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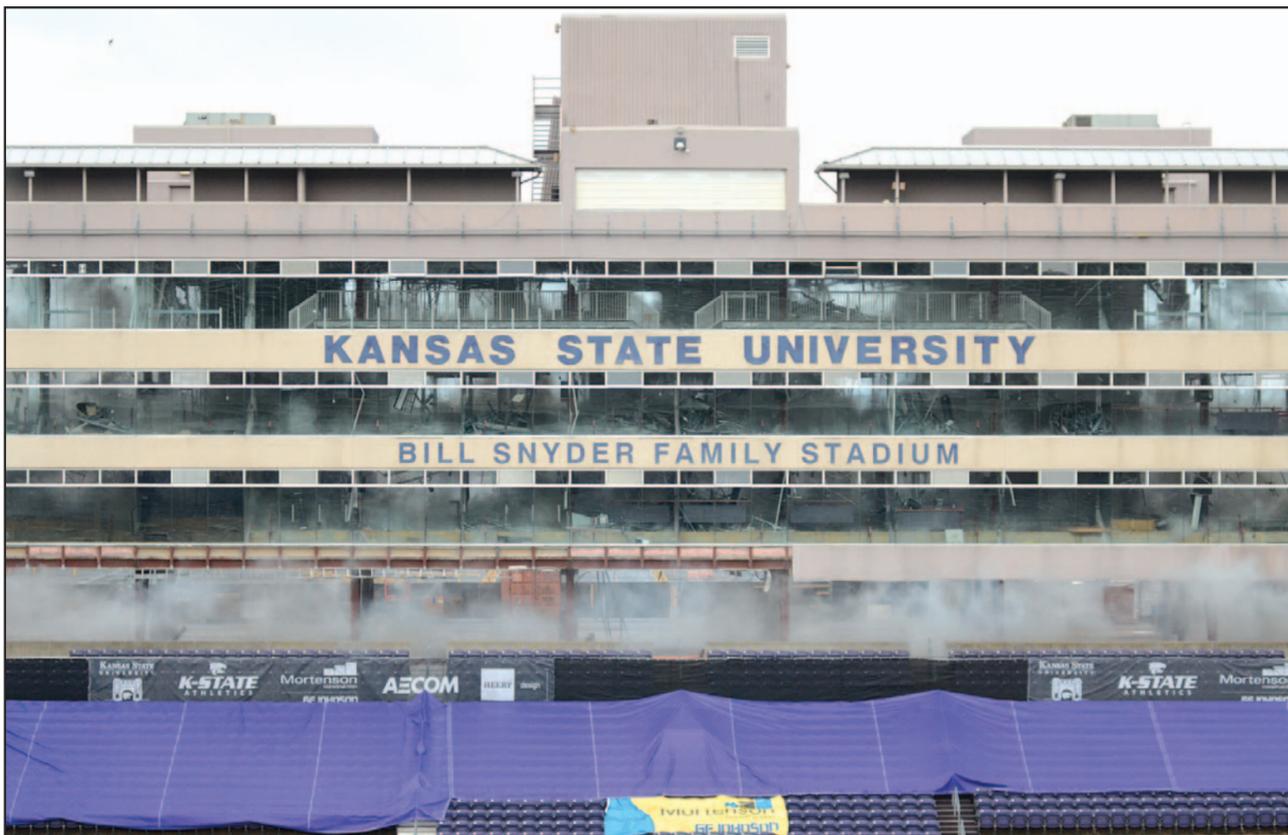
MANHATTAN, Kan. – Memories from 20 years of fellowship and activity at the Dev Nelson Press Box hit an all-time high Saturday as more than 1,500 fans watched from either inside the East Suite Level of Bill Snyder Family Stadium or across the street as the press box was demolished to pave way for the new West Stadium Center.

Mortenson Construction and GE Johnson Construction Company, the construction managers for the \$75 million West Stadium Center project, said that 172 rounds and more than 27 pounds of explosives were used to demolish the existing structure.

“This was a monumental day in the history of K-State Athletics,” said Athletics Director John Currie. “So many people have been instrumental in the development of our athletics program, and we are excited about the continued progress we have made towards our goal of a model intercollegiate athletics program.”

It was also fitting that following the initial blast, the 600-plus fans watching from the east side of the stadium could read only three words on the collapsed press box: “Bill Snyder” and “Family.”

Construction on the north and south portions of the West Stadium Center has been ongoing throughout the fall, and Saturday’s destruction of the press box paved the way for the remaining section of the new structure to be erected.



BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM

K-State Sports Information

Picturesque Bill Snyder Family Stadium has been the home of K-State's football team since 1968.

Renamed in honor of legendary head football coach Bill Snyder by a proclamation of the Kansas Board of Regents on Nov. 16, 2005, Bill Snyder Family Stadium sits on the north end of campus.

Originally named KSU Stadium, the facility was built at a cost of \$1.6 million and financed from student fees, athletics gate receipts and contributions.

The stadium opened its doors Sept. 21, 1968, with a 21-0 shutout of Colorado State. The original seating capacity was set at 35,000, and an expansion in the summer of 1970 added 4,000 permanent bleachers on the east side and 3,000 temporary bleachers on the west side.

Following the 1998 season, the addition of a deck and sky suites on the east side of the stadium increased capacity to more than 50,000. On Nov. 11, 2000, 53,811 fans witnessed Kansas State's 29-28 win over Nebraska. It remains the largest crowd to ever witness a sporting event in the state of Kansas.

The Vanier Football Complex received a major renovation in 2007, which included a new training facility, weight room, equipment room, coaches' offices, meeting rooms, locker room and permanent seating in the north end zone.

New video and message boards were also installed at the north and south ends at a cost of \$1.7 million. The south end of the stadium received a fully integrated ProStar VideoPlus display system that measures a whopping 23' X 61' and is one of the biggest in college football.

The Dev Nelson press box at Bill Snyder Family Stadium is located on the west side of the facility and the field is oriented north (left) to south (right).

Photos By Ben Brake



DeBacker Doubts New Education Standards Will Cost \$63 Million

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

TOPEKA — State auditors say schools will pay plenty to get out from under the controversial No Child Left Behind Act, but Diane DeBacker isn't buying it.

DeBacker, Kansas education commissioner, said she doubted estimates from state auditors that it would cost public school districts \$34 million to \$63 million over the next five years to adjust to the Common Core State Standards, a new set of

educational guidelines aimed at standardizing math and English education across the country.

Joe Lawhon, principal auditor for the Legislative Division of Post Audit, presented the report to lawmakers Thursday afternoon. The audit estimates school districts would probably incur the bulk of the cost — \$30 million to \$50 million — replacing textbooks and other instructional materials over the next two years. Staff training could cost an additional \$2 million to \$10 million.

The Kansas State Department of Education, on the other hand, could save as much as \$3 million annually by using the common core system. Savings would come because KSDE could skip the process of developing student assessment tests.

"Nearly all of these costs will be incurred by school districts, however, school districts will have options to avoid out-of-pocket expenditures," Lawhon said.

Those options, Lawhon said, include replacing only the required English and math textbooks while delaying replacements for other subjects, and scheduling staff training with existing training days to avoid unnecessary costs.

But DeBacker reminded legislators that Kansas educators and administrators haven't been sitting idle.

"I think what we have to keep in mind is that districts are currently doing this work," DeBacker said.

"You're going to see added

expenses in math and English language arts because new standards were adopted in October 2010, but you would see that whether it was the Common Core State Standards or the Kansas Common Standards."

Lawhon said the audit estimate isn't perfect, but it's designed to at least give officials an idea of what could lie ahead.

"In estimating future costs, there are a lot of unknowns," Lawhon said. "We did our best to come up with a credible estimate, but some things are just uncertain."

DeBacker said many school districts replace textbooks on the same revision cycle as the state department of education, meaning many have been planning for this expense. She said school districts cannot calculate costs associated with the new education standards.

Because it's not a line-item expenditure, DeBacker said, "there's no way to pull that out."

Aggieville New Year's Celebration

On December 31st, the 10th Annual Little Apple New Year's Celebration will commence in Aggieville. The New Year's celebration is always a family friendly event that consists of fireworks, music, a laser light show and an apple dropped from a top Varney's.

This year's musical act will be performed by a local band, Reckless Rebellion. In spirit of night, Moro Street will be

known as Broadway for that night only.

The Mayor would also like to extend his invitation to "Manhattan's citizens, our troops and their families, neighbors in surrounding communities and rural areas, and our friends in New York City and around the world to join in the festivities on New Year's Eve. All activities will start at 10 p.m.

Connie Kay Hoke

Connie Kay (Reinhart) Hoke, age 76, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday morning, December 17, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born on November 18, 1936, in Centralia, Kansas, the daughter of Wayne and Evaline (Stowell) Reinhart. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Vermillion.

Connie had been a Manhattan resident since the early 1950's. She worked for Kansas State Bank for 30 years,

retiring in 2006. She was also a devoted mother and homemaker.

She is survived by three daughters: Deborah Townsend and her husband Scott, Manhattan, Kansas; Jacque Hoke, Gainesville, Virginia; Pamela Moxley and her husband Johnny, Corpus Christi, Texas; and one son: Joey Hoke of Manhattan, Kansas. Also surviving is her grandson: Luke Townsend, Flushing, New York; her sister: Lola Nightingale, Topeka, Kansas; a

brother-in-law: Larry Gaddis, Topeka, Kansas; one niece and three nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 21, 2012, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Pastor Leslye Haller officiating. The family will receive friends during a visitation prior to the funeral beginning at 9:00 a.m. until service time.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Vermillion Cemetery, Vermillion, Kansas.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

A memorial has been established for the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Mildred R. Pottroff

Mildred R. Pottroff, age 90, of Manhattan, died December 16, 2012, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born May 20, 1922, in Boone County, Iowa, the daughter of Robert H. and Ruby I. (Smalley) Koppenhaver. She graduated from high school with honors in Waverly, Kansas, in May of 1940.

On November 28, 1942, in Burlington, Kansas, she was married to Lloyd W "Doc" Pottroff, DVM.

She had worked for Sunflower Ordinance Works in

the powder line during World War II, at the Lawrence Paper Company, was the secretary for Doc's veterinary practice in Liberal, KS, as a lab technician for brucellosis in Durant, Oklahoma, and for Sunset Zoo in Manhattan from October 1989 until her retirement in October 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 17, 2007. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters: Doris McAnally and Lois Lewis; one great-granddaughter, Bobbijo Pottroff; and a special, beloved son-in-law, Bob

Brummett.

Survivors include her seven children: Diane Brummett of Manhattan, Denise Hindman and her partner Steve Bush of Manhattan, Harley Pottroff and his wife Wanda of Manhattan, Robert Pottroff and his wife Viktoriya of Manhattan, Larry Pottroff and his wife Pat of Horton, KS, Donna Pottroff of Wichita, KS, and Darci Bohnenblust and her partner Jolene Hickman of Riley, KS; one brother, Lowell Koppenhaver of Lake Forest, CA; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Kevin Larson officiating. Interment followed in Sedalia Community Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunset Zoo. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Verlea "Lea" Ruggles

Verlea "Lea" Ruggles died on December 10th 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband Bertram Leon "Lee" Ruggles in June of this year.

Lea was born in Aledo, Illinois on September 13, 1920, on her father's birthday. She was the daughter of William and Minnie Longley and the third of their three children.

Lea graduated from Iowa State University in 1942 with a degree in early childhood education. Later that year she married her college sweetheart, Lee Ruggles. They had five children: Chuck, Patti, Tom,

Barbara and Rick. Teri, Terry, John and Jill joined the family through marriage. Lea loved her six grandsons: Chad, Pierce, John, Ben, David and Eric and was thrilled to welcome her great granddaughter Emmaline.

Lea was a preschool and kindergarten teacher. She was a skilled cook and graciously welcomed people in to her home. She remembered birthdays and anniversaries and was quick to send a thoughtful note on these occasions.

In the community, Lea was actively involved with the

Riley County Red Cross as a board member and also as chair of the annual Kansas State University Bloodmobile. She also served others through her involvement with Meals on Wheels and the Manhattan Library Bookmobile.

We will miss her kindness and generosity, her appreciation of small things, her laughter and her thoughtful ways.

A Memorial Service to remember Lea will be held on December 21st at 1:30 in the Meadowlark Hills Community Room, 2121 Meadowlark Road, Manhattan, Kansas with

Pastor Melanie Martin officiating. Private inurnment will be in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Riley at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Riley County Red Cross Bloodmobile in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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

L. Dale Stinson

L. Dale Stinson, age 77, died Friday December 14, 2012 at his residence in Manhattan, Kansas.

He was born on June 4, 1935 in Viola, Kansas the son of Willis and Elnora (Bates) Stinson. He graduated from Viola High School and later earned his Bachelors from Southwestern University and his Masters Degree from Kansas State University. He was the CEO of the Emporia Chamber of Commerce and later served as economic Development Director for the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

He was married to Eloise Hamm on March 25, 1956 in Augusta, Kansas. She preceded him in death on April 19, 1987. He was united in marriage to

Jeanne Ellsworth on June 4, 1988.

Dale had varied interests that included a wide range of music, being an avid reader, watching old Westerns, cooking for his family and watching K-State Football. He was known for being an avid fisherman, sometimes turning competitive with Jeanne. He fished Lake Ouachita every year for over 30 years. He was also well known for being a wonderful family man, always being very protective of Jeanne and all of the kids. Dale was very social and always left a conversation with a new friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife: Eloise; a daughter: Diane Stinson-Stieber; a brother: Ronald Stinson and a grandson:

Zachary Chance Stinson.

Survivors include his wife: Jeanne of the home; 4 sons: Dale Todd Stinson and his wife Sheri of Grapevine, TX, Chris Stinson and his wife Margie of Topeka, KS, Chris Mogenson and his wife Keri of Leawood, KS and Michael Mogenson and his wife Tiffany of Prairie Village, KS; a daughter: Jennifer Mogenson of Manhattan, KS; grandchildren: Todd Vidricksen, Samantha Stinson, Sarah Stinson, Kyle & Allison Owen, Erin Stieber, Maddox Mogenson and Dolan Mogenson-Bargabus. He is also survived by a brother: Bob Stinson of Wichita, KS; son-in-law: David Stieber of Ponca City, OK and other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life

Service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday December 20, 2012 at the Peace Lutheran Church 2500 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas with Rev. Michael Ide officiating. Inurnment will be in the Viola Cemetery, Viola, Kansas at 3:00 p.m. Thursday Dec. 20, 2012.

There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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

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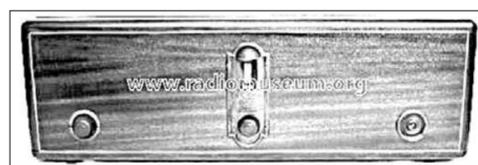


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Sandy Hook: "This Must End Now"

Disability Policy & Mental Health Reform Now

By VOR
An Adverse Group Speaking Out For People With Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

VOR joins the chorus of heartfelt sympathy expressed for the families and friends of the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

With so much "politics" (you name the issue) dividing our country, VOR prays that this tragedy finally unites parents, families, advocates, professionals, organizations, and policymakers in a way never before experienced.

There can be no real justice for the senseless killings in Connecticut and elsewhere, but uniting as a nation will get as close to healing as possible and will help prevent such senseless tragedy in the future.

As the President stated, "We can't tolerate this anymore," he added. "These

tragedies must end, and to end them, we must change. We will be told that the causes of such violence are complex, and it is true. No single law, no set of laws can eliminate evil from the world or prevent every senseless act of violence in our society. But that can't be an excuse for inaction. Surely we can do better than this."

VOR agrees and central to necessary change is disability policy and mental health reform. Too many people, who need help have nowhere to go, are turned away, are displaced from specialized care, or are not adequately treated and monitored. Patient's rights have trumped almost completely safety "to self and others — in the name of "deinstitutionalization" and "integration." As stated by the Treatment Advocacy Center (TAC) (Dec. 14, 2012): "Our mental health system has completely failed individuals

with severe mental illness and their communities," said Doris A. Fuller, [TAC] executive director. "We have emptied the nation's hospitals, gutted state and local mental health programs, and turned involuntary treatment into a debate point instead of using it as a viable option to prevent tragedy involving those too ill to help themselves."

The Washington Post (Dec. 17, 2012), also quoting TAC added - "treating the rest in the least-restrictive settings possible, the thinking went [in 1963], we would protect the civil liberties of the mentally ill and hasten their recoveries . . . But in the decades since, the sickest patients have begun turning up in jails and homeless shelters with a frequency that mirrors that of the late 1800s. "Were protecting civil liberties at the expense of health and safety," says Doris A. Fuller,

the executive director of the Treatment Advocacy Center, a nonprofit group that lobbies for broader involuntary commitment standards.

"Deinstitutionalization has gone way too far." (emphasis added).

A mother of a young man with serious mental illness agreed, writing this in her blog:

"With state-run treatment centers and hospitals shuttered, prison is now the last resort for the mentally ill, "Rikers Island, the LA County Jail, and Cook County Jail in Illinois housed the nation's largest treatment centers in 2011.

"We can't tolerate this anymore."

For 30 years, VOR has been calling on Congress to support specialized treatment options for people with profound intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Decades of deinstitutional-

ization has resulted in the depletion of an adequate safety net for people who need our help.

Tragedies will continue to befall people with I/DD, children, adults, and citizens if our laws and policies continue to support deinstitutionalization, depriving people with disabilities of needed specialized, residential care and treatment.

This concern is a real and present one. Just last month (Nov. 2012), the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency, released a 300 page policy document and toolkit recklessly calling for the closure of all specialized homes of four or more residents for people with disabilities. For several years, the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division has pursued more than 30 legal actions which at their core aim to displace individuals from

specialize care options. In 2010, the Justice Department and the State of Georgia entered a federal settlement agreement which will displace 9,000 people with mental illness from psychiatric facilities by 2015; and nearly 1,000 people with I/DD by 2015.

VOR urges the President to use "whatever power this office holds," to address senseless tragedies with meaningful disability policy and mental health reform and re-think the purported virtues of "deinstitutionalization," beginning with the actions of his own federal agencies.

"This must end."

VOR is a national organization that advocates for high quality care and human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Over Easy... by Bob Strawn

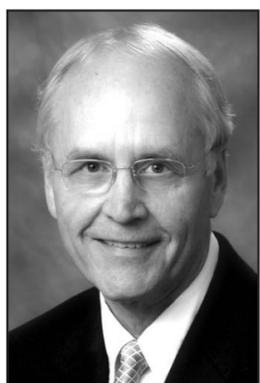
So, there's a new restaurant in town. It seems we add one every other week.

This is a steakhouse named Texas Roadhouse. It's located next to Chilies Restaurant on the southeast corner of Manhattan's mall grounds. You may have noticed when they tore down the old Whiskey Creek structure and constructed the new building. Well anyway, it's yummy food, delivered in a friendly but not-for-the-stodgy atmosphere.

Julia and I were guests for their rehearsal dinner last weekend along with lots of other folks from around these parts. We only went because the Roadhouse was taking free-will offerings for the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

The charity is a favorite here. It takes no tax money, but relies on all of us to supply food (and money) which is then distributed to needy folks around the region. You've seen them collecting at Dillions during the holidays. I'm told that effort brought in over 3 tons of food-stuffs this year.

Anyway, one can't help but notice the Powercat flag atop the new Manhattan Roadhouse. Everyplace else they fly the



Bob Strawn

Texas state flag. Ours is one of over 350 locations across the country. Word is that someone took exception to the Lone Star standard being flown here the week our Wildcats spanked the Horns. So, management replaced it with the iconic purple ensign. And smartly, it remains today.

Staff met us outside with a warm welcome, Friday night. We could sense the buzz before we even entered the place, as the building filled with holiday cheer and the aroma of sizzling steaks and homemade bread. All accompanied by local employees who brought a good

dose of Texas hospitality. They never mention that the founding establishment was actually a Hoosier house or that the founder himself is a Kentuckian. We'll keep that a little secret.

The rustic décor certainly fit the fun atmosphere as guests shelled their peanuts and littered the floor with casings. While country music blared from the jukebox and line dancing staff entertained cheerful customers.

"You loved doing that when we lived in Dallas, Julia." Line dancing is very Texas, and adds a big smile to the locals' experience.

The side salad was fresh, crisp, colorful and delicious. Just the way we liked it. And far better than those goobers, methinks. But the fresh buns with honey butter . . . oh, my gosh! "That bread is the absolute bomb!" That's how our daughter describes it.

We split our entrees, pork chops for her and sirloin for me. And folks, I don't believe I've ever in my life had better meats. Maybe they saw us coming and thought I might write a review. So, they made it special. But, I'm tellin' y'all,

the food was awesome. And we couldn't eat it all. So, there's another leftover holiday supper here in our icebox.

Prices are modest. The menu varied. Burgers to catfish, chops, ribs and, of course, hand cut steaks.

But believe me, this isn't where you go for a quiet dinner with the bride to celebrate the anniversary. And if grandpa's hearing aids can't deal with country music feedback, take him to the country club instead. But if you want a light evening with family or friends, some truly excellent food, and a laugh or two after a hard day at whatever, try the Manhattan Texas Roadhouse. You won't be disappointed.

And please don't forget your favorite charity this holiday season. I know the Breadbasket is badly in need of financial help. Sit down and write them a check today. We'll all be better for it. Flint Hills Breadbasket, 905 Yuma, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Postscript: We thought for a time about how to address what happened to those slain children and teachers at Sandy Hook. But there's no words to explain or deal with this kind of evil, except that we pray for their souls and the well-being of their families.

State Computers Open To Hacker

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

TOPEKA — Computer hackers could have a field day with sensitive data stored on government computers in the state, and it could go undetected.

State auditors Thursday morning eviscerated nine Kansas government agencies for inadequate information-technology security controls guarding confidential data maintained on the state's computers.

The audit is dotted with details of weak passwords, insufficient staff training, sloppy inventory records and inadequate disaster planning.

Dan Bryan, principal information technology auditor for the state's Legislative Division of Post Audit, said the issues were a significant breach in state data security.

"State agencies, to conduct their work and perform their services to the state, they need to collect volumes of information, and much of what they collect is confidential," Bryan said. "That's the type of data that needs to be protected."

"Most agencies did not have adequate IT security controls to protect that confidential information," he said.

State agencies scrutinized by the audit included:

Department of Commerce
Department of Corrections
Department of Education
Department of Labor
Department of Revenue
Juvenile Justice Authority
State Board of Indigents' Defense Services
State Treasurer's Office
Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

Bryan said the departments were chosen for audit based on an annual rotation.

Legislative Post Audit Committee members did not discuss any specific problems during the public meeting. Instead, they opted to go into executive session for one reason — security.

Bryan outlined a series of security risks uncovered by state auditors, with insecure staff passwords among the most egregious. He said it was

an issue for more than half of audited agencies. For three agencies in particular, auditors were able to crack more than 60 percent of staff passwords.

"Hackers know, and they build their tools to attack passwords in a way that people construct them — a word with special numbers or characters on the end . . . we broke all of our passwords using software that is open and free on the Internet," Bryan said.

In a rare assignment of blame, Bryan made the JJA the poster child for shoddy inventory management. He said the agency not only failed to maintain an inventory of all their IT hardware, but that during the course of the audit about 200 computers were found to have been left sitting in the former Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility, which has been closed for more than three years.

"That doesn't provide us any assurance in our auditing," Bryan said.

The report also blasted agencies for not keeping pace with the most recent, high-priority software updates for various computer hardware, resulting in further security gaps. Only two of the nine agencies audited met expectations, while others posted as many as 53 vulnerabilities per server or workstation.

The audit also painted a frightening picture of Kansas government should a disaster befall the state. The Continuity of Operations Plan, Bryan said, is an outline of how each state agency will continue to operate during an emergency. No agency surveyed had a fully developed or tested plan.

"It's very unlikely they would get up and running in a timely fashion" after an emergency, Bryan said.

Rep. John Grange, R-District 75, asked if auditors uncovered any actual security breaches. Bryan said while they didn't discover anything, auditors also weren't specifically looking for it, and that it "would be a very hard thing for us to find."

Contact Travis Perry at travis@kansaswatchdog.org, or follow him on Twitter at [@muckraker62](https://twitter.com/muckraker62).

Kansas Wind Tax Credit Promotes Expensive Electricity

By Bob Weeks
Wichita Liberty

Conservative and free-market groups are asking Congress to oppose extending the Production Tax Credit for production of electricity from wind.

The letter, presented below, is designed for representatives from states that don't have a Renewable Portfolio Standard, which is a policy or law that requires a certain amount of electricity to be produced from renewable sources, which is primarily wind in most places. Kansas has an RPS, and Governor Sam Brownback actively supports maintaining this standard, which will require that more Kansas electricity be produced from wind. Kansas Policy Institute has found that RPS will result in higher electricity costs, fewer jobs, and less investment in Kansas. Its summary is at The Economic Impact of the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard, and the full report is here.

The letter points out that the PTC has the effect of transferring subsidy from states without RPS to those states, like Kansas, that do.

Dear Members of Congress:

We write to urge your opposition to extending the wind Production Tax Credit (PTC). Created in 1992 by the Energy Policy Act, the PTC has far outlived its usefulness. Moreover, as a member of Congress serving a state that does not have a renewable energy mandate, you should be aware that the PTC essentially transfers taxpayer dollars from your constituents and subsidizes the states with such mandates. Renewable energy mandates force utilities to buy politically-favored forms of energy such as wind, while your state has wisely chosen to allow the most abundant and affordable forms of energy to be purchased by consumers and industries.

The wind PTC provides a tax credit of 2.2 cents per kilowatt-hour, and lasts for ten years for anyone receiving it. With the wholesale price of electricity frequently ranging from 2.5 to 4.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, the PTC is worth a large percentage of the total price. This makes the wind industry one of the most heavily subsidized forms of energy. In 2010, federal subsidies paid \$56 for every megawatt hour of wind energy compared to \$0.64 for coal and

natural gas electricity.

Despite having this generous subsidy for two decades, wind only produces 3 percent of America's electricity. This corporate dependence on federal subsidies not only harms the taxpayers who finance the PTC, it also creates an improper incentive for wind companies to focus on obtaining lucrative subsidies rather than long-term sustainability and competitiveness. It is time the wind energy industry stood on its own and continued funding by the federal government will only hurt cost-effective energy sources as well as American taxpayers.

Lastly, for the twenty-one states that do not have a renewable energy mandate in place — states like your own — the stakes are much higher. Under the structure of the PTC, the bulk of the tax credits flow to those states that have the most wind generation capacity and those happen to be states with an RPS. This is because the PTC helps to disguise the true cost of the mandate. Extending the wind PTC ensures that your constituents will continue to subsidize wind power in other states that have made political decisions to force consumers to

buy more expensive and less reliable forms of energy — like wind.

Reliable, affordable, and 'always on' electricity is critical to get our economy back on track. The wind PTC promotes unreliable and expensive energy to the detriment of dependable and cost-effective forms of electricity generation. By taking a principled stand against the PTC, you help taxpayers in your own state and ensure more cost-effective electricity generation overall. We urge you to allow this wasteful subsidy to expire, as planned, at the end of the year.

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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 3, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/ Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bob Boyd; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Ron Wells, attended.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 120312-55, A Resolution modifying the rates for water usage in the Konza Water Benefit District in Riley County, Kansas, and repealing resolutions in conflict therewith." McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Office Manager, in the Health Department, at a grade N.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of November 29, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wedel stated Steve Thurlow is currently building a house without a building permit. Wedel said Mr. Thurlow is trying to contact Alvan Johnson.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; and Ron Wells, attended.

Holeman discussed an item on the Riley County Legislative Conference.

Holeman discussed the proposed Carson Sewer District expansion.

9:30 Press Conference

Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Ron Wells, attended.

Lewis announced the LEC dedication ceremony in honor of Alvan Johnson will be held December 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Lewis stated Johnson served RCPD for 34 years, 24 years as director, and 12 years on the Riley County Commission.

McCulloh said the HHW collection will be available Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) at Howie's and to get your flu shot as this is a serious flu year.

10:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Bob Boyd; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Mel Van Der Stelt; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; and Ron Wells, attended.

Hobson presented updates on Public Works projects.

Hobson discussed the wind

Fairmont Park, which would cost \$50,000-60,000 just to move the bridge.

The Board said they would like to consider the project after the first of the year.

Johnson asked the status of Julie Lane.

Hobson stated the project is completed, but we need to transfer the road from Riley County to the township.

Van Der Stelt said Julie Lane was supposed to be brought up to county standards. Van Der Stelt said the project is not completed.

Hobson said the portion of Julie Lane across from Van Der Stelt's property is up to county standards, but not Urban Area Standards.

Holeman stated we have to consult with Van Der Stelt's attorney on the Julie Lane matter.

Hobson said he will proceed on transferring Julie Lane and Vincent Road from Riley County to the township.

Johnson asked the status of the Casement drainage ditch.

Hobson said he is waiting on the Corps of Engineers' permit.

McCulloh said Geary County staff stated counties and townships have no authority over fracking and consequences.

Lewis asked if Hobson had looked into the polymer bridge repair system Pottawatomie County is considering to use to extend bridge deck life. Hobson stated he was aware of the system, but has not studied polymer bridge repair.

Hobson stated University Park Improvement District has a \$3,000.00 loan past due to Riley County. Hobson suggested the Board consider extending the University Park Improvement District loan. Hobson stated he will bring the matter to the Board in a future business meeting.

Hobson stated he would like to get the Julie Lane matter settled with Mel Van Der Stelt.

The Board agreed.

11:12 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 10, 2012 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Chair; Dave Lewis, Vice Chair; Karen McCulloh, Member; and Cindy Kriebel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Paul Foltz; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Ron Wells, attended.

McCulloh moved to approve the Government Obligation Contract with Kansas State Bank for leased equipment, a mini excavator and compact track loader. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:02 Executive Session to discuss department head evaluation

9:02 McCulloh moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Dennis Peterson) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:32 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:32 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:30 Press Conference

Jerry Haug, KDOT; Eileen King, Treasurer; Scott Cooper, Assistant Fire Chief; Captain Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police Department; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Ron Wells; Bob Boyd; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Paul Foltz; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Dawn Searles, Health Department Clinic Supervisor; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Greg McHenry, Appraiser, attended.

Lewis congratulated McCulloh.

McCulloh said his achievement was possible because of the support here at Riley County.

Haug presented a K-18 update.

Haug said yesterday KDOT closed access to K-18 at Murray Road.

King said the first half of 2012 taxes are due Thursday, December 20, 2012.

King said if the first 1/2 of

personal property taxes are not paid by December 20th, they become due in full on December 21st.

Searles said this is the earliest flu season since 2003 is a bad one.

Searles said to get your flu shot.

Cooper said real living Christmas trees need to be kept moist and watered.

Cooper discussed Christmas fire safety and winter safety.

Hegarty said two things to remember that are important this time of the year are to take your valuables with you and lock your vehicle.

Hegarty said when driving keep distance between you and the car in front of you.

10:25 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Bob Boyd; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Shepek presented the estimated 2012 ending General Fund balance.

10:37 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Cox discussed the Lakeside Heights project.

Cox discussed code enforcement projects.

Cox said letters to collect personal property have been sent.

10:50 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wedel presented an update of Planning and Development fee schedule for the Board of County Commissioners to consider.

McCulloh moved to proceed with the adoption of the fees as outlined. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:01 Executive Session to discuss department head evaluation

11:01 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Cheryl Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:31 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:36 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:15 Debbie Register, Register of Deeds

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director, attended.

Register presented the Register of Deeds' Office 2012 accomplishments and 2013 goals.

1:27 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

1:27 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Robert Nall) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:57 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:06 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:09 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Monty Wedel) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:29 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:29 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:31 Johnson moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:50 p.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:50 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:51 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Huelskamp To Open Office

Kansas First District Congressman Tim Huelskamp announced on Friday at the Manhattan Regional Airport that he will open a satellite office in Manhattan in 2013. He will continue to maintain offices in Dodge City, Salina, and Hutchinson. The addition of a Manhattan office comes after Riley and Pottawatomie Counties were added to the First District following the decennial census and redistricting.

Congressman Huelskamp introduced members of his staff at the announcement, including District Director Steven Howe who grew up on his family's farm in southwest Riley County near Manhattan and graduated from Manhattan High School and Kansas State University.

The address and office hours will be announced soon. Congressman Huelskamp's virtual office can be found at <http://huelskamp.house.gov>.



Free Press Big 12 Sports

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Kansas State Men's Basketball Schedule / Results

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
10/30/12	vs. Washburn #11	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-61
11/04/12	vs. Emporia State #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-51
11/09/12	vs. North Dakota #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 85-52
NIT Season Tip-Off Manhattan Regional			
11/12/12	vs. Lamar #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 79-55
Alabama-Huntsville vs. North Texas			
11/13/12	vs. Alabama-Huntsville #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 87-26
11/13/12	Lamar vs. North Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	
11/18/12	vs. North Florida	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 74-55
NIT Season Tip-Off			
11/21/12	vs. Delaware #1	Madison Square Garden	W, 66-63
11/23/12	vs. Michigan #1	Madison Square Garden	L, 57-71
12/02/12	vs. USC Upstate	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 72-53
12/08/12	at George Washington #1	Charles E. Smith Center	W, 65-62
State Farm Battle in Seattle			
12/15/12	vs. Gonzaga #1	KeyArena	L, 52-68
12/18/12	vs. Texas Southern	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 78-69
Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic			
12/22/12	vs. Florida #1	Sprint Center	7:00 PM CT
12/29/12	vs. UMKC	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
12/31/12	vs. South Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	1:00 PM CT
01/05/13	vs. Oklahoma State #1	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/12/13	at West Virginia #1	WVU Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/16/13	at TCU #1	Daniel-Meyer Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
01/19/13	vs. Oklahoma #1	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 PM CT
01/22/13	vs. Kansas #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
01/25/13	at Iowa State #1	Hilton Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/30/13	vs. Texas #1	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/02/13	at Oklahoma #1	Lloyd Noble Center	5:00 PM CT
02/05/13	at Texas Tech #1	United Spirit Arena	7:00 PM CT
02/09/13	vs. Iowa State #1	Bramlage Coliseum	5:00 PM CT
02/11/13	at Kansas #1	Allen Fieldhouse	8:00 PM CT
02/16/13	vs. Baylor #1	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
02/18/13	vs. West Virginia #1	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/23/13	at Texas #1	Erwin Center	7:00 PM CT
02/25/13	vs. Texas Tech #1	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
03/02/13	at Baylor #1	Ferrell Center	6:00 PM CT
03/05/13	vs. TCU #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
03/09/13	at Oklahoma State #1	Gallagher-Iba Arena	12:30 PM CT

Kansas State Women's Basketball Schedule / Results

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
11/01/12	vs. Fort Hays State #11	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 68-57
11/05/12	vs. Washburn #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 75-42
11/09/12	vs. Idaho State #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 62-54
11/11/12	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 89-55
11/20/12	at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 62-47
11/24/12	at Charlotte	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 67-63
11/30/12	vs. Mississippi Valley State #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 64-57
12/04/12	at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.	W, 48-43
12/09/12	vs. South Dakota #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 68-54
12/16/12	vs. UTEP #1	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 50-52
World Vision Classic			
12/19/12	vs. Texas A&M	Las Vegas, Nev.	2:30 p.m. CT
12/20/12	TBD	Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA
12/21/12	TBD	Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA
12/29/12	at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4:00 p.m. CT
01/02/13	at Kansas * #1	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m. CT
01/05/13	vs. TCU * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 p.m. CT
01/09/13	at Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
01/12/13	vs. West Virginia * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 p.m. CT
01/16/13	vs. Baylor * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/19/13	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
01/23/13	vs. Oklahoma State * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/26/13	at Texas * #1	Austin, Texas	1:00 p.m. CT
02/02/13	vs. Kansas * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/06/13	vs. Oklahoma * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/09/13	at Iowa State *	Ames, Iowa	1:00 p.m. CT
02/13/13	vs. Texas * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/16/13	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	4:00 p.m. CT
02/20/13	at Oklahoma * #1	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m. CT
02/23/13	vs. Iowa State * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/26/13	at West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	6:00 p.m. CT
03/02/13	vs. Texas Tech * #1	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 p.m. CT
03/04/13	at Baylor * #1	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships			
03/08/13	First Round	Dallas, Texas	TBA
03/09/13	Quarterfinals	Dallas, Texas	TBA
03/10/13	Semifinals	Dallas, Texas	TBA
03/11/13	Championship	Dallas, Texas	TBA

Big 12 Men's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Kansas	0-0	9-1
Oklahoma State	0-0	8-1
Kansas State	0-0	8-2
Iowa State	0-0	8-3
Texas Tech	0-0	5-2
Oklahoma	0-0	7-3
Baylor	0-0	7-3
TCU	0-0	7-4
Texas	0-0	6-4
West Virginia	0-0	4-5

Big 12 Women's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma State	0-0	8-0
Kansas	0-0	9-1
Baylor	0-0	9-1
Texas Tech	0-0	8-1
Iowa State	0-0	7-1
Kansas State	0-0	7-1
Oklahoma	0-0	8-2
West Virginia	0-0	7-2
Texas	0-0	6-2
TCU	0-0	5-3

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Kansas State Takes Down Texas Southern, 78-69

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Senior Rodney McGruder went 12-of-17 from the field to lead all scorers with a season-high 26 points, while sophomore Thomas Gipson grabbed a season-high 12 rebounds and posted a double-double, en route to a 78-69 win over Texas Southern on Tuesday night to improve to 8-2 on the season.

McGruder hit a pair of jumpers in the opening minute, but the Tigers had an answer for McGruder going on an 11-2 run in the first five minutes making the score 11-6. In the final four minutes of the first-half, Martavious Irving hit the first K-State 3-pointer of the game putting the Wildcats up 29-25. K-State would lead at half 35-31. McGruder tallied 14 points in the first half, while Texas Southern's Omar Strong notched 13. Senior Jordan Henriquez scored eight points in the half going a perfect 4-of-4 on the night.

Texas Southern's Raymond Penn picked up 18 points in the second-half for a total of 24 points after getting hot from long range. Penn was perfect from the 3-point range going 4-of-4 on the night, three of which came in the final five minutes of the game.

Gipson pulled down eight rebounds in the second-half, seven of which came on the offensive end. The sophomore was strong defensively tallying a career-high four blocks and three steals. Sophomore Angel Rodriguez added nine points in the second half, and junior Will Spradling went 4-of-4 from the charity stripe in



K-State's Thomas Gibson (42) goes after the ball against Texas Southern Tuesday night. (Photo by Ben Brake)

the final minute of the game to give the Wildcats a 78-69 win.

The Wildcats were efficient on offense with a season-high 21 assists, surpassing a season-high 20 assists against Lamar in November. Thanks to those assists K-State shot 56.4 per-

cent on 31-of-55 shooting. Texas Southern went 26-of-57 on the night.

K-State was strong on the boards, outrebounding the Tigers 38-26. The Wildcats were solid inside, notching 46 points in the paint, while the Tigers were strong from behind

the arc hitting 13-of-28.

K-State will head to Kansas City, Mo., this Saturday for the Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic at the Sprint Center as the Wildcats will take on the No. 8 Florida Gators at 7 p.m.

Big 12 Notes...

Quick Strike Offenses

The Big 12 has 60 scoring plays of 50-plus yards this season. 32% of Big 12 touchdown drives (165-of-508) have covered at least 50 yards in five plays or less. Almost 20% of Big 12 touchdown drives have been scored in less than a minute (99-of-508).

Big Plays

Big 12 offenses have produced 48 plays of 60-plus yards, 25 of 70-plus and nine of 80-plus.

National Leaders

The Big 12 has seven of the top 24 national leaders in scoring offense, five of the top seven in passing offense and four in the top 12 of total offense.

Big 12 quarterbacks hold six of the top 20 places in pass efficiency, four of the top six in total pass yards and four of the top 11 in total offense.

Non-Conference Success

The Big 12 led the nation in non-conference win percentage (.866) for the second consecutive season. The Big 12 also had the fewest non-conference losses (26-4). Since last season, the league is 53-7 in non-conference games (.883), and is 59-9 (.868) including bowl games. The Big 12 is 52-5 in nonleague games in the month of September in 2011 and 2012 combined.

Strength of Schedule

The Big 12 is the lone league with 100% of its teams in the top 60 for FBS strength of schedule, based on cumulative opposition. The combined opposition of every Big 12 team had a winning percentage of over .500 in the 2012 season. Every loss by Big 12 teams has been to bowl-eligible teams.

Packing the House

Fifty percent of Big 12 teams averaged over-capacity in home attendance for 2012.

Eighty percent were over 93 percent of capacity.

The Heisman

Big 12 has had a Heisman finalist (top four in the final voting) 12 out of 17 seasons - no other conference has had more.

In a compilation of Heisman voting since 1996 (based on the top four finishers assigning four points for first, three for second, etc.), the Big 12 has had the most Heisman success with 47 points, outdistancing the SEC in second with 41 points and the Pac-12 in third with 33 points.

Consensus All-America

The Big 12 is second in the country with 96 football consensus All-America selections since 1996.

Television Package

With the recently announced 13-year joint television agreement with FOX and ESPN, the Conference is one of just two leagues with over-the-air and cable broadcast programming over two national outlets. It assures that every home Big 12 football game will be available for telecast.

Big 12 Report

On September 17, 2009, the Big 12 debuted "The Big 12 Report" a weekly magazine-style show that is available exclusively on the Conference website.

Hosted by Big12Sports.com correspondent Wendell Barnhouse, a new show is available each week and focuses on the schools and student-athletes throughout the Big 12. In addition, the broadcasts will give fans a unique look into the workings of the Big 12 Conference itself - including television, bowl games, scheduling and more - along with interviews with the Commissioner and other selected Big 12 staff.

K-State Falls To Gonzaga 68-52, In Seattle

K-State Sports Information

SEATTLE, Wash. — No. 14/14 Gonzaga broke open a close game with a 9-0 run to start the second half, as the Bulldogs won the State Farm Battle in Seattle with a 68-52 win over Kansas State on Saturday night at KeyArena.

Gonzaga (10-1), which bounced back from its first loss of the season against Illinois on Dec. 8, outscored K-State, 41-26, in the sec-

ond half after leading just 27-26 at halftime. The Wildcats (7-2) shot just 27.3 percent after halftime, including just 16.7 percent from 3-point range.

After the two teams traded baskets in the first 10 minutes, K-State took its largest lead at 15-10 with 10:28 remaining before halftime.

However, Gonzaga used a 15-4 run over the next four minutes to first tie the game at 17-all then take a 25-19 with 4:05

left. The Wildcats were able to score seven of the last nine minutes, including a rare 4-point play by sophomore Angel Rodriguez, to cut the deficit to 27-26 at halftime.

Gonzaga seized the momentum right after halftime with nine consecutive points, which included six points from junior Kelly Olynyk. The Wildcats would close to within 36-31 on a pair of free throws by sophomore Adrian Diaz, but

they could get no closer as the Bulldog lead ballooned to as many 21 points.

Three Gonzaga players scored in double figures led by junior Kelly Olynyk's game-high 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting, while sophomore Gary Bell, Jr. and senior Elias Harris added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Harris added a game-high seven rebounds. The Bulldogs, which entered the game with a nation's best field goal percentage at 52.7

percent, connected on 47.1 percent from the field. They were able to convert 18 Wildcat turnovers into 23 points and allowed just nine points off their 14 turnovers, while they dominated the paint by a 38-12 margin.

The 52 points were the fewest by the Wildcats in nearly a year since scoring just 49 against Kansas on Jan. 4, 2012. The 33.3 field goal percentage was the lowest since shooting 31.3 percent against No. 2/2

Syracuse in the NCAA Tournament last season.

Rodriguez was the lone Wildcat in double figures with 14 points to go with a team-high three assists and two steals in 30 minutes of action. Junior Will Spradling added eight points in a team-best 34 minutes of action, while junior Shane Southwell added seven points, two assists and two steals from the bench.

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Coach Patterson Gives Postgame Quotes

K-State Sports Information
Head Coach Deb
Patterson

Opening statement...

"It is always very disappointing to drop a game at home. I felt as though this was a game in which you felt like we were playing a little bit with fire. UTEP beat us quite frankly in the work phases of the game, and that separated us I thought down the stretch. You look at the rebound numbers and we got beat there. You look at the attempts at the foul line, and the aggressive quotient, so to speak, and we got beat there. Quite frankly we just did not finish well. It is a situation that hopefully we will learn a great deal from. We will look at this film, and take a look at those matters individually and collectively. I think we are capable of being more competitive than what we brought to the floor tonight. It is a great win for UTEP to come in here and beat us on our floor. We do not take kindly to that kind of thing at Kansas State. So we are extremely disappointed. I know we will learn a great deal from it."

On the last possession...

"I think too that the last possession, as Haley (Texada) said, we talked in the timeout about getting across half court. She came over to the bench, and was looking like do you want the timeout at that point, and we decided against it. We decided to play out of the flow. That was unfortunate. I think we still had plenty of ticks left on clock, and plenty of offense to run. In retrospect, when you miss the shot you wish that you had taken a timeout. She was motoring over there for a purpose, and probably mentally for Haley at the point position, that definitely took some time off the clock. It felt like we had a good flow and played out of it, and we just, like we had really in the last five minutes of the game, did not space the floor well and put ourselves in position to score from any one of five spots."

On being concerned about the number of 3-point, and free-throw attempts...

"I think those two were key. We got real finesse. You can



Ashia Woods (23) Kansas State Guard drives in for a shot. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

handle those three numbers if you feel like you are being aggressive and balancing the scales a little bit, but tonight we were just so passive in getting to the line. I felt like our shot attempts in the paint were so tentative and slow. Early in the game we over passed it, and then we missed some easy layups from our perimeter players. Then our posts missed

easy looks. We did not make free throws when we got our opportunity at the foul line. Those are the areas that we have to continue to figure out. There are times in the games that they are giving you threes, and you are feeling like they are good decisions. I would say by and large, our decisions in last eight minutes in the game, certainly the last five were very

questionable, and we need to learn a great deal from them."

Sophomore Guard Haley Texada

On the last possession...

"We were originally trying to get the ball up the court as fast as we could. I think we got it up the court faster than we expected, and we just tried to go out of the flow from that. I did not

see the court as well as I should have and caused a turnover."

On stepping up for Brittany Chambers...

"I just knew that I had to step up for my team, but she is a big part of our team. Seeing her go out is never easy. It just means that we all had to step up for her."

Freshman Guard Brianna

Craig

On the physicality...

"The physicality was one thing that we talked about in practice, and one thing we focused on was that we needed to rebound the ball, and tonight we did not do that basically. We let them win on the boards. That is something that we definitely need to get better at."

On the winning ugly mentality...

"We definitely knew coming into this season that it was not going to be easy. We are going to have to claw, fight and scratch. A win is a win no matter how you get to that win. We just have to continue to work hard and pick it up on the defensive end and create that identity that we did not have tonight."

UTEP Quotes

Head Coach Keitha Adams

On today's game...

"First of all, K-State has a great program. We have come up here, and usually we go home with a loss. So they are so good on their home court. My SID did me a great favor for letting me know that they had won a hundred games and only lost nine in non-conference games under coach Patterson. We were not good offensively all day. We struggled and struggled. Probably the thing that I am most proud of our team is that we just kept playing hard even though things were not going very well for us on the offensive end. It was a really bad day on offense, but I thought our composure was good, and we kept playing. You want to give yourself a chance to win at the end and that is what we did. We came in when it counted. This is just a great win for us. On a day where we were not good offensively, we kept playing hard and we came out with the win."

On the performances of Chrisauna Parker and Kayla Thornton...

"I thought that their fight, passion and just toughness showed today. It was a tough day but they just kept playing. They came up big down the stretch for us."

Brittany Chambers Hurt In UTEP Game, Status Unknown



Brittany Chambers (2) went out of the game after turning her foot. Look at the way she fell on this play. Brittany did not come back into the game after getting hurt. In the second photo, Brittany is on the floor and in pain. Brittany is Kansas



State's leading scorer and rebounder and it is not known if she will return for the next few games. (Photos by Ben Brake)



Three Kansas State players are in position to get this rebound. Kendra Spreser (13) ran away with the ball. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

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Wildcats Trip In Closing Moments

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — K-State held the lead the entire game against UTEP on Sunday afternoon until the closing seconds when the Miners went on a 5-0 run to take a 51-50 lead with 26 seconds remaining in the contest. UTEP would hand K-State its first loss of the season, 52-50, escaping Bramlage Coliseum with a victory and notching its third win over a team from a major conference this season. The loss ended K-State's 17-game home court winning streak against non-conference opponents.

With the Wildcats up four points and just over a minute remaining, UTEP (9-1) scored a basket on a fast break and a foul. After missing the layup, UTEP would pull down its own rebound for a put back by Kayla Thornton to tie the game at 50-50. K-State (7-1) missed a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession and UTEP would take the lead on the previously mentioned free throw.

Bri Craig and Haley Texada both scored 12 points to lead K-State on the day. Craig controlled the first half for the Wildcats with nine of her 12 points, and Texada led the second half with nine points in the second stanza. They were the only two players to score in double digits for K-State with Kendra Spresser adding eight points.

K-State used its strong shooting from long range to build an early 16-4 lead on the Miners and force UTEP into using two timeouts just six minutes into the contest. Three different players got involved in the 3-point shooting, and K-State was able to force UTEP into seven turnovers in that opening spurt.

The Wildcats made that run to a 12-point lead with star Brittany Chambers in the locker room, who left the game four minutes in with an apparent leg injury trying to save the ball on a fast break opportunity.

Spresser and Craig gave the Wildcats a lift in the first half to enable K-State to hold off the



Kansas State Guard Haley Texada (1) drives for the basket and jumps to get the height to avoid the block. (Photos by Ben Brake)

Miners. UTEP went on a 7-0 run after K-State built the 12-point lead, but 3-pointers from Spresser and Craig maintained the lead. The pair combined for five 3-pointers in the first half and 15 of K-State's 25 points.

The Wildcats hit seven shots from deep in the first half and only two baskets inside the arc as UTEP could not defend the perimeter early on and K-State could not match the Miners'

size inside. UTEP had 10 points in the paint compared to K-State's four but it was not enough to overcome K-State's shooting in the first half as the Wildcats held a 25-21 lead at the break.

In the second half, K-State's lead quickly disappeared with the Miners scoring two quick buckets to tie it at 25 points apiece. Another 3-pointer from Craig re-established the lead

for the Wildcats. From there Texada helped take over the game, setting the tone with a drive to the basket with time expiring on the shot clock and a 3-pointer from the corner to go up 36-28. A layup from Texada on a fast break lob pass from Mariah White got the lead back to double digits at 39-28 with 10 minutes remaining in the contest.

Kansas State will close out

All-American Brown Leads KSU

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State senior linebacker Arthur Brown led a trio of Wildcats to earn All-American status as the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and the Associated Press announced their All-American teams.

Brown picked up first-team accolades from the FWAA and second-team honors from the Associated Press. The AP also placed quarterback Collin Klein on the second team and defensive back Ty Zimmerman on the third team.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Brown earned his second and third All-America designations as he was named a Second Team All-American by the Walter Camp Foundation last week. The linebacker is the first Wildcat to earn first-team honors from the FWAA since Jordy Nelson was a consensus All-American in 2007.

Leading the team in tackles for a second-straight season, Brown has 91 stops this season, including six TFLs and one sack. He also has two interceptions this season, one against West Virginia and the other he returned for a touchdown a week later against Texas Tech. Aside from his All-America honors, Brown was also a finalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy, a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award and was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches.

Klein's designation by the Associated Press was his sec-

ond All-America honor as he was also a second-team selection by the Walter Camp Foundation. The second Heisman Trophy finalist in school history, Klein accounted for 37 touchdowns this season (22 rushing, 15 passing), including at least three in eight games. His 22 rushing touchdowns are tied for second nationally and rank first among quarterbacks. The Loveland, Colo., product has rushed for 890 yards on 194 carries and thrown for 2,490 yards on 180-of-272 passing.

Zimmerman was named an All-American for the first time in his career. A starting safety since his freshman season in 2010, Zimmerman made 45 tackles, including three for losses, while he picked off a career-best five passes in just 10 games. His five interceptions lead the Big 12 and are tied for sixth nationally. The Junction City, Kan., product recorded an interception in four-straight games (Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa State, West Virginia), the longest streak by a Wildcat since at least 1989. He improved his career interception total to 10, which ranks seventh in school history.

No. 5 Kansas State (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) will take on fourth-ranked Oregon (11-1, 8-1 Pac-12) in the 42nd Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. The game kicks off at 7:30 p.m. (CT) and will be televised by ESPN.

2012 with four games away from Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats will travel to the World Vision Classic in Las Vegas on Dec. 19-21 at the Cox Pavilion. K-State will face former Big 12 member, Texas A&M, on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. (CT), with its opponents on Thursday and Friday to be determined. All of K-State's games at the World Vision Classic will be available on the

K-State Sports Network and for free at kstatesports.com/allaccess.

K-State will return to Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday, Jan. 5 to host TCU at 6 p.m. For ticket information, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS, visit www.kstatesports.com/tickets or visit the K-State Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum.



Brittany Chambers (2) Kansas State leading scorer and rebounder only played 4 minutes of the game.



Kendra Spresser (13) gave the Wildcats a lift in the first half.



Mariah White (22) goes high for a one-handed shot.

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