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## Orchestra on the Trail Is Sunday

Music meets the meadow at Alcove Springs Historic Park Sunday, September 6, when a seventy-piece orchestra, a six-member country rock band, and a four-member blues band perform for the inaugural Orchestra on the Oregon Trail. Gates to the park open at 1:00 p.m. and music fills the day until 10:00 p.m. The park is located six miles south of Marysville, and six miles north of Blue Rapids.

"It's here," said Brad Ekiss, president of the Marshall County Arts Cooperative, the group sponsoring the event. "Our county has worked together to pull this off, and we're going to enjoy the sweet sounds of success on Sunday."

A full day of musical acts is planned complimented by historical re-enactments and interpretations. The crown jewel of the day features a concert by one of Kansas's leading orchestras, the Topeka Symphony Orchestra. This concert marks the beginning of the orchestra's seventieth season.

Under the direction of Kyle Wiley Pickett, the orchestra performs at 6:00 p.m. on the event's main stage. The concert begins with "The Star-Spangled Banner." While the orchestra plays the national anthem, the colors will be presented by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, Fort Riley. The officers will be outfitted in the uniforms, accoutrements, and equipment of the Civil War period. They will recreate the colorful spectacle of the American Horse Soldier.

Other selections on the orchestra's program feature works written as early as 1829 and as recently as 1972. Early in the first act they will play "The Cowboys" Overture which was written in 1972 by John Williams for the film of the same name starring John Wayne. "It's a marvelous piece to start the show," Ekiss said. "The selection really captures the spirit of the American West."

The orchestra will also play a movement from Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite" and several movements from Aaron Copland's "Rodeo" in the first act. The act ends with "Finale" from Gioachino Rossini's "William Tell" Overture written in 1829. Most will remember the music as the theme for the television series, "The Lone Ranger."

The second act features songs with



Kyle Wiley Pickett, and the Topeka Symphony Orchestra

a patriotic theme ranging from John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March" to "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arranged by Peter Wilhousky.

"I'm really looking forward to the end of the second act," Ekiss said. "With the help of Dave Sanner and the Kansas Division of National Pony Express Riders I think we have a meaningful way to end this really special concert."

The concert will be narrated by Ralph Hipp, news anchor for WIBW-TV. Hipp, also a member of the board of directors for the Topeka Symphony Orchestra, will provide context for several of the selections and provide information for attendees.

Before Hipp takes the stage, Jamie Slack, will serve as the afternoon's emcee. Her role will be to introduce the other bands that are playing and to make sure people are aware of all of the activities happening throughout

the day.

"I'm excited to be involved," Slack said. "I know it will be a great gathering with amazing music and fantastic volunteers."

Slack, who works with Safe Streets of Shawnee County, is active in area public affairs. She serves on the Arts Connect Board and the Citizens Advisory Council for the City of . Slack has worked local radio and television programs in the area since 2005.

Slack will introduce Tim Strathman and Joel Naaf, local musicians, who will play at 2:00 p.m. "We have so many things going on that we have more than one stage," Ekiss said. "Tim and Joel will play on the CJ Express Stage in the Humanities Meadow." The stage is west of the main stage.

Other acts that play on the main stage include Lucas Maddy and the Kansas Cartel, and Susan Werner,

## A look at recent law enforcement deaths across the US

CHICAGO (AP) — The killing of a veteran police officer northwest of Chicago is the latest in a string of recent law enforcement deaths. Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz' death on Tuesday triggered a manhunt for three suspects around the small Illinois community where the 52-year-old officer worked. A look at some of the latest slayings and data on other officer killings:

### HOW MANY OFFICERS HAVE DIED?

Gliniewicz was the eighth law enforcement officer shot and killed in the U.S. in the last month and the fourth in 10 days, according to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, which tracks officers' deaths so their names can be enshrined on a Washington, D.C., memorial. Steve Groeninger, a spokesman for the group, said four fatal shootings in recent days is a higher rate than usual.

### IS THAT AN INCREASE?

No, shooting deaths of officers are actually down 13 percent compared with the same period January-to-September period in 2014. There were 30 shootings last year and 26 this year. Those figures include state and local officers, as well as federal agents. The figures also include two accidental shootings, Groeninger said. Suicides are not included.

### WHERE WERE THE OTHER RECENT KILLINGS?

Darren Goforth was shot and killed Aug. 28 in suburban Houston as the Harris County deputy stopped to put gas in his patrol car. Henry Nelson, an officer in Sunset, Louisiana, was shot and killed Aug. 26 while responding to a domestic-violence call. Louisiana State trooper Steven J. Vincent died Aug. 14 after being shot in the head

while assisting a motorist.

### DO THE NUMBERS INDICATE ANYTHING?

Groeninger cautioned that it was too soon to say if officer deaths are trending up. "The data doesn't say that yet," he said. He also said there is no clearly identifiable pattern in the killings and no conclusions to draw for now, other than "there are people out there who intend to harm police officers for whatever reason."

### HOW MANY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY TARGETED?

During the last 12 months, six officers appear to have been targeted specifically because they worked in law enforcement, according to the memorial fund. That includes the Texas deputy, as well as two New York City officers who were shot and killed in December as they sat in their patrol car.

Elsewhere, an officer for the Housing Authority of New Orleans was fatally shot in his patrol car on May 24. In California, a San Jose Police Department officer was killed March 24 responding to a call that a man was threatening to kill himself. A Pennsylvania State Police officer was shot and killed on Sept. 14, 2014, outside a police barracks by someone wielding a rifle.

### WHAT AGENCIES DID THE SLAIN OFFICERS WORK FOR?

City police account for the largest number of officers killed in shootings. Out of the 26 officers killed nationwide so far this year, 17 were on city forces, four were with the county and three with the state. One federal agent and one tribal officer were also killed, according to the memorial fund.

## Climate Crisis, Inc — A \$1.5-trillion-per-year house of cards

By Paul Driessen |  
Watchdog Opinion

No warming in 18 years, no category 3-5 hurricane hitting the USA in ten years, seas rising at barely six inches a century: computer models and hysteria are consistently contradicted by real world experiences.

So how do White House, EPA, UN, EU, Big Green, Big Wind, liberal media, and even Google, GE and Defense Department officials justify their fixation on climate change as the greatest crisis facing humanity? How do they excuse saying government must control our energy system, our economy and nearly every aspect of our lives — deciding which jobs will be protected and which ones destroyed, even who will live and who will die — in the name of saving the planet? What drives their intense ideology?

The answer is simple. The climate crisis and renewable energy industry has become a \$1.5-trillion-a-year business! That's equal to the annual economic activity generated by the entire US nonprofit sector, or all savings over the past ten years from consumers switch-

ing to generic drugs. By comparison, annual revenues for much-vilified Koch Industries are about \$115 billion, for ExxonMobil around \$365 billion.

According to a 200-page analysis by the Climate Change Business Journal, this Climate Industrial Complex can be divided into nine segments: low carbon and renewable power; carbon capture and storage; energy storage, like batteries; energy efficiency; green buildings; transportation; carbon trading; climate change adaptation; and consulting and research. Consulting is a \$27-billion-per-year industry that handles "reputation management" for companies and tries to link weather events, food shortages and other problems to climate change. Research includes engineering R&D and climate studies.

The \$1.5-trillion price tag appears to exclude most of the Big Green environmentalism industry, a \$13.4-billion-per-year business in the USA alone. The MacArthur Foundation just gave another \$50 million to global warming alarmist groups. Ex-NY Mayor Michael

Bloomberg and Chesapeake Energy gave the Sierra Club \$105 million to wage war on coal (shortly before the Club began waging war on natural gas and Chesapeake Energy, in what some see as poetic justice). Warren Buffett, numerous "progressive" foundations, Vladimir Putin cronies and countless companies also give endless millions to Big Green.

Our hard-earned tax dollars are likewise only partially included in the CCBJ tally. As professor, author and columnist Larry Bell notes in his new book, Scared Witless: Prophets and profits of climate doom, the U.S. government spent over \$185 billion between 2003 and 2010 on climate change items — and this wild spending spree has gotten even worse in the ensuing Obama years. We are paying for questionable to fraudulent global warming studies, climate-related technology research, loans and tax breaks for Solyndra and other companies that go bankrupt, "climate adaptation" foreign aid to poor countries, and much more.

Also not included: the salaries and pensions of thou-

sands of EPA, NOAA, Interior, Energy and other federal bureaucrats who devote endless hours to devising and imposing regulations for Clean Power Plans, drilling and coal mining bans, renewable energy installations, and countless Climate Crisis, Inc. handouts. A significant part of the \$1.9 trillion per year that American businesses and families pay to comply with mountains of federal regulations is also based on climate chaos claims.

Add in the state and local equivalents of these federal programs, bureaucrats, regulations and restrictions, and we're talking serious money. There are also consumer costs, including the far higher electricity prices families and businesses must pay, especially in states that want to prove their climate credentials.

The impacts on companies and jobs outside the Climate Crisis Industry are enormous, and growing. For every job created in the climate and renewable sectors, two to four jobs are eliminated in other parts of the economy, studies in Spain, Scotland and other countries have found. The effects on peo-

ple's health and welfare, and on overall environmental quality, are likewise huge and widespread.

But all these adverse effects are studiously ignored by Climate Crisis profiteers — and by the false prophets of planetary doom who manipulate data, exaggerate and fabricate looming catastrophes, and create the pseudo-scientific basis for regulating carbon-based energy and industries into oblivion. Meanwhile, the regulators blatantly ignore laws that might penalize their favored constituencies.

Wind energy  
In one glaring example, a person who merely possesses a single bald eagle feather can be fined up to \$100,000 and jailed for a year. But operators of the wind turbine that killed the eagle get off scot-free. Even worse, the US Fish & Wildlife Service actively helps Big Wind hide and minimize its slaughter of millions of raptors, other birds and bats every year. It has given industrial wind operators a five-year blanket exemption from the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Migratory Birds Treaty Act and

Endangered Species Act. The FWS even proposed giving Big Wind a 30-year exemption.

Thankfully, the US District Court in San Jose, CA recently ruled that the FWS and Interior Department violated the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws, when they issued regulations granting these companies a 30-year license to kill bald and golden eagles. But the death tolls continue to climb.

Professor Bell's perceptive, provocative, extensively researched book reviews the attempted power grab by Big Green, Big Government and Climate Crisis, Inc. In 19 short chapters, he examines the phony scientific consensus on global warming, the secretive and speculative science and computer models used to "prove" we face a cataclysm, ongoing collusion and deceit by regulators and activists, carbon tax mania, and many of the most prominent but phony climate crises: melting glaciers, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, disappearing species and declining biodiversity. His articles and essays do likewise.

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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 Meeting Minutes August 24, 2015 8:30 AM Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

**1. Public Comments**

P. Collins discussed a delay at the Tuttle Cove Fire Station due to running into bedrock. P. Collins said the contractor would like to submit a change order for \$10,000 to remove the bedrock. P. Collins stated the engineer suggested pinning the facility to the bedrock which may be a deduct in the current cost.

Hobson said he spoke with the structural engineer and stated he is comfortable with the engineer's recommendation.

The Board agreed by consensus to pin the building to the bedrock as recommended by the structural engineer with BG Consultants.

**2. Commission Comments Business Meeting**

**3. Sign 2016 District Court Budget**

Move to sign the 2016 District Court Budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**4. Action on a Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force October 2nd**

Move to approve the Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 2nd.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**5. Multi-layer Polymer Concrete Overlay 2015 Bid Recommendation**

Move to approve the bid from Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$91,219.00.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**6. CIP Project Funding Authorization Forms for the Generator Public Works Administration Building, 2 Ambulances, and Public Works**

Tandem Axle Truck with Plow and Spreader.

Move to approve the CIP Project Funding Authorization Forms for the following: Public Works Tandem Axle Truck with plow and spreader, 2 EMS Ambulances and the PW Administration Building Generator.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**7. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)**

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Sharon Strifler, a Public Health Nurse, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective August 26, 2015.

**8. Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)**

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Public Health Nurse - Clinic, in the Health Department, at a grade S.

**Review Minutes**

**9. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 20, 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**

**10. Tentative Agenda \Press Conference Topics**

**11. Discuss Press Conference**

9:15 AM Monty Wedel, Planning and Development Director

**12. Final Plat of Moore Acres**

Wedel presented the final plat of Moore Acres.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 082415-26, A Resolution approving the Moore Acres plat and accepting the street rights of way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on said plat."

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**9:30 AM Press Conference**

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

Higgins stated the Wildcat Creek Resiliency Project meetings will be held at the Riley County High School cafeteria Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m., in the

Manhattan City Commission Chambers.

**14. Soil test pricing change, fall lawn, shrub care - Gregg Eyestone (5 minutes)**

Eyestone reported the soil testing charge for homeowners is \$2.00. Eyestone said homeowners can get up to two per year. Eyestone discussed soil testing levels.

Eyestone said tomorrow at Pottorf Hall at 6:00 p.m. they will have "Back to Gardening" classes at Pottorf Hall.

Eyestone said on Saturday they held a State Judging Class. Eyestone reported our team placed 1st in the event. Eyestone stated they will continue to train and learn to compete in the national competition in Orlando, Florida.

**15. 2016 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus trip and several upcoming fundraising events - John Jobe (5 minutes)**

Jobe discussed 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, CWF, trip to Washington D.C. Jobe discussed the fundraising for the trip and preparation.

**16. Administrative Work Session**

Holeman stated he will be presenting a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) describing requests for the Kansas Association of Counties' legislative platform. That CAR will include repeal of the tax lid, renewing our request to increase the competitive bid threshold on sewer district repairs and non-renewal of motor vehicle tags if real property taxes are due. Holeman suggested the Board add crediting amounts owed county vendors toward those vendors' delinquent real property tax.

10:00 AM Break

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

**17. Pending County Projects County Counselor**

10:30 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

**18. Project update Hobson presented a Public Works project update.**

10:45 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

**19. Bid opening for 12-yard Tandem Axle Dump Truck**

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for a 12-yard tandem axle dump truck:

Company 1st truck

2nd truck

MHC Kenworth

2301 North Ohio Street

Salina, KS 67401

\$162,689 \$164,899

Diamond International

7700 NE 38th Street

Kansas City, MO 64161

\$153,065

\$400 window option

\$153,465 with option

\$154,514

\$400 window option

\$154,914 with option

Foley Equipment Co.

5104 Skyway Drive

Manhattan, KS 66503

\$173,500

Olathe Freightliner

15580 S Hwy 169

Olathe, KS 66062

\$115,948

\$38,089 truck bed option

\$154,037 with option

\$115,948

\$39,731 truck bed option

\$155,679 with option

Kansas Truck Center, Inc.

2552 N 9th Street

PO Box 2927

Salina, KS 67401

\$150,126

Westfall O'Dell Truck Sales

4001 NE Randolph Road

Kansas City, MO 64161

\$156,290

Summit Truck Group

1944 AN 9th

Salina, KS 67401

\$128,928

\$40,749 truck bed option

\$169,677 with option

Summit Truck Group

1944 AN 9th

Salina, KS 67401

\$117,846

\$40,749 truck body option

\$158,595 with option

Move to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:55 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

20. Replace the Natural Gas Pickup in the Parks Division

Hobson discussed the replacement of the natural gas pickup in the parks division.

Move to sell the 2001 Ford natural gas pickup truck and fueling station through the public auction process.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Move to approve the purchase of a new ¾ ton, 4x4, extended cab pickup off of the State contract using Public Works funds. The funds will be transferred from the Public Works budget to the CIP budget to pay for the ¾ ton, 4x4 pickup.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**21. Purchase Message Boards**

Hobson discussed purchasing two trailer mounted message boards.

Boyd asked if they were LCD or LED and can show pictures.

Boyd stated he would support the LCD or LED higher resolution type signs.

Wells said the newer signs should be the higher resolution type sign.

Hobson stated they would investigate the questions the Board asked.

**22. Wider Parking Spaces in County Office Building Parking Lot**

Hobson discussed making the parking spaces wider in the COB parking lot.

Move to authorize the Public Works Department to widen the remaining parking spaces in the County Office Building parking lot by removing 2 to 3 parking spaces.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

**11:42 AM Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

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## 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.

## Corps' \$1.2 million river project to help water flow for Salina

(AP) Help from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will keep a portion of the Smoky Hill River flowing into Salina's water supply until late in this century.

A concrete installation on the river just downstream from Bill Burke Park is getting an upgrade, and the entire \$1.2 million cost is being paid by federal tax dollars.

"They really stepped up and did a fantastic job," Martha Tasker, Salina's director of utilities, said of the Corps and its general contractor, EMR, based in Lawrence.

The installation is "basically a concrete wall" in the river that facilitates diverting water from the channel and takes it to the water treatment plant on Fourth Street. Roughly half of

the city's water is supplied by the river, with the remainder coming from wells.

High water in the Smoky during August 2013 caused erosion and a portion of the scour wall to break away, said Mike Chirpich, project manager for the Corps in Kansas City.

"This wall sticks up from the bottom of the river and prevents the water from cutting the bottom of the river bed," he said. "In the flood event, one side of the wall was damaged. The river eroded below it and took out a section."

Water was still able to be diverted at the city's water intake, but its capacity was reduced, Chirpich said.

Problems over the years

Multiple scour walls have

been built at that point on the river, the first during the 1950s. A second one failed during the 1970s, he said, and the city added the current one.

"We're building a wall in the middle of the river," Chirpich said of the project, currently the only one on the Smoky.

City utilities workers documented the decay over the years by taking photos.

"In 2012, we saw the east edge erode away," Tasker said. "We've been able to use the scour wall. It holds the water like a dam, for our intake. The real fear is the water continuing to cut away at the bank, or a flood would rip the wall out of there and we wouldn't be able to pull water into the city."

Falling into the river

# Four Big Problems with the Obama's Climate Change Regulations

By Nicolas Loris  
Heritage Foundation

A few years ago, cap-and-trade legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions failed to reach President Barack Obama's desk because constituents gave their Members an earful that cap and trade would amount to a massive energy tax. When the bill died in Congress, President Obama said that there was more than "one way of skinning a cat," and here it is.

The Obama Administration has finalized its climate regulations known as the Clean Power Plan. There are plenty of details to uncover in the 1,560-page regulation, the 755-page federal implementation plan, and the 343-page regulatory impact analysis. To summarize, unelected bureaucrats at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are poised to do what America's elected representatives refused: impose higher energy costs on American families and businesses for meaningless climate benefits.

The following are four early observations that should cause Members of Congress, state politicians, and the general public concern.

## 1. Higher Energy Prices, Lost Jobs, Weaker Economy

When running for office in 2008, President Obama famously remarked, "Under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket." Although that plan ultimately failed to become law, the White House tasked the EPA with creating the regulatory equivalent, placing strict greenhouse gas emissions limits on new power plants and drastic cuts on existing plants. The plan includes greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for each state except for Vermont, Alaska, and Hawaii in hopes of reducing overall power plant emissions to 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

The regulations will drastically shift the energy economy away from coal, which provides approximately 40 percent of America's electricity. Restricting the use of that affordable, reliable energy supply will raise electricity rates, and those higher prices will reverberate through the econo-

my. Businesses will pass higher costs onto consumers, but if a company must absorb the higher costs, it will invest less and expand less. The combination of reduced production and consumption will result in fewer jobs and a weaker economy.

Despite candidate Barack Obama's admission that cap and trade will raise prices, the Administration is attempting to spin the regulations as a win for the economy. Proponents of the Clean Power Plan argue that as energy prices increase, families and businesses will invest in more energy-efficient products and innovative technologies that will save them money in the long run. Arguing that increasing energy prices with regulations will save money by forcing energy-efficient product purchases is equivalent to cutting employees' salaries and telling them that they will save money by shopping at Target. Just as the option to save money at Target existed before the pay cut, families and businesses already have an incentive to purchase energy-efficient products. When the government mandates efficiency, it removes that choice and makes consumers worse off.

## 2. No Climate Benefit, Exaggerated Environmental Benefits

The climate impact of the Clean Power Plan will be meaningless. According to climatologist Paul Knappenberger, "Even if we implement the Clean Power Plan to perfection, the amount of climate change averted over the course of this century amounts to about 0.02 C. This is so small as to be scientifically undetectable and environmentally insignificant." Climatologist James Hansen, who wants the Administration to do much more to combat climate change, has stated that "the actions are practically worthless."

The monetized climate benefits the Administration is touting are equally worthless. The EPA says the rule will provide \$34 billion to \$54 billion in annual environmental benefits after 2030. Yet these numbers are misleading for two reasons.

**Social Cost of Carbon.** First, the Administration uses "the social cost of carbon" to calculate the climate benefit. The EPA is using three statistical

models, known as integrated assessment models, to estimate the value of the social cost of carbon, which is defined as the economic damage that one ton of carbon dioxide emitted today will cause over the next 300 years. The EPA uses the average of the three models to estimate the social cost imposed by climate change—\$40 in 2015 and \$56 in 2030. However, the models arbitrarily derive a value for the social cost of carbon. Subjecting the models to reasonable inputs for climate sensitivity and discount rates dramatically lowers the figure for the social cost of carbon.

People generally prefer benefits earlier instead of later and costs later instead of earlier. Hence, it is necessary to normalize costs and benefits to a common time. For example, if a 7 percent discount rate makes people indifferent to a benefit now versus a benefit later (e.g., \$100 today versus \$107 a year from now), then 7 percent is the appropriate discount rate to use. The Administration's own analysis shows how sensitive the social cost of carbon is to the discount rate. When changed from a 3 percent discount rate to a 5 percent discount rate, the EPA's \$20 billion in projected climate benefits decreases to \$6.4 billion—less than the EPA's egregiously low projection of \$8.4 billion in compliance costs.

**Co-benefits.** The second problem is the EPA's use of co-benefits in inflating the benefits. The EPA exaggerates the environmental benefits by including the estimated benefits from reducing particulates (co-benefits) that are already covered by existing regulations and federal health requirements. Of those benefits, \$20 billion come from direct climate benefits, and \$14 billion to \$34 billion are air quality co-benefits. Co-benefits sound positive. Who would not want additional health and environmental benefits from regulations?

The problem is that these benefits are double-counted over and over again with each regulation the federal government imposes. In some instances the co-benefits have accounted for more than 99 percent of the EPA's estimated

environmental benefits. The agency even overestimates the co-benefits by using questionable assumptions about causality and simplistic methods to calculate the benefits.

## 3. Overly Prescriptive EPA Picks Winners and Losers

The EPA has been arguing that the plan will provide the states with plenty of flexibility and options in meeting its goal. It proposed that states use a combination of "building blocks" to achieve emissions reductions, including improving the efficiency of existing coal-fired power plants, switching from coal-fired power plants to natural gas-fired power plants, and using less carbon-intensive generating power, such as renewable energy or nuclear power. The proposed plan contained a fourth building block, demand-side energy-efficiency measures, but the EPA excluded that building block in calculating the state emission reduction targets. However, states can still implement energy-efficiency measures as a compliance option. The EPA would also allow states to impose a carbon tax or participate in regional cap-and-trade programs.

All of these options present a Sophie's choice of economic pain, reduced choice, and regulatory engineering of America's energy economy. Although the EPA does not explicitly direct the states which path to take, the federal government is clearly nudging them to choose expanded renewables and energy efficiency. If a state chooses to produce more renewable power or implement more stringent energy-efficient mandates for homes and businesses, it will receive extra credits toward meeting its emissions targets.

Coal is an obvious loser, but the final regulation also changed language that would have been beneficial for nuclear and natural gas. In the draft proposal, states would have received credit for prolonging the life of an existing nuclear reactor that was at risk of closing. In the final regulation, that is no longer the case. The White House also ignored the importance and increased use of natural gas, a reversal from highlighting the importance of natural gas in shifting away from coal.

Rather than simply setting reduction targets, the Administration continues to favor its preferred energy sources while driving other sources out of production.

## 4. Federally Imposed Cap-and-Trade

States will have one year to develop and submit their compliance plans or to develop regional plans with other states, although the EPA will grant extension waivers as long as two years. If states choose not to submit a plan, as several state legislators, attorneys general, and governors have suggested, the EPA would impose its federal implementation plan. The 755-page proposed plan is cap and trade, and the EPA is considering two options.

The EPA could set a cap on power plant emissions in a state and allow utilities to trade emissions permits with one another. Alternatively, the EPA could implement a cap-and-trade plan that requires an average emissions rate for the state's power sector.

Environment & Energy Publishing explains,

A rate-based standard with trading could technically allow emissions to grow, as long as generators only emit a certain amount of carbon per megawatt-hour of power produced. A state with a rate around the same level as a natural gas plant could theoretically keep building more and more natural gas plants and stay in compliance.

The EPA will decide on a final plan in the summer of 2016.

Congress and States Need to Take the Power Back

The threat of a federally imposed cap-and-trade plan should not scare states into concocting their own plans. Instead, Members of Congress and state governments should fight the regulation, rather than settling for a slightly more palatable version that will cause significant economic harm while producing no discernible climate or environmental benefits.

## Thank You

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## School finance case heads to Texas Supreme Court

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Kids who were barely a month into their first year of high school when Texas' latest school finance trial began are now seniors — and there's still no end in sight.

The next stop is the state Supreme Court, which hears oral arguments Tuesday.

Attorneys for more than 600 school districts suing Texas argue that the funding is inadequate and unfairly distributed, making it hard for students and schools to meet stringent academic standards. Attorney General Ken Paxton's office counters that, while not perfect, public education money meets state constitutional requirements for an efficient system providing a "general diffusion of knowledge."

Both sides agree that nothing about the case is simple. With no state income tax, school districts rely heavily on property taxes and a "Robin Hood" system mandating that those in wealthy areas share levies with poorer counterparts. In a public school system whose size is second only to California's, more than 60 percent of the 5.2-plus million children now come from economically disadvantaged homes and the number continues to rise.

The all-Republican high court will decide whether to uphold Democratic District Judge John Dietz's rulings that have declared the school finance system unconstitutional. There's no timetable for the court's decision in the state's

sixth school finance case since 1984.

If it sides with Dietz, the GOP-controlled Legislature would have to devise something new; it's unclear whether the governor would need to convene a special session or wait until lawmakers are next scheduled to return to the Texas Capitol in 2017. And the Supreme Court may further slow the process by remanding the case back to lower courts.

Legal battles over school finance are common nationwide and often crawl along. The high court in Washington state recently ordered \$100,000 in daily fines until the governor and Legislature devised a new funding system, while a lawsuit filed by several Kansas school

districts has again returned to the state Supreme Court.

In Texas, school districts in rich and poor parts of the state are on the same side of the case, with those in well-to-do areas saying that voters who would otherwise support property tax increases refuse to do so for schools, knowing "Robin Hood" will send much of the money elsewhere.

"It's an open-and-shut case if they apply the facts of the law," said attorney David Hinojosa, who represents the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and low-income school districts. Paxton's office doesn't discuss legal strategies outside court.

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## Things to know: EPA water rules take effect in some states

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal rules to protect smaller streams, tributaries and wetlands took effect on Friday — but only in some states.

A federal court ruling Thursday, hours before the rules were to go into effect, blocked the regulations in 13 states. Those states had sued the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, arguing that the rules are federal overreach and could be costly and confusing for landowners.

The government says the new rules will help protect the nation's waters from pollution and development, and safeguard drinking water for 117 million Americans.

Things to know about the new rules and court action blocking them:

### EPA SAYS RULES ARE NEEDED

The regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in May aim to clarify which smaller waterways fall under federal protection after two Supreme Court rulings left the reach of the Clean Water Act uncertain. Those decisions in 2001 and 2006 left 60 percent of the nation's streams and millions of acres of wetlands without clear federal protection, according to EPA, causing confusion for landowners and government officials.

The new rules would force a permitting process only if a business or landowner took steps that would pollute or destroy the affected waters — those with a "direct and significant" connection to larger bodies of water downstream that are already protected. For example, that could include tributaries that show evidence of flowing water.

### STATES, FARMERS SAY THEY AREN'T

Despite the EPA's assurances, opponents fear a steady uptick in federal regulation of every stream and ditch on rural lands.

More than half of states have sued the EPA in hopes of delaying or blocking the rule. State officials from Georgia to New

Mexico to Wisconsin have suggested the regulations could be harmful to farmers and landowners who might have to pay for extra permits or redesign their property to manage small bodies of water on their private land.

The federal ruling Thursday was in North Dakota, where officials from that state and 12 others argued the new guidelines are overly broad and infringe on their sovereignty. U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson in Fargo agreed that they might have a case, issuing a temporary injunction.

The EPA said after the ruling that it would not implement the new rules in those 13 states — Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Several other lawsuits remain, from other states and also from farm and business groups.

### CONGRESS ALSO PUSHING BACK

In Congress, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has called the rules "a raw and tyrannical power grab." The House has passed a bill that would block them — legislation the White House threatened to veto.

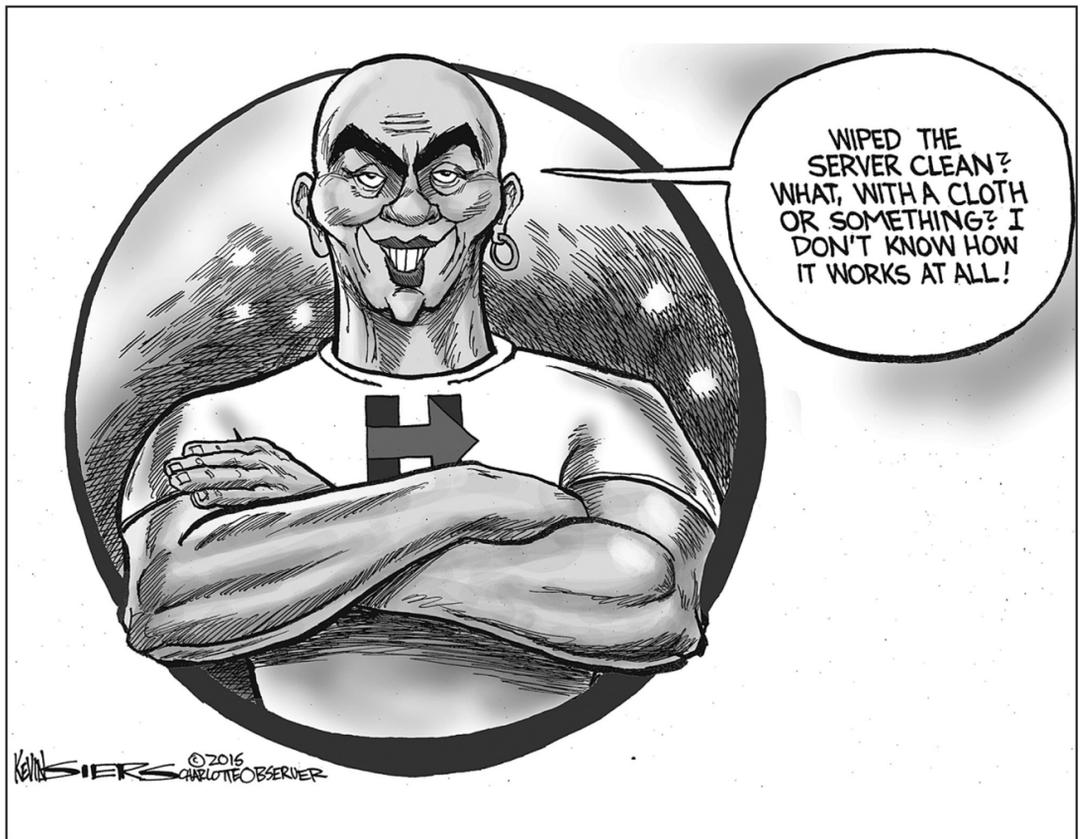
A Senate committee has passed a similar bill that would force the EPA to withdraw and rewrite the rules, and opponents are pushing the full Senate to act this fall.

The Senate bill has some bipartisan support. North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp and Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly, both Democrats, have backed the legislation, saying the waters rule is a top issue they hear about from their agricultural constituents.

"It's the perfect example of the disconnect between Washington and rural areas," Donnelly said earlier this year.

### EPA SAYS CRITICISM IS OVERBLOWN

Defending the rule in North Dakota, the government argued in court that the new rule clarifies some of the ambiguity in



the law and actually makes it easier for the states to manage some waterways.

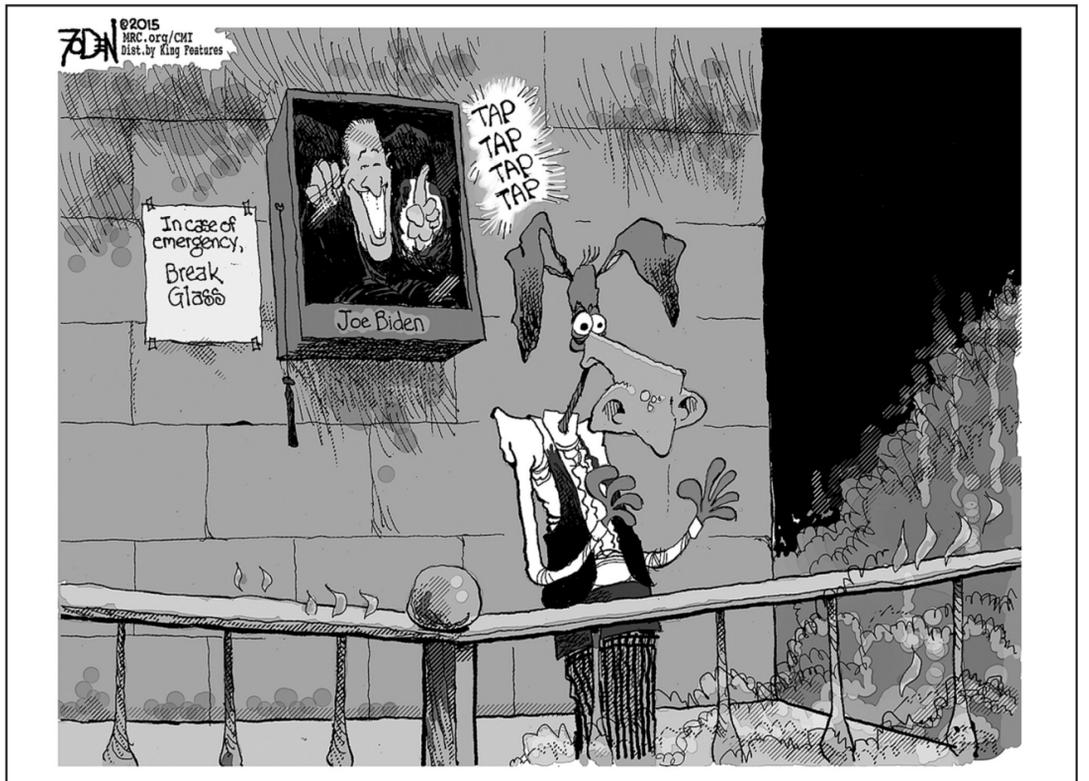
Government lawyers said during a hearing in Fargo last week that North Dakota's objection wrongly assumes some bodies of water will be

affected. They also argued that the state is already going through some of the permitting procedures they're complaining about.

Since the rules were originally proposed last year, the EPA has been working to clear up some misconceptions, like

some critics' assertions that average backyard puddles would be regulated. Farming practices currently exempted from the Clean Water Act — plowing, seeding and the movement of livestock, among other things — will continue to be exempted.

"We believe we have largely retained the status quo in terms of what a farmer would have to do under the current rule and the new rule," said Ken Kopocis, deputy assistant administrator of the EPA's Office of Water.



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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	

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## 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
Nov 28, 2015	Iowa State*		TBA
Dec 05, 2015	at Kansas State*		TBA

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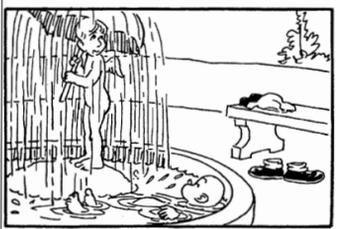
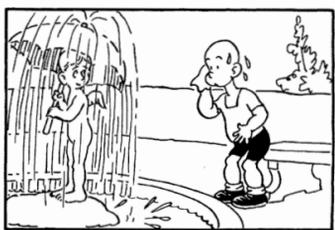
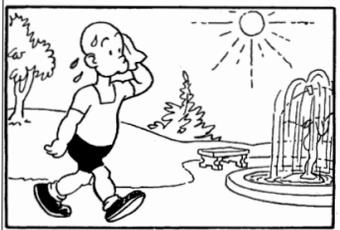
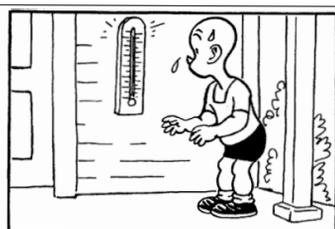
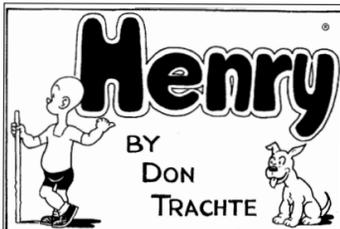
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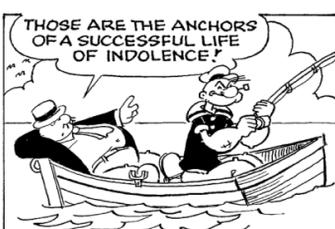
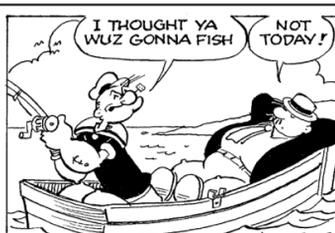
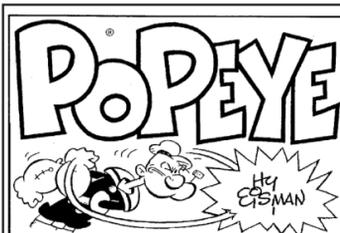
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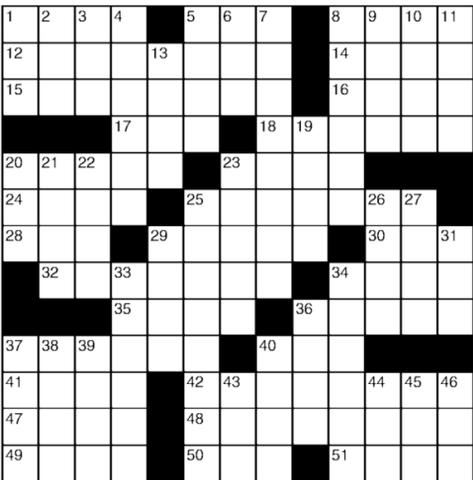
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  - 5 Evergreen
  - 8 Apple's center
  - 12 Make undue claims
  - 14 By word of mouth
  - 15 Drunk, in slang
  - 16 "Damn!"
  - 17 Brewery product
  - 18 They're read on a Kindle
  - 20 Braid
  - 23 Bruin
  - 24 Antler
  - 25 Pet rodent, often
  - 28 "Rocks"
  - 29 Sensitive spots
  - 30 Mid-afternoon social
  - 32 Darrell of "SNL"
  - 34 Catches some rays
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- DOWN**
- 1 "Phooey!"
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  - 7 Cashed in
  - 8 Companion
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**Wyoming man challenges outrageous EPA fines**

By Eric Boehm | Watchdog.org

A rancher is taking the Environmental Protection Agency to federal court, asking a judge to stop the agency from fining him more than \$16 million because he ildilt a small pond on his property.

Andy Johnson of Fort Bridger, Wyoming says he made sure to get the proper permits from his state government before building the pond. After all, this is America in the 21st century, and nothing done on your own property — certainly when it involves the use of water — is beyond government concern.

Johnson is facing millions in fines from the federal government after the EPA determined his small pond — technically a "stock pond" to provide better access to water for animals on his ranch — is somehow violating the federal Clean Water Act.

"We went through all the hoops that the state of Wyoming required, and I'm proud of what we built," Johnson said. "The EPA ignored all that."

In a compliance order, the EPA told Johnson he had to return his property — under federal oversight — to conditions before the stock pond was

built. When he refused to comply, the EPA tagged Johnson with a fines of \$37,000 per day.

Dismantling the pond within the 30-day window the EPA originally gave him was "physically impossible," Johnson said.

That was in 2012. Today, Johnson owes the federal government more than \$16 million, and the amount is growing as he tries to fight back.

In a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court on Thursday, lawyers representing Johnson argue the EPA overstepped its authority by fining the rancher.

"Threatening me with ruinous fines even though I've done nothing wrong is extortionate," he said in a statement provided by the Pacific Legal Foundation, a nonprofit law firm representing Johnson. "This is a battle about more than my land, my livestock and my pond. The EPA is on a mission to expand its power. They want to take over jurisdiction over private property throughout the United States."

The EPA did not return a request for comment on the lawsuit.

The fine issued to Johnson is stunning on its own, but other aspects of the EPA's behavior are difficult to understand.

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# K-State Kicks Off 2015 Against South Dakota

## KSU Sports Information

Coming off four-straight seasons of eight or more wins and five-straight bowl berths, Kansas State opens the 2015 season against South Dakota at 6:10 p.m., Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The seventh-annual K-State Family Reunion game will be extra special as K-State welcomes four new members into its Ring of Honor. Fans are also encouraged to help Stripe Out the stadium by wearing purple or white depending on their ticket location in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Fans can view the stadium map showing the shirt color for their section.

The game will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV and can be heard across the K-State Sports Network with Wyatt Thompson (play-by-play), Stan Weber (analyst) and Matt Walters (sideline) on the call. The game can also be heard on Sirius channel 109, XM channel 200.

K-StateHD.TV will go on the air at 5:10 p.m., with K-State Gameday, hosted by Brian Smoller and former K-State greats Ian Campbell and Nick Leckey. Live stats are available at the new k-statesports.com, while Twitter updates (@kstatesports and @kstate\_gameday) and in-game highlights on facebook.com/kstatesports will all be a part of the coverage.

## A LOOK AT K-STATE

- Guided by 2015 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Bill Snyder, K-State returns 44 letterwinners, including 16 starters, from the 2014 squad that went 9-4 and earned the program's fifth-straight bowl berth.

- Six of the returning starters earned All-Big 12 honors a year ago, including three on the defensive side of the ball.

- Offensively, K-State will be able to build around four returning starters on the line, but the Wildcats must replace its starting quarterback and pair of 1,000-yard receivers.
- Experience litters the defensive side with six returning starters and three more that made at least two starts in 2014.

- Most of the experience is in the backfield with All-Big 12 safety Dante Barnett and cornerback Danzel McDaniel back along with a 12-game starter in Morgan Burns.

- K-State also brings back its regular placekicker in Matthew McCrane and punter in Nick Walsh.

## A LOOK AT SOUTH DAKOTA

- Guided by fourth-year head coach Joe Glenn, the Coyotes are looking to bounce back from a 2-10 season.

- USD was out-scored by an average of 35.6-19.4 in 2014.

- One of USD's two wins last year was a 28-21 triumph over No. 23 (FCS) Northern Arizona.

## A LOOK AT THE SERIES

- K-State leads the all-time series, 3-0, after winning games in 1980, 1981 and 1982, all in Manhattan.

- The Wildcats won those games by an average of 27 points, including a 42-3 triumph in 1982.

## SEASON OPENERS

- K-State owns an 81-33-5 (.702) record all-time in season openers, including a 21-2 mark under Bill Snyder.

- The Cats have won 24 of 25 home openers since 1990.

- K-State will have opened the season at home in 11 of the last 12 years following Saturday's game.

- Saturday marks the second time the Wildcats will open a season against South Dakota after a 31-10 win in 1981.

## SEASON NO. 120

- Saturday's contest marks the beginning of the 120th season of football at Kansas State.

- The Wildcats enter the year with an all-time record of 503-624-41 (.448).

- Of the 503 wins, 37.2-per-



**K-State lost to UCLA 40-35 in the Alamo Bowl. Above: Runningback Charles Jones (24) missed this pass thrown by Wide receiver Tyler Lockett by just inches, the same way Kansas State missed winning the Alamo Bowl, by just inches. Kansas State (9-4) scored 22 of the first 25 points in the second half. (Photo by Ben Brake)**

cent have come under Bill Snyder (187 wins)

## SNYDER IN SEPTEMBER

- Fast starts have propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons under Bill Snyder. Since 1992 under Snyder, K-State is a combined 59-7 (.894) in September.

- Of the losses, four came on the road, as the Cats are 45-3 in September home games during that stretch.

- Since Snyder's return to the sidelines in 2009, K-State is 17-4 in the month of September.

## SNYDER AMONG BEST EVER

- Head coach Bill Snyder enters the 2015 season with 187 career victories, which are 148 more than any other coach in program history.

- Snyder ranks second in the FBS in wins among active coaches at their current schools, fifth in total victories among active coaches and 32nd in all-time wins.

- He is two wins away from entering the top 30 all-time and 13 from becoming the 25th coach in FBS history with 200 career wins.

- Snyder, who has 109 conference wins, is one of four coaches with 100 Big 12 victories, joining Nebraska's Tom Osborne (153) and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops (104) and Barry Switzer (100).

## NON-CONFERENCE NOTABLES

- Since 1990, K-State has won 69 of its 78 (.885) regular-season non-conference games under Bill Snyder, including 60-of-64 (.938) at home.

- K-State has had perfect regular season non-conference ledgers in 14 of the last 22 years.

## BIG 12'S BEST

- K-State currently holds a 27-9 (.750) record in Big 12 play since the start of 2011, which is the most wins and best winning percentage in the league.

## CATS CONTINUE CONSECUTIVE SCORING STREAK

- K-State has tallied points in 229 consecutive games dating back to the 1996 season.

- The streak is the second longest in the Big 12, the ninth longest active streak and the 20th longest all-time.

- The scoring streak has endured 151 conference games, 83 true road games and 20 neutral-site contests.

- In addition, K-State has not been held scoreless in 155 consecutive home games dating back to 1991.

## HOME SWEET HOME

- Since 1990, K-State holds a 135-31-1 (.811) record when playing at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

- That record includes a 66-5 (.930) mark in non-conference games and a 69-26-1 (.724) record in league games.

## RECORD ATTENDANCE

- Attendance at K-State games have been at an all-time high over the last three years as K-State has recorded 20 consecutive sellouts, a number that is expected to reach 27 after the 2015 season.

- For a second-straight year, K-State finished second nationally by filling up its stadium at a 106.16-percent clip, a number that was just 0.18-percent behind Oregon (106.34).

- K-State averaged 53,081 fans in its 50,000-seat stadium in 2014, a number that increased from the 2013 season (52,887).

- Each of the last six home openers since Bill Snyder's return – dubbed the "K-State Family Reunion" – have been sellouts with an average of 51,382 fans in attendance.

- Fifteen of the largest 20 crowds in stadium history have come in the last two years, while every game last season drew at least 52,726 fans.

## DRAWING FIRST BLOOD

- Since 1990, K-State is 153-27 (.850) when scoring first.

- Last season, the Cats held a perfect 7-0 record when scoring the game's first points, while K-State has won 13-straight games when scoring first.

- Dating back to the beginning of 2011, the Wildcats have gone 25-1 when scoring first with their lone blemish being a loss at Oklahoma State in 2013.

## HALFWAY HOME

- Since 1990, the Cats have protected a halftime lead in 173 of its 178 (.972) games when leading at the half.

- K-State has won 47 straight games when leading at the half, which is the longest active streak in the country.

- The Wildcats opened 2014 with the third-longest active streak until Oregon saw a 63-game streak end earlier this year and Oklahoma had a 48-game streak end on the final day of the regular season.

## CLEAN IT UP

- K-State led the Big 12 and ranked 16th nationally last year with only 39.3 penalty yards per game, while the Cats were second in the league with 4.38 penalties per game.

- The Cats committed three or fewer penalties six times last season, including zero against No. 5 Auburn.

- K-State has ranked first or second in the conference in

fewest penalty yards per game each of the last five years. In addition to last season, the Wildcats led the league in 2013 (45.0) and 2011 (35.8), while they ranked second in 2012 (31.0) and 2010 (43.7).

## OFFENSIVE NOTES THIRD-DOWN SUCCESS

- Kansas State has been efficient on third downs over the last three years as the Cats are one of only four teams nationally to rank in the top 25 in third-down conversions since 2012, joining Alabama, Baylor and Marshall.

- During that span, K-State has converted 238-of-494 (.482) of its third downs.

- K-State ranked 25th nationally and second in the Big 12 last year with a 45.9-percent conversion rate (79-of-172).

- The Wildcats were especially good in the fourth quarter, converting 24-of-44 (.545) of their attempts, while they put themselves in a good position in earlier downs as they went 55-of-95 (.579) when needing six or fewer yards.

## RED ZONE ALERT

- Kansas State has been one of the best red zone teams over the past few years and 2014 was no exception.

- K-State was successful on 56-of-62 red zone chances in 2014, including a streak of 12 straight to open the year.

- Since the 2011 season, the Wildcats have scored 213 times in 241 trips (.884) to the red zone. Of those 213 scores, 160 have been touchdowns.

- In their 38 wins over the last four seasons, the Cats are 173-for-190 (.911) in red zone chances with 128 touchdowns, while four of their non-scoring trips have come via kneel downs to close out victories.

- K-State was a perfect 37-for-37 on scoring in the red zone in their first seven wins of 2014.

## OFFENSIVE OUTPUT

- Last season, Kansas State finished in the top six in school history in both total offensive yards (4th; 5,481) yards and scoring (6th; 465 points).

- The Wildcats ranked sixth in the Big 12 in yards and fourth in scoring a year ago.

- Much of the production was thanks to the single-season record holder for passing and total offense in Jake Waters, as well as a pair of 1,000-yard receivers in Tyler Lockett and Curry Sexton.

- K-State will need to replace those dynamic playmakers, but will be able to rebuild around an experienced line.

## OFFENSIVE LINE RETURNS EXPERIENCE

- Kansas State returns a large majority of its offensive line

from last season as returning players account for 78.5-percent of the total starts in 2014.

- Three 13-game starters return in left tackle Cody Whitehair, left guard Boston Stiverson and right tackle Matt Kleinsorge in addition to a 12-game starter at right guard in Luke Hayes.

- Although experience litters the line, K-State must replace a four-year all-conference center in B.J. Finney.

## CROWDED AT QUARTERBACK

- K-State will not be short on depth at the quarterback position with four players vying for the starting honor, but the Wildcats are short on experience at the position.

- Two returners, junior Joe Hubener and sophomore Jesse Ertz, have combined to play in 12 games and account for 428 yards of total offense.

- If Ertz opens under center on Saturday, he will be the first underclassman (Fr. or So.) to start a season opener since Dylan Meier in 2004 and the first overall since Collin Klein started the Texas and Colorado games in 2010.

- Two players new to the program, true freshman Alex Delton and community-college transfer Jonathan Banks – who arrived in June – are also in the mix for the starting spot.

- If Delton were to see time this season, he would be the second true freshman to play the position under Bill Snyder, while he is trying to become the first true freshman under Snyder to earn a start at quarterback.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES OUT OF THE GATE

- K-State was able to get off to a quick start to games last season as it gave up just three touchdowns on its opponents first drive, while the Wildcats scored six touchdowns and two field goals on their first outing of the game.

- In fact, of the 13 game-opening drives, four resulted in three-and-outs for the opposition.

- The Wildcats were equally as impressive to open the second half by allowing just three touchdowns in to open the third quarter, two of which came on the road against top-15 teams Oklahoma and TCU.

## TOUGH AGAINST THE RUN

- Dating back to 2011, K-State has yielded 133.0 rushing yards per game (over 52 games), which includes an average of 140.3 yards in 2014.

- The Wildcats ranked 33rd nationally in rushing defense last year, while they allowed only 17 rushing scores to tie for 31st nationally.

- Since 2011, K-State has held 20 of its 52 opponents to under 100 yards, including four foes in 2014 – Stephen F. Austin (69 yards), UTEP (59), Texas (90) and KU (58).

## SOLID D RETURNING FROM 2014

- Against high-powered offenses in the Big 12, the K-State defense proved to be one of the best in the league a year ago and look poised for another solid year with six starters – including three in the secondary – returning.

- The Wildcats ranked second in scoring defense (23.2 pts/gm) and third in total defense (369.3 yds/gm) overall, but was even better in conference play by ranking first (21.9 pts/gm) and second (380.1 yds/gm), respectively.

- K-State held No. 5 Auburn to 359 total yards, which included just 128 rushing yards and a 2.8-yard per carry average as the Tigers had averaged more than 300 yards on the ground per game entering the contest.

- The Cats held Texas to just 196 total yards, marking the fewest yards surrendered in a conference game since the 2003 Iowa State matchup (140 yards).

- After surrendering 128 yards to Oklahoma State on the first two drives of the game, K-State held the Cowboys to just 133 total yards the rest of the game (2.4 per play) including a total of 48 in the second half (2.0 per play).

- K-State also surrendered just 14 combined points vs. Texas and Oklahoma State (only one offensive score), marking the fewest points yielded by the Wildcats in Big 12 play in a two-game stretch since shutting out Iowa State and giving up nine to Nebraska in 2003.

## EXPERIENCE IN THE BACKFIELD

- The defensive backfield, led by safety Dante Barnett and cornerbacks Morgan Burns and Danzel McDaniel, is the most experienced unit on the team entering 2015.

- Each player made at least 12 starts in 2014 – including 13-game starters in Barnett and McDaniel – and combined for seven picks and 25 total passes defended.

- This year marks the first time since 1999 that three defensive backs return after making at least 12 starts the year prior.

- The 1999 group of Lamar Chapman (13 starts), Jarrod Cooper (13) and Dyshod Carter (12) led a defense that tied the school record for interceptions (21) and set the school record for interception-return touchdowns (5), a mark that was later tied by the 2002 squad.

## PICK ME

- Over the last 34 contests K-State has recorded multiple interceptions in a game, the Wildcats hold a 29-5 record.

- The Wildcats are a perfect 9-0 over the last two seasons when recording two or more picks, including a 5-0 mark in 2014 (TTU, OU, OSU, WVU, KU).

- Kansas State has notched at least one interception in 15 of the last 20 games.

- The Wildcats' top interception man entering 2015 is Dante Barnett with seven in his career as he needs three more to enter the school's career top-10 list. Morgan Burns recorded three, including two against Texas Tech, in his first year as a starting cornerback.

## BEHIND ENEMY LINES

- K-State has recorded three-straight seasons with 70-plus tackles for loss, recording 75 in 2012, 71 in 2013 and 73 in 2014.

- It is the first time since 2005-07 that the Wildcats' have had three-straight seasons with 70 or more TFLs.

- Ryan Mueller led the team with 11.5 tackles for loss, while the leading returners in that department are defensive end Jordan Willis with 7.5 and defensive back Danzel McDaniel with 5.0.

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