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“Dig Into Reading” Is The 2013 Summer Reading Program

Readers of all ages will explore things underground and beneath the surface, and discover groundbreaking reads this summer with Manhattan Public Library’s “Dig Into Reading” program. Summer reading begins with a kickoff party at the library on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This year’s party will be indoors, so no one will have to worry about hot, cold, or stormy weather!

The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to people of all ages, from babies to adults, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, reading clubs, and more. Registration for “Dig Into Reading” begins on May 20th, and participation in all events and programs is free. Programs and reading logs will begin June 1 and last until July 31. For more information, call the library at (785) 776-4741 or visit our website at www.manhattan.lib.ks.us.

“Summer is our favorite time of year. Our goal is for kids to emerge excited about books and reading every day. We see kids and families that we don’t see much during the school year, and people are coming in to get library cards, use computers and check out all sorts of materials in addition to joining our summer programs. I love to see our library buzzing with people who are excited to be here” says Children’s



Children’s Department Manager Jennifer Adams and a student shows off the book “Just Me In The Tub.”



Department Manager Jennifer Adams.

Last year more than 3,000 people participated in summer reading and together logged 1,000,000 minutes of reading. Programs like Baby Rhyme Time, Teen Gaming, the Digging Detectives Club, and many more are offered every day of the week and everyone in the community is invited to participate.

Readers can earn gift certificates or win prizes donated by local businesses and organizations. The library would like to thank these sponsors: Applebees, Bed Bath & Beyond, Chili’s, The Dusty Bookshelf, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Freddy’s, The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, Hibachi Hut, Manhattan Library Association, North Central Kansas Reading Association, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy’s, Pediatric Associates, Pizza Hut Purple Swirl, Texas Roadhouse, Varsity Donuts, Vista Drive-In, and Wal-Mart.

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Shivers Named Director Of Elementary Education

Dr. Lucas Shivers has been named the Director of Elementary Education for USD 383. Shivers comes to USD 383 from Shawnee Mission School District where he serves as a sixth grade lead teacher. Prior to that, he was the administrator for the Above and Beyond the Classroom program and a fifth grade teacher for the Abilene Public School District. He has a dual B.S. degree in Elementary Education and Ag Journalism/Communications from Kansas State University, a M. S. in Educational Administration from Emporia State University and an Ed.D. in Education Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Kansas.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected as the Director of Elementary Education for USD 383. The district has a strong heritage of excellence, and I am looking forward to serving the students, families, staff and community members of this

outstanding and successful district,” states Dr. Shivers. “As an instructional role model, I will work to advance teacher and student success by encouraging student-focused schools with interactive learning environments centered on Common Core standards; building bridges with families and the community with genuine and to-the-point communications; and integrating technology and real-life events to equip for global, sustainable lifelong learning.”

“We are looking forward to Dr. Shivers joining the Teaching and Learning team,” states Carol Adams, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning. “His experiences will guide our work in curriculum, innovative instruction, professional development and elementary programs. He is a remarkable resource and for our administrators and teachers.”

Shivers will begin his position on July 1, 2013.

Students Travel Around The World



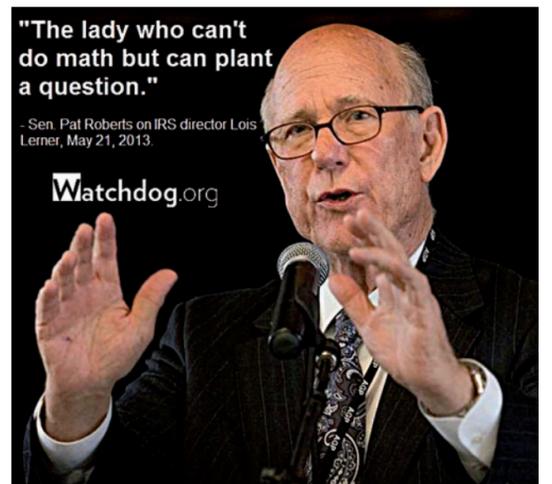
Lily Linville dressed in the attire of Sweden as fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Angie Chapman and other students look at Linville’s project.

Students at Flint Hills Christian School traveled around the world without ever leaving the building. Thanks to Mrs. Teresa Jensen’s sixth grade class, other classes learned about different coun-

tries and cultures just by visiting the sixth grade classroom. Students displayed their knowledge at a classroom World Fair Monday, May 13. As the final activity to their country reports, the sixth grade students created

a presentation to share information about Bangladesh, Mexico, Sweden, Thailand, and Turkey. The World Fair included artifacts, pictures, quizzes, cuisine, and music from each country. A few of the students

even dressed in traditional clothing from the country they studied. Family and students from the other grade levels were invited to join them in this celebration of nations. Second grader Sean Coughlin said, “I



Kansas Senator Pat Roberts

IRS Director Hides Behind 1st Amendment

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — If you were hoping for another big break today in the hot-button IRS scandal, you might be out of luck.

According to multiple media outlets, Internal Revenue Service director Lois Lerner will in fact take the stand before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee today.

Just don’t expect her to be in a talking mood.

Lerner’s attorney, William Taylor III, has informed officials that the head of the IRS exempt organizations division will invoke the Fifth Amendment, which protects against self-incrimination. Taylor even tried to get his client off the hook completely

by claiming that forcing her to appear after pleading the fifth “would have no purpose other than to embarrass or burden her.”

But House committee members said no dice, reminding Lerner that she’s still under subpoena to appear this morning.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, told Politico that Lerner’s decision shows she is “afraid” to face Congress and account for her actions.

But in a letter addressed to committee chairman Darrell Issa, R-California, Lerner’s attorney asserts that “she has not committed any crime or made any misrepresentation but under the circumstances she has no choice but to take this course.”

Immigration Reform Should Strengthen, Not Cost, America

By Derrick Morgan
Heritage Foundation

Lawful immigration can bring important economic and cultural benefits both to the United States and to the immigrants. Americans rightly live and celebrate the values of America, including limited government, personal liberty, and free enterprise, and beckon others to join us. We are united by belief in our founding documents and our creed that all men are created equal. As

Ronald Reagan said, “The immigrants who have so enriched America include people from every race, creed, and ethnic background.”

While we welcome those who want to come here, we are a nation of laws and the rule of law requires fair, firm, and consistent enforcement. Immigration is no exception and in fact is critically important, because newcomers need to see the principle in action from their first day in America.

Those who enter legally by our slow and bureaucratic system need to be rewarded, not left wondering whether they should have entered or stayed illegally and waited for amnesty.

In addressing immigration, our government should start with keeping the promises they made when they granted amnesty “for only this one time” in 1986. First, they must secure the border. Then they should enforce our laws by imposing stiff fines on those

who hire illegal immigrants. These steps are supported by supermajorities of the American people.

After that, Congress should move to fix our slow, broken lawful immigration system. Individual bills addressing these specific problems step-by-step are good for the country because they are simple, clear, and transparent. They make it possible to get legislative victories where we can agree and make it hard to hide

loopholes or sweetheart deals for special interests. They can build trust that government is working for the people.

Unfortunately, Congress is moving ahead with a huge, complex, and comprehensive bill that will include amnesty for those who have broken our immigration laws. And in a time of massive and increasing debt, we know that the bill will end up costing taxpayers trillions of dollars. After a short time, millions of illegal immi-

grants will have access to the full panoply of bloated means-tested welfare programs and qualify for overburdened entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare.

Instead, Congress should proceed step-by-step: border security, then workplace enforcement, and then fixing our broken legal immigration system. These steps will fulfill past promises and benefit America economically while not adding the unnecessary fiscal costs of amnesty.

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Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural - Jason Wiebe Dairy

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

Sharp. Extra sharp. Those terms might describe a pencil or a razor, but in this case, they describe flavors of cheese. Today we'll learn about an innovative dairyman who is adding value to his milk by making artisan cheese on his own farm.

Jason and Sheri Wiebe are owners of Jason Wiebe Dairy near Durham, Kan. Jason is the third generation of his family on this place. His grandparents

moved here in the late 1920s and started milking cows, meaning that cows have been milked on this place for more than 80 years.

Jason started milking his own cows at age 17 and eventually moved into ownership of the family farm. By 1999, he was looking to add value to the dairy enterprise.

"We started making cheese in our kitchen," he said. Friends and family liked the cheese, so the Wiebes expanded. They converted a small building near the dairy barn into their cheese production facility. Jason now commutes

to this facility daily – it's a 20-second walk from his house.

In later years, the Wiebes called on Kevin Herbel of K-State's Kansas Farm Management Association who provided financial advice for the farm.

In February 2003, the Wiebes got their inspections, gained their permit and became a licensed cheese production plant. Kevin's son Aaron Herbel happened to join the business as assistant cheese maker.

The Wiebes now milk 120 cows twice daily. They special-

ize in natural, artisan cheese produced from their own milk production. Excess milk is marketed to a company in Arkansas.

"All the cheese we make here is from our own milk," Jason said. Cheese is produced at least two times a week. "If we start by 8:30 in the morning, we can have it in the press by 4:00 that afternoon," Jason said. "It's a block of cheese the next morning." The cheese is refrigerated and some is aged. After aging for nine months, cheeses are considered sharp. After they age for 15 months, cheeses are considered extra sharp. The Wiebes produce

cheese made from both pasteurized milk and raw milk. Jason has found there is growing consumer interest in the raw milk cheese, which some see as a health food.

"My aunt can't eat pasteurized cheese, but she can eat the raw milk cheese," said Aaron Herbel.

They market their natural cheese in several flavors: raw milk cheddar, Colby, jalapeño, hot habanero, Cajun, southwest chipotle, dill weed, garlic & herb, and white cheddar with garden vegetable. Yum. They also produce and sell cheese curds.

central Kansas and a 28-store grocery chain in Kansas City, along with sales over the Internet. The Wiebes are literally selling the raw milk cheese coast to coast, from Oregon to Florida. That's a remarkable achievement for a family-owned dairy near the rural community of Durham, population 114 people. Now, that's rural.

In 2006, Jason submitted his jalapeño cheddar cheese to a competition at the World Dairy Expo and finished in the top two. That same cheese scored in the top five at the U.S. championships in Wisconsin.

"Our goal is to make the best cheese you have ever eaten," said the Wiebes' website. For more information, go to Jason Wiebe Dairy.

Sharp. Extra sharp. Those terms might apply to razors or pencils, but they also describe flavors of cheese. We commend Jason and Shari Wiebe, Aaron Herbel, and all those involved with Jason Wiebe Dairy for making a difference with their innovation, commitment to quality, and growth in value-added agriculture. In my opinion, when it comes to the cheese business, Jason is sharp. Extra sharp.

IRS: The Potential Criminal Implication

By John G. Malcolm and Hans von Spakovsky
Heritage Foundation

With the announcement by Attorney General Eric Holder of a criminal investigation of the IRS over the agency's targeting of conservative Tea Party and other groups, a key question that has arisen is: What are the relevant federal criminal laws that might apply to the misconduct of IRS employees?

There are a number of provisions that are potentially applicable. It is important to keep in mind that the misconduct of IRS employees prevented numerous organizations from promptly obtaining the tax-exempt status to which they were entitled because they met the qualifications set out under the Internal Revenue Code—and some have still not received that clearance from the IRS.

The statutory provisions that may have been violated include:

26 U.S. Code § 7214: Offenses by officers and employees of the United States. This law applies to any officer or employee of the United

States who "with intent to defeat the application of any provision of [the Internal Revenue Code] fails to perform any of the duties of his office or employment." This is punishable by termination of his employment, a fine of not more than \$250,000 (under the Alternative Fines Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3571), and imprisonment of not more than five years.

18 U.S. Code § 241: Conspiracy against rights. Section 241 makes it unlawful for two or more persons to "conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in...the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States." Violations are punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years and a \$250,000 fine.

18 U.S. Code § 242: Deprivation of rights under color of law. Section 242, enacted as a post-Civil War statute, makes it unlawful for anyone acting under color of law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom to willfully deprive a person of any rights,

privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States. Violations are misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

18 U.S. Code § 1001: Statements or entries generally. In his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on May 15, Holder mentioned prosecutions for possible false statements. He was referring to Section 1001, which makes it a crime for anyone to make "any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation" on any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branches. So for example, if an IRS agent who engaged in targeting made a false statement about it to his supervisor, to someone else at the IRS, or to the inspector general—or later makes a false statement to the FBI agents and federal prosecutors who will now be interviewing IRS employees—he or she could be found guilty of violating this law. Additionally, former IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman testified (but not under oath, so the perjury

statute would not be applicable) in March 2012 before the House Appropriations Committee, where he supposedly denied that the IRS targeted conservative groups. If this was an intentional falsehood, he too could face criminal liability under this section. The potential penalty for violating this provision is five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

There is no information in the report released by the Inspector General for Tax Administration at the Treasury Department that anyone in the White House had any knowledge of what the IRS was doing. But if such a connection were discovered during the Justice Department's investigation, then 26 U.S.C. § 7217—which prohibits the President, the Vice President, or any of their employees (as well as cabinet secretaries) from "directly or indirectly" requesting that the IRS "conduct or terminate an audit or other investigation of any particular taxpayer"—could come into play. Violations of this provision are punishable by imprisonment for up to five years and a potential fine of \$250,000.

Students Honor Area Veterans

Twenty five Kansas Veterans plan to depart from the Kansas City (MCI) airport on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, to travel to Washington, DC, to visit the War Memorials erected to honor their service and sacrifices to our country. Students from Wamego and Lyndon High Schools have been paired with the veterans to serve as student "guardians" and will assist the veterans on the trip.

During the two-day trip, veterans and students will visit the WWII Memorial, Korean Memorial, and Vietnam Memorial Wall. In addition, the group will tour Arlington National Cemetery and the

Tomb of the Unknown to observe the Changing of the Guard. The trip is made possible by the newest hub of the Honor

Flight Network (www.honorflight.org), Honor Flight Wamego High School, in partnership with Lyndon High School's Honor Flight Kansas Student Edition. "The experience will provide a life-changing opportunity for veterans and students alike, allowing our next generation to connect with the 'Greatest Generation,'" explains Wamego Coordinator, Shawn Hornung.

Community members are invited to welcome local heroes

back to Kansas upon their return on May 22. The estimated arrival time is 6:30PM. At 6:00PM, students, family members of the veterans, and community members who wish to attend can begin lining Lincoln Street in Wamego in front of the High School. The Wamego Community Band and representatives from the American Legion will also help welcome the veterans with flags and music upon their return. Parking space will be available in the faculty parking lot outside of the upper gym, and the student parking lot located in the back of the school.

Honor Flight Network's mis-

sion is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices at no cost to the veteran. Current priority is for our most senior veterans to visit their memorial. Subsequent to the World War II Veterans, efforts focus on Korean War Veterans followed by Vietnam War Veterans, honoring them both in a similar manner. Guardians accompany each Veteran to ensure safe travel. With continued contributions, the organization hopes to make additional trips on an annual basis. In consideration to the advancing age of the men and women who served in WWII, time is critical.

For additional information about Honor Flight Wamego High School, to obtain a veteran's application or for more information about the upcoming trip, contact Shawn Hornung at hornungs@usd320.com or 785.456.2214. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Wamego Community Foundation, to the Honor Flight Fund, PO Box 25, Wamego, Kansas 66547, or online at www.thewcf.org.

"If We Don't They Will"

Christina Corieri
Goldwater Institute

As the battle over Medicaid expansion rages, supporters of expansion have dusted off an age-old favorite in making the case for taking federal dollars – "If our state doesn't take the money, those dollars will just go to some other state instead."

Happily, in this instance that is not true. When a state declines to expand Medicaid, no other state will receive its share of funds and federal spending declines. Originally, Washington was expected to spend roughly \$950 billion expanding Medicaid between 2014 and 2022. Each state that declines to expand Medicaid relieves strain on the overall federal budget.

State governments generally don't have much of an impact on the federal budget, but NFIB v. Sebelius gave state lawmakers the unique opportunity to veto hundreds of billions of dollars in new federal spending. Supporters of Medicaid expansion say that one state

opting out won't make a difference—that the amount of money is a mere drop in the bucket. But states joining together to say no to Medicaid expansion will make a significant impact.

The federal tab for Medicaid expansion has been reduced by more than \$424 billion over the next eight years thanks to the 18 states that have already opted out. If the 12 still-undecided states also opt out, there will be an additional \$185 billion in savings.

The more than \$609 billion in savings from these 30 states would represent over 50% of the expected federal spending on the expansion. A drop in the budget? That's more than seven times the \$85 billion in 2013 sequester cuts and more than half the federal deficit for this year.

In addition to protecting the federal budget, states that decline to expand Medicaid will protect their own budgets as well. Arizona has experience with Medicaid expansion. In 2005 alone, Arizona's Prop

204 expansion was projected to cost \$315 million, but the actual cost that year was over \$1.3 billion. The year 2005 wasn't an anomaly. Arizona's cost projections for the last expansion were off by over 400% each year. It is likely that the expansion proposed under Obamacare will have similar results.

State lawmakers fed up with federal spending finally have a chance to do something about it; they just have to make the hard decisions that will be required to balance the books.

Christina Corieri is a health care policy analyst at the Goldwater Institute.

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Blue Valley Residents Letter Writing Campaign

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Randolph, Kansas
Feb. 4, 1952
Rep. Albert Cole,
New House Office Bldg.
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Representative Albert Cole

We need flood control, but not with big dams at the mouth of rivers. As we all know if all

the Pick-Sloan dams were built last summer before the big July flood. They would have been full of water from the May & June rains. So the July rains would have flowed over the dams uncontrolled.

Before destroying many valleys and spending hundreds of millions of dollars Be sure the plan you adopt Will Do the Job! Kansas is opposed to its valleys being destroyed—when they are sure that there is a better plan that will give flood control & save our soil.

We ask that this highly controversial Tuttle Creek Dam be delayed and studied by the Presidents Missouri's[sic]

Basin Review Committee.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Alicia Vandahl

Cleburne, Kansas
December 10, 1948

Dear Senator Cole,
I am writing to you as one of the students of Cleburne High School. I am all against the Tuttle Creek Dam. It would destroy the beautiful valley, the [church] which I attend is the oldest Luthern [sic] west of the Missouri River. My grandparents came from Sweden and settled here in the blue Valley and are buried here...

The fertile farm lands which

produce such abundant crops especially corn, wheat, oats, and cane which are either sold or used to feed out, cattle and hogs all of which go to feed the people in the surrounding cities and are especially of value to Topeka and Kansas City, where the grain and animals are shipped. These places would most certainly suffer if the Tuttle Creek Dam would go through. This year alone thousands of bushels of grain hundreds of lbs. of cream, hundreds of heads of cattle and hogs, can't be underestimated in its value to the surrounding country. Crops like these cannot be grown on hilltops. Must

our country have such a food famine to satisfy a few people.

If we would have such a big flood such as we have had, the water coming [sic] down the river so fast it could break the dam so the people in the towns below wouldn't even have time to move out of the way. So don't you think we should build little dams, above the Blue Valley to restore it, than build the Big Tuttle Creek Dam to destroy the Blue Valley.

Yours truly, Ramona Nelson
Cleburne Kansas

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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 Kookoogy 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.

How many groups are under scrutiny? That remains to be seen. President Obama said yesterday that the IRS's actions were "intolerable and inexcusable" and that "regardless of how this conduct was allowed to take place, the bottom line is, it was wrong."

Our federal government was designed to be a neutral arbiter between competing private interests that would protect our liberties. Instead, it has morphed into a permanent interest group of its own.

In some ways, it's almost as if we've disappointed our government by questioning it. As Bertolt Brecht quipped about the late, unlamented East 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.

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Did you catch The Mercury's editorial last week titled: "Can Congress get anything done? Scandals, posturing put governing aside"? The piece was built on a rather astonishing premise that there should be minimal Congressional oversight on the three potential scandals currently facing the Obama administration. That in fact what we have going on today is just a Republican effort to, "... derail Hillary Clinton's 2016 presumed presidential candidacy." That regarding the former secretary of state and Benghazi, "Her degree of culpability doesn't matter." Seriously, they actually wrote that sentence. But what does matter is Congress "... collaborating on legislation that can address some of the nation's problems." As if these matters are not problematic.

Of course collaboration, collaborative and collaborating all are favorite code words for Progressives. That's why we see them used in The Mercury so often. Liberals like the sounds. They drip off the Progressive tongue like wax off a burning candle. Perhaps here because they suggest a direction different than action or reaction to the Obama administration's potential malfeasance in Benghazi; attacks on a free press in the AP phone record



Bob Strawn

search; and, the IRS targeting conservatives. Of course, we've heard the terms used time-after-time by local politicians who prefer "collaborative efforts" to actually doing something. But we digress.

So, not surprisingly "collaborating on legislation" is found a higher priority in paper's not so thoughtful editorial attempt to counter conservative concerns about the Obama Administration. One would think - at least in the AP case - that even the most liberal media members would be chilled by the Administration stifling a critical element of press freedom - the exchange of information between

reporters and their sources.

But count on the hometown "fish wrap" to find a way to rationalize this group's behavior, regardless how onerous the developments. Even in the IRS matter, it lamented: "This is not a political sideshow, though if history is any guide, it could well become one." Another way to put it: "Oh come on, these Tea Party whacks deserve it." The paper has long targeted the Tea Party. And so, we found it not at all surprising that the party's name never appeared in their commentary. As it would certainly not want the Tea's seen as a victim, which is the case here. And we might add it's therefore no stretch for us to suspect they found considerable sympathy with this IRS deed irrespective how shady.

The Mercury's editorial then ended with this gem: "There's not much particularly new about all this, but that only makes the charade that passes for our national government harder to digest." Actually, we find the more obvious charade being our local daily passing as anything but a lackey of the left on this and far too many other matters. And unlike their assessment of Hillary, our culpability does matter. So, we're not giving them a pass on it today.

The Conservative Side...



Ed Meese: We've Seen the Effect Of "Amnesty" Before

By Ed Meese
Heritage Foundation

Experts can't always predict exactly how public policy will affect the nation, despite our best efforts. But when it comes to immigration policy, we have tried many of the types of reforms advocated by today's Gang of Eight—so we should consider the effects these reforms had in the past.

In the mid-'80s, many Members of Congress advocated amnesty for long-settled illegal immigrants. President Reagan considered it reasonable to adjust the status of what was then a relatively small population, and as his attorney general, I supported his decision.

The path to citizenship was not automatic. Immigrants had to pay application fees, learn to speak English, understand American civics, pass a medical exam, and register for military selective service. Those with convictions for a felony or three misdemeanors were ineligible.

This should sound familiar, as it's quite close to the path and provisions set forth by the Gang of Eight.

Today they call it a "roadmap to citizenship." Ronald Reagan called it "amnesty." And he was right.

The 1986 reform did not solve our immigration problem—in fact, the population of illegal immigrants has nearly quadrupled since that "comprehensive" bill.

Why didn't it work? Well, one reason is that everything else the 1986 bill promised—from border security to law

enforcement—was to come later. It never did. Only amnesty prevailed, and that encouraged more illegal immigration.

Today, we have many of the same needs we did then. We need to work on better securing our border. We need to modernize our legal immigration system, including effective temporary worker programs. And we need strong enforcement of the laws we already have, including those that enforce immigration policies in the workplace.

The Gang of Eight is making promises now. "Border security" is a big promise. But their proposal spends money and grants amnesty without the guarantee that this promise will be kept.

We are having much the same debate and being offered much the same deal in exchange for promises largely dependent on the will of future Congresses and Presidents.

Instead, we should learn from our mistakes.

America welcomes more immigrants than any other country. As Ronald Reagan said:

In this free land a person can realize his dreams—going as far as talent and drive can carry him. In return America asks each of us to do our best, to work hard, to respect the law, to cherish human rights, and to strive for the common good. The immigrants who have so enriched America include people from every race, creed, and ethnic background. Yet all have been drawn here by shared values and a deep love of freedom. Most brought with them few material goods. But with their hearts and minds and toil they have contributed mightily to the building of this great Nation and endowed us with the riches of their achievements. Their spirit continues to nourish our own love of freedom and opportunity.

But in keeping open that door of opportunity, we also must uphold the rule of law and enhance a fair immigration process, as Reagan said, to "humanely regain control of our borders and thereby preserve the value of one of the most sacred possessions of our people: American citizenship."

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Scandals Keep Eroding Our Faith In Benevolent Gov.

By David Boaz
CATO Institute

George Will, Michael Gerson, and our own Gene Healy are among the columnists who reminded us—in the wake of the IRS and AP snooping scandals—of President Obama's stirring words just two days before the IRS story broke:

Unfortunately, you've grown up hearing voices that incessantly warn of government as nothing more than some separate, sinister entity. ... They'll warn that tyranny is always lurking just around the corner. You should reject these voices.

No road to serfdom here. Just us folks working together, to protect ourselves from sneaky reporters and organized taxpayers.

And now lots of people are noting that a series of scandals in government just might undermine people's faith in

government. John Dickerson of Slate writes:

The Obama administration is doing a far better job making the case for conservatism than Mitt Romney, Mitch McConnell, or John Boehner ever did. Showing is always better than telling, and when the government overreaches in so many ways it gives support to the conservative argument about the inherently rapacious nature of government....

Conservatives argue that the more government you have, the more opportunities you will have for it to grow out of control.

And Paul Begala, the Bill Clinton operative, notes:

This hurts the Obama Administration more than similar issues hurt the Bush administration because a central underpinning of the progressive philosophy is a belief in the efficacy of government. In

the main almost all of the Obama agenda requires expanding folks' faith in government, and these issues erode that faith.

"Faith in government" indeed. To paraphrase Oscar Wilde, putting your faith in government is, like a second marriage, a triumph of hope over experience.

But most particularly this week I'm reminded of Murray Rothbard's comment in 1975 about what the era of Vietnam, Watergate, and stagflation had done to trust in government:

Twenty years ago, the historian Cecelia Kenyon, writing of the Anti-Federalist opponents of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, chided them for being "men of little faith"—little faith, that is, in a strong central government. It is hard to think of anyone having such unexamined faith in government today.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building May 13, 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

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

The Board discussed the Kansas County Commissioners Annual Conference.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 051313-29, Amendment of Resolution No. 050213-26 appointing Morgan Powell Sanitary Code Hearing Officer." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter to Mark Karolevitz regarding concerns with extremely high vehicle speeds on U.S. Highway 24 to the north and south of the Riley County shops. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter of support for CASA's application to the Crime Victim's Assistance fund. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter of support of Riley County Child Exchange and Visitation Center - Sunflower Bridge. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the special meeting minutes of May 3, 2013 as approved. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

9:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jurina Watts, League of Women Voters; and Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer, attended.

Shepek presented a 2013 Health Department budget to actual report.

9:30 Press Conference

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; John Allard, Riley County Council on Aging Chair; Captain Kurt Moldrup, Riley County Police Department; and Jurina Watts, League of Women Voters, attended.

Moldrup discussed crime activity.

Moldrup said the Riley County Police Department has received multiple complaints on K-18 traffic.

Moldrup said this week is National Law Enforcers week with a ceremony Friday, May 17th at the Alvan D. Johnson Law Enforcement Center.

Allard, Chair of the Riley County Council on Aging, provided an overview of the Riley County Council on Aging.

Vargo reported the USD 378 Special Election will be held June 11, 2013. Vargo reported the registration books close May 21, 2013 and advance voting begins May 22, 2013.

10:10 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor and Steve DeHart, Sanitarian

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Joe and Nancy Moore; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects

Director; and Ken Schweitzer, attended.

Cox presented Joe and Nancy Moore's sanitary code appeal for a lagoon permit with waiver of the 3-acre rule.

Cox said counsel advises the Board should modify the original Planning & Development Order by adopting the recommendations of Professor Powell since construction of the lagoon on 2.7 acres would not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of either Mr. and Mrs. Moore or the surrounding neighbors.

Mrs. Moore said they would really like to rebuild.

Schweitzer said if it was left abandoned, it would be an eyesore and lose property value.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 051313-30, A Resolution providing for an order modifying Riley County Planning and Development Department Order of Denial." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:23 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; and Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist, attended.

Volanti said in 2006, we implemented a countywide employee training day to be held annually on Columbus Day. This was established as a mandatory training day for all regular employees. On this day, all county offices are closed to the public and report to the Farm Bureau Headquarters building on Seth Child Rd.

Volanti said discussion took place during the December 19, 2012 department head meeting on the continuation of this training day. The majority of the group agreed having this was beneficial for employees, as long as it served a purpose of educating and training the employees. Suggestions from the group were given to incorporate afternoon breakout sessions that will provide additional training, and this addition will allow more participation. Additional suggestions for training topics are being received from departments.

Volanti said each year, a follow up survey is presented for employees to complete.

Volanti said from the survey results, overall satisfaction of the training day is favorable from employees.

Volanti said the training committee sees an overall favorable response from the employees regarding the training day. After review of the surveys and discussion of future training topics, the training committee sees an advantage to continue providing the day-long training for all regular employees. In order to seek commitments from presenters and a guest speaker, the committee is requesting approval be given for the training day on Columbus Day, October 14, 2013. Planning and scheduling for the event will begin if the Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) approval is granted.

Volanti said the Committee recommends the BOCC make participation mandatory for all "regular" classified employees, in all county departments. The training committee believes it is advantageous for every department to participate. On call, temporary or seasonal workers will not be required to participate.

Boyd moved to approve the

County Employee Training Day on Monday, October 14, 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:36 Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

10:36 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 10:50 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:48 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:50 Boyd moved that the County Counselor take action on the item discussed in executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; Linda Glasgow, Curator Archivist & Librarian; and Allana Saenger, Curator of Design

C. Collins said Thursday, May 30, 2013 the traveling exhibit "Americans by Choice: The Story of Immigration & Citizenship in Kansas" at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Saenger discussed the Fourth Grade Tours.

Glasgow discussed volunteer docents.

The Board discussed the KAC legislative update.

Holeman discussed county projects.

12:00 County Officials Luncheon

1:15 Leave for area south of landfill on Hunters Island for proposed new RCPD firing range tour at 1:30 p.m.

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning /Special Projects Director; Bob Isaac, Planner; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; John Doehling, Riley County Police Department; Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police Department; and Greg Steele, Riley County Police Department, attended.

The Board toured the proposed Hunters Island firing range site.

2:25 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 16, 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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant Director of Technology; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Volanti discussed the public health workshops.

Wells said he contacted Mel

Van Der Stelt regarding his health.

Lewis discussed the Juvenile Detention facility.

Lewis said Saline County is considering joining the Regional Juvenile Detention facility. Lewis said with Saline County joining it would reduce Riley County's annual allocation.

Lewis discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting.

Boyd said he attended the Walk Kansas event.

Boyd said he attended the mental health state forum.

Boyd stated he attended the City of Riley Council meeting.

Boyd moved to approve a CivicPlus Recurring Redesign Contract Addendum for the Information Technology Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Elke Weese, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Patricia Wadick, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Kenneth Wadick, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Nancy Parker, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Michael Kearns, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Rodney Franz, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Sally Ammeter, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Myron Ammeter, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Rebekah Roberts, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Blake Vargo, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 2, 2013.

Patrick Keck, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 12, 2013.

Cassie Volanti, a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 12, 2013.

David Stevenson, Jr., a Temporary Election Worker, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 12, 2013.

Brenda Nickel, a new hire, as a Health Department Administrator, in the Health Department, at a grade II step

1, at \$43.79 per hour.

Boyd moved to sign a letter of appreciation of thanks to Michael Cates for being part of the selection committee for the Health Department Administrator. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$268,750.82 and the following warrant vouchers for May 17, 2013:

2013 Budget	
County General	\$847,544.29
Health Department	94,316.65
County Auction	658.82
Riley Co Juvenile Service	6,221.24
Motor Vehicle Operations	6,065.07
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	1,323.17
Riley Co Adult Services	7,334.17
Capital Improvements Fund	10,043.88
Emergency 911	2,773.10
Solid Waste	164,671.48
County Building	14,843.95
Road & Bridge Cap Project	828.23
RCPD Levy/Op	13,537.59
Resourceful KS Energy Grt	60,080.65
Landfill Closure	496.30
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	4,609.18
University Park W&S	5,066.50
Hunters Island Water Dist	48.00
Terra Heights Sewer	730.48
Terra Heights Sinking	1,138.70
Konza Water Operations	48.00
Konza Water Cap Reserve	8,400.60
Lakeside Heights Sewer	5,692.80
TOTAL	\$1,256,472.85

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Justine Staten, American Cancer Society

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Staten discussed the American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball.

Boyd moved to approve the conditional use for the American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball for August 24, 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:14 Debbie Register, Register of Deeds

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

Register presented the Register of Deeds' 2013 year to date revenue report.

9:20 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

9:21 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be

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Riley County Commission Meeting Minutes

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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 9:36 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:35 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:36 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:46 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:41 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:00 Kristen Garcia, County Extension Agent Trent Armbrust, Chamber of Commerce; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Garcia discussed the activities the KSU Student Intern, Jordan Crosson, will assist.

Garcia provided 4-H success stories.

10:09 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Trent Armbrust, Chamber of Commerce; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer;

and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Schoen stated Friday is the Law Enforcement Authority week ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC).

Schoen discussed RCPD initiatives to reduce crime.

The Board discussed the impact of the new conceal carry law.

Schoen presented information on the 2009 study on the cost of consolidated law enforcement.

10:40 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

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

P. Collins presented the LEPC membership update.

Boyd moved to approve the proposed membership list for the Riley County LEPC. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter designating Pat Collins as representative to the Northeast Homeland Security Council and IMT. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins presented an Emergency Management/Fire District update.

10:47 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director /County Engineer

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Richard Seaton, Jr.; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Hobson said during the April 22nd Riley County Commission meeting the Board, by consensus determined the connection fee was the best option for new applicants to pay a portion of the existing sewer district.

Hobson said it was further agreed, any new applicants would be required to pay for a district approved grinder pump installation complete with control panel and to pay for any sewer line necessary to get the wastewater from their property to the District's sewer line.

Hobson presented a summary of all costs associated with the installation of the force main in the Lakeside Sewer District.

Hobson said the Budget and Planning Committee discussed this topic at a recent meeting and had the following thoughts: To charge the entire amount of the costs might not be practical but the connection fee needed to be as close as practical. Lakeside Heights is not a huge growth area so the number of new applicants would probably not be affected if the connection fee was \$1,000 or \$5,000.

Hobson said in addition to a connection fee to Lakeside Heights, a new applicant would also be required to pay a connection fee to University Park, which is currently \$1,250.

Hobson said the connection fee will be added to the resolution establishing the rest of the rates for Lakeside Heights.

Hobson asked the Board what the Lakeside Heights connection fee should be.

Hobson said the Budget and Planning Committee would recommend a connection fee of \$5,000.

The Board agreed by consensus with the recommendation of the Budget and Planning Committee for a connection fee of \$5,000.

Hobson stated we also need to set a fee for capital replacement and operational fees.

The Board agreed by consensus to estimate the Lakeside Heights Capital reserve fund fee at \$15 and the monthly sewer fee at \$10.

10:57 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Cox said for the K-18 Highway project, Union Pacific Railroad had to relocate its right-of-way. The location of the new right-of-way requires the county to vacate portions of four county roads. Cox presented legal descriptions and graphics for each of the four vacations.

Cox said K.S.A. 68-102(b) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to vacate any road in the county when the Board determines the road is not a public utility by reason of inconvenience or has become practically impassable.

Cox said before any road is vacated by county resolution, K.S.A. 68-102a provides that the County Clerk shall give notice of the proposed action by publication once in the official county newspaper and by sending a certified mail notice to each owner of property adjoining the proposed road vacation.

Cox presented copies of the statutes.

Cox said the notice provides the property owners adjoining the proposed vacations an opportunity to present their concerns and questions to the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing.

Cox said to initiate vacation proceedings for Union Pacific's Railroad right-of-way, the Board adopts the resolution, which schedules a public vacation hearing.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 051613-31, A Resolution proposing to vacate portions of West 52nd Avenue, West 56th Avenue, West 61st Avenue and William Wood Road along K-18 Highway, all in Riley County, Kansas, for Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

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

Joseph (Joey) Brenner, a new hire/rehire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, at a grade A, step 1, at \$10.60 per hour.

Kyle Musil, a new hire/rehire, as a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, at a grade A, step 1, at \$10.60 per hour.

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

1:45 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 2:15 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:18 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:18 Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director and Ethan Britt, GIS Intern

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant Director of Technology; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor /Deputy Treasurer; Sherie Taylor, GIS Analyst; Jacob Galyon, Senior GIS Analyst; Darci Paull, GIS Technician; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Nall introduced Ethan Britt, KSU intern, for GIS.

Britt presented the "Historic Sites of Riley County" project.

2:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented a resolution directing Sunflower Bank to change signature authority on two accounts.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 051613-32, A Resolution directing Sunflower Bank to change signature authority on two accounts." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:36 Boyd moved to adjourn after the City/County/County Meeting at Manhattan City offices at 4:00 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 City/County/County Meeting (at city offices)

Representing the City of Manhattan were Wynn Butler, Manhan McCulloh, John Matta, Usha Reddi, and Rich Jankovich - City Commissioners; Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager; Dale Houdeshell, Public Works Director; Chad Bunger, Planner; Eric Cattell, Assistant Planning Director; Gary Fees, City Clerk; and Karen Davis, Community Development Director. Representing Riley County were Dave Lewis, Ron Wells, and Robert Boyd - County Commissioners; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director.

Representing Pottawatomie County were Gary Yenzler and Pat Weixelman - County Commissioners; and Robert Reece, County Administrator. Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Gary Stith, Interim Executive Director Flint Hills Regional Council; Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; and John

Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Davis discussed the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Update. Davis said the 2003 Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan cost was shared equally between Manhattan City and Riley County.

Davis said a cost increase of \$50,000.00 is estimated for expansion into the Pottawatomie and Riley County areas.

Butler suggested the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) could handle the study.

Stith said the MPO does not have the staff to conduct the study.

Weixelman discussed

growth into Pottawatomie County.

Consensus was to proceed on the update of the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan.

Nall said in analyzing the Manhattan City and Riley County GIS systems there is very little inefficiency. Nall stated there could be some technical benefits in consolidating the two GIS systems.

Boyd said there are some things we could do in the future such as synchronized aerials to gain efficiencies.

Fehr discussed the ongoing effort with Fort Riley on cooperative efforts which include training.

5:05 Adjourned.

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Kansas Town Feels It's Been "Duped"

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — In 2007, the 6,000 residents of Ulysses, Kan., were given big promises and high hopes with the proposal of a second major ethanol processing plant in the southwest corner of the state.

The facility, to be built by Nexsun Ethanol LLC, brought with it a commitment to the economic future of the community and the promise of 50 good-paying jobs.

Barely a year later, the project came to a grinding halt. And since then, Nexsun's site on the edge of town has sat inactive, a monument to the federal government's poor oversight of a little-known immigration visa program.

At the core of the Nexsun Ethanol deal is the federal EB-5 Immigration Visa program, a plan designed to stimulate foreign investment in U.S. companies. In exchange for investments of \$500,000 or more and the creation of at least 10 new jobs, foreign nationals can gain U.S. residency for themselves and their families. But critics say the program is far from transparent.

Nexsun Ethanol might as well be exhibit A.

The State Bar of California filed disciplinary charges against Los Angeles lawyer Justin Lee in February for his role in the now-stalled ethanol plant, alleging that he misappropriated more than \$500,000 from a pair of Chinese nationals. According to the SBC, Lee traveled to Asia in 2009 and 2010 — two years after breaking-ground on the Ulysses plant — to seek out foreign nationals interested in permanent residency in the United States.

A Chinese couple paid Lee to help them through the EB-5 program to secure U.S. residen-



BLAST FROM THE PAST: Nexsun Ethanol LLC officials and contractors pose during the 2007 groundbreaking ceremony for the ethanol plant in Ulysses, Kan. Since then, locals say, there has been little progress on the site.

cy for themselves and their child. But before their petition was approved, the SBC says, Lee allegedly transferred the couple's money to Nexsun and spent it between Aug. 18 and Dec. 31, 2010.

The Chinese nationals brought a civil lawsuit against Lee in 2012, and while they settled for \$550,000, Lee ended up paying only \$300,000, according to the SBC.

Lee, 56, faces seven counts of misconduct, including failure to maintain client funds in a trust account; moral turpitude by misappropriation of funds; failure to inform a client of a significant development; moral turpitude by misrepresentation; breach of common law fiduciary duty; failure to pay clients funds promptly; and maintaining a conflicting relationship with a party or witness.

Lee not only owned the investment fund to which the Chinese nationals had given their money, he also owns Nexsun Ethanol LLC and the Kansas Biofuel Regional Center, which managed the EB-5 program connection.

The California Secretary of State lists Lee as the primary contact for the American Immigrant Investment Fund, where the Chinese nationals' money was initially transferred. Also, a 2007 letter from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services names Lee as president of the Kansas Biofuel Regional Center, through which he promoted his EB-5 ventures. Finally, Nexsun's own website lists Lee as the chairman and founder of the biofuel company.

If convicted, he faces suspension of his license to practice law or revocation of his license. A trial date has been postponed until Aug. 6. In response to the charges, Lee heaped blame for the matter on his former business partner, Thomas Kent.

But the Chinese investors aren't the only ones to get stung by Lee's alleged dealings.

"I think most people in Grant County feel that we've been duped," said County Commissioner Marty Long.

Long said he thought Nexsun initially poured about

\$1 million into the location on the western edge of Ulysses.

"It was mainly on railroad improvements on the site, because most of the ethanol that had to be made had to be shipped out on rail," Long said. "Who would spend a million on a project and quit?"

Before his current position as city manager of Pittsburg, Kan., Daron Hall worked in a similar capacity for Ulysses. By the time Hall arrived in 2008, he said, construction of the ethanol plant already was at a standstill. But while the site itself was a ghost town, Nexsun was anything but inactive. The company opened an herbal pill manufacturing and distribution business in town and also secured a contract to repair the roof of a local building.

"There were always odd things going on," Hall said. "Nexsun was doing a lot of stuff in town, and none of it was on a very big scale, and none of it was at the ethanol plant."

Neither Lee nor Kent responded to calls for comment from Kansas Watchdog.

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Flattery Tosses 5-2 Victory

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State senior starting pitcher Joe Flattery worked 5.1 scoreless innings with four strikeouts and the 18th-ranked Wildcats plated two runs in the sixth and seventh frames en route to a 5-2 victory over No. 19 Oklahoma Saturday evening at Tointon Family Stadium.

K-State improved to 39-15 on the year and bettered its school-record mark in Big 12 play to 16-7. The 2013 Big 12 Champion Wildcats also tied the school record for regular-season wins and won their second series against Oklahoma in the last three years. The Wildcats look for their first sweep of the Sooners since 1990 on Sunday in an 11 a.m., contest as the game time was moved up due to impending weather.

The Sooners fell to 35-19 overall and 12-11 in Big 12 action.

Making his first start since

April 19 at Oklahoma State, Flattery was dominant to begin the game as he retired the first 12 batters he faced, eight coming on ground outs and three more via strikeouts. The first adversity he faced was in the fifth when a pair of singles led off the frame, but, after a sacrifice bunt, Flattery stranded those runners in scoring position when he struck out Hunter Haley and forced Garrett Carey to fly out.

"We turned it over to the pitching staff tonight," head coach Brad Hill said. "We needed that from Joe Flattery. That was a big effort. It was hard to get going today, and we needed a great pitching effort. We found a way to get a few runs."

A product of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Flattery did not surrender a run in a starting outing for the first time this season and third time in his two-year career.

A one-out infield single reached in the sixth inning

before Flattery left to a standing ovation. Gerardo Esquivel came into the contest to induce a pair of fly outs to keep OU off the board.

Flattery's performance allowed the Wildcat offense to battle until breaking out in the sixth inning. Leading 1-0 on a Jared King RBI ground out in the first, K-State loaded the bases with one out in the sixth. Lance Miles was next and hit into what appeared to be an inning-ending double play to shortstop, but Hector Lorenzana's throw to first base was wild as Mitch Meyer and Blair DeBord each scored.

The next inning, Meyer came through with the bases loaded as he hit a 2-1 pitch through the right side of the infield to plate two more, making the score 5-0.

Meyer, who also recorded a two-RBI single Friday night, finished the game 2-for-4. DeBord went 2-for-3 with a walk and a run, while Shane Conlon was 3-for-4 and scored on Meyer's seventh-inning single.

Jake Matthys earned his

sixth save of the year to tie the K-State freshman record. Matthys, who broke the school's record for wins by a freshman Friday night, tied Nate Williams' mark of six saves in 2012.

Oklahoma starting pitcher Ralph Garza, Jr. (4-1) suffered the loss by surrendering three runs (two earned) on six hits with three walks and three strikeouts in 5.1 innings. The Sooners were led at the plate by Lorenzana, who went 2-for-4.

Lynn's Weekly Update

IRS Officials Target Groups Based on Political Beliefs

I am outraged the Internal Revenue Service targeted organizations based on their political beliefs, but even more appalled by the evidence IRS officials willingly misled Congress about it during our investigation. This issue is not about partisanship, it is about right and wrong. No American should have their right to free speech threatened by the IRS.

On Friday, the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing to question Acting Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service Steve Miller and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George about the practice of unfairly targeting conservative groups applying for tax-exempt status. This behavior will not be tolerated, and we must put an end to the culture of discrimination and intimidation at the IRS, so we can restore trust in our government functions.

As a member of the committee, I asked Mr. George when he was notified about the political targeting and at what point in time other high-ranking gov-

ernment officials outside of the IRS were notified. Based on responses to my questions, we now know nearly a year ago, at least as early as June 2012, high-ranking officials at the Department of Treasury knew about this investigation including Deputy Treasury Secretary Wolin and the General Counsel to Secretary of Treasury Geithner. But the question remains, who else knew, for how long and why wasn't corrective action taken prior to the prearranged leak of this information last week?

Despite the hearing, the IRS is still not being forthcoming about who knew information, when they knew, and whether the IRS shared information with those outside the organization. We heard the words, "I don't know," from Mr. Miller a lot today, and I am not satisfied by these answers. Americans deserve to know why this happened and who is responsible for the decision to target groups based on their political beliefs. This investigation must continue to prevent taxpayers from being treated unfairly in the future. There is still a lot of work to be done.

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K-State Walks Off With Big 12 Championship

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State senior outfielder Tanner Witt scored on a bases-loaded passed ball in the bottom of the ninth to send the 18th-ranked Wildcats to their first Big 12 Championship in school history with a 6-5 victory over No. 19 Oklahoma Friday evening at Tointon Family Stadium.

K-State is now 15-7 in Big 12 play to claim its fourth ever regular-season conference championship and the first since 1933. The Wildcats improved to 38-15 on the year overall with two regular-season games remaining. The Sooners fell to 35-18 overall and 12-10 in league action.

In addition to their first conference title in 80 years, the Wildcats, who were predicted to finish seventh in the Big 12 Preseason Coaches' Poll, made the biggest jump by a regular-season championship since the preseason poll began in 1999.

"It's pretty amazing," head coach Brad Hill said. "These kids are phenomenal. All the credit goes to these kids, and the coaching staff did a tremendous job of preparing them and getting them ready to go. This is a great accomplishment for this program."

K-State also became just the second Big 12 school and the fourth nationally in the BCS era to win conference titles in football, men's basketball and baseball during the same academic year.

Big 12 Standings

Kansas State	16-8
Oklahoma State	13-10
Oklahoma	13-11
West Virginia	13-11
Baylor	12-11
Kansas	12-12
TCU	12-12
Texas Tech	9-15
Texas	7-17

Witt led off the bottom of the ninth with a walk against Sooner bullpen ace Jacob Evans (6-2) and was sacrificed over to second base by Shane Conlon. After OU elected to intentionally walk Jared King, Evans hit Austin Fisher to load the bases.

Pitching to Jon Davis, Evans threw a ball high and away, which skipped off catcher Anthony Hermelyn's glove and went to the backstop, allowing Witt to slide in safely for the Wildcats second walk-off win via a passed ball this year.

"When we got down 4-0 against one of the top draft picks," Hill said, "there was no panic in the guys. They believed they were going to come back and win."

Kansas State was led by a trio of players with two-hit games in King, Davis and Ross Kivett. Jake Matthys (8-0) broke the K-State freshman record for wins and moved into a tie for eighth place in overall victories in school history.

The championship wouldn't



It was a close play but the Oklahoma player scored. (Photo by Ben Brake).

come easy, however, as the Wildcats trailed Oklahoma and potential No. 1 overall draft pick Jonathan Gray 4-0 after the Sooners scored three in the fourth and one in the sixth. In the bottom of the sixth, K-State strung together three-straight singles — the latter by Fisher — to plate the Cats' first run.

Following a ground out, Mitch Meyer came through with a clutch two-run single to get K-State back in the game at 4-3.

Witt tied the game with a single up in the middle in the seventh inning, while Davis led off the eighth inning with a triple that landed just inside the

right-field foul line. Hill elected to pinch hit Lance Miles, who drove in the go-head run on a single to right field.

Looking to close the door in the top of the ninth, Matthys surrendered only his second home run of the season, a one-out solo shot by Jack Mayfield, to tie the game at 5-5.

Oklahoma was led offensively by Hermelyn and Garrett Carey, who each went 3-for-4. Hermelyn had one RBI, while Hunter Haley was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Gray finished the game allowing four runs on nine hits with a walk and three strikeouts in 6.1 innings.

Big 12 Baseball Championship Format Changed

IRVING, Texas — In the wake of this week's devastating storm in the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore, the Big 12 Conference is postponing the start of the 2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship.

The championship, originally set to begin on Wednesday, May 22, at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in a double-elimination tournament format will now begin on Thursday, May 23, and will utilize a pool play format.

"We debated canceling the tournament in deference to the devastating tragedy in Moore, but were encouraged by Oklahoma City leaders and the Oklahoma City All-Sports

Association to go forward," said Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby. "We believe the tournament can serve as a testament to the strong Oklahoma spirit and to the resiliency of the Oklahoma people."

The Conference was encouraged to proceed with the championship by Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett.

"We are very appreciative of the consideration by the participating teams and the Big 12 Conference," Cornett said. "We encouraged and supported the decision to play the championship in a format comfortable to the Big 12."

The pool play format, which has previously been used by the

Big 12, will feature two pools. K-State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Baylor will play in one pool with Oklahoma State, West Virginia, TCU and Kansas in the second pool. Each team will be guaranteed three games and the team with the best record in each pool will advance to the championship game on Sunday.

The format will feature games at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m., CT on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The championship game will be at 1 p.m. CT on Sunday, May 26.

Fans who made advanced purchase of tickets are encouraged to use the ticket with the correct session number based

on the schedule above. For those fans that have a Weekend Pass, your tickets will be valid beginning with Session 3. Upon arrival to the facility, please visit the RedHawks ticket office on Mickey Mantle Drive to be re-issued tickets for your games.

Thursday through Saturday contests will be telecast on Fox College Sports while Sunday's championship game will be on FSN.

Thursday, May 23

Pool One	No. 4 Oklahoma vs. No. 5 Baylor	9:00 a.m.
	No. 1 K-State vs. No. 8 Texas Tech	12:30 p.m.

Pool Two	No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 6 Kansas	4:00 p.m.
	No. 2 Oklahoma State vs. No. 7 TCU	7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Pool One	No. 4 Oklahoma vs. No. 8 Texas Tech	9:00 a.m.
	No. 1 K-State vs. No. 5 Baylor	12:30 p.m.

Pool Two

No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 7 TCU	4:00 p.m.
No. 2 Oklahoma State vs. No. 6 Kansas	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Pool One

No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 7 TCU	4:00 p.m.
No. 2 Oklahoma State vs. No. 6 Kansas	7:30 p.m.

No. 5 Baylor vs. No. 8 Texas Tech	9:00 a.m.
No. 4 Oklahoma vs. No. 11 K-State	12:30 p.m.

Pool Two

No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 2 Oklahoma State	4:00 p.m.
No. 6 Kansas vs. No. 7 TCU	7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Championship Game	
Winner Pool One vs. Winner Pool Two	1:00 p.m.

*Based on the original format of the Championship, session 7 was 'if necessary.' Session 8 will remain the Championship Game.

Top-Seeded Wildcats Ready For Big 12

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. - With the 2013 Big 12 regular-season championship in its back pocket, Kansas State is set for the second season as the Wildcats open postseason play in the 2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship, Thursday through Sunday, at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark, in Oklahoma City, Okla. The championship was to be played Wednesday through Sunday in double-elimination format, but has been changed due to the devastation in the community of Moore. The top-seeded Wildcats will open play against No. 8-seed Texas Tech Thursday afternoon at 12:30 p.m., while K-State will take on fifth-seeded Baylor on Friday and No. 4-seed Oklahoma Saturday with both games also beginning at 12:30 p.m. Pool two consists of No. 2-seed Oklahoma State, No. 3-seed West Virginia, No. 6-seed Kansas and No. 7-seed TCU, and the winners of each pool will play a one-game championship at 1 p.m., on Sunday.

Every game from the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship will be televised

to a national audience on Fox College Sports, except for Sunday's title game which will air on FSN. Chad McKee and Jay Payton comprise one broadcast team, while Bob Licht and Jack Lazorko will also cover games for FCS and FSN. Each Kansas State game during the postseason will air on the K-State Sports Network with Wyatt Thompson, Brian Smoller and Matt Walters on the call. Free live audio is also available online at www.kstatesports.com.

K-STATE AT A GLANCE

Kansas State enters play at the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship with a 39-16 overall record and a 16-8 mark in conference action. K-State, led by Big 12 Coach of the Year Brad Hill, is ranked in every major college baseball poll, including a No. 15 spot in Baseball America. The conference championship was the first for the Wildcats in 80 years, while they made the biggest jump in the preseason poll by a conference champion in league history.

The Wildcats clinched the

title after winning two-of-three against No. 19 Oklahoma. On Friday night against potential No. 1 draft pick Jonathan Gray, K-State trailed 4-0 but scored three in the sixth and one in both the seventh and eighth innings to take a 5-4 lead. OU tied the game in the ninth inning on a solo home run, but senior Tanner Witt scored the game-winning and Big 12-clinching run on a bases-loaded passed ball. The next day, the Wildcats looked to solidify their grip on a regional host spot with a 5-2 victory, while OU salvaged the finale with a 7-3 win.

Kansas State finished the regular season by leading the Big 12 in eight offensive categories, including batting average and hits, while the Wildcats rank second and seventh in those categories, respectively. The batting average ranking is impressive considering the Wildcats do not have an individual ranked in the top 110 nationally. However, five Wildcats are within the top 10 of the Big 12 in batting average, led 2013 Big 12 Player of the Year Ross Kivett at .359 to

rank fourth. Other All-Big 12 First Team selections Austin Fisher (.5th; .358), Jared King (6th; .342) and Shane Conlon (7th; .340) also rank in the top 10 in addition to RJ Santigate (8th; .339).

K-State is expected to start freshman right-hander Blake McFadden on against Texas Tech. McFadden holds a 5-2 record and a 3.93 ERA in 14 outings this season, but he has been even better as a starter by holding a 3.50 ERA. Thursday will be McFadden's first start since May 12 at Kansas when he allowed two runs over five innings on three hits with two walks and a strikeout in a winning effort. McFadden was scheduled to start last Sunday against Oklahoma but was pulled from that start to get ready for the Big 12 Championship. McFadden's first-career Big 12 start came against the Red Raiders on April 7 when he allowed only one run over five innings with three walks and a strikeout to earn his first-ever Big 12 victory.

The K-State bullpen is anchored by Big 12 Freshman

of the Year Jake Matthys, who holds an 8-0 record and a 2.01 ERA with six saves. His eight victories are the most by a K-State freshman and the most by a Wildcat reliever in the Big 12 era. The Spring Lake Park, Minn., product, who was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week last week, also tied the K-State freshman record for saves.

DID YOU KNOW

• Kansas State captured its first conference regular-season title in 80 years and just the fourth in school history.

• K-State leads the Big 12 in eight offensive categories, including batting average (.324), hits (609) and runs (345).

• Second baseman Ross Kivett became K-State's third-ever conference player of the year award winner, joining Big Eight Player of the Year Craig Wilson (1992) and Big 12 Player of the Year Nick Martini.

• Head coach Brad Hill earned his second Big 12 Coach of the Year designation after guiding the Wildcats to their second-highest overall

win total and the most conference victories in school history.

• Austin Fisher is in the midst of a career-long and Big 12-leading 18-game hitting streak in which he is hitting 30-for-69 (.441) with five doubles, one home run, 10 RBI, 11 runs scored and a .506 on-base percentage.

CATS BREAK 80-YEAR DROUGHT

Kansas State claimed its first-ever Big 12 Championship and first conference championship in over 80 years with last Friday's win over No. 19 Oklahoma. The Wildcats, which won the Missouri Valley Conference in 1928 and the Big Six Conference in both 1930 and 1933, became the first school in conference history to place seventh or lower in the Big 12 Preseason Coaches' Poll and win the league, while they tied for the biggest jump in terms on conference finish from one year to the next. K-State, which tied for eighth last season, matched the 2005 Nebraska squad that finished eighth in 2004 before tying for first in 2005.

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