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Fieldhouse Project City Bound

(Editor's Note: The Fieldhouse Project was to be a private venture where a group of people would build a Fieldhouse, baseball diamonds, volleyball courts, basketball courts and tennis courts to bring people and money to Manhattan. Now it appears that private money could not be raised for the project and the group will be turning to the City of Manhattan to pay for the \$52 million Sports Complex.)

The Fieldhouse Project Group will meet with the Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday December 10th to discuss the change over.

This \$52 million project would put the City of Manhattan at the end of their Total Debt Authority.)

November 21, 2013

City Commission
City of Manhattan
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS66502

Dear City Commissioners:

For many years, lots of Manhattan parents have informally chatted about something: Why is it that many other communities seem to have youth sports facilities that are quite a bit better than Manhattan's.

They've also wondered the flip side of that question: If Manhattan had better facilities, could we attract more families from other communities to come here for tournaments and help our local economy?

It's not that anybody was particularly ungrateful. Manhattan has a wonderful network of parks, and folks here are appreciative of the ball fields and courts that we have. It's also not that these folks value sports above all else;

on the contrary, many of them have kids also involved in music and chess and math club and so forth.

But hundreds of Manhattan families every year travel to communities as large and distant as Kansas City and Denver, and as small and nearby as Council Grove and Clay Center, to bring their kids to competitive sports events. And the facilities in those communities often seem substantially better than what we can offer here in Manhattan, in a variety of sports.

Furthermore, parents have wondered why they have to haul their kids to basketball practice at 9 p.m., or why indoor training for sports has to take place in cramped corners of converted warehouses. There's just a shortage of indoor space for youth sports.

In early 2012, determined to finally try to answer those lingering questions, a group of parents and community leaders came together in a more formal sense. We formed what we called the Fieldhouse Project, a non-profit organization, and we started looking around for information.

This is our report. We speak as a united group, not because we agree about absolutely everything, but because we believe we have a shared interest in our community and its kids. We don't pretend to speak for everybody in the community, but we do believe that all of us -the entire community could benefit from what we have found out and what we would like the community to consider.

It's worth noting that our group from the beginning included elected and appointed city and county officials, and our twice-a-month meetings routinely involved officials of school districts, neighboring communities,



"Build an indoor recreation facility at CiCo Park. This 160,000-square-foot facility would have six basketball/12 volleyball courts, with indoor batting cages/pitching tunnels, indoor turf space for soccer/football/baseball practice, a rock-climbing wall, indoor children's play area, and multipurpose rooms. Baseball fields and tennis courts would come out of CiCo to provide space."

"The total construction cost of the project is expected to be around \$54 million"

and chambers of commerce. But at its core it remained parents of local kids trying to improve the community.

We spent hours upon hours at the task. We believe we have now answered the questions we set out to answer, and we think the answers are clear and compelling: There is, in fact, a real need for new facilities here, both indoor and outdoor. And there is a real, tangible economic benefit to the com-

munity that can be realized by providing those facilities. In essence, the return on investment far surpassed what we had guessed.

Before we get to the meat of those findings, let's be clear about how we got there.

We didn't want to reinvent the wheel. So our first step was to get hold of the studies that had been done before on related matters. Making use

of generous assistance from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department, Riley County and others, we updated the information in a 1999 "community needs assessment" on recreation facilities.

That effort encouraged us to continue moving forward. We toured facilities in communities around the state and region. We continued to explore private fundraising and private financing opportunities.

Before long, though, we realized we

See Fieldhouse page 7

Libertarian Party To Hold Organizational Meeting

The Libertarian Party of Kansas (LPKS) has experienced seven straight years of growth in registered voter numbers, local county groups and new records in candidate votes totals. Critical to the growth of the state party, support of statewide candidates and its promotion of liberty-based ideas is the creation of an active Riley County group. On December 2nd there will be an initial kick-off meeting in Manhattan. The meeting is 7 to 8:45pm at the Manhattan library in the auditorium.

The meeting is open to the public. First district coordinator, Barry Albin, will conduct the meeting. Other speakers will include state chairman Al Terwelp. Invited guests include party leaders and candidates, including the party governor candidates.

The objective of the initial Riley County meeting is to identify and organize new area members, to choose county leadership and discuss future objectives. The county party group will support the state party, identify local candidates and apply libertarian ideas and principles to local issues.

The Libertarian Party was created in 1971. The Kansas party was an early state affiliate, getting its start with members of an Ayn Rand Objectivist group in Wichita.

The party's numbers have grown 14% in last 2 years. The number of county Libertarian groups in the state has increased significantly as well. In an environment where Kansas has seen a loss of over 40,000 registered voters in 2013, which includes the loss of 19,000+ registered Republicans and 16,000+ Democrats, the LPKS has had a net gain of 1000 registered voters since the fall 2012 election. State Chairman Al Terwelp says that,

"Kansans of all demographics are continually becoming more upset with what they are getting from the two larger parties. Open-minded Kansans are looking for answers. Many who take the time to learn about our political philosophy and our platform positions are finding a new home with us", Terwelp said. "While the opposition's persistent slogan of 'a vote for a Libertarian is a vote for a Democrat or a Republican', the public is deciding more and more instead, to use their vote for candidates with ideas they appreciate. They are voting for what they want and value rather than endorsing a lesser of two evils."

2014 is shaping up to what might be a historic year for the Libertarian Party in Kansas. Key indicators are:

- Less competition due to the Reform Party losing ballot access
- Attracting better candidates with each successive election cycle
- A growing and more organized statewide party
- Increased Libertarian registered voters
- Large increases in votes for Libertarian candidates in 2012 elections
- Increasing interest in Libertarianism and more media attention

The party goal of achieving Major Party Status is in sight. Major Party Status is achieved by winning 5% of the governor race vote. We have two excellent candidates competing for the LPKS governor nomination - Tresa McAlhaney (voteforkansas.com) and Keen Umbehr (keenforkansas.com).

A recent Survey USA poll has the

Libertarian governorticket (third party) currently polling at 12%. This same survey showed plenty of opportunity for growth as well. Kansas voters have a clear third option and an additional opportunity to expand democracy by making Kansas the first

state in well over a 100 years to have three major political parties. This would make the LPKS April 26th, 2014 state convention in Wichita, the last Libertarian nominating convention in Kansas.

Economically, Libertarians are not

settling for Conservatism. Socially, Libertarians are more accepting and inclusive than Progressives. Libertarianism values abundance and personal freedom equally. Find all Libertarian platform positions at lpks.org.



Manhattan Mayor (last year) and the 2012 Contest winners.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Art and Writing Contest

As a part of the Manhattan community's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, original works of art or writing incorporating the theme "Live Together as Brothers and Sisters" are now being accepted for the MLK Art and Writing Contest. Tell us or show us your experience with Dr. King's message of non-violence, social justice, and human rights, and help us pass on his message of peace.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Submit original works of art or writing to the Manhattan Public Library at 629 Poyntz Ave., by 6:00

p.m. January 12, 2014. All submissions must meet requirements noted on the entry flyer and include a completed entry form attached to the back of the work. Entry forms are available at the library or by visiting the library's website at www.mhklibrary.org. Late entries will not be accepted.

Gift certificates will be awarded to first place winners in each category, best of show winners, and honorable mention winners. Entries are categorized by age group, grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and post-high school and judged by professional, independent judges not affiliated with the

Manhattan Public Library. Winners will be recognized during the community celebration at Manhattan Town Center on Monday, January 20.

More information can be found by visiting the Manhattan Public Library at 629 Poyntz Avenue, online at www.mhklibrary.org, or by calling 785-776-4741.

Sponsors of this year's contest include: the Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation, Claflin Books and Copies, the Gallery for Peace and Justice, Manhattan Library Association, Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan Town Center, and Varney's.

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 November 21, 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

Collin Williamson; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Mel Van Der Stelt; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Armbrust presented the Board t-shirts from N-Zone Sportswear in support of Small Business Saturday.

P. Collins presented a siren repair list. P. Collins said the Randolph siren was repaired yesterday and Keats is being repaired.

Van Der Stelt asked if the Board and Leon Hobson had some information for him regarding Marlatt Avenue, Marlatt drainage ditch.

Boyd said Van Der Stelt needs to provide the Board a written list of the issues and desired outcomes, as previously requested to move the process forward.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Katie Narregan, a new hire, as an On Call Juvenile Intake Officer, in the Community Corrections Department, at a grade B step 5, at \$12.68 per hour.

Williamson presented the Plaza Reservation Request for New Media and Community Art (class) for public presentation of art for December 7, 2013.

Boyd moved to approve the Plaza Reservation Request for New Media and Community Art (class) for a public presentation of art from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 7, 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:24 Debbie Regester,

Register of Deeds
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Regester presented the Register of Deeds' revenue and staff report.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, attended.

Holeman presented a resolution adopting revised definitions of "immediate family" for Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines.

Boyd moved to approve an amended resolution adopting revised definitions of "immediate family" for Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines to be presented on Monday. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman presented a review of the revised draft Public Building Commission (PBC) bylaws.

The Board agreed by consensus with the Article VII language.

The Board agreed by consensus with the Article VI language.

The Board did not come to a consensus on Article V.

(Ed. Note...see ad before)

Boyd moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with William Kip Wilson for the Appraiser's Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a 2014 Contract for Services with the City of Manhattan for Riley County Community Corrections - Adult Services. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a 2014 Contract for Services with the City of Manhattan for Riley County Community Corrections - Juvenile Services. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a 2014 Contract for Services with the City of Manhattan for Riley County Youth Court. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:03 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

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

Wilson reported John Jobe will be the new 4-H youth development agent.

Wilson presented the Riley County Extension staff report.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:15 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/ County Engineer; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Schoen discussed the locker room needs at the Riley County Police Department.

10:34 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

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

P. Collins discussed the purchase of bi-directional amp and to move a voter repeater on PD-1.

P. Collins said the cost for the one voter/repeater installed was \$22,348.33 approved at the October 24th meeting. The quote from KaComm for the BDA is \$17,958.71. If approved the funding would be paid from Riley County 911 fund.

P. Collins said his recommendation is to purchase the BDA from KaComm and move the current voter repeater to the Ogden site. P. Collins said he is requesting this as a sole source procurement, because KaComm is the current radio maintenance contractor.

Boyd moved to approve the purchase of the Bi-Directional Amplifier and move the voter/repeater as sole source

from Ka-Comm, Inc for \$17,958.71. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins presented the 911 communications plan. P. Collins recommended accepting the plan of the advisory board to seek a consultant to evaluate their current system and provide alternative solutions for future radio infrastructure.

Boyd moved to proceed with the RFP for a radio infrastructure consultant. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:54 Bob Isaac, Planner

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Bart Thomas; Layton Thomas; Mel Van Der Stelt; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Isaac presented a request to rezone a tract of land from "AG" (Agricultural District) to "D-1" (Industrial Park) for Thomas.

Isaac said the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board held a public hearing on November 4, 2013, and forwarded a unanimous recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to deny the request to rezone a tract of land from "AG" (Agricultural District) to "D-1" (Industrial Park), for reasons listed in the staff report. Staff also recommends that the Board of County Commissioners deny the request to rezone the subject property based on reasons listed in the staff report.

Thomas said they do keep all materials tarped and covered. Thomas said they do intend to place the facility and material to the back of the property. Thomas stated that sign construction was not the only intended use for the proposal, but that is what the Planning Board focused on.

Thomas Outdoor Advertising, Inc. asked to allow the zoning.

Boyd moved to send the request to rezone a tract of land from "AG" (Agricultural District) to "D-1" (Industrial Park) for Thomas back to the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board to reconsider the request with additional uses. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:03 Boyd moved to adjourn after the Joint City/County/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Representing the City of Manhattan were Wynn Butler, John Matta, Karen McCulloh, and Usha Reddi - City Commissioners; Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager; Gary Fees, City Clerk; Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager; Chad Bunger, Planner; Rob Ott, City Engineer; and Karen Davis, Community Development Director. Representing Riley County were Dave Lewis, Robert Boyd, and Ron Wells - County Commissioners; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director. Representing Pottawatomie County were Gary Yenzler, Stan Hartwich; and Pat Weixelman - County Commissioners; and Robert Reece, County Administrator. Stephanie Watts, Flint Hills Regional Council; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Chuck Bartlett; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Watts presented a Metropolitan Planning Organization update.

Bunger discussed the Blue River Floodplain. Bunger said the project should take 18 months.

Reece presented a proposed timeline for the US-24 Corridor/ Marlatt Avenue Extension.

Watts discussed the US-24 Corridor/Marlatt Extension timeline.

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As you can see by the minutes above the three County Commission are still wanting to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County by forming a Building Commission. They could finance a \$50 million 9th Grade re-construction for the School District without a vote of the people or they could help the City of Manhattan add \$50 million in debt for a Sports Complex with a vote.

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Kansas State Wildcat Sports

K-State Travels To Lawrence

KSU Sports Information
Kansas State will look to bounce back from a loss to No. 18 Oklahoma this weekend as the Wildcats will travel east for the 111th edition of the Dillons Sunflower Showdown.

Bragging rights in the state of Kansas and bowl implications are on the line for the Wildcats as they face KU Saturday morning at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. The game is slated for an 11 a.m., kickoff and will be televised nationally on FOX Sports 1 with Tom McCarthy (play-by-play), James Bates (analyst) and Brady Poppinga (analyst) 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 108/191. Live stats will be available at k-statesports.com, while a live in-game blog at k-statesports.com and Twitter updates (@kstatesports and @kstate_gameday) will also be a part of the gameday coverage.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Despite a 41-31 loss to No. 18 Oklahoma on Senior Day, K-State had its opportunities in the ballgame down the stretch and the record-breaking crowd at Bill Snyder Family Stadium also saw a record-setting per-

formance from wide receiver and kick returner Tyler Lockett. Lockett torched the Sooner secondary for a school-record 278 receiving yards - which was also the fourth-most in Big 12 history - and tied the school mark for receiving touchdowns with three. Add a school-record 440 all-purpose yards, which also were the second-most in Big 12 history and the fifth most in FBS history, and the junior had a day for the ages.

The Cats totaled 348 yards through the air from quarterback Jake Waters, but the ground game was only able to produce 24 net yards. In its last five games, K-State has outscored its opponents by an average of 38-23, thanks in part to a plus-5 turnover margin.

On defense, Ryan Mueller, Blake Slaughter and Ty Zimmerman continue to have stellar years as Slaughter leads the team in tackles (88). Mueller is eighth nationally in sacks (10.5) and seventh in tackles for loss (17.0), while Slaughter, Jonathan Truman (82) and Zimmerman (70) are both among the league's top 13 tacklers.

The special teams units have been solid again so far this season with the Wildcats' punt return unit ranking No. 1 nationally this week. In the kicking game, Cantele is 11-for-13 in field goals, including a career-long 44-yarder, while punter Mark Krause is averag-



Why does K-State have such a good passing game? Look at the blocking being done on this play. (Photo by Jon Brake)

ing 42.1 yards a kick with 15 being downed inside the 20-yard line.

THE KU SERIES

While KU leads the all-time series with K-State, 64-41-5, the Wildcats have won four straight and are 16-4 in the

series since 1993. Also, Bill Snyder is 17-4 against Kansas, including a 7-3 mark in games played in Lawrence. The 111th meeting between the two teams will be on Saturday as the K-State/KU series is tied for the ninth-longest active rivalry in

the country, alongside Utah /Utah State and Clemson/South Carolina.

IN ELITE COMPANY

One of the longest-tenured active coaches in the nation, Bill Snyder picked up victory No. 175 of his career and No. 100 in conference play at Texas Tech. After guiding K-State from 1989 to 2005, and again over the last four seasons, the 2012 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year and sure-fire hall of famer became the 46th coach ever to reach the 175-win plateau but just the 11th ever to do so at only one school. Additionally, he is only the third coach in Big 8/12 history with 100 conference wins at a single school.

FOURTH-QUARTER DOMINANCE

A big part of K-State's late-season surge 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 scored 69 in the final frame over the last five weeks while holding opponents to just 31.

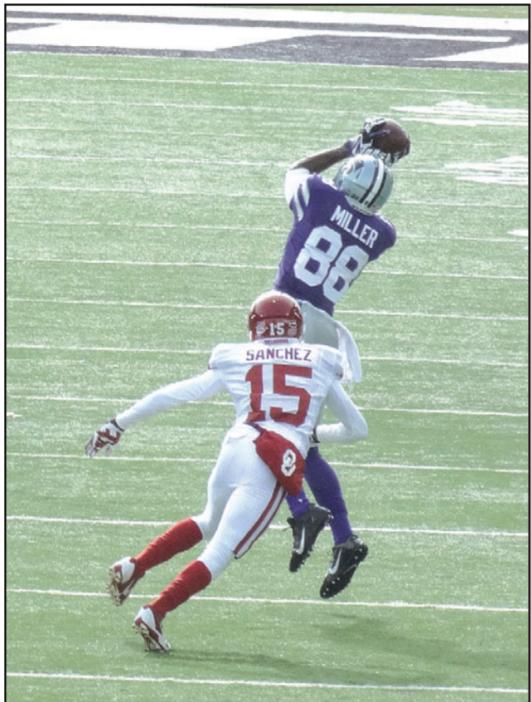
THE LITTLE THINGS

Sitting at 6-5 overall and 4-4 in league play heading into Saturday's game, Kansas State is just a play or

two away from being 9-2 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 committed eight turnovers which led to 23 points by the opponent



Torell Miller (88) gets a pass from Jake Waters. (Photo by Jon Brake)



Defensive Corner Back Randall evans gets in on receiving a pass but this was an Oklahoma pass. (Photo by Jon Brake)



K-State had Oklahoma backed up to the end zone here but it only took three plays to get to the 20. (Photo by Jon Brake)

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By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

"The total construction cost of the project is expected to be around \$54 million, according to the consultants' projections. The consultants' projections indicate that the city would need to subsidize the operation to the tune of about \$2.6 million per year." These comments are taken from a letter to the city commission by Ms. Gail Urban, project chair of a local sports facility effort dubbed The Fieldhouse Project.

You will recall The Fieldhouse caused some rancor awhile back when the Chamber of Commerce Board overruled their advisory committee and granted \$25 thousand for a consultant to pretty much tell them what they wanted to hear about the merits of building the proposed sports facilities here. The proposal has five primary components.

1. Renovate Anneberg Park adding eight new all-season turf fields.
2. Build a 160,000 square foot indoor sports facility at CiCo Park.
3. Equip City Park pool with a retractable cover over the competition pool.
4. Renovate City Park with nine new tournament-quality tennis courts.
5. Build a new soccer complex east of town with 12 all-season turf fields.

The Fieldhouse letter suggests that the \$54 million capital costs be paid for with an additional half cent sales tax,



Bob Strawn

presumably for twenty years like that currently used to construct and renovate our pools and Sunset Zoo.

Urban made a curious comment that the consultant found "the entire effort could generate an economic impact of more than \$36 million per year ... As one member of our committee put it, 'I'd take that investment return every day of the week!'" Seriously folks, this smacks of Flint Hills Discovery Center economics, only doubling down on the absurdity.

She also claims that Manhattan families travel to other towns with superior facilities like Clay Center, Council Grove, Denver and KC. Now, we did recently travel to Topeka for a soccer match, but it's noteworthy that we didn't spend a dime and returned the same day. And frankly, the Topeka facility was no better than today's Anneberg.

Of course, city staff will be all-in for this expansion of their role. In fact the letter alludes to that fact: "It's worth noting that our group from the beginning included elected and appointed city and county officials ... officials of school districts, neighboring communities, and chambers of commerce."

But with that in mind, we wonder why only Manhattan citizens are requested to bear



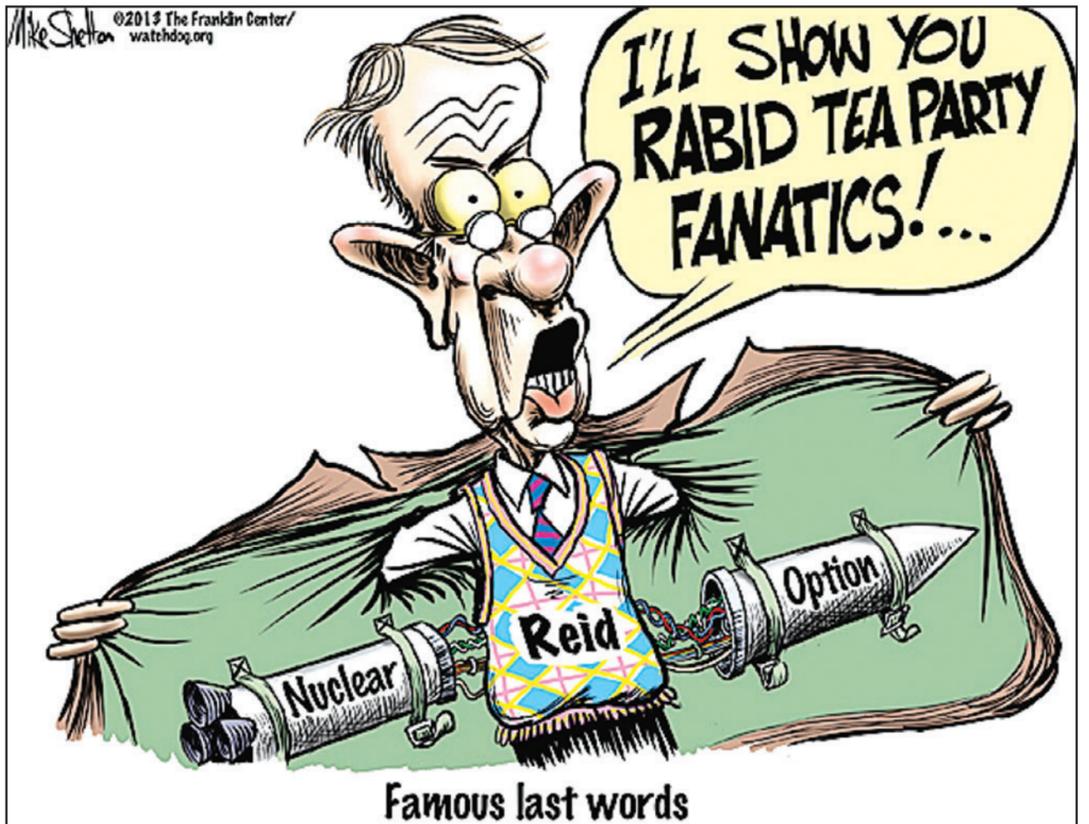
the burden rather than all of Riley County. And is the proposed soccer complex even in the city limits? We really don't know. But perhaps our good friends in Pottawattamie

County would like to chip-in a few mill? Good luck with that!

Overall, this effort seems well-placed albeit grandly overstated. It speaks to an unfulfilled need, as Manhattan

simply does not have enough youth activities, particularly for teens. And it will move forward. There's an obvious odor of greased-skids here. Thus, our primary concern is that the

question be taken to referendum, so that citizens, rightfully, have the final voice on its merits. ***



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Sloppy Joe Dogs Recipe

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Ingredients:

- Sloppy Joe Topping- 2lbs ground beef
- 2 celery ribs (chopped)
- 1 small green bell pepper (finely chopped)
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- Other-
- 16 all-beef hot dogs
- 16 hot dog buns
- nacho cheese sauce
- sliced Pepperoninis

Cooking Instructions:

Step 1: Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the beef, celery, green pepper and onion and cook while chopping the meat up into small chunks with a spatula until browned. Drain off an excess grease. Stir in tomato sauce, brown sugar, ketchup, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, garlic powder, and salt. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Step 2: Lightly grease the grill grates of an outdoor grill. Heat the grill to medium heat. Open the hot dogs buns and place cut-side down onto the grill. Grill for 1-2 minutes or until toasted on the bottom. Place the

buns onto the warming rack of the grill or away from the heat.

Step 3: Place hot dogs onto the grill and cook over medium-heat for 6-10 minutes or until heated through, turning them occasionally. While the hot dogs are grilling heat the nacho cheese over medium-low heat until heated through. To serve—place the hot dogs onto each bun. Top each with ¼ cup of the sloppy joe mixture. Top with warmed nacho cheese sauce and sliced Pepperonini.

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08/30/13	Kansas State vs. North Dakota State		L 21-24 0-1
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	W 49 - 26 5-4
11/16/13	Kansas State vs. TCU *	Manhattan, Kan.	W 33 - 31 6-4
11/23/13	Kansas State vs. Oklahoma *	Manhattan, Kan.	L 31 - 41 6-5
11/30/13	Kansas State at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA

Big 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Oklahoma State	7-1	10-1
Baylor	6-1	9-1
Texas	6-1	7-3
Oklahoma	6-2	9-2
Texas Tech	4-4	7-4
Kansas State	4-4	6-5
TCU	2-6	4-7
West Virginia	2-6	4-7
Kansas	1-7	3-8
Iowa State	1-7	2-9

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
* Thu, Nov 28	Texas	Texas Tech		
Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.			FS1
* Sat, Nov 30	TCU	Baylor		
Fort Worth, Texas	2:30			ESPH2
* Sat, Nov 30	West Virginia	Iowa State		
Morgantown, W. Va.	3:00			FS1
* Sat, Nov 30	Kansas	Kansas State		
Lawrence, Kan.	11:00 am			FS1
* Sat, Dec 07	Baylor	Texas		
Waco, Texas	2:30 pm			FOX
* Sat, Dec 07	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma		
Stillwater, Okla.	11:00 am			ABC

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Result/Record
9/7/2013	University of South Dakota	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>W - 31-14</u> 1-0
9/14/2013	Rice University	Houston, TX		<u>L - 14-23</u> 1-1
9/21/2013	Louisiana Tech	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>W - 13-10</u> 2-1
10/5/2013	Texas Tech University	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>L - 16-54</u> 2-2
10/12/2013	TCU	Forth Worth, TX		<u>L - 17-27</u> 2-3
10/19/2013	Oklahoma	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>L - 19-34</u> 2-4
10/26/2013	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>L - 14-59</u> 2-6
11/2/2013	Texas	Austin, Texas	2:30 p.m.	<u>L - 13-35</u> 2-7
11/9/2013	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.		<u>L - 6 - 42</u> 2-8
11/16/2013	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.		<u>W 31 - 19</u> 3-8
11/23/2013	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa		<u>L 0 - 34</u> 3-9
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Fieldhouse Project.....from page one

needed some experts. While we all believed there was sufficient demand to support the kind of facilities we thought the Manhattan area needed, we realized that it was a complicated issue. For instance, we knew that there were several weekends every year where because of the nature of our community, with Big 12 sports and a major university -we simply wouldn't be able to host any more visitors for a youth sports event. While we all knew that we routinely spent considerable amounts of money in other towns at kids' tournaments, we didn't really know how to quantify what the real potential gain for our community was if we could capture some of that spending here. And while we all knew what it was like to shuttle kids around to practice here, we didn't know what the likely future needs would be, given population growth and national trends in sports and recreation.

So we began focusing on hiring a consultant who could seriously address the relevant questions. We looked at a variety of firms and interviewed a couple, and ended up picking what we thought was a clear winner: Sport Facilities Advisory, an industry-leading firm that specializes in this sort of thing, based in Clearwater, Florida.

We had to pay them, of course. Local government officials told us to raise the money privately, and so that's what we did. We also received help from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, in the process stumbling into an internal feud with an advisory board. We have no dog in that fight -we just want to find a way to help our kids and our community. The point is, we did what we were asked, raised the money, and hired the consultant to analyze the situation and come up with the outlines of a workable plan.

Now you're pretty much up to speed.

What the consultant recommended -after substantial modifications that we suggested -is both bold and conservative, judiciously using existing park resources while making the facilities first-class for the next generation. **Rather than creating a major new complex that would surely drain some life out of Manhattan's wonderful park system, the proposal reinvigorates the parks we all know and love-Anneberg, City and CiCo.**

It also solves the indoor space problem and creates a new park to help satisfy boom-

ing demand for soccer and sports like youth football in a rapidly-growing area of the community.

The proposal is basically this:
—Renovate **Anneberg Park to become a top-notch baseball/softball park, with eight newall-turf fields.**

This would allow much more reliability in terms of scheduling for competitive tournaments, practices and recreation-league games. Soccer fields at Anneberg would be removed to make room for this. Other Anneberg amenities would remain unchanged, such as the lake, playground, and walking trail.

—Build an indoor recreation facility at CiCo Park. This 160,000-square-foot facility would have six basketball/12 volleyball courts, with indoor batting cages/pitching tunnels, indoor turf space for soccer/football/baseball practice, a rock-climbing wall, indoor children's play area, and multipurpose rooms. Baseball fields and tennis courts would come out of CiCo to provide space.

—Also at CiCo, build a suitable track "infield" facility for throwing events, adjacent to Bishop Stadium, which the school district and private donors have recently greatly improved.

—At **City Park**, equip City Pool with a retractable cover over the SO-meter competitive area. The recently-rebuilt pool was constructed with that possibility in mind, and adding that would allow the pool to be used for far longer periods of time, providing swimming amenities throughout the winter. Also at City Park, reconstruct the six existing tennis courts into nine tournament-quality tennis courts, which are in need of repair. Decrease one baseball field from City Park to accommodate the additional space needed for additional tennis focus and to protect City Park green space.

—East of town along the **U.S. 24 corridor**, build a new soccer complex with 12 turf fields. We have lined up a potential private landowner willing to donate the land for that purpose, assuming the deal can be finalized.

The approach makes sense to us on a number of levels. For one thing, it makes use of existing resources and doesn't require more public expense for land. For another, it spreads the benefits around the community. And for a third, it makes it more logistically workable to host multiple events on one

weekend. For instance, if there were a soccer tournament and a baseball tournament at one facility, it could become a parking and logistical nightmare. With the facilities at different locations, the community can handle that. This approach offers retail business, restaurants, hotels, public services such as law enforcement, medical, etc to be "evened out" across the community without taxing anyone part of the community too much during a single weekend.

This will certainly cost money, and we believe it merits considerable scrutiny and discussion about how to make this happen.

But the consultant found this: For a real out-of-pocket investment by the city of just over \$1.7 million per year, the entire effort could generate an economic impact of more than \$36 million per year for the community. As one member of our committee put it, "I'd take that investment return every day of the week!"

The total construction cost of the project is expected to be around \$54 million, according to the consultants' projections.

Included in the financial summary outlined by SFA,there would also be the ongoing costs of staffing and maintaining these facilities. Meanwhile, there would be the revenue that the facilities would produce, based on program fees, tournament fees and the like. The consultants' projections indicate that the city would need to subsidize the operation to the tune of about \$2.6 million per year. The direct sales tax that the city would collect on increased economic activity directly related to the facility would be over \$900,000 per year, so the actual out-of-pocket expense to the city would be just over \$1.7 million per year. This projection also does not take in account any savings from existing budgets that may be gained from park maintenance costs reductions related to lower maintenance turf surfaces.

Because the facilities would attract new visitors and keep some folks here who would otherwise leave, the economic impact is estimated at more than \$36 million per year. That's using conservative figures (\$100 per visitor) for what the average family spends during a tournament weekend.

As to the mechanics of how to pay for this, we would suggest consideration of a sales tax of one-half of one percent. It's our understanding that that

could finance the construction costs.

We note that an existing one-quarter-percent sales tax is already in place, approved by voters, to support recreation-related improvements at the zoo and the pools, which could be considered to be retired early since revenues are ahead of projections. That indicates to us that voters are willing to support improvements of the sort we're proposing.

We are not here to advocate for a sales tax increase because we are enamored of the idea of doing so. Nobody likes taxes.

We do, however, think that a sales tax allows community needs to be met while tapping the resources of visitors and shoppers. We think that makes sense, particularly since a project of the sort we're proposing would produce more of both.

What we would like is for commissioners to consider implementing this plan, or else put it before the voters to allow them to decide, perhaps next November. We would also like the city to fund whatever additional technical studies and legal support it needs to help make a decision on the issue and put it before the voters, if necessary. We have consulted with City staff on this project and they stand ready ~<) support as needed. We have cobbled together money to get the effort to this point, and we believe we have found a compelling case. We would humbly ask that the city take it from this point to make it happen.

We stand ready to support that effort in whatever way is necessary. We can lead the campaign.

Clearly, Manhattan has taken great strides forward in recent years, and is the envy of nearly every other community around the state in a number of ways. City leaders are to be commended for having the courage to move forward with projects such as the downtown redevelopment that have helped that happen. The university and Fort Riley are also moving forward and are obviously engines of our growth. NBAF is coming. The state Department of Agriculture is moving here. People who come here are going to have even higher expectations of our community, as they should. We're ready to welcome them.

We understand that these recent improvements in the community have come with some costs, and so there's a natural hesitation to spend more money. We commend our leaders who carefully watch costs, too.

But we believe that, after many years of quietly mumbling about it, we have found answers that indicate Manhattan has a real opportunity in the area of sports facilities for our youth.

We can attract quite a bit of money from outside the community, and -perhaps most importantly we can continue to make this a better place to live, work and play.

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Lockett Garners Big 12 Player of the Week

MANHATTAN, Kan. - After recording a school-record 440 all-purpose yards Saturday against No. 18 Oklahoma, Kansas State wide receiver/kick returner Tyler Lockett was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week, the conference office announced Monday.

The honor was Lockett's first of the year and the fifth of his career, while K-State has a Big 12-best 24 conference weekly honors since 2011.

Lockett, who reset his own school record with 278 receiving yards, also added 162 yards on five kickoff returns to tally

the fifth-best all-purpose output in FBS history and the second best in Big 12 history. His 440 all-purpose yards were nearly 100 more than the previous school record of 351 held by Darren Sproles vs. Louisiana in 2004 and Brandon Banks against Oklahoma in 2009.

During the contest, Lockett also broke the school record for career kickoff-return yards, a mark that now stands at 1,760, while he had three touchdown receptions to tie the school record for a second time this year.

Thanks to his performance,

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Kansas State Falls To # 20 Oklahoma 41-31

By Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

Going into the Oklahoma game on Saturday, both the Wildcats and the Sooners faced injuries that would be a huge impact on the game. Unfortunately it seemed the Sooners backup quarterback Knight, along with the Sooners offense was better at capitalizing on K-State's defense hole where Ty Zimmerman should have been. While Tyler Lockett had an outstanding game earning him the Big 12 special teams player of the week honor, it was not enough for the Wildcats to keep pace with the Sooners. The other injury discussion of the day was the absence of the Wildcats kicker Jake Cantele. Coach Snyder refused to comment on why he did not play following the game.

Offense
Kansas State started out slowly offensively. While Hubert had a successful run for yardage, the Cats then had a delay of game and Waters was sacked for a loss. Soon after this, the offense began to have success with some short passing plays. Daniel Sams came in to run up the middle, which Oklahoma's defense shut down quickly. These plays did not seem to make sense after Waters seem to be getting into a groove with his passing game. This must have also occurred to the coaching staff as well because it was Waters game for the rest of the day. In the 2nd quarter, Tyler Lockett's day begin to explode. For the rest of the day, the Sooners never seemed to have an answer for his ability to get open for Waters to connect with him.

Once the Wildcats found this weakness in the Sooners secondary, Lockett was able to accumulate 440 all-purpose yards (a new school record). While Waters struggled with some high passes in the second half, the Cats passing game was good. Late in the second half when K-State was trying to catch up to Oklahoma, offense play calls were a little questionable when over 5 minutes in the fourth quarter was burned off the clock running the ball up the middle at the goal line. Very little time was left in the game to give the Cats a chance to catch up.

Defense
Saturday was the first day that Sooners back up quarterback Knight was to start a game. This provided a challenge for preparing for Saturdays game, but key players such as Brennan Clay were still going to be players K-State needed to contend with. Kansas State had no answer all day for Clay. He was able to take advantage of the zone defense and continue to rush up the middle all day. Even when the Wildcats pressured the Sooners offense, Knight was usually able to scramble for yardage or hand off to someone else, usually Clay. While Knight was very good in his first start, the Cats struggled with tackling and defensive assignments.

Oklahoma only tried to change up their offensive plays a few times, but quickly realized that K-State did not have an answer to the passing game. OU's quick pass plays were successful against Kansas State all day. Kansas State needs to evaluate how to combat the



K-State's Travis Britz (95) gets into the backfield for the tackle. (Photos by Ben Brake)

tackling challenges they are facing before the game against Kansas. In addition, the lack of pressure they are putting on quarterbacks is continuing to be a repeating problem in each

game. Overall, special teams should be happy with their game overall. They were able to adapt to the absence of Cantele, as well defending

Lockett on his return plays. Kansas State is going to have to rebound mentally from this game to face KU at home. While this is an end game to the season many have overlooked,

Kansas can be challenging at home and surprised West Virginia there earlier this year. The Sunflower Showdown will start at 11am on Saturday, November 30th.



Jake Waters (15) rolls to his right to send another pass. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Tyler Lockett (16) had a Player of the Week day. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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