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Free Press: "It's only money" that the City does not have!" We Told You So!

(Editor's Note: Over the past 24-years we have reminded our readers that if a project makes it to the Manhattan City Commission it is a done deal. If you think we are giving you the wrong information, go to the City web site and look up the back issue of the Commission Minutes. Not only do they not vote items down, most votes pass 5-0. And now a new City Park Master Plan Update 2015 gives the Commission a choice between Concept "A" and "B". Does it matter? No! It is a done deal.)

Here is a memo given to the Commissioners:

FROM: Wyatt Thompson, PLA, Senior Park Planner
MEETING: August 25, 2015
SUBJECT: City Park Master Plan
PRESENTER: Wyatt Thompson, PLA, Senior Park Planner

BACKGROUND
On November 7, 2006, the City Commission accepted a Master Plan for City Park developed by RDG Associates, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Since the City Park Master Plan was adopted in 2006, numerous projects have been completed in City Park including construction of the Wefald Pavilion, renovation of the Rose Garden, installation of a new playground and splashpad, replacement of the City Park Pool, paving of the perimeter trail, construction of Flag Plaza and installation of pedestrian lighting.

Additional projects planned for 2015 include modifications to parking lots, pedestrian bicycle circulation and drainage infrastructure at City Park Pool and along North Park Road. As design for those projects progressed, it became apparent that the existing 2006 master plan no longer provided adequate guidance. (Editor's Note: A Master Plan that the City paid 10's of \$1,000 to develop only lasted until 2015? Now they will takeout some of the new projects and replace them?)

City Administration recommended aprocess to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to update the City Park Master Plan.

On January 5, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board accepted the recommendation from City Administration for Staff to prepare an update to the City Park Master Plan.

DISCUSSION
The master plan process for City Park has been ongoing since February 2015. The process has included a

CITY PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2015
Manhattan's City Park, a destination for recreation and leisure for 160 years, serves our entire community; which is why we want your input. These concepts show two possible futures for the park. Please take a survey at www.mhkpnd.com/survey and tell us what you think our City Park should be!

CONCEPT "A"

CONCEPT "B"

SCALE: 1" = 80'

- (SOME of) CONCEPT "A" PROPOSED ELEMENTS**
- New pedestrian and bicycle paths with enhanced lighting and gathering spaces (seating, public art, signage, drinking fountains)
 - Enhanced pedestrian crossings surrounding the park
 - Park entrances on 11th and 14th Streets closed to vehicular traffic
 - Consolidated parking – 5 paved lots in the park (Approx. 280 stalls)
 - Poyntz Avenue "road diet" with on-street angle parking (Approx. 88 stalls)
 - Curb extensions and on-street parallel parking on 14th St. (Approx. 58 stalls)
 - New bus stop pull-offs on Fremont Street
 - Upgrades to Wilson Field – enhanced playing surface (grass or synthetic turf options), new lights, and upgraded player/spectator amenities
 - Upgrades to Miller Field – new natural grass surface with irrigation, new fencing, and upgraded amenities
 - Relocate Baker Field – new natural grass surface with irrigation, fence and upgraded amenities
 - 6 new tennis courts with lights
 - New restroom/shelter and small event lawn near ballfields/tennis
 - New outdoor fitness area (large, centralized)

- (SOME of) CONCEPT "B"**
- New pedestrian and bicycle paths with enhanced lighting and gathering spaces (seating, public art, signage, drinking fountains)
 - Enhanced pedestrian crossings surrounding the park
 - Organized parking – 7 paved lots (Approx. 400 stalls)
 - Poyntz Avenue "road diet" with on-street parallel parking (Approx. 50 stalls)
 - Curb extensions and on-street parallel parking on 14th St. (Approx. 58 stalls)
 - New bus stops with pull-offs in the park
 - Upgrades to Wilson Field – enhanced playing surface (grass or synthetic turf options), new lights, and upgraded player/spectator amenities
 - Remove Miller Field to create additional unprogrammed open space
 - Upgrades to Baker Field – new natural grass surface with irrigation, fenceand upgraded amenities
 - Remove 3 tennis courts; replace 3 existing tennis courts and lights with new
 - New shelter and open activity lawn
 - New outdoor fitness areas (smaller pods along trail)

robust two-phase community engagement strategy. Phase One was an information gathering phase. Staff developed a project website, placed informational posters at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation Office, and Manhattan Public Library and placed signs in City Park. (Editor's Note: Wow, that was a robust phase, placing Notice on there web site, which is so big that it is hard to find simple items like Agendas and Minutes. Posters? They placed posters to get the word out? Wow!)

Eighteen public meetings were held from early February until May 1,

2015. (Editor's Note: Eighteen meetings with in 30 day's, bet the Staff got tired of telling the same people the same thing.)

The purpose of these meetings was to inform the community about the master planning process, find out how people use the Park today and engage in conversations about the kinds of improvements and amenities they would like in City Park in the future. An estimated 600-700 people participated in these events. (Editor's Note: That's 33 to 38 people and people who attend more that once are counted each time.)

In addition to those who attended

the public events, 541 people provided feedback through an online survey.

Five key themes became evident from this process:

1. Preserving open green space in the Park is important. Many people acknowledged that trade-offs would be necessary if increasing the amount of non-programmed green space was a priority. (Editor's Note: "non-programmed green space" is space that the City does not schdeule regular events, like practice.)

2. Parking was a common topic of discussion. Some respondents wanted parking lots to be paved and better

organized. Some wanted to reduce or even eliminate parking on the interior of the Park.

3. Improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and accessibility was mentioned at nearly every meeting and strongly acknowledged in the survey.

4. There was a strong desire for Park beautification. Added garden spaces, flowers and trees were frequently mentioned.

5. A longer swimming season and year-round access to an enclosed/ covered swimming pool was also a com-

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AP Exclusive: UN to let Iran inspect alleged nuke work site

VIENNA (AP) — Iran will be allowed to use its own inspectors to investigate a site it has been accused of using to develop nuclear arms, operating under a secret agreement with the U.N. agency that normally carries out such work, according to a document seen by The Associated Press.

The revelation on Wednesday newly riled Republican lawmakers in the U.S. who have been severely critical of a broader agreement to limit Iran's future nuclear programs, signed by the Obama administration, Iran and five world powers in July. Those critics have complained that the wider deal is unwisely built on trust of the Iranians, while the administration has insisted it depends on reliable inspections.

A skeptical House Speaker John Boehner said, "President Obama

boasts his deal includes 'unprecedented verification.' He claims it's not built on trust. But the administration's briefings on these side deals have been totally insufficient - and it still isn't clear whether anyone at the White House has seen the final documents."

Said House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce: "International inspections should be done by international inspectors. Period."

But House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi shrugged off the revelation, saying, "I truly believe in this agreement."

The newly disclosed side agreement, for an investigation of the Parchin nuclear site by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, is linked to persistent allegations that Iran has worked on atomic weapons. That investigation is part of the over-

arching nuclear-limits deal.

Evidence of the inspections concession is sure to increase pressure from U.S. congressional opponents before a Senate vote of disapproval on the overall agreement in early September. If the resolution passes and President Barack Obama vetoes it, opponents would need a two-thirds majority to override it. Even Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, has suggested opponents will likely lose a veto fight, though that was before Wednesday's disclosure.

John Cornyn of Texas, the second-ranking Republican senator, said, "Trusting Iran to inspect its own nuclear site and report to the U.N. in an open and transparent way is remarkably naive and incredibly reckless. This revelation only reinforces the deep-seated concerns the

American people have about the agreement."

The Parchin agreement was worked out between the IAEA and Iran. The United States and the five other world powers were not party to it but were briefed by the IAEA and endorsed it as part of the larger package.

On Wednesday, White House National Security Council spokesman Ned Price said the Obama administration was "confident in the agency's technical plans for investigating the possible military dimensions of Iran's former program. ... The IAEA has separately developed the most robust inspection regime ever peacefully negotiated."

All IAEA member countries must give the agency some insight into their nuclear programs. Some are required to do no more than give a yearly accounting of the nuclear material

they possess. But nations—like Iran—suspected of possible proliferation are under greater scrutiny that can include stringent inspections.

The agreement in question diverges from normal procedures by allowing Tehran to employ its own experts and equipment in the search for evidence of activities it has consistently denied—trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Olli Heinonen, who was in charge of the Iran probe as deputy IAEA director general from 2005 to 2010, said he could think of no similar concession with any other country.

The White House has repeatedly denied claims of a secret side deal favorable to Tehran. IAEA chief Yukiya Amano told Republican senators last week that he was obligated to keep the document confidential.

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Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

Editor's Note: (What the Riley County Clerk and the Riley County Commissioners are doing with the Commission Minutes is Deceiving.

Look at the Minutes taken by County Clerk Rich Vargo, the County is paying \$700 per month to produce nothing but filler and last year it did not cost extra to write a complete history of the meeting.)

Riley County Commission Minutes August 17, 2015

8:30 AM Call to Order Business Meeting

3. Sign petition application to amend Section 6 of the Riley County Subdivision Regulations.

Isaac described the subdivision regulation amendment. Move to sign the Application for Petition to amend Section 6 of the Riley County Subdivision Regulations.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

4. Highway Use Permit, Twin Valley Telephone

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to Twin Valley Telephone to bury telephone drop to 9010 Fairview Church Road.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

5. Riley County Extension Council 2016 Budget

Move to sign the Riley County Extension Council 2016 Budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

6. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Andrea Engelken

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Andrea Engelken (211-11-0-10-13-058.00-0) for tax year 2011. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$520.56.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

7. Grant of Permanent Easement for N. 52nd Street Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Grant of Permanent Easement with Luc Valentin and Kira Everhart Valentin for N. 52nd Street.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

8. Grant of Permanent Easement for N. 52nd Street Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Grant of Permanent Easement with Roy E. Taylor and Barbara L. Taylor, Trustees of the Roy E. And Barbara L. Taylor Trust for N. 52nd Street.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9. Grant of Permanent Easement for Green-Randolph Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Grant of Permanent Easement with Lloyd N. Sando, Jr. And Sharon K. Sando for Green-Randolph Road.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10. Temporary Construction Easement for N. 52nd Street Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Temporary Construction Easement with Luc Valentin and Kira Everhart Valentin for N. 52nd Street.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

11. Temporary Construction Easement for Green-Randolph Road Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Temporary Construction Easement with Lloyd N. Sando, Jr. And Sharon K. Sando for Green-Randolph Road.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

12. Temporary Construction Easement for N. 52nd Street Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the Temporary Construction Easement with Roy E. Taylor and Barbara L. Taylor Trustees of the Roy E. And Barbara L. Taylor Trusts for N. 52nd Street.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

13. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

□ Samuel Hennigh, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, for

Separation from County Service, effective August 13, 2015.

□ Andrew Adams, a new hire, as an Emergency Response Coordinator, in the Health Department, at a grade L step 2, at \$19.32 per hour.

14. Discuss Intergovernmental Luncheon for Monday, August 24th

Review Minutes

15. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 13, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda

16. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics
17. Discuss Press Conference

9:05 Boyd left to attend a meeting with General Grigsby at Fort Riley.

9:00 AM Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

18. Department of Labor Changes in Overtime and Exempt Status Positions

Volanti discussed of labor changes in overtime and exempt status position. Volanti anticipated the change would impact Riley County in 2017. Volanti stated the change will also impact our personnel policies.

9:10 AM Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

19. Kennel Inspections and Enforcement

Cox discussed the licensing of new kennels.

Move that the Board designate Planning and Development to enforce the kennel resolution and authorize County Sanitarian to inspect kennels.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

9:30 AM Press Conference

20. Crop report - Greg McClure (2-3 minutes)

McClure said the annual Riley County Livestock Association Summer Tour will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Alcove Cattle Company, located just south of Blue Rapids, Kansas.

McClure reported the corn crop should be good. McClure said the soybeans look to be the best he has ever seen even though they were planted late. McClure stated grain sorghum was planted late June and early July which is late. McClure said sorghum should be good if we get rain this week. McClure reported alfalfa is doing good even though the first two cuttings were done at the same time due to rain.

21. Wildcat Creek Resiliency Project - Steve Higgins (2 minutes)

Higgins discussed the Wildcat Creek Resiliency Project Information meeting to be held August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Riley County High School.

22. Public Notice - Leon Hobson (2 minutes)

Hobson said a bridge deck

replacement project on Union Road is scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Union Road will be closed to through traffic from the intersection of Green-Randolph Road south to Skow Road. The project has been allotted three working days and is expected to be completed by August 20th barring adverse weather.

10:00 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

23. Administrative Work Session

24. Pending County Projects County Counselor

25. Resolution Establishing a Policy for the Naming of Existing or Future Private Roads and Renumbering of Existing Addresses

Holeman presented the proposed resolution for the process in renaming roads.

Move that the Board approve "Resolution No. 081715-22. Resolution establishing a policy for the naming of existing or future private roads in Riley County, Kansas, and the renumbering of existing addresses on private roads."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

10:10 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

12:00 PM Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

What happens if Congress says no to the Iran deal?

By Kim R. Holmes, Ph.D. Heritage Foundation

You've heard the argument. If Congress turns down the Iran nuclear deal, Tehran will rush to get a nuclear bomb within two to three months. Our only alternative then is war.

But what about Congress voting "no" and re-adjusting the terms of the agreement?

Robert Satloff, the executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, recently made such a proposal. He argues that congressional disapproval would provide time to correct some of the agreement's flaws. Most experts believe it would take until spring 2016 at the earliest for Iran to comply with the terms of the agreement. Since none of the U.S. sanctions will be suspended by then, there would still be time for the U.S. to take remedial measures to strengthen the deal.

Among these could be reaching understandings with the European partners "on the appropriate penalties to be imposed for a broad spectrum of Iranian violations." Other actions could include a clearer declaratory policy that military force will not be taken off the table, and ramping up tougher sanctions against Tehran's terrorist and other non-nuclear activities that destabilize the region.

Mr. Satloff's alternative is a noble effort to save an obviously weak deal. It recognizes a major flaw in the agreement: That the terms of re-imposing "snap back" sanctions are so

onerous that they will likely never be enforced. It also points to a negotiating principle that the Obama administration has tried to obscure: strong sanctions are what forced what-ever concessions Iran made. Keeping or strengthening sanctions enhances America's bargaining leverage. Even if Congress disapproves the deal, that leverage will remain.

This last point is key. We should remember that no sanctions relief kicks in from anybody — including the United Nations or the Europeans — until the IAEA certifies that Iran has complied with its initial commitments under the agreement. If Tehran responds to a congressional "no" vote by thumbing its nose at everybody, it will only be back where it started, which is not where it wants to be. In fact, it could face even stronger sanctions (or worse) from the U.S. if it should hit the accelerator on its nuclear program.

Mr. Satloff's idea is a good start. Unfortunately, it doesn't go far enough. The only way to get Iran to give up its nuclear program short of war is to force it to decide between retaining its nuclear weapons potential and having sanctions completely lifted. Neither Mr. Satloff's option nor Mr. Obama's deal forces that choice.

Either way, sanctions get lifted while accepting that Iran is on a glide path to becoming a permanent nuclear threshold state in at least 15 years if not earlier. Not only will Iran emerge at the end of that period

free of sanctions, it will also be able to ramp up its uranium enrichment efforts and expand its stockpile of enriched uranium, which will make a final sprint to a nuclear breakout much easier. It will also, because of the agreement, be a substantially stronger regional power, both economically and geopolitically.

The best option for Congress is to reject the deal and force the administration back to the drawing board. All the tougher measures that Mr. Satloff outlined could be included and more. If Tehran truly wants sanctions relief, it will have a greater incentive to stick with the talks than to walk away from them. A walk-out would jeopardize all the sanctions relief Iran wants. Sure, the Iranians would bluster and threaten, but they would have no choice but to return to the bargaining table if they want the sanctions eliminated.

This approach may or may not succeed. The secretary of state called the prospects of a better deal a "fantasy." He's got it backwards. The real fantasy is the administration's promise that the current agreement will eliminate Iran's nuclear capability. The existing deal will not only lead to a nuclear Iran, but to one that is economically fueled with sanctions relief.

A former assistant secretary of state, Kim R. Holmes is a distinguished fellow at the Heritage Foundation and the author of "Rebound: Getting America Back to Great."

The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 2, 2016



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells (left) and Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd will be up for re-election on November 2, 2016. Both voted to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County when they passed a Riley County Building Commission.

By appointing themselves as the Building Commission they could approve 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 without a vote. Before you talk to a Commissioner go to manhattanfreepress.com August 1, 2013 issue and read where Cities and Counties can use "Home Rule" to get around a vote of the people.

Kansas counties ranked by per capita income[edit]

Note: Data is from the 2010 United States Census Data and the 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year I

Rank	County	Per capita income	Median household income	Median family income	Population	Number of households
1	Johnson	\$37,882	\$73,733	\$90,380	544,179	212,882
2	Scott	\$28,872	\$58,341	\$65,000	4,936	1,983
3	Greeley	\$28,698	\$55,972	\$63,967	1,247	525
4	Ness	\$27,622	\$47,639	\$55,875	3,107	1,365
	United States	\$27,334	\$51,914	\$62,982	308,745,538	116,716,292
5	McPherson	\$26,467	\$53,026	\$68,016	29,180	11,748
6	Butler	\$26,436	\$56,290	\$66,581	65,880	23,992
7	Miami	\$26,218	\$60,539	\$70,243	32,787	12,161
8	Leavenworth	\$25,925	\$61,107	\$73,491	76,227	26,447
	Kansas	\$25,907	\$49,424	\$62,424	2,853,118	1,112,096
9	Shawnee	\$25,705	\$47,464	\$61,250	177,934	72,600
10	Jefferson	\$25,580	\$56,886	\$65,011	19,126	7,366
11	Sedgwick	\$25,297	\$47,848	\$61,137	498,365	193,502
12	Lane	\$25,261	\$42,311	\$57,768	1,750	799
13	Grant	\$25,188	\$55,514	\$60,822	7,829	2,716
14	Pottawatomie	\$25,157	\$53,430	\$66,591	21,604	7,878
15	Graham	\$25,026	\$43,980	\$62,788	2,597	1,196
16	Sheridan	\$24,933	\$46,739	\$52,854	2,556	1,099
17	Edwards	\$24,899	\$39,226	\$50,128	3,037	1,302
18	Clay	\$24,858	\$42,490	\$56,146	8,535	3,559
19	Douglas	\$24,851	\$45,831	\$68,282	110,826	43,576
20	Republic	\$24,731	\$38,286	\$50,028	4,980	2,274
21	Clark	\$24,605	\$37,931	\$60,865	2,215	923
22	Ellis	\$24,093	\$44,543	\$62,176	28,452	11,908
23	Woodson	\$23,986	\$30,385	\$45,219	3,309	1,524
24	Morris	\$23,967	\$42,083	\$54,167	5,923	2,554
25	Meade	\$23,909	\$46,658	\$52,694	4,575	1,713
26	Thomas	\$23,883	\$47,033	\$64,462	7,900	3,196
27	Coffey	\$23,744	\$47,171	\$57,261	8,601	3,497
28	Barton	\$23,688	\$43,763	\$51,780	27,674	11,283
29	Saline	\$23,669	\$45,162	\$57,434	55,606	22,416
30	Smith	\$23,644	\$39,836	\$47,699	3,853	1,748
31	Rush	\$23,608	\$39,435	\$48,616	3,307	1,511
32	Pratt	\$23,585	\$43,583	\$56,250	9,656	3,956
33	Barber	\$23,542	\$38,875	\$48,836	4,861	2,139
34	Rooks	\$23,435	\$37,861	\$47,628	5,181	2,238
35	Mitchell	\$23,350	\$44,247	\$54,502	6,373	2,790
36	Jackson	\$23,306	\$51,759	\$59,906	13,462	5,228
37	Wallace	\$23,269	\$43,953	\$56,964	1,485	620
38	Russell	\$23,243	\$36,135	\$45,720	6,970	3,173
39	Stafford	\$23,171	\$39,375	\$51,414	4,437	1,907
40	Sumner	\$23,114	\$49,582	\$62,429	24,132	9,454
41	Lincoln	\$23,084	\$41,071	\$50,547	3,241	1,423
42	Wabaunsee	\$23,072	\$52,133	\$61,823	7,053	2,737
43	Comanche	\$22,974	\$34,808	\$50,938	1,891	824
44	Rawlins	\$22,895	\$39,797	\$50,750	2,519	1,176
45	Harvey	\$22,890	\$46,604	\$59,788	34,684	13,411
46	Morton	\$22,862	\$42,273	\$55,145	3,233	1,250
47	Kingman	\$22,861	\$44,510	\$55,152	7,858	3,227
48	Logan	\$22,856	\$39,375	\$57,000	2,756	1,219
49	Gove	\$22,775	\$41,295	\$47,561	2,695	1,154
50	Osage	\$22,697	\$48,594	\$57,124	16,295	6,552
51	Ottawa	\$22,665	\$50,814	\$59,750	6,091	2,456
52	Sherman	\$22,651	\$41,570	\$49,135	6,010	2,608
53	Gray	\$22,606	\$52,824	\$59,867	6,006	2,153
54	Osborne	\$22,536	\$34,797	\$47,250	3,858	1,742
55	Nemaha	\$22,484	\$46,134	\$57,083	10,178	4,115
56	Linn	\$22,472	\$44,379	\$53,167	9,656	4,020
57	Harper	\$22,467	\$38,168	\$46,335	6,034	2,545
58	Jewell	\$22,443	\$37,759	\$47,431	3,077	1,450
59	Franklin	\$22,294	\$49,459	\$58,941	25,992	10,104
60	Reno	\$22,149	\$41,431	\$49,490	64,511	25,794
61	Trego	\$22,095	\$39,655	\$51,250	3,001	1,358
62	Dickinson	\$22,009	\$46,457	\$56,779	19,754	8,073
63	Decatur	\$21,966	\$35,383	\$44,338	2,961	1,378
64	Haskell	\$21,966	\$45,859	\$60,216	4,256	1,510
65	Chase	\$21,890	\$40,372	\$54,554	2,790	1,150
66	Phillips	\$21,870	\$44,381	\$54,193	5,642	2,432
67	Doniphan	\$21,704	\$43,410	\$53,226	7,945	3,136
68	Ellsworth	\$21,704	\$42,200	\$54,071	6,497	2,463
69	Stevens	\$21,633	\$50,517	\$54,832	5,724	2,044
70	Chautauqua	\$21,613	\$35,848	\$49,043	3,669	1,612
71	Greenwood	\$21,325	\$37,180	\$49,336	6,689	2,988
72	Marshall	\$21,295	\$43,125	\$56,261	10,117	4,300
73	Marion	\$21,166	\$45,713	\$55,861	12,660	5,005
74	Montgomery	\$21,037	\$40,603	\$51,264	35,471	14,382
75	Labette	\$21,021	\$39,049	\$48,924	21,607	8,822
76	Atchison	\$20,995	\$44,175	\$52,908	16,924	6,241
77	Finney	\$20,976	\$50,454	\$56,747	36,776	12,359
78	Elk	\$20,958	\$33,455	\$40,463	2,882	1,284
79	Kearny	\$20,888	\$46,435	\$50,029	3,977	1,400
80	Hodgeman	\$20,859	\$41,127	\$54,688	1,916	803
81	Cowley	\$20,720	\$40,749	\$51,655	36,311	13,940
82	Geary	\$20,709	\$45,559	\$50,195	34,362	12,690
83	Washington	\$20,577	\$39,698	\$51,673	5,799	2,474
84	Anderson	\$20,558	\$40,428	\$47,018	8,102	3,260
85	Wichita	\$20,375	\$44,318	\$50,492	2,234	891
86	Allen	\$20,195	\$41,546	\$51,855	13,371	5,475
87	Hamilton	\$20,190	\$36,297	\$37,813	2,690	1,060
88	Cherokee	\$20,075	\$38,154	\$48,319	21,603	8,625
89	Riley	\$19,999	\$39,257	\$56,683	71,115	25,796
90	Crawford	\$19,753	\$35,286	\$49,297	39,134	15,729
91	Brown	\$19,555	\$37,525	\$46,646	9,984	4,094
92	Cheyenne	\$19,460	\$31,186	\$47,386	2,726	1,260
93	Kiowa	\$19,430	\$37,292	\$44,222	2,553	1,014
94	Ford	\$19,348	\$46,621	\$52,211	33,848	11,145
95	Rice	\$19,316	\$43,164	\$51,011	10,083	3,906
96	Stanton	\$19,196	\$49,612	\$51,520	2,235	825
97	Norton	\$19,080	\$32,016	\$56,773	5,671	2,163
98	Wyandotte	\$18,827	\$38,503	\$47,653	157,505	58,399
99	Wilson	\$18,708	\$39,301	\$48,207	9,409	3,933
100	Cloud	\$18,690	\$35,838	\$44,679	9,533	3,910
101	Neosho	\$18,683	\$36,702	\$48,652	16,512	6,645
102	Bourbon	\$18,596	\$38,045	\$48,003	15,173	5,986
103	Lyon	\$18,245	\$36,921	\$48,766	33,690	13,303
104	Seward	\$18,083	\$41,373	\$46,434	22,952	7,460
105	Pawnee	\$17,927	\$40,048	\$48,364	6,973	2,665

City Park Plan from page one

mon request. (Editor's Note: In other words the City Staff wants a covered pool.)

Based on the feedback received during Phase One, Staff developed two alternative concepts for the Park. The concepts offer two possible futures for City Park. Both concepts seek to prioritize pedestrian-bicycle access to and through the Park, enhance activity areas and improve the quality of open green spaces. Concept A eliminates vehicular traffic through the Park and consolidates and reduces the amount of parking.

Concept B allows vehicular traffic through the Park and seeks to better organize, rather than significantly reduce, parking. Neither scenario is intended to be a "final plan," rather the concepts were intended to convey a variety of ideas for the community to respond to.

During May and June 2015 the two master plan concepts were on display for the public to review at City Hall, the Parks and Recreation Office, the Manhattan Public Library, and the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. (Editor's Note: Wow, more than 5 or 6 people a day would see them.)

Information about the concepts was distributed through merchants in Aggieville and Downtown and through media coverage in The Manhattan

Mercury and on KMAN Radio. Staff shared the concepts at 11 public events during this period, including presentations to City advisory boards and community organizations, displays at the Downtown Farmers Market and Arts in the Park and at a student workshop at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. (Editor's Note: We have said it before, meeting with the public is not for gathering information but so that if it ever goes to court the City can say: "We held meeting.")

Over 300 people participated in these events. A second online survey was created to gauge public response to the concepts, and over 1,400 people provided feedback.

The input received through personal interactions and the online survey was fairly consistent. People generally liked aspects of both plans. When asked which overall concept they preferred, a majority chose Concept A. The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee voted unanimously in support of Concept A. "Bike and pedestrian access to and through the Park" was the highest rated feature amongst survey respondents. Other elements that were mentioned often at public meetings and ranked highly in the survey were "a pond with overlook points," "gardens, sculpture and strolling paths," "a covered

pool" and "a nature play space." The lowest ranked features were "fewer parking spaces," "roads just the way they are now" and "more roads to drive through the Park." (Editor's Note: Everything the City Staff has been asking for for years.)

City Administration is seeking general direction on elements of the master plan Concepts A and B, as well as specific guidance on how a revised concept (Concept C) should address the following elements:

- Vehicle access in the Park
- Parking needs (seasonal activities and events; regular park users; surrounding neighborhoods)
- Repurpose or removal of the existing Parks and Recreation Office
- A potential pond in the southeast corner of the Park
- A desire for a covered, year-round swimming pool

Input from this meeting, along with previous public involvement, will be used to develop Concept C, to be presented at a future meeting.

FINANCING
None required at this time. The final City Park Master Plan will include cost estimates and phasing recommendations. As projects and funding sources are identified, those improvements will be presented to the Commission for consideration.



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The Latest Climate Kerfuffle

By Patrick J. Michaels
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Are political considerations superseding scientific ones at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration?

When confronted with an obviously broken weather station that was reading way too hot, they replaced the faulty sensor — but refused to adjust the bad readings it had already taken. And when dealing with “the pause” in global surface temperatures that is in its 19th year, the agency threw away satellite-sensed sea-surface temperatures, substituting questionable data that showed no pause.

The latest kerfuffle is local, not global, but happens to involve probably the most politically important weather station in the nation, the one at Washington’s Reagan National Airport.

I’ll take credit for this one. I casually noticed that the monthly average temperatures at National were departing from their 1981-2010 averages a couple of degrees relative to those at Dulles — in the warm direction.

Temperatures at National are almost always higher than those at Dulles, 19 miles away. That’s because of the well-known urban warming effect, as well as an elevation difference of 300 feet. But the weather systems that determine monthly average temperature are, in general, far too large for there to be any significant difference in the departure from average at two stations as close together as Reagan and Dulles. Monthly data from recent decades bear this out — until, all at once, in January 2014 and every month thereafter, the departure from average at National was greater than that at Dulles.

The average monthly difference for January 2014 through July 2015 is 2.1 degrees Fahrenheit, which is huge when talking about things like record temperatures. For example, National’s all-time record last May was only 0.2 degrees above the previous record.

Earlier this month, I sent my findings to Jason Samenow, a terrific forecaster who runs the Washington Post’s weather blog, Capital Weather Gang. He and his crew verified what I found and wrote up their version, giving due credit and adding other evidence that something was very wrong at National. And, in remarkably

quick action for a government agency, the National Weather Service swapped out the sensor within a week and found that the old one was reading 1.7 degrees too high. Close enough to 2.1, the observed difference.

But the National Weather Service told the Capital Weather Gang that there will be no corrections, despite the fact that the disparity suddenly began 19 months ago and varied little once it began. It said correcting for the error wouldn’t be “scientifically defensible.” Therefore, people can and will cite the May record as evidence for dreaded global warming with impunity. Only a few weather nerds will know the truth. Over a third of this year’s 37 90-degree-plus days, which gives us a remote chance of breaking the all time record, should also be eliminated, putting this summer rightly back into normal territory.

It is really politically unwise not to do a simple adjustment on these obviously-too-hot data. With all of the claims that federal science is being biased in service of the president’s global-warming agenda, the agency should bend over backwards to expunge erroneous record-high readings.

In July, by contrast, NOAA had no problem adjusting the global temperature history. In that case, the method they used guaranteed that a growing warming trend would substitute for “the pause.” They reported in Science that they had replaced the pause (which shows up in every analysis of satellite and weather balloon data) with a significant warming trend.

Normative science says a trend is “statistically significant” if there’s less than a 5 percent probability that it would happen by chance. NOAA claimed significance at the 10 percent level, something no graduate student could ever get away with. There were several other major problems with the paper. As Judy Curry, a noted climate scientist at Georgia Tech, wrote, “color me ‘unconvinced.’”

Unfortunately, following this with the kerfuffle over the Reagan temperature records is only going to “convince” even more people that our government is blowing hot air on global warming.

Patrick J. Michaels is director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute.

The Conservative Side...



Cheating website subscribers included WH, Congress workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Associated Press analysis of hacked data from the cheating website Ashley Madison shows that subscribers to the online service included hundreds of U.S. government civilian and military employees. Some had sensitive jobs in the White House, Congress and law

enforcement agencies.

The AP’s investigation found that subscribers included at least two assistant U.S. attorneys, an IT administrator in the Executive Office of the President, a division chief, an investigator and a trial attorney in the Justice Department, a

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The AP traced their government Internet connections.



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Kansas State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
Sat. Sep 5	South Dakota	Manhattan	6:00
Sat. Sep 12, 2015	Texas San Antonio	San Antonio	11:00 AM
Sat. Sep 19, 2015	Louisiana Tech	Manhattan	2:00 PM
Sat. Oct 3, 2015	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, OK	
Sat. Oct 10, 2015	TCU Horned Frogs	Manhattan	
Sat. Oct 17, 2015	Oklahoma Sooners	Manhattan	
Sat. Oct 24, 2015	Texas Longhorns	Austin, TX	
Thur. Nov 5, 2015	Baylor Bears	Manhattan	6:30 PM
Sat. Nov 14, 2015	Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	
Sat. Nov 21, 2015	Iowa State Cyclones	Manhattan	
Sat. Nov 28, 2015	Kansas Jayhawks	Lawrence, KS	
Sat. Dec 5, 2015	West Virginia	Manhattan	

Kansas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
9/5/2015	South Dakota State	Lawrence, Kan.	11 a.m.
9/12/2015	Memphis (Band Day)	Lawrence, Kan.	6 p.m.
9/26/2015	Rutgers	Piscataway, NJ	TBA
10/3/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	TBA
10/10/2015	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/17/2015	Texas Tech	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/24/2015	Oklahoma State Stillwater, Okla.		TBA
10/31/2015	Oklahoma (Homecoming)	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
11/7/2015	Texas	Austin, Texas	TBA
11/14/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
11/21/2015	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
11/28/2015	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA

Baylor Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Result
09/04/15	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	6:00 p.m. CT	
09/12/15	vs. Lamar	Waco, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	
09/26/15	vs. Rice	Waco, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT	
10/03/15	vs. Texas Tech *	Arlington, Texas	TBA	
10/10/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	
10/17/15	vs. West Virginia *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
10/24/15	vs. Iowa State *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
11/05/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	6:30 p.m. CT	
11/14/15	vs. Oklahoma *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
11/21/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	
11/27/15	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	
12/05/15	vs. Texas *	Waco, Texas	TBA	

Iowa State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Result
Sat, Sep 05	Northern Iowa	Ames, Iowa	7:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
Sat, Sep 12	Iowa	Ames, Iowa	3:30 p.m.	Fox
Sat, Sep 19	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	7:00 p.m.	ESPNNEWS
Sat, Oct 03	Kansas *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Oct 10	Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Oct 17	TCU *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Oct 24	Baylor *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Oct 31	Texas *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Nov 07	Oklahoma *	Norman, Oklahoma	TBA	
Sat, Nov 14	Oklahoma State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Nov 21	Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kansas	TBA	
Sat, Nov 28	West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA	

* Conference Games

Oklahoma Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CT)	Results	Media
Sat, Sep 05	Akron	Norman	6:00 p.m.	PPV	
Sat, Sep 12	Tennessee	at Knoxville, Tenn.	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	
Sat, Sep 19	Tulsa	Norman	11:00 a.m.	FS1	
Sat, Oct 03	West Virginia *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Oct 10	Texas *	at Dallas, Texas	TBA		
Sat, Oct 17	Kansas State *	at Manhattan, Kan.	TBA		
Sat, Oct 24	Texas Tech *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Oct 31	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	TBA		
Sat, Nov 07	Iowa State *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 14	Baylor *	at Waco, Texas	TBA		
Sat, Nov 21	TCU *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 28	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	TBA		

Oklahoma State Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME	RECORD/TICKETS
Thu, Sept3	@ Cent Michigan	7:00 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 12	vs Cent Arkansas	7:30 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 19	vs UTSA	3:30 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 26	@ Texas	TBD	
Sat, Oct 3	vs Kansas State	TBD	
Sat, Oct 10	@ West Virginia	TBD	
Sat, Oct 24	vs Kansas	TBD	
Sat, Oct 31	@ Texas Tech	TBD	
Sat, Nov 7	vs TCU	TBD	
Sat, Nov 14	@ Iowa State	TBD	
Sat, Nov 21	vs Baylor	TBD	
Sat, Nov 28	vs Oklahoma	TBD	

TCU Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/03/15	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	8:00 p.m. CT
09/12/15	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Fort Worth, Texas	2:30 p.m. CT
09/19/15	vs. SMU	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
09/26/15	at Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/03/15	vs. Texas (Homecoming) *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
10/10/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
10/17/15	at Iowa State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA
10/29/15	vs. West Virginia *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT
11/07/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA
11/14/15	vs. Kansas *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
11/21/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA
11/27/15	vs. Baylor *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT

Texas Tech Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/05/15	vs. Sam Houston State	Lubbock, Texas	2:30 p.m. CT
09/12/15	vs. UTEP	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT
09/19/15	at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	6:00 p.m. CT
09/26/15	vs. TCU *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/03/15	vs. Baylor *	Arlington, Texas	TBA
10/10/15	vs. Iowa State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/17/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/24/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA
10/31/15	vs. Oklahoma State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/07/15	at West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA
11/14/15	vs. Kansas State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/26/15	at Texas *	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT

Texas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
9/5/2015	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	6:30 p.m.
9/12/2015	Rice	Austin, Texas	7 p.m.
9/19/2015	California	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.
9/26/2015	Oklahoma State	Austin, Texas	TBA
10/3/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
10/10/2015	Oklahoma	Dallas, Texas	TBA
10/24/2015	K-State	Austin, Texas	TBA
10/31/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	TBA
11/7/2015	Kansas	Austin, Texas	TBA
11/14/2015	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	TBA
11/26/2015	Texas Tech	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.
12/5/2015	Baylor	Waco, Texas	TBA

West Virginia Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
Sep 05, 2015	Georgia Southern	ROOT Sports	7:30 PM
Sep 12, 2015	Liberty	ROOT Sports	3:00 PM
Sep 26, 2015	Maryland		TBA
Oct 03, 2015	at Oklahoma*		TBA
Oct 10, 2015	Oklahoma State* (Homecoming)		TBA
Oct 17, 2015	at Baylor*		TBA
Oct 29, 2015	at TCU*		7:30 PM
Nov 07, 2015	Texas Tech* (Mountaineer Week)		TBA
Nov 14, 2015	Texas*		TBA
Nov 21, 2015	at Kansas*		TBA
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- 1 Spread pesto and mayonnaise on one slice of bread. Layer meats, cheese, and peppers to make a sandwich. Top with second slice of bread.
- 2 Spread top bread slice with half of butter.
- 3 Heat a grill pan over medium heat and spray with cooking spray. When pan is hot, place sandwich butter-side down. Top with a brick covered in foil or another pan and press down. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes until golden brown. Butter top bread slice with remaining butter before turning over panini.
- 4 Grill and press for another minute or two until panini is toasted and cheese is melted.

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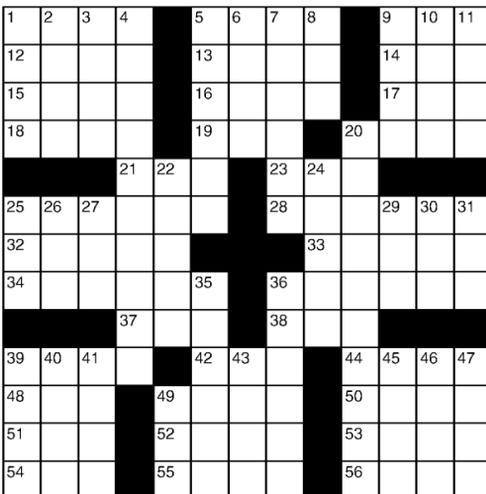
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Kansas State's Dante Barnett (22) makes a defensive play in a game last year (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

Dante Barnett, Facing the Spotlight

By Kelly McHugh-Stewart
KSU Sports Information

This year is K-State senior safety Dante Barnett's year to shine. The face of the Wildcat defense, Barnett was named to this year's Preseason All-Big 12 squad and was also placed on the watch list for five national awards. He is a team captain, he is among the most experienced players on the talented defense, and he will be looked upon to make a big impact for the Cats this season.

But there's one more thing you should know about Barnett... he's modest.

"I don't really think about it that much," said Barnett when asked about being the face of K-State football this season. "I don't try to overthink situations. I just want to improve every day and help my team."

Ask anyone, and they'll tell you Barnett is more interested in earning team success than earning individual accolades. He's a team player through and through.

"That's just the kind of kid he is - he's humble. He has a lot of confidence in his ability, but he's a humble player," said Wildcat defensive coordinator Tom Hayes. "If you're a good player, you don't have to talk, you don't have to go and build your own resume because it's already out there. You're building it by your actions on the field and that's the kind of kid he is. I'm proud of Dante. He's doing a good job."

Barnett is coming off of a

junior campaign in which he recorded 77 tackles, defended 11 passes and snagged three interceptions. He earned 2014 Second Team All-Big 12 honors by the league's coaches while also being named an All-Big 12 performer by ESPN.com and Phil Steele.

Overall, he has a defensive-best 28 career starts and has played in every game (39 total) since his freshman year of 2012.

"Before I start the next season, I always review my last season," explained Barnett on his mindset heading into his final year with the Wildcats. "I like to think about where I was and how far I've come. Doing that has shown me the progress I've made over these past few years. I think I've grown a lot."

Barnett really has grown a lot in his time at K-State.

His first big call to duty came as a wide-eyed freshman. Barnett was thrown into a starting role after former Wildcat safety and four-time All-Big 12 recipient Ty Zimmerman was sent to the sidelines with injury. In his first game as a starter at Baylor in 2012, Barnett notched a career-best 14 tackles and followed that game with four stops in the Wildcats' 2012 Big 12 Championship-clinching victory over the Texas Longhorns.

And he's only continued to grow since then. In 2013, he earned the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl Defensive MVP award after carding eight tackles and

returning a 51-yard interception in the Wildcats' win over Michigan. In 2014, he was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week after defending four passes in K-State's shutout victory over Texas.

He accepted responsibility when put in a tough situations before, so there should be no doubt that heading into his senior season, surrounded by hype, he will do the same.

"It is experience, doing the right things with the right attitude and having that kind of value system that is significant in our program. When Dante got on the field, he accepted the responsibility of what we expect from a young guy," said Wildcat head coach Bill Snyder about Barnett's path through the program. "He has made consistent, confident growth throughout his time. He has developed a confidence, which I like as well. With that confidence comes the leadership that he has been able to provide."

As a two-time team captain, Barnett is not taking his responsibility lightly. He may be a quiet leader and let his game do the talking, but he knows his younger teammates are watching and wants to make sure he is there for them.

"Our leadership is going to be big, it has to be big because our fellow teammates are looking up to us," said Barnett of himself and his fellow captains. "When they don't know what to do, they're going to look at

us and see what we're doing. So I feel like I've always got to be on my game and set a good example for my teammates."

As fall camp winds down, Barnett will take the field and kick off his final season with the Wildcats on Saturday, September 5, when K-State opens its 2015 slate against South Dakota. The game will begin at 6:10 p.m., in Bill Snyder Family Stadium and be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV.

"You can't spend four years somewhere and not have it be a huge part of your life," said Barnett of his time as a Wildcat. "K-State, it means everything to me. I've watched myself grow as a person, grow as a man, it's been really great - I wouldn't trade it for anything."



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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Former Consensus All-American, 2015 Ring of Honor inductee and current Green Bay Packer All-Pro wide receiver Jordy Nelson and his wife Emily have generously pledged a philanthropic contribution to K-State Athletics to assist in the department's efforts to complete Phase III-B of the Bill Snyder Family Stadium Master Plan, the northeast corner of the Vanier Family Football Complex, Athletics Director John Currie announced today.

In addition, Currie announced that the football team's locker room in the Vanier Family Football Complex will be named the Nelson Family Locker Room in recognition of the couple's contribution.

"We appreciate Jordy and Emily's loyalty and generosity to K-State Athletics and our goal of providing a World-Class Student-Athlete Experience," Currie said. "Jordy and Emily are model K-

States and for them to graciously give to enhance the experience of Wildcat student-athletes and fans is a true testament to their passion and love for K-State."

"Kansas State University and K-State Football have meant so much to our family and continue to be a big part of our lives," said Jordy and Emily. "The Manhattan and Riley County communities are home for us, and giving back to the program and university that have afforded us the opportunities that we now have was very important to us, so that student-athletes, fans and the entire K-State Family can continue to have the success they deserve."

The announcement of this generous gift from the Nelson family, in addition to the previously announced pledge from the Carl and Mary Ice family, provides tremendous momentum to complete Phase III-B of the Bill Snyder Family Stadium Master Plan project. The gifts from the Nelson and Ice families, along with other pledges,

bring the department's fundraising total to more than \$8 million toward the \$15 million needed for the project.

The proposed new northeast corner will connect the east-side concourse to the new north end zone section debuting September 5th, thus achieving the BSFS master plan goal of a 360-degree concourse and fully enclosing the stadium. Other new elements of the structure will include visiting team locker space, training and officials areas, plus additional future office space as well as a new videoboard that will match the huge screen erected on the northwest corner this past spring, furthering the department's commitment to offering the Best Fan Experience in the Big 12.

"We are all so very proud of Jordy and Emily and greatly appreciate their involvement in the new Vanier Family Football Complex," said head coach Bill Snyder.

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