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K-State Travels To Texas Tech

KSU Sports Information

Coming off arguably the team's most complete win of the season, K-State heads back on the road in search of its third straight Big 12 win as it faces 23rd-ranked Texas Tech Saturday in Lubbock. The game at Jones AT&T Stadium is slated for an 11 a.m., kickoff and will be televised on ABC with Dave Flemming (play-by-play), David Diaz-Infante (analyst) and Lewis Johnson (sidelines) on the call. Wyatt Thompson will call the action on the K-State Sports Network with Stan Weber providing color analysis and Matt Walters giving sideline updates. A free live audio broadcast is available at k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS/XM satellite radio channels 137/190. Live stats will be available at k-statesports.com, while Twitter updates (@kstatesports and @kstate_gameday) will also be a part of the gameday coverage.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

The Wildcats once again used a strong second half, including their second-straight 21-point fourth quarter outburst, to pick up a 41-7 win over Iowa State last weekend. The story of the day was the K-State defense, which came within an eyelash of picking up its first shutout in Big 12 game since 2003 and first at home since 1999. A late turnover in Wildcat territory gave the Cyclones a short field with just under four minutes remaining in the contest and the visitors were able to punch it in from there.

K-State also won the turnover battle on Saturday for the second straight week, forcing three Cyclone turnovers, while the defense turned in yet another solid performance on the day. Iowa State was limited to 249 total yards while the Wildcats have held their last two opponents to a total of 616 yards -- an average of 308 yards per game over the last two weeks.

On defense, reigning Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week Ryan Mueller, Blake Slaughter and Ty Zimmerman continue to have stellar seasons as Slaughter leads the team in tackles (68). Mueller leads the Big 12 with 7.0 sacks, while Slaughter and Zimmerman (63) are both among the league's top six tacklers. Zimmerman has totaled 19 stops, a pass breakup, one pick and a forced fumble in his last two games.

The special teams units have been solid again so far this season with the Wildcats' punt return unit ranking No. 1 nationally this week, averaging 21.7 yards per return. K-State also has a nation-leading four blocked kicks. In the kicking game, Jack Cantele is 7-for-9 in field goals, including a career-long 44-yarder, while punter Mark Krause, a Ray Guy Award candidate, is averaging 42.7 yards a kick with 12 being downed inside the 20-yard line.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT: TEXAS TECH

The Wildcats will face one of the nation's top offenses this weekend when they travel to Lubbock, Texas.

Texas Tech, under first-year head coach Kliff Kingsbury, is 7-2 overall and 4-2 in Big 12 play. The Red

Raiders have one of the best tight ends in the country in Jace Amaro, who currently ranks among the nation's top receiving threats with 79 catches for 1,035 yards. Tech possesses the nation's No. 2 passing offense and the 19th-ranked scoring offense. The defense, led by K-State graduate and former Wildcat assistant coach Matt Wallerstedt, has been solid this season as well, ranking in the top 25 in tackles for loss and team passing efficiency defense.

THE TEXAS TECH SERIES

Texas Tech is 8-5 all-time against K-State, including a 6-2 mark in games played in Lubbock. The Wildcats have won the last two meetings in the series, including a 2011 win in Lubbock, while head coach Bill Snyder is 5-4 all-time versus the Red Raiders.

CLOSING IN ON 175

One of the longest-tenured active coaches in the nation, Bill Snyder is approaching victory No. 175 of his career. After guiding K-State from 1989 to 2005, and again over the last four seasons, the 2012 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year has accumulated the fourth-most victories at FBS-only schools among all active coaches. Snyder, who ranks 50th all-time in victories at four-year institutions, can become the 46th coach ever to reach the 175-win plateau but just the 11th ever to do so at only one school.

John Hubert (33) runs around right end for his first touchdown of the day. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

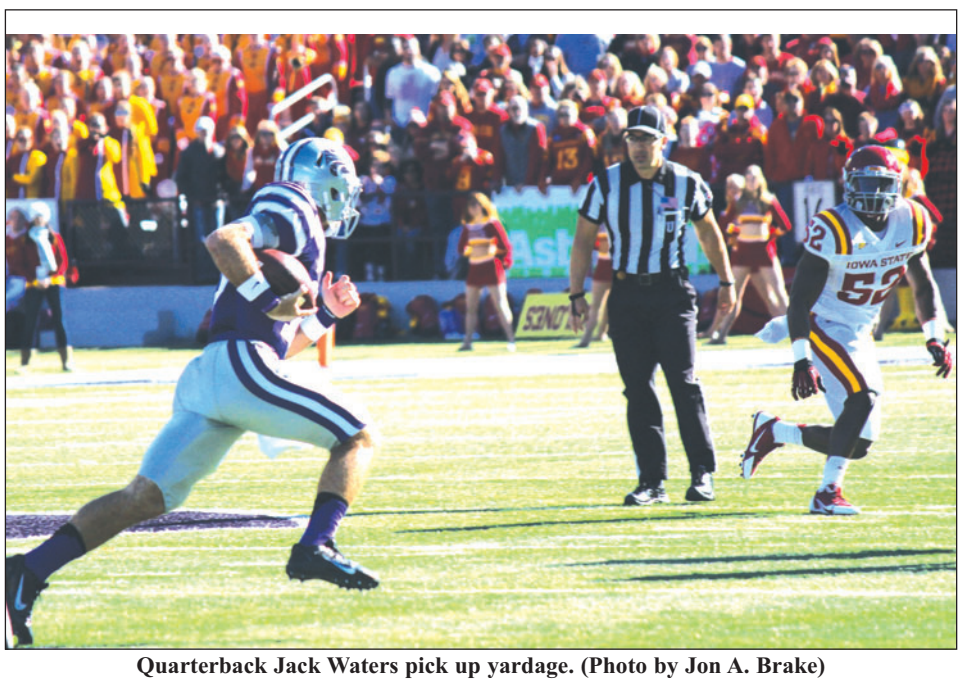
FOURTH-QUARTER DOMINANCE

A big part of K-State's two-game win streak in Big 12 play has been the play of the Cats in the last 15 minutes of the game. After averaging just 5.3 points in the fourth quarter over the first six weeks, K-State has now scored 42 in the final frame over the last two weeks -- 21 points in both fourth quarters.

THE LITTLE THINGS

Sitting at 4-4 overall and 2-3 in league play heading into Saturday's game, Kansas State is just a play or two away from being 7-1 on the year. In close losses to North Dakota State, No. 21 Oklahoma State and No. 15 Baylor, the Wildcats held leads late in the games before dropping all three contests in the final minutes. In those games, K-State has committed eight turnovers which led to 23 points by the opponent.

Torell Miller (88) takes a pass over the middle. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



Quarterback Jack Waters pick up yardage. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

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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 October 24, 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; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Lisa Daily, Lori Muir – REACH Members; Brent Sigman, REACH Committee Chair; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Dawn Shoffner, Assistant Director of Technology; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Sigman, on behalf of REACH, invited the Board of County Commissioners to the Halloween Treat Day Thursday, October 31, 2013.

Sigman presented the Employee of the Month Award to Dawn Shoffner for her photographs and work on the Riley County website.

Boyd discussed the AUSA Conference in Washington, D.C.

Williams presented a Behavioral Health Budget Summary and Budget Narrative for Riley County Community Corrections.

Boyd moved to approve the Behavioral Health Budget Summary and Budget Narrative for Riley County Community Corrections. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Anne Martinez, a Customer Service Representative I, in the County Treasurer's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective October 21, 2013.

Byran Zundel, a Landscape Intern, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 1, 2013.

Curtis Flamming, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 1, 2013.

Joey Brenner, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 1, 2013.

Kyle Musil, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 1, 2013.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Customer Service Representative I, in the Treasurer-Motor Vehicle Department, at a grade F.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Bid opening for P25 VHF radios

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jeff Hooper, Riley County Police Department; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the bids for P25 VHF radios for the following:

Company			
Ka-Comm, Inc.			
2321 Sky-Vue Lane			
Manhattan, KS 66502			
Kenwood	$2,895.00		
$1,487.00		$4,411.75	
$1,468.00			
Ka-Comm, Inc.			
2321 Sky-Vue Lane			
Manhattan, KS 66502			
EF Johnson		$3,607.00	
$2,356.25		$2,808.50	
$1,980.00			
TBS Electronics, Inc.			
5225 SW Topeka Blvd.			
Topeka, KS 66609			
Motorola	No bid	No bid	
No bid	$2,026.00		

Boyd moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:24 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jeff Hooper, Riley County Police Department; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cory Meyer, Network Administrator; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Doug Schmitt, Assistant Fire Chief; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; and Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

P. Collins discussed the need to add a voter repeater to PD-1 to improve radio coverage for the police, fire, EMS, and Emergency Management.

P. Collins said his recommendation is to purchase both the BDA and the voter repeater from KaComm as a sole source procurement.

Hooper stated Ogden and the Seth Childs areas have been radio dead zones.

Boyd moved to the purchase of the Voter/repeater as sole source from Ka-Comm., Inc. for $22,348.33. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:35 Robert Nall, Information Technology/GIS Director

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Cory Meyer, Network Administrator; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Nall discussed the need to upgrade the network backup at an estimated cost of $160,000.

Boyd moved to approve a Purchase Authorization to replace the current backup system in the IT/GIS Department in the amount of $160,000 and approved the transfer of $50,000 from the Public Works department, $50,000 from the Register of Deed's Technology fund, and $60,000 from the IT/GIS department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:50 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Eileen King, Treasurer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Staff reviewed the legislative conference materials.

10:23 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager /Deputy Clerk

Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Julie Merlin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Volanti presented the 2013 Riley County Training Day survey results. Volanti reported 70% of the 122 responses see value in the annual training day.

Boyd stated from the leadership standpoint the annual training day is a necessity.

Wells concurred.

Lewis spoke favorably on the annual training day.

10:40 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Steve DeHart, Sanitarian; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Johnson, Manhattan Mercury; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wedel discussed International Property Maintenance Code "Scope and Administration" and "Definitions" Chapters.

Wedel said staff seeks direction on whether or not they should proceed with the completion of a proposed draft IPMC for adoption by Riley County.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, directed staff to proceed with IPMC development for implementation.

11:03 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Monty Wedel, Planning/ Special Projects Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson presented a University Park sewer cleaning and videoing change order.

Boyd moved to approve Change Order Number 2-F with A-1 Sewer and Septic Service for University Park Sewer Inspection in the amount of a negative $24,334.71 resulting in a final contract price of $62,919.67. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:05 Monty Wedel, Planning/ Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wedel discussed appointments to the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Project Advisory Committee.

Wedel said staff recommends the two appointments to the Project Advisory Committee be made as soon as possible.

Boyd moved to appoint Ron Wells and Tom Taul to the Project Advisory Committee. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:10 Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Connie Satzler, EnVisage Consulting, Inc.; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Boyd moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Riley County Board of Health. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Nickel presented an Agreement between the Riley County Health Department and EnVisage Consulting, Inc.

Nickel said the Health Department respectfully requests approval to expend $11,000 General Funds with the Director granted request to sign the Agreement Between Riley County Health Department and EnVisage Consulting, Inc. and to secure the necessary signatures on the document, Contractual Provisions Attachment.

Boyd moved the Board authorize the Health Department Director to sign the agreement as presented and secure signatures for Contractual Provisions Attachment with EnVisage Consulting, Inc. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board agreed Boyd would serve on the Riley County Community Health Assessment Committee.

Nickel presented a review of draft notification letters to providers and press release for suspension of Riley County Health Department primary care services effective November 1, 2013.

Nickel said she would request a review of the draft letter and Press Release with suggested changes offered. Once approved, these letters will be sent Monday, October 28, 2013 and the Press Release will be provided at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Monday, October 28, 2013.

Wells moved that the Board authorize the Director to send the letters and present the Press Release with the changes presented. Boyd seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wells moved to recess as the Riley County Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Boyd seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Legislative Conference

Eileen King, Treasurer; Representative Tom Phillips, District 67; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Representative Richard Carlson, District 61; Representative Ron Highland, District 51; Representative Vern Swanson, District 64; Melissa Wangemann, KAC Legislative Services Director/General Counsel; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Senator Tom Hawk, District 22, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners held the Riley County Legislative Conference.

2:02 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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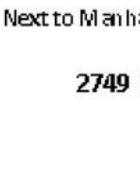

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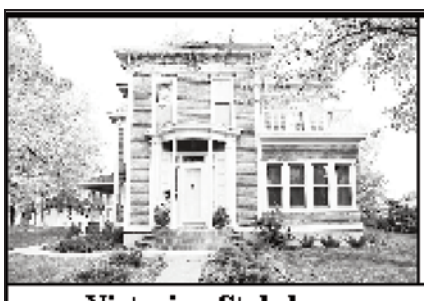

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The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 4, 2014

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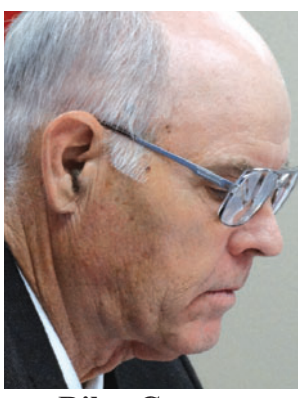
Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells

If the Riley County Commission passes the Building Commission and takes the Vote away from the Citizens of Riley County they need to know that they will be replace at the next election.

It just happens that Commissioner Dave Lewis will be up for re-election on November 4, 2014. Commissioners Bob Boyd and Ron Wells will be up in November of 2016.

Tell all three Commissioners that you will NOT vote for them again if they approve a Riley County Building Commission.

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Light Show Illuminates New Bridge

The new bi-state gateway Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge in Atchison.

On Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m., the lighting contractor, Capital Electric, presented a 10-20 minute light show illuminating the new bi-state gateway Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge in Atchison (Atchison County, KS).

The lights on the new bridge were officially turned on in July (2013), but the view of the lights has been obstructed on the north side of the new bridge by the former AE Bridge structure. Now that the former bridge has been removed, the lights on the bridge can be viewed from both the north and south sides of this new signature Missouri River icon.

In the case of inclement weather, the light show will take place on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. There will be no impacts to traffic on the bridge during the light show. The City of Atchison is responsible for control of the light display on the new bridge.

Bridge Project Update: Crews are working on removal of Bridge Pier 10 debris and once this is finished, the former bridge demolition project will be complete. The former AE bridge structure was removed via three demolition blasts that took place on October 7, 11 and 28. Crews are also completing finish and clean-up work adjacent to the new AE bridge structure. Work on both the former bridge removal and the new bridge project completion is scheduled for late November 2013.

The new bi-state gateway Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge features a four-lane, tied arch structure that spans nearly 2,500 feet over the Missouri River between Atchison, KS and Winthrop, MO, on U.S. 59. This gateway bridge is distinguished by its double steel arches on the main river span and special aesthetic lighting (which will be showcased during the upcoming light show).

Construction on the new bridge began in July 2009. The new bridge was opened to two lanes of traffic in December 2012 and to four lanes of traffic in June 2013. The former bridge was closed to traffic in June 2013.

The AE bridge replacement is a cooperative project funded by the Kansas and Missouri Departments' of Transportation. Of the $59.4 million construction cost, Kansas contributed $30.6 million and MoDOT contributed $28.8 million.

For questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

Obamacare's Tax Targets Consumers and Small Businesses

By David R Burton
Heritage Foundation

Obamacare imposes a new tax on health insurance premiums, starting in 2014, that will increase individual and small group health insurance premiums by an additional 2–3 percent. This will have an adverse impact on consumers and reduce employment but have little impact on large employers and their employees, because large firms usually self-insure. The tax is hidden from consumers, and it should be repealed.

How the Health Insurance Tax Works

The IRS calls the new excise tax a "Health Insurance Provider Fee. Opponents call it the health insurance tax (HIT).

The tax is not imposed at a specified rate; rather, the effective rate is set annually by the Treasury to raise a specified amount of revenue. The amount of revenue to be raised is shown in the table below.

Thus, the amount of tax revenue raised will increase substantially over time. The tax will raise 79 percent more revenue in 2018 than in the initial year, 2014, and will increase still further thereafter.

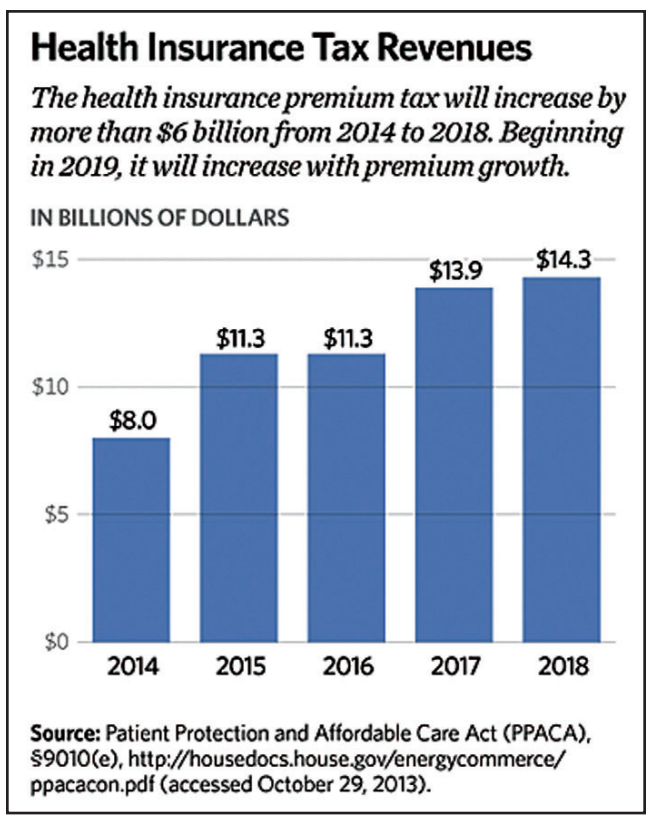
The tax is imposed on net health insurance premiums for any United States health risk to the extent the insurer's premiums exceed $50 million annually. The tax is not tax deductible, which raises its effective tax rate by 54 percent.

Most Large Employers and Their Employees Are Exempt

Employers that self-insure are explicitly exempted from the tax. Most large employers self-insure, while most small employers do not. Thus, this tax will affect almost exclusively small businesses and individual consumers. In 2011, 86.3 percent of employers with 1,000 or more employees were in self-insured plans. About 35 percent of employers with 100–999 employees self-insured and less than 13 percent of employers with fewer than 100 employees self-insured.

Generally, with self-insured plans, the employer establishes a trust and contributes money to the trust. Employee health care costs are paid in accordance with the trust or plan document. The employer will often use a third party to administer the health care plan. Usually, the plan uses a preferred provider network or other network of health care providers to contain costs. Small or mid-size employers that self-insure usually purchase stop-loss insurance that limits either their aggregate or per-person losses or both. In all of these cases, self-insurers are exempt from the tax.

The table below summarizes the findings of three studies of the impact of the health insurance tax on health insurance premiums. The results vary because of (1) differing data sources and estimates about the amount of health insurance premium revenue that insurance companies will have in 2014 and thereafter, and (2) differing estimates about how many firms will move toward self-insurance rather than buying health insurance over time. Each is clear, however, that the tax imposes more costs on consumers.



It is generally agreed that the economic incidence of the tax will fall on consumers and small employers. The higher costs that small employers face will tend to reduce employment. A study by the National Federal of Independent Business Research Foundation found that the health insurance tax will reduce private-sector employment by 146,000 to 262,000 jobs in 2022.

Because of the health insurance tax, the health insurance underwriting restrictions in Obamacare (notably the age bands limiting the ratio of the premiums for the oldest workers to no more than three times those for the youngest workers), and the Essential Health Benefits requirements for health insurance, it is very likely that a large number of employers will find self-insurance to be an increasingly attractive option under Obamacare. This effect will be particularly pronounced for employers with relatively young and healthy employee populations.

To the extent this movement toward self-insurance occurs, it will reduce the amount of premiums underwritten (i.e., the size of the taxable base for the health insurance tax) and increase the required health insurance effective tax rate to raise the set dollar amounts that must be raised (see table above). The higher effective tax rate will increase the percentage by which premiums must increase in subsequent years.

A Hidden Tax

Because the tax is an annual tax paid by insurance companies, it is effectively hidden from health insurance buyers, including both individual consumers and small employers. The health insurance tax, of course, is just one of many reasons that premiums will increase under Obamacare.

—David R. Burton is Senior Fellow in Economic Policy in the Thomas A. Roe Institute at The Heritage Foundation.

Spirit Aerosystems Applies For Tax Relief

Wichita City HallThe Wichita City Council will consider excepting a large company from property and sales taxation. Is this action wise for the city's economy?

Tomorrow the Wichita City Council will consider granting Industrial Revenue Bonds to Spirit Aerosystems, the city's largest employer.

The amount of the proposed bond issue is $49,000,000. The purpose of the IRBs is to allow the recipient to escape the payment of property taxes, and often sales taxes too. This action by the council may exempt up to $49,000,000 of property from taxation, both ad valorem (property) and sales. A 100 percent exemption is proposed for five years, plus a second five years if conditions are met.

The city uses benefit-cost ratios to justify its expenditures on economic development incentives. The reasoning is that by spending cash (such as on a forgivable loan) or forgiving taxes (as in the current case), the city (and county, state, and school district) gain even more than they give up. Generally, Wichita requires a benefit-cost ratio of 1.3 to 1 or better, although there are many exceptions and loopholes that are used if a potential deal doesn't meet this criteria.

The council's agenda packet gives benefit-cost ratios for the various taxing authorities, but it doesn't list the dollar amounts of the tax abatements. Usually these dollar amounts are supplied.

One of the taxing jurisdictions affected by this proposed action is USD 260, the Derby school district, as the property is within its boundaries. In this case, the benefit-cost ratio given for the Derby school district is 1.00 to 1. Since the City of Wichita requires 1.3 to 1 or better for itself, by what right does the city impose a burden on a school district that it would not accept for itself? (The tax rate for Derby schools is 59.3 mills; while for the City of Wichita the rate is 32.5 mills.)

It's important to note that the benefits claimed from the IRBs are in the form of increased taxes paid.

The harm of this incentive is that the taxes not paid by Spirit Aerosystems are shifted to other taxpayers. The money these taxpayers would have spent or invested is instead spent on taxes. Instead of people and businesses firms deciding how to spend or invest, Wichita City Hall does this for them. This brings into play a whole host of problems. These include the deficit of knowledge needed to make good investment decisions, decisions being made for political rather than economic reasons, and the corrosive influence of cronyism.

There is something the city could to do alleviate this problem. Would the city consider reducing its spending by the amount of tax being abated? In this case, the cost of these tax abatements will not be born by others.

Wichita's management of incentives

Recent reporting told us what some have suspected: The city doesn't manage its economic development efforts. One might have thought that the city was keeping records on the number of jobs created on at least an annual basis for management purposes, and would have these figures ready for immediate review. But apparently that isn't the case.

We need to recognize that because the city does not have at its immediate disposal the statistics about job creation, it is evident that the city is not managing this effort. Or, maybe it just doesn't care. This is a management problem at the highest level. Shouldn't we develop our management skills of tax abatements and other economic development incentives before we grant new?

Wichita's results in economic development

Wichita and Peer Job Growth, Total Employment

Despite the complaints of many that Wichita doesn't have a rich treasure chest of incentives, the city has been granting tax abatements for years. What is the result? Not very good. Wichita is in last place in job creation (and other measures of economic growth) among our Visioneering peer cities. See here Wichita and Visioneering peers job growth.

If we believe that incentives have a place, then we have to ask why Wichita has done so poorly.

Particularly relevant to this applicant today: Boeing, its predecessor, received many millions in incentives. After the announcement of Boeing leaving in 2012, a new report contained this: "'They weren't totally honest with us,' said [Wichita Mayor Carl] Brewer of Boeing, which has benefited from about $4 billion of municipal bonds and hundreds of millions of dollars in tax relief. 'We thought the relationship was a lot stronger.'" Has anything changed?

Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn, Mayor emeritus

Bob Strawn

Remember Manhattan's LGBT ordinance that passed in 2010 when Bruce Snead was mayor, and then was rescinded in 2011 under Mayor Loren Pepperd's gavel? Well, the local drama was nothing compared to what's about to hit the fan in Washington.

Monday, the Senate voted 61-30 to begin debate on legislation that would create workplace protections for gay and transgender people in all 50 states. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) received 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster and is expected to pass the Senate later this week.

ENDA would ban workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Democrats and other gay rights groups say it's needed because only 17 states have such protections for both orientation and identity. Speaker John Boehner on the other hand said he opposes ENDA because it would open businesses up to frivolous lawsuits. So once more we are about to witness a cultural fight in Congress not unlike the one still spinning over ObamaCare.

If ENDA passes potential remedies for violating the law would be on par with other cases of employment discrimination. If successful, the complainant would get the job or promotion previously denied, be awarded back pay, litigation costs and related damages.

You may recall that in Manhattan a citizen court would have been established to hear these cases. But the law here also applied to housing and services, like being refused a beer in Aggieville. Seriously, that happens.

The conundrum with these kinds of laws always revolves around their religious exemption. It certainly was that way in the Manhattan debate, as the term "religious organization" was narrowly defined by ENDA in the city ordinance.

As an example, the Catholic Church, its hospitals, mission work and schools were exempted from the local law as long as they only cared for Catholics. Imagine the thought of being rejected at Manhattan's Mercy Hospital because you're not Catholic? "Oh, you're having a heart attack. Are you Catholic?" The concept is absurd. But remember, this is the tool kit of social engineers, so one can hardly expect rationality.

The Manhattan ordinance also had all kinds of definitional and implementation pitfalls, like answering the rather straightforward question - May a transgender Manhattan High School student use a bathroom not of his/her assigned (biological) sex? In the end on many issues, the city pretty much defaulted to Pelosi's Theorem: "We have to pass the bill, so we can find out."

The reality is that gays and lesbians work amongst us every day. Eight million are estimated to be on payrolls across the land, including the Catholic Church. Major corporations have long had anti-discrimination policies in hiring, although sadly our own city, county and state governments do not, yet. Because you see, at work most of us simply don't care who people choose to love. Rather we judge one another in the workplace based simply on job performance. Yet, that seems to be not quite enough for liberals around the country, thus ENDA is upon us

— King Crossword —
Answers
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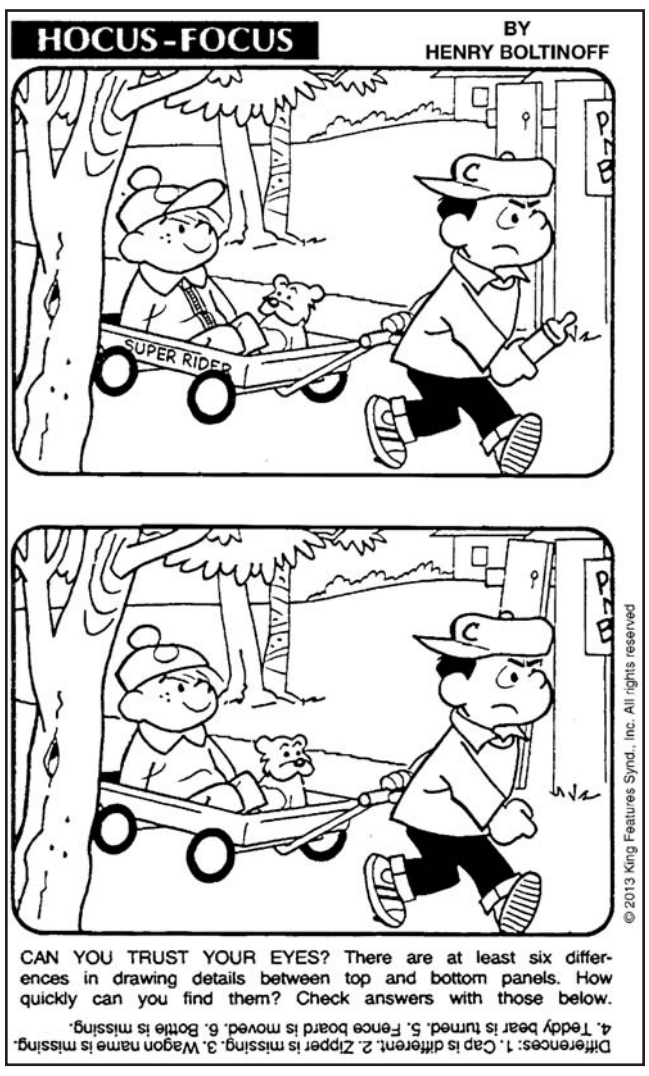

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7 Valhalla maiden
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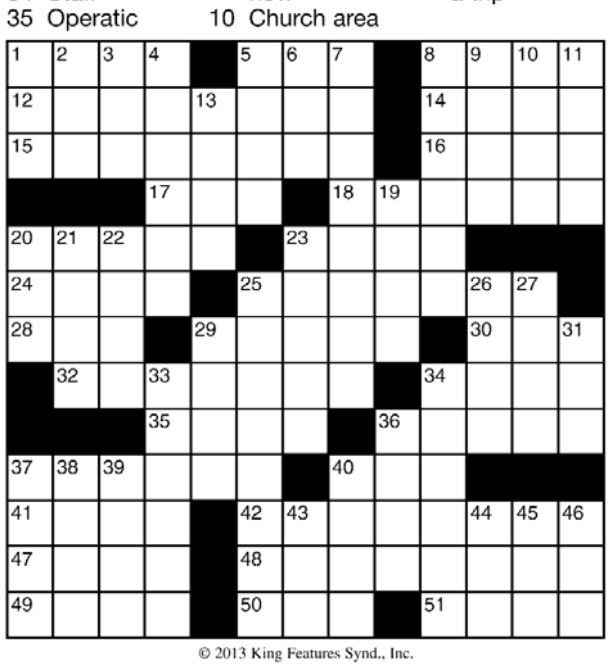

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Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole Recipe

This casserole takes the ingredients of chicken cordon bleu and layers them into a baking dish to create a delicious meal for any night of the week. This casserole consists of shredded chicken, black forest ham, Swiss cheese, a mustard flavored sauce and breadcrumbs. One of the ingredients in this recipe is the meat from a cooked rotisserie chicken—using a rotisserie chicken helps to save time because you do not need to cook the chicken yourself. The most work involved in this recipe comes from making the sauce. The sauce gets most of its flavor from the Dijon mustard and lemon juice and compliments the ham and chicken nicely. This casserole is very rich and filling on its own, so you may want to consider preparing a side-dish to go with it—I personally prefer wild rice. Enjoy.

Ingredients:

1 large rotisserie chicken (meat removed, and shredded)
1/2lb deli-style black forest ham (chopped)
½lb sliced Swiss cheese
Sauce-
4 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
3 cups milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 ½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon smoked paprika
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Topping-
4 tablespoons melted butter
1 ½ cups seasoned breadcrumbs
¼ cup parmesan cheese

Cooking Instructions:

Step 1:
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9×13 inch casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Evenly spread the shredded chicken into the bottom of the casserole dish. Top evenly with the ham and then layer the Swiss cheese on top of the ham.

Step 2:
Melt 4 tablespoons of butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and cook while whisking for 2 minutes. Slowly add the milk while whisking to keep clumps from forming. Increase the heat to high and cook while whisking constantly until the sauce thickens and boils. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice, Dijon mustard, salt, smoked paprika, and black pepper. Mix well and pour over the top of the cheese in the casserole dish.

Step 3:
In a small bowl mix together the melted butter, breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese until the crumbs are moist from the butter. Sprinkle the mixture over the top of the ingredients in the baking dish. Place into the oven and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow the casserole to cool for 10 minutes to allow the sauce to thicken slightly. (Makes 8 Servings)

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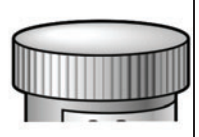

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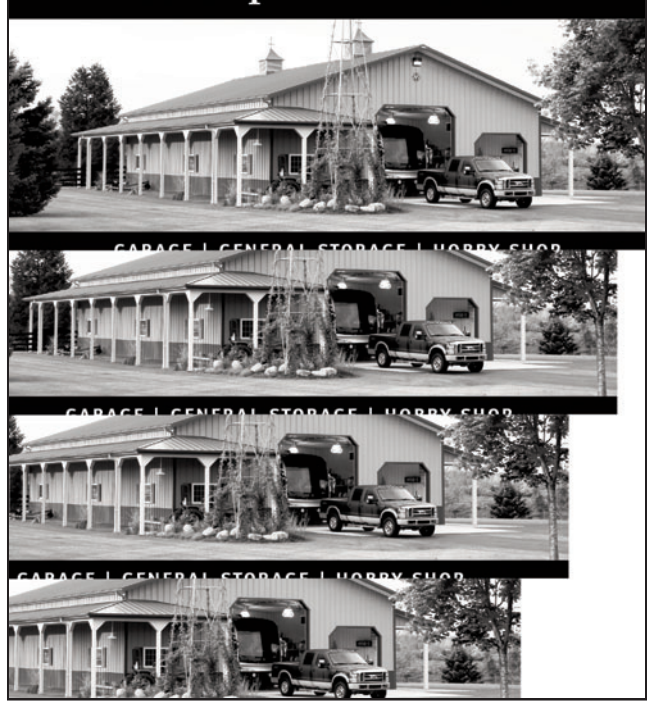

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09/07/13	Kansas State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette TV		W 48-27	1-1
09/14/13	Kansas State vs. Massachusetts	Manhattan	W 37-7	2-1
09/21/13	Kansas State at Texas *	Austin, Texas	L 21-31	2-2
10/05/13	Kansas State at Ok State *	Stillwater, Okla.	L 29-33	2-3
10/12/13	Kansas State vs. Baylor *	Manhattan, Kan.	L 25-35	2-4
10/26/13	Kansas State vs. West Virginia *	Manhattan, Kan	W 35-12	3-4
11/02/13	Kansas State vs. Iowa State *	Manhattan, Kan.	W 41 - 7	4-4
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

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Result/Record	
9/7/2013	University of South Dakota	Lawrence, Kan.		W - 31-14	1-0
9/14/2013	Rice University	Houston, TX		L - 14-23	1-1
9/21/2013	Louisiana Tech	Lawrence, Kan.		W - 13-10	2-1
10/5/2013	Texas Tech University	Lawrence, Kan.		L - 16-54	2-2
10/12/2013	TCU	Forth Worth, TX		L - 17-27	2-3
10/19/2013	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.		L - 19-34	2-4
10/26/2013	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.		L - 14-59	2-6
11/2/2013	Texas	Austin, Texas	2:30 p.m.	L - 13-35	2-7
11/9/2013	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.		TBA	
11/16/2013	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA	
11/23/2013	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa		TBA	
11/30/2013	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA	

Big 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Texas	4-0	6-2
Baylor	4-0	7-0
Oklahoma	4-1	7-1
Oklahoma State	4-1	7-1
Texas Tech	4-2	7-2
Kansas State	2-3	4-4
West Virginia	2-4	3-5
TCU	1-4	4-5
Kansas	0-5	2-6
Iowa State	0-5	1-7

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
* Thu, Nov 07	Baylor	Oklahoma		
Waco, Texas			6:30 p.m.	
* Sat, Nov 09	Iowa State	TCU		
Ames, Iowa			11:00 am	
* Sat, Nov 09	Texas Tech	Kansas State		
Lubbock, Texas			11:00 am	
* Sat, Nov 09	Oklahoma State	Kansas		
Stillwater, Okla.			3:00 pm	
* Sat, Nov 09	West Virginia	Texas		
Morgantown, W. Va.			6:00 pm	
* Sat, Nov 16	Oklahoma	Iowa State		
Norman, Okla.			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 16	Texas	Oklahoma State		
Austin, Texas			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 16	Kansas	West Virginia		
Lawrence, Kan.			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 16	Texas Tech	Baylor		
Arlington, Texas			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 16	Kansas State	TCU		
Manhattan, Kan.			2:30	
* Sat, Nov 23	Kansas State	Oklahoma		
Manhattan, Kan.			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 23	Oklahoma State	Baylor		
Stillwater, Okla.			TBA	
* Sat, Nov 23	Iowa State	Kansas		
Ames, Iowa			TBA	

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2nd Pre-Season Win

Wildcats Win Exhibition Game

By: Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

Kansas State men's basketball played their first exhibition game November 1 as the second part of a basketball double header. They played the Pittsburg State Gorillas. The starting lineup for the Wildcats was Marcus Foster, D.J. Johnson, Nino Williams, Will Spradling, and Omari Lawrence.

The game started out quietly with K-State only having 5 points six minutes into the game and behind the Gorillas who had 7 points. Soon Kansas State moved past the Gorillas soon 9 to 7 went on a 17-2 run to keep the lead the rest of the game. While K-State started slowly, they soon warmed up and got into a comfortable rhythm getting used to each other. They struggled in the first half shooting the three, only making 20% of their 3-point attempts; at halftime K-State led the Gorillas 38 to 22. Their shooting percentage was 36% from the field. Nino Williams and Marcus Foster both led the Cats scoring with 9 points each.

When Kansas State resumed the second half, they continued to stay in a double-digit lead for the rest of the night. The Cats dominated the game, but possibly the most significant statistic is the number of fouls called. K-State was called for 31 fouls, Pittsburg State called for 30. This is an amazing amount of fouls that seemed to halt the flow of the game each time it would get going. K-State finished the game improving their shooting percentage to 36.4%, and their three point shooting percentage to 25% . The scoring leader for the Cats was D.J. Johnson with 15 points, and even more exciting, he was 10 for 10 at the free throw line. If the basketball season continues with fouls being called as it was the other night, successful free throws will be even more important for a win. Marcus Foster was right behind Johnson with 13 points, as well as Nino Williams with 13 points, as well as a double-double with 13 rebounds. Overall, the freshmen were very impressive to watch the other night. They showed some exciting potential if K-State can find a leader to assume control of the team when they are on the floor. That leader did not show himself the other night, but it will be interesting to see if anyone assumes that role. The final score was K-State 75, Pittsburg State 54. K-State will play Northern Colorado at 8:00pm November 8th as the second part of a basketball double-header with the women.

Wesley Iwundu KSU Forward stuff it. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

K-State Women's Basketball Struggles in Win

By: Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

After a solid win against Washburn University Monday night, Kansas State Women's basketball faced the Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves Friday night in a basketball double header. Even though Deb Patterson said her starting line up was going to be flexible this year, they used the same line up as they used Monday. The Wildcats started guards Leticia Romero, Haley Texada, Bri Craig and forwards, Katya Leick and Breanna Lewis.

Alaska-Anchorage had a good fan base that showed up to support the team and the Kansas City, Kansas native Kylie Burns. Alaska's fans were energetic and that energy seemed to pass onto the Alaska team. They jumped out to a quick lead. The Wildcats were only able to hit 1 of 14 from the field and that soon led to a 23 to 9 score with 9:43 left to play. Kansas State was out rebounded and just plain out hustled to start the game. With the height that the women's basketball program has brought in this year, being out rebounded by smaller team. Throughout the first half, the fire and energy that existed during the Washburn game was absent. Leticia Romero, who was such a leader in the first game, did not get her first three-point basket until there was less than five minutes left in the first half. This closed the gap for the Wildcats to being behind by eight points. Besides struggling with shooting from the field at only 29%, and only 15.4% for three-point shots, the Wildcats made bad passing choices. Kansas State did end up finishing the half not being out rebounded by Alaska, but Alaska's shooting percentage of 40% from the field for both 2 and 3 point shots kept K-State behind at the half 37-33.

In the second half, Katya Laiek quietly came out and started to close the gap between the Seawolves and the Cats bringing the team within four points with 16:58 left in the game. Soon, Laiek made her first three pointer of the game and brought the Cats within 1 point, the closest they had been the entire game. In less than a minute, a Katya Leick layup gave K-State the lead 45-44. Soon, more of the team became involved in scoring with Breanna Lewis extending the lead, when Alaska pulled in close again, Haley Texada drilled her first three pointer of the game to keep the Wildcats in the lead. When Alaska tied the game again at 60 all Chantay Caron took back the lead 62 to 60. Alaska continued to battle back and tie the game and Leick and Romero quickly responded with two layups taking the Cats to 66 points. Soon, Bri Craig delivered her own 3-point shot to make the score 71 to 62 and the Cats never looked back. They were able to run the last 19 seconds off the clock and enjoy their second exhibition win 73 to 65. Kansas State improved their shooting percentage in the second half to 43.6% and 28.6% for three point shots. Katya Leick earned a double-double of 24 points and 12 rebounds. Leticia Romero was the second leading scorer with 15 points. This means she has averaged 20 points and 10.5 rebounds in the last two games. K-State will face Tennessee State Friday, November 8th at 5:45 as part of another double-header basketball weekend.

Katya Leick (4) Wildcat Forward puts it up from inside. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

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Ryan Mueller Named Big 12 Defensive Player Of The Week

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State defensive end Ryan Mueller was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week following a stellar outing in last week's 41-7 win over Iowa State, the league office announced today.

The honor for Mueller was the first of his career, while it marked the Wildcats' Big 12-leading 21st weekly conference accolade since 2011.

A former walk-on, Mueller led a K-State defense that came within an eyelash of the school's first shutout in a Big 12 game in 10 seasons. The Leawood, Kan., product finished the afternoon with seven tackles, including two tackles for loss and one sack, from his defensive end position to take over the Big 12 lead in quarterback sacks. He now has at least a half TFL in all eight games and one or more sacks in six games, including the last four contests.

In the game, K-State held Iowa State to just 249 total yards and a Cyclone score following a turnover and a short field with 3:24 left prevented the shutout.

K-State (4-4, 2-3) hits the road this weekend for a Big 12 matchup with No. 23 Texas Tech (7-2, 4-2). Kickoff is slated for 11 a.m. with the game being televised by ABC.

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Waters had a pass play for 19 yards, and then Sams was brought in on the 2nd down and 9 play. Sams was stopped at third and three, but Cantele kicked a 32-yard field goal to put Kansas State up 20 to 0.

There was a scary moment in the second half when Ryan Mueller made a tackle on a second down defensive play and was injured.He did walk off the field on his own power and eventually came back into the game. Mueller was critical for the Wildcats defense Saturday. Mueller eventually ended the day with9.5 career sacks. On Kansas States next possession Hubert fumbled the ball, which initially was given to Iowa State, but over turned after review. The unusual plays of the day continued when Kansas State punted after the ball and Iowa State waved for a fair catch and then let it roll for 20 more yards. This was the longest yardage on a punt for Kansas State (67) since 2004.

Kansas State stopped Iowa State's offense again, and Kansas State was able to score on their next possession. Both Sams and Waters participated in the drive with Waters having an amazing pass play for 27 yards and then Sams returned as quarterback on first and goal. A quick hand off to Hubert allowed gave Hubert his seconding rushing touchdown of the day. To finish off the scoring for the day, Thompson caught the ball in the end zone in heavy coverage giving Kansas State 41 points for the day. This allowed third string quarterback to Jon Hubener a chance to get some playing time accumulating about five yards.

At the end of the day, John Hubert rushed 15 times for 105 yards and had a season long 54 yard rush and he is now 5thin career rushing yards 2494 for the school.Jake Waters had seven carries for 32 yards and Daniel Sams got his seventh rushing touchdown. Once again Tyler Lockett and Tramaine Thompson had great games with Lockett gettingfive receptions for 72 yards and Thompson had three for 71 yards with one touchdown. Kansas State had another sell out game, the 11th in a row with an attendance of 52,542.

Overall, players and coaches were pleased with the game. Coach Snyder was particularly pleased with the defensive game. Coach Snyder: I was pleased with the way we played. We did not give up any big plays; that was major, in my eyes. We did a pretty good job on the third down." Ty Zimmerman commented that he was disappointed not to get the shut out, "of course it was something we talked about on the sidelines". While Kansas State should be pleased with their game, there were several close calls with Iowa States offense where it was not the defense coverage that stopped them, but it was ISU's own dropped passes or mistakes. Going into Lubbock next weekend, Kansas State will defensively need to step up the pressure and keep the quarterback scrambling. Offensively, the two-quarterback system seems firmly in place. If the offensive line can give the quarterbacks the time they need, both Waters and Sams are getting the ball where it needs to go. With the wide receivers back and performing well, Thompson and Lockett are making great plays even under pressure. The Wildcats are traveling to Texas Tech for an 11:00am kick off. Tech was just beat at home this last weekend by Oklahoma State, and will not want to face two losses in a row at home. Kansas State needs to show their skills on the road. Next weekend will be challenging for the Cats.

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Kansas State Holds Iowa State In A 41-7 Victory

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The tailgate talk and sports radio conversations were buzzing Saturday morning about how K-State and Iowa State is a nail biter every year. Most fans were prepping themselves for the stress of another scary game. With the struggles the Wildcats have had so far this season, no fans seemed disappointed that Kansas State disrupted the normal "Armageddon" tradition by out scoring Iowa State by 34 points.

Jake Waters started the game as quarterback for the Wildcats. He seemed very confident as he put the Wildcats on the board first with seven plays for 72 yards ending with John Hubert going around for a 9-yard touchdown rushing play. When Iowa State took possession after Kansas State's first touchdown, they quickly had to punt after an incomplete pass on third down. While Kansas State did not score the next time they had the ball, John Hubert did have an impressive run for 54 yards, making that his longest run of the season. With Jake Waters sacked on third down, Kansas State did have to have Jack Cantele kick a 44-yard field goal. This is the longest field goal of Cantele's career. His brother, Anthony Cantele kicked a 47-yard field goal in 2011 for the Wildcats against Iowa State. Considering the important role that field goals have played in the close games against Iowa State, I am sure Coach Rhoads is going to be tired of seeing another Cantele brother kicking over the coming years. The field goal gave Kansas State 10 as Iowa State remained scoreless at the end of the first quarter. K-States total yards in the first quarter was 159 to Iowa State's 85.

In the second quarter, Kansas State's defense continued to keep Iowa State scrambling. Ryan Mueller batted down a pass and soon Iowa State was punting the ball to K-State again. Kansas State was unfortunately not able to get much going offensively either, and after a strange punt play bounced around a few players and was reviewed for possession, Iowa State had another chance to try to get on the board. The Wildcats defense dominated Iowa State again with Ty Zimmerman getting his 12th interception on Iowa State's 3rd down play. Even with this great field position on the 39-yard line, Kansas State did not score because Waters was sacked on a third down play. The Wildcats offense seemed to really struggle with Iowa State's blitz's all day with the second sack of the day on Waters. This struggle would continue throughout the day with Sams also being sacked and being rushed to throw.

After a failed 47-yard field goal attempt by Iowa State, Daniel Sams came in as the Wildcats quarterback. Sams quickly gained 15 yards on a rush play and then escaped being sacked by putting the ball in the air. While the choice to throw it up was questionable, Tramaine Thompson saved the day with an amazing catch that looked like Iowa State had intercepted it. John Hubert and Daniel Sams took turns running the ball until Sams took it in for a 1-yard touchdown play. At the end of the first half, Kansas State had shut out Iowa State completely with a score of 17-0. Kansas State had no turnovers in the first half.

Waters started as the quarterback in the second half of the game. To get the first down,

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Kansas State's Middle Linebacker Blake Slaughter (53) had a big day for the defense. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Free Safety Ty Zimmerman (12) takes the runner out of bounds. (Photo by Ben Brake)

KSU Quarterback Jake Walker (15) starts around end. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

Walker gives the ball the running back Robert Rose. (Photo by Linda Brake)

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