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The new West Stadium

KSU To Dedicate West Stadium Aug. 30th

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The K-State Family — alumni, fans and friends — are invited to celebrate the opening of the “northwest gateway to campus” when the West Stadium Center at Bill Snyder Family Stadium is officially dedicated on August 30 prior to the sold-out season-opening football game against North Dakota State later that evening.

The West Stadium Center

Dedication Celebration, which will be broadcast live on K-StateHD.TV, will begin promptly at 11 a.m. outside the stadium’s main entrance at Gate B. The one-hour ceremony will include special video presentations and comments from Governor Sam Brownback, President Kirk Schulz, Athletics Director John Currie, and Head Coach Bill Snyder, among others. The celebration will conclude with a

ribbon-cutting ceremony for the massive structure.

Parking in the stadium’s west lot opens at 9 a.m. and is free. Following the conclusion of the event at noon, fans are asked to clear the lot immediately to allow stadium crews to prepare for pregame activities. All stadium parking lots will then reopen at 2:30 p.m., five hours prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Seating for the dedication

will be limited and assigned. However, fans will be permitted to stand in and around the designated stage area. There will be seating for guests who are physically impaired or unable to stand for long periods.

The new facility will not be open for tours after the ceremony as it will be secured for gameday operations. A public open house of the facility has been set for 6-8 p.m. on Friday,

September 13. More details regarding the open house will be announced soon.

K-State opens the 2013 season by welcoming the two-time defending FCS National Champion Bison in a special Friday-night contest on August 30. The contest will be televised nationally by FOX Sports 1.

Season tickets for the upcoming season in addition to single-game tickets for the

2013 opener are sold out. Several hundred general admission/SRO tickets for all home games except North Dakota State and Iowa State remain available. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone or in person. For more information regarding tickets, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-221-CATS or visit www.k-statesports.com.

Kansas Labeled “High Risk”

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

The two aren’t always in sync, as was made clear Thursday after Kansas, Oregon and Washington were all put on notice by the U.S. Department of Education for failing to keep pace with expectations regarding the implementation of new teacher and principal evaluation standards.

As a result, the three states have been labeled with “high risk status,” given an ultimatum and a year extension to bring state standards into compliance with No Child Left Behind waivers issued a little over a year ago.

The problem involves factoring student assessment scores and improvement into evaluation standards for public school faculty and admin-

istrators. Kansas deputy education commissioner Brad Neuenswander said the holdup isn’t managing the student data, it’s tying it to faculty.

“We have four years of how (a student) did already in our system. We had to create a calculation that takes that data, how the kid has done over time,” Neuenswander said. “Then it can predict how well the student should do the next year based on prior performance. That is a very complicated calculation, and when we have 250,000 kids a year take the assessment, that’s a lot of data.”

Federal officials wanted Kansas to start testing the system this year, but Neuenswander said it wasn’t ready for prime time just yet, and the state wants to make sure everything is accurate

before flipping the switch. Despite federal concerns, state officials are confident that they’ll be able to meet the extended deadline with ease.

“We don’t believe we’re high risk, but we didn’t get to choose what they called it, and we’re not the only state,” Neuenswander said. “I don’t want to say we’ve been pushing back a bit, but we have been saying we don’t agree with the timeline.”

Kansas education commissioner Diane DeBacker told the Topeka Capital-Journal that despite federal claims, Kansas never agreed to test the new evaluation system this year. As a result, state education officials will host a special meeting Friday to consider filing an appeal.

Kansas Health Care Plan Approved

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Shawn Sullivan announced Thursday that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living has approved the agency’s State Plan on Aging under the federal Older Americans Act for federal fiscal years 2014 through 2017.

“The new State Plan on Aging for Older Americans Act services is a solid outline of where we want to go and how we want to get there,” Secretary Sullivan said. “Kansas’ population as a whole is aging, and already nearly 20 percent of Kansans are older than age 60. The programs we oversee to maintain and enhance the quality of life for older adults need to become stronger and more efficient as this trend continues.”

A key element of the new State Plan on Aging is KDADS’ ongoing reform and modernization of the state’s system of delivering long-term services and supports, which includes the successful implementation of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) statewide.

The ADRC is the single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities in Kansas to connect with local experts who can help them choose a long-term care option and provide information about the long-term supports and services available in our state. A wealth of information about the ADRC is available on the KDADS website, www.kdads.ks.gov.

Other Kansas priorities reflected in the plan include improving person-directed options for care and services,

promoting the availability of a wide array of high-quality services and supports, and helping Kansans to enjoy healthier, more active lives through education, prevention and intervention. The plan also puts emphasis on defending seniors’ rights and reducing abuse, neglect and exploitation.

“This new plan focuses on ways to empower older adults and family caregivers in obtaining the appropriate supports needed to maintain independence,” said KDADS Aging Commissioner Craig Kaberline. “The plan was developed in consultation with a variety of stakeholders across the state including seniors, advocacy groups and care providers. I believe it will serve Kansas well over the next four years.”

Kansas Lands Three On Forbes “Best” List

Forbes’ Magazine has listed three cities in Kansas on the list of 101 Best Small Towns for Business and Careers. Manhattan topped the Kansas ranking at 3rd, Lawrence was 17th and Topeka came in at 71st.

The last ranked small cities by the cost of Business, Job Growth, Education and Population.

Forbes’ Magazine’s Top 100 Best Small Places For Business And Careers

Rank	Population
1. Sioux Falls, SD	238,000
2. Fargo, ND	216,500
3. Manhattan, KS	135,400
4. Bismarck, ND	114,300

5. College Station, TX	234,900
6. Greenville, NC	194,300
7. Logan, UT	128,700
8. Lafayette, IN	206,700
9. Rapid City, SD	130,800
10. Mankato, MN	98,100
11. Columbus, IN	79,100
12. Corvallis, OR	86,600
13. Iowa City, IA	158,300
14. Dubuque, IA	95,100
15. Ames, IA	91,200
16. Waterloo, IA	168,600
17. Lawrence, KS	113,000
18. Auburn, AL	147,700
19. Ithaca, NY	102,600
20. Columbia, MO	178,900
21. Grand Forks, ND	698,300
22. Bloomington, IN	195,700
23. Morgantown, WV	134,300
24. Billings, MT	162,200

25. Bowling Green, KY	129,500
26. Bloomington, IL	172,400
27. Bend, OR	163,200
28. Springfield, IL	212,100
29. Sioux City, IA	144,100
30. Grand Junction, CO	148,300
31. Palm Coast, FL	98,600
32. Jonesboro, AR	124,100
33. Athens, GA	196,500
34. Muncie, IN	117,400
35. Rochester, MN	189,100
36. Pueblo, CO	161,100
37. Johnson City, TN	200,900
38. Amarillo, TX	256,000
39. Blacksburg, VA	163,700
40. La Crosse, WI	135,300
41. Idaho Falls, ID	133,500
42. St. George, UT	145,300
43. Harrisonburg, VA	128,500

44. Tuscaloosa, AL	223,200
45. Cleveland, TN	117,900
46. Abilene, TX	167,100
47. Wheeling, WV	146,500
48. Bellingham, WA	205,700
49. Longview, TX	217,100
50. Coeur d’Alene, ID	142,700
51. Medford, OR	206,600
52. San Angelo, TX	115,000
53. Winchester, VA	131,200
54. Cheyenne, WY	94,500
55. St. Cloud, MN	190,700
56. Appleton, WI	228,600
57. Charlottesville, VA	206,200
58. Lewiston, ID	61,500
59. Pocatello, ID	91,600
60. Eau Claire, WI	163,800
61. Waco, TX	239,100
62. Owensboro, KY	116,100

63. Midland, TX	146,700
64. Anderson, IN	130,300
65. Lynchburg, VA	255,600
66. Hattiesburg, MS	146,700
67. Dover, DE	167,900
68. Elizabethtown, KY	121,100
69. Missoula, MT	111,100
70. Las Cruces, NM	214,700
71. Topeka, KS	234,800
72. State College, PA	155,300
73. Texarkana, TX	137,100
74. Flagstaff, AZ	136,100
75. Santa Fe, NM	146,400
76. Napa, CA	139,100
77. Tyler, TX	215,300
78. Oshkosh, WI	168,900
79. Champaign, IL	233,900
80. Barnstable Town, MA	215,700
81. Terre Haute, IN	172,500

82. Goldsboro, NC	124,300
83. Gainesville, GA	186,100
84. Anderson, SC	189,800
85. Casper, WY	78,600
86. Wenatchee, WA	113,300
87. Warner Robins, GA	146,500
88. Lawton, OK	126,300
89. Hot Springs, AR	97,000
90. Lebanon, PA	135,400
91. Sherman, TX	122,000
92. Pascagoula, MS	163,400
93. Burlington, NC	154,000
95. Jefferson City, MO	150,200
96. Cape Girardeau, MO	97,200
97. Mount Vernon, WA	118,500
98. Burlington, VT	213,900
99. Jacksonville, NC	182,600
100. Sebastian, FL	140,700
101. Odessa, TX	144,500

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GTM - Kansas State Expand Athletic Partnership

K-State Athletics and Manhattan-based GTM Sportswear have announced an expanded and innovative partnership that will make all of the company's K-State Super Store locations the official merchandise vendor for K-State Athletics.

The affiliation not only will provide the department a branded off-site store at the K-State Super Store's flagship location on McCall Road in Manhattan, but the former Cats Closet store at Bill Snyder Family Stadium will now be known as the K-State Super Store at the Stadium.

"We have great respect for Dave Dreiling and his business acumen and look forward to this new partnership, which will benefit all of our loyal fans, and growing with Dave and the continued development



The new GTM Super Store at KSU Stadium.

of the K-State Super Store," said Athletics Director John Currie.

As part of this new five-year agreement, GTM will be finishing the space allocated for a fan

gear store in the new West Stadium Center and will have exclusive merchandising sales

rights at all K-State Athletics venues. K-State Athletics will receive 8-12 percent of all purchases from all area K-State Super Store locations. In addition, GTM will also continue to pay annual royalty fees to LRG, K-State's official merchandise licensee, for each product that is produced.

The new store, located inside the main entrance of the West Stadium Center, will provide Wildcat fans an improved centralized location for their shopping needs and be almost twice the size of the former west side Cats Closet location. It will offer an expanded selection of merchandise and extended hours. There will continue to be an east side shopping location for fans at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on home football game days.

Fans who visit any K-State Super Store can now do so with the confidence they are shopping at the official store of K-State Athletics.

"This new partnership with K-State Athletics is exciting on

many levels. True K-State fans will appreciate that purchases made at any K-State Super Store location directly benefit the athletic teams and programs we all so dearly love," said Dreiling.

Since 1989, GTM has outfitted more than 1.1 million teams at over 90,000 schools in the U.S. and Canada, and has grown to include over 900 employees. GTM is the largest private employer of current K-State students, and one of the largest employers of K-State graduates. Its internship program, which partners with the university, allows students to gain real-world experience with a global company while balancing collegiate studies and staying involved in campus activities.

Ahearn Fund members will continue to receive store discounts which will be redeemable at all K-State Super Store locations. For more information on the K-State Super Store, visit www.kstategear.com.

Roy Dale Lumb

Roy Dale Lumb, a longtime Manhattan resident, passed away on August 16, 2013, in Garden City, KS, at Homestead Assisted Living. He spent the last five years of his 97 years near his daughter, Jacque Hill and her family.

Roy was born on the Lumb homestead in Tabor Valley, Manhattan, KS, on June 8, 1916. Roy was the youngest of ten children born to William Thomas and Viola (Montgomery) Lumb. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and his wife.

He served in the U.S. Navy (1941-1945) as a Chief Storekeeper. During WWII, Roy was stationed in Hawaii, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. While in the Navy, he met and married Elma

C. Haas in Columbus, OH, on December 11, 1943. She passed away January 22, 2005.

Upon returning to Manhattan, Roy became a well-known and widely respected businessman as he owned a number of successful businesses. He may best be remembered for owning Lumb's Thriftway Food Store and Manhattan Carpet. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #17, the VFW Post # 1786 and the Elks Club.

In 1978, retired, the Lumbs moved to Mountain Home, AR, to be closer to Roy's brother, Joe Lumb. In 1984, they returned to Manhattan again to be closer to family. Roy and Elma loved spending time with their family, especially their four grandchildren. In addition

to his family, Roy's passions were gardening, woodworking and taking care of his yard.

Roy's is survived by his daughter Jacque Hill and husband Tony, Holcomb, KS; his son Jim Lumb and wife Sandy, Manhattan, KS; four grandchildren: Brian Hill and wife Jennifer, Garden City, KS; Brandon Hill and wife Linda, Holcomb, KS; Anne (Lumb) Rubash and husband Caleb, Manhattan, KS; Bonnie Lumb, Kansas City, MO; and nine great-grandchildren.

The Lumb family would like to thank the staff at Homestead Assisted Living of Garden City for providing excellent care in the last years of Roy's life.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2013, at Westview

Community Church, 615 Gillespie Drive, Manhattan, KS (Hwy 18 to Stagg Hill Road to Davis Drive to Gillespie Drive). Interment with military honors will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family received friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to support Roy's great grandson.

Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS,

Kenneth L. Jackson

Kenneth L. Jackson, 94, of Manhattan, passed away Friday, August 16th, at Mercy Regional Health Center. He was a Retired Lt. Colonel with the US Army, serving during WW II, helping to rebuild Germany after W.W.II, and Vietnam War earning a Bronze Star, Gold Leaf, and a Commendation Medal.

Kenneth L. Jackson was born in Pierre, SD on

December 24, 1918, the son of the late Leslie Thomas and Lilas Rose Cooley Jackson. He was united in marriage on October 19, 1940 at Pierre, SD to Lillian Ida Maher who passed away on October 8, 1996. Kenneth attended the Maryland University while in the service.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary JoAnn Leickert-Abbott, of Virginia Beach, VA; Peggy T. Rouse,

wife of Richard, of McMinnville, OR; two sons Jerry P. Jackson, husband of Mary, of Manhattan; John Jackson, husband of Kim, of Junction City. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a son Thomas Jackson, brother Merrill Lloyd and sister, Opal Alice Gjerace, A service of remembrance

with the family receiving friends will be at 2:00pm, Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan. The family request donations to Riley County Humane Society or American Lung Association and maybe sent to the funeral home.

For more information or to send an online condolence visit www.irvinparkview.com or on Facebook.

Johanna Mary Estes

Johanna Mary Estes, 93, of Overland Park, formerly of Ogdan, passed away at her residence. She was retired from the McCall Pattern Co. in Manhattan.

Johanna Kanngiesser was born in New Haven, MO on April 9, 1920, the daughter of the late Karl Joseph and Elisabeth (Held) Kanngiesser. She was a graduate of Amsterdam High School in Amsterdam, MO. She was

united in marriage on Jan. 8, 1945 in Salina, KS to John C Estes, who died on Jan. 10, 1999.

She was a member of Parkerville Baptist Church, White City, KS. In 2002 received Random Act of Kindness Award.

Johanna is survived by a step son, Kenneth H. Estes and wife Kathi, of Montesano, WA. She is also survived by grandchildren (Carolyn Lynn

Knowles, Richard Duane Estes, John Edward Estes, Teresa Marie Leland, Steven John Estes, Kenneth Dewayne Estes) and great-grandchildren (Amber Leland, Jacob Estes, Justin Estes, Kayla Estes, Matthew Estes, Chris Knowles, Marcus Guthrie and Blair Field) and a sister, Mary Buckles, of Independence, MO. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, John; step sons, Arnold Mitchell Estes and

Earl Dewayne Estes; sisters Gertrude Johanna Kanngiesser, Helen Rita Sturm; brother, Ignatius Adolph Kanngiesser; and a grandson, Bryan Wayne Estes.

A memorial service was held at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan, at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 20th, with Rev. Bob Strom officiating. Inurnment will follow the service at the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan. The family request donations to Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

For more information or to send and email condolence visit www.irvinparkview.com or on Facebook.

Hennietta Loren Matzke

Hennietta Loreen Matzke, 89, of Blaine, Kansas, died Saturday, August 17, 2013, at Stormont-Vail Health Care in Topeka. She was a life-long resident of the area.

Hennietta was born July 15, 1924, in Wheaton, Kansas, the daughter of Alfonso F. and Emma Kohn Kufahl. She attended local schools and graduated from Wheaton Rural High School in 1942.

She married Melvin D. Matzke on March 8, 1945, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Duluth. He survives at their home.

Hennietta was a homemaker and farm wife. She enjoyed raising her family and helping milk the cows. She was an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wheaton and LWML. She served as a Sunday School teacher and enjoyed singing in the church

choir. She also sang with the Ladies Aid group at the local care homes. She was a charter member of the Sunflower Club and a former board member of the Wheaton Center. Hennietta was proud of her participation with the American Red Cross Blood drives and gave 78 units over her life time. She also enjoyed playing softball for many years.

Hennietta is also survived by her daughters, Wanda Magnett and her husband, Kenny, Blaine, and Vanessa Hill, Topeka; her sons, Alvin Matzke and his wife, Deloris, Westmoreland, and Stanley Matzke and his wife, Victoria, Blaine; sister, Wilma Abitz, Wheaton; ten grandchildren, twenty two great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Kent Magnett, 1990, great-great-

grandson, Bentley Reed, 2011, son-in-law, Carl Hill, 2007, and daughter-in-law, Kathryn Matzke, 1985.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, 2013, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Kansas. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery south of Wheaton. Mrs. Matzke will lie-in-state on Friday, at the church, starting at 4:00 p.m. and the family will greet friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

They suggest memorial contributions to St. Luke Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Hour or a charity of the donor's choice, and those may be sent in care of Kufahl Funeral Home in Wheaton. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com

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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus



Bob Strawn

Count us as being amongst the underwhelmed. We are referring to Tuesday's announcement that Manhattan Regional Airport will add twice-a-week flights to PHX - that would be Phoenix, Arizona. But unfortunately these Little Apple flights won't be going to that PHX starting in November but rather to IWA - Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport about 30 miles south-east of Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). Sky Harbor is to Phoenix as DFW is to the Dallas/Ft. Worth. While Phoenix-Mesa would be like Dallas's Love Field to Metroplexers.

Allegiant Air is our new carrier, joining American Eagle which currently serves DFW and Chicago O'Hare with multiple daily flights. The Las Vegas-based Allegiant has historically served small cities like ours with flights to vacation destinations including hometown Vegas. It flies in and out of a hundred airports across the nation. That's a few more than the largest domestic carrier, Southwest Airlines. However, unlike Southwest, Allegiant generally doesn't have daily flights. And it won't here. Nor does it carry anywhere near as many passengers.

Now last week you may recall that we took exception to some of the city's economic development activities which included a failed effort at gift-

ing \$500,000 to an Indian fertilizer and chemical company call Prathista. However, today's view is quite different. Prathista is the eco-devo antithesis of what we have going on at the airport because unlike fertilizer an active airport runway is said to be the most important street into a vibrant city. And adding commercial flights is always considered a good economic indicator.

Led by current city commissioner, Rich Jankovich, the city - with considerable assistance of the Chamber of Commerce - was able to attract American Eagle jet service to the Manhattan (MHK) four years ago. The effort required some local economic development tax dollars. And it also needed a State of Kansas revenue guarantee to American - a promissory note that was never called because the airline was so successful here. Soon after its DFW start-up, American added Chicago. MHK passenger traffic grew from 25,000 in 2009 to almost 70,000 last year. And by logical extension came Tuesday's Allegiant Air announcement.

Yet, there is this concern. We hope the Allegiant addition is not at odds with the American Eagle partnership

The Conservative Side...

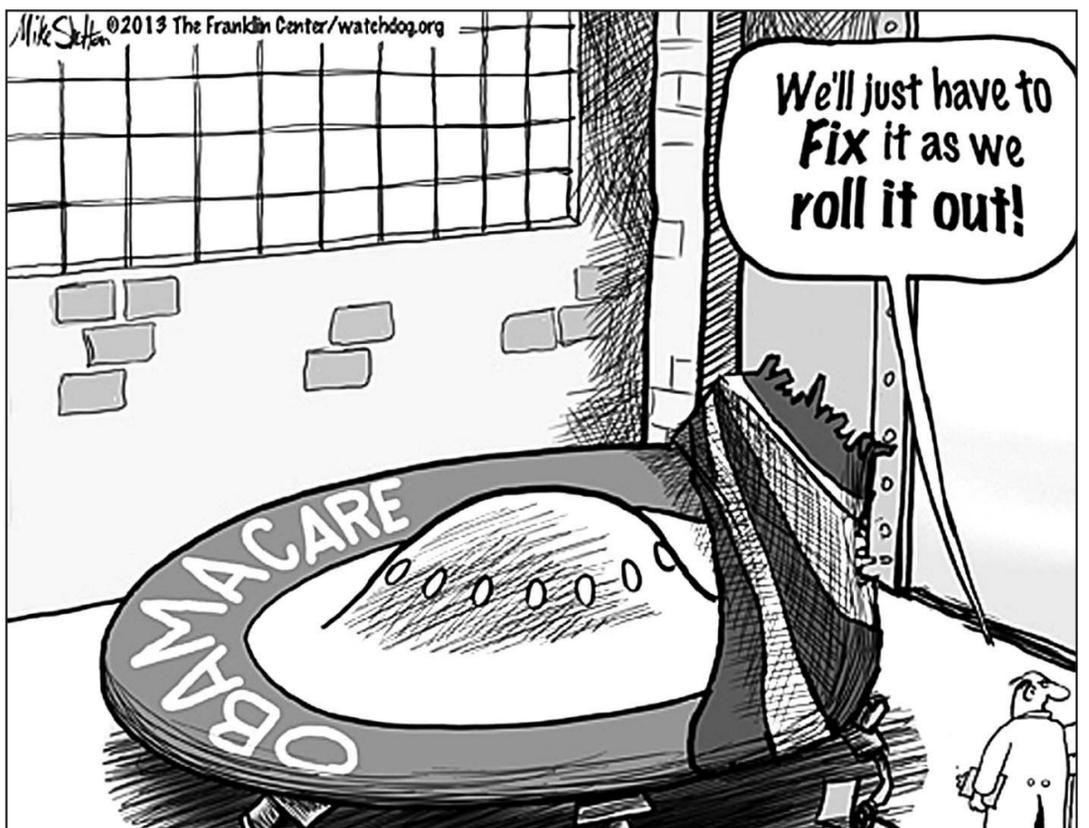


which lifted Manhattan Regional from federally subsidized prop service into the jet age. Today, American flies 50 passenger jets, while Allegiant will bring a 170 seat Airbus to our port. But if American

takes exception to the Allegiant presences and cuts service to our airport, that would be a huge strategic error on the city's part. In essence it could kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

We have no way of knowing if or how American was advised, nor what reaction they may or may not have had to the Allegiant announcement. And yes, generally, we believe com-

petition is a good thing. But that's the case only as long as both competitors have something to lose. We hope that remains the case for American because presently cut-rate Allegiant has little at stake.



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Solution time: 21 mins.

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Help Wanted

Center Manager position available. Outgoing, enthusiastic person, who is willing to host seniors by coordinating meals and file monthly reports. 6.0 hours a day M-F. Applications available at the Riley County Senior Services Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan KS. Questions: Send resume to NC-FH AAA, 401 Houston St. Manhattan, KS or call 1-800-432-2703 or 776-9294. EOE/AA

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Courthouse News

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Thursday, August 22, 2013

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building August 12, 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

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

Boyd said Thursday he attended a Courthouse security working group meeting. Boyd said on Friday he visited the Home Care and Hospice facility.

Boyd stated he attended the Pottawatomie County facility Wells stated he has received several calls on the Public Building Commission (PBC).

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

Nicholas Hinton, a HIV-AIDS Case Manager, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 20, 2013.

Kinsey Carder, a Child Care Scholarship Intern, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 8, 2013.

Letter To The Editor...

Letter to the Editor:

September 8-14, 2013 is National Suicide Prevention Week and September 10, 2013 is National Suicide Awareness Day. There will be educational events across the nation to raise awareness of the signs of suicide and encourage communities to engage in suicide prevention activities. Ninety percent of the people who die from suicide were suffering from a mental illness such as depression or bipolar disorder at the time of their death.

Additional risk factors for suicide include substance use or dependence, psychotic disorders, anxiety disorders, impulsivity, aggression, previous suicide attempts, a family history of attempted or completed suicide and serious medical conditions or pain. Stress from environmental factors can increase the risk for suicide.

Fifty to seventy five percent

Laura Brooke Rose, a Breastfeeding Coordinator, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective July 31, 2013.

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

HIV/AIDS Case Manager, in the Health Department, at a grade M.

ECBG - Child Care Scholarship Intern, in the Health Department, at a grade H.

Breastfeeding Coordinator - WIC, in the Health Department, at a grade F.

Boyd moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Kyle Zimmerman. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to appoint Dave Lewis, Chair, as the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties 38th Annual Conference; Robert Boyd, Jr., Vice Chair, as 1st Alternate, and Ronald Wells, Member, as 2nd Alternate. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2013 as approved. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk

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

Vargo presented year to date budget and expenditure reports.

Vargo presented the 2013 Clerk's Office Projects list.

9:15 Kristen Garcia, County Extension Agent

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Bryan Armbrust, College Hill 4-H Club; Anna Jackson, CiCo Shamrocks 4-H Club; Whitley Eyestone, Wildcat 4-H Club; Lexy Wilson, Riley Rascals 4-H Club; Taylor Schalles, College Hill 4-H Club; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Garcia discussed the 2013 Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

Eyestone, Wildcat 4-H Club; Armbrust, College Hill 4-H Club; Wilson, Riley Rascals 4-H Club; Schalles, College Hill 4-H Club; Jackson, CiCo Shamrocks 4-H Club, spoke about their 2013 Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

9:30 Press Conference

Garrett Staten, Brook Staten, Ryohei Kajimoto, Justine Staten, Ayaka Waki, Ryan McClure, Morgan McClure, Samantha McClure - 4-H; Ginny Barnard, County Extension Agent; Cheryl Collins, Museum Director; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Kristen Garcia, County Extension Agent; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

C. Collins said "Illuminating Manhattan" is the title of the new outreach exhibit of the Riley County Historical Society and Museum at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, 2121 Meadowlark Road. This exhibit presents a brief history of lighting in Manhattan through objects that were used in the past.

C. Collins said two other outreach exhibits are also currently on view: "Celebrating 150 Years: Kansas State University," an exhibit that commemorates Kansas State University's 150th Anniversary through historic images and artifacts, is in the Riley County Courthouse and "Conservation and Controversy: 50 Years of Tuttle Creek Reservoir," an exhibit that marks 50 years since the dedication of Tuttle Creek Lake and Dam, is in the lobby of the Riley County Office Building.

Garcia presented the following on 2013 Riley County Fair data for entries:

Preliminary ribbon counts show that they had 2,125 exhibits which is just slightly lower than last year.

There were 287 open class entries, which is down a bit from last year. Open class photography is the largest area of interest followed by arts and crafts and then horticulture.

There were fourteen entries in the Apple Pie Contest.

There were thirty-four entries in the Idol contest. All but the junior, 7-10 year-old, division had the maximum number of participants.

Wilson presented the following on 2013 Riley County Fair data for vendors and the carnival:

The commercial/organizational booth spaces sold out this year. This generated \$9,040. The commission agreed in 2005 that funds generated from these booth rentals (beginning in 2006) could be set aside to help pay for fairgrounds improvements.

The carnival generated \$13,894.75 in proceeds this year, down from \$15,433 last year, but not bad considering two nights of the carnival were virtually rained out.

Garcia reported there are three Japanese 4-H exchange families in Riley County this year.

S. McClure and R. McClure, Countryside Crusaders, spoke about hosting a Japanese student.

Utak, from Tokyo, Japan, spoke in Japanese regarding her experience.

G. Staten and B. Staten, Riley Rascals, spoke on their experience of hosting a Japanese student.

Kajimoto, from Japan, spoke on his experience in America.

J. Staten spoke about the experience hosting a Japanese student.

Shepek reported the 2014 Riley County budget hearing will be August 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Oestman reported Riley County will be presented a portion of the Kansas Healthy Families Grant.

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

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Mike Shilling, Travis Shilling, Doug Shilling - Shilling Construction; Paul Parrish, Mark Bachamp, Jared Loomis - Olsson Associates; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Hobson said the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Public Works Department to enter into a contract with Olsson Associates to provide design services for the reconstruction of the northern 3 miles of McDowell Creek Road. This is one of the projects included in the 2012 Sales Tax referendum.

Hobson said Olsson Associates is currently in the discovery phase of the design, which includes the geotech investigation, surveys, and preliminary design.

Hobson said the initial cost estimate for the McDowell Creek Road Reconstruction which was generated during the project selection process for the Sales Tax funding was approximately \$4,000,000. The current construction estimate from Olsson Associates for this project is \$5,400,000.

Hobson said today, they are seeking approval to proceed with the design of this project.

Hobson said the initial cost estimate for this project addressed pavement replacement, addition of aggregate shoulders, the extension of drainage structures, and the replacement of one box culvert. Without the detailed information available from the geotech investigation and surveys, the estimate was unable to account for drainage, subgrade stabilization, guardrail, retaining walls and realignment made necessary to accommodate the widened roadway between the hillside on the east and the river to the west.

Hobson said the Riley County staff and Olsson Associates have developed a plan for the reconstruction of McDowell Creek Road utilizing three different roadway sections. Drainage structures will be replaced or extended throughout the project. The roadway will be striped for two 12 ft. lanes.

Hobson said the southern section will remain on the existing alignment. It will include 28 ft. wide pavement with 6 ft. aggregate shoulders

and improved ditches.

Hobson said the center section will realign a portion of the roadway to the west in order to avoid the hillside. It also will have a 28 ft. wide pavement with 6 ft. aggregate shoulders and improved ditches. Retaining walls will be used in this section in order to accommodate the wider roadway and ditches without requiring large amounts of excavation into the hillside.

Hobson said the northern section will be on existing alignment and include curb and gutter on the east side with retaining walls to avoid massive excavation of the hillside. The majority of the shoulders on the west side will be aggregate, although in front of the businesses on the west, these will be paved and include right turn lanes. Additionally, a portion of the roadway in this section will be elevated to raise it out of the 50 year flood plain.

Hobson said again, drainage including curb & gutter and storm sewer, subgrade stabilization, guardrail, retaining walls, realignment and raising the roadway were not addressed in the initial estimate. Additionally, keeping the road open during construction will have a major impact on the cost of construction.

Hobson said the current design increases the initial cost estimate approximately 1.4 million. This project is funded by sales tax monies. While this may affect projects at the end of the program, it should be noted the original sales tax program generated funds in excess of the originally projected amount.

Bachamp presented the project overview.

M. Shilling said their main concern is keeping their business open during this project.

Hobson said keeping one lane open at a time will increase the cost.

D. Shilling discussed the impacts total reconstruction of a road can have on existing businesses.

Bachamp said raising the road for the 50-year component is \$100,000.

Bachamp stated an additional 2' shoulder would cost

\$200,000.

Hobson stated the original concern for the road improvements were to improve safety.

Hobson said he feels the project needs to be done as designed.

M. Shilling said they do want to see improvements on the road.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the project design as presented with the 50-year flood plain design.

11:00 Cindy Kabriel attended the meeting.

Bob Boyd and Rich Vargo left the meeting.

11:00 Cheryl Collins, Museum Director and Corina Hugo, Curator Registrar

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

C. Collins and Hugo discussed the Riley County Historical Society collection.

C. Collins said she was asked to attend the Flint Hills Regional Council meetings to provide information as part of the Amenities working group developing the Comprehensive Economic Development District (FHEDD).

11:20 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed conceal carry and security.

The Board agreed by consensus to authorize Clancy Holeman to not write for an Attorney General's opinion regarding conceal carry.

Rich Vargo attended the meeting.

The Board asked Leon Hobson to contact KDOT regarding Norwin Palmers drainage concerns.

Wells moved to approve "Resolution No. 081213-55, A Resolution adopting a revised 'Article M - Zero Tolerance Workplace Policy' for the Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines." Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0.

11:45 Wells moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0.

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Beer Macaroni and Cheese Recipe



Perhaps you enjoy having a beer with your Macaroni and cheese but now you can have a beer that's in your macaroni and cheese! This recipe adds beer to the cheese sauce to make a very unique macaroni and cheese. For even more flavor the cheese sauce consists of both cheddar and parmesan cheeses. To make

things even better, instead of using a breadcrumb topping, this mac and cheese is loaded with crushed kettle chips before being placed into the oven and baked. You can use whatever type of kettle chips you want—I have used just the plain ones, but a flavor such as cheddar would probably taste really good! This

recipe makes a great side dish and is easy to prepare. Enjoy. Adapted from how sweet it is.

- Ingredients:**
- 2 1/2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 8 ounces milk
 - 8 ounces amber beer
 - 8 ounces freshly grated cheddar cheese
 - 8 ounces freshly grated parmesan cheese
 - 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
 - 1 pinch black pepper
 - 1 pinch nutmeg
- Kettle Chip Topping-**
- 1/4 cup butter (melted)
 - 1 bag kettle chips (crushed into medium crumbs)

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl mix together the melted butter and crushed kettle chips. Set aside. Cook noodles are according to package directions (take 1-2 minutes off of the cooking time because the pasta will continue to cook in the oven). Drain and set aside.

Step 2: Meanwhile, heat a large sauce pan to medium-high heat. Add the butter and allow it to melt. Whisk in the flour to create a paste. Cook while whisking for about 2 minutes. Pour in milk and beer while whisking constantly. Stir in the cheddar and parmesan cheeses and stir until melted. Reduce heat to

medium and continue cooking and stirring for 5-6 minutes or until the mixture thickens. Remove from the heat. Stir in pepper, paprika, and nutmeg.

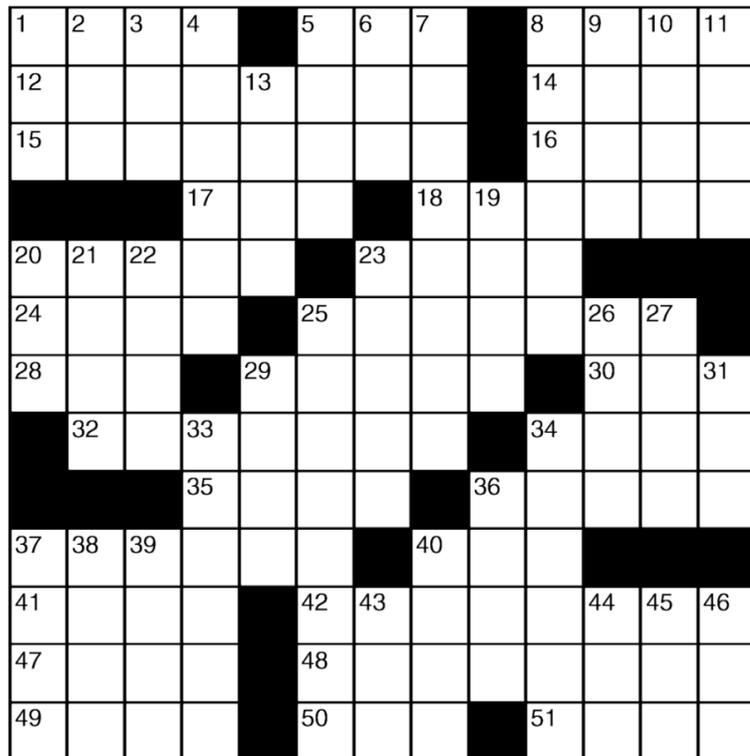
Step 3: Lightly grease a 9x13" casserole dish. Add the drained noodles to the casserole dish, and then pour the cheese sauce over the noodles. Gently mix together the noodles and the cheese sauce.

Top evenly with the kettle chip mixture. Place into the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly and golden on top.

(Makes 8 Servings)

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 — and aahs
 - 5 Stir-frying vessel
 - 8 Gets older
 - 12 Opening night
 - 14 Cat of "Iron Chef"
 - 15 Priesthood school
 - 16 Barrel
 - 17 Actor Chaney
 - 18 Slim and trim
 - 20 Extraterrestrial
 - 23 Put your foot down?
 - 24 Infant
 - 25 Cabal member
 - 28 High card
 - 29 Sacha Baron Cohen portrayal
 - 30 Haul
 - 32 Emulate Ponce de Leon
 - 34 Car
 - 35 Freeway access
 - 36 "The — Is Right"
- DOWN**
- 1 Photo — (PR events)
 - 2 Raw rock
 - 3 Height of fashion?
 - 4 John le Carré hero
 - 5 Remove gradually
 - 6 Hockey legend Bobby
 - 7 Pennsylvania, the — State
 - 8 Take
 - 9 Soccer score
 - 10 Formerly, formerly
 - 11 Rice wine
 - 13 Part of the loop
 - 19 White House
- ACROSS**
- 37 Horseradish kin
 - 40 That woman
 - 41 Partner
 - 42 Florida State athlete
 - 47 Libertine
 - 48 Makes like
 - 49 Act
 - 50 Used a shovel
 - 51 Halt
- DOWN**
- 20 Lawyers' org.
 - 21 "Arsenic and Old —"
 - 22 Mountain goat
 - 23 Drink noisily
 - 25 Made a vow
 - 26 Needle case
 - 27 Campus mil. grp.
 - 29 Spill the beans
 - 31 Trouble
 - 33 Beseached
 - 34 Sports venues
 - 36 Collins or Donahue
 - 37 Prison division
 - 38 Lotion additive
 - 39 Pivot
 - 40 Too confident
 - 43 Ostrich's kin
 - 44 Mel of Coopers-town
 - 45 Virgo neighbor
 - 46 Kreskin's claim



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CATO: The Work Versus Welfare Trade-Off 1995 - 2013

By Michael D. Tanner and Charles Hughes

In 1995, the Cato Institute published a groundbreaking study, The Work vs. Welfare Trade-Off, which estimated the value of the full package of welfare benefits available to a typical recipient in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It found that not only did the value of such benefits greatly exceed the poverty level but, because welfare benefits are tax-free, their dollar value was greater than the amount of take-home

income a worker would receive from an entry-level job.

Since then, many welfare programs have undergone significant change, including the 1996 welfare reform legislation that ended the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and replaced it with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. Accordingly, this paper examines the current welfare system in the same manner as the 1995 paper. Welfare bene-

fits continue to outpace the income that most recipients can expect to earn from an entry-level job, and the balance between welfare and work may actually have grown worse in recent years.

The current welfare system provides such a high level of benefits that it acts as a disincentive for work. Welfare currently pays more than a minimum-wage job in 35 states, even after accounting for the Earned Income Tax Credit, and in 13 states it pays more than \$15 per hour. If

Congress and state legislatures are serious about reducing welfare dependence and rewarding work, they should consider strengthening welfare work requirements, removing exemptions, and narrowing the definition of work. Moreover, states should consider ways to shrink the gap between the value of welfare and work by reducing current benefit levels and tightening eligibility requirements.



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Comparing Welfare Benefits Packages, 1995 vs. 2013

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2	District of Columbia	34,368	43,099	8,730
3	Massachusetts	37,346	42,515	5,169
4	Connecticut	36,981	38,761	1,781
5	New Jersey	33,194	38,728	5,533
6	Rhode Island	32,549	38,632	6,083
7	New York	33,430	38,004	4,574
8	Vermont	28,338	37,705	9,367
9	New Hampshire	30,166	37,160	6,994
10	Maryland	29,448	5,672	6,224
11	California	31,259	35,287	4,029
12	Wyoming	26,866	33,119	6,253
13	Oregon	25,625	31,674	6,049
14	Minnesota	27,865	31,603	3,738
15	Nevada	27,887	31,409	3,521
16	Washington	28,301	30,816	2,514
17	North Dakota	25,403	30,681	5,278
18	New Mexico	26,243	30,435	4,191
19	Delaware	27,933	30,375	2,442
20	Pennsylvania	26,555	29,817	3,263
21	South Dakota	25,216	29,439	4,223
22	Kansas	25,214	29,396	4,182

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2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event Location	Result/Record
08/30/13	Kansas State vs. North Dakota State TV Manhattan, Kan.	7:30 PM
09/07/13	Kansas State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette TV Manhattan, Kan.	5:30 PM
09/14/13	Kansas State vs. Massachusetts TV Manhattan, Kan.	6:00 PM
09/21/13	Kansas State at Texas * Austin, Texas	TBA
10/05/13	Kansas State at Oklahoma State * Stillwater, Okla.	TBA
10/12/13	Kansas State vs. Baylor * Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
10/26/13	Kansas State vs. West Virginia * Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/02/13	Kansas State vs. Iowa State * Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/09/13	Kansas State at Texas Tech * Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/16/13	Kansas State vs. TCU * Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/23/13	Kansas State vs. Oklahoma * Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
11/30/13	Kansas State at Kansas * Lawrence, Kan.	TBA

Big 12 Standings

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

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Fri, Aug 30	Southern Methodist			
Texas Tech	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.	ESPN	
Fri, Aug 30	Kansas State	North Dakota	7:30 p.m.	FS1
Manhattan, Kan.				
Sat, Aug 31	West Virginia	William & Mary	11:00 a.m.	FS1
Morgantown, W. Va.				
Sat, Aug 31	Oklahoma State	Mississippi State	2:30 p.m.	ABC
Houston, Texas				
Sat, Aug 31	Oklahoma	ULM	6:00 p.m.	FSN (PPV)
Norman, Okla.				
Sat, Aug 31	Baylor	Wofford	6:30 p.m.	FSN
Waco, Texas				
Sat, Aug 31	Texas	New Mexico State	7:00 p.m.	LHN
Austin, Texas				
Sat, Aug 31	Iowa State	Northern Iowa	7:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
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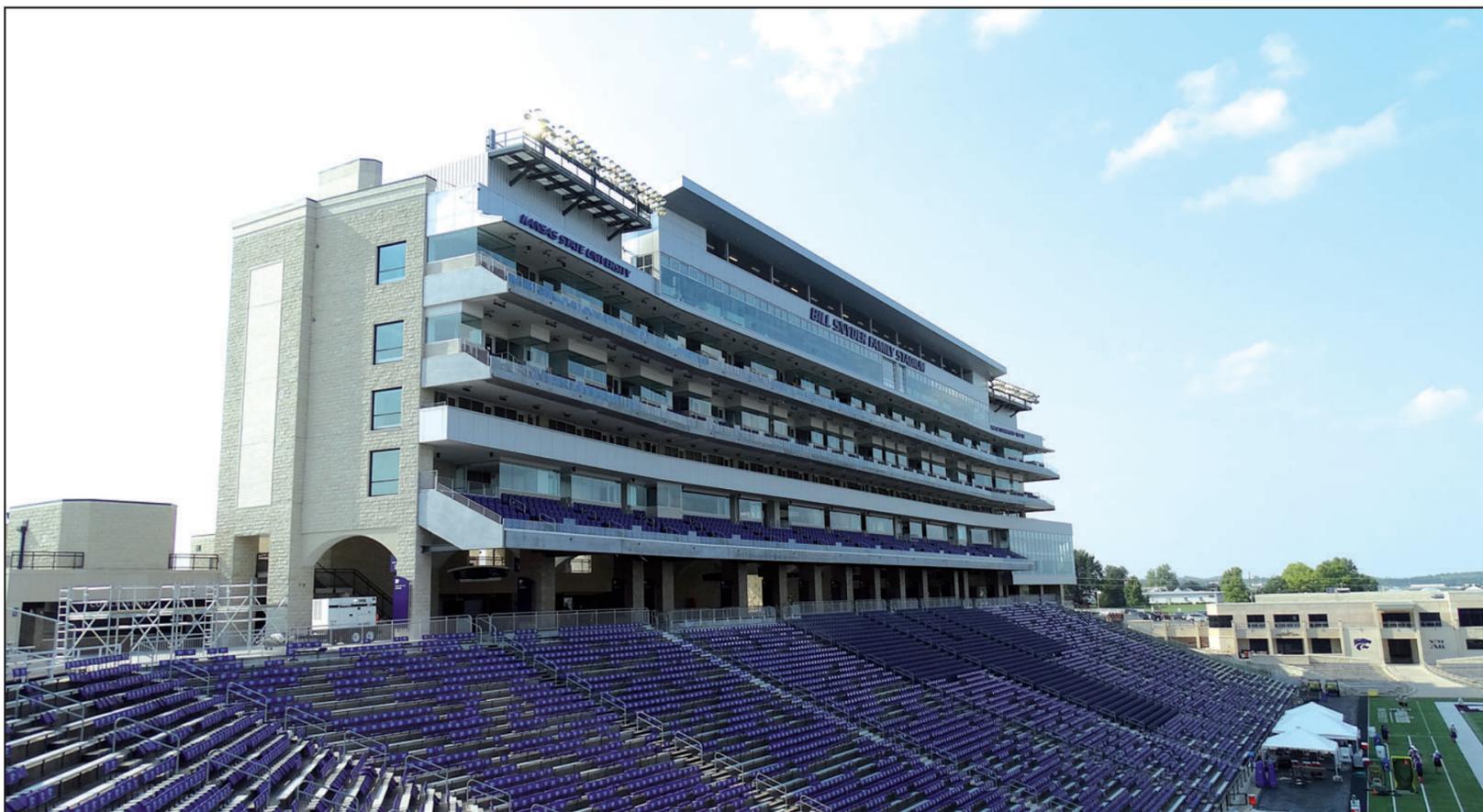
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A good crowd was on hand Saturday afternoon for some of the judging and just to look at all of the exhibits.

Fans Enjoy First Glance Of 2013 Squad

By Kelly McHugh
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K-State fans had the opportunity to check out the 2013 K-State football team Saturday evening for the first time at the Academy Sports + Outdoors Fall Football Kickoff in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

The 2,000-plus fans in attendance were given the opportunity to check out the final hour of practice, hear from head

coach Bill Snyder and the 2013 captains and get autographs from their favorite K-State football players.

Excitement for the 2013 football season was everywhere from the youngest to the oldest K-State fans.

"It's a great time," Cheryl Froetschner, from Russell, Kan., said. "We're looking forward to another winning season. We come to every game,

we're from two hours away, so it's two hours up, two hours back every game day."

This season Cheryl's grandson, the Foetschner family's newest addition, will also get to enjoy his weekends in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"This year we're bringing Braxton to all the games," Cheryl smiled and pointed over to the bald headed baby giggling and sporting a purple

Wildcat t-shirt. "It'll be his first season, and this year he gets to meet Grandpa Snyder, that's what we call him."

Tom and Janice Britz, parents of K-State sophomore defensive lineman Travis Britz, also enjoy the Fall Football Kickoff every year, and with Travis on the field playing, they have a lot to look forward to this season.

"We love it," Tom said about the opportunity to check out a K-State practice. "We did it last year and it was a lot of fun getting all the autographs and everything too."

Janice, surrounded by a group of extended family and friends, said she was excited to check out how the K-State defensive line stacks up this year.

"Travis is on the D-line, and there's a lot of talk about the D-Line," Janice said. "I'm just excited to see how the young players step up and see what they can do."

For Arthur Rohr, being a K-State fan - and staying one - came by choice.

After spending over 20 years in the United States Army, Rohr decided he would become a fan of the college football team closest to whichever post he was stationed at.

"I was stationed in the military for 20 years, and everywhere I went in the military I would support the local team," Rohr said. "When I was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., I supported the Air Force Academy. Now they weren't that good, but I was there."

In 1987, Rohr was stationed at Fort Riley, and it was then he found out about the Kansas

State Wildcats.

"When I got here, I said, 'I'll go out and check it out,' and I couldn't believe all of the tickets I found in windshield wipers in the parking lot - free tickets," Rohr explained about his first K-State game. "So I took one and went in and I was like, 'Where is everybody?' There wasn't hardly anybody here, so I talked to one guy and he said, 'If you think this is bad, come next week. Nebraska is going to be here, it'll be 60 to nothing.' When you watched the team then, you could see it, it was all mental, and when Bill (Snyder) showed up, things started just going up."

When he decided to retire from the Army, Rohr, native of Lebanon, Penn., stayed in

Manhattan and has had season tickets to K-State football games ever since.

When practice was over and before fans rushed the field for autographs from their favorite players and coaches, Snyder thanked his passionate purple family.

"As always, we greatly appreciate having all of you here and we greatly appreciate all of these young people here to get autographs. Thank you for supporting Kansas State University," Snyder said. "I've said to you on numerous occasions, this is probably the 20-something-year that we've done this, but we appreciate you very, very much and what you mean to our program."

Men's Golf Coach Tim Norris Announces His Retirement

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Kansas State head men's golf coach Tim Norris announced tonight that he will retire from his current position at the conclusion of the 2013-14 season. Norris, who has guided the K-State men's golf program for the past 16 years, made the emotional announcement at the program's annual Colbert-Fogler golf benefit.

"Our program has come a long way since I arrived in the fall of 1997, and I am proud of the progress we have made over the last 16 years," Norris said. "As a coach, you come to a point in your career and life when you know it is the right time to make such a decision, and this is the right time. The most important thing for me right now is to focus on the 2013-14 team and commit everything that I have to make it a season to remember. Thanks to so many people, K-State golf has made great strides, and it is ready to take the next step as a program. With the current administration, led by John Currie, I am as confident as ever before that even greater days are ahead."

At Sunday's event, Athletics Director John Currie talked of

Norris' impact on the Wildcat program.

"Coach Norris is a K-Stater through and through," said Currie. "We appreciate his 16-plus years of service as he transformed K-State golf and built a program that has competed regularly on a national level. His focus on the development of young people on the course and in the classroom is unmatched and consistent with our goal of providing a world-class experience for our student-athletes."

One of the most respected individuals in the Big 12 Conference and the league's longest-tenured head golf coach, Norris inherited a program in 1997 that hadn't finished in the top half of its conference in 28 years. Following a transformation that included the opening of Colbert Hills Golf Course, the No. 1 public course in the state of Kansas, and a new clubhouse and training facility, Norris has guided the Wildcat program to 16 team tournament titles, four of the program's five all-time NCAA Regional appearances and 10 individual tournament championships.

"When I think of Coach I

think of the word dedication," said senior Daniel Wood. "The impact that he has had both on this program and me personally goes beyond anything that I could have ever hoped for when I signed in high school. To say that he has left an indelible mark on me as a person, student and golfer would be a tremendous understatement."

Two Norris-coached players are currently on the PGA Tour as Robert Streb (2006-09) and Aaron Watkins (2001-04) have teed it up with the game's best golfers this past year. Streb also was one of four players under Norris who advanced to the NCAA Championship, competing as a freshman in 2006. K-State has also seen two golfers earn All-America distinction under Norris as Streb and A.J. Elgert were named PING All-Americans in 2009 and 2004, respectively.

"Coach Norris took a risk when he came to K-State and through hard work and determination he did a tremendous job building this program," Streb said. "He is a tireless recruiter who possesses a lot of knowledge about playing on tour which has helped all of us who have played for him become better golfers."

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