the Kaw Valley Catbacker

Summer Family Barbeque Fun

By Mike DeVader

As a beautiful evening sun gazed down on Wildcat fans while they gathered together to enter the Kansas Expocentre for the 28th Annual Kaw Valley Catbacker family barbeque in Topeka, smiling children along with adults looking like kids in a candy store were evidence of the expectations and enthusiasm for the 2010 Kansas State athletic season.

Often touted by many Kansas State officials as one of their favorite functions and interaction periods with the fans during the off season, the evening of June 28th proved to be no different, as around 1000 purple fans came to hear about the upcoming season from the likes of Athletic Director John Currie, Women's Basketball Coach Deb Patterson, Men's Basketball Coach Frank Martin, and of course, Head Football Coach Bill Snyder.

While listening to speeches from these prominent figures at Kansas State, spectators enjoyed a catered dinner from Puffy's Steak and Ice House located in Maple, Hill, a beer garden, a silent auction and various items for sale benefitting Kansas State and the Kaw Valley Catbackers. In between speakers, fans battled it out in a live auction for various items such as hand made K-State memorabilia and a signed picture of Martin on the set of ESPN's College Gameday. Children also had their choice of activities between basketball and aired up carnival activities.

With families finishing up their dinners while anxiously awaiting for the man of the hour, Snyder, to make the final talk of the night, Martin gave the crowd a thank you and message of why he truly loves the opportunity he has right in front of him at K-State.

"You folks are far and behold the best fans I've ever coached a basketball game in front of," Martin said. "The passion you folks have for your school, for your teams, it's second to none; please don't change, keep packing that gym for our guys. I can't tell you how happy I am that our families are going to continue to call Manhattan home for a long time."

The support of Wildcat fans has been greatly appreciated by both Kansas State University and the Kaw Valley Catbackers through this barbeque for almost three decades, and the 28th edition followed the same lead as its predecessors with some staggering numbers. Ticket sales for the event totaled $8,138. Auction items, both live auctions and silent table auctions, combined for $12,231, while donations and clothing sales tallied at $670 and $261, respectively.

Overall, it was just another example of the graciousness and pride K-State fans have in their beloved university, as the event raised thousands of dollars for the Kansas State Wildcats and the Kaw Valley Catbackers. See you in 2011.

Beer Tasting Event

Lake Shawnee · August 27, 2010

By Les Streit

Approximately thirty KVCB enjoyed a variety of domestic and foreign beers on a great summer evening at Lake Shawnee Shelter House #1 August 27th. Several new members attended to meet K- Stater's in the Topeka area and share ideas and expectations for the upcoming football and basketball seasons.

The results of an informal survey taken on favorite KVCB beers with number of votes in parentheses:

Favorite Domestic Beer:
Miller & Miller Lite (3 votes), Bud Lite Lime (2 votes) and one vote each for Spotted Cow, Hamm's, Free State Oatmeal Stout, Boulevard Ale and Genesee Cream Ale

Favorite Foreign Beer:
Corona & Corona Lite (2 votes) and one vote each for Dos Equis, Shock Top Belgium, Heineken, Moosehead and Chimay.

Favorite Root Beer:
A & W (2 votes), Lost Trail (2 votes) and one vote each for Hines, Stewarts and Dad's Old Fashion.

Hope this survey helps you with your beer selection at your next KVCB tail gate party.

MEMORY

Merline Snyder, 84, of Topeka, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2010. Merline served for many years on the Kansas State University Alumni Athletic Council. She and her husband Harold were one of the five couples who founded the Kaw Valley Catbackers. She served on the Kaw Valley Catbacker board for 18 years and was recognized as *Lady Cat of the Year* in 1987 by the KSU Department of Athletics. A contribution has been made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church in her memory.

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Kaw Valley Catbackers Club Events

- **KSU Football "Replay" Watch Parties** at Jeremiah Bullfrogs at 2940 SW Wanamaker. Tuesday night replays start at 7:00 PM with door prizes given away at halftime.
- **Fall Family KVCB Day** at Gary's Berries Pumpkin Patch, Sunday, October 10th from 2 -6 PM. Travel to Grantville – east of Topeka just off Highway 24 (follow the signs). Activities include pig races, pumpkin decorating and corn maze. Call John or Kay Appel @ 785-608-2449 or e-mail: purpleappel@sbcglobal.net to make a reservation. Show your KVCB membership card to receive an admission discount.
- **KSU-KU Football Watch Party** in Downtown Topeka on October 14th at the Kansan Grill, 705 S. Kansas Ave. Doors open at 5:30 PM to the downstairs private KVCB party room for the 6:30 PM ESPN kickoff. Come early and shop Downtown Topeka merchants. With purple attire and your KVCB membership card you'll receive a 10% discount at participating merchants.
- **KVCB Luncheon** in October or November – direct KVCB membership mailing will announce date and speaker.

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