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## K-State Union Wants To Keep Cozy With Lawmakers

By Travis Perry  
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — The labor union representing some employees at Kansas State University wants to bite the hand that pays them.

In a move that surprised some, the public-employee union at Kansas State University, the Kansas State University Employees Association, has come out against shifting control of some hourly paid employees to the local level. Instead, the union has aligned with the notably anti-union state Legislature.

Bill Glover, president of the union which is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, said the reason is simple — control. The union says it easily can replace lawmakers, but can't replace officials at the university.

"We can fire them (elected officials), but it's pretty impossible to fire somebody at K-State that's not doing something we agree with," Glover said. "We can always get groups together to get rid of Gov. (Sam) Brownback if he's not going to give the dignity and respect that state employees deserve."

KSU's 1,600 mostly hourly employees are being asked to join university support staff. If that happens, decisions on pay and other employment matters will be decided by KSU administrators. At present, the hourly employees, some of whom are members of the employee association labor union, are part of the state's civil service unit and fall under the auspices of the Kansas Legislature.

Lawmaker negotiate with the union on issues involving pay,



**POLITICAL GAIN: Unionized Kansas State University employees say they would rather stay under the control of the state government because they can "fire" elected officials like Gov. Sam Brownback, a staunch union opponent.**

working conditions and more. "Most people do not trust the (university) administration," Glover said. "We have seen the actions down here for years and years."

Gary Leitnaker, KSU human resources assistant vice president, said state statute protects employees from being laid off or having pay decreased if the change is made.

The employees will vote on the issue in November.

KSU employee Carol Marden, who leads a commit-

tee examining the potential change, told the Topeka Capitol-Journal that employees would do well to extricate themselves from the grip of state lawmakers. Marden said she puts more stock in local, university administrators than in a far-removed Legislature.

"It's basically, who do you have more trust in, our local administration or a further removed administration?" said Marden told the Capitol-Journal. "My trust lays here at Kansas State."

Marden did not return requests for comment from Kansas Watchdog.

But Glover doesn't share the same affinity for university administrators. Glover said he was skeptical the university would handle issues fairly. The animosity came as a shock to Leitnaker, who said he has always maintained an open-door policy with Glover.

"I kind of am surprised that they are opposed to it, because I don't think we've had a bad relationship with them," Leitnaker said.

Dave Trabert, president of the Kansas Policy Institute, a Wichita-based think tank, said the matter of local versus legislative control should be based on individual freedom and liberty in the workplace.

"It makes perfect sense (to shift control)," Trabert said. "That's one of the great benefits of freedom, especially in a right-to-work state. People should have the freedom to be treated as individuals, not compelled to be part of a group because of the majority."

In the end, though, Glover said it could be politically advantageous for employees to remain under the scope of elected lawmakers.

The Legislature is "anti-union, we can't disagree with that, but we also understand right now Gov. Brownback's approval rating is down to 30 percent," Glover said.

"We think there's a possibility that somebody will come forward to challenge him for the governorship, somebody who's going to really care about Kansas instead of the Koch brothers," he said.

## Kansas Governor Highlights Foster Care

Governor Sam Brownback and Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Phyllis Gilmore on Monday, May 13, called attention to foster care in Kansas with a proclamation signing and informational event for legislators to meet with foster care stakeholders and youth who have been part of the foster care system.

"Every child deserves a loving home," Secretary Gilmore said. "Many of the children in foster care come from difficult situations, but despite their circumstances, are able to achieve amazing things."

Governor Brownback designated May as Foster Care Month. During the proclamation signing, he was introduced to Daniel Martin who aged out of foster care. Daniel joined the United States Army and then enrolled in college in Wichita. He graduated this past weekend from Newman University with bachelor's degrees in sociology and criminal justice. He is also a DCF employee. He recently was recognized for his outstanding work to help the department survey other youth who have aged out of the system.

"Daniel serves as an example to other children in foster care," Governor Brownback said. "A little support, encouragement and care can go a long way; foster children can achieve anything they put their minds to."

Secretary Gilmore emphasized the need for Kansas families to open their homes to foster children. There are currently more than 2,520 licensed/approved family foster homes in the state. Many children age out of the system and face difficult circumstances related to housing, education, employment and more.

"DCF workers and its contracted partners are committed



**Daniel Martin discusses with Governor Brownback his experience in foster care.**

to helping children find stability through family reunification," Secretary Gilmore said. "But when that's not possible, foster families and adoption are essential to allow children to know they are loved."

Some of the criteria to become a foster parent:

- At least 21 years old
- Successfully pass several background checks
- Sufficient income to support a foster child's basic needs
- Undergo a family assessment
- Complete a 10-week Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approaches to Partnership in Parenting program
- Obtain and maintain sponsorship
- First aid training
- Home must meet Kansas Laws and Regulations for Licensing Family Foster Homes for Children, monitored by the Kansas Department for Health and Environment
- Obtain eight hours of training each licensing year

Those interested in becoming foster parents can contact the Children's Alliance at 877-345-6787.

## The IRS Wants to Know If You're a "Patriot"

By Matthew Spalding, Ph.D.  
Heritage Foundation

Across this great land, patriotic Americans are behaving subversively.

We're quoting from our pocket Constitutions, starting reading groups to discuss our founding documents, even gathering together to "petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Uncle Sam is not amused.

As leaders of tea party groups have been painfully aware for years, the Internal Revenue Service has given "special" attention to conservative groups.

Heritage sounded the alarm on the Obama Administration's hit list nearly a year ago. Idaho businessman Frank VanderSloot was singled out by the IRS and the Labor Department after making a sizable donation to Mitt Romney. Who ordered his investigation?

The IRS admits that in recent years it has zeroed in on organizations with "tea party" or "patriot" in their names. Further, The Wall Street Journal reports the IRS has also targeted groups that say they are "worried about government spending, debt or taxes, and even ones that lobbied to 'make America a better place to live.'" Fox News adds that organizations interested in doing "education on the Constitution and Bill of Rights" made the list.

The goal was clearly to reduce the amount of anti-government speech by making it more difficult for these groups to achieve tax-exempt status.



And it worked. Just look at these examples from four different states:

ABC News reports that Jennifer Stefano of Pennsylvania wanted to start a tea party group, but dealing with the IRS "was frightening and that's why I shut it down. I shut my group down."

The IRS ordered an Ohio group to answer 35 detailed questions, including to "provide a listing of all your past activities. Indicate the percentage of your time spent conducting the activity (total of all activities should equal 100%) and the percentage of your funds spent conducting the activity (total of all activities should equal 100%)."

In Tennessee, Kevin Kookogey was trying to start an educational group called Linchpins of Liberty to teach the economic principles of Milton Friedman and Adam Smith. When he inquired with the IRS in 2011 about the delay in his tax-exempt status, he was told: "We have been waiting on guidance from our superiors as to your and similar organizations." He is still waiting.

In Virginia, it took Richmond Tea Party President Larry Nordvig two and a half years to get tax-exempt status. He tells The Washington Post the wait had "a very chilling effect" on how much money his group could raise, and thus on how much speech it could generate.

Germany:

The people had forfeited the confidence of the government and could win it back only by redoubled efforts. So here's a charge to all tea partiers, and indeed all "patriotic" Americans of any political bent: Let's redouble our efforts—to limit government and promote freedom.

Doing so may anger Big Brother, but it will protect the liberty of all Americans.

And then the Idaho businessman got hit by one of the most ruthless political attacks not seen since the Nixon era.

VanderSloot's story was a precursor to the IRS scandal now making front-page headlines. As lawmakers and the American people seek answers about the government's overreach, it's also worth asking the question, Who ordered the probe on VanderSloot?

The intimidation began in February 2012 when VanderSloot was the subject of hit pieces by left-wing Mother Jones and Salon's Glenn Greenwald. Both stories surprised VanderSloot for their harsh and negative portrayal of their harsh and negative portrayal of Melaleuca, the company he has overseen for more than 25 years.

The attacks escalated on April 20, 2012, when President Obama's campaign named VanderSloot to the first presidential "enemies list" since the days of Richard Nixon. The campaign website

KeepingGOPHonest.com castigated eight Romney donors as having "less-than-reputable records. Quite a few have been on the wrong side of the law, others have made profits at the expense of so many Americans."

The eight private citizens were singled out for their donations to Romney. They committed no crimes, sought no attention, and yet they became the subject of Obama's scorn.

Two months later, on June 21, 2012, the Internal Revenue Service notified VanderSloot that he and his wife would face an tax audit. Then, two weeks later, the Labor Department informed VanderSloot it was auditing workers employed at his cattle ranch.

VanderSloot told the Daily Caller yesterday he complied with all of the government's audits. "Everything is done. No penalties. No fines," he said.

There are still many unanswered questions, however. As VanderSloot told the Daily Caller, he wasn't the only political adversary of Obama to face a backlash. Who initiated the IRS and Labor Department investigations? And were they connected to the coordinated attacks of the Obama campaign?

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## McCaskill, Durbin Are Stange Bedfellows

By Johnny Kampis | Missouri Watchdog

ST. LOUIS — The tea party is gaining some unlikely allies in its clash with the Internal Revenue Service.

Two U.S. senators, Claire McCaskill of Missouri and Dick Durbin of Illinois, both Democrats, had harsh words Monday over the agency's special tax scrutiny of conservative groups.

Following a ceremony Monday honoring federal law enforcement officials at the Eagleton Federal Courthouse in St. Louis, McCaskill told the media that high-level IRS employees should be canned.

"Anyone who was in a position of responsibility that knew this very un-American activity was going on should be fired," said McCaskill, a target of the tea party during the 2012 elections.

The IRS blamed low-level employees in its Cincinnati office for the malfeasance, but documents that surfaced Monday reveal knowledge of

the targeting went much higher.

U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, provided information based on discussions with the inspector general's office investigating the case showing that acting IRS chief Steven Miller was briefed on the practice on May 3, 2012, when he was deputy commissioner.

That sparked a sharp-tongued response from Rep. Dave Camp, R-Michigan, who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

"It is almost inconceivable to imagine that top officials at the IRS knew conservative groups were being targeted but chose to willfully mislead the Committee's investigation into this practice," he said in a statement.

That committee will hold a hearing on the issue Friday, and Miller is expected to testify.

Documents from the House Ways and Means Committee that surfaced Monday indicate the scrutiny goes back at least two years and that the head of the IRS Exempt Organizations

division, Lois Lerner, knew her agents were targeting tea party groups and did not disclose that fact to the committee during two meetings. That committee was investigating the issue after receiving complaints from tea party groups.

"It is absolutely unacceptable to single out any political group — right, left or center," Durbin said. "It goes back to the worst days of the Richard Nixon administration."

McCaskill said she hopes Democrats and Republicans in Congress will come together to hold those people responsible for the targeting accountable.

"You can't pick out who you're going to apply the law to based on who they are, who they know or what they believe," she said. "Not in America."

Jeannine Huskey, organizer of the Show-Me State-based Eureka Tea Party, said her group was not affected because it didn't receive enough donations to apply for nonprofit status. The Eureka organization

had about 500 members at its peak prior to the 2012 presidential election, but is now largely inactive.

She said the scrutiny may have dissuaded other tea party groups from applying with the IRS.

"It's terrible," Huskey told Missouri Watchdog. "I think it scared away a lot of groups from starting the process."

There's been no indication that top officials in the Obama administration knew about the IRS' activities, and the president said Monday that the agency should be "held fully accountable."

"If in fact IRS personnel engaged in the kind of practices that have been reported on and were intentionally targeting conservative groups, then that's outrageous. And there's no place for it," Obama told reporters.

The Senate Finance Committee announced Monday it will join other congressional committees investigating the issue.

## Joseph R. Staten

Joseph Robert "Killer" Staten, age 71, a longtime Manhattan resident, died May 12, 2013, at Autumn Hills in Riley, Kansas.

He was born May 24, 1941, in Manhattan, the son of Leonard E. and Mary Alberta (Hays) Staten.

Joe served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He worked for his cousin Gene Williams for Williams Construction in Riley, McCullough Construction, as a building inspector for the Corp of Engineers at Marshall Field at Fort Riley prior to becoming a self employed general contractor. He built the Big Dawg Marina and also worked on the homes for his sons and his own home prior to retirement. Joe also enjoyed officiating for area football games and was an official for track meets.

Joe previously belonged to Duck's Unlimited.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, waterskiing and was involved with his sons and grandchildren's activities.

He was married to Claudia King, they later divorced. He was married to Sherian Sowell in August 1993 in Manhattan. Mrs. Staten survives of the home. Additional survivors

include two sons: Phil Staten and his family Natalie Albin-Smith of Keller, TX, and Tony Staten and his wife Justine of Olsburg, KS; one sister, Brenda McAtee of Alma, KS; four step children: Kelly Johns, Mary Jo Montague, Kimber Weisbender and Jack Johns; four grandchildren: Garrett, Brook, Cassidy and Sydney; numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Regis Staten in 1959, and one sister Rosemary Mishaw in 2006.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 P.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday at the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Ogden with Reverend Ben Duerfeldt officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tuttle Creek Lake Association Youth Fishing Clinic. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

## Obituaries

### Carmaen Cordova

Carmen Cordova, born Oct. 7, 1912, joined her husband of almost 65 years, Cecilio Cordova, who predeceased her in 2003. She passed away peacefully in the arms of her daughter Alicia on Mar. 15, 2013 in Lakewood, CO, a suburb of Denver.

Carmen and her husband had lived in Colorado after moving from Manhattan, KS in 2003. She was born in Cuernavaca, Gto, Mexico to Lucio and Sabina Martinez and brought to the United States as an infant, living in Fairbury, Nebraska for several years where her father was employed by the railroad. The family moved to

Manhattan where Carmen and Cecil met and were married in 1938.

She was predeceased by her parents and 5 siblings: Karl, Maria, Jose, Daniel and Manuela who died in infancy.

Carmen was a homemaker and full time mother to her surviving children: Alicia Lewis, Denver, CO and Gilbert Cordova, M.D. of Portland, OR. There are four surviving grandchildren: Andrea Lewis Wasilisin of Springfield VA, Eric Lewis of Denver CO, and Carmen Cordova and Matthew Cordova both of Portland, OR. Also surviving are five great grandchildren and nieces and

nephews.

Carmen was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church of Manhattan and was active with the Head Start Program. She was a proud naturalized Citizen of the United States, voting in all local and national elections. She also frequently volunteered at the local polling station. Carmen was a loving, caring, supportive mother and grandmother. Over the years, Carmen and Cecil's children said they "won the lottery having such wonderful parents." Many of the surviving family members would surely agree. Carmen will be truly missed.

Graveside services were held

11:00 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2013, at the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan with Father Joseph S. Popelka officiating.

Family and friends gathered at 10:15 a.m. Monday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home to form a procession to the cemetery at 10:45 a.m.

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

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas is handling the local arrangements.

### Kenneth K. "Ken" Casey

Kenneth K. "Ken" Casey, age 80, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday morning, May 13, 2013, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born on June 22, 1932, in Harrisville, New York the son of Courtland and Kathryn (Premo) Casey.

In 1949, at age 17, Ken joined the United States Army, serving in the Korean Conflict in 1951-52. He was a Purple Heart recipient and well decorated soldier. He was honorably discharged in 1955 with the rank of Sergeant.

Following his military discharge he moved to Manhattan where he worked in construction through the local Labor Unions for the next 17 years. He then went to work as a maintenance employee at the former Wharton Manor Nursing Home in Manhattan prior to accepting a maintenance position for the Veterinary Medicine

Department at Kansas State University. He retired from Kansas State after 16 years of employment.

On April 7, 1956, at Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Manhattan, he was united in marriage to the former Margaret Silva. She preceded him in death on April 2, 2007.

Ken was a member of Seven Dolores Catholic Church, V.F.W. Post 1786, Eagles Lodge 2468, and the American Legion Post 17, all of Manhattan. He also maintained a membership with the American Legion in his home state of New York. Outside of his memberships he enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in the yard, gardening and canning and was an avid New York Yankees fan. Most of all he enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by five children: Bill Casey, Manhattan, KS; Cheryl L. "Sherri" Helzer and her husband Jeffery,

Manhattan, KS; Ron Casey and his companion Glenda Holmes, Manhattan, KS; Sandy Steck and her companion Brian Meader, Manhattan, KS; and Nancy Burk and her husband Mike, Newburg, IN. One brother: Donald Casey, Norfolk, NY; two sisters: Mary Hills and her husband Garnett, Gouverneur, NY; and Ruth Grzanowicz and her husband Ed of Burseson, TX. Also surviving are eight grandchildren:

Brandy Casey, Dallas Helzer, Stephanie Steck, Kristi Steck, Sarah Burk, Annie Burk, Anthony Casey, Arron LeClair and three great grandchildren: Benji Casey, Raevyn Sanders, Axton Steck and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, one son, Kenneth K. Casey, Jr. who died at birth, six brothers: William, Leland, Robert, Terrell, Keo and Gordon Casey and his son-in-law: Steven Steck.

### Virginia Keim Honstead

Virginia Keim Honstead, age 96, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday, May 6, 2013, at the Meadowlark Hills-Bramlage House.

She was born on August 5, 1916, in Lincoln, Nebraska, the daughter of Frank and Alice Keim. Virginia was raised in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1933. She graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1937 with a B.S. degree in the college of Home Economics. Her father, Dr. Frank D. Keim was a professor of Agronomy for many years at the University of Nebraska.

Virginia came to Kansas State on a graduate assistantship in the college of Home Economics, now Human Ecology. She received a Masters degree in 1939 in the Dept. of Family and Child Development and was an instructor in the Department in 1939-40.

She married William Honstead of Waterville, Kansas on September 25, 1940 at her home in Lincoln. He also grad-

uated from Kansas State University in 1939 and was on the K.S.U. faculty in Chemical Engineering for forty years. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1997.

Virginia was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Manhattan where she was a very active member in music groups and the United Methodist Women. She lived at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community and took an active part in its activities. She played the piano for the Health Care Chapel and was responsible for the Sunday evening Vesper Service for Independent Living, procuring the ministers from the Manhattan community and playing the piano and organ. She was a member of the K.S.U. Faculty Social Club, Civic Music Club and the T.P.M. Club. Other memberships included the Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu home economics honorary societies and the American Home Economics Association. She also was a member and

honorary chairperson of the Meadowlark Hills Foundation Board.

She is survived by three daughters: Carole Ann Gnatuk and her husband Wayne, Lexington, KY; Reverend Nancy Gammill, Topeka, KS; and Mary Lou Honstead and her husband Bill Mate of Minneapolis, MN. One brother: Wayne Keim and his wife Joyce of Ft. Collins, CO, four grandchildren, four step grandchildren, two great grandchildren and three step great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Pastor Troy Bowers officiating. Graveside services were held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the Riverside Cemetery in Waterville, Kansas.

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

Memorials have been established for the First United

Methodist Church and for the Meadowlark Hills-Good Samaritan Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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# Free Press Second Front

## Tuttle Creek Dam Will Be 50 This Year

# Blue Valley Residents Take The Fight To The Voters

Kansas voters historically elect Republican candidates. This is true for Blue River Valley residents as well. From 1945 to 1953 their congressional representative was Republican Albert Cole. Throughout most of those years he supported the Blue Valley residents in their fight against Tuttle Creek Dam. The flood of 1951, however, caused Cole to change his mind.

The following is an excerpt from a letter he wrote to his constituents explaining his change of mind.

### Representative Albert Cole

I opposed Tuttle Creek Dam over a long period of years, when I had little support from the Blue Valley, and . . . not a single member of Congress supported me. Year after year I was the lone opposition. . . I received some praise from the people in the Valley and considerable vituperation from the people who were subjected to floods.

On July 13, 1951, the Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations was conducting hearings on the question of appropriations for the construction of Tuttle Creek Dam. At that time we were receiving direct reports of the terrible destructive flood which was then inundating the farms, the homes, the towns and villages of our state. Report after report came in to the Appropriations Committee Room. The terrible news of this great disaster hung like a black pall over the people assembled there to make statements both for and against Tuttle Creek Dam. As we listened to these reports of the horrible tragedy which was overtaking our friends and our people at home, one after the other of those people from the Blue Valley who were representing the opposition to Tuttle Creek, came to me and said, "You have fought long and hard against Tuttle Creek Dam.

WE appreciate the fine work you have done in our behalf. Now, however, we realize that nothing further can be done by you, and we release you from any further opposition to Tuttle Creek Dam". . .

After nearly eight years of fighting for watershed control



Representative Albert Cole



Representative William Avery

as a substitute for, or modification of big dams, after making countless appearances and consultations with not only mem-

bers of Congress, but the various departments interested, I found that neither Congress nor the Department of Agriculture,

nor the Corps of Engineers, would sustain my position that the job could be done through watershed control. Remember, I believe that I had no help from anyone in Congress. . . I was alone.

The time came, then, when I was called upon to either support or oppose Tuttle Creek. When I saw that I had no support for the program of watershed control as a means of preventing floods, I realized that it was not a question of whether we would have one program or the other, but that it was solely a question of whether we would have Tuttle Creek or nothing. Remembering the terrible disaster, and the possibility of the loss of lives in the future, as well as property and homes, I could not, in good conscience, refuse to do anything to prevent reoccurrences of this tragedy. I had a choice to make. I had to choose between these people who would lose their homes through tragic and horrible destruction by flood, or those people who would lose their homes through an orderly process and be reimbursed for their losses. It was not, nor is not a happy choice. But as a representative of the people, it seemed to me that I had only one choice to make, distasteful as it might be. I supported the appropriation for Tuttle Creek Dam.

Place yourself in my position, consider all of the foregoing circumstances, and seriously ask yourself this question: "What would I do?"

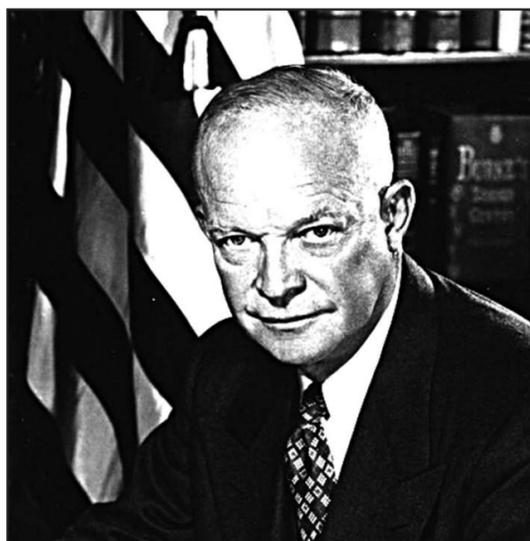
William Avery, who later became a governor of Kansas, recalled the election of 1952:

. . . Albert Cole had been congressman from Northeast Kansas and a very popular one. . . But Tuttle Creek came into his defeat. In the Blue Valley . . . action, he's opposed to Tuttle Creek . . . and that made him pretty solid in this area. And then after the 1951 flood that came along, why there was a lot of damage downstream, and that revived the downstream support for the reservoirs. . . But he [Cole] didn't get up and oppose it. And that turned on the so-called Blue Belles . . . They went out and campaigned

against Albert in favor of a Democrat from Brown County who had never held public office before, except the local school board or city council or something like that. Howard Miller. . . You could see that it aroused a lot of publicity for a bunch of women going out and campaigning. In Kansas women hadn't been too much involved in campaigning, and the news media all picked it up and reported on all the campaign tours these ladies made and quoted this and the other thing. Albert told me, he said publicly, he gave the Blue Valley ladies, the Blue Valley Belles they called themselves,

the credit for defeating him.

In the same election that Republican presidential candidate Dwight Eisenhower won by a landslide, Albert Cole was defeated by nearly 5,000 votes. Howard Miller, a Brown County lawyer and farmer, was the first Democrat to ever represent this district. The Blue Valley residents were elated. They thought the overthrow of Cole would put the fear into other Kansas representatives. They also predicted that Tuttle Creek Dam wouldn't be built after the citizens had so strongly shown their objection to the project.



President Dwight Eisenhower

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## CO: Major Drug Law Changes

By Calvin Thompson | Colorado Watchdog

Colorado is spearheading a change in the way drug offenses may be prosecuted, as a bipartisan effort in the Senate launched a bill that could lead to drastic sentencing reforms for drug offenders.

Senate Bill 250, which passed the Senate nearly unanimously last week, and was referred to the House Committee of the Whole on Friday, prioritizes treatment over prison for drug offenders.

Currently, drug charges and violent crimes are all part of the same comprehensive sentencing system, but this legislation separates drug charges. If someone convicted of a felony drug charge completes probation and community based sentencing, the felony charge would be replaced with a Level 1 misdemeanor under the bill.

Another section requires an "exhaustion of remedies" requirement for certain drug offenses. Before someone is sentenced to prison for a drug offense, they must have already participated in several other forms of treatment and sentencing.

This has the potential to remove thousands of people from the prison system, since a significant portion of Colorado's illegal activity centers around drug offenses. The Drug Policy Alliance has noted that in the United States, \$50 billion is spent each year on drug prohibition, about \$25 billion on the state level.

The Cato Institute found that Colorado alone spent more than \$352 million on drug

elimination efforts in 2008, between state and local governments. By contrast, only 19,250 arrests were made for Colorado drug offenses in 2007, just 10 percent of which were for dealing and manufacturing.

"It's been a long time coming," said Sen. Steve King, the Republican sponsor of SB 250. "It starts to deal with addiction issues and getting them off drugs."

A study by the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice says the legislation would save Colorado \$5 million next year in prison costs if passed, and would also put drug offenders back in the community, where it is easier to break drug addiction.

The CCJJ study also reported that every dollar spent in drug treatment provides \$7 in taxpayer benefits.

"...From a policy making perspective, it is important to recognize that the increased use of imprisonment eventually results in diminishing returns," the CCJJ found in one of their studies. "The reason for this is simple: locking up more and more people eventually leads to the incarceration of less serious offenders. When that happens, costs increase without a commensurate increase in public safety."

King said that over time the focus on treatment instead of incarceration could also work to limit the supply side of the drug industry. By helping people overcome their addictions, drug dealers will lose clients, and the drug-dealing business may start to wither.

"You're also dealing with

supply and demand," he said. "You just take away the market."

In spite of largely bipartisan support, the bill does have its critics. Mike Krause, director of the Justice Policy Initiative at the Independence Institute, said that while the bill is a start, it should go further.

He recommended that instead of allowing offenders to reduce their felony charges to misdemeanors, drug charges such be classified as misdemeanors from the start.

Some lawmakers pushed such a bill last year, but it failed in the legislature.

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## Over Easy

Well, here we go again - another group of liberals suing the City of Manhattan. This time it's about not getting what they believe is the appropriate amount of taxpayer funding for social service organizations around town.

You know when we grew up back in the fifties, if a person fell down, scuffed the knee and bruised an elbow, well they just picked themselves up, put on some mercurochrome and tried to avoid repeating the error in the future. It was just part of the learning curve to make a mistake and adjust appropriately. We learned to deal with it. But when today's townie faces adversity the popular cure is too often a trip to the lawyer rather than the medicine cabinet.

Most of us remember the last really big bruised ego lawsuit against Dial and the city for what local progressives believed was a violation of due process in rezoning the north development area to include HyVee. Well back in 2008, it was quite a dust-up, delayed the project for a time, but in the end served no good purpose, as the city commission had sufficient authority to do the deal.

Then in 2011, liberal school board members decided their feelings were sufficiently violated to sue the city over 'free



Bob Strawn

water.' Free water, mind you, had been provided to the schools since an agreement in 1887, in which the Purcell family deeded three tracts of real estate to Manhattan, stipulating that the city supply water for free to local schools and churches in "perpetuity." Of course other liberals - the ACLU specifically - did not care much for the church part. So, the city ended both practices in a curtsy to the Union position. And the courts ultimately agreed with the city's case over the school board.

Now we have another civil lawsuit on our hands. This time, an organization called "Save Our Social Services"

with people ties to the local Democratic Party has asked the courts to have the city enact an ordinance requiring a city-wide vote that would - if approved - earmark two percent of the city's general fund budget for social services. That would be \$500 thousand in taxes next year compared to about \$350 grand this year. The matter will be going to trial soon.

We, obviously, don't understand the progressive mindset here or other places for that matter. Knowing first that, generally, the only ones to really win these kinds of lawsuits are the lawyers (see above). And that here, we are suing ourselves. What's up with that? Hell, sue Lawrence. We'd get that. But why do it here and drive up city costs and taxes even more. How do we win? Where's your judgment, folks?

Perhaps Will Rogers put it best, "People are getting smarter nowadays; they are letting lawyers instead of their conscience be their guides."

We would substitute the word "brains" for "conscience" here, as we would never suggest any association in this case with ethics. The ethical choice would have been to leave this one for the ballot box. "It's why we elect city commissioners every couple years."

## "Click It. Or Ticket" Enforcement Set This Month

The difference between wearing a seatbelt and not wearing a seatbelt was dramatically portrayed on Thursday as two crash survivors spoke at an event announcing a special seatbelt enforcement period across Kansas taking place later this month.

Ginger Park, who works for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, stood at a podium in the Topeka Joint Law Enforcement Center and described how she was uninjured in a crash several years ago. The vehicle she was riding in spun violently out of control and off the road, and ended up coming to rest on the passenger side. No one was injured.

"My husband and I both wore our seatbelts, and neither one of us had a scratch," Park said. "Seatbelts saved an estimated 12,000 lives in 2011. That same year, more than half of the 22,000 vehicle occupants killed in crashes nationwide were not wearing seatbelts."

In contrast, Heather Tice spoke from a wheelchair. She described how, at age 15, her neck was broken while riding as a passenger in a car that crashed while avoiding an oncoming vehicle at the crest

of a hill on a rural road.

"I was tossed around in the back seat like a rag doll," Tice told reporters, law enforcement officers, and highway safety officials at the media event. "I will be in this chair for the rest of my life."

Kansas Highway Patrol, county sheriffs' offices and city police departments across the state will be adding extra shifts from May 20-June 2 specifically to issue tickets for failure to wear seatbelts, said Shawnee County Sheriff Herman Jones.

"We will be following the hard and fast rule that if you don't wear a seatbelt, you'll receive a citation," Jones said.

Jones noted that after Kansas legislators passed an adult primary seatbelt law in 2010, seatbelt usage rose from 77 percent to 83 percent in 2011.

"Our goal is 100 percent," Jones said. "As law enforcement, we're going to be on the front end of this so that what happened to Heather won't happen again."

Jenny Scheve, a trauma center nurse, accompanied Tice. Scheve and Tice work with ThinkFirst, an injury prevention program through which speakers discuss the conse-

quences of traumatic injury and urge others to make safe choices.

"Brain and spinal cords are made of nerve tissue that does not regenerate," Scheve said. "Any injury that occurs to these areas because someone didn't wear a seatbelt will cause a long and difficult recovery."

Scheve described how people with brain or spinal cord injuries essentially begin life over again, drooling like babies because they do not know how to swallow or being confined to a wheelchair because they are unable to walk.

"When a crash victim arrives in the trauma center, we literally put a tube in every orifice of your body," Scheve said. "Others will have to care for your every need. These injuries are horrific."

Tice described how her spinal cord injury paralyzed her and changed her life, requiring years of medical treatment and rehabilitation.

"These injuries don't discriminate," she said. "It isn't about age difference or how smart you are or what you do."

Tice urged young adults like herself to think of others whenever they get into a car.

## The Conservative Side...



IRS Apologizes for Targeting Conservative Groups

## New Accounting Standards Deepen KPERS Hole

### Kansas Watchdog

Despite legislative efforts to reform the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) in 2011, the plan's funding status remains seriously low. A new paper from Kansas Policy Institute scholar Barry Poulson, Ph.D., makes clear that the reforms undertaken thus far were not enough to address the structural deficiencies in KPERS. In fact, new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards will make the current deficiencies much worse.

While a funding ratio (value of assets in the plan divided by a measure of the pension obligation) of 80 percent is generally considered a barometer of a pension system's health, KPERS has a 59 percent funded ratio as of the most recent KPERS year-end report, and that will decrease to 46.1 percent under the new GASB standards. KPI also released a database of the 2012 KPERS distributions, which highlight individual payments made to KPERS beneficiaries, via KansasOpenGov.Org, a transparency portal publishing official government data.

"The evidence underscores the fact that [KPERS] is not on a sustainable path. Recent studies reveal that Kansas has one of the most under-funded pension plans in the nation," writes Dr. Poulson, the paper's author, a retired professor from the University of Colorado - Boulder, and past president of the North American Economics and Finance Association.

The new GASB standards will take effect in 2013 and 2014 and, according to GASB, will "require governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term

obligations for pension benefits as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits."

Dave Trabert, president of Kansas Policy Institute said, "At the end of 2011, our official KPERS debt amounted to \$3,285 per Kansan. But more realistic investment return assumptions could easily double that amount. In very real terms, this clarifies the magnitude of the problem and its impact on individual Kansans. KPERS' own benefit payment records indicate that some government employees will likely collect multi-million dollar pension benefits if they live a normal lifespan. Public servants deserve retirement security but we shouldn't be handing out an annual retirement checks that are far greater than what most private sector taxpayers receive."

Trabert continued, "The new, more realistic accounting standards underscore the need to go further in reforming KPERS. Public sector retirement benefits need to be brought in line with those in the private sector and taxpayers should be let off the hook of pension debt by moving employees to a 401(k)-style pension plan. Incidentally, 401(k)-style plans have been the standard in the private sector for decades. They are available to Kansas political appointees and Regents' professors, can provide a better final benefit and give more flexibility to an increasingly mobile workforce."

"Preventing Bankruptcy in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System" outlines

six steps that should be taken to stop making state pension debt worse and to secure the benefits of retirees in the future;

Welcome the new GASB standards as a way to increase transparency and accountability;

Implement a 401(k)-style system that increases public servant flexibility and taxpayer peace of mind;

Align public sector retirement benefits with those in the private sector;

Be prepared for any legal challenges - recent case law suggests this is the case;

Take steps now to avoid a bankruptcy that puts already-earned benefits at risk;

Follow the example of other states by bringing taxpayers, government officials, and public sector workers together to address the problem.

Trabert concluded, "Our leaders in Topeka should be commended for the work they've done thus far in working to fix KPERS, but more work needs to be done. Without continued 401(k)-style reform Kansas taxpayers will remain on the hook for higher taxes to finance pension debt and beneficiaries will remain at the mercy of an unsustainable system."

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## Riley County Commission Minutes

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

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8:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director; Cory Meyer, Network Administrator; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Jo Reed, Records Assistant II; Keirsten Cragg, Records Assistant II; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Amy Manges, Deeds Supervisor/Deputy Register of Deeds; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Brent Sigman, REACH Committee Chair; Christina Calmes, Records Assistant; Leroy Calmes; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Sigman, on behalf of REACH, presented the employee of the month award to Christy Calmes, Register of Deeds' Office for her work on the REACH taco feed.

Boyd asked if staff had inquired with KDOT about reducing the speed to 55 mph on Highway 24 up past the county shops.

Rosewicz said we will have to request a traffic study from KDOT.

The Board asked staff to request a traffic study on Highway 24 past the Riley County Public Works facility.

Boyd moved to approve a Contract Agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevator for the Riley County Courthouse Plaza

East elevator modernization in the amount of \$127,558.24. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to install underground primary for 200', two wood poles with anchors in road right of way 1075' south of 10177 Blue River Hills for airplane glide path. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Matthew Stanford, a rehire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, at a grade A step 1, at \$10.60 per hour.

Kristi Plummer, a Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective May 10, 2013.

Boyd moved to sign a motor grader bid acceptance with Foley Equipment, Inc. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to activate the following imperative non-funded 2013 CIP projects:

Department: Project: Cost Estimate:

Parks Run Water to CICO dog park \$ 5,000  
Parks Replace CICO exercise trail \$ 18,000

Public Works Detention Structure at Shop Site(1) \$200,000

Public Works Design cost for 2 culverts \$ 35,000

Public Works 2 Culverts Replacement \$160,000

EMS Study of the EMS facility enhancement \$100,000

Public Works Motor Grader Packer/Roller & Lift Assembly \$ 45,000

EM Siren-Equipment Replacement Plan \$ 19,000

NW Utility Tractor & Loader \$ 50,000

NW No-till Grass Drill \$ 25,000

Parks Chipper \$ 65,000

Public Works Motor Grader Lease \$ 66,000

Public Works Two-way Radio System Tower \$ 50,000

IT Install fiber at Museum

and Health Dept. \$ 20,000  
IT Video Security at Health Dept. \$ 50,000

Total Cost Estimate \$908,000

The following project to activate with funding to be transferred from the Public Works budget:

Department: Project: Cost Estimate:

Public Works Polymer Overlay on several bridge decks \$100,000

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter to the members of the Riley County House Delegation opposing SB 181. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter to the members of the Riley County Legislative Delegation opposing HB 2285. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter to Chairman Richard Carlson of the House Taxation Committee opposing SB 181. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$275,856.33 and the following warrant vouchers for May 3, 2013:

2013 Budget  
County General \$222,006.58  
Health Department 57,111.83

Court Technology 7,395.00

Riley Co Juvenile Service 6,225.37

Motor Vehicle Operations 5,626.34

21st Jud Dist Teen Court 1,201.09

Riley Co Adult Services 7,550.27

Capital Improvements Fund 81,009.59

Solid Waste 5,133.23

County Building 1,699.75

RCPD Levy/Op 773.55

Riley Co Fire Dist #1 2,671.18

University Park W&S 622.25

Valleywood Operations 63.40

Konza Water Operations 75.00

TOTAL. . . . \$399,164.43

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Williams discussed the development of Hawaii's version of HOPE called Probation 180 locally.

9:15 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/HHW staff report.

9:30 Greg McHenry, Appraiser

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

McHenry presented an Appraiser's Office report.

9:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects

Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wedel discussed the annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Wedel said the Solid Waste Management Committee and staff recommend approval of the review for forwarding to KDHE.

Boyd moved to approve the 2013 annual review of the Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as recommended by the Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wedel reviewed the Planning and Development project list.

Wells moved to approve the minutes of April 29, 2013 as amended. Boyd seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:10 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Steve DeHart, Sanitarian; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Cox said Joe E. Moore, Jr. and Nancy Moore have appealed a decision by Steve DeHart, R.S./REHS, Environmental Health Specialist, to deny their request to build a wastewater stabilization pond (lagoon).

Cox said the Riley County Sanitary Code requires that this County Commission appoint a Hearing Officer when an appeal is taken from a staff decision under the Code by Steve DeHart, R.S./REHS, Environmental Health Specialist.

Cox said Professor Morgan Powell, of Kansas State University, has agreed to accept this appointment. Cox said Powell has served in this capacity in the past, and his background and experience are suited for this appointed position.

Cox stated Powell's rate is \$160.00 per hour.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 050213-26, Resolution appointing Sanitary Code Hearing Officer" and the "Contract for Hearing Officer's Fees." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wedel stated the contract fees will be paid from the Planning and Development Department budget.

Holeman discussed the appellate process for preliminary or final wastewater treatment plan decisions by the sanitarian.

Boyd said he wants it to be very clear to the public, the sanitarian makes the recommendation to the Board who has the final approval. Boyd suggested the language be changed from "approved" to "recommend."

Boyd moved to approve the previously proposed amendment to the zoning regulations. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve

"Resolution No. 050213-27, Resolution amending the Riley County subdivision regulations in Riley County, Kansas." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:03 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Lewis opened the public hearing.

Wedel presented the Eureka Valley - Highway K-18 Corridor Plan.

Lewis closed the public hearing.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 050213-28, A Resolution amending the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:30 Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager

Lee Kimsey, BA Designs LLC; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Kimsey reviewed the commissioners' office furniture proposals.

Boyd moved to add the commissioners' office furniture in the amount of \$8,289.49 to the 2013 CIP projects. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Judge Meryl Wilson; and Lanna Nichols, Court Administrator

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Rod Miniski, Manhattan Mercury; Barry Wilkerson, Attorney; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Williams asked the Board their intent to address Senate Substitute for HB 2052 Courthouse Security.

Williams suggested a higher level of training for Community Corrections officers to carry firearms.

Williams said there are a lot of questions to ask and answer regarding conceal carry.

Judge Wilson discussed security concerns at the Courthouse. Judge Wilson stated in the U.S. from 2000-2009 less than one incident per month occurred in Courthouses.

Judge Wilson said in 2011 sixty-seven incidents happened which is 5.5 per month. Judge Wilson stated in 2012 over 9,500 cases were held.

Judge Wilson said the judges agree the Courthouse is no place for guns and encouraged support the four-year exemption. Judge Wilson said every person who enters be screened, and direct access panic buttons and security cameras installed.

Boyd said our Courthouse is at least a decade out of security compliance. Boyd said we need professional help in assessing our security needs.

Judge Wilson said he would

not move too fast in dumping a lot of money in the Courthouse because Riley County is in line to receive a new district judge in which we have no room.

Wells suggested moving forward on the four-year exemption, panic buttons, and security cameras would be a good start.

Judge Wilson said everyone screened would be a priority as well.

2:36 Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Fehr discussed the Downtown Streetscape project. Fehr discussed the K-18 Corridor Plan.

Fehr discussed various Manhattan City projects.

Boyd asked about GIS consolidation.

Fehr said he has learned GIS is integrated greatly with Manhattan City's water and sewer line systems working together daily. Fehr said he has not seen areas of duplication where consolidation would be beneficial.

3:00 Discuss County Officials' Retreat

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

The Board discussed a County Officials' Retreat.

Wedel asked what is the best way to conduct a retreat. Wedel suggested developing action steps to move the organization forward. Wedel suggested the looming facilities issues. Wedel suggested developing a 5-year strategic facilities plan.

Boyd said he wants the retreat to focus on a direction.

Wells said at some point we need to educate the public about new facilities.

Boyd said the Farm Bureau building is underutilized and may be able to be purchased.

Wedel suggested selecting a facilitator and decide what resource people we need at the retreat.

3:22 Cindy Volanti, Human Resources Manager/Deputy Clerk

Michael Cates, Director, MPH Program - Vet Med Center Dean of KSU; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Mike and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Volanti discussed the Health Department Administrator interview process.

3:30 Cindy Volanti, Human Resources Manager/Deputy Clerk

3:32 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected per-

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# Riley County Commission Meeting Minutes

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sonnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:45 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

3:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:45 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:55 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

3:55 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:55 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 4:10 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:10 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

4:10 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 4:15 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:15 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

4:18 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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The Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building May 3, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

9:00 a.m. Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

Executive session to discuss a performance matter involving non-elected personnel

Michael Cates, Director, MPH Program - Vet Med Center Dean of KSU; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

9:00 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected per-

sonnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:30 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:30 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:35 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:00 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:11 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building May 6, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Jamie Morris-Hardeman, CASA Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/ Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Volanti said the Friday Health Administrator candidate tour went well.

Boyd moved to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with Doc Hunters for the Register of Deeds' Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with Pary, Inc. for the Register of Deeds' Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Shepek presented the 2014 budget request calendar.

Shepek will make some revisions to the dates.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Jason Orr, for other (increase of hours 10 per week through 08/16/13 to cover for Intern position), as an Emergency Response Coordinator, in the Health Department, at a grade L step 1, at \$17.86 per hour.

Boyd moved to approve a Mental Health Month Proclamation for May 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Session  
Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman discussed the conceal carry bill.

Holeman suggested an Attorney General's opinion for clarification on the conceal carry bill.

The Board agreed by consensus to send a letter to the Attorney General for an opinion for clarification on the conceal carry bill.

9:30 Press Conference  
Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Julie Winter, Public Works Office Manager; Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Services Director; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Carroll Hess, Pawnee Mental Health Services Board Member; and Ginny Barnard, County Extension Agent, attended.

McClure reported wheat looks good to excellent. McClure said there is some disease problem in the wheat. McClure said very little corn has been planted. McClure said soybeans should be planted by June 10th and grain sorghum the third week of May.

McClure said cattle are going out on pastureland.

Eyestone discussed the upcoming drip irrigation session this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the KSU maintenance facility.

Winter said Riley County will place an asphalt overlay to RL 376 Fancy Creek Road beginning at the Clay County line and continuing approximately eight miles east to the Winkler Mills intersection. The project will start on Monday, May 6, 2013 and continue through Friday, May 10, 2013.

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

Barnard discussed the WorkWell KS training program.

Barnard said the summer Park Quest program is to encourage families to use the community parks this summer. Barnard said Saturday is the last day for Walk Kansas this year.

Lewis presented the Mental Health Proclamation to Robbin Cole.

Cole said Mental Health Month's goal is to create awareness.

10:00 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager /Deputy Clerk

Marsha Tannehill, Child Care Facilitator; Jan Scheideman, Child Care Facilitator; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Volanti said effective May 10, 2013, two positions will be vacant within the Raising Riley RIGHT program which is funded by Early Childhood Block Grant.

Volanti said the Child Care Supervisor position was vacated on April 12th. Information is provided in the supplement memo from the child care facilitator staff members of their suggestion of the position.

Volanti said Vargo and she

suggest to evaluate the needs of this position after a Health Department Administrator is hired.

Volanti said the second, Child Care Facilitator, will be vacated on May 10th. This is one of which seems to be a necessary position. However, given the current dynamics of vacant positions of the Administrator and Child Care Supervisor, there is not current, appropriate administration that can provide a sound hiring process for this position. Current staff of this program has indicated they will be able to split and handle the current workload between them on a temporary basis.

Volanti said Vargo and she suggest to not hire the Child Care Facilitator until after the Health Department Administrator is in place and can evaluate the full needs and requirements of the Raising Riley RIGHT program.

The Board agreed by consensus with Volanti and Vargo's recommendation.

10:16 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:45 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:45 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:00 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Boyd moved to authorize consent signature by counsel. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director.

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/ Deputy Clerk; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Smith discussed the aTa Bus ridership of 72,000 in the first quarter of 2013.

Smith reviewed the building project progress.

Smith said the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has asked aTa Bus to begin reporting to FTA as an urban provider. Smith said aTa Bus might be able to be their own designated recipient. Smith stated that cannot occur until next year.

Smith said in the interim by July 2014 FTA would like aTa Bus to get a contract for 5-years with a government entity until

the designation could be changed.

Smith said the aTa Bus funding would just be pass through money and aTa Bus would not be a county department.

The Board agreed staff should proceed on trying to get the circular changed.

Smith presented the semi-annual Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency, Inc. report.

11:25 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

11:25 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:45 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:45 Recessed for lunch.

1:15 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

1:15 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:45 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:45 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

3:30 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Clerk  
Volanti recommended the Board reappoint Greg McHenry as Riley County Appraiser July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2017.

Boyd moved to reappoint Greg McHenry as Riley County Appraiser July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2017. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:46 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:15 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:14 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:15 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

2:15 Boyd moved that the Riley County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:45 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:45 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Brenda Nickel for the Riley County Health Administrator position. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

3:30 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Perennial (Crowns)	75	—	8	18	48	Hardy
Seed (Transplant)	2 oz.	65-75	1	3	6	Hardy
Perennial (Crowns)	30	—	1	36	35-48	Hardy
Seeded	½ lb.	70-85	2	3-4	36	Tender
Seeded	½ lb.	75-85	2	4-8	36	Tender
Seeded	2 oz.	50-60	½	2-4	18	Half-Hardy
Seed or Transplant	½ oz. or 75	(50-60)	(½)	18-24	36	Hardy
Seed or Transplant	½ oz. or 100	(50-60)	(½)	12-18	36	Hardy
Seed or Transplant	½ oz. or 75	(50-60)	(½)	12-18	36	Hardy
Seeded	¼ oz.	55-70	½	10-12	36	Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	55-70	½	2-3	18	Half-Hardy
Seed or Transplant	½ oz. or 75	(55-70)	(½)	18-24	36	Half-Hardy
Seed or Plants	½ oz.	75-85	½-1	10-48	48-72	Very Tender
Transplants	50 plants	(75-85)	—	18-24	36	Very Tender
Sets	3 lbs.	—	1	4-6	18-36	Hardy
Roots	75-100 roots	—	3-4	12-18	36	Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	50-60	½	2-4	36	Hardy
Seed or Transplant	¼ oz.	(50-60)	(½)	5-6	18-24	Hardy
Seeded	½ oz.	50-70	¼	2-4	18-24	Half-Hardy
Transplants	100-200 plants	(50-70)	(¼)	2-4	18-24	Half-Hardy
Seed or Transplants	1½ oz. or 75	60-70	½	12-15	18-24	Half-Hardy
Seed or Plants	½ oz.	75-85	1-1½	48-72	48-72	Very Tender
Seeded	¼	50-60	½	2-4	18-24	Hardy
Sets	2 qts.	—	1½-2	3-4	12-24	Hardy
Transplants	300 plants	—	1½-2	3-4	12-24	Hardy
Seeded	2 oz.	75-85	½	18-24	36	Tender
Seeded	½	55-70	½	2-4	18-24	Half-Hardy
Seeded	½ oz.	55-70	¼-½	3-4	18-24	Half-Hardy
Seeded	1 lb.	50-65	2	1-2	12-24	Hardy
Transplants	50 plants	(75-85)	(½)	18-24	36	Tender
Tuber Pieces	10 lbs.	50-60	2-3	8-12	36	Half-Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	75-85	1	72-90	72-90	Half-Tender
Seeded	1 oz.	50-60	½	2-3	12-18	Hardy
Seeded	½ oz.	50-60	½	4-6	18-24	Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	55-70	½	2-3	12-18	Half-Hardy
Seeded	2 oz.	55-70	1	2-3	12-18	Half-Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	75-85	1	36-48	48-72	Very Tender
Seeded	1 oz.	75-85	1	60-72	96	Very Tender
Seeded	½ lb.	70-80	2	14-18	36	Tender
Plants	75-100 plants	—	—	12-16	36-48	Very Tender
Seeded	1 oz.	55-70	½-1	6-8	18-24	Half-Tender
Transplants	30-60 plants	(75-85)	(½)	24-48	36-48	Tender
Direct Seeded	¼ oz.	75-85	½	24-48	36-42	Tender
Seeded	1 oz.	60-70	½	3-4	12-18	Hardy
Seeded	1 oz.	80-90	1-2	72-90	72-90	Very Tender

## Ghosts Of Benghazi

James Carafano Heritage Foundation  
The White House might have wanted to mute its response to the terrorist attack in Benghazi for fear of inflaming Anti-American sentiment. Perhaps the President did not want to acknowledge a successful attack by an al-Qaeda affiliate on the anniversary of 9/11—right before a national election. Maybe it was just all “Keystone Kops” at the national command authority on the night four Americans were killed at their posts. It could be a bit of all three. The problem is, nine months later, we still don’t know for sure.

Dramatic hearings are expected today as Gregory Hicks, a State Department official who was on the ground in Libya during the 9/11 attack when four Americans died, talks to a House panel.

Some of his testimony from pre-hearing interviews with committee staff has already been released to the press. It includes claims that a Special Forces team that could have helped save lives and safeguard evidence and classified materials at the U.S. facility had been ordered to “stand down.” In addition, Hicks contends that from the outset, the ambassador’s team knew that they were under attack and reported that to Washington.

Hicks’s testimony follows a House Republican Conference report and a detailed article on the “Benghazi Talking Points” in The Weekly Standard that further call into question the

credibility of the Obama Administration’s response.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that (1) the Administration bungled security before the incident; (2) the response to the assault was disjointed and inadequate; and (3) the Administration made a consistent and considerable effort to hide these facts.

The timeline still does not add up.

That Hicks is only just now being allowed to testify before Congress reinforces concerns that the Administration continues to slow-roll the truth coming out. Yet the White House continues to stick to the increasingly incredulous line that it has been forthcoming at every step.

Just recently, the White House press spokesperson defended the State Department’s internal review of the attack as “rigorous and unsparing,” even after the State Department Inspector General announced it is investigating the conduct of the panel that produced the report.

Fundamental questions about the security breakdown in Benghazi still have not been fully answered. With a White House that is still in denial about sharing the truth, it remains up to the Congress to press for answers and the press the Administration to take its responsibility of protecting our personnel overseas more seriously than protecting its political reputation at home.

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## Debt Limit And Tax Reform

J.D. Foster, Ph.D. Heritage Foundation

Press reports link the coming debt limit debate with the building effort for tax reform. The debt limit and tax reform are both important, but the connection ends there, as it should. Suggestions that some sort of fast-track procedure for tax reform might be the conservative “ask” in exchange for a debt limit increase are way off base.

The debt limit debate is precipitated by ongoing massive deficit spending and the calendar. Tax reform, meanwhile, is precipitated by the need to compensate for President Obama’s economic policies’ failure to launch a robust recovery and to correct a tax system increasingly inconsistent with the dictates of a globally competitive economy.

For the first time in a long time, however, tax reformers have good reason for optimism. Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) and retiring Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) are working diligently to harness the rising bipartisan interest in tax reform. Even President Obama has joined the debate, at least in principle, and all have focused on reducing the corporate income tax rate and otherwise making the tax code simpler, more transparent, and more conducive to economic growth. All good, but there is as yet only the outlines of broad consensus, and much, much work left to do, a message given greater weight by the recent release of a 568-page tome on tax reform by the Joint Tax Committee.

On May 19, the debt limit will be reached. For the first time in history such a precise forecast is possible because for the first time in history the debt limit was raised not in terms of a dollar figure but in terms of a calendar date. An interesting experiment, the sole benefits of this approach seems to be in making the precise forecast and making it easier for Members of Congress to vote for it—a calendar date is not nearly as scary as a figure in units of trillions of dollars.

After May 19 the Treasury will then turn to its usual tool-



box of extraordinary measures, now believed sufficient to carry the government certainly through July and quite possibly into the fall. Whatever the time frame, another debate is unfolding as to whether and how to raise the debt limit, by how much, and on what terms.

It is in this context that the debt limit and tax reform have been linked. That link should be broken and never repaired.

The House of Representatives, in passing the Ryan budget, memorialized its commitment to balancing the budget within 10 years. Simple as it sounds, achieving that consensus was a major accomplishment, and achieving the result will be a major undertaking. The debt limit debate provides the next venue for taking concrete steps to reduce spending consistent with the commitment.

Whatever conditions attach to legislation to raise the debt limit, the effect of those conditions should be to reduce spending immediately and permanently. Legislative procedures to expedite tax reform legislation at some future date, while certainly meritorious and important, do neither.

Congress should debate the debt limit. Congress should aggressively pursue pro-growth tax reform. Congress should do each separate from the other.

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# Wildcats Take Sunflower Showdown From KU

## KSU Sports Information

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mitch Meyer drove in a career-high three runs and Kansas State pieced together solid pitching performances as the Wildcats completed a three-game sweep of Kansas with a 7-3 triumph Sunday in the Dillons Sunflower Showdown at Hogle Ballpark.

The victory improved K-State to 37-15 on the year and 14-7 in Big 12 play. The 37 wins are tied for the second-most in school history, while the Wildcats tied the 2009 squad's record for the most conference victories. In addition, the Wildcats have now won eight of their last nine road games and swept the Sunflower Showdown for the fourth time in the last seven years.

Kansas State also saw its lead in the Big 12 race grow to two games with just three remaining as West Virginia lost its rubber match against TCU to drop to 12-9, tying Oklahoma for second place.

The Jayhawks, who held a 17-3 home record entering the series, fell to 31-21 overall and finished Big 12 play at 12-12. KU concludes the regular season next weekend at Utah.

Meyer, who homered in each of the first two games against KU, hit a two-out, two-run triple in the third inning to put the Wildcats on top 4-1. Meyer looped a drive that fell in right field and bounced high over the head of Dakota Smith. Meyer tried to circle the bases for an inside-the-park home run but was thrown out at the plate to end the inning.

The Stilwell, Kan., product also hit a RBI single to left field in the fifth inning, extending the K-State lead to 5-1. Ross Kivett led the Wildcats with three hits and two runs, while Austin Fisher registered a pair of hits, including a RBI single as part of a two-run ninth inning. Fisher extended his career-long hitting streak to 17 games, tied for the ninth-best in school history and is the

## Big 12 Standings

Oklahoma	14-7
Kansas State	12-9
West Virginia	12-9
Oklahoma State	11-9
Baylor	11-9
Kansas	12-12
TCU	10-11
Texas Tech	7-14
Texas	6-15

longest since Nick Martini and Adam Muenster held streaks of 26 and 25 games, respectively, in 2010.

Blake McFadden (5-2) earned the win with five solid innings on the mound, allowing only two runs despite walking three batters. The right-hander gave up a run in the first on a Jordan Dreiling double, but he forced the Jayhawks to strand two runners in scoring position. The other run McFadden surrendered came in the sixth when he allowed a leadoff single that eventually came around to score after he had already exited the game to a standing ovation by a large K-State contingent.

"We did it a different way today," head coach Brad Hill said. "Blake came back after a shaky first inning and he was really solid for us. He just gutted through it, just like our other pitchers. They gave us what they had. We had to piece together our pitchers. We didn't want to have to do that, but we did and found a way to get it done."

Kansas State was stuck at five runs and had no answer for Kansas reliever Tanner Pope, who sat down the Wildcats in order in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings. That allowed the Jayhawk offense a chance and KU responded with a pair of runs in the sixth inning to cut the lead to 5-3.

With two on and two out in the sixth, K-State reliever Gerardo Esquivel delivered a strikeout of Tucker Tharp to end the



File Photo: Matt Wivinis sends the ball home. (Photo by Ben Brake).

rally. Esquivel worked into the seventh inning but with runners at the corners and two outs, Jake Matthys came in to induce a ground out to keep the Jayhawks off the board.

The Wildcats got to Pope in the ninth inning when Kivett hit a leadoff single and was sacrificed to second base. Shane Conlon walked before a passed ball moved both runners into scoring position.

Battling to drive a ball into the outfield, Jared King hit the seventh pitch he saw into shallow left field for his second sacrifice fly as Kivett narrowly beat the throw home for a much-needed insurance run. The Wildcats tacked on their final score when Fisher also hit the seventh pitch of his at-bat through the left side to give the Cats a four-run lead.

"Those two runs in the ninth

were huge," Hill said. "Ross had a great leadoff hit and gave us momentum. He tagged at third on a gutty play but beat the throw before Fisher finished it off with the base hit."

The add-on runs looked to be much-needed when Kansas loaded the bases against Tanner Witt with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but the right-hander forced Dreiling to fly out to complete the sweep.

Kansas starting pitcher Frank Duncan (3-5) was saddled with the loss after allowing four runs on three hits with four walks and three strikeouts in three innings. KU was led offensively by Kevin Kuntz, who went 2-for-4.

Kansas State closes out the regular season at Tointon Family Stadium next weekend with a three-game series against Oklahoma. The series

opens with a pair of 6:30 p.m., contests on Friday and Saturday, while the finale is scheduled for 1 p.m., on Sunday. Friday is "Mustache Night" as the first 1,000 fans in Tointon Family Stadium will receive a free mustache. Saturday is Senior Night as K-State will recognize its four seniors, Witt, Jon Davis, Jake Doller and Joe Flattery.

General admission bench tickets are available for only \$3 on both Friday and Saturday when presenting a graduation program. Sunday is a Family Day with Wildcat 4 Packs available for \$30 which includes four general admission bench tickets and four concession vouchers. In addition, all kids in attendance can run the bases after the game.

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ets, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or in person at the main K-State Athletics ticket office inside Bramlage Coliseum. Fans can also purchase tickets at the Tointon Family Stadium box office beginning one hour prior to first pitch each day.

Friday's game will be shown statewide on Cox Communications' Kansas 22 and in the Kansas City area on MetroSports. The final two games of the series will be broadcast nationally by K-StateHD.TV on Fox College Sports. Radio coverage from the K-State Sports Network will carry the series opener, while the final two games can be heard in the Manhattan area on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN. Live audio from all three games can be heard online for free at [www.k-statesports.com](http://www.k-statesports.com) and [www.1350kman.com](http://www.1350kman.com).

## Kynard Breads Facility Record In Home Final

### KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — It was Senior Day at the R.V. Christian Track Complex for 18 K-State Wildcats during the Ward Haylett Invitational, and one in particular gave the fans a show on Saturday afternoon.

High jumper Erik Kynard was competing for the final time for the Wildcats at a home meet, and he had his sights set

on one goal for the day. He wanted to break the R.V. Christian Track Complex facility record in the men's high jump, the only remaining K-State record he has yet to claim in his four years at K-State.

The senior did not disappoint as he sailed over the bar at 2.26 meters (7-05.00) on his second attempt to claim the new

record. The previous record was 2.24 meters (7-04.50) held by former Olympian Ed Broxterman and set in 1998.

Kynard also received another honor on Saturday receiving the Heartbeat of the Team Award from the 299th Brigade Support Battalion. The track and field team's partner unit from Fort Riley had representatives at the meet to present

Kynard with the award which is given to a member of the team who has best demonstrated high moral character in keeping with the ideals of the U.S. Army: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage.

"The award is probably the coolest thing I've ever won in my life. It feels like you're part

of Call of Duty or something," Kynard said of receiving the honor. "Today, I just wanted to break the record, put on a little show and I didn't expect to jump 2.31, but maybe I could have jumped that bar if wasn't so windy."

It was not just Kynard putting up big numbers for the Wildcats on Saturday. Big 12 champion pole vaulter Kyle Wait posted a mark of 5.38 meters (17-07.75) for the win and clearing two more bars than second place. Senior Cameron Savage was in fifth place at 5.03 meters (16-06.00).

Thrower Jessica Carter backed up her third-place finish at the Big 12 Championship in the discus with a throw that was only one centimeter short of that personal best throw a week ago. Carter claimed the win with a throw of 51.80 meters (169-11) in her final meet at home as a Wildcat.

Senior Jake Darrington was another thrower to take a victory in his final meet as he bested the field in the javelin. He won with a throw of 58.29 meters (191-03).

One more win went to a senior as Richelle Farley crossed the line first in the 100 meter hurdles. She ran 13.42 seconds with a strong tail wind that would nullify the time from a record-keeping standpoint.

The Wildcats saw six other wins on Saturday.

Freshman Jasmine Gibbs grabbed two of those wins as she won the women's long

jump with a leap of 6.08 meters (19-11.50). Gibbs also won the 100 meters, crossing the finish line in 11.33. Both her marks were wind-aided and cannot count toward school records. Her long jump would rank ninth and her 100 time would have broken the school record.

The men took the top four spots in the 100 and the long jump. Ifeanyi Otuonye ran the fastest time at a wind-aided 10.54, and Jharyl Bowry leapt 7.64 meters (25-00.75), also wind-aided.

"Everything went well. It was a shame that we had too much wind in some events," K-State Head Coach Cliff Rovelto said. "I was pleased that the kids did not let the wind ruin an otherwise good day. Under the circumstances we had some very good marks. It also was nice to be able to recognize our seniors."

Carlos Rodriguez ran an open 400 meters for the second time this season and earned a win. He finished in 46.89 seconds, not far off his previous best time. Freshman Sonia Gaskin did not win the women's 400, coming up just short, but she did post a PR running 53.89 seconds to rank seventh in school history.

K-State's other win came in the men's shot put as Ryan Hershberger posted a mark of 17.26 meters (56-07.50), slightly better than his throw last week that gave him seventh in the Big 12.

## K-State Riders Making National Statement

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Chat with head coach Casie Maxwell and you'll quickly hear her say that Kansas State's equestrian program has become a "player" on the national scene.

The Wildcat coach says, "Not that long ago we'd go to a competition and say, 'Oh gosh, we have to play them.' But we have now become one of those teams that other teams do not want to play."

K-State recently completed a season where it placed Reserve National Champion for the third time in the last four years with the others coming in 2010 and 2011. The loss for the 2013 title came against No. 1 seeded Oklahoma State.

Three second-place finishes in a four-year period is pretty spiffy, but as Maxwell says, "That's good, but now it's time

to be first. It really is pretty awesome to be Reserve National Champion, but we're chomping at the bit to get over the hump."

In March, K-State was second at the Big 12 Championships this year losing to Oklahoma State, 8-6, in a competition that Maxwell said, "They left it all in the arena. We could not ask for anything more."

Both the Western Team and the Hunter Seat squad lost 4-3 decisions to Oklahoma State in a competition that saw Rachel Webster and Meredith Finch recognized as All-Big 12 performers.

Maxwell saluted new assistant coach Anna Schierholz for upgrading the Hunter Seat program that has brought the best balance between the two disciplines in the program's history. "We have more depth and we

have a lot of upper classmen," said Maxwell. "It's all a part of a growing program. It takes a while to get over the hump."

It was a year ago that K-State's Hunt Seat team placed sixth in the nation with Meredith Finch winning the Most Outstanding Player in Equitation on the Flat with an undefeated record at the NCEA National Championships.

Showing K-State's balance this year is the fact that it had team-wide honorees in Rachel Webster earning Big 12 Rider of the Month honors in Equitation Over Fences, Hannah Ribera in Horsemanship, Finch in Flat Rider, and Kali Yates in Over Fences.

Among those, Finch, Ribera, Rachel Webster and Yates were later named as NCEA All-

Americans.

"It's extremely hard to earn All-American status and they did so among a very elite group of athletes," said Maxwell, who also has 17 academic honorees from the NCEA.

In looking to the future, Maxwell said she was "excited" about the 15-person recruiting class that primarily will be coming from the Chicago area, Texas and Oklahoma.

"The Chicago area started with one or two, and now they have told their friends and it's become a nice recruiting base. It's our strongest area outside of the surrounding states," said Maxwell. "It's interesting on what helps a program grow, but the American Airlines flights Manhattan offers to Chicago have really been a huge selling point for our program."

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