away college money.

First, only about 58 percent of first-time, full-time students finish a four-year degree within six years at the school where they started, and most who don't finish by then likely never will.

Next, a third of people with bachelor's degrees are in jobs that don't require them.

Finally, the National Assessment of Adult Literacy suggests serious watering down of a college degree. In 1992 about 40 percent of adults whose highest degree was a bachelor's were proficient in reading prose. In 2003 — the only other year the NAAL was administered — only 31 percent were. Among people with advanced degrees, prose proficiency dropped from 51 percent to 41 percent.

Again, spending hasn't translated into better education.

To someone who doesn't know about these sorry results spending federal money on education probably seems rational. But President Obama must know the facts, which means when he decries cuts in education spending, it can't be about what's educationally best. It must be about what's politically best for him.

Neal P. McCluskey is the associate director of the Center for Educational Freedom at the Cato Institute and the author of *Feds in the Classroom: How Big Government Corrupts, Cripples and Compromises American Education*.

Private Jobs Increase

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — Kansas has regained about half of the private-sector jobs it lost during the Great Recession, but saw a decline in public-sector employment.

At its peak in April 2008, the state had 1,136,400 workers in the private sector. That number tumbled, eventually bottoming out in March 2010 at 1,059,200, equating to a total loss of 77,000 jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Since then, Kansas businesses have added 37,900 positions.

The strongest growth in the past 12 months has been in professional and business services — such as accounting, legal

representation, security and waste disposal — which added 12,500 jobs, or 8.5 percent, between July 2011 and 2012.

Manufacturing jobs also increased by 4,300, or 2.7 percent, during the same time period.

However, public-sector jobs have decreased after peaking at 268,000 in August 2010. Public employment has since declined by 14,400 jobs, or 5.4 percent, as of July.

In the past year, federal and local government jobs in Kansas each dropped by 1,200. The state government saw the smallest reduction, losing 600 jobs since July 2011.

Officials with the Kansas Governor's Office were not available for comment Friday.

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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 20, 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

Ron Wells; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/ Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Rod Harms; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 082012-37, A Resolution to submit to the qualified electors of Riley County, Kansas, the proposition of levying a one-half of one percent (.5%) countywide retailers' sales tax in Riley County." Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign an Official Bid Form for the purchase of \$205,000 GO Bonds, Series 2012 of Riley County, Kansas acceptance of proposal submitted by Central States Capital Markets. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Jessie Gardiner, a Medical Clerk, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 31, 2012.

Nancy Haile, a Medical Clerk, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 10, 2012.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Medical Clerk (2 positions), at the Health Department, at a grade G.

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

9:15 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director

Ron Wells; Mel Van Der Stelt; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

C. Collins said the Museum staff (Collins, Glasgow, Hugo, Neill, Saenger) attended the Kansas Museums Association (KMA) Director's Forum "Leadership and Civic Engagement: Creating Museums for the Future" in Manhattan July 16.

C. Collins said in January 2012 she was appointed by Governor Sam Brownback to the Kansas Council on Travel and Tourism.

C. Collins said on July 16 the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar designated the Kansas River Water Trail as the newest addition to National Water Trails System at a ceremony held with Governor Sam Brownback in Manhattan's Blue Earth Plaza.

C. Collins discussed the Kansas Preservation, Volume 34, Number 2, 2012. C. Collins said the article "2012 Kansas Preservation Alliance Awards for Excellence Announced" p. 1 - 9 features awards to the Riley County related properties: Airfield Operations Facility, Fort Riley and the Confinement Facility, Fort Riley. C. Collins said Linda Glasgow is in photographs and mentioned as the outgoing President of the Kansas Preservation Alliance.

C. Collins reported the Museum Assistant has left.

C. Collins said she would like to move John Neill into the position.

Vargo suggested C. Collins and Volanti prepare a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) and bring the recommendation to the Board. C. Collins agreed.

9:30 Press Conference

Lori Bishop, RSVP; Monty Wedel, Planning/ Special Projects Director; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Captain Tim Hegarty, RCPD; Gary Rosewicz,

Assistant County Engineer; Ron Wells; Mel Van Der Stelt; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Rod Harms; Bob Boyd; Eileen King, Treasurer; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman discussed HB2427. Holeman said this legislation was passed during the 2012 session. It allows certain law enforcement and judicial personnel to request their name and home address be removed from public access. Holeman said he is working with staff of various departments in order to develop compliance with this new state mandate. This may be a bill, which the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will want to ask the next legislature to amend or repeal. Holeman said he scheduled a meeting with the various departments involved for August 13, 2012. The meeting with departments was instructive, and it was also attended by representatives of Charlson & Wilson, bonded abstractors.

McCulloh said the annual

Riley County Livestock Association Summer Tour will be held Sunday, August 26, 2012, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Downey Ranch near Wabaunsee.

McClure said 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 Downey Ranch cattle working facilities.

McClure said a free supper provided by the Riley County Livestock Association will be served following the tour.

McClure said reservations to attend the RCLA summer Tour are needed by Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Hegarty said students need to keep valuables out of vehicles and keep vehicles locked. Hegarty stated residences should be locked as well.

Hegarty said for added security when walking alone at night you should have someone with you.

Rosewicz said Tabor Valley Road will be closed for a culvert installation beginning Wednesday, August 22, 2012. The road will be closed from K-18 to Cattle Drive. Traffic will need to use alternate routes throughout the duration of this project.

Rosewicz said repairs will take approximately one working day to complete, unless adverse weather conditions cause unexpected delays.

Bishop stated "Schools of Hope" is a RSVP program that works with K-3rd grade on reading. Bishop said the program is now in four schools in USD 383.

Macintosh said the program focus is K-3rd.

Macintosh said 44% of the students in USD 383 are at or below the State literacy standard.

Macintosh said they recruit volunteers to tutor kids through the program. Macintosh said they need 205 volunteers.

Lewis announced Riley County staff and commissioners are scheduling presentations on the Riley County ½ cent sales tax to civic groups or any organization.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Work Session

Monty Wedel, Planning/ Special Projects Director; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Ron Wells; Mel Van Der Stelt; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Rod Harms; Bob Boyd; Eileen King, Treasurer; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holeman said after that public hearing, if the BOCC agrees with the proposed amendments, a resolution will be presented for approval. The resolution today is not for signature, but only so the BOCC may review the proposed amendments at Section 1.

10:30 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

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Wedel said as requested by the BOCC, he has reviewed the IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) with Planning & Development staff on a section by section basis.

Wedel said they have identified those sections, which they believe should be deleted as they would be difficult to enforce.

Wedel said they have also identified those sections they believe would be beneficial to help us address some of the more serious sanitation, nuisance, and structural hazard issues within the unincorporated areas of Riley County.

Wedel said they believe the additional tools could be put in place and would not translate into the need for additional staff.

Staff is seeking direction from the BOCC regarding whether or not the Board wants them to continue working on this matter.

Wedel said the next step would be to work up a draft code adoption document for your consideration.

McCulloh said she is very supportive of this. McCulloh said many Riley County residences are adjacent to the City of Manhattan and it is good to have similar regulations.

The Board by consensus

agreed to proceed with draft code adoption.

Wedel said as requested by the BOCC, he has investigated the status of building codes in Geary and Pottawatomie counties and the potential impact of the Insurance Services Organization's (ISO) new rating system on Riley County citizens. The findings in summary form are:

Geary County: Has had building codes in the unincorporated areas for some time.

They have been contacted recently by ISO regarding their building code and completed a form to be used in rating the community.

Pottawatomie County: The adoption of building codes for the unincorporated area is not being actively pursued at this time, nevertheless, discussions in that regard continue to occur on occasion.

ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS): An information sheet describing the BCEGS program is included.

Wedel has contacted several local insurance companies, including the County's carrier, and none have heard of BCEGS. Wedel further contacted the Kansas Insurance Commissioner's office and was told that they did not know whether or not any insurance company in Kansas was using BCEGS for rating differentials and suggested Wedel contact ISO directly. ISO provided the following response: "As a general rule, as an insurance advisory organization, we do not monitor company usage of our products and services. Subject to regulatory oversight, individual insurers decide on the application to their programs. Specifically with regard to Kansas, we only have the grading schedule filed at this time and the voluntary surveys of individual towns is on-going."

Holeman said they have settled upon a method of compliance, in the meantime requesting that the BOCC approve submission of the statute to KAC as a possible subject of repeal during the 2013 legislative session.

Holeman said individual law enforcement, Community Corrections, and many other public officials are included in the legislation. Holeman stated the current law does not provide specific enough guidelines.

The Board agreed to present this as part of the KAC legislation platform to remove or modify the legislation.

King stated one unintended consequence would be no one who is removed would be able to pay their taxes online.

Holeman discussed how to respond to the public's questions on why Riley County should renew the ½ cent sales tax question. Holeman presented a draft response, "We are aware of and have considered the merits of all sales tax options. Renewal of the current ½ cent sales tax option was selected because we believe, as was confirmed by the Attorney General, that it was our duty to place the question back on the ballot as required in the 2002 ballot question. We also believe this keeps a promise the county commission made to the voters in 2002: So the public now has the chance to decide if continuing this tax is a reasonable approach to address the public financing needs of Riley County and all of the cities in Riley County."

The Board agreed with the above language.

Holeman said with the transfer of the Health Department to Riley County, effective January 1, 2012, certain text amendments to the Riley County Sanitary Code are necessary.

Holeman said the statutory process for the above-described amendments requires, first, that a notice of public hearing be published. That published notice must run in the newspaper for three consecutive weeks. Thereafter, a public hearing must occur within no less than 10 days and more than 30. Holeman said he has scheduled that public hearing for September 27, 2012, at 10:20 a.m.

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The Kansas State Wildcats were ready to start the first game of the season against Missouri State University and Coach Terry Allen.



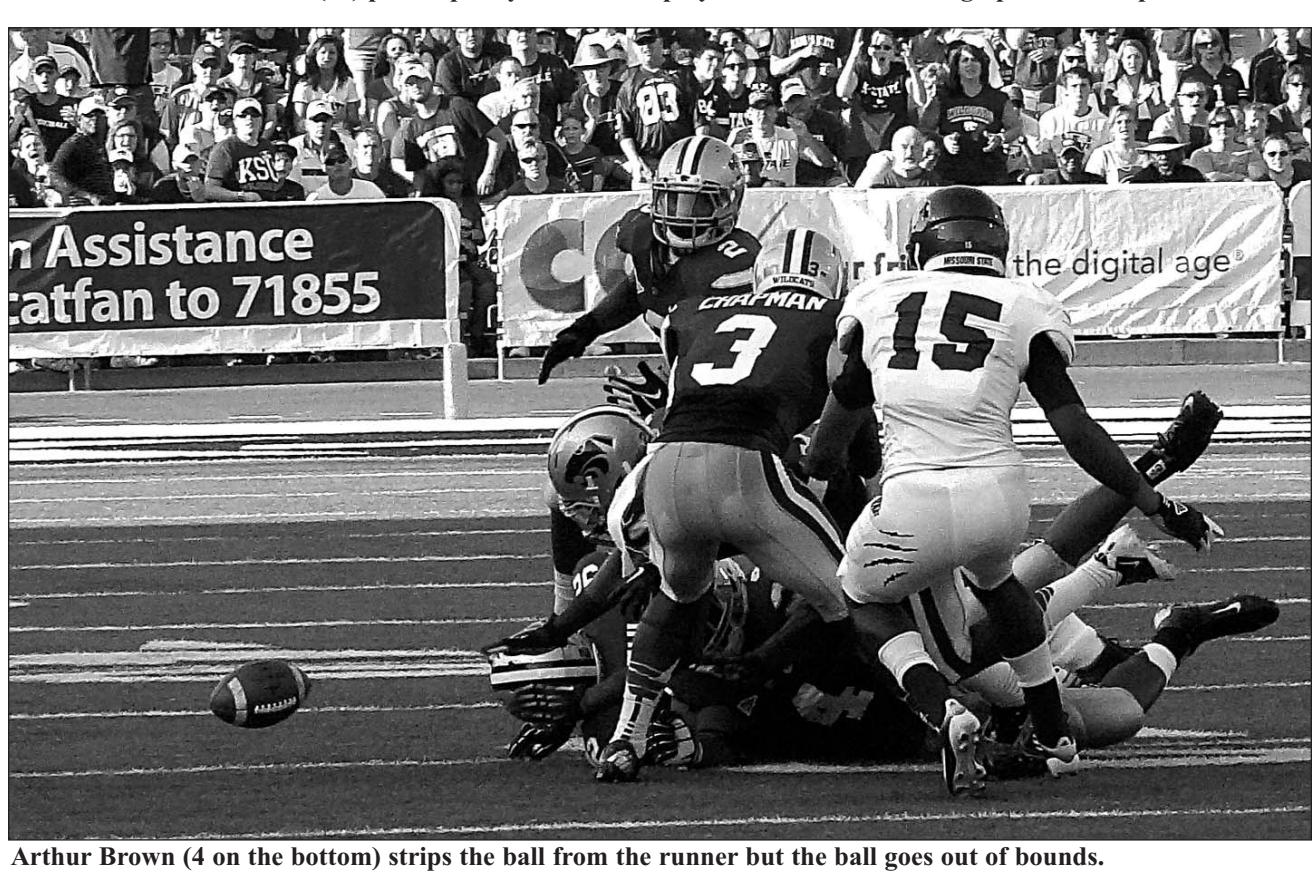
KSU's John Hubert (33) finds a big hole for yardage.



K-State's Travis Tannahill (80) picks up 37-yards on this play in the first half setting up the first 3-points.



Quarterback Collin Klein (7) is ready to pass.



Arthur Brown (4 on the bottom) strips the ball from the runner but the ball goes out of bounds.

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Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/01/12	vs. Missouri State		51-9
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 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Baylor	0-0	0-0
Iowa State	0-0	1-0
Kansas	0-0	1-0
Kansas State	0-0	1-0
Oklahoma	0-0	1-0
Oklahoma State	0-0	1-0
TCU	0-0	0-0
Texas	0-0	1-0
Texas Tech	0-0	1-0
West Virginia	0-0	1-0

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team Score Location	Score Time (CT)	Away Team Media
Sat, Sep 08	Arizona - Oklahoma State Tucson, Ariz.	TBA	PAC-12 Network
Sat, Sep 08	TCU		Grambling State
Fort Worth, Texas		TBA	
Sat, Sep 08	Kansas State - Miami FL		
Manhattan, Kan.		11:00 a.m.	
Sat, Sep 08	Iowa - Iowa State Iowa City, Iowa		
2:30 p.m.	BTN		
Sat, Sep 08	Kansas - Rice Lawrence, Kan.		
2:30 p.m.			
Sat, Sep 08	Texas State Texas		
Tech	San Marcos, Texas	6:00 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 08	Oklahoma		Florida
A&M	Norman, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 08	Texas		New Mexico
Austin, Texas		7:00 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 15	Baylor		Sam Houston
State	Waco, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Sep 15	Oklahoma State Louisiana-Lafayette		
Stillwater, Okla.		11:00 a.m.	
* Sat, Sep 15	Kansas - TCU Lawrence, Kan.		
11:00 a.m.			
Sat, Sep 15	West Virginia - JMU Washington, D.C.	3:30 p.m.	

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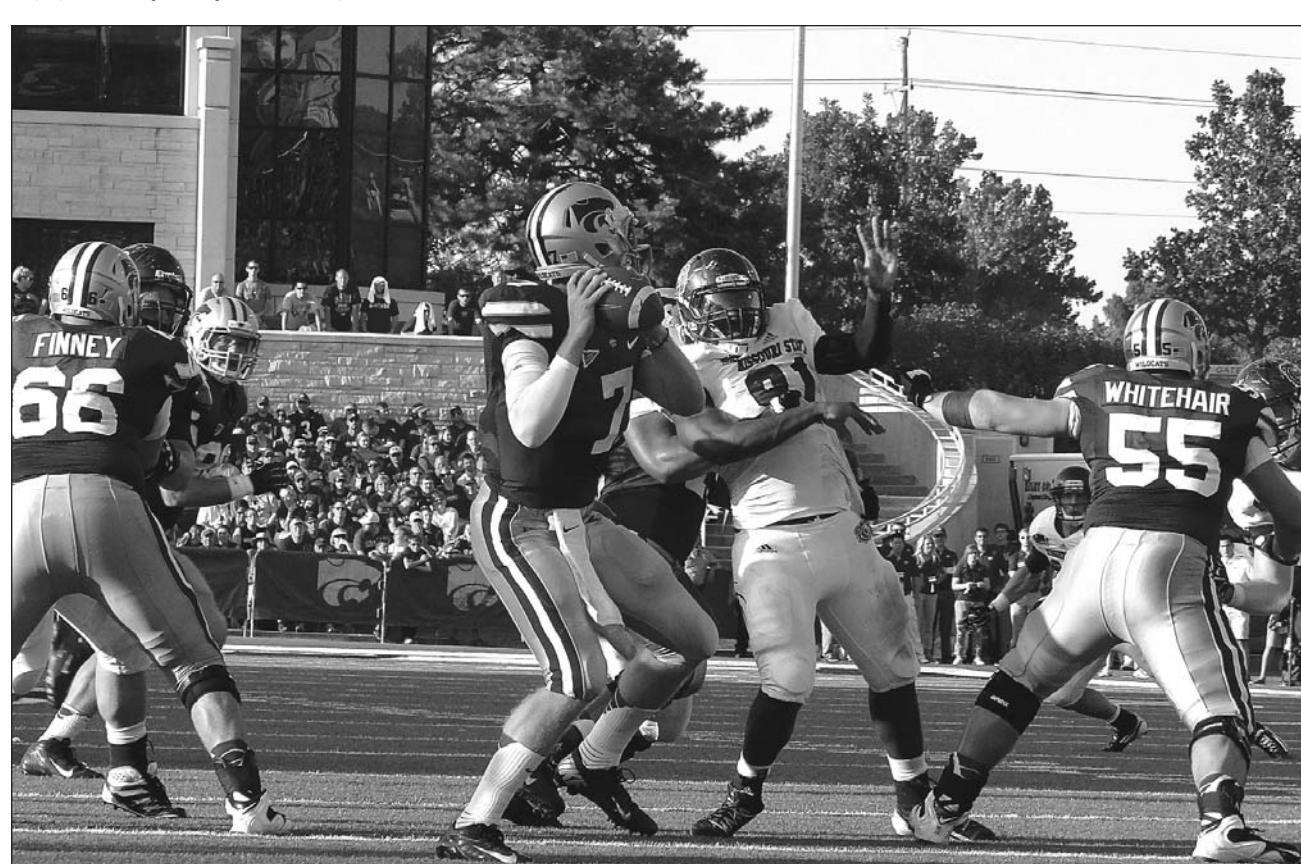
Missouri State's Ryan Heaston (11) goes high to get this ball but K-State's Arthur Brown Jr. is right there to bring him down (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



Tramaine Thompson (86) knows right where the first down marker is and he make it. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)



Nick Puetz (50) gets ready to snap the ball to Klein and then block his man. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Collin Klein (7) completed 19 of 28 passes Saturday for 169 yards. He also ran for 63-yards. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



The Kansas State University Marching Band played before the game and at halftime. The is always a hit with Kansas State Fans. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



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Thursday, September 6, 2012

Kansas State 51
Missouri State 9

POSTGAME NOTES

- Saturday's game between Kansas State and Missouri State marked the start of the 117th season of college football at K-State...

The Wildcats are now 476-613-41 (.421) in program history, including a 176-93-1 (.651) mark under head coach Bill Snyder...

Tonight's matchup was the third meeting between the Wildcats and Bears, with Kansas State holding a 3-0 record in the series... Bill Snyder-led K-State teams have won 20 consecutive season openers... Under Snyder since 1990, K-State is 64-7 (.901) against regular season non-conference opponents... K-State is now 60-3 (.952) in its last 63 games against non-conference foes at home... Since the start of the 1990 season, K-State is 118-27-1 (.808) when playing at Bill Snyder Family Stadium... Since the 1992 season under Snyder, K-State is 52-5 (.912) in games played in September, including a 43-2 mark in games played in Manhattan.

- A capacity crowd of 50,007 attended tonight's game... The sell-out crowd was the fourth-straight for a home opener and is the ninth since head coach Bill Snyder's return in 2009... Additionally, the Sept. 15 game against North Texas, the Oct. 6 matchup with instate rival Kansas and the Nov. 3 contest vs. Oklahoma State have also been announced as sellouts, the first time in school history that K-State had four games reach sellout status prior to the season.



K-State's Defensive player Vai Lutui (92) gets a hit on MSU's QB Kierra Harris. (Photo by Ben Brake)



KSU's John Hubert (33) takes a fake from QB Collin Klein before the pass. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



After the game, fans stayed to watch fireworks. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

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