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Director Brad Schoen (left) talks after giving the flag to Capt. Maldrop (right). Others between the two officers are: Pastor Sterling Hudgins, Mayor Bruce Snead, County Commissioner Mike Kearns and Riley County Attorney Berry Wilkerson.

Riley County Police Dept. Holds Officers Memorial

The Riley County Police Department carried on the tradition of holding a Peace Officers Memorial service Tuesday at the Law Enforcement Center.

The solemn ceremony was attended by officers and representative from Junction City Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol Fort Riley and Riley County Police Department. Pastor Sterling Hudgins of Agape Family Church gave the invocations.

Director Brad Schoen presented the Flag Capt Maldrop and the Department Honor Guard. Scott Freebee, brother of retired Riley County Police Officer Larry

Freebee, was present and played “To the Colors” as the Department’s Honor Guard raised the US Flag to full-staff and then returned it to half-staff.

Speakers included City of Manhattan Mayor and Law Board Chairman Bruce Snead, County Commissioner Mike Kearns and the Riley County attorney Berry Wilkerson.

Capt Maldrop concluded the ceremony with the reading of the names of the six officers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Following the ceremony the Police Department held and meal for those who attended.

Officer who have given their lives in the line of duty in Riley County are:

1866 - Felix Boller, City Marshall, Ogden Police Department.

1897 - Seldon Lard, Sheriff, Riley County Sheriff’s Office.

1918 - Marion Ross, Officer, Manhattan Police Department.

1951 - Cleo Chrest, Officer, Manhattan Police Department.

1964 - John McMurray, Trooper, Kansas Highway Patrol

1982 - Donald Harbour, Officer, Riley County Police Department.



the Riley County High School “Swingtime Canteen” cast and accompanist Deb Huyett (right) are pictured with Major General Orris Kelly, ret. (left) and Jim Sharp after the meeting.

RGHS “Swingtime Canteen” Cast Members Perform For Veterans

By Gloria Freeland

Five members of the Riley County High School “Swingtime Canteen” cast and their accompanist Deb Huyett performed May 8 at the 65th anniversary commemoration of V-E (Victory in Europe) Day at the American Legion Post #17 in Manhattan.

Jim Sharp, chairman of the Northeast Kansas Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, organized the event. Major General Orris Kelly, retired Army Chief of Chaplains, told those in attendance that the memories of the war years are seared into the minds of those who

experienced them.

About 30 World War II veterans shared their memories of what they were doing when they heard the news that the war in Europe was over.

One was in London and remembered the big celebration in the streets. Another was recuperating in a hospital in Belgium. One had spent four months in a hospital and was headed back to the front. Still another said May 2 was more significant to him because he and other Battle of the Bulge prisoners reached American lines on that day.

RGHS students who performed were Janelle Bailey, Bekah Bailey, Megan Bowen, Katherine Vaughan and Sarah Wirtz. Among numbers that the girls performed included “You’ll Never Know,” “Sentimental Journey,” “I’ll Be Seeing You,” “Don’t Fence Me In,” “How High the Moon” and an Andrews Sisters medley. Huyett sang “Lili Marlene,” which was popular with both American and German soldiers during the war.

Only two million of the 16 million veterans of World War II remain.

Maughmer To Be In Teachers’ Hall Of Fame

The Kansas Teachers’ Hall of Fame in Dodge City is pleased to announce that the Class of 2010 includes Barbara Maughmer of Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. The Class of 2010 will be inducted into the Kansas Teachers’ Hall of Fame in Dodge City on Saturday, June 5, 2010.

Maughmer has 34 years of teaching experience – 29 of those years were spent in USD 383. Throughout her career in USD 383, she served as a 1st grade teacher, Clinical Instructor, Assisting Teacher, and Curriculum/Staff Development Director. She also has taught for the College of Education at Kansas State University.

In 1977, the first state Teachers’ Hall of Fame was established in Dodge City. Since its inception, more than 350 exemplary educators have been inducted into the Kansas Teachers’ Hall of Fame. Each year nominations are accepted from each of the twelve districts of Kansas. The state selection committee meets in March to review the candidates and complete the selection process.

The inductees meet the highest of standards. The teacher must 1) show evidence of outstanding teaching and/or administration; 2) show evidence of positive interac-



Barbara Maughmer

tions with students and parents; 3) possess qualities that set him/her apart from other educators; 4) demonstrate continued pursuit of educational opportunities throughout career; 5) share ideas by conducting workshops, classes, etc. for parents, teachers and/or administrators; 6) demonstrate involvement in community activities; 7) exhibit educational recognition and awards; 8) submit a 100 word description of his/her philosophy of education. Additionally, nominees must have been a K-12 or Vocational School teacher or administration for a minimum of 25 years in Kansas.

Manhattan High School Gets Passing Grade

Manhattan High School hosted a Quality Assurance Review visit on April 9, 2010 and received their North Central Association / AdvancED accreditation for another five-year term! This process engages the entire school community in a continuous process of self-evaluation, reflection, and improvement. It invites external scrutiny and welcomes the constructive feedback of peers. It demands rigor, is based in data, and approaches documentation of results with discipline.

Schools and districts benefit from accreditation through objective peer review, attainment of high standards, and engagement in continuous improvement. Through accreditation, schools and districts receive an external mark of quality; become part of an international network of 23,000 schools and districts in 65 countries; and gain access to a wide range of resources, professional development, and tools to assist them with continuous improvement. Perhaps more importantly, students benefit from accreditation because, through the accreditation process, their school or district has committed to raising stu-

dent performance and will be held accountable for improving student learning on a continual basis.

Dr. Nancy Bolz, director of Kansas NCA, stated that “Manhattan High School is to be commended for choosing to engage in a process that increases the quality of education for their students beyond the compliance of the state’s required Quality Performance Accreditation system in Kansas. While the state system involves a very political and singular focus on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), the NCA / AdvancED process facilitates monitoring quality across seven standards.” These standards are:

- Vision and Purpose
- Governance and Leadership
- Teaching and Learning
- Documenting and Using Results
- Resources and Support Systems
- Stakeholder Communications and Relationships
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement

The documents for this visit will be reviewed and recommended by the Kansas State Council at their June, 2010.

Armed Forces Day

To honor those who serve in the military, Governor Mark Parkinson is asking Kansans to raise their flags across the state on Saturday, May 15 on Armed Forces Day.

“Our men and women in uniform here in Kansas and across the country provide an unparalleled service for the safety of our citizens and the preservation of our way of life. No words can ever thank them enough for their patriotism and sacrifice, but Armed Forces Day gives us the opportunity to display a portion of our appreciation, and I hope all Kansans will join me in honoring these heroes.”

This is a modification from the governor’s press release last week that ordered flags across the State of Kansas to be flown at half-staff on Saturday, May 15 in recognition of National Peace Officer’s Memorial

Day. According to 4 U.S.C. §7(m), the flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day unless that day is also Armed Forces Day. Governor Parkinson ordered flags to be lowered on Friday, May 7 on the day of the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony that honored Kansans who had lost their life in the line of duty.

Armed Forces Day was established to create a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

In addition, H.J. Res. 730, P.L. 87-726 designates May 15 of each year as National Peace Officer’s Memorial Day in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

4th Street To Close

Starting Monday, May 17th, 4th Street at Bluemont Avenue will be closed while a roundabout is constructed and other improvements are made to the area. Traffic along Bluemont Avenue through this area will be reduced to 2 lanes.

Please use Leavenworth Street to access downtown and Kansas State University.

This construction will continue until fall of 2010. These improvements are expected to enhance traffic flow through the area, allowing access

to the downtown redevelopment.

Background

On November 21, 2006 the City Commission accepted the preliminary design of 4th Street, including the design of the roundabout at 4th Street and Bluemont Avenue. On January 5, 2010, the City Commission authorized a contract with KDOT for the construction of the intersection improvement at 4th Street and Bluemont Avenue intersection. Pavers, Inc. out of Salina, Kansas was the successful bidder on the project.

Statewide Smoking Ban And The Implications For Cities

The League of Kansas Municipalities has published a report by their General Counsel with tells cities about the No Smoking law that was passed by the State of Kansas. Here is the report:

By Sandy Jacquot
League of Kansas
Municipalities

Cities have been asking numerous questions about the new statewide smoking ban that passed the Legislature in a somewhat surprising procedural move and was signed by the Governor on March 12, 2010. HB 2221, originally a child care bill, ended up as the vehicle for the statewide smoking ban, having been amended by the Senate. The bill had been sitting in a conference committee since the end of the 2009 legislative session, but no conference committee meetings had been scheduled. Since last year, the proponents for a statewide smoking ban had been actively working toward getting a bill and the Governor had come out in strong support of a smoking ban. After a one day hearing in the House Health and Human Services Committee on a much weaker bill, support began building for HB 2221. Instead of conferencing the bill, the House made a motion to concur in the Senate amendments and HB 2221 was passed on a vote of 68-54.

Because this bill was originally passed by the Senate during the 2009 Legislative Session, it contains meaningless effective dates for various requirements in the bill. For example, the smoking infractions in the bill purport to become effective on January 2, 2010. The bill itself, however, does not become effective until publication in the statute book, which is July 1, 2010. Thus, the provisions of the bill cannot become effective until that date and the January 2, 2010 language is of no effect.

The following is a summary of the bill, which contains no pre-emption language. This means that cities may have smoking ban ordinances that are parallel to or more restrictive than the state law. Because the law is uniform, cities

may not exempt themselves from the Act and must enforce it in the same manner as any other state statute. Section 1 of the bill just adds the smoking ban provisions to the list of crimes in K.S.A. 21-3105. Section 2 contains the definitions that provide the parameters for the smoking ban. Section 3 sets forth the places where smoking is prohibited. These prohibitions include, public places, and public meetings; taxicabs and limousines; common areas of buildings including lobbies, restrooms, and hallways; common areas of motels and hotels and at least 80% of sleeping rooms; and any place of employment. Place of employment is defined as any "enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer." Those places would include private offices, stairwells, employee cafeterias, hallways, meeting rooms, and work rooms among others.

In subsection (b) of Section 3, it states that employers must adopt and maintain a written smoking policy prohibiting smoking, which applies to all areas of the place of employment. Then, all current employees must be informed within one week of the adoption of the policy and new employees should be informed when hired. In addition, if requested, the employer must give the employee a copy of the policy. While this seems to be redundant, since the bill already prohibits smoking in places of employment, the manner in which the bill was passed probably explains this anomaly. Cities, therefore, should adopt a written smoking policies for their facilities. The clear language would absolutely prohibit smoking at all city enclosed facilities, including public workshops, community buildings, city halls, law enforcement offices, the fire department, and any other facility that has employees present. Cities must enforce these provisions.

Besides the smoking prohibitions, there are exceptions to the ban. For example, a portion of an adult care home or a long-term care unit of a medical care facility may be designated as a smoking area. Those areas must be fully enclosed and ventilated to be covered. In addition, the long-term

care unit smoking area is restricted to residents and their guests. Outdoor areas beyond building access points are not required to be non-smoking. Access point means "the area within a ten foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or building air intake." Cities with smoking bans will need to check any allowed outdoor smoking area for compliance. Other exceptions are tobacco shops, gaming floors in casinos, private homes except when used as a day care facility (Section 7 of the bill contains the day care requirements), hotel and motel rooms totaling not more than 20% of the business, and private clubs in designated areas where minors are prohibited. Private club in this bill means an outdoor recreational facility not open to the general public and to which individuals pay substantial dues, perhaps a country club golf course. Another interesting exception is that class A and B clubs licensed prior to January 1, 2009 may notify the secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment within 90 days of the effective date of the Act that they wish to continue to allow smoking. The date has been the subject of debate and potential change in a conference committee on an alcohol bill, so cities should watch for the LKM legislative update for information about whether the date changes.

Proprietors of businesses and those in charge of public facilities must post the premises with the international no smoking symbol, even though the bill prohibits smoking except in a few areas. There are individual penalties for those who smoke in violation of the law. But, there is also a penalty provision for those who own, manage, operate, or otherwise control the use of any public place or other place where smoking is prohibited who have knowledge that smoking is occurring and acquiesce to the smoking under the totality of the circumstances. Thus, cities need to be vigilant in making sure buildings in which smoking has historically been allowed are now smoke free. It is not a stretch to assume that there will be some grumbling and opposition to the new law, but cities need to be firm in their enforcement.

So, the ultimate effect of the law is that cities must at the least enforce the prohibitions in HB 2221. Cities may have ordinances that parallel or are more restrictive than the state law and may enforce those provisions in municipal court. The penalties in the bill are criminal penalties, so cities' penalties must be criminal, as opposed to an administrative process to address violations. Cities should discuss with their city attorneys the best way to become compliant with the new statewide smoking ban.

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Anthony Middle School Is A "High Performer"

Anthony Middle School was recently recognized for receiving Gold Level recognition from the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators (KAMSA) at their annual conference.

"It is wonderful to be recognized for the hard work our students and staff put in each year," states AMS principal Vickie Kline. "The AMS staff is dedicated to student achievement and we appreciate being recognized by our peers at the middle level across the state. We proudly and humbly accept this honor from the

Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators."

Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators (KAMSA) is dedicated to promoting middle school education and recognizing Kansas's middle schools that have demonstrated significant achievement on the Kansas State Assessments.

For more information about KAMSA and the KAMSA High Performing Middle Schools, please contact John Sanborn, KAMSA Executive Director, john.sanborn@sbcglobal.net.

Obituaries

Laura Lee Cross

Laura Lee Cross, age 70, of rural Manhattan, died May 6, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born December 21, 1939, in Manhattan, the daughter of Charles O. and Adria Gay (Werning) Parker, and had been a lifetime area resident.

Laura Lee was the hostess at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan for 35 years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Green Valley FCE, was treasurer of the Blue Township Board and served on the Blue Township Election Board.

Laura Lee enjoyed reading, gardening, socializing, all crafts and playing cards. Her family was very important to her and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On June 15, 1957, in Manhattan, she was married to Paul Cross, Sr. Paul survives of the home. Additional survivors include three children: Paul Cross, Jr. of Manhattan, Audrey G. Moran and her husband Jerry of Alexandria, VA, and Dean E. Cross and his wife Mary Pat of Manhattan; one brother, C. Elburn Parker of Manhattan; five grandchildren: Justin, Andrea, Ashley, Haleigh & Melisa; and two great-grandchildren: Annabelle and

Olivia.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Robert C. Cross in 1993.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment followed in Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery east of Manhattan.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneral-home.com.


Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen

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Kansas Profile - Now That’s Rural: Susie Haver - Kansas Barn Alliance

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

The NBA is coming to Kansas! No, not a National Basketball Association franchise, but is something that is much more deeply rooted in Kansas heritage: Barns. The NBA, or National Barn Alliance, will be having its national conference in Kansas, thanks to the work of the barn alliance here in our state. Some 100 barn enthusiasts will be coming to Kansas from across the nation. It’s the subject of today’s Kansas Profile.

Susie Haver is president of the Kansas Barn Alliance and director of Cloud County Tourism. She lives on the family farm near Concordia, where her family’s barn still stands.

In 2002, a book was published through the Kansas Electric Cooperatives called "Barns of Kansas: A Pictorial History." Written by Bob Marsh, an architect and author, the book contains more than 300 colorful photos of Kansas barns.

His interest in barns is shared by Susie Haver and Sally Hatcher, who lives in Leavenworth but is originally from Michigan. Sally had attended meetings of a barn alliance in that state.

In 2006, Bob Marsh, Susie Haver, Sally Hatcher and others with an interest in historic Kansas barns got together and organized the Kansas Barn Alliance. Bob served as its first president. Sally later became president, and Susie is the president today.

The purpose of the Kansas Barn Alliance is to discover and memorialize the history and architecture of Kansas farms, especially barns. The organization produces a newsletter and holds an annual BarnFest where people interested in barns can convene, tour, share ideas and informa-



Ron Wilson

tion, and advocate for barns.

The board of the Barn Alliance includes people across the state, from both urban and rural communities. That includes people from North Kansas City as well as from rural places like Harper, population 1,519, and Sylvan Grove, population 319 people. Now, that’s rural.

Susie said, "Almost everyone has a barn in their past. Perhaps it was their grandparents’ or on the place they grew up, but people seem to be really interested in them."

Susie and Sally made contacts at the national level and one thing led to another. In June 2010, Kansas will host the National Barn Alliance conference in Atchison and Doniphan County. Preceding the conference is a five-day timber frame repair workshop conducted by one of the leading historic building repair companies, Trillium Dell Timberworks of Knoxville, Illinois.

The conference features speakers on rural revival and barn restoration, agritourism, and the Kansas barn survey conducted by the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office. Another session is titled "Farming to Give That Old Barn A Job."

"Barns need a job," Susie said. "If they’re no longer used for their original purpose, they need another one."

Speakers will include people who now use their barns for sheep, cheese making, or marketing family farm products.

The dinner speaker is Dr. Darrin Rubino, a nationally known dendrochronologist -- which sounds like some medical specialty I don’t want any part of. But in fact, dendrochronology is the study of growth rings in trees. Dr. Rubino has gained a national reputation through his work in dating historic buildings by studying the timbers used in construction.

The final day of the conference includes tours of historic barns in Doniphan County. In fact, Doniphan County has more barns on the National Register of Historic Places than any county in Kansas. The tour will include six historic barns, including the barn which will have been renovated by Trillium Dell Timberworks during the pre-conference workshop.

Susie is excited about Kansas hosting this national conference, which has typically been held in eastern states before. "It’s never been this far west," she said. "We’re excited to showcase our state."

People will come expecting to see flat, treeless Kansas, and that’s not what they’ll find in Doniphan County."

For more information, go to www.kansasbarnalliance.org.

The NBA is coming to Kansas. No, not basketball -- the National Barn Alliance. We commend Susie Haver, Sally Hatcher, and all those involved with the Kansas Barn Alliance for making a difference by promoting and preserving these valuable icons of our past and present. For them, preserving barns should be a slam-dunk.

Students To Study Abroad

Two students from Manhattan attending Washburn University will discover new international learning opportunities while studying abroad.

During June, July and August, Samantha Grief, a junior majoring in nursing, will be studying at Mikkeli University in Finland. Grief will then spend the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters attending Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

During September and October, Erin King will be studying at Mikkeli University in Finland. She is a senior majoring in nursing.

The students will have the privilege of participating in community health and mental health nursing experiences, while gaining an interdisciplinary education with a global healthcare perspective.

Both Grief and King will fulfill part of their Washburn

Transformational Experience graduation requirement, for which they must demonstrate excellence in scholarly and creative activity, community service, leadership or international education. The WTE provides baccalaureate students with an opportunity to make a difference to others or society through enhanced learning designed to complement traditional college studies.

Rhapsody Ringers At MAC

The Rhapsody Ringers will perform their magic at MAC on May 14 at 7:30pm. If you want to see a top notch bell choir, don’t miss this performance!

Bell choirs have been a part of the tradition of the First United Methodist Church since 1965. The Rhapsody Ringers ring regularly in worship at FUMC, have been featured at AGEHR festivals, KMEA convention,

Handbell Exploration, and ring each year with KSU Choir’s Holiday Festival of Music and the KSU Glee Club’s Christmas Concert, many weddings and various community events. Jodi Caldwell conducts the Rhapsody Ringers.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission. Tickets are available online at www.manhattanarts.org, or at the Manhattan Arts Center box office,

1520 Poyntz, 537-4420.

The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.. Additional funding comes from the City of Manhattan and MAC members and friends.

Students Receive Scholarships

Kansas ¼ Sunflower Bank’s 2010 Community Ambassadors class culminated across its Kansas and Colorado markets with the bank’s award of more than \$20,000 in college scholarships.

In Manhattan, the bank awarded local scholarships to three members of its 9-person class: Lindsey Curtis earned the top prize of \$1,000, Emma Chapman received a \$500 scholarship, and Shai Buelow earned a \$250 scholarship. Curtis also earned a Community Ambassador’s highest honor – an additional \$1000 college scholarship presented to three select members of Sunflower Bank’s entire 130-plus Ambassador class throughout Kansas and Colorado.

High-school seniors Jordan Edmunds, Anna Freeby, Jessica Hatesohl, Denae Jones, Jiayi Li and Prashanth Ramaswamy also earned recognition for completing the 2010

Sunflower Bank Community Ambassadors program in Manhattan.

In its fourth year, Sunflower Bank’s eight-month interactive scholarship program features monthly workshops with local business, government and area leaders. More than 514 students have earned the distinction of Community Ambassador, and Sunflower Bank has donated more than \$111,000 in scholarship awards to Ambassadors since the program’s inception.

Buelow, Chapman and Curtis each earned local scholarships on the heels of exemplary participation in Manhattan’s Community Ambassadors class. As a final project, students are invited to submit a “business possibility plan” – including an idea and support for launching and sustaining a successful business in their local community – for consideration of one of three additional \$1000

scholarships. Curtis’s winning plan detailed the formation and implementation of a local clinic focused on helping underprivileged citizens of Uganda.

“It’s an absolute honor, as well as a privilege, to work with students who are passionate about Manhattan as well as their futures,” said Randy Anderes, president of Sunflower Bank Manhattan. “We’re proud to support our communities by developing future leaders.”

Sunflower Bank’s Community Ambassadors program encourages high school seniors to consider their hometown communities as viable destinations in the future, and opens the students up to local economic and leadership development. Each Community Ambassadors class selects three local scholarship winners based on effort and participation – earning amounts of \$1000, \$500, and \$250.

Sunflower Bank is now accepting applications for the next class of Community Ambassadors, beginning in fall 2010. Applications will be accepted at local Sunflower Banks and online until Monday, May 30. Program membership is again limited to a small group, and classes will feature at least nine participants.

Applicants are evaluated on current class work, community activities, and a series of short essay questions. Questions about application or about the program itself can be directed to Sunflower Bank’s customer service line at 1-888-827-5564. Applications are available at www.sunflowerbank.com/cap.

Family-owned Sunflower Bank is based in Salina, Kan., and comprises \$1.8 billion in assets spread throughout 19 cities, including Colorado offices in Cañon City, Monte Vista, Pueblo and South Fork; Kansas offices in Colby, Dodge City, Ellinwood, Great Bend, Hays, Junction City, Lawrence, Liberal, Manhattan, Osborne, Russell, Salina, Topeka, Victoria and Wichita; and Leeton, Missouri.

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Entomologist Recognition

By: Katie Mayes, KSU News Service

Kansas State University entomologist John C. Reese has been recognized for his career contributions in making crops and other plants resistant to insects.

Reese was honored at the recent International Plant Resistance to Insects 19th biennial workshop in Charleston, S.C., receiving an award that noted his outstanding and meritorious contributions to plant resistance to insects.

Reese said the field of host plant resistance got its start in 1926 when Reginald Painter arrived at K-State.

"He started releasing insect resistant varieties of sorghum and wheat within just a few years of his arrival, started teaching the first course in host plant resistance in 1937, and published the first book on plant resistance to insects in 1951," Reese said.

Today, Reese teaches K-State's premier course in host plant resistance and

has built on Painter's legacy.

Reese has been at K-State since 1982 and is an expert in plant resistance to several species of aphids, including greenbugs, soybean aphids, green peach aphids and pea aphids. He uses a technique called the Electrical Penetration Graph in which a feeding aphid completes an electrical circuit, resulting in waveforms that tell the researcher where the piercing-sucking mouthparts are inside the plant and what they are doing.

"We are very proud of John Reese and of the scientific contributions he and his group have made in the field of host plant resistance," said Tom Phillips, head of K-State's department of entomology. "John has a great ability for picking the right projects and assembling the right collaborators for successful research. K-State's department of entomology is fortunate to count John among our members."

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Thoughts From The Prairie

The View from My Hill

As the first rays of light brings the Flint Hills to life, or the torrents of driven rain wash the Prairie clean and turn the Hills to lush green, or the fading evening shadows gently bids the Prairie rest, the view from my Hill is a circular panorama of beauty and bounty. Yet even more valuable than the lush bluestem hills dotted with cattle and abundance of natural resources are the values of the people who call the Prairie home. These are the values about which Ronald Reagan so eloquently spoke: “Freedom and economic advance go hand in hand...The most valuable resource is not oil or precious metals or even territory; it’s the infinite richness of human potential. The creative genius and diligence unleashed when people are free and working to improve their lot and that of their families is the greatest force for good on this planet.”

Lee Modesitt is a son of the Prairie and just as the rain washes the Prairie clean, Lee is determined to be an active participant in cleaning House in Topeka! He reminds me of John Paul Jones and about the same age as Jones when he exclaimed in 1778, “I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm’s way.” It is a thrill to hail him as a young patriot challenging the liberal establishment as a candidate for the Kansas House of Representatives for District 66. Lee learned about life and acquired the values of the Prairie in the small town of Oswego, KS. “My first job was working at Denton True Value hardware, a small business owned and operated by Steve and Nancy Denton,” Modesitt said. “It was here that I learned the value a small business brings to our local communities, and I began to understand the negative impact over-regulation has on small business growth.”

Lee said the best part of attending Labette Community College was meeting his beautiful wife, Bridget. “After completing our general education credits at Labette, we moved here to Manhattan to finish our education at K-State and fell in love with the area and don’t plan to leave. I’m running for the Kansas house because I believe we need new leadership and a fresh perspective in Topeka. The debt being piled on my generation and those not yet born is unconscionable and our older generations who have worked hard have earned the privilege of resting from their work. I believe these challenges are solvable and I look forward to working with you and listening to your ideas to make it happen!”

Below is a brief synopsis of Lee’s stated position on critical issues. For more detail please access his web site at www.leemodesitt.com. “To under gird all other issues, a truly great education is essential and since the education budget approaches two-thirds of the state budget, I will work to make sure that most of that money goes to support classroom activities,” Lee said. “Then growing jobs in Kansas is my next priority. We must eliminate the corporate and personal income tax. And the tax increase that



Dick Miller

just passed, supported by my opponent, transfers the irresponsibility of our legislature to our citizens as an additional tax burden. This is an 18% increase in the sales tax and we will have the eighth highest sales tax rate in the nation. Over 5 years this will take \$1.5 billion out of the Kansas economy. We need incentives and regulatory reform, not more taxes!

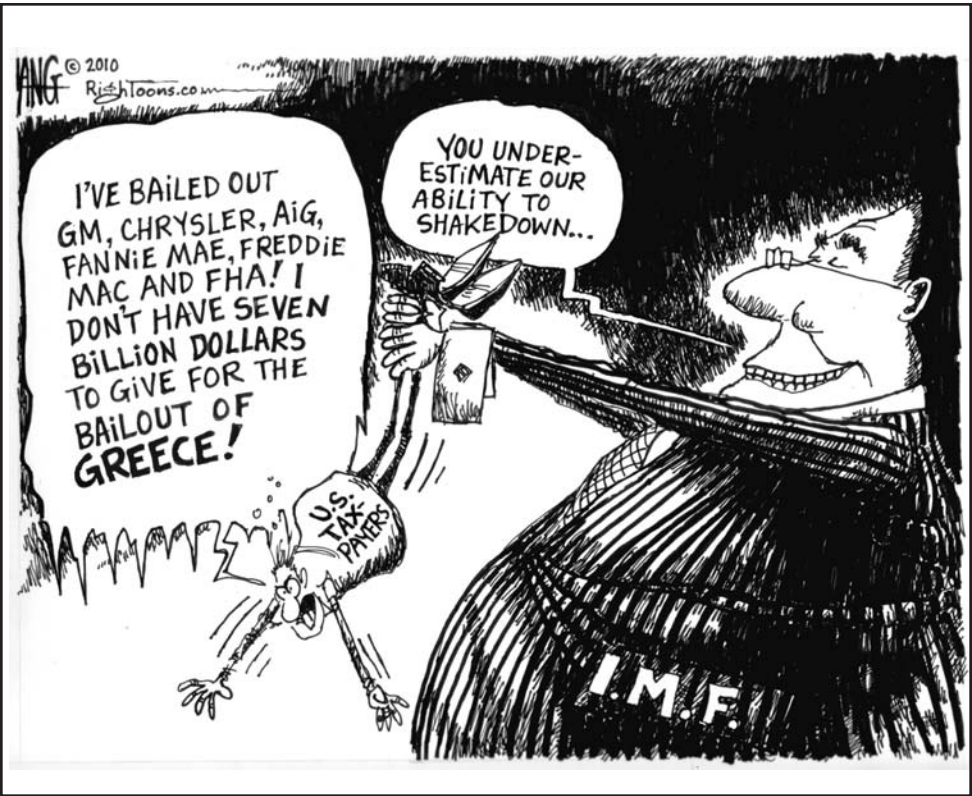
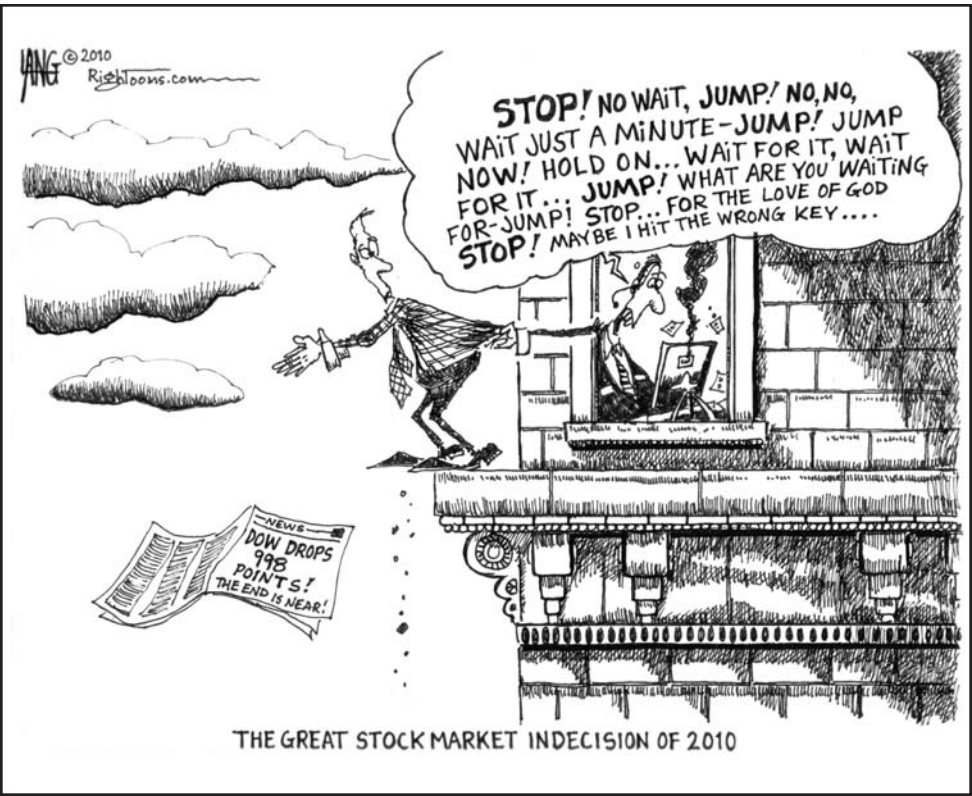
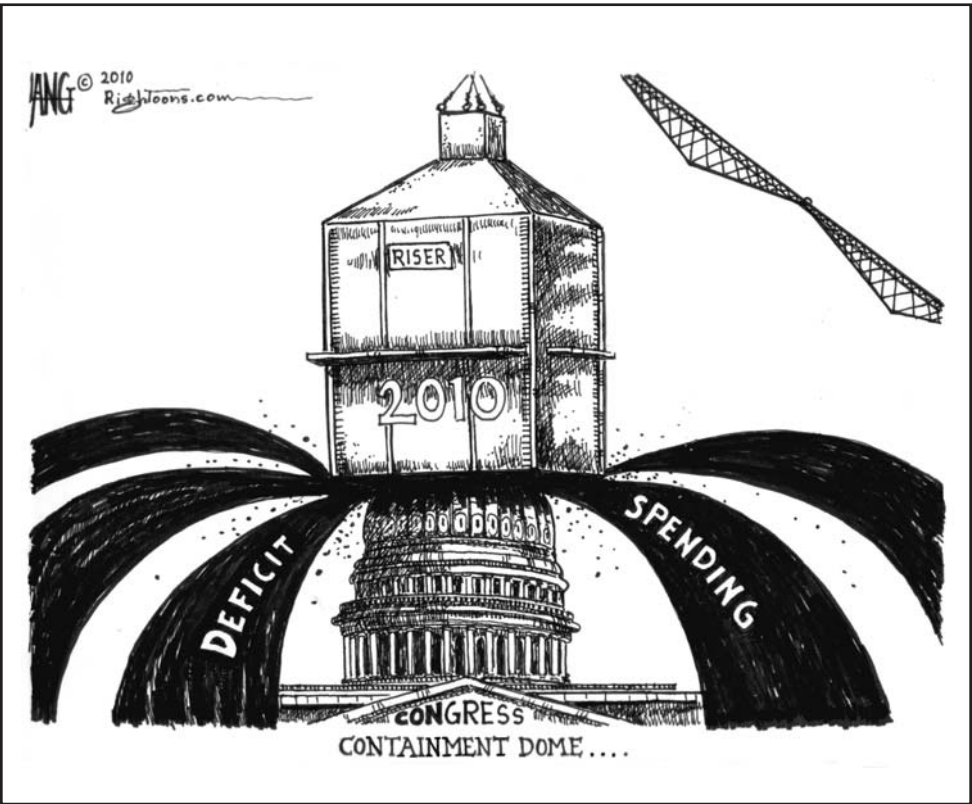
“Kansas is in a great position to be our nation’s leader in independent energy, and I am committed to working for a sound independent energy solution which will reduce dependency on foreign oil. I promise to work hard to bring greater accountability to state government. When we are open and honest about how we conduct business, I believe government will operate more efficiently.

“I believe that access to quality and affordable healthcare is crucial for the health and well being of our great state but I do not support the federal healthcare legislation. I do support the Kansas Healthcare Freedom Amendment that my opponent helped to defeat thereby denying Kansans the privilege of choosing the kind of healthcare they prefer.

“I strongly support and will fight to protect our right to keep and bear arms granted to us by the Constitution. I am an ardent supporter of our Kansas family oriented values. I believe that all life, regardless of age, is valuable and should be protected.

“I’m grateful to have the opportunity to run for the Kansas house, and I would consider it an honor to serve the citizens of the 66th district. My website is www.leemodesitt.com and I invite you to check it out and share your thoughts and ideas. Then come help honor our heroes on May 30, at the Take Back Freedom Rally at 4 PM at the Court House Square followed by a concert with Aaron Tippin at the Wareham Theater at 7 PM. Concert tickets are only \$20 and all proceeds go to the Wounded Warriors Project.

“I ask for your support and your vote.”



“Conscience of Kansas”

America and Greece: Beware the Path of the Black Cat

In you live in America, Europe, or many other places on the planet, then you probably have heard the tales of bad fortune that befalls unprepared souls who allow a black cat to cross their paths. In this realm of superstition the most capable and blessed black cat path-crossers find themselves with bad fortune, and heaps of it. In an ironic twist of fate, it is said that even the unluckiest people who test this taboo find out that their low lot in life can and will get lower. That’s sad.

Some would question the strolling power of the black cat even in the face of undoubtedly real catastrophes that take place among people who believe they have triggered this unstoppable bad luck. Could it be that when Mr. Whiskers crosses a person’s path people act in ways that increase their risk of misfortune? Possibly they may believe, at least subconsciously, that with bad fortune on the horizon, who needs to worry about well-thought out decisions? The skeptic in me sees the black cat as the perfect scapegoat. A matter of fact a person doesn’t have to face the real cause of their misfortune when it can be laid at the furry dark paws of the bad luck giver.

When it comes to tangible misfortune, Greece has the current spotlight with the country’s bankruptcy and the \$146 billion IMF bailout, which most likely will be only the beginning of the loans that the country will require for survival. Despite the limited impact of Greece on the European markets, they have a powerful story regarding what awaits America if we continue to follow the socialistic blueprint of limiting the free market and expanding governmental control.

For Greece, the conversion from the drachma to the euro was the only excuse needed to engage in unlimited spending that went to the unions, social programs, and government double-dealing, which are always part of the quest for the socialistic utopia. Sound like America? More than you know. America has followed Greece’s fast track to ruin by electing a socialist president who barely screamed above the fanfare his intentions to fundamentally transform the nation and begin redistributing wealth. It is easy to see what America is allowing to cross its path.

America is poised to assist with the Greek bailout through donations to the IMF. I would say that we are paying for the right to



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compare America’s and Greece’s fates, and we should not waste the opportunity. First socialism failed in Greece, and other countries will soon fail in Europe from the same system. Second, and comparable to America, Greece will soon learn that without the capitalistic free market, no amount of borrowing will fix their financial problems. Lastly, the deaths in Greece at the hands of union protesters and others should be a wake-up call to all Americans of the consequences of the mentality that goes with government entitlement, as well as the dangers that come with attempting to remove those entitlements.

There will be more violence and turmoil in Greece as they are pushed by the IMF to face their poor decisions as a country and what has brought them to the brink of economic destruction. Will they embrace the truth that it was socialism that brought their bad fortune, or will they blame it on the winds of fate? Possibly a black cat passing their country’s path?

In the end, countries must break free from the excuses found in convenient myths and superstitions like the kinds that make certain colored kitties so unpopular. All of us must stand on the truth that our fate is the product of the decisions we make, and the decisions we allow our governments to make on our behalf.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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“THOUGHTS ON GOVERNMENT”
by John Adams

Thoughts on Government, or in full Thoughts on Government, Applicable to the Present State of the American Colonies, was written by John Adams during the spring of 1776 in response to a resolution of the North Carolina Provincial Congress which requested Adams's suggestions on the establishment of a new government and the drafting of a constitution. Adams says that "Politics is the Science of human Happiness -and the Felicity of Societies depends on the Constitutions of Government under which they live." Many of the ideas put forth in Adams's essay were adopted in December 1776 by the framers of North Carolina's first constitution. - Wikipedia

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MY DEAR SIR,—If I was equal to the task of forming a plan for the government of a colony, I should be flattered with your request, and very happy to comply with it; because, as the divine science of politics is the science of social happiness, and the bless-

ings of society depend entirely on the constitutions of government, which are generally institutions that last for many generations, there can be no employment more agreeable to a benevolent mind than a research after the best.

Pope flattered tyrants too much when he said,

“For forms of government let fools contest,

That which is best administered is best.”

Nothing can be more fallacious than this. But poets read history to collect flowers, not fruits; they attend to fanciful images, not the effects of social institutions. Nothing is more certain, from the history of nations and nature of man, than that some forms of government are better fitted for being well administered than others.

We ought to consider what is the end of government, before we determine which is the best form. Upon this point all speculative politicians will agree, that the happiness of society is the end of government, as all divines and moral philosophers will agree that the happiness of the individual is the end of man. From this principle it will follow, that the form of government which communicates ease, comfort, security, or, in one word, happiness, to the greatest number of persons, and in the greatest degree, is the best.

All sober inquirers after truth, ancient and modern, pagan and Christian, have declared that the happiness of man, as well as his dignity, consists in virtue. Confucius, Zoroaster, Socrates, Mahomet, not to mention authorities really sacred, have agreed in this.

If there is a form of government,

then, whose principle and foundation is virtue, will not every sober man acknowledge it better calculated to promote the general happiness than any other form?

Fear is the foundation of most governments; but it is so sordid and brutal a passion, and renders men in whose breasts it predominates so stupid and miserable, that Americans will not be likely to approve of any political institution which is founded on it.

Honor is truly sacred, but holds a lower rank in the scale of moral excellence than virtue. Indeed, the former is but a part of the latter, and consequently has not equal pretensions to support a frame of government productive of human happiness.

The foundation of every government is some principle or passion in the minds of the people. The noblest principles and most generous affections in our nature, then, have the fairest chance to support the noblest and most generous models of government.

A man must be indifferent to the sneers of modern English men, to mention in their company the names of Sidney, Harrington, Locke, Milton, Nedham, Neville, Burnet, and Hoadly. No small fortitude is necessary to confess that one has read them. The wretched condition of this country, however, for ten or fifteen years past, has frequently reminded me of their principles and reasonings. They will convince any candid mind, that there is no good government but what is republican. That the only valuable part of the British constitution is so; because the very definition of a republic is “an empire of laws, and not of men.” That, as a republic is the best of governments, so that particular arrangement of the powers of society, or, in other words, that form of government which is best contrived to secure an impartial and exact execution of the laws, is the best of republics.

Of republics there is an inexhaustible variety, because the possible combinations of the powers of society are capable of innumerable variations.

As good government is an empire of laws, how shall your laws be made? In a large society, inhabiting an extensive country, it is impossible that the whole should assemble to make laws. The first necessary step, then, is to depute power from the many to a few of the most wise and good. But by what rules shall you choose your representatives? Agree upon the number and qualifications of persons who shall have the benefit of choosing, or annex this privilege to the inhabitants of a certain extent of ground.

The principal difficulty lies, and the greatest care should be employed, in constituting this representative assembly. It should be in miniature an exact portrait of the people at large. It should think, feel, reason, and act like them. That it may be the interest of this assembly to do strict justice at all times, it should be an equal representation, or, in other words, equal interests among the people should have equal interests in it. Great care should be taken to effect this, and to prevent unfair, partial, and corrupt elections. Such regulations, however, may be better made in times of greater tranquillity than the present; and they will spring up themselves naturally, when all the powers of government come to be in the hands of the people's friends. At present, it will be safest to proceed in all established modes, to which the people have been familiarized by habit.

A representation of the people in one

assembly being obtained, a question arises, whether all the powers of government, legislative, executive, and judicial, shall be left in this body? I think a people cannot be long free, nor ever happy, whose government is in one assembly. My reasons for this opinion are as follow:—

1. A single assembly is liable to all the vices, follies, and frailties of an individual; subject to fits of humor, starts of passion, flights of enthusiasm, partialities, or prejudice, and consequently productive of hasty results and absurd judgments. And all these errors ought to be corrected and defects supplied by some controlling power.

3. A single assembly is apt to grow ambitious, and after a time will not hesitate to vote itself perpetual. This was one fault of the Long Parliament; but more remarkably of Holland, whose assembly first voted themselves from annual to septennial, then for life, and after a course of years, that all vacancies happening by death or otherwise, should be filled by themselves, without any application to constituents at all.

4. A representative assembly, although extremely well qualified, and absolutely necessary, as a branch of the legislative, is unfit to exercise the executive power, for want of two essential properties, secrecy and despatch.

5. A representative assembly is still less qualified for the judicial power, because it is too numerous, too slow, and too little skilled in the laws.

6. Because a single assembly, possessed of all the powers of government, would make arbitrary laws for their own interest, execute all laws arbitrarily for their own interest, and adjudge all controversies in their own favor.

But shall the whole power of legislation rest in one assembly? Most of the foregoing reasons apply equally to prove that the legislative power ought to be more complex; to which we may add, that if the legislative power is wholly in one assembly, and the executive in another, or in a single person, these two powers will oppose and encroach upon each other, until the contest shall end in war, and the whole power, legislative and executive, be usurped by the strongest.

The judicial power, in such case, could not mediate, or hold the balance between the two contending powers, because the legislative would undermine it. And this shows the necessity, too, of giving the executive power a negative upon the legislative, otherwise this will be continually encroaching upon that.

To avoid these dangers, let a distinct assembly be constituted, as a mediator between the two extreme branches of the legislature, that which represents the people, and that which is vested with the executive power.

Let the representative assembly then elect by ballot, from among themselves or their constituents, or both, a distinct assembly, which, for the sake of perspicuity, we will call a council. It may consist of any number you please, say twenty or thirty, and should have a free and independent exercise of its judgment, and consequently a negative voice in the legislature.

These two bodies, thus constituted, and made integral parts of the legislature, let them unite, and by joint ballot choose a governor, who, after being stripped of most of those badges of domination, called prerogatives, should have a free and independent exercise of his judgment, and be made also an integral part of the legislature. This, I know, is liable to objections; and, if you please, you may make him only president of the council, as in Connecticut. But as the governor is to be invested with the executive power, with consent of council, I think he ought to have a negative upon the leg-

islative. If he is annually elective, as he ought to be, he will always have so much reverence and affection for the people, their representatives and counsellors, that, although you give him an independent exercise of his judgment, he will seldom use it in opposition to the two houses, except in cases the public utility of which would be conspicuous; and some such cases would happen.

In the present exigency of American affairs, when, by an act of Parliament, we are put out of the royal protection, and consequently discharged from our allegiance, and it has become necessary to assume government for our immediate security, the governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary, treasurer, commissary, attorney-general, should be chosen by joint ballot of both houses. And these and all other elections, especially of representatives and counsellors, should be annual, there not being in the whole circle of the sciences a maxim more infallible than this, “where annual elections end, there slavery begins.”

These great men, in this respect, should be, once a year,

“Like bubbles on the sea of matter borne, They rise, they break, and to that sea return.”

This will teach them the great political virtues of humility, patience, and moderation, without which every man in power becomes a ravenous beast of prey.

This mode of constituting the great offices of state will answer very well for the present; but if by experiment it should be found inconvenient, the legislature may, at its leisure, devise other methods of creating them, by elections of the people at large, as in Connecticut, or it may enlarge the term for which they shall be chosen to seven years, or three years, or for life, or make any other alterations which the society shall find productive of its ease, its safety, its freedom, or, in one word, its happiness.

A rotation of all offices, as well as of representatives and counsellors, has many advocates, and is contended for with many plausible arguments. It would be attended, no doubt, with many advantages; and if the society has a sufficient number of suitable characters to supply the great number of vacancies which would be made by such a rotation, I can see no objection to it. These persons may be allowed to serve for three years, and then be excluded three years, or for any longer or shorter term.

Any seven or nine of the legislative council may be made a quorum, for doing business as a privy council, to advise the governor in the exercise of the executive branch of power, and in all acts of state.

The governor should have the command of the militia and of all your armies. The power of pardons should be with the governor and council.

Judges, justices, and all other officers, civil and military, should be nominated and appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of council, unless you choose to have a government more popular; if you do, all officers, civil and military, may be chosen by joint ballot of both houses; or, in order to preserve the independence and importance of each house, by ballot of one house, concurred in by the other. Sheriffs should be chosen by the freeholders of counties; so should registers of deeds and clerks of counties.

All officers should have commissions, under the hand of the governor and seal of the colony.

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Vintage Flag Quilt To Headline Exhibiton At KSU

By Katie Mayes
KSU News Service

A patriotic flag quilt will star in an upcoming exhibition of quilts at Kansas State University's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art.

The "Pieces of Time: Quilts from K-State's Historic Costume and Textile Museum" exhibition opens Friday, May 28, and includes more than a dozen American quilts from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries.

Marla Day, curator of K-State's Historic Costume and Textile Museum, said the exhibition is an opportunity to share selections from the museum with the community. K-State's Historic Costume and Textile Museum is housed in the K-State's department of apparel, textiles and interior design in Justin Hall.

"These quilts have never been shared with the public. This is rare opportunity," Day said. "The beautiful patriotic flag quilt will be the star of the show, but the path the quilt took to become that star and part of the museum's holdings is surprising."

The flag quilt was purchased by Robert Weir around 1940. Weir gave the piece, which he discovered in an old trunk at an auction, to his sister, Mary Catherine Weir Gardner, of Topeka. She then had it quilted for about \$30, or \$466 today. Gardner's estate donated the quilt to K-State's Historic Costume and Textile Museum in 1992. The Friends of the Historic Costume and Textile Museum recently funded the conservation of the quilt.

Day said that the quilt might have been started in Maryland as its eagle

motifs bear a strong resemblance to examples produced in Baltimore between 1840-1850. Two flag motifs bearing 29 stars are presumed to date around 1847, when Iowa became part of the Union. Additional flag motifs showing 31 stars probably date to around 1851. The differing flag elements testify to how long it often takes a quilter to complete such a large piece of work, Day said.

Each quilt tells a story, according to Day.

"Whether it is the art of the quilt's composition or the artistry of the needle, the quilts are like canvas and allow their creator a place to express their originality, inventiveness and inspiration," she said.

"Pieces of Time" includes 16 additional American quilts and quilted children's blankets dating from 1840 to 1950. Each work celebrates the art of the needle and fabric, Day said.

The exhibition runs through Sept. 12.

Several events related to the "Pieces of Time" exhibition will be offered and include:

* "An Afternoon Tea Celebrating 'Pieces of Time,'" 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, on the lawn of the K-State president's home, 100 Wilson Court. Tea participants will enjoy an array of savories, scones and sweets while listening to a performance of the Tallgrass Trio. A private viewing of the quilt exhibition will follow from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Beach Museum. Tickets for the event, which is a benefit, are \$35 per person. Reservations may be made at [http://www.found-](http://www.found-ksu.edu/afternoontea)

[ksu.edu/afternoontea](http://www.found-ksu.edu/afternoontea). In case of rain the entire event will be at the museum.

* Grandmother's Day, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 7, is a special time for grandmother and grandchildren to learn about the history of quilts and experiment with quilt pattern making. The cost is \$1 per person to cover art supplies and reservations are requested.

* Ladies' Night for "Pieces of Time," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, will include a tour of the exhibition, desserts and a greeting card project based on quilt designs. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required.

* Patricia Crews, director of the International Quilt Studies Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, will present a lecture at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in All Faiths Chapel. More information on the lecture is available by calling K-State's department of apparel, textiles and interior design at 785-532-6993.

The Beach Museum's summer ArtSmart classes for children also will have a quilt theme. Details are available at <http://beach.ksu.edu/news/224/early-childhood-newsletters>.

The Beach Museum of Art is on the southeast corner of the K-State campus at 14th Street and Anderson Avenue. Free visitor parking is available next to the building. Normal museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays.

Academy Recognizes Kansas State Professor Dr. Michael Dryden

By Joe Montgomery
KSU News Service

The American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology is recognizing a Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine professor for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Michael Dryden, veterinarian and professor of veterinary parasitology in K-State's department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, received the academy's Excellence in Teaching Award for his contributions to the education of future veterinary dermatologists. Dryden was recognized at the April 2010 meeting of the organization in Portland, Ore.

While Dryden is not a veterinary dermatologist, he is considered one of the world's foremost experts on fleas and ticks. One area of his clinical research program at K-State focuses on the biology and control of fleas and ticks affecting dogs and cats. These areas have significant overlap with veterinary dermatology.

Dryden has provided advanced education on external parasites and external parasiticides at the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology's resident forum in 2006, 2008 and in 2010. The annual forums are two-day intensive education programs to provide dermatology residents from

around the world the latest science in veterinary dermatology prior to them sitting for the dermatology boards. Dryden also was an invited lecturer at the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology's annual meeting in 2009.

"My teaching approach at the resident forums is a combination of open questions and answers combined with PowerPoint slides to emphasize specific points with data," Dryden said. "The AAVD is an outstanding organization and to have been asked to help educate future dermatologists, let alone be recognized for those efforts, was exciting and, at the same time, humbling."

The clinical veterinary parasitology research program's areas of emphasis at K-State are flea and tick biology and control, investigating urban wildlife as vectors of parasitic diseases, and diagnosis and control of gastrointestinal parasites. From these areas, Dryden and his research team have generated more than 100 journal articles and book chapters and more than 100 presentations at scientific meetings. In addition, Dryden has presented the group's research findings and given continuing education seminars in 22 countries.

"Our productive and highly rec-

ognized clinical veterinary parasitology research program is directly attributable to the team approach of the group," Dryden said. "Dr. Patricia Payne, veterinarian and assistant professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, is an integral part of the program and co-author on many projects. Our three technicians also keep the program running smoothly: Vicki Smith, Deb Ritchie and Amy McBride."

Dryden earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from K-State, and a master's degree and doctorate in parasitology from Purdue University. He has been recognized numerous times for his teaching, research and service to the profession. He was awarded the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence for contributions that significantly advance our knowledge of animal health in 1995, the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association's K-State Distinguished Service Award in 2005, the Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding instruction of second-year veterinary students in 2006, and the Recognition Award in Urban Entomology from the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America in 2007.

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Study Finds Military Couples Are Satisfied

By Kristin Hodges
KSU News Service

A study at Kansas State University has found that the majority of married people at an Army post were satisfied with their relationship, despite challenges faced like deployments.

"Because of the stressors that have been on the military and military families, particularly in the last decade, it's easy to focus on the difficulty and dysfunction of their marriages," said Jared Anderson, assistant professor of family studies and human services at K-State. "But I think one of the things that this study does is look at what makes these families resilient in the midst of ongoing stress."

K-State researchers in family studies and human services studied the marital quality of military couples and identified factors that relate to relationship distress. Their findings showed that the vast majority of people in the sample were non-distressed in their relationship. The researchers include Anderson; Matthew Johnson, graduate student in marriage and family therapy, Manhattan; and Laura Cline, senior in family studies and human services, Overland Park, and a 2006 graduate of Blue Valley High School, Stilwell.

Anderson studies how couples develop and maintain strong marriages, and conversely, the factors that contribute to relationship problems. By understanding factors associated with distress, he said interventions could be developed to target at-risk marriages.

"I think it's just as important, or more important, to learn factors of non-distressed marriages because that gives us a picture into what we can actually do to replicate that

for other families," Anderson said.

He said there is much information about successful civilian marriages, which can be partly applied to military marriages, though there are differences. The researchers said it is important to understand marital quality in military couples because it's associated with marital stability and personal well-being. Additionally, the quality of a soldier's marriage has potential implications for soldier retention and readiness.

The study used data collected in spring 2008 and included a sample of 700 U.S. Army soldiers and 390 spouses of soldiers at Fort Riley. Participants completed a survey that included demographic and quality of life questions, including measures for marital satisfaction.

After analyzing the data, the researchers found that the majority of the participants fell in the non-distressed range of their marital satisfaction. The findings showed that 81 percent of soldiers and 85 percent of spouses were categorized as relationally non-distressed.

The researchers also looked at factors that differentiated the participants categorized as distressed and non-distressed in their relationship. Overall, soldiers were 1.7 times more likely to be relationally distressed than the spouses of soldiers in the sample. While no factors were associated with distress or non-distress for the partners of spouses of soldiers, there were several variables linked to relational distress for soldiers.

A greater likelihood of being relationally distressed was associated with soldiers whose families did not accompany them to their current duty station and soldiers with newer marriages, who were

dating or engaged versus being married and who were lower in rank.

The study also looked for an association between the number of deployments and relational distress. Almost all of the soldiers in the study sample had been deployed at least once, and one-third of the soldiers had been deployed two or more times.

"Deployment didn't factor into distress," Anderson said. "It's interesting, but within context it makes sense."

He said one reason for the finding is that literature shows that deployment is not the variable that affects being distressed or non-distressed, but instead combat exposure is the key factor.

As an undergraduate student, Cline wanted research experience in preparation for applying to graduate schools. She said researching military couples is an interesting niche that will help prepare her for graduate studies in marriage and family therapy.

"I have a real passion for military families as a whole," Cline said. "I'm fascinated by them and the way they've chosen to live and the challenges they've chosen to face -- knowing how hard marriage is already."

Anderson said the study has limitations, since the sample came from a single Army post and might not be representative of all Army soldiers and spouses. Further studies are planned on marital satisfaction in military couples, including research on recently engaged or married military couples.

Several people at K-State contributed to the study, including Brianna Nelson Goff, professor of

family studies and human services; Sarah Lyon, graduate student in human ecology, Wellington; and Holly Gurs, spring 2009 magna cum laude graduate in psychology and family studies and human

services, and a 2004 graduate of Louisburg High School. The research paper is under review for publication. Funding for the project was provided by ACA Fort Riley.

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Nearly 40 University of Kansas faculty and staff will visit sites in Manhattan, Barnes, Marysville, Republic and Salina on Monday, May 17, the first day of the 2010 Wheat State Whirlwind Tour.

Now in its 12th year, the tour will visit more than 20 Kansas communities and cover more than 1,000 miles. Sponsored by Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, the tour gives faculty and staff, many new to Kansas, a firsthand look at the state's history, geography, culture and economy.

The tour is sponsored by Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. She will join the tour May 17 and 18.

The 2010 tour will begin with a visit to the future site of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Sue Peterson, assistant to the president at K-State, will lead a tour of Pat Roberts Hall on K-State's campus. From there, the bus will hit the road for Barnes in Washington County for lunch at Our Daily Bread Shop.

The next stop will be a visit to the Landoll Corp., 1196 Pony

Express Highway in Marysville. Don Landoll, president, chairman and founder, will lead a tour through the plant and speak to the group about the internationally known company's design and manufacture of transportation and agricultural equipment.

The tour then will travel to the Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site, 480 Pawnee Trail in Republic. Richard Gould, site administrator, will lead a tour of the museum, which tells the story of 1820s-era Pawnee villages in the area.

From Republic, the group will travel to Salina, the final stop of the day. Tour participants will have dinner and an alumni reception at Martinelli's Little Italy. Ken Warren, managing director of the Land Institute in Salina, will speak to the group after dinner.

Salina will be the beginning of the second day's travels, with a visit to the Smoky Hills Wind Farm. The tour will continue to Lake Wilson, Lucas, Palco, Damar, Nicodemus and WaKeeney.

This year, tour participants will share highlights of the trip on

Twitter. Visit twitter.com/kuwheatstate May 17-21 for daily updates, impressions from participants and more. To view daily itineraries, maps of this year's route and photos of previous tours, visit www.wheatstate.ku.edu.

Itinerary for Monday, May 17
7:45 a.m. — Load bus at KU Visitors Center, 15th and Iowa streets

8 a.m. — Depart for Kansas State University

9:30 a.m. — Tour National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility

10:30 a.m. — Depart for Barnes

11:30 a.m. — Arrive at Barnes, lunch at Our Daily Bread Shop

1 p.m. — Arrive at Marysville, tour Landoll Corporation

2 p.m. — Depart Marysville for Republic

3:15 p.m. — Tour Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site

3:45 p.m. — Depart for Salina

5:15 p.m. — Arrive at Salina

6 p.m. — Arrive at Martinelli's Little Italy for dinner and alumni reception

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This inaugural event will take place at the newly constructed Colbert Hills Clubhouse in Manhattan. It's a dedicated "party with a purpose," where guests will dress up in their western best and celebrate the old west heritage in the Flint Hills, rich with cattle, cowboys and the circle of life! All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

"We all have the power to make a difference for patients and their families locally who are facing cancer," says Deanna Nitschke, chairperson of the Cattle Baron's Ball Committee. "This event will help pay for cutting-edge cancer research, as well as prevention and early detection of this terrible dis-

ease. I encourage businesses and individuals in the Manhattan area to join us in the fight against cancer."

"Plus, this is sure to be the black tie affair of the year," Deanna adds. "You won't want to be left out!"

Our commitment to finding a cure for cancer and assisting families in their journey to recovery will be more complete with your involvement. Corporate sponsorship and donation opportunities are available to show your brand in the herd at the Cattle Baron's Ball. For sponsorship and donor opportunities, please contact Stacie Schroeder at the American Cancer Society 1-800- 359-1025 or stacie.schroeder@cancer.org by May 1, 2010.

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Health Bill Floods Business In Paper

By Michael D. Tanner
Cato Institute

The health care bill that the Democrats rammed through Congress at the end of March seems to be the gift that keeps on giving.

Unfortunately, most of what it is giving is about as welcome as those little treats your cat drags in.

Almost every day we discover some new little gem hidden in the 2,500-page, 400,000-word redesign of the American health care system. Regulations we hadn't heard about, new costs, new taxes, new mandates; it's a bad bill that just keeps getting worse.

This is an IRS full employment act.

The latest surprise is Section 9006(b)(1) — come on, I know you've read it — which requires that businesses provide a 1099 form to every vendor with whom they do more than \$600 worth of business over the course of a year. A 1099 is similar to a W-2 form, but for income other than wages. Businesses will also have to file a copy of the form with the IRS.

Of course businesses already have to file 1099s for outlays on items like consultants.

But the new rule will mean that even the smallest of businesses will have to issue a form — and file with the IRS — for virtually every purchase or payment.

To pay your rent, you have to issue a 1099. Buy a new set of tools, issue another one. Software, office supplies, airline tickets, gas for your truck, they all could require filing a 1099 — and entail a huge new administrative burden.

The burden falls on the other partner in the transaction too. The business providing the goods and services would have to collect 1099s from all its customers and integrate them with the rest of its tax records.

This would be a significant burden even for businesses with computerized record keeping. For the millions of small businesses that still do book-keeping by hand, the cost in both time and money will be devastating.

Furthermore, businesses will be required to collect all the requisite information from everyone they do business with, including their taxpayer ID, to file the required form. This, in turn, poses a whole new set of threats to privacy.

Consider how many business transactions go on every single day in a \$14 trillion U.S. economy. Millions, perhaps hundreds of millions, of forms will be winging their way between businesses and between businesses and the IRS. The potential for mistakes and lost forms would be tremendous. And with errors would come audits and penalties.

No wonder the IRS is seeking thousands of new agents to administer the

health bill. This is an IRS full employment act.

New reports suggest the health bill is going to increase health care spending and end up costing more than advertised, yet another unpleasant shock (though it should not be a surprise).

So we can understand why the Democrats in Congress would want to wring every last dime they can get out of American businesses.

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More by Michael D. Tanner

But those businesses will already be laboring under hundreds of billions of dollars of new taxes on the bill, as well as a mandate that they provide their workers with insurance. This new reporting requirement will just be one more straw on the camel's already overburdened back.

Unemployment is still nearly 10 percent. Do we really think this is a good time to bury businesses under a blizzard of costly new paperwork?

After all, every dollar spent collecting data, filling out forms, reprogramming computers, hiring accountants and wrestling with the IRS bureaucracy is a dollar that can't be used to hire or pay workers.

As for the rest of us, we will just wait and wonder what surprise the health care bill will bring us next.

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Kansas State To Have Recreation Visit

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the organization that accredits Kansas State University, is sending a team to campus April 9-11, 2012, for an important visit.

Even though the date is nearly two years away, dozens of K-State faculty, staff, students and administrators have been busy since last fall preparing for a reaccreditation visit, said K-State Provost April Mason.

"A reaccreditation visit offers K-State the opportunity to review and think about our strengths, and to identify any weaknesses and challenges we might face," Mason said. "With the K-State 2025 initiative at the forefront, we will use the preparations for reaccreditation to determine how K-State faculty, staff, students and alumni view K-State and where they see the university in 15 years.

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