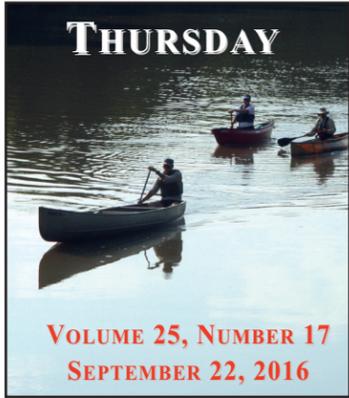


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Cats Close Out Non-Con Slate with Missouri

KSU Sports Information

Following a dominant 63-7 win against Florida Atlantic in the home opener, K-State will look to make it two in a row on Saturday as the Wildcats welcome Missouri State to Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Saturday's game, which kicks off at 6:10 p.m., will be aired live across the globe exclusively on K-StateHD.TV. The contest can also be heard across the K-State Sports Network with Wyatt Thompson (play-by-play), former K-State quarterback Stan Weber (analyst) and Matt Walters (sidelines) calling the action, as well as Sirius channel 136, XM channel 199. Live stats are available at k-statesports.com, while Twitter updates via @kstategameday and @KStateFB will all be a part of the coverage.

A LOOK AT K-STATE

• Guided by 2015 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Bill Snyder, who is in the midst of his 25th season at the helm of the Wildcats, K-State is looking to build upon a dominant rushing performance in a 63-7 win over FAU.
• K-State tied a school record for rushing touchdowns in a



Starting Quarterback Jesse Ertz (Photo by Ben Brake)

game with seven against FAU, while Winston Dimel recorded four himself, which were tied for the third in a game in school history.
• The 63 points scored

against the Owls were the most since scoring 69 against Montana State in 2008 and the most for a Snyder-led team since 2002 against KU (64).
• K-State is a perfect 11-of-

11 in red zone scores so far.
• Eleven players on defense have recorded five or more tackles, led by Elijah Lee's 16 and Duke Shelley's 12.
• K-State has held each of its

first two opponents to an average of 93.5 yards a game on the ground.

A LOOK AT MISSOURI STATE

• Missouri State comes to Manhattan with a 2-0 record following a win at Murray State on Sept. 10 and a bye week.

• The Bears are averaging 247.5 yards a game on the ground led by Calan Crowder's 131 yards.

• Three players have rushed for 100-plus yards on the season, while quarterback Breck Ruddick has completed 65.4 percent of his passes for 424 yards and four scores.
• Defensively, the Bears are giving up just 51.5 yards a game on the ground and 220.5 total per game.

A LOOK AT THE SERIES

• Saturday's game marks the fourth time K-State and Missouri State will meet on the gridiron with the Cats winning all three previous meetings.

• K-State picked up a 51-9 win in 2012, a 48-24 win in 2010 and a 61-10 win in the teams' first meeting in 2007. All three games were played in Manhattan.

SNYDER IN

SEPTEMBER

• Fast starts have propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons under Bill Snyder. Since 1992 under Snyder, K-State is a combined 63-8 (.887) in September.
• Of the losses, five came on the road, as the Cats are 48-3 in September home games during that stretch.

• Since Snyder's return to the sidelines in 2009, K-State is 21-5 in the month of September.

NON-CONFERENCE NOTABLES

• Since 1990, K-State has won 73 of its 83 (.880) regular-season non-conference games under Bill Snyder, including 63-of-67 (.940) at home.

• K-State has had perfect regular season non-conference ledgers in 15 of the last 23 years.

TOUGH SLATE

• The 2016 season opener at then-No. 8/7 Stanford represented the beginning of a tough 2016 schedule for the Wildcats.
• Seven opponents on K-State's schedule are either ranked or receiving votes in this week's AP or Coaches polls, including five that are road contests.

September Is Recovery Month

September is Recovery Month. National Suicide Prevention Week and World Suicide Prevention Day are also recognized in September. The United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines recovery from mental disorders and/or substance use disorders as "a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential."

Recovery from mental and substance use disorders and suicide prevention go hand-in-hand. It is estimated that more than 90% of all people who die as a result of suicide have a significant mental illness at the time of their death. These illnesses are often undiagnosed, untreated or both. When both substance use and mental disorders are present, the risk for suicide is even greater, particularly for adolescents and young adults.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States. SAMHSA reports that

more than 44,000 Americans died in 2013 as a result of suicide, more than one person every 12.8 minutes. Suicide was the second leading cause of death for individuals aged 15-24 and 25-34.

Least we think our mid-western lifestyle is a shelter from this storm, it should be noted that in 2014, the rate of deaths as a result of suicide in Kansas was higher (15.7 deaths per 100,000) than the national rate of deaths as a result of suicide (13.4 deaths per 100,000) according to the Centers for Disease Control National Center for Health Statistics.

It is estimated that at least six additional people are intimately affected each time someone dies as a result of suicide. The term "survivor of suicide" is used to describe a person who has lost someone close to them as a result of suicide.

The grief that follows the suicide of someone close can be intense, complex and long term.

Four hundred and fifty four (454) people died in Kansas as

a result of suicide in 2015. It is time to make suicide prevention a public health priority. Reducing the stigma associated with receiving treatment for mental health and substance use disorders is the place to start. Ensuring that all people have timely access to the necessary level care, regardless of their social or economic status is critical.

If you or someone you care about is at risk of suicide, get help immediately. Contact your school counselor, family physician, clergy or mental health professional. If you have no one you can talk to, contact your local Pawnee office or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Mental illnesses and substance use disorders are treatable. Suicide is preventable. Recovery is possible.

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State Opinion Poll: Trump Leads Clinton In Kansas

Hutchinson, KS (September 20th, 2016) - The Secretary of State's Office closed their Annual State Fair Opinion Poll Sunday afternoon and the results have been tallied. The poll consisted of five questions with topics ranging from the presidential campaign to the 2024 Olympic venue. A total of 390 people participated in the poll.

The official results are as follows:

Which presidential candidate do you plan on voting for?

- 66% a) Donald Trump (Republican)
- 19% b) Hillary Clinton (Democrat)

- 12% c) Gary Johnson (Libertarian)
- 3% d) Jill Stein (Independent)

What will be the greatest challenge for our next President?

- 34% a) Islamic Terrorism
- 23% b) The Economy
- 10% c) Healthcare
- 11% d) Immigration
- 22% e) The National Debt

Who do you believe is currently the most influential Kansan?

- 32% a) Bob Dole
- 12% b) Bill Self
- 32% c) Sam Brownback
- 16% d) Bill Snyder
- 7% e) Kathleen Sebelius

What is the most important issue for you regarding state elections in 2016?

- 38% a) School Finance
- 35% b) Tax Policy
- 4% c) Medical Marijuana
- 19% d) Job Growth
- 4% e) Highway Funding

Which city do you prefer host the 2024 Olympic Games?

- 16% a) Rome, Italy
- 12% b) Paris, France
- 58% c) Los Angeles, California
- 14% d) Budapest, Hungary

Kansas Profile

Mike Kilkenny - Taylor Forge

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

Slug catchers and pig traps. Those sound like things you might find in a garden or hog farm, but they are actually devices that are used in the natural gas industry. Today we'll meet a remarkable Kansas company which is the world's leading supplier of such devices and which also builds metal products used in ways as diverse as nuclear submarines and rockets for outer space. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Mike Kilkenny is CEO and owner of Taylor Forge Engineered Systems in Paola, Kansas. This amazing company produces heavy duty products for these diverse uses and more.

In 1900, an inventor named J. Hall Taylor launched a pipe works company - now known as Taylor Forge - in Chicago. Three decades later, another engineering company started a facility in Paola, Kansas to serve the natural gas industry. Paola is centrally located between the Hugoton gas field to the west and industrial centers in big cities to the east.

In 1959, Taylor Forge bought the plant in Paola. After changes in ownership, Taylor Forge Engineered Systems of Paola was created. Gary Kilkenny had been a salesman for Taylor Forge. In 1984, Gary and co-worker Tom Walsh bought Taylor Forge Engineered Systems and took it private. At that time, the company employed approximately 140 people.

Gary's son Mike Kilkenny was trained as an engineer in Illinois. He ultimately joined the business and became majority owner of the company in 1998. The company has expanded to include a plant in Tulsa plus facilities in other Kansas communities.

"We are manufacturers of very large, very heavy steel products with an emphasis on the natural gas and oil industries," Mike Kilkenny said. "For example, we are probably the world's leading supplier of exotic-sounding products called slug catchers and pig traps," he said with a smile.

What are slug catchers and pig traps? A slug catcher helps with the initial separation of natural gas from oil in the natu-

ral gas transmission process. Pig traps, sometimes called launchers and receivers, are the devices through which pigs are inserted and removed from natural gas pipelines to clean impurities along the lining. Despite their utilitarian names, these products play an important role in the industry.

Taylor Forge offers other products for the oil and gas business, such as pressure vessels and related pipeline, processing and refining equipment. One example is Vortex Technology Separation equipment, which essentially uses centrifugal force to separate oil and gas very efficiently.

Besides the energy industry, Taylor Forge Engineering Systems has several other key product lines. The company is a supplier in the defense industry to the U.S. Navy and to NASA in the aerospace industry.

"When the space program is active, we're active," Mike Kilkenny said. "We were part of the Apollo space program in the 1960s." More recently, his company's products were used in connection with the space shuttle.

Taylor Forge products are also used deep in the ocean. "For the U.S. Navy, we manufacture steam piping for nuclear reactors for submarines and aircraft carriers," Mike said. As noted, Taylor Forge's high strength, high pressure vessels are important in the energy industry.

"The remaining oilfields in the world are found in deeper and deeper water,"

Mike said. Taylor Forge products are needed for offshore oil platforms around the globe. "We serve customers in 30 or 40 countries around the world," Mike said. "It is

always interesting when our customers come to visit." It has to be a bit of a surprise when those customers find a space-age company like Taylor Forge Engineered Systems with plants in rural communities like Paola and Greeley, population 330 people. Now, that's rural.

"We have very skilled people here who get the job done right," Mike said. "And we don't just employ 250 people, we employ 250 families."

For more information, see . Slug catchers, pig traps, nuclear submarines and spacecraft. They are all part of the diverse products and industries served by this amazing company. We salute Mike Kilkenny and all those with Taylor Forge Engineered Systems for making a difference with quality engineering and products, from the depths of the ocean to outer space.

For the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, this is Ron Wilson with Kansas Profile.

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Political Instability Remains the Downside of Asia's Dynamism

According to the 2014 Fragile States Index, most Asian nations continue to exhibit high levels of political instability. Only a handful are rated stable or sustainable.

	Asia Rank	World Rank	Score	0	25	50	75	100
HIGH ALERT	1	Afghanistan	7	106.5	[Progress bar]			
	2	Pakistan	10	103.0	[Progress bar]			
	3	Burma	24	94.3	[Progress bar]			
ALERT	4	North Korea	26	94.0	[Progress bar]			
	5	Bangladesh	29	92.8	[Progress bar]			
	6	Sri Lanka	30	92.6	[Progress bar]			
	7	Nepal	31	91.0	[Progress bar]			
	8	Timor-Leste	31	91.0	[Progress bar]			
VERY HIGH WARNING	9	Cambodia	40	88.5	[Progress bar]			
	10	Solomon Islands	47	86.4	[Progress bar]			
	11	Philippines	52	85.3	[Progress bar]			
	12	Comoros	54	85.1	[Progress bar]			
	13	Laos	56	84.3	[Progress bar]			
	14	Papua New Guinea	57	84.1	[Progress bar]			
	15	Bhutan	64	80.9	[Progress bar]			
HIGH WARNING	16	China	68	79.0	[Progress bar]			
	17	Fiji	68	79.0	[Progress bar]			
	18	Thailand	80	77.0	[Progress bar]			
	19	India	81	76.9	[Progress bar]			
	20	Indonesia	82	76.8	[Progress bar]			
	21	Maldives	88	75.4	[Progress bar]			
	22	Micronesia	91	74.6	[Progress bar]			
	23	Vietnam	98	72.7	[Progress bar]			
WARNING	24	Malaysia	117	66.2	[Progress bar]			
	25	Brunei	123	63.6	[Progress bar]			
LESS STABLE	26	Mongolia	129	58.1	[Progress bar]			
VERY STABLE	27	South Korea	156	36.4	[Progress bar]			
	28	Japan	157	36.3	[Progress bar]			
	29	Singapore	158	35.9	[Progress bar]			
	30	United States	159	35.4	[Progress bar]			
SUSTAINABLE	31	Australia	169	26.3	[Progress bar]			
	32	New Zealand	173	24.1	[Progress bar]			

In Afghanistan, a leadership sharing agreement reached in September punctuated a deeply unsettling 2014. It is hoped the arrangement will serve as a stable basis for continued international engagement.



After hotly contested elections in 2013, the opposition party in **Cambodia** refused to rejoin parliament until almost a year later. The elections were the first time Prime Minister Hun Sen's 28-year reign had been seriously challenged.



China is near the center of stability rankings in Asia. It scores worst in human rights and rule of law. It is most vulnerable to instability in sharp or severe economic declines.



Thailand experienced a coup in May, its 19th since its revolution in 1932.



Alleged fraud in **Malaysia's** 2013 elections contributed to an already contentious political climate.



Only **Australia** and **New Zealand** are ranked among the most stable governments in the world.



Source: Foreign Policy and Fund for Peace, "Fragile States Index 2014," <http://ffp.statesindex.org/rankings-2014> (accessed July 10, 2014).

Congress Is Set to Cave in to Higher Spending

Heritage Foundation

It's an all too familiar sight: It's the end of the fiscal year, and Congress is scrambling to keep the government open after it has shirked its responsibility to pass the requisite 12 appropriations bills all year.

The end of the fiscal year is when Congress tends to throw fiscal responsibility out the window in order to avoid taking tough votes, especially before an election—and this year is no exception.

In recent Congresses, an end of the fiscal year continuing resolution has become a routine maneuver to push back the spending debate until the holidays in December. That's when Congress usually scrambles to come to an agreement before the deadline (positioned just as everyone wants to get home to their families), which characteristically takes the form of an immense spending package that blows through the discretionary spending caps Congress set in 2011.

Indeed, since 2013, this breakdown in the budget process has led to Congress busting through its budget caps by a total of \$174 billion. That's billions in spending that would not have happened if Congress had stuck to its normal appropriations process and abided by the caps it instituted under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

So even though Congress promised to return to "regular order" this year by passing all its spending bills before Sept. 30, it's not surprising to find members in the same position

as the past few years. President Barack Obama likewise deserves a great deal of the blame for threatening to veto any appropriations bill that does not bust the caps that he himself signed into law.

Though this year-end breakdown has become routine, Congress is in an even worse position this time around.

Some members have proposed a continuing resolution that would put the funding decisions in the hands of the next Congress, but the more likely result will be to punt the debate into the lame-duck period following the results of the election. Purposefully positioning important long-term decisions for this period is especially egregious, as members of Congress face little accountability during a lame-duck session. This has the potential to further undermine the trust that the public has bestowed on Congress.

Moreover, due to the various budget gimmicks employed in last year's funding bill, just maintaining current spending levels in a clean continuing resolution would end up exceeding the amended fiscal year 2017 budget cap by \$10 billion.

As Heritage Foundation scholar Paul Winfree commented, that means Congress has effectively set itself up for failure. By teeing up spending levels that exceed the already increased budget caps, lawmakers must either utilize more spending gimmicks—flying in the face of fiscal responsibility—or face a politically harsh

across-the-board cut in spending. Given the choice between the two, it is probable that members will take the politically expedient route and simply elect to spend more.

Worst of all, by caving to higher spending levels for 2017, breaking the budget caps again in fiscal year 2018—which are set to \$16 billion below current levels—almost becomes a foregone conclusion for the big spenders in Congress.

This sets up the next Congress to go back on its promise to rein in spending once again, erasing the one modicum of fiscal restraint imposed on spending during the Obama administration. Continuing this vicious cycle would squander the opportunity to return to normal order during the next presidency and Congress.

Is this the only way forward? Not at all. Congress has options to maintain integrity in the budget process. It should:

Avoid considering any fund-

ing bills during the lame-duck session. If Congress is unable to agree on funding measures for fiscal year 2017 prior to the election, a partial year appropriation to move the decision to the 115th Congress is the best option.

Cut programs, eliminate corporate welfare, and pursue policy riders to reduce nondefense discretionary spending and improve upon current policy. Heritage's 110 recommendations for discretionary spending reforms are a good place to start.

Consider a continuing resolution that reduces nondefense discretionary spending across the board.

After years of shirking the budget process and disregarding its self-imposed fiscal controls, Congress has the opportunity to break the cycle. It should seize it instead of positioning the next Congress yet again to spend more than is necessary to fulfill the federal government's essential responsibilities.



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\$1.45 Billion tax hike or broken promises coming in January

Kansas Policy Institute
 Regardless of who is elected to the 2017 Legislature, January will bring turmoil and major disappointment for many Kansans. Very few candidates in either party say the structural budget deficit should be resolved by making government efficient, even though Kansas spends 34 percent more per-resident than the states without an income tax and could balance the budget by going from being morbidly inefficient to grossly inefficient. Many candidates and special interests say Kansas needs to spend a lot more money (the time-honored way to get elected) and many of them at least imply that taxing small business will unlock the spending spree.

But the math doesn't work, so those promising big spending increases either don't know the math doesn't work and won't be able to deliver on their spending promises or they aren't saying that they also plan to stick you with a very large tax increase.

You wouldn't know it from media reports but 71 percent of the net change in income taxes are benefiting individuals; only 29 percent is attributable to the exemption on pass-through income for small business. The Kansas Department of Revenue puts the tax impact of that exemption at \$211 million using the most current data but estimates the value would now be between \$195 million and \$200 million since guaranteed payments to those business owners have since become taxable.

LLC tax only puts reserves in the bank

Most candidates promoting big spending increases also say government should be fiscally responsible. And since the current Legislature and many before it routinely ignored the statutory requirement to maintain minimum reserve levels (7.5 percent of General Fund spending), they surely would want reserves built back up before spending more money. After all, it's the lack of reserves that wreaks havoc when revenue estimates are missed, and the media and many candidates rightfully say that shouldn't happen.

If all goes as planned this fiscal year, Kansas would finish with a \$96 million ending balance, which is \$375 million less than statutorily required for planned spending. Funding everything on candidates' and special interests' wish list could add another \$50 million or so to the requirement, so eliminating the tax exemption on pass-through income (the so-called LLC tax) wouldn't fund a penny of new spending for at least two years – it would all be needed to meet statutory ending balance requirements.

\$1.25 billion vote-for-me revenue shortfall

Since few candidates are calling for government to operate efficiently and re-imposing the LLC tax would be absorbed by ending balance requirements, the only option to fulfill the vote-for-me spending extravaganzas is an enormous income tax increase on individuals. There may be even more that's been proposed but we've already identified \$1.25 billion in vote-for-me money.

Technically, the list could be pushed to \$1.6 billion but we're

only counting the first year spending request from the Kansas Board of Education. They proposed a \$900 million annual increase at their July board meeting, with \$550 million the first year and another \$350 million the next year. KPI scholar David Dorsey reviewed the audio recording of the meeting and found (no surprise) that the seven members pushing the increase had no basis for requesting more money. Asked where the money could be found to grant their lavish request, Board member Janet Waugh said, "...this can be done if they reinstate that one tax that they cut." The only tax that could be 'reinstated' is the LLC tax and not even Common Core math says \$200 in revenue pays for \$900 million in spending.

Kansas Contractors Association and the candidates they support want to stop transferring sales tax revenue from KDOT so there is even more to spend on highways. This year's budget has \$275.8 million transferred to the General Fund and another \$137.3 million used to fund functions elsewhere (K-12 transportation, mental health grants, statehouse debt restructuring and Adjutant General emergency communications).

Rolling back the state sales tax to 6.15 percent would cost \$186.7 million but some candidates and special interests want to further reduce the tax on food, so that number would be much higher on some candidates' wish list. Medicaid expansion is officially estimated at \$44.7 million for FY 2018 but no state's cost estimates have been even close, so look for the real cost to be much higher even if the Federal government keeps its cost-sharing promises – and even President Obama is doubtful about that.

Hold on to your wallet
 Proportionally allocating a \$1.25 billion tax increase (each AGI bracket retains its current tax burden) would require a 56 percent tax increase in individuals' income tax, and it would be much greater for those who also have pass-through income that would be taxed. This table shows tax year (calendar) amounts for the most current available income and tax liability by Adjusted Gross Income levels. Fiscal year (July to June) tax receipts are therefore slightly different, so the 2014 tax year liability has been proportionally adjusted upward to fiscal year 2016 individual tax collections to account for income changes since 2014 and avoid overstating the percentage increase in additional tax.

Some legislators are rumored to be working on a "5.5 plan" which may be adding a third tax bracket for the so-called 'wealthy' but since no one is forthcoming with their plan, let's take a look at what a third bracket could mean. It's really not productive to assess a 'millionaires' tax since less than 2 percent of Kansans have more than \$250,000 in adjusted gross income, but let's say the tax hikers imposed a 'hundred-thousandaires' tax to pay for their spending spree. That definition of 'tax-the-rich' would impose an average 93 percent tax increase on say, a teacher and a police officer with combined taxable income over \$100,000.



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Riley County Commission Minutes September 12, 2016 8:30 AM Call to Order

1. Public Comments

Jones, 1188 Julie Lane, discussed the letter he received regarding the sewer benefit district. Jones stated he has been paying sewer fees to the City for 22 years and wanted to know where the properties out there are in regard to the City or County boundaries.

Hobson stated the letter was sent out due to the settlement along the curb and they need to do a camera inspection to see the status of the sewer line. Hobson said the current fees collected are for the sewer lines to the beginning of the benefit district and for the treatment of the sewage. Hobson stated the original developer owned the sewer lines and they were never owned by the City or the County.

Jones said when he bought the property he was paying specials and wondered what those fees were for.

Hobson stated he will research the purpose of the specials.

Jones stated he would just like to be informed on the sewer benefit district.

Jones said he would like City water and the sewer lines fixed.

Hobson stated there will be a neighborhood meeting in the evening on the sewer benefit district repairs.

Hobson said once the video of the lines is completed they will have a better idea of the cost to repair the system.

Volanti asked to add some personnel forms to the business meeting.

2. Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:
Thursday, September 1st, I signed the contract to purchase a house! Afterwards I attended the bi-monthly Mental Health

Task Force meeting. At the meeting, RCPD reported they receive about 10 calls per week that are mental health related and that they are in the process of deciding how to structure crisis intervention training for officers. We were also updated that Osawatomie State Hospital is working to restore 60 crisis beds by the end of the year.

After that I spent a week in Colorado on vacation with my family and fiancé, where we enjoyed a lot of hiking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

I also continued catching up on National Association of Counties periodicals, including interesting articles on the shrinking middle class in America (noting that real median household income through 2014 has dropped significantly from 1999-2007 levels), a California County that partners with a retired woodworker to divert low-risk felony offenders and drug offenders from jails to woodworking training that also includes general work skills so they can find productive jobs and avoid recidivism, and Alabama's voluntary internet retailer sales tax remittances that are paid to a centralized state agency that distributes the money to state, city, and county budget funds.

Boyd's Comments:

Monday 08.29.16
-Met with Craig Beardsley to discuss RCPD issues.

-Met with Levi Smith to discuss general county operations.
-Met with the Kansas Finance group to discuss state issues.

Tuesday 08.30.16
-Met with RCPD officials.

-Met with local financial business leaders to discuss federal programs.

Wednesday 08.31.16
-Attended the Riley County Public Health meeting where

the primary topic of discussion was recent outbreak of illness at the Manhattan High School. Lyle Butler was the featured guest who addressed issues important to the Chamber of Commerce and our community.

Thursday 09.01.16
-Attended the Joint Land Use Study Committee meeting to receive presentations from three selected consulting firm for conducting the study. The group worked all morning with the three firms then discussed in detail the attributes and concerns of each proposal. The group ranked the firms in order of preference then directed staff to research references and report back to the group for final acceptance.

-Met with regional leaders to discuss regional collaboration.
Friday 09.02.16

-Worked in County office on correspondence and preparations.

Tuesday 09.06.16
-Addressed correspondence and preparations.

Wednesday 09.07.16
-Addressed correspondence and preparations.

-Flew to Washington, DC to represent Riley County, the Kansas Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties at a special hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee's Rural and Small Communities Sub Committee to learn of the state of rural small business. I was sponsored by NACo and was selected because of my leadership within KAC and NACo.

-Worked with NACo staff refining my testimony and preparations.

Thursday 09.08.16
-Testified before a U.S. House Sub Committee on Rural and Small Communities Small Businesses.

-Attended NACo's Payment in Lieu of Taxes meeting in the Capitol where Senators and Congressmen addressed the group regarding the state of PILT funding, which is compensation for federal lands in our counties, which pay no taxes, but require local services such as Fort Riley.

-Flew back to Riley County arriving near midnight.
Friday 09.09.16

-Attended the KAC Legislative Policy Committee meeting in Topeka with Greg McHenry and Clancy Holeman. We presented the BOCC's and Appraisers Association's legislative proposals to the Committee.

-Met with RCPD Director Schoen to discuss RCPD issues.

-Met with Karen McCulloh and Robbin Cole to discuss mental health issues.
Saturday 09.10.16

-Participated in the League of Women Voters' community conversation.
Sunday 09.11.16

-Attended church where the assemblage honored the memory of the fallen in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania 15 years ago.
-Addressed correspondence and preparations.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he attended the League of Women Voters' discussion.

Wells stated he was contacted by an individual who is willing to purchase the Platt House and donate it to the Historical Society. Wells asked if this is anything the Board is interested in pursuing.

The Board agreed Wells should meet with Counsel to see about the purchase of the Platt House.

(Editor's Note: Why does the Riley County Commissioners take up 1/2 of a newspaper page with "what I did and what I said". They put in everything the Commissioner say and do but the minutes are for the Business of the County. And these minutes fall short telling the public what Business the Commissioners are doing.)

Business Meeting

3. Sign On-Line Access Agreement for Security 1st Title

Move to approve an On-Line Access Agreement with Security 1st Title.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

4. Highway Use Permit, US Geological Survey - Winkler Road

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to US Geological Survey to install a stream-gage in the right of way of Riley County Highway 875N also known as Winkler Road near the southeast bridge abutment of the bridge over Fancy Creek. The stream-gage consists of a 2.5 x 1.5 x 1 foot of aluminum shelter anchored in the ground by a three legged aluminum stand.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

5. Highway Use Permit, US Geological Survey

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to US Geological Survey to install a stream-gage in the right of way of Stockdale Road near the southwest bridge abutment over Mill Creek. The stream-gage consists of a 2.5 x 1.5 x 1 foot of aluminum shelter anchored in the ground by a three legged aluminum stand anchored in the ground.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

6. Riley County Personnel Action Form and Riley County Position Action Form

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Elizabeth Elliott, a Legal Receptionist, in the County Attorney's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective September 16, 2016.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Legal Receptionist, in the County Attorney's Office, at a grade E.

Review Minutes

7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 1, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

8. Tentative Agenda

9. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM

Rich Vargo, County Clerk

10. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

Vargo presented the year to date budget and expenditure reports.

11. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report

C. Collins presented the Museum staff report.

9:30 AM Press Conference

12. Purple Power Play in the Park at the Pioneer Log Cabin September 15, 16 - Cheryl Collins (2 minutes)

C. Collins said Purple Power Play in the Park will be held in the Manhattan City Park Thursday, September 15th and Friday, September 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Riley County Historical Society's Pioneer Log Cabin will be open with exhibits and hands on history activities.

13. Constitution Week "Bells Across America" event at Rocky Ford School and the Riley County Historical Museum September 17 - Cheryl

Collins and Ila Morrill, Polly Ogden Chapter of DAR (4 minutes)

Morrill said the Polly Ogden Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Riley County Historical Society and Museum invite you to attend Ring Bells Across America in commemoration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution Saturday, September 17th 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Rocky Ford School, 1969 Barnes Road and 3:00 p.m. at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin, Manhattan.

14. Public Notice - Leon Hobson (2 minutes)

Hobson said a culvert replacement project on Parallel Road is scheduled to begin today. The project is located approximately 1/4 mile east of Center Hill Road. Parallel Road will be closed to through traffic during construction from Center Hill Road to 5th Road. The project has been allotted five working days, and is expected to be completed by September 16, 2016 weather permitting.

Hobson said the structure replacement project on LK&W Road is scheduled to begin Monday, September 19, 2016. The project is located approximately 1/2 mile west of Falcon Road. LK&W Road will be closed to through traffic during construction. Traffic Control will be installed at the intersections of Falcon Road and Crooked Creek Road to direct traffic. The project has been allotted five working days, and is expected to be completed by September 23, 2016 weather

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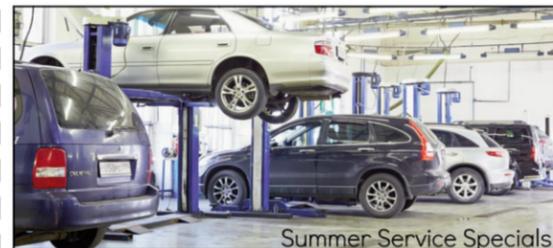
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permitting.

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

15. Administrative Work Session

Holeman stated he will prepare information for the discussion on the Riley County and Pottawatomie County line due to a citizen's request.

Holeman discussed the KAC Legislative Policy Committee meeting on Friday.

Holeman stated two legislative items from Riley County scheduled for further discussion by the legislative policy committee of the Kansas Association of Counties are: 1. Lawsuit immunity for counties now prohibited from enacting personnel policies restricting county employee concealed carry away during working hours away from county buildings; 2. A state constitutional amendment granting counties home rule, just as Kansas cities currently have. Holeman said HB 2477, withholding auto tag renewal if the applicant owes delinquent real property taxes on non-homestead real property, was not approved to be included in KAC's Legislative Platform.

Holeman presented a draft Indemnity and Guaranty Agreement if the State were to approve the Riley County Police Department to become self-insured for workers compensation insurance.

Holeman discussed the CGI videos. Holeman stated they had to make some adjustments to the videos for them to work on the website. Holeman said the changes should be completed this week.

16. Pending County Projects County Counselor

10:42 AM Adjournment

Riley County Commission Minutes September 15, 2016

9:00 AM Call to Order

1. Public Comments
Volanti asked to add personnel forms to the business meeting today.

2. Commission Comments

Wilson's Comments:
Tuesday night I played in the K-State Orchestra concert, which was well attended and

featured a lot of great music.

Wednesday I had the now weekly call with KMAN to talk about the meeting agenda for today. Wednesday I also received some questions from a constituent regarding a Junction City Post article on Geary County's mill levy increase in which Riley County was referenced several times.

This morning I attended the Good Morning Manhattan breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The theme this time was education, with presentations from the Manhattan Christian College President, the KSU Director of Diversity, and our new USD 383 Superintendent.

Boyd's Comments:

Monday 09.12.16

- Attended the Manhattan Airport Advisory Board meeting at the City Commission Chambers.

- Worked in County Offices on correspondence and preparation.

- Chaired the Flint Hills Regional Council Executive Board meeting at the Manhattan Library.

Tuesday 09.13.16

- Attended KMAN's In Focus with Brady Bauman in which we discussed local, state and national issues, then answered listener phone calls.

- Worked in County offices on correspondence and preparations.

Wednesday 09.14.16

- Worked in County office on preparation.

- Met with Joel Anderson, KSU Director of Development.

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours hosted by KS State Bank.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he visited with Mr. Van Der Stelt again.

Wells stated he met with Bart Thomas about a future agenda item.

Wells said he had an interesting meeting with a local legislator.

Wells stated he attended the Good Morning Manhattan meeting this morning.

Business Meeting

3. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form

for Renee Berish, a new hire, as a Raising Riley Child Care Facilitator, in the Health Department, at a grade M step 1, at \$19.79 per hour.

4. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

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

Katherine Chesley, a new hire, as a Records Assistant II, in the County Clerk's Department, at a grade H step 2, at \$16.05 per hour.

Michelle Markvicka, for a promotion, as an Administrative Assistant II, in the Health Department, at a grade K step 1, at \$17.95 per hour.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Medical Clerk/Receptionist - Family Connections, in the Health Department, at a grade G.

5. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Angela Martin

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Angela Martin (212-03-0-40-12-002.78-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$524.90.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

6. Riley County Extension Council 2017 Budget

Move to approve Riley County Extension Council 2017 Budget.

RESULT: DOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

7. Grant Award and Special Conditions Documents for the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Riley County Police Department

Move to sign the FY2016 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award and Special Conditions documents for the Riley County Police Department.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

8. Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of

\$405,091.63 and the following warrant vouchers for September 16, 2016:

2016 Budget
County General

\$258,863.05
Health Department

54,508.55
Teen Court Collected Fund

1.35
County Auction 179.84

Juvenile Intake Case Mgr 31.50

Riley Co Juvenile Service 3,658.63

Motor Vehicle Operations 3,853.80

21st Jud Dist Teen Court 735.74

Riley Co Adult Services 14,547.03

Capital Improvements Fund 210,886.30

Emergency 911 453.44

Solid Waste 16,931.56

County Building 9,058.04

Road & Bridge Cap Project 17,728.55

RCPD Levy/Op 12,635.69

Landfill Closure 9,188.76

Riley Co Fire Dist #1 6,139.58

University Park W&S 3,564.52

Univ Park Capital Project 58,871.70

Hunters Island Water Dist 439.28

Carson Sewer Benefit Dist 61.48

Deep Creek Sewer 232.73

Moehlman Bottoms 199.20

Valleywood Operations 68.38

Terra Heights Sewer 196.79

Konza Water Operations 448.79

Lakeside Heights Sewer 42.48

TOTAL . . . \$683,526.76

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

9. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 12, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10. Tentative Agenda

11. Discuss Press Conference Update on Purple Power

Play in the Park - DMI

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

12. Administrative Work Session

Holeman did not have a report for the Board.

The Board discussed a citizen's question whether he could buy the Platt House and donate it to the Genealogical Society. The Board discussed the possible extension of the lease for the Platt House. The Board directed Holeman to present a CAR on possible extension of the existing Genealogical Society lease for possibly 30 or 40 years.

9:50 AM Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer

13. Bid opening for Fancy Creek Road bridge replacement

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for the Fancy Creek Road bridge replacement:

Company Base Bid
Reece Construction Co., Inc. P.O. Box 168
Scandia, KS 66966
\$1,222,729.22

L&M Contractors, Inc. P.O. Box 1171
Great Bend, KS 67530
\$1,091,757.90

Ebert Construction Co., Inc. P.O. Box 198
Wamego, KS 66547
\$1,116,700.11

King Construction Co., Inc. P.O. Box 849
Hesston, KS 67062
\$1,121,139.02

A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. 62180 Great River Road
P.O. Box 479
Atlantic, IA 50022
\$1,025,159.50

Bridges, Inc. P.O. Box 823
Newton, KS 67114
\$1,078,192.10

Engineer's Estimate \$1,084,898.00

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

10:00 AM Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

14. Extension Staff Time

Wilson presented an Extension staff report.

McClure presented science based information to the Board on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's).

10:15 AM Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

15. Riley County Police Department update

16. RCPD Workers Compensation Self Insurance

Schoen discussed the RCPD workers compensation self insurance recommendation.

15. Riley County Police Department update

16. RCPD Workers Compensation Self Insurance

Schoen discussed the RCPD workers compensation self insurance recommendation.

The Board agreed by consensus with the RCPD workers compensation self insurance recommendation.

10:30 AM Boyd left the meeting.

10:45 AM Budget and Planning Committee

17. September Monthly Cash Flow Reports

Robison presented the monthly cash flow reports.

11:05 AM Jennifer Green, Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

18. Health Department Monthly Budget Review & Report to the Board of Health

Green presented the Health Department monthly budget review and report.

Green discussed the outbreak at the Manhattan High School.

Green presented the water drainage solution for the FCRC building.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the bidding of the drainage solution for the FCRC Building. The Board agreed the funding for the project will be paid from the County Building Fund.

Move to recess as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

11:30 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: R o n a l d Wells, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

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K-State rolls to 63-7 win over Florida Atlantic



Kansas State's Defensive End Tanner Wood (34) hits the Owls Quarterback Jason Driskel at the 5-yard line and K-State recovers on the Owls 1 yard line.



KSU's Quarterback Jesse Ertz (16) had a good day running and passing.



K-State's Runningback Delvin Warmack (3) pick up yardage.



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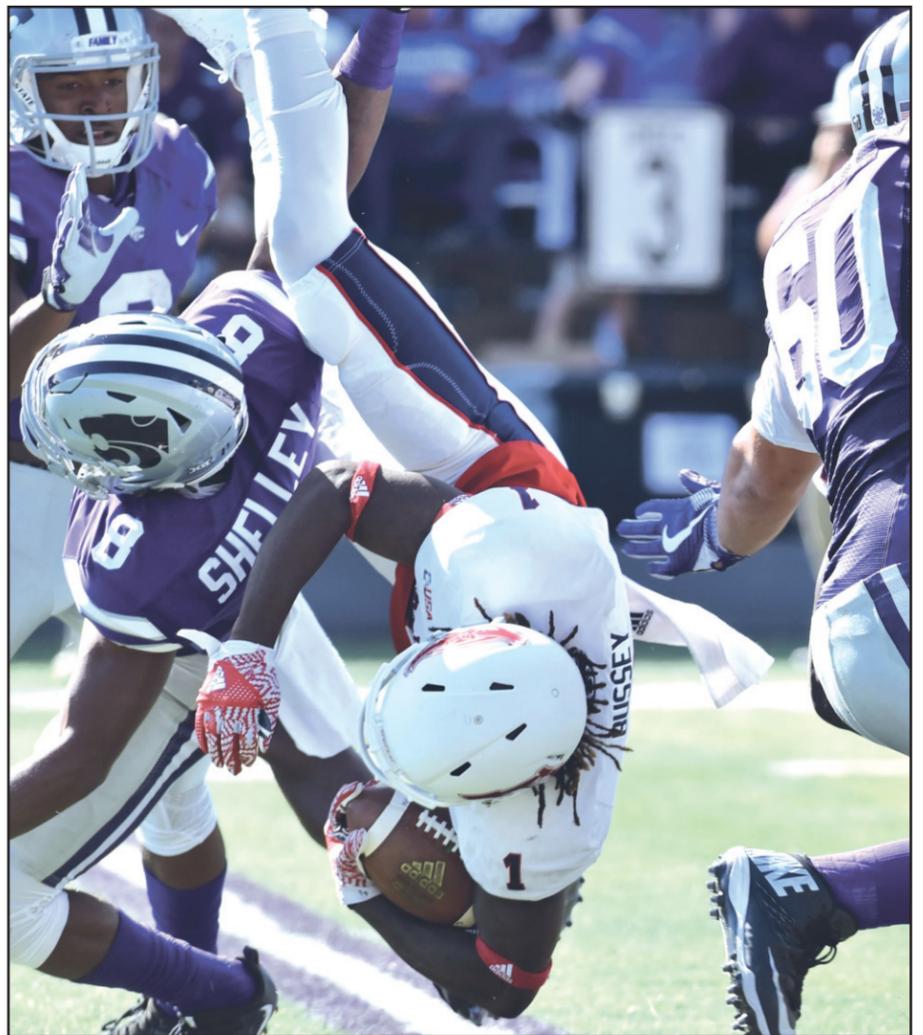
K-State rolls to 63-7 win over Florida Atlantic



Kansas State's Sophomore Fullback Winston Dimel (38) scored 4 touchdowns Saturday. This is a photo of his first TD.



KSU's Defensive End Will Geary (60) takes down the Owls runningback.



K-State's Cornerback Duke Shelley (8) get a turn-em-over hit.



Kansas State Wide receiver Isaiah Harrie (2) goes high for the ball.



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More than 800 immigrants mistakenly granted citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government has mistakenly granted citizenship to at least 858 immigrants from countries of concern to national security or with high rates of immigration fraud who had pending deportation orders, according to an internal Homeland Security audit released Monday.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general found that the immigrants used different names or birthdates to apply for citizenship with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and such discrepancies weren't caught because their fingerprints were missing from government databases.

The report does not identify

any of the immigrants by name, but Inspector General John Roth's auditors said they were all from "special interest countries" — those that present a national security concern for the United States — or neighboring countries with high rates of immigration fraud. The report did not identify those countries.

In an emailed statement, the Department of Homeland Security said the findings reflect what has long been a problem for immigration officials — old paper-based records containing fingerprint information that can't be searched electronically. DHS says immigration officials are in the process of uploading these files and that officials will review "every file" identified

as a case of possible fraud.

Roth's report said fingerprints are missing from federal databases for as many as 315,000 immigrants with final deportation orders or who are fugitive criminals. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has not reviewed about 148,000 of those immigrants' files to add fingerprints to the digital record.

The gap was created because older, paper records were never added to fingerprint databases created by both the now-defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service and the FBI in the 1990s. ICE, the DHS agency responsible for finding and deporting immigrants liv-

ing in the country illegally, didn't consistently add digital fingerprint records of immigrants whom agents encountered until 2010.

The government has known about the information gap and its impact on naturalization decisions since at least 2008 when a Customs and Border Protection official identified 206 immigrants who used a different name or other biographical information to gain citizenship or other immigration benefits, though few cases have been investigated.

Roth's report said federal prosecutors have accepted two criminal cases that led to the

immigrants being stripped of their citizenship. But prosecutors declined another 26 cases. ICE is investigating 32 other cases after closing 90 investigations.

ICE officials told auditors that the agency hadn't pursued many of these cases in the past because federal prosecutors "generally did not accept immigration benefits fraud cases." ICE said the Justice Department has now agreed to focus on cases involving people who have acquired security clearances, jobs of public trust or other security credentials.

Mistakenly awarding citizen-

ship to someone ordered deported can have serious consequences because U.S. citizens can typically apply for and receive security clearances or take security-sensitive jobs.

At least three of the immigrants-turned-citizens were able to acquire aviation or transportation worker credentials, granting them access to secure areas in airports or maritime facilities and vessels. Their credentials were revoked after they were identified as having been granted citizenship improperly, Roth said in his report.

A fourth person is now a law enforcement officer.

UN chief vents frustration in last GA speech

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Taking the world stage for the last time as secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon unleashed years of pent-up anger at leaders who keep "feeding the war machine" in Syria, violate human rights and prevent aid deliveries to starving people.

The U.N. chief told presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and ministers at the opening of General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting on Tuesday that "powerful patrons" on both sides in the more than five-year Syrian conflict "have blood on their hands."

"Present in this hall today are representatives of governments that have ignored, facilitated, funded, participated in or even planned and carried out atrocities inflicted by all sides of the Syria conflict against Syrian civilians," he said.

"Many groups have killed innocent civilians - none more so than the government of Syria, which continues to barrel bomb neighborhoods and systematically torture thousands of detainees," he added.

Ban, whose term ends on December 31, accused South Sudan's feuding leaders of betraying their people. He said "in too many places, we see leaders rewriting constitutions, manipulating elections and taking other desperate steps to cling to power."

Looking back on his nearly 10 years at the helm of the United Nations, Ban cited the rise of "people power" with mobile phones that now blanket the world, reductions in poverty, political transitions in

Myanmar and Sri Lanka, and the cease-fire agreement in Colombia.

He said he was proud that UN Women was established under his watch and drew loud applause when he said: "I am proud to call myself a feminist."

But the focus of his annual state of the world report was on the myriad problems on the global agenda - and the leaders who fail to tackle them.

He listed a host of "grave security threats" - fighting in Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Sahel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict where "the prospects for a two-state solution are being lowered by the day."

He also ticked off other issues - extremists who push people "into camps of 'us' and 'them'," mistrust that divides citizens from their leaders, and the rising seas, record heat and extreme storms resulting from climate change.

The spotlight at the annual meeting will not only be on the global crises but the possibility of solutions, topped by the Syrian conflict, escalating attacks around the world by Islamic extremists, and millions of people fleeing fighting and poverty.

Whether the 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers are able to make any progress before the high-level meeting ends on Sept. 26 remains to be seen. While hopes are high, expectations are low.

The leaders are meeting against a backdrop of rising ethnic and religious tension, fighting elsewhere in the Mideast

and Africa, a warming planet, and unfulfilled goals to give every child in the world a primary school education and to achieve equality for women.

The global chaos facing the leaders was made even starker in the past two days with the attacks in New York City and the deadly attack on a U.N. humanitarian convoy in Syria and the near collapse of a cease-fire in the war-ravaged country that has been repeatedly broken.

The latest developments placed added importance on a meeting early Tuesday morning of the International Syria Support Group, comprised of about 20 countries supporting opposing sides in the conflict. It will be led by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who hammered out the cease-fire agreement.

The spotlight is also certain to shine on three leaders scheduled to speak at the assembly's opening session Tuesday morning.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who steps down on Dec. 31, and U.S. President Barack Obama who will leave office in January, will be addressing the 193-member world body for the last time. And British Prime Minister Theresa May will be making her debut on the world stage less than three months after the country voted to leave the European Union.

Many leaders came a day early to attend Monday's first-ever U.N. summit on refugees and migrants, which approved a declaration aimed at provid-

ing a more coordinated and humane response to the world's 65.3 million displaced people.

It calls for separate Global Compacts for refugees and migrants to be adopted within two years. But human rights groups complained that it was watered down, eliminating Ban's proposal to resettle 10 percent of the world's refugees annually.

Obama has called a follow-up summit Tuesday afternoon to spur concrete pledges.

According to a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of the summit, at least 45 countries are expected to make pledges that will

meet or exceed U.S. goals of increasing humanitarian aid by \$3 billion, doubling resettlement and lawful admission spots, and

increasing access to education for 1 million youngsters and access to employment by 1 million.



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Kansas Supreme Court asked to order boost in aid for schools

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Four local school districts are asking the Kansas Supreme Court to order the state to spend hundreds of millions of dollars more per year on public schools, in a legal dispute that is shaping state politics and threatening Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's tax-cutting legacy.

The justices plan to hear arguments Wednesday from attorneys on whether the Legislature is fulfilling a duty under the state constitution to finance a suitable education for every child. The districts' attorneys argue that Kansas could afford to boost its aid if lawmakers reversed big income tax cuts enacted in 2012 and 2013 at Brownback's urging as an economic stimulus.

Previous high court rulings against the state have been strongly criticized by conservative GOP legislators and have helped fuel an effort to oust four of the seven justices in November. The high court's decision on school funding isn't expected

until after the election.

What to know about school funding in Kansas:

ONGOING LAWSUITS

The case before the state's highest court was filed in 2010 by the Dodge City, Hutchinson, Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas, districts.

The justices focused previously on ensuring that the state distributes its nearly \$4.1 billion a year in aid to its 286 school districts fairly, so that poor schools don't lag too far behind wealthier ones. Changes made by legislators in June satisfied the high court on "equity" issues, so it is now considering whether the state spends enough money overall.

Kansas has been in and out of lawsuits over education funding for decades. Many educators argue that the state's spending remains far short of what's necessary to ensure that all children get a suitable education.

Also, many educators were frustrated that Brownback and his legislative allies opted for big personal income tax cuts instead of extra school spending,

only to see budget problems follow the tax reductions.

POTENTIAL PRICE TAGS

State officials and attorneys have multiple estimates for the increases required to meet a ruling against the state. They start at \$430 million a year, a boost of more than 10 percent.

The State Board of Education recently proposed phasing in an \$893 million increase over two years. And John Robb, an attorney for the districts suing the state, said the potential increase could be as high as \$1.4 billion a year.

BACKLASH AGAINST THE COURT

The state's attorneys argued in a court filing last month that school funding issues are political questions left to the Legislature, absent arbitrary or irrational decisions.

And Republican legislative leaders have argued for years that the court does not have the authority to tell lawmakers how much money to spend on public

schools.

Past rulings against the state requiring more spending are among the reasons GOP conservatives are trying to oust four of the seven justices this year.

Justices are appointed by the governor, but every six years they face a statewide yes-or-no vote on whether they should remain on the bench. Voters will decide this year whether to keep Chief Justice Lawton Nuss and Justices Dan Biles, Carol Beier, Marla Luckert and Caleb Stegall.

Stegall is Brownback's only appointee and not a target. Nuss and Luckert were appointed by moderate GOP Gov. Bill Graves. Biles and Beier were named to the court by Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who also appointed the court's other two members.

REACTION TO BROWNBACK

Brownback's fiscal policies and concerns about schools also have spurred a backlash this year against his legislative allies. Fourteen GOP conservatives lost their legislative seats

in the August primary, and Democrats are looking to cut into Republican supermajorities in November.

If Democrats gain enough

seats, they and moderate Republicans could have working majorities in both chambers as lawmakers determine how to respond to a Supreme Court order.

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Texas	0 - 0	2 - 1	.667
Texas Tech	0 - 0	2 - 1	.667
Kansas State	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
Kansas	0 - 0	1 - 2	.333
Oklahoma	0 - 0	1 - 2	.333
Iowa State	0 - 1	0 - 3	000

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Kansas State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Friday Sep. 2	at Stanford	Loss 13 - 26
Sat. Sep. 10	OFF	
Sat. Sep. 17	Florida Atl.	Win 63 - 7
Sat. Sep. 24	Missouri State	6:00pm
Sat. Oct. 1	at West Virginia	TBA
Sat. Oct. 8	Texas Tech	TBA
Sat. Oct. 15	at Oklahoma	TBA
Sat. Oct. 22	Texas	TBA
Sat. Oct. 29	at Iowa State	TBA
Sat. Nov. 5	Oklahoma State	TBA
Sat. Nov. 12	--- OFF ---	---
Sat. Nov. 19	at Baylor	TBA
Sat. Nov. 26	Kansas	TBA
Sat. Dec. 3	at TCU	TBA

Kansas Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Sat, Sept. 3	Rhode Island	Win 55 - 6
Sat, Sept. 10	Ohio	Loss 21 - 37
Sat, Sept. 17	at Memphis	Loss 7 - 43
Thu, Sept. 29	at TT	7:30p.m. FOX
Sat, Oct. 8	TCU	
Sat, Oct. 15	at Baylor	
Sat, Oct. 22	Okla. St.	
Sat, Oct. 29	at Oklahoma	
Sat, Nov. 5	at West Virginia	
Sat, Nov. 12	Iowa State	
Sat, Nov. 19	Texas	
Sat, Nov. 26	at Kansas State	

Big 12 Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Fri, Sep 23	SMU	TCU	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, Sep 24	West Virginia	Brigham Young	Landover, Md.	TBA	
* Sat, Sep 24	Baylor	Oklahoma State	Waco, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Sep 24	Iowa State	San Jose State	Ames, Iowa	11:00 a.m.	FSN Live Stats
Sat, Sep 24	Kansas State	Missouri State	Manhattan, Kan.	6:00 p.m.	K-StateHD.tv
* Thu, Sep 29	Texas Tech	Kansas	Lubbock, Texas	7:30 p.m.	FS1
* Sat, Oct 01	Oklahoma State	Texas	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	TCU	Oklahoma	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	West Virginia	Kansas State	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	Iowa State	Baylor	Ames, Iowa	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Oklahoma State	Iowa State	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Kansas	TCU	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Kansas State	Texas Tech	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Oklahoma	Texas	Dallas, Texas	TBA	FS1 Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 15	Baylor	Kansas	Waco, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Oct 15	Oklahoma	Kansas State	Norman, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 15	Texas Tech	West Virginia	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Oct 15	Texas	Iowa State	Austin, Texas	TBA	LHN / Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 22	West Virginia	TCU	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
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Miscues cost Kansas at Memphis, 43-7

KU Sports Information

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Three first half fumbles — two on its first three drives of the game — and six turnovers overall, put Kansas in an early hole it couldn't escape as the Jayhawks dropped their road opener, 43-7, to Memphis Saturday afternoon at the Liberty Bowl.

The Tigers tallied 394 yards of offense — 205 rushing and 189 passing — with an average drive start at their own 48-yard line. Kansas' freshman running back Khalil Herbert accounted for 35 percent of the team's offensive output with 74 rushing and 35 receiving yards, to go along with the Jayhawks' only touchdown of the day.

Sophomore quarterback Montell Cozart threw 13 completions on 22 attempts for 87 yards, but tossed two interceptions. Also taking snaps behind center were sophomore Ryan Willis (9-of-13, 80 yards) and redshirt-freshman Carter Stanley (4-of-6, 26 yards). Senior running back Ke'aun Kinner toted the ball a team-high 12 times for 49 yards, while junior transfer wide receiver LaQuvionte Gonzalez caught a game-best six passes for 44 yards.

KU's defense kept the Jayhawks within striking distance in the first half by flying around to the ball as 11 defenders posted at least three tackles. The defensive effort was bolstered by senior linebacker Marquis Roberts' five stops and two tackles for loss, as well



KU Quarterback Ryan Willis (13) looks down field for the receiver. (KU Photo)

as sophomore defensive end Dorance Armstrong's two-sack, three-tackle-for-loss performance.

Two Kansas fumbles and an 84-yard touchdown pass from Memphis helped put the Tigers up 13-0 after the first quarter. The Jayhawks were held to 84

yards in the first period, while the Tigers gained 160, but the deficit could have been worse as Memphis' average drive start in the first 15 minutes was its own 41-yard line.

KU's defense bent but didn't break in the opening stanza, only allowing the one long touchdown to trail, 7-0. The big

stops to keep the game in reach happened on Memphis' two possessions beginning inside KU's 25-yard line due to the turnovers. The Jayhawks only allowed two field goals, going down 13-0 at the beginning of the second quarter.

It didn't take long for the Tigers to put their second touchdown of the game on the board at the beginning of the second quarter, going on an eight-play, 74-yard drive, highlighted by a 32-yard rush up the sideline. One play later the score was extended, 19-0, with Kansas stuffing the two-point attempt at the 13:46 mark of the second quarter.

Herbert broke loose on KU's first possession of the second quarter as the rookie took a carry 66 yards off-tackle up the sideline to the end zone, getting Kansas on the board, 19-7. Herbert's rush was the longest by a Jayhawk since 2014.

With new life, the Kansas defense played inspired football forcing consecutive three-and-outs. On the contrary, Memphis punted KU into bad field position on the next two drives, stalling all momentum.

More bad luck for Kansas occurred after moving the ball down the field to its own 41-yard line. KU lost its third fumble of the first half as Cozart rolled to his right and the ball slipped out of his hands, this time giving Memphis the ball on KU's 41-yard line.

Armstrong provided the spark to get the ball back to the offense with a chance to cut into Memphis' 26-7 lead before halftime. The Houston native recorded his second sack of the game on second down and then sniffed out a draw play for a loss of five more yards, forcing a Tiger punt.

The special teams unit then caused a bad snap by bull rushing through the line and tackled Memphis' punter at the Tigers' own 38-yard line with 1:36 to play in the opening half.

As with most things in the first half, Kansas couldn't get out of its own way and on the first play of the drive, Cozart lobbed a pass that was intercepted and returned 61 yards for another score, giving Memphis a 33-7 advantage heading into halftime.

Neither offense was able to effectively move the ball in the third quarter as there were five combined punts between the two teams. Memphis got on the board by tallying three more points with 35 seconds to play in the third period, 36-7.

Memphis put its 43rd point on the board, by way of a six-yard touchdown rush, after gaining possession by stuffing a Kansas attempt to go for it on fourth-and-short from its own 34-yard line at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

The Tigers' offense kept the ball on the ground for the remainder of their possessions, while the Jayhawks still struggled to move up and down the field. The remainder of the fourth quarter saw both teams go scoreless as Memphis claimed a 43-7 victory.

Up Next: Kansas hits the road for a rare mid-week game against Texas Tech on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. The Jayhawks and Red Raiders will be televised on FS1.

Rudolph, Childs lead Oklahoma State to win over Pitt

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — When a small storm rolling through delayed Saturday's Oklahoma State-Pittsburgh game with 12:55 left in the fourth quarter and the score tied 38-38, OSU coach Mike Gundy used the extra time to make some much-needed adjustments.

Following the almost 2-hour delay, the Cowboys limited the Panthers' effectiveness on offense and then came up with the game-winning touchdown drive. Mason Rudolph connected on an 86-yard pass to Jhajuan Seales, then Rennie Childs scored on a 1-yard run — his fourth rushing touchdown of the game — with 1:28 remaining to lift Oklahoma State to a 45-38 victory.

"I'll be real honest with you, the delay saved us," said Gundy, whose team squandered second quarter leads of 24-10

and 31-17. "We got a lot of coaching out of it. Defense coaches changed it, corrected it, offense did some things. When the delay happened, I was okay with it, because I felt like we needed it to make some corrections. I felt like this was a good thing for us."

Rudolph was 26 of 46 for a school-record 540 yards and two touchdowns, while James Washington pulled in nine receptions for 296 yards — the most in the nation by anyone so far this season — and two touchdowns. Childs finished with 101 yards on 10 carries.

"(Rudolph) played great," said Cowboys offensive coordinator Mike Yurcich. "Always room to improve, but he needs to sit back and enjoy this one. He played tremendous, especially at the end, finished strong again, the game-winning drive. I'm proud of him."

One week after a stunning loss to Central Michigan on a final untimed play that officials later admitted should never have happened, Oklahoma State (2-1) found themselves in another nail-biter decided in the final moments.

After starting its final possession on its own 8-yard-line with 1:21 to go, Pitt advanced to the OSU 45-yard-line before Nathan Peterman's pass was intercepted by Ramon Richards with 15 seconds left.

Rudolph, who broke Brandon Weeden's previous single-game mark of 502 yards from 2011, had 372 yards passing and Washington 231 receiving in the first half alone, both OSU school records for one half. The Cowboys' 467 yards of total offense in the opening half also set a school record.

James Conner rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown on 24

carries for Pitt (2-1), while Peterman threw for 237 yards and a touchdown on 14-of-30 passing.

"They made one more play than we did, really, when it comes down to it, at the end," said Panthers coach Pat Narduzzi. "Regardless of what happened in the first half, or third quarter, it came down to the last few seconds."

THE TAKEAWAY

Pittsburgh: Despite the loss, the Panthers displayed impressive resilience, falling behind 24-10 and 31-17 in the first half, but continuing to battle back, answering Oklahoma State's penchant for big plays. They tied the game 31-31 early in the third quarter on Matt Galambos' 2-yard fumble return, and then again at 38-38 several minutes later on Quadree Henderson's 50-yard touchdown run.

"Our kids hung in there," Narduzzi said. "There was adversity and our kids fought all the way to the end, and that's all, as a coach, you can ask for."

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys showed no ill effects after their controversial defeat last week against Central Michigan. Any lingering questions were undoubtedly cleared up when the Cowboys' first offensive play turned into a 91-yard touchdown pass from Rudolph to Washington.

"It definitely sparked a fire in me," Washington said of the quick start. "It definitely got my blood flowing, especially coming back to the sideline and just rallying with my teammates. It was huge for the entire team."

The Cowboys demonstrated an impressive ability to execute big plays, as Rudolph completed nine passes for over 20

yards, while Childs also broke free for a 67-yard touchdown run.

PLAY OF THE GAME

With less than two minutes remaining and Oklahoma State on its own 13-yard-line, Rudolph heaved up a bomb to Seales, who was wide open down the right sideline after Pitt cornerback Avonte Maddox fell down. Seales raced the length the field, finally getting knocked out of bounds by Terrish Webb at the 1-yard-line. OSU had gone 3-and-out on five of its previous six possessions, and came through with yet another big play when they needed it. On the next snap, Childs scored the game-winning touchdown.

UP NEXT

Oklahoma State: OSU travels for its first away game of the season, visiting Big 12 rival Baylor.

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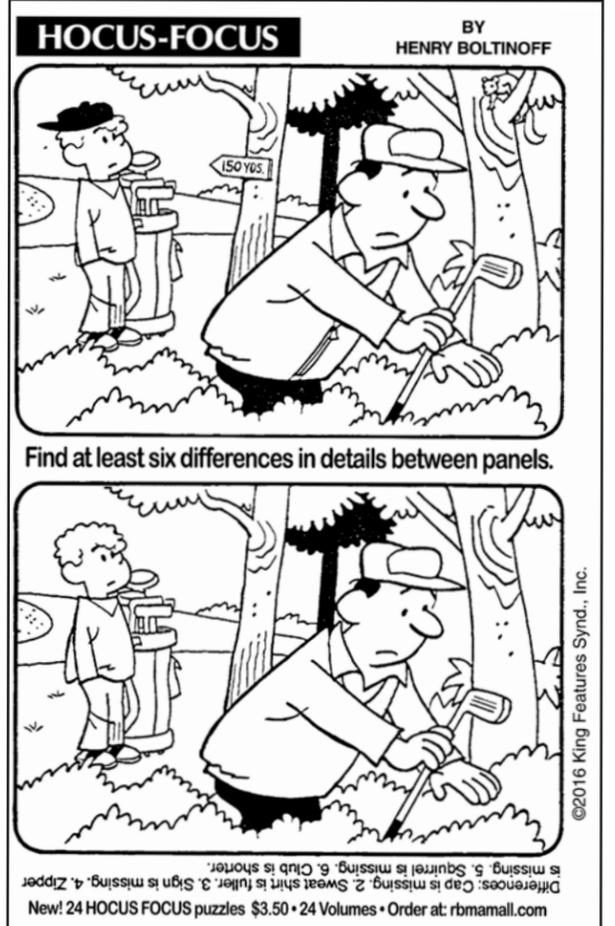
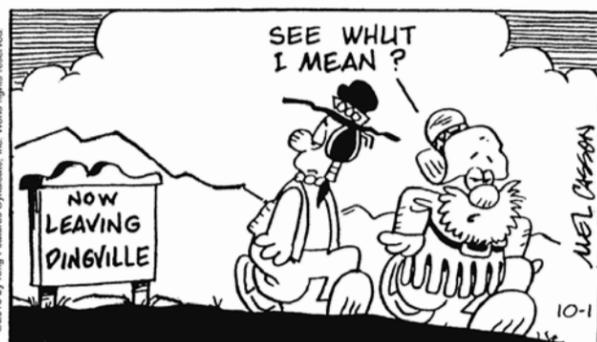
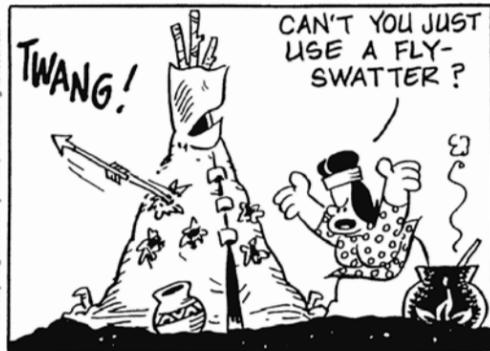
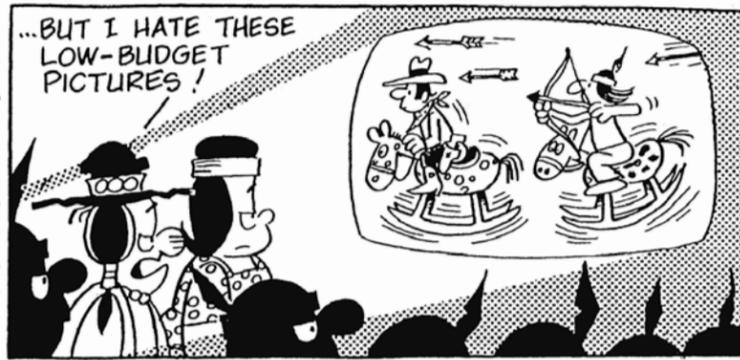
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KBI investigating two officer-involved shootings

Within 24 hours, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation was called upon to investigate two officer-involved shootings in northwest and north-central Kansas.

The first shooting, which occurred Thursday night in Ellsworth County, involved three officers from two jurisdictions who discharged their firearms during a chase involving a possibly armed subject, injuring the person, according to a news release from the KBI.

The second, which occurred early Friday in Sherman County, involved a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper who shot and injured a man who

came from behind a car stopped in the middle of eastbound Interstate Highway 70 armed with a machete, according to a news release from the KHP.

Also still under investigation is an Aug. 18 incident in which a Hays police officer shot and killed a 36-year-old man with developmental disabilities who failed to obey the officer's commands.

Mark Malick, public information officer for the KBI, said statistics on the number of officer-involved shootings the KBI has investigated this year and in 2015 should be available early next week.

Recent statistics

The most recent statistics Malick had Friday were for 2014 and 2013. In 2014, the KBI investigated 17 officer-involved shootings, 12 of which resulted in deaths. In 2013, the agency investigated 10 officer-involved shooting incidents, three of which involved fatal shootings. None of the 2013 shootings occurred in northwest or north-central Kansas counties, but in 2014 the KBI investigated shootings that occurred in Decatur, McPherson, Saline

and Thomas counties.

Malick said the 2014 and 2013 information included only shootings that the KBI was requested to investigate. He said the Kansas City metro area has a major case squad that handles most officer-involved incidents in that area, and there were others that the KBI was not called to lead or assist with.

Limited information was released on the most recent incidents.

According to KAKE-TV, the

Ellsworth County incident occurred on Kansas Highway 156 between Ellsworth and Holyrood.

Ellsworth County Sheriff Tracy Ploutz requested help from the KBI at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, according to a Friday morning release from the KBI.

The KBI reported that a subject was taken from the shooting scene by EMS and later was flown to a Wichita hospital. On Friday morning, that person was in reportedly in "stable

condition.

No law enforcement officers were injured. The investigation is ongoing, the KBI reported, and no further information was to be released.

The news release indicated that when the investigation is completed, the case file will be presented to Ellsworth County Attorney Joe Shepack "for his review and consideration," and that any further media inquiries should be directed to Shepack's office.

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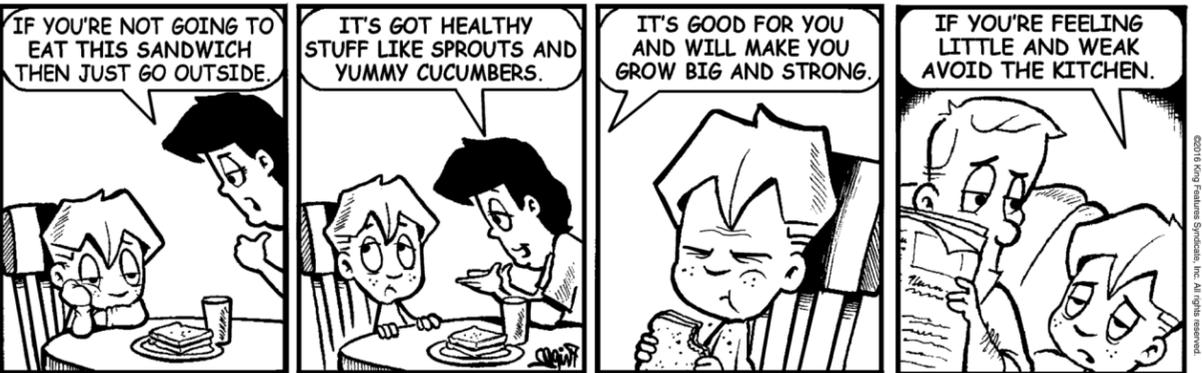
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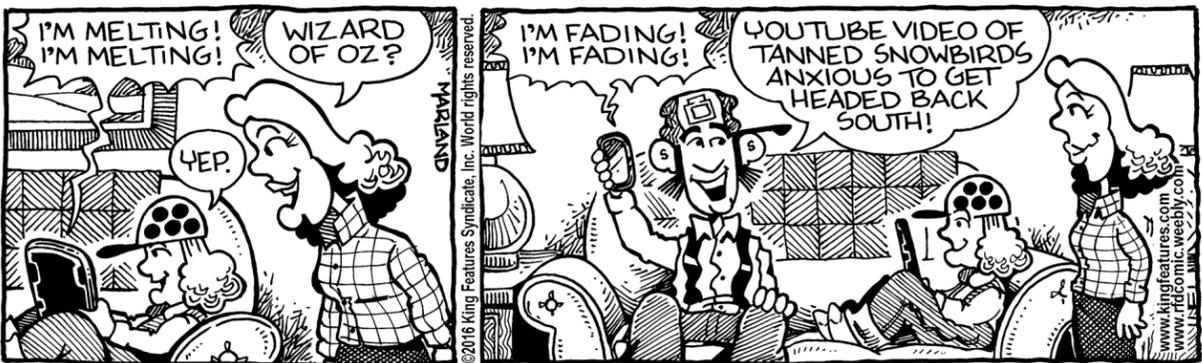
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Kansas State rolls to 63-7 victory over Florida Atlantic

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Trying to decide which coach was more upset following Kansas State's 63-7 rout of Florida Atlantic on Saturday proved far more difficult than figuring out which was the better team.

In one locker room was Charlie Partridge, who lambasted his Owls for nearly getting shut out. They had four turnovers that led to 21 points on offense, and were largely inept on defense.

In the other locker room? Bill Snyder ripped his Wildcats for committing 13 penalties for 131 yards.

"We totally lacked the discipline to play this game," Snyder said, giving no indication of joy after moving within six wins of reaching 200 for his career. "You might get away with it in a ballgame like this but if you do that in the conference we play in, you're not going to be hanging your hat."

Eliminate the penalties, though, and the Wildcats (1-1) were actually quite dominant.

Winston Dimel ran for four first-half touchdowns, Jesse Ertz threw for another score and Dominique Heath returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown as Kansas State put up its most points since 2009.

"A lot of people questioned our offense," Kansas State running back Dalvin Warmack said, reflecting on a 26-13 loss to Stanford in the season opener. "A lot of people challenged us to be better."

The Wildcats responded by



Kansas State Winston Dimel (38) lets team mate Dalton Risner know how he feels after a touchdown.

cruising to a 42-0 halftime lead, at one point scoring on back-to-back one-play drives set up by Florida Atlantic turnovers. And the Wildcats finished off the route by getting backup quarterbacks Alex Delton and Joe Hubener in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Greg Howell had a touchdown run earlier in the fourth quarter for the Owls.

"We wanted the shutout," Kansas State linebacker Elijah Lee said with a smile.

Jason Driskel threw for 125 yards, but the Florida Atlantic

quarterback also tossed two interceptions and lost two fumbles deep in his own territory. Kansas State turned those into 21 points.

"I gave them 21 points in one half and you can't beat a good team doing that — can't even beat a bad team doing that," Driskel said. "That's on me. My team and my coaches trust me with the ball every play. I'm the only person who touches the ball every play and I let them all down today."

The Wildcats were playing their latest scheduled home

opener since 1992, and also christening the most recent renovation to Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The \$15 million project to enclose the lower bowl provided new space for the marching band and the visiting Owls (1-2) with plush new locker rooms.

They probably should have stayed in there at kickoff.

Kansas State marched 89 yards for a touchdown on its opening possession, then got the ball back and went 72 yards for another score. Two more touchdown runs by Dimel off

Florida Atlantic turnovers made it 28-0 by the time some fans finally reached their seats — and the Owls knew what hit them.

"Second drive of the game they had a lot of success running the ball," Owls coach Charlie Partridge said. "We got some things fixed and adjusted and tweaked, guys were being more aggressive."

Not that it helped a whole lot.

Dimel, the Wildcats' big full-back, scored once on a draw, twice out of the wildcat formation, and plunged in from the 3-yard line just before halftime to

give Kansas State a 42-0 lead.

Meanwhile, the Owls could only manage 211 yards total offense, and the ineffective Driskel was benched early in the fourth quarter with the game already out of reach.

RED ZONE ALERT

Kansas State was 8 for 8 in the red zone with eight touchdowns, continuing its perfect streak dating back nine games. The Wildcats, best in the Big 12 at scoring inside the 20 a year ago, have put points on the board on 36 straight trips with 26 touchdowns.

THE TAKEAWAY

FLORIDA ATLANTIC: Partridge said this week that he is trying to emulate the way Snyder built his program. But he clearly has a long way to go. The Owls are coming off back-to-back three-win seasons, and could have a hard time getting to that mark if they play like they did Saturday.

KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats cleaned up a lot of the issues that popped up in their loss to Stanford, and get another chance to clean up the penalties against Missouri State next weekend. Things get tougher after that with a visit to West Virginia to open the Big 12 schedule.

UP NEXT

FLORIDA ATLANTIC: The Owls return home to play Ball State next Saturday night.

KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats wrap non-conference play against the Bears on Saturday night.



Cedric Dozier (7) and Sean Newlan (29) take down the runner.



The Kansas State running backs were flying high Saturday.

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