

Forever, Thank You

*Faithful to our
colors, we shall
ever be!
A farewell to
K-State Football
Coach
Bill Snyder*



Photo by Steve Adelson/GoPowercat.com
Coach Bill Snyder smiles while taking questions from the media
after beating KU on Nov. 10, 2018.

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There's no turning back after this day. Even though Coach Bill Snyder set aside his signature Nike Cortez shoes once before, there will not be another return to the sideline this time.

Bill Snyder, 79, retired as Kansas State's football coach on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 -- 30 years and two days after he came to Manhattan with a solid plan and a steely resolve to do what others said could not be done. To his contemporaries, he set off on a fool's errand and ended up in the College Football Hall of Fame.

In terms of college football, he rose the dead in his first 17 years as Kansas State head coach, and then after a failed three-year retirement, he healed the lame. If you're sensing a religious undertone to how Bill Snyder is viewed in Manhattan, it's because he

generally is held in such regard.

The numbers tell a story of the most dismal football program in the history of the game, which sprouted to life under Snyder's firm grip and football mastery.

- Kansas State football without Bill Snyder as head coach has won 38.6 percent of its 870 games.
- Kansas State football with Bill Snyder as head coach won 64.7 percent of its 333 games.
- In a 12-game season, that's the difference between 4.6 wins without Snyder and 7.8 wins with him.
- Bill Snyder directed K-State to 19 of the school's 21 bowl games and owns all nine of the school's bowl-game wins.

And somehow, the numbers still do not do his legacy justice.

Along with former Kansas State president Jon Wefald, Snyder helped nourish a depleted university, spark remarkable growth in a community and forever alter the football expectations of K-State fans, young and

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Meadowlark Singers Winter Concert

Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

Our very own Meadowlark Singers will be center stage Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The singers led by Jane Boys will entertain you with an evening of great singing as they present their Winter Concert.

Cookies & Carols with First Lutheran Church

Sunday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m.

Members from the Manhattan First Lutheran Church will be here Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. to sing Christmas carols and visit with residents. They plan to bring yummy cookies to enjoy with coffee. All are invited.

Vespers Services

Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

The Vespers service will be the First Christian Church Choir led by Casey Guthals. Vespers service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the Community Room. All are welcome.

Guided Meditation

Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m.

The next session for Guided Meditation is Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Grosh Cinema. Guided Meditation classes are open to all who would like to relax and learn more about meditation. No prior experience or RSVP is required to attend.

Manhattan Catholic School Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 a.m.

Join us in the Community Room Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p.m. to enjoy the talented, young Manhattan Catholic School Choir. They will be singing and spreading holiday cheer.

Coffee Corner—Feature Dessert!

Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m.

Join us in the Community Room at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, for a social hour with coffee and a delicious dessert. Verne Belle's Café featured dessert will be Cranberry Bliss Bar. All are welcome!

Festival of Lights

Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 5:50 p.m.

A bus ride to the Festival of Lights is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 18. There will be two buses departing from the Village Entrance at 5:50 p.m. You will be able to see thousands of lights sparkling with color on a tree towering 60 feet above the Blue Earth Plaza next to the Flint Hills Discovery Center. The area has been transformed into wonderland of lights! Prior to going to the Blue Earth Plaza, residents will travel to a few of the surrounding neighborhoods and take in some of the beautiful lights displayed by locals. Upon arrival of the Festival of Lights, you will have the option to get off the bus to take pictures. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Blue Book at the Hospitality Desk. Cost for transportation is \$3.

Pictures with Santa Claus!

Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

Santa is coming to town and visiting Meadowlark Hills to spread holiday cheer! A photo opportunity will be set up in the Community Room Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. You can get your personal photos with Santa Stephen and Mrs. Claus. Bring your own camera to capture the joy. Enjoy family-friendly activities. Hot cocoa and snacks will be served.

Parkinson's Webinar

Thursday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m.

The Michael J Fox Foundation Third Thursday webinar will replay "a popular webinar on sleep disturbances -- a common non-motor symptom of Parkinson's disease that may cause difficulty falling or staying asleep. Our panelists will discuss how to manage these disturbances and current research on sleep and PD." Join Meadowlark staff for this viewing and discussion.

Change and Loss Series

Thursday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m.

The final meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the South Conference Room. We will be ending the series with a wrap up session.

Verna Belle's Birthday Party

Friday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

Join in the celebration every Friday at 2 p.m. with a Birthday Party for Verna Belle's! This will

feature a special birthday treat and staff will unwrap one present from Meadowlark for the Café at every party. No gifts necessary, please.

From now to Feb. 1, every time you spend \$10 at Verna Belle's, you will be entered into a drawing! Drawings will take place at each of the ten birthday parties.

Crossbows Quartet

Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m.

The Crossbows string quartet consisting of Steve Easterday—violin, Leland Reitz—violin, Mike Kanost—cello, and Christine Durrett—viola will be performing a Christmas medley prior to a "Christmas Cantata" directed by Steve Easterday and performed by the College Avenue united Methodist Church sanctuary choir on Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. All are welcome to enjoy a combination of secular and sacred music.

Heather Augustine Performance

Friday, Dec. 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Although Christmas may have past, Heather still loves Christmas music. Join Heather on Friday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. There will be sing-a-long, piano solos and much more! If you missed Heather the first time, here's another chance, so come out and enjoy the evening.

Meadowlark Singers Practice

There will be no practice for Meadowlark Singers on Monday, Dec. 24, or Monday, Dec. 31.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group for December is canceled. For any questions, contact Lisa Schwarz.

Holiday Trash Schedule

For the week of Christmas and New Year's, trash and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday morning. Please plan accordingly and set your trash bins out Tuesday evening.

Wanted: Weekly Elementary School Readers!

Marcia Schreiner, a Title 1 Reading Teacher at Ogden Elementary, is looking for resident volunteers who would be interested in spending time with the children she works with, by reading with them, working on sight words, and practicing math with flash cards, etc. Many of these students

would benefit from a grandparent-like influence and a positive role model.

This would be a 15-week program on Fridays, starting in January and ending in May, with two different time sessions. The first reading session is from 11:45a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include kindergarten and 2nd grade students. The second session is from 1:45 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and will include 1st through 3rd graders. Each volunteer will have a student partner or a group of five or less students. Transportation will be provided. Please sign up in the Blue Book if you are interested in helping. If you have any questions please call Jana Armfield, Volunteer Coordinator, at (785) 323-3890.

Christmas Lunch

A Christmas Lunch will be served Tuesday, Dec. 25, at the Prairie Star Restaurant. The lunch will cost \$17 for adults and \$9 for children. Please sign up at the host stand in Prairie Star.

Verna Belle's Café close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will not be open on Christmas Day.



NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY!

FICTION

Ambush, by James Patterson and James O. Bern

Edge, by Jeffrey Deaver

Best Kept Secret, by Jeffrey Archer

Tara Road, by Maeve Binchy

A Baby's Bones, by Rebecca Alexander

Orchid and The Wasp, by Caoilinn Hughes

Tailspin, by Sandra Brown

The Orchid Thief, by Susan Orleann

Every Fixed Star, by Jane Kirkpatrick

Beet Queen, by Louise Erdrich

Thirty Three and a Half Shenanigans, by Denise Grover Swank

Thirteen Stories, by Eudora Welty

NON-FICTION

Birds of Kansas Field Guide, by Stan Tekiela

The Book of Bottle Collecting, by Doreen Beck

Our Glorious Century: Key Events, Pictures, Personalities, Milestones, Memories, Lifestyles, Traditions, Insights, by The Reader's Digest

American Creation, Triumphs, and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic, by Joseph J. Ellis

Crusades in Europe, by Dwight D. Eisenhower

Behind the Lines: Powerful and Revealing American and Foreign War Letters and One Man's Search to Find Them, by Andrew Carroll

AUDIO-BOOK

The Copper Scroll, by Joel C. Rosenberg

MOVIE

John Wayne Hollywood Classics: Man From Utah, Sagebrush Trail, Riders of Destiny, The Star Packer

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old. He, just as his successor will be, was measured against the expectations he created for K-State football.

When one surveys the football facilities that stand on the north end of K-State's rolling campus, highlighted by a stadium that now carries Snyder's name, one must understand they exist because of Bill Snyder. All of them.

The humble 50,000-seat stadium was once a shell of its current state. It would be an abandoned monument to failure if Wefald and then-athletics director Steve Miller had not hired a virtually unknown offensive coordinator from Iowa in December of 1988. It was football's final shot at K-State before the school would shutter the program and surrender its membership in the Big Eight Conference.

The fate of Kansas State without Bill Snyder is hard to imagine, but it involves far lower enrollment numbers and, gasp, a world without the Powercat logo.

All of this is undeniably true. There almost certainly would be no K-State football today without Bill Snyder being hired by Wefald and Miller. None. Zero. K-State fans would find themselves in an intense basketball rivalry with Wichita State. Many of today's favorite hotels and

restaurants would not exist, cattle would still roam on west Manhattan land that's been developed into grand homes and an elite golf course, and many of us, this writer included, would have much different lives.

With all of that said, it was time.

A dwindling roster, ongoing recruiting troubles and deteriorating success are signs that Snyder's best was behind him. Moving forward with Coach's 28th season would only further erode the K-State football program as well as his legacy for a generation who've only heard tales of the Miracle in Manhattan rather than experienced it firsthand.

Ron Prince, his successor after the first retirement in 2005, created a mess by alienating fans, former players and donors, so Snyder roared back to the sideline in 2009, promising to "calm the waters." That phrase always sticks out when people recall that December 2008 press conference, but Snyder also vowed that turning over a quality program to his successor was "extremely important" to him.

"That's part of my self-imposed obligation, to make sure the program's in the best possible shape it can be in," Snyder said.

Sadly, those words appear to have been forgotten.

Snyder steps away after a 5-7 season, the same record posted by Prince's 2008 K-State team, and Snyder leaves with a depleted roster that will number around 50 scholarship players for spring football. That too is similar to what he inherited from Prince.

Somewhere along this glorious journey that so many have enjoyed, Bill Snyder lost his way. While he was once concerned about the K-State football family, he was clearly focused on the Snyder family, repeatedly campaigning for his son, Sean, to take over once he retired. It was an idea easily dismissed by most who knew football, except for Bill Snyder. Those who fought the notion were either run out of town or cast as villains.

This led to a growing discontent among the purple masses. Returning to serve the best interests of K-State football was the plan. Staying to serve other interests became the reality not long after a second Big 12 title was won in 2012.

So, yes, it was time, and if Bill Snyder needed a nudge to the door, then it had to be done. Someone out there will be asked to pick up the pieces of a program with declining metrics and a divided fan base, which is the exact same job Bill Snyder accepted in 2009.

It's possible to love, to cherish and to honor while recognizing flaws. No one is perfect, and sadly, Kansas State fans saw too many of Bill Snyder's shortcomings before he departed. Yet none of that — absolutely none of that — should undo what this football coach accomplished at Kansas State.

After all, what now exists is all because of him. So, forever, thank you, Bill Snyder.

Kansas State Athletics Department announced Monday evening, Chris Klieman, from North Dakota State, as new head coach. Welcome to the Wildcat Family, Chris!



LUNCH & BREAKFAST SPECIALS

Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 7 to 11 a.m.
(785) 323-3818

Sunday, Dec. 16

Breakfast: Omelets with Fruit

Monday, Dec. 17

Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch: Cheesy Chicken Melt with Choice of Side
shredded chicken mixed with a variety of cheeses on an everything bagel ~ \$4.50/\$6.50

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit

Lunch: Tater Tot Casserole with Choice of Side
ground beef mixed in a creamy sauce with shredded cheese & tater tots ~ \$6.50

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito & Fruit

Lunch: Chili Cheese Dog with Choice of Side
grilled hotdog topped with chili & cheese on a hotdog bun ~ \$6.50

Thursday, Dec. 20

Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch: Smothered Chicken Burritos with Side
shredded chicken, tomatoes, corn & shredded cheese wrapped in a flour tortilla covered in a white cheese sauce ~ \$6.50

Friday, Dec. 21

Breakfast: Waffle or Pancake

Lunch: BBQ Pork Tacos with Choice of Side
shredded pork covered in BBQ sauce topped with a honey mustard slaw ~ \$4.50/\$6.50

Saturday, Dec. 22

Breakfast: Omelets with Fruit

PRAIRIE STAR RESTAURANT

Restaurant Hours
Monday to Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All specials include beverage, starter and dessert.
 An extra vegetable can be substituted for the starch at no additional charge.
 The restaurant can accept up to four reservation per time, depending on party size.
 Reservations can be made in person or by calling 323-3820.

SUNDAY	Dec. 16 ~ Lunch \$12	Dinner \$11
	Baked Corn Flake Ranch Chicken Havarti Mashed Potatoes Vegetable du Jour	Ham Loaf Au Gratin Potatoes Vegetable du Jour
MONDAY	Dec. 17 ~ Lunch \$10	Dinner \$13
	Sweet & Sour Pork Steamed Rice Choice of Vegetable	Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable du Jour
TUESDAY	Dec. 18 ~ Lunch \$7	Dinner \$12
	Taco Bar <i>(does not include drink, starter, or dessert)</i>	Chicken Breast ala Orange Wild Rice Vegetable du Jour
WED.	Dec. 19 ~ Lunch \$10	Dinner \$13
	Turkey Reuben Sweet Potato Fries Choice of Vegetables	Balsamic Pork Tenderloin Polenta Vegetable du Jour
THURS.	Dec. 20 ~ Lunch \$7	Dinner \$14
	Pizza Bar <i>(does not include drink, starter, or dessert)</i>	Trout Almandine Roasted Red Potatoes Vegetable du Jour
FRIDAY	Dec. 21 ~ Lunch \$10	Dinner \$12
	Catfish Po'Boy French Fries Coleslaw	Grilled Cilantro Lime Chicken Breast <i>with Mango Salsa</i> Lime Rice Vegetable du Jour
SAT.	Dec. 22 ~ Lunch \$10	Dinner \$15
	Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans	Steak Baked Potato Vegetable du Jour

**DRINK
SPECIAL**

Cranberry Margarita
 1 oz. Jose Cuervo Tequila, 1.5 oz. Cranberry Juice, 1 oz. Lime Juice
 & 1/2 oz. Cointreau
 \$3.75

Grosh Cinema Movies

Sunday, Dec. 16, to Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018

Show Times: 1, 4 and 7 p.m., Monday – Saturday / 2 and 6 p.m., Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 16 — The Star (2016)

- A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.
- Co-Starring: Steven Yeun, Keegan-Michael Key & Aidy Bryant
- Rated PG; 1 hr. 26 min.

Monday, Dec. 17 — The Book Thief (2013)

- While subjected to the horrors of World War II Germany, young Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being protected by her adoptive parents
- Co-Starring: Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush & Emily Watson
- Rated PG-13; 2 hr. 11 min.

Tuesday, Dec. 18— Christmas Chronicles (2018)

- The story of sister and brother, Kate and Teddy Pierce, whose Christmas Eve plan to catch Santa Claus on camera turns into an unexpected journey that most kids could only dream about.
- Co-Starring: Kurt Russell, Darby Camp & Judah Lewis
- Rated PG; 1 hr. 44 min.

Wednesday, Dec. 19— Touch of Evil (1958)

- A stark, perverse story of murder, kidnapping, and police corruption in a Mexican border town
- Co-Starring: Charlton Heston, Orson Welles & Janet Leigh
- Rated PG-13; 1 hr. 53 min.

Thursday, Dec. 20 — White Christmas (1954)

- A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general.
- Co-Starring: Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye & Rosemary Clooney
- Rated PG; 2 hrs.

Friday, Dec. 21— Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

- When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.
- Co-Starring: Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara & John Payne
- Rated PG; 1 hr. 36 min.

Saturday, Dec. 22— The Polar Express (2004)

- On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.
- Co-Starring: Tom Hanks, Chris Coppola & Michael Jeter
- Rated G; 1 hr. 40 min.

Weekly Opportunities Calendar *Dec. 16 to Dec. 22*

Sunday • Dec. 16

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch & dinner

- 9:30 a.m. ~ Miller Worship Service, MFR
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ First Lutheran Church Carolers, CR
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Wroten Worship Service, WL
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Vespers with First Christian Choir, CR

Monday • Dec. 17

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch only

- 7:30 a.m. ~ 1st Pres. Man's Bible Study, FHR
- 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR
- 10:20 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR
- 12:00 p.m. ~ Yoga, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Blood Pressure & Responder Clinic, GR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR
- 3:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Singers Practice, CR
- 5:30 p.m. ~ 5th Floor Supper, MR
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Community Bingo, CR

Tuesday • Dec. 18 *Trash pick-up day*

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch & dinner

- 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Guided Meditation, GC
- 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR
- 12:00 p.m. ~ Seven Dolors Book Discussion, FHR
- 1:30 p.m. ~ Manhattan Catholic School Choir, CR
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Coffee Corner—FEATURE DESSERT, CR
- 2:00 p.m. ~ LifeStory Writing Group, FHR
- 4:00 p.m. ~ Newspaper & Bible, FHR
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Dominoes, GR

Wednesday • Dec. 19

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch only

- 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Walmart/Dillons Shopping Trip, VE
- 10:00 a.m. ~ ARTful Memories, KSU CL
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Café, KSU CL
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Care Support Grp, SCR
- 10:20 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR
- 12:00 p.m. ~ Yoga, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Pitch, GR
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CSC

- 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CR
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Call Hall Ice Cream Social, KR
- 4:00 p.m. ~ Christian Video Worship Service, FHR
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Eastside Supper, MR

Thursday • Dec. 20

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch only

- 8:30 a.m. ~ Messenger Team, WCR
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Meadowlark Bible Study, FHR
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Parkinson's Webinar, KSU CL
- 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Blood Pressure & Responder Clinic, GR
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Change & Loss Series, SCR
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Circle Dinner, MR

Friday • Dec. 21

Manhattan Room—open seating for lunch & dinner

- 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Veteran's Group, GC
- 10:20 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Hand & Foot Card Games, GR
- 2:00 p.m. ~ Verna Belle's Birthday Party, VB
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CSC
- 3:30 p.m. ~ Catholic Rosary, CR
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Crossbows Quartet, CR

Saturday • Dec. 22

Manhattan Room—open seating at lunch & dinner

- 9:30 a.m. ~ Painting for Fun, SCR

Room Abbreviations

BP, Billiards Parlor	CH, Collins House
WCR, West Conference Room	CR, Community Room
CSC, Combative Sports Center	GR, Game Room
FHR, Flint Hills Room	WL, Wroten Library
GC, Grosh Cinema	PSP, Prairie Star Patio
HD, Hospitality Desk	KR, Kansas Room (Pub)
KSU CL, KSU Classroom	LB, Library
MFR, Miller Friendship Rm	MR, Manhattan Room
MS, Miller Spa	PS, Prairie Star Restaurant
SCR, South Conference Room	VE, Village Entrance

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