CONGRATULATIONS!
Jim and Marie Steichen are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild! Maya Makena Steichen Lamb was born on Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Laurel Steichen and Jeff Lamb of Seattle, Washington.

2011 K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
The KSRE Annual Conference begins Tuesday, October 18 and runs through Thursday, October 20. Go to: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=92 for the schedule.

BAE 815 SEMINAR:
The presentation in BAE 815 this week will be given by Ms. Sumathy Sinnathamby and is titled Modeling Corn, Grain Sorghum and Sweet Sorghum Yields in the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT). The presentation begins at 3:30 p.m. in DUR 1061.

CHANGES TO K-STATE’S WIRELESS DATA NETWORK:
K-State’s wireless data networks are switching to a new form of security known as WPA2-Enterprise, which provides much better protection of K-State information, your personal information, and your electronic communications. Two new wireless networks are now available for you to use: (1) KSU Wireless (for all K-State faculty, staff, and students not living in on-campus housing); (2) KSU Housing (for students living in residence halls and Jardine Apartments). You must switch to one of these networks before October 25 or your wireless connection will stop working. On that date the wireless network named k-state.net will be removed. To configure your wireless device, visit http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect and follow the instructions. This is an automated configuration tool for Windows, Mac OS X, Ubuntu, Apple iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, and Android operating systems. For other devices, or if the automated configuration fails, use the manual configuration instructions at http://wireless.k-state.edu/connect/manual_connect.pdf. For more information visit: http://wireless.k-state.edu. For assistance, contact the IT Help Desk at 785-532-7722 or helpdesk@k-state.edu, or go to Hale 214.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2012 HEALTH INSURANCE/FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS:
Now through October 31 is open enrollment for 2012 health insurance and flexible spending accounts. If you do not wish to change your plan, there are two items that require your action: (1) to receive the non-tobacco discount, you must re-certify your tobacco user status. If you do not re-certify tobacco user status or sign up for a cessation program, you will pay higher premiums; (2) to participate in flexible spending in 2012, you must re-enroll. If you had a “Benny” debit card in 2011, it will automatically renew unless you contact ASI, the flexible spending account administrator. Go to: https://sharp.ks.gov/ to declare your non-tobacco user status or to make changes to your health insurance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

LOOKING AHEAD:
October 21 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
October 21 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
October 23–29 – Homecoming Week
October 23–25 – ABET Accreditation Team site visit
October 29 – FE Exam, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
November 3 – COE Faculty Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
November 4 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 4 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 18 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 18 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 21–25 – Fall break week
December 2 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 2 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 10 – COE Graduation Reception/Order of the Engineer initiation – Complex Atrium/Paslay Auditorium
December 12–16 – Finals week
December 15 – COE Holiday Luncheon – Alumni Center
December 16 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 16 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 23 – BAE Faculty annual evaluations due
December 26-January 2 – University Holiday-all offices closed

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