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Kansas Farm Bureau State Headquarters Changes

MANHATTAN, KAN., — Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm advocacy organization, has made staff changes.

Jeff Sutton was named the farm group's director of marketing, business partnerships and leadership development. Sutton will manage Kansas Farm Bureau's marketing thrusts, develop business partnerships and build leadership development areas. Sutton will continue coordinating Kansas Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee.

He previously served as assistant director of marketing and assistant director of the KFB Foundation for Agriculture. Sutton returned to Kansas in 2005 from his position of reporter/field producer for Georgia Farm Bureau's Georgia Farm Monitor television program and the Georgia Farm Radio Network. He currently serves on the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, the Kansas Foreign Animal Disease Public Information Team, Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Board, the state General Agriculture Assessment Committee, and is Director of Youth Ministry at Marysville United Methodist Church.

Harry Watts was named Kansas Farm Bureau's director of the Foundation for Agriculture and chief foundations development officer. Watts will be responsible for all the activities associated with the KFB Foundation for Agriculture and will be the primary fundraiser for the KFB Foundation for Agriculture and the KFB Legal Foundation. He previously served as director of the farm organization's governmental relations division. Watts came to Kansas Farm



Jeff Sutton



Harry Watts

Bureau from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, where he served as vice president for economic development. He also brings more than two decades of hands-on leadership and experience in the public policy arena, having led a number of external affairs functions with the former Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

"These individuals are well suited for their new assignments," Dan Yunk, Kansas Farm Bureau CEO/Executive Director, says. "They have a passion for agriculture as well as rural Kansas and will serve our members well."

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.



Dan Yunk

DHS Signs Land Transfer For NBAF

Washington, DC — Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and the Kansas Congressional Delegation announced today the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has signed a land transfer agreement with the State of Kansas for the site where the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) will be built in Manhattan, Kansas.

"While there is much more work to be done, signing of the land transfer agreement is a good step forward in securing the future health, wealth and security of the our nation. It demonstrates DHS' continued commitment to completing the NBAF in Manhattan. Kansas stands ready to partner with DHS to move this important national security priority forward," Governor Brownback said.

DHS announced its selection of the Manhattan site in 2009.

"This marks a big day for the state of Kansas as the land transfer is now complete. Last week, I spoke with Secretary Napolitano and she made clear construction of the Central Utilities Plant should be underway without further delay. I look forward to planning a ground breaking in 2013," U.S. Senator Pat Roberts said.

The approximately 46 acre site is located on the north side of the Kansas State University campus. It provides land acquisition potential; highway access; environmental compatibility; adequate utility infrastructure; an available local work force for skilled labor and academic research; and proximity to agricultural, academic, medical and bioscience resources.

"This land transfer is good news for Kansas and critical to our national security. After years of hard work by Kansans and numerous studies that substantiate the need for NBAF, I'm glad to see that DHS and Secretary Napolitano have signed the land transfer agreement and will work with the state of Kansas to move forward

toward construction of the Central Utility Plant," U.S. Senator Jerry Moran said. "The facts are clear: without the capabilities NBAF provides, our country is at risk from foreign animal disease threats. This is even more significant with the damage Plum Island sustained during Hurricane Sandy and the millions of dollars that are needed to repair it, all of which offers more reason to move quickly on NBAF. Construction should begin immediately."

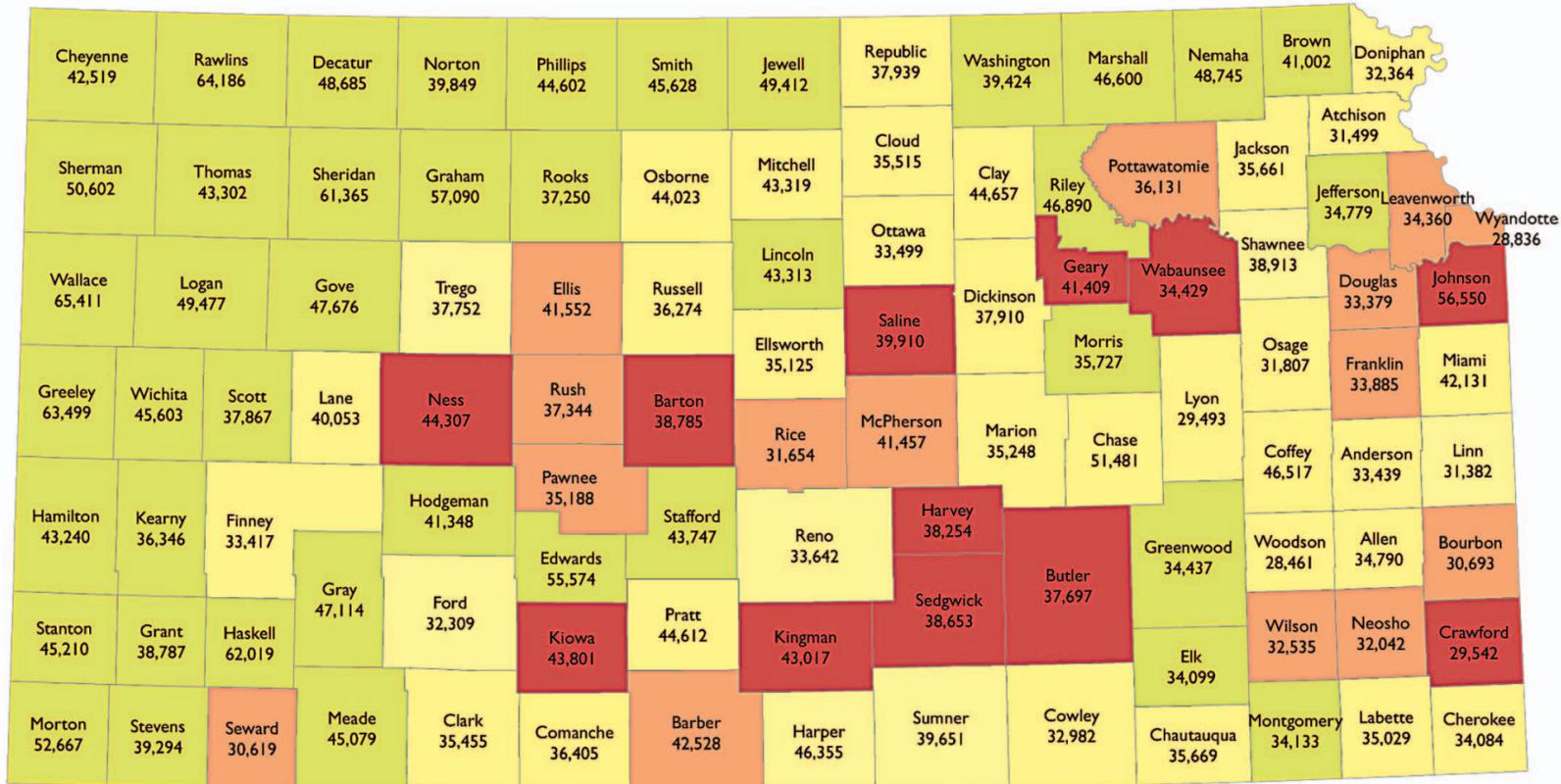
The state of Kansas has committed \$105 million dollars of matching state funds to the NBAF project and \$35 million dollars of research funding for transitioning the NBAF mission to Manhattan.

"Today's Department of Homeland Security decision to sign the land transfer agreement is another step toward ensuring the NBAF will be built in Manhattan, Kansas. We have worked hard to secure the Congressional commitment to make the NBAF a reality, and this step forward will allow construction to begin early next year," U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins said. "Our nation needs the NBAF—we need it as soon as possible—to continue critical research that will protect the public and our livestock from the threats of devastating diseases."

The \$650 million laboratory will research and develop countermeasures to animal, human, and zoonotic diseases. So far the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has invested more than \$125 million into site preparation, engineering, design, and site specific risk-assessments.

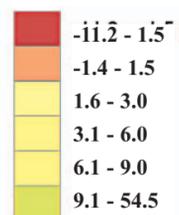
U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp said, "Today's announcement is a solid next step toward getting NBAF literally off the ground. We are excited that Kansas is going to play an instrumental role in critical research to protect America's farmers and ranchers."

Per Capita Personal Income In Kansas, By County, 2011



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

Percent Change, 2008-2011



Per capita income is often used as average income, a measure of the wealth of the population of a state or nation, particularly in comparison to other states or nations. In this Graph, Riley and Marshall Counties compares well with other counties in the State of Kansas. It looks like some western counties are doing well. This could be because they have large farming operations and a very small population which would drive up the Per Capita Personal Income. Larger Counties like Douglas (Lawrence) Wyandotte (KC) and Sedgwick (Wichita) would show a smaller Per Capita Personal Income because of the large population and many people below the poverty line.



Six Reasons To Keep Capital Gains Tax Rates Low

By Chris Edwards
The Heritage Foundation

The top federal tax rate on capital gains is set to increase from 15% to 23.8% in January. The expiration of the Bush tax cuts will push up the rate by 5 points, and the new ObamaCare investment tax will add an additional 3.8 points.

Some policymakers view low capital gains taxes as an unfair loophole. But capital gains are unique, and low rates on gains boost entrepreneurship, investment and growth.

The average tax rate on capital gains among the 34 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is just 16.4%. By contrast, the U.S. rate including both federal and state taxes will jump to 27.9% next year.

U.S. policymakers need a refresher on why capital gains tax rates should be kept low.

1. Inflation. If an individual buys a stock for \$10 and sells it years later for \$12, much of the \$2 in capital gain may be inflation, not a real return. Inflation

— and expected inflation — reduce real returns and increase uncertainty, which suppresses investment, particularly in growth companies.

One solution is to index capital gains for inflation, but most countries instead roughly compensate for inflation by reducing the statutory rate on gains or providing an exclusion to reduce the effective rate.

2. "Lock-In." Capital gains are taxed on a realization basis, which creates lock-in. Taxpayers delay selling investments that have large unrealized gains to avoid the tax hit. As a result, people hold assets too long and forgo beneficial diversification opportunities. For the overall economy, lock-in reduces growth because it blocks the beneficial shifting of resources from lower- to higher-valued uses.

3. Double Taxation. Corporate share values generally equal the present value of expected future earnings. If expected earnings rise, shares will increase in value, creating

a capital gain to the individual. But those future earnings will be taxed at the corporate level when they occur; thus hitting individuals now with a capital gains tax is double taxation.

Dividends are also double-taxed, with the result that the U.S. tax system is biased against corporate equity and in favor of debt. This destabilizes companies and the overall economy.

Ernst & Young calculates the current U.S. combined corporate and individual tax rate on capital gains at 50.8% — compared to an OECD average of 42.0%.

Our tax burden on dividends is equally out of line. The U.S. disadvantage will get much worse next year with the scheduled tax hikes on capital gains and dividends.

4. Competitiveness. Capital has become highly mobile across borders, prompting nearly every country in recent decades to cut tax rates on corporations, wealth, estates, dividends and capital gains. U.S.

politicians get on a high horse and denounce individuals and firms that shift investments abroad, but the mobility of capital is a permanent reality.

The higher the tax rates on capital, the more job-creating investments are scared away. When Canada cut its federal capital gains tax rate to 14.5%, a parliamentary report proposed that "international competitiveness be the criterion guiding the choice of a capital gains tax regime."

5. Growth Companies. Reduced capital gains taxes encourage entrepreneurship because the capital-gain payoff from a successful start-up is improved relative to a wage job. Low taxes also boost outside investment from angels and venture capitalists because their reward for taking risks on unproven young companies is a possible gain years down the road. The higher the tax rate on gains, the fewer potential projects will get the green light.

Angel investors are usually high-earners who could alter-

natively invest in safer assets, such as in tax-free municipal bonds. The capital gains tax rate directly affects their willingness to fund start-ups and growth companies.

Furthermore, when angels exit their investments, they often use their after-tax returns to fund more young companies in an ongoing virtuous cycle. Higher capital gains taxes would drain cash out of that reinvestment cycle, which has been at the core of Silicon Valley's success since capital gains taxes were slashed in the late 1970s.

6. Government Revenue. A recent Congressional Budget Office study found that the longer-term responsiveness of capital gains realizations to the tax rate is quite large. It found a persistent elasticity of -0.79, which means that a 10% cut in the tax rate would increase ongoing realizations by 7.9%.

This indicates that the government's revenue loss from a capital gains tax cut would be a fraction of what a static score would show, and its gain from a tax hike would also be very

small. Aside from increasing realizations, capital gains tax cuts would boost share prices, increase investment in growth companies and spur greater entrepreneurship. The economy would enjoy more innovation and higher productivity, which would translate into higher incomes for all workers over time. As the economy expanded, the government would also win as tax revenues from all sources increased.

These advantages of low capital gains taxes have led many economists over the decades — from Irving Fisher to Alan Greenspan — to call for ending these taxes altogether. Eleven OECD countries today don't tax long-term capital gains.

So rather than hiking capital gains taxes, U.S. policymakers should be helping to revive investment and growth by moving toward a zero-tax regime for capital gains.

Chris Edwards is the director of tax policy studies at the Cato Institute and the editor of Downsizing Government.org.

Harlan G. Hale

Harlan G. Hale, age 82, of Manhattan, died December 29, 2012, at his residence.

He was born June 5, 1930, at Pomona, Kansas, the son of Harold T. Hale and Dorothy (Cain) Hale. He attended Pomona schools until 1947 when the family moved to Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1948. That year he started work at Westar Energy in the Topeka Head office, gaining valuable experience in Data Processing to launch his lifetime career in that field. In 1954 he accepted an offer as Supervisor of Data Processing at Kansas State University. As the student population grew and more were converted to punch card, there became a pressing need for more processing capacity. The University took delivery of an entry level, stored program

computer in 1965. He and his assistant converted all 'unit record' applications to the 'stored program' computer, with the aid of out-of-state I.B.M. schooling. Within three years the work load increased to the point that a Director and trained computer specialist were hired. Soon a more advanced system was installed. Harlan served the Department in several capacities until his retirement in 1992.

Harlan has always been active in the community. He served in many ways to include several capacities in his church, Sertoma Club, Breadbasket and KSU Credit Union.

Although he had attended church all his life, it wasn't until he was in his forties that he realized the Lord had been with him all of the time. It was then he committed his life to

Him.

On April 23, 1951, in Minneola, Kansas, he married Johnetta J. Beard. From that union there are three children: Deborah, Steven and Lisa.

Johnetta preceded him in death on September 9, 1993. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother Forrest "Frosty" Hale and his sister, Imogene "Jean" Butcher.

He was married to Marjorie L. Henton on April 24, 1995. Marjorie survives of the home.

Additional survivors include Deborah Trobaugh and her husband Richard of Olathe, KS, Steven Hale and his wife Ellen of Dodge City, KS, and Lisa Perez of Lenexa, KS, Rebecca Lantz and her husband Russell of Topeka, KS, Deanna McKenzie and her husband Roger of Blue Springs, KS, and

Don R. Henton of Olathe, KS; eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 2nd, at the First Assembly of God Church with Pastor J.D. Washington officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Royal Family Kids Camp c/o First Assembly of God Church in Manhattan or Homecare and Hospice, Inc. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Jean M. Hansen

Jean M. Hansen, age 93, of Manhattan, died December 6, 2012, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born in Ironwood, Michigan in 1919, the daughter of Carl and Myrtle (Sabin) Focht. Her first job was working at an ice cream parlor. The boss promised her she could take home as many scoops of ice cream as she could balance on a cone. Jean excelled at balancing six scoops, sometimes more. As with her ice cream scoops her life was a balance of quiet time solving the Sunday crossword, planting flowers in her garden, knitting gifts for her grandchildren and bits of adventure... climbing a cherry tree when she was 70 so she could reach the best fruit or parasailing with a granddaughter.

Jean earned her bachelor's

degree Sociology and minors in English, Chemistry and Botany from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, intending to move to France to be an English teacher. When World War II started she had a change of plans and became a medical technician at Fort Lewis, Washington, where she met her future husband Merle F. Hansen. She continued her work at Fort Snelling in Minnesota and married Merle on January 14, 1946 in Ely, Minnesota. They moved to Manhattan in 1950, and she worked at Lafene Student Hospital at Kansas State University for 7 years.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church Guild, and Review Club. Jean enjoyed volunteering at the Manhattan

Public Library where she repaired books, "Only to end up spending half the time reading the books she was supposed to repair" as she would admit to her family. She believed that it was never too late to learn something new. Jean held the record for most books checked out through the Homebound Book program with over 2100.

Dr. Hansen preceded her in death in August of 2004. She was also preceded in death by her siblings: Ferne Focht, Francis Focht and her twin Donald Focht.

Survivors include her three daughters: Avanelle Hansen of Olympia, WA, Kristen Johnson and her husband Wayne of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Claire Schroeder and her husband Bernd of Ruston, LA; twelve grandchildren and twenty three great-grandchildren.

Cremation is planned with memorial services to be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, January 5th, at First Lutheran Church Chapel with Reverend Dr. Keith Wiens officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later in Masonic Memorial Park Cemetery in Tumwater, Washington.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice House or the Manhattan Public Library for Homebound Books. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Richard Ray Zentz

Richard Ray Zentz, age 76, of Manhattan, died December 24, 2012, at his residence.

He was born December 29, 1935, in Marysville, Kansas, the son of Benjamin and Gladys (Messick) Zentz. He moved to Manhattan when in grade school and graduated from Manhattan High School in 1954.

Richard was a heavy equipment operator for Manhattan Trenching for 20 years prior to his retirement. He served for four years in the Army National Guard.

He enjoyed fishing at the Tuttle Creek Lake tubes, hunt-

ing, feeding the wildlife, working in the yard, gardening, and watching Nascar and football. He loved to do things with his hands, inventing useful gadgets and making presents for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Richard was preceded in death by two children in infancy, Steven and Lois, from a previous marriage to Lorene Whitney.

Survivors include his wife Shirley Zentz of the home; five children: Bradly Sinn and his wife Tammy of Manhattan, Richard Zentz, Jr. and his wife Debbie of Lee's Summit, MO,

Danny Zentz and his wife Brigitte of Greeley, CO, Rodney Zentz and his wife Brandy of Junction City, KS, and Shari Dreiling and her husband Patrick of Kansas City, MO; two siblings: Larry Zentz of Bailey, CO, and Eve Irvine of Manhattan; ten grandchildren: Misty, Drew, Erica, Bradley, Karlie, Zackary, Katelin, Tyler, Baylee and Jack; and ten great-grandchildren.

Richard was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Donald, Robert and Joe Zentz.

Cremation is planned with memorial services to be held at

11:00 A.M. Saturday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel. Inurnment will follow in the Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery east of Manhattan.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Homecare and Hospice, Inc. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Minutes

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 11:07 a.m. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:07 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:07 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

(Susanne Kufahl) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:30 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:33 Johnson moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:35 Lewis moved to adjourn after the Joint City/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 Joint City /County Meeting (at County Offices) Representing the City of Manhattan were Rich Jankovich, Wynn Butler, John Matta - City Commissioners; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Gary Fees, City Clerk; Bill Raymond, City Attorney;

Lance Evans, Senior Planner; Eric Cattell, Assistant Planning Director; Dale Houdeshell, Public Works Director. Representing Riley County were Dave Lewis and Karen McCulloh - County Commissioners; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director. Representing Pottawatomie County Robert Rerick, County Administrator. Deric Gant, Manhattan Broadcasting KMAN; Bob Boyd; Bart Thomas; Phil Anderson; Jim Williams; Kurt Moldrup, RCPD, attended.

Lewis called the meeting to order.

Cattell presented the Eureka Valley K-18 Corridor Plan.

McCulloh discussed the Mental Health Task Force meetings. McCulloh said they are trying to figure the cost to establish an inpatient unit. McCulloh stated they also want to develop public education on mental health and access.

Fehr discussed a core group of folks to assist Fort Riley to work on mutually beneficial partnerships.

McCulloh suggested including the Flint Hills Regional Planning Director.

Fehr reported KDOT has stated the community is allowed to use the east K-177 former bridge pier for a welcome sign. Fehr suggested sending a joint letter to KDOT thanking KDOT for the use of the pier.

5:43 Adjourned.

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Kansas Ranks 16th In Overall Child Well-Being

By Kidscount.org

National data mask a great deal of state-by-state and regional variations in child well-being.

A state-level examination of the data reveals a hard truth: A child's chances of thriving depend not just on individual, familial and community characteristics but also on the state in which she is born and raised. States vary considerably in the amount of wealth and other resources they possess. State policy choices also strongly influence children's chances for success.

We derive a composite index of overall child wellbeing for

each state by combining data across the four domains: (1) Economic Well-Being, (2) Education, (3) Health and (4) Family and Community. These composite scores are then translated into a single state ranking for child well-being. The three highest ranked states are New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont; the three lowest ranked states are Nevada, New Mexico and Mississippi (see listing).

As is apparent distinct regional patterns emerge from the state rankings. All of the northeastern states rank in the top 15 in terms of overall child well-being except for Rhode

Island and New York, both of which fall in the middle. States in the industrial Midwest rank in the middle on overall child well-being, while some of the states farther west—Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska—are in the top 10.

States in the Southeast, Southwest and Appalachia—where the poorest states are located—populate the bottom of the overall rankings. In fact, with the exception of California, the 17 lowest ranked states in terms of child well-being are located in these regions.

However, as is obvious

overall state rankings obscure some important within-state variations. Although more than half the states (26) ranked either in the top 25 or bottom 25 across all four domains, the remaining states were somewhat mixed.

For all states, the index illuminates bright spots and room for improvement.

Overall Rank

- 1 New Hampshire
- 2 Massachusetts
- 3 Vermont
- 4 New Jersey
- 5 Minnesota
- 6 North Dakota
- 7 Connecticut
- 8 Iowa

- 9 Nebraska
- 10 Maryland
- 11 Utah
- 12 Virginia
- 13 Maine
- 14 Pennsylvania
- 15 Wisconsin
- 16 Kansas
- 17 South Dakota
- 18 Washington
- 19 Wyoming
- 20 Idaho
- 21 Illinois
- 22 Colorado
- 23 Delaware
- 24 Hawaii
- 25 Rhode Island
- 26 Missouri
- 27 Ohio
- 28 Montana
- 29 New York

- 30 Alaska
- 31 Indiana
- 32 Michigan
- 33 Oregon
- 34 North Carolina
- 35 Kentucky
- 36 Tennessee
- 37 Georgia
- 38 Florida
- 39 West Virginia
- 40 Oklahoma
- 41 California
- 42 Arkansas
- 43 South Carolina
- 44 Texas
- 45 Alabama
- 46 Arizona
- 47 Louisiana
- 48 Nevada
- 49 New Mexico
- 50 Mississippi

Profile for Riley County					
Data Provided by: Kansas Action for Children					
Featured Indicators					
Free and Reduced Lunch (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
28.84%	32.15%	33.72%	35.33%	36.83%	
Poverty (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
15.00%	13.50%	16.50%	17.30%	17.70%	
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000) (Rate) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
3.75	5.66	4.71	11.28	3.58	
Pre-Kindergarten (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
27.27%	36.36%	27.27%	45.45%	63.64%	
Reading Proficiency (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
89.88%	89.62%	89.37%	92.82%	92.12%	

Profile for Douglas County					
Data Provided by: Kansas Action for Children					
Featured Indicators					
Free and Reduced Lunch (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
28.33%	30.87%	32.72%	32.80%	35.16%	
Poverty (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
12.50%	12.90%	13.00%	15.90%	13.80%	
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000) (Rate) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
4.77	7.65	9.43	0.81	3.17	
Pre-Kindergarten (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
13.04%	13.04%	13.04%	13.64%	21.05%	
Reading Proficiency (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
87.20%	89.53%	88.40%	91.31%	90.87%	

Profile for Pottawatomie County					
Data Provided by: Kansas Action for Children					
Featured Indicators					
Free and Reduced Lunch (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
29.93%	31.04%	33.39%	34.77%	34.97%	
Poverty (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
12.80%	11.10%	11.30%	12.10%	11.60%	
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000) (Rate) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
0.00	11.24	8.82	2.86	5.24	
Pre-Kindergarten (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
42.86%	42.86%	42.86%	50.00%	50.00%	
Reading Proficiency (Percent) Showing most recent 5 years; Show All Years					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
93.18%	94.67%	94.25%	93.03%	95.67%	

High Poverty Rates Surge 229%

By Kidscount.org

TOPEKA — Nearly 46,000 Kansas children live in high-poverty areas — about 32,000 more since 2000 — according to a new KIDS COUNT Data Snapshot from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey show that 7 percent of Kansas' children are growing up in areas where at least 30 percent of residents live below the federal poverty level — about \$22,000 per year for a family of four. In 2000, 14,000 kids, or 2 percent, were living in such communities, which often lack access to resources that are critical to healthy growth and development, including quality education, medical care and safe outdoor spaces.

The jump from 14,000 children in 2000 to 46,000 children in 2010 represents a 229 percent increase.

"Children who live in high-poverty areas face difficulties in almost all aspects of their lives," said Shannon Cotsonradis, president and CEO of Kansas Action for Children. "Reducing poverty is not only the key to improving these children's futures but also instrumental to the future success of our entire state."

Counties in Kansas with areas of concentrated poverty and percent of that county's children living in those areas:

- Crawford County - 15.5 %
- Douglas County - 12.3%
- Ellis County — 7.7 %
- Labette County - 6.2 %
- Lyon County - 14.2 %
- Montgomery County - 4.7 %
- Neosho County - 12.7 %
- Riley County - 17.6 %
- Sedgwick County - 2.5 %
- Shawnee County - 18.3 %
- Wyandotte County - 26.9%

The new numbers parallel data released in the 2011 KIDS COUNT Data Book, which

indicated a significant jump in child poverty over the past decade, as well as an increase in kids living in low-income families. Overall, 18 percent of all Kansas children are living in poverty.

More information is available in the KIDS COUNT Data Center, which also contains the most recent national, state and local data on hundreds of indicators of child well-being. The Data Center allows users to create rankings, maps and graphs for use in publications and on websites, and to view real-time information on mobile devices.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private charitable organization whose primary mission is to foster public policies, human-service reforms and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. For more information, visit www.aecf.org.

Taxes to Rise on Most American

By Amy Payne

The Heritage Foundation

Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called it "a happy start to a new year." That probably tells you all you need to know about the fiscal cliff deal that passed the House last night.

The bill—which President Obama has promised to sign, though he took off for Hawaii again after the vote—has a 10 to 1 ratio of tax increases to spending cuts. This is the President's version of a "balanced" approach.

In addition to tax increases on Americans making more than \$250,000 a year, the bipartisan deal will actually raise taxes on the vast majority of American workers. How? The payroll tax "holiday" has ended. The Wall Street Journal calculates that the "typical U.S. family earning \$50,000 a year" will lose "an annual income boost of \$1,000."

Meanwhile, the higher tax rates will hit small businesses and investors—which is grim news for a country in need of new jobs.

"It is the small businesses that employ the most workers

who will pay the higher rates," explains Heritage's Curtis Dubay. "These tax hikes on investment will further dampen investment and result in even less job creation. This is more bad news for the 12 million unemployed Americans."

While the President touted a "balance" of tax hikes and spending cuts, the truth is that the bill increases government spending by about \$330 billion.

Though Congress and the President have known for two years that they would have to do something about all the expiring tax rates, they waited until after the deadline had passed. This resulted in law-making for which "irresponsible" is not a strong enough word.

The Senate voted without knowing the cost of the bill—the Congressional Budget Office had not even had time to go through it.

The legislation passed both chambers of Congress within a 24-hour period on a holiday, which meant that Members of Congress—much less the American people—did not have time to find out what was

in the 157-page bill.

Business Insider notes that all of the new tax rates are "permanent," meaning that Congress would have to agree to change them. This is a big deal. Almost every fiscal agreement reached by Congress since the Bush tax cuts of 2001 has been scheduled to phase out at a future date."

After all the damage this deal has done, Congress isn't through yet. Well, this Congress is—the outgoing lawmakers make their exit on Thursday, and the new Congress will be coming in. It will face the real consequences of the across-the-board budget cuts to defense known as sequestration, which this deal postponed for two months.

It will also face the U.S. debt limit. President Obama said last night that he is in no mood to get into another debt limit fight—even though that is inevitable.

"While I will negotiate over many things, I will not have another debate with this Congress over whether they will pay the bills they've already racked up," Obama said.

Over Easy... by Bob Strawn

(Editor's Note: Bob is off to the Fiesta Bowl this week. We believe he is considering another run for the city commission. This earlier column speaks to some of his interests.)

So, did you catch this Riley County "floater" in Manhattan's daily newspaper last week?

"Currently, county offices - including the county office building, the building housing the commission itself, the Carnegie building and the Riley County Courthouse - encompass 60,805 square feet of space. But in 20 years, the study estimates that the county will need around 111,322 square feet of space, a difference of 50,517 square feet."

I suspect the county commission and staff are "floating" this idea to get community reaction before moving it, like the next big-government locomotive, further up the expense line. It seems the county wants to buy a church behind the court house, tear it down, and build a spanking new monument to government redundancy. And are we surprised that a county government funded study would come up with this more-is-better finding?

Anyway, our first reaction to the article was to ask a simple question.

Does this mean the county staff and their accoutrements will double in size over the next two decades? Why?

Or maybe Riley County plans on consolidating with



Bob Strawn

Pott or with the city itself, thus the need for doubling its space? Now, there'd be a novel and refreshing idea, consolidation. But don't expect county staff and their current commissioners to ever suggest such nonsense.

Now, Mayor Loren Pepperd has floated the idea. He feels the time is approaching for a consolidation discussion, particularly with a philosophical change coming to the county commission, from mostly liberal to mostly conservative, resulting from the election of two new commissioners last November. We agree with the good mayor. But will the incoming commissioners?

Folks, consolidation of city/county governments would give us the opportunity to make local government more efficient, economical, equitable and accountable. Services provided now, like public works, would operate out of one plant,

under one management team, providing like services across the county. And a single government system would be far more accountable than what we have today, when the county provides little to nothing within the city boundaries. Plus, and perhaps most importantly, it would give us one strong voice when dealing with issues of economic development and growth of the tax base.

For evidence, look no further than at the RCPD, our police department. (Punintended.) Consolidation works already and has for decades. Other than a goofy oversight system, the RCPD Law Board, our cops provide a high level of service at a competitive price. A department that in my view would be even better under a single government system, e.g. no need for a law board.

Director Brad Schoen would report directly to the elected body or to its city/county manager, just as the fire chief does today.

So, this is not new stuff we're proposing. And yes, there are good arguments suggesting that consolidation is not all that proponents claim.

But is it logical to have all this duplicity here in Riley County to serve just 71,000 people, 75% of whom live in Manhattan, and a third of them being students who actually don't live here at all? Please, we have a county of maybe 55,000 fulltime residents. This is not like dealing with the hugely successful consolida-

tion of 155,000 in Wyandotte County, KS. This is not like Indianapolis merging a million in Marion County 40 years ago.

This is actually pretty small potatoes by comparison.

It seems prudent to us that rather than funding studies bent on increasing the size and scope of local county government, we should be studying how to make local government more efficient and effective. The reality is that more and bigger buildings only harden the institution's foundation. Isn't it time now to dispense with this bricks & mortar approach, and for once take a hammer & chisel look at this ever-growing behemoth?

Hopefully, incoming county commissioners Bob Boyd and Ron Wells read this column and consider the merits. Mayor Pepperd's ideas deserve consideration.

Start a discussion now about a consolidation study. The question is pretty simple - would we all be better served by one governing entity?

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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 17, 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

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Bob Boyd; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Lester L. Bieber (203-07-2-10-01-032.00-0) for tax year 2012. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$167.60. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Joan Leach Trust (211-12-0-30-03-001.08-0) for tax year 2012. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$432.08. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Real Estate My Way for the Appraiser's Office. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve Retail Dealer's 2013 Licenses for Cereal Malt Beverages for Stagg Hill Pro Shop - 4441 Fort Riley Boulevard, Manhattan; Dara's Fast Lane - 5321 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Manhattan; and Dara's Fast Lane - 1132 Pillsbury Drive, Manhattan. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to sign a letter to the University Park Advisory Board for the extension of time to repay the unpaid balance of the Promissory Note executed October 7, 2010. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2012 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Karen Hibbard and Jay Nelson

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bob Boyd; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hibbard gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Flint Hills Regional Welcome Center Project.

9:30 Press Conference

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Cassie Volanti, Temporary Election Worker; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bob Boyd; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Smith reported aTa Bus transported 21,025 riders in November.

Smith said they will reach in excess of 150,000 rides for 2012. Smith thanked the Board and community for their sup-

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson presented updates on Public Works projects.

Hobson reported the 4th wind turbine should be repaired this week.

10:45 Barry Wilkerson, County Attorney

Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Bob Boyd; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Wilkerson presented the Attorney's Office 2012 Accomplishments and 2013 Goals.

11:06 Executive Session to discuss department head evaluation

11:06 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 (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:36 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:38 Recessed for lunch.

12:00 Law Enforcement Agency Meeting

1:30 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

1:30 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 (Clancy Holeman) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:52 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

1:52 Johnson moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:52 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 (Susie Kufahl) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:27 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

2:27 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:27 Lewis moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Bob Boyd; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; and Bob Isaac, Planner, attended.

Shepek reported Riley County has received \$31,929.51 in revenue share from the Commerce Bank purchase card agreement.

Hobson reported the switch over to Manhattan City water in Konza has not taken place this week due to high water pressure.

Hobson said one wind turbine is still not working and is not sure when it will be repaired.

McCulloh moved to sign the application to publish the Notice of Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Riley County Subdivision Regulations. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve an On-line Access Agreement with Tim Ryan for the Register of Deeds' Office. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve

the Contract with Pawnee Mental Health Services for 2013. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Williams stated she reduced the Community Corrections fleet from three to two vehicles. Williams said they have one parking stall in the Manhattan City lot and two in Riley County lot.

The Board suggested keeping the Manhattan City lot parking stall.

The Board suggested the department heads discuss the use of the Riley County parking lot stall.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Kenneth R. Stith Et Ux (216-14-0-40-10-007.00-0) for tax year 2012. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$445.94. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Nancy L. Volkmann Trust (209-29-1-00-00-005.00-0) for tax year 2012. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,482.28. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Nancy L. Sando, Jr. and Sharon K. Sando (125-15-0-20-03-002.00-0) for tax year 2012. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$417.78. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2012 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Josh Kyle, Riley County Police Department, attended.

P. Collins said Riley County Fire District #1 has consistently tried to upgrade equipment as necessary to stay in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. P. Collins said because they have been doing upgrades for the past several years, they have developed a surplus of Scott air packs and air bottles. These air packs and air bottles are now non-compatible with their system. They currently have eight (8) air packs and thirty-two (32) 2216 psi bottles that they would like to donate. P. Collins stated Riley County can give them to Forestry without bringing them up to standards as long as it states in the agreement Forestry must upgrade the units.

Holeman agreed.

McCulloh moved to approve the donation of Kansas Forest Service eight Scott Air Packs and thirty-two 2216 psi bottles, conditioned upon the agreement of the Kansas Forest Service to recertify those items to manufacturer's specifications by a technician certified by the manufacturer, in order to except the Board from liability, as provided by K.S.A. 75-6104(w). Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:15 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer and Josh Kyle, Riley County Police Department

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Kyle said the Riley County Police Department has requested a fence be installed along the south side of their parking lot to restrict foot traffic that is creating paths in the grass. Kyle reviewed pictures depicting the problem. Kyle stated criminal damage to property has occurred as well.

Kyle stated the bid from Kansas Fencing, Inc. for the chain link fence/decorative fence was in the amount of \$7,380.13/\$18,797.40.

Hobson said funding is available for either option in the Riley County Police Department (RCPD) maintenance budget.

McCulloh stated it is only a path and we need to be frugal.

Johnson suggested the chain link fence.

Lewis moved to approve to proceed with a contract with Kansas Fencing Inc. for the chain link fence in the amount of \$7,380.13 to be paid from the 2012 RCPD budget. Johnson seconded. Carried 2-1. McCulloh opposed.

9:29 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Holman reviewed the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Designation Agreement for Cooperative Transportation Planning.

10:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director and Kristin Garcia, 4-H Youth Development Agent

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

Wilson discussed the K-State Research & Extension Program Prioritization Process. Wilson said their office is preparing to participate in a statewide needs assessment process for K-State Research and Extension which will help to focus the work of Extension for the next 5 years. They will work with their program development committee members in January to identify community members to complete an online program Prioritization survey. The survey results will be compiled and evaluated by state Extension staff and delivered back to staff in April. Staff will then use the local data to create action plans for addressing local programming needs. They would like to invite the County Commissioners to complete the online survey that will be forwarded in January.

Wilson said Districts 1 & 3 have open positions on the Fair Board. Staff is still in the process of identifying and contacting potential volunteers with a goal of having names to bring to the Board today.

Garcia presented the following 4-H Program update:

Report on Riley County 4-H Project Kick-Off (held in October)

Report on Holiday Food Gifts program - December 15

Next up: Fiber Fun Field Trip to the Winter Woolfest in Wamego.

Current enrollment: 297 with a total of 54 1st year enrollees including those enrolled in 4-H and as a Cloverbud

McCulloh discussed the possibility of locating Extension in the Family Child Resource Center.

10:15 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Bob Boyd; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Schoen stated RCPD will assist Topeka Police Department with the funeral service for the two officers killed.

Schoen stated RCPD officers are allowed to take police cars to the funeral services on Saturday.

Schoen said RCPD will begin working on the 2014 budget.

10:31 Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk

Executive sessions for department head evaluation follow-ups

10:31 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 10:41 a.m. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:41 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:41 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 (Cheryl Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:56 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:56 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Kansas State Men's Basketball Schedule / Results

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
10/30/12	vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-61
11/04/12	vs. Emporia State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-51
11/09/12	vs. North Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 85-52
NIT Season Tip-Off Manhattan Regional			
11/12/12	vs. Lamar	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 79-55
	Alabama-Huntsville vs. North Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	
11/13/12	vs. Alabama-Huntsville	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	Madison Square Garden	W, 66-63
11/23/12	vs. Michigan	Madison Square Garden	L, 57-71
12/02/12	vs. USC Upstate	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 72-53
12/08/12	at George Washington	Charles E. Smith Center	W, 65-62
State Farm Battle in Seattle			
12/15/12	vs. Gonzaga	KeyArena	L, 52-68
12/18/12	vs. Texas Southern	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 78-69
Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic			
12/22/12	vs. Florida	Sprint Center	W, 67-61
12/29/12	vs. UMKC	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 52-44
12/31/12	vs. South Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 70-50
01/05/13	vs. Oklahoma State	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/12/13	at West Virginia	WVU Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/16/13	at TCU	Daniel-Meyer Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
01/19/13	vs. Oklahoma	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 PM CT
01/22/13	vs. Kansas	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
01/26/13	at Iowa State	Hilton Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/30/13	vs. Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/02/13	at Oklahoma	Lloyd Noble Center	5:00 PM CT
02/05/13	at Texas Tech	United Spirit Arena	7:00 PM CT
02/09/13	vs. Iowa State	Bramlage Coliseum	5:00 PM CT
02/11/13	at Kansas	Allen Fieldhouse	8:00 PM CT
02/16/13	vs. Baylor	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
02/18/13	vs. West Virginia	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/23/13	at Texas	Erwin Center	7:00 PM CT
02/25/13	vs. Texas Tech	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
03/02/13	at Baylor	Ferrell Center	6:00 PM CT
03/05/13	vs. TCU	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
03/09/13	at Oklahoma State	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 #10	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 68-57
11/05/12	vs. Washburn #10	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 75-42
11/09/12	vs. Idaho State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 62-54
11/11/12	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	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	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 64-57
12/04/12	at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.	W, 48-43
12/09/12	vs. South Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 68-54
12/16/12	vs. UTEP	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 50-52
World Vision Classic			
12/19/12	vs. Texas A&M	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 83-60
12/20/12	vs. Notre Dame	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 87-57
12/21/12	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	W, 80-54
12/29/12	at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	W, 60-45
01/02/13	at Kansas*	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m. CT
01/05/13	vs. TCU*	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* #14	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 p.m. CT
01/15/13	vs. Baylor* #12	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* #10	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/26/13	at Texas* #11	Austin, Texas	1:00 p.m. CT
02/02/13	vs. Kansas* #14	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/06/13	vs. Oklahoma* #10	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* #11	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/16/13	at Oklahoma State*	Stillwater, Okla.	4:00 p.m. CT
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Big 12 Men's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Kansas	0-0	11-1
Kansas State	0-0	11-2
Oklahoma State	0-0	10-2
Iowa State	0-0	10-3
Oklahoma	0-0	9-3
TCU	0-0	9-4
Baylor	0-0	8-4
Texas Tech	0-0	7-4
Texas	0-0	8-5
West Virginia	0-0	7-5

Big 12 Women's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma State	0-0	11-0
Baylor	0-0	10-1
Iowa State	0-0	9-1
Oklahoma	0-0	10-2
Texas Tech	0-0	10-2
Kansas	0-0	9-2
Kansas State	0-0	9-3
West Virginia	0-0	8-3
TCU	0-0	7-4
Texas	0-0	7-4

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Beef 'O' Brady's Ball State vs. UCF	St. Petersburg, FL Tropicana Field	UCF 38 Ball State 17	
R+L Carriers New Orleans East Carolina vs. UL Lafayette	New Orleans, LA Mercedes-Benz Superdome	Louisiana L 43 East Carolina 34	
MAACO Bowl Las Vegas Boise State vs. Washington	Las Vegas, NV Sam Boyd Stadium	Boise State 28 Washington 26	
Sheraton Hawaii Fresno State vs. SMU	Honolulu, HI Aloha Stadium	SMU 43 Fresno State 10	
Little Caesars Pizza Central Michigan vs. W. Kentucky	Detroit, MI Ford Field	Centra; Michigan 24 Western Kent 21	
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BCS National Championship Alabama vs. Notre Dame	Miami Gardens, FL Sun Life Stadium	Mon., Jan. 7 8:30 p.m. ET	ESPN



Brittany Chambers (2) scored 27 points and hauled in nine rebounds. (Photo by Ben Brake)

K-State Down UCSB 60-45

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – For the first time in 26 years, K-State paid a visit to UC Santa Barbara and posted a similar result to the 1986 meeting with a 60-45 win on Saturday afternoon at the UCSB Thunderdome. The Wildcats concluded the non-conference portion of its schedule with a 9-3 record.

K-State was led by the pair of Brittany Chambers and Ashia Woods with a combined 38 points. Chambers registered a game-high 27 points and hauled in nine rebounds. She also dished out three assists and pocketed three steals. With her three conversions from beyond the arc, Chambers moved into third on the K-State career 3-point field goals made list with 267 and passing Kristin Rethman.

She has scored 20 or more points in six games this season and K-State has now won 19 straight games when Chambers

scores 20 or more points in a game during her career. Her three assists moved her into a tie for 13th on the K-State career assists list with 277 during her four years with the Wildcats.

Woods tallied a career-high 11 points on 4-of-5 shooting. The sophomore from Wichita added four rebounds and four steals to her final stat line.

UCSB jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead, as Kirsten Tilleman registered four points during the early barrage. After regrouping with a timeout, the Wildcats used a 24-5 run to take a 26-16 lead with 3:22 to play in the first half. The Wildcats' defense brought them back into the game, holding the Gauchos without a point for over eight minutes.

The Gauchos narrowed the K-State lead to seven, 26-19, with 2:42 remaining in the opening stanza on three free throws. Chambers carded the

final four points of the half for K-State to push the Wildcats into a 32-23 halftime lead.

The teams traded baskets in the early stages of the second half, with UCSB cutting the K-State lead to eight, 43-35, with 11:34 remaining. The Wildcats took control of the second half with a 12-0 run to build a 55-35 lead with 5:41 remaining.

K-State's second half run was again started by its defense, holding the Gauchos without a point for a five-minute stretch midway through the half. Chambers and Bri Craig helped pace K-State during the run with six and four points, respectively.

For the 12th straight game this season, K-State reached double figures in steals with 10. For the season, the Wildcats have 148 steals which are the most through 12 games in the Deb Patterson era.

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Snyder Named Bobby Dodd National Coach Of The Year

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – For the fifth time in his career, Kansas State's Bill Snyder has been named national coach of the year as the legendary head coach earned the prestigious 2012 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award Monday, the foundation announced during half-time of the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

The annual Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year presented by the Chick-fil-A Bowl winner is determined by a vote from all previous winners of the award, plus a vote from a blue-ribbon panel made up from the "who's who" in college football.

"The entire K-State family congratulates Coach Snyder on being named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year," said Athletics Director John Currie. "What makes this award even more special is its focus on character and academic excellence, in addition to a team's success on the field, and Coach Snyder is the epitome of those values."

Predicted to finish sixth in the Big 12 prior to the season, the Wildcats tallied an 11-1 record, including an 8-1 mark in Big 12 play to capture the school's third conference championship and first since 2003. Snyder guided Kansas

State to its seventh 11-win season, but only the second 11-win regular season (1998).

In addition being named the 2012 Big 12 Coach of the Year by both the Associated Press and his fellow coaches, Snyder was also named a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award for the second straight season as well as being a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award and a semifinalist for the Maxwell Coach of the Year Award. The legendary coach was also the 1998 recipient of the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

Snyder led K-State to a school-record six wins against ranked opponents in 2012, including its conference-championship clinching victory over No. 18 Texas. Additionally, the Wildcats obtained their first-ever No. 1 ranking the BCS standings earlier this year.

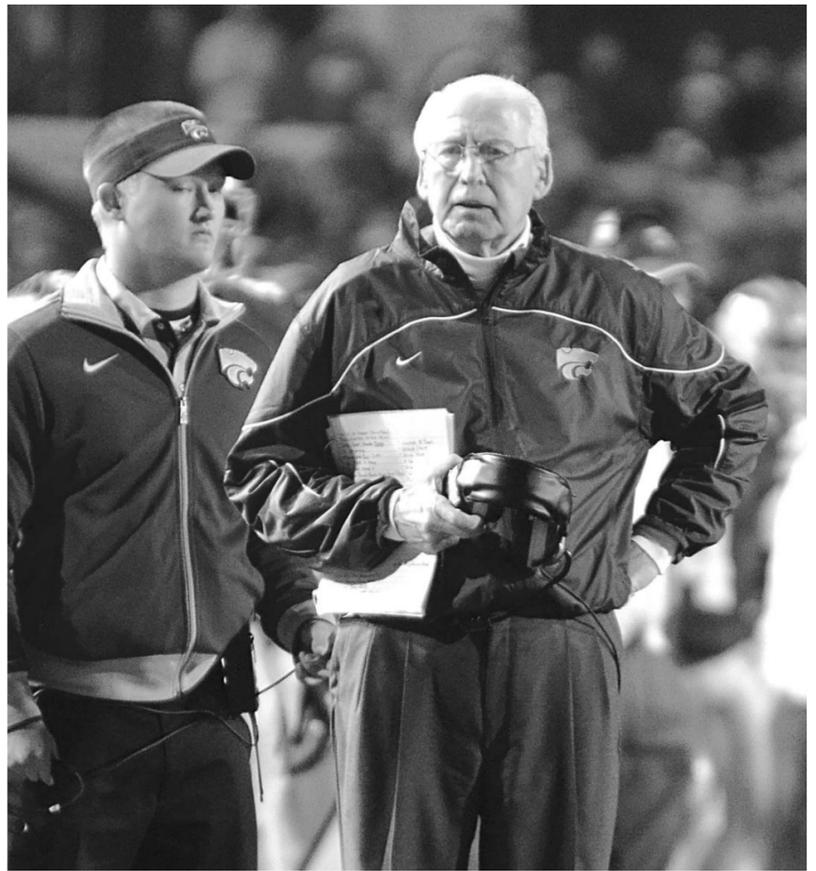
Named the 32nd head football coach at K-State on November 30, 1988, and again as the 34th on November 24, 2008, Snyder has amassed a 170-84-1 (.669) record during his tenure with the Wildcats, including an 97-65-1 (.598) mark in Big 8/12 games. His 170 victories are the 11th-most

among active FBS coaches and are more than triple the man in second place on K-State's all-time coaching victories list.

The Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award was established in 1976 to honor the NCAA Division 1 football coach whose program represents the highest ideals on and off the field. The Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award honors the coach of a team which enjoys a successful football season, while also stressing the importance of academic excellence and character, as did Coach Dodd's teams during his 22 years as head football coach of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

The formal presentation of the 2012 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award presented by the Chick-fil-A Bowl to Coach Snyder will be made on the Kansas State University campus later this spring.

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



Kansas State Head Football Coach Bill Snyder has been named the 2012 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Kansas State Wildcats Race Past Coyotes, 70-50

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. – A career-high 16 points by Nino Williams helped No.25 Kansas State finish its non-conference schedule with a 70-50 win over South Dakota on Monday afternoon.

For the second game in a row, the Wildcats (11-2) jumped out to a quick lead, taking a 13-2 advantage in the first five minutes. A steal and a dunk by Omari Lawrence gave the Wildcats a highlight moment and pushed the score to 19-8 in favor of the Wildcats. K-State led by as many as 16 in the opening half and took a 30-18 lead into the break. Rodney McGruder led the Wildcats in the first half with eight points and six rebounds.

The opening of the second half saw K-State struggle, allowing the Coyotes (6-9) to cut the lead to six points. After two free throws by South Dakota's Karim Rowson made the score 44-39, K-State used a 12-0 run to put the game away.

The run was highlighted by Shane Southwell, who scored seven straight during the run. Southwell finished the afternoon with 12 points and tied his career-high of six assists. McGruder chipped in 15 and led with nine rebounds. Will Spradling added 11 points and six assists.

K-State opens Big 12 Conference play on Saturday, as the team hosts Oklahoma State. The game is set for a 12:30 p.m. tip and will be broadcast live on the Big 12 Network. It will be a Wildcat Weekend at Bramlage Coliseum with the women's team hosting TCU at 6 p.m. Fans can get into the women's game for just \$3 when showing their ticket to the men's game against Oklahoma State.

**Kansas State Quotes
Head Coach Bruce Weber
Opening Statement...**

"I thought we got off to a pretty good start. We attacked the zone half way decent and

then did a good job on the defensive end. I think we frustrated them early with our defense. We were up about 14 points at the 10 minute mark in the first half and I think we just kind of disconnected. We threw some balls away and we forced some things. There is no reason to have 17 turnovers. When we execute against the zone, it seems so simple and easy; and then other times, we just made it complicated. It was our best shooting night of the year and yet, the 17 turnovers where we had been pretty good. I think that is another indication of not having the focus you need. But we had a good run of Shane (Southwell) and then Jordan Henriquez gave us a nice run, blocking some shots and getting a couple baskets. We went on a 12-0 run and opened it up a little bit. At least you could take a deep breath during the last two minutes. Now you move on and hope that we get Angel (Rodriguez) and Martavious (Irving) back for

practice by Wednesday. I do not know if they will be 100 percent by Saturday but just having them there for a little bit will ease the pressure on everybody. It will give us a little more fluidness as a team. We've got to look forward to that. Oklahoma State has a big one this afternoon against Gonzaga. It would be great to have them come in here highly next Saturday."

On the performance of Nino Williams...

"He has played well; he just needs to play a little smarter. I think all of guys you could go through and see that they each had causal struggles at different points. Nino had a few struggles there but then he really rose up. I think he took the challenge when Shane took his spot for a couple weeks when he got hurt and now there is completion. What happens with competition? Either you lay down or you step up to the challenge and he stepped up to

the challenge and said that he wanted minutes too. I said it the other night, that if we could get to eight starters, I think we could be a really good team. If we can get consistency out of everybody, so if you get into foul trouble, you do not have to worry."

On the benefits of their non-conference schedule...

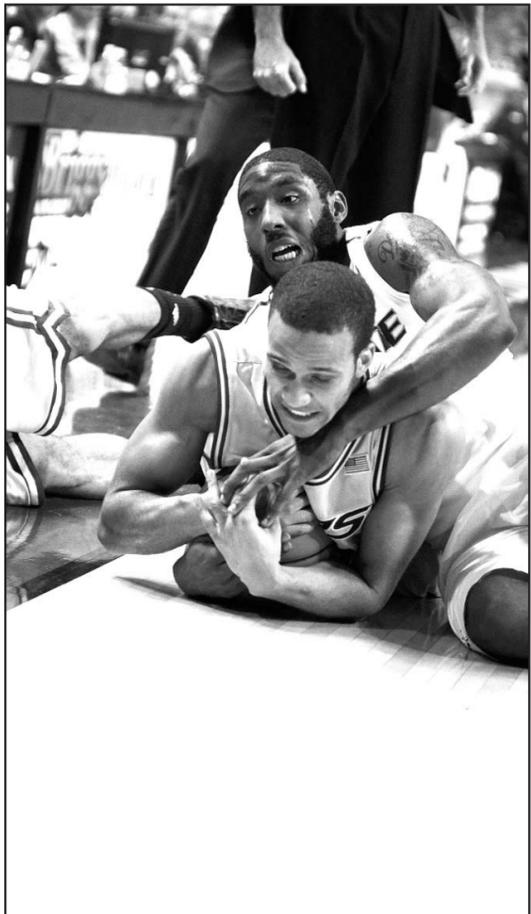
"We had a great moment against Florida. That was a special moment. We had a good win against George Washington on the road, where we found a way to win. In hindsight, we needed one more tough game in that mix, but it did not happen. I am not sure that I loved the setup of the schedule because we had the games here early, not against competition that we needed. We were probably a B or so. You can say that we lost to two tough teams, where we did not compete in the second half like we needed to. If we would have pushed those guys to the limit,

I would have felt really good about. I think you saw against Florida, that if we are connected and playing at a high level, we can beat anybody in the country, because I think people feel that Florida is a Final Four team. We have the capability, but the big word is consistency. Since I got here, people have talked about it. People talked about it last year and I am still talking about it this year. If you are going to compete for the Big 12 Championship, you have to be consistent."

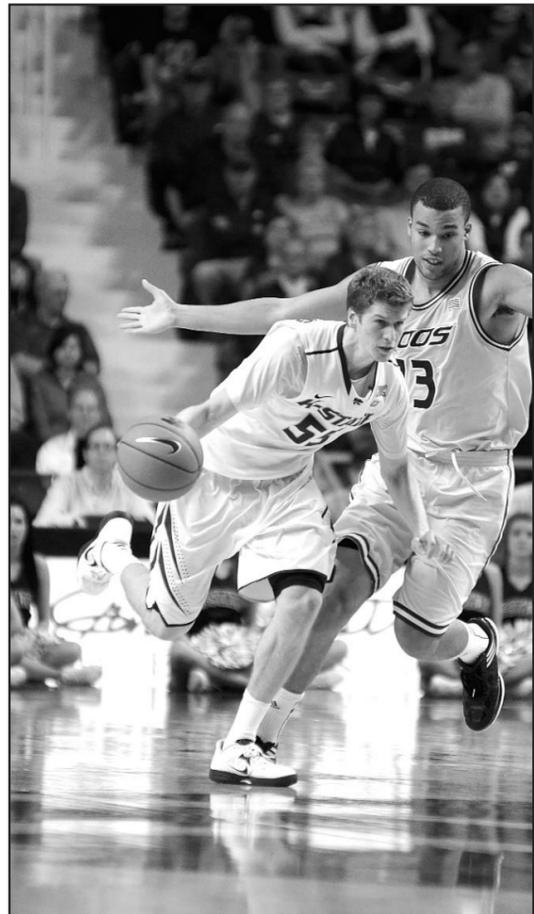
Junior Guard/Forward Shane Southwell

On overcoming his slow start...

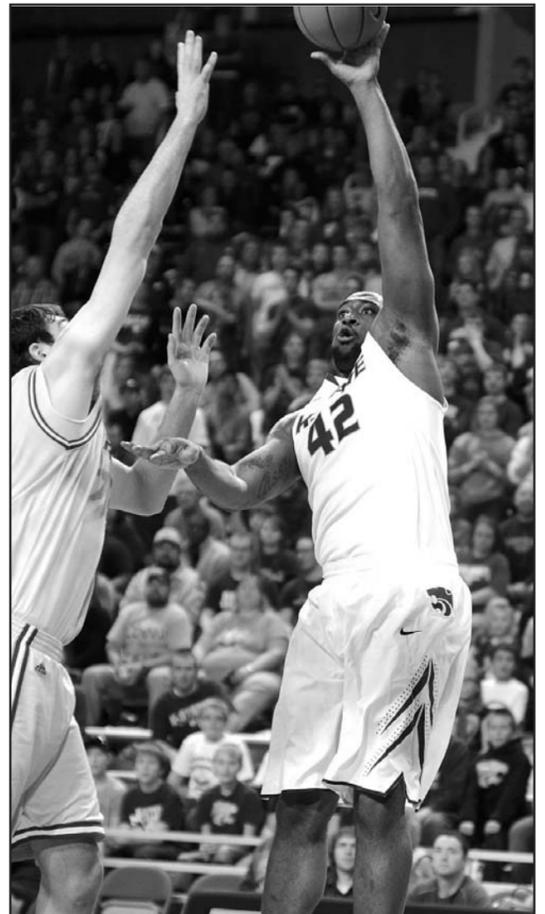
"I know in the beginning of the game and to start the second half, I had a few open chances to shoot a little pull-up jump shot in the lane, but I turned it over, probably two or three of my turnovers were like that. I just wanted to be a little more aggressive because I was pretty mad at myself at that point."



K-State's Omari Lawrence (top) ties up a Kansas City player.



Will Spradling (55) races down the court on a fast break.



Thomas Gipson (42) goes up high for two points.

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No. 25 K-State Wins Defensive Battle

K-State Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. - Senior guard Rodney McGruder scored a game-high 17 points to help 25th-ranked Kansas State survive a defensive slugfest with Kansas City (UMKC), 52-44, before a sell-out crowd of 12,528 fans at Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday night.

Playing without starting point guard Angel Rodriguez and reserve point guard Martavious Irving, K-State (10-2) struggled offensively with a season-low 52 points on a season-low 32.1 percent shooting, including just 20 percent from 3-point range. However, the Wildcats showed its strength on defense, holding its sixth opponent to 55 points or less this season, while forcing UMKC (4-9, 1-1 Summit League) into 19 turnovers.

The victory gave the Wildcats' 10 non-conference wins for the seventh consecutive season.

The Wildcats jumped out quickly, taking a 20-9 advantage within the first nine minutes of the opening half after a pair of free throws by junior Omari Lawrence. However, the squad would score just five points the remainder of the half, connecting on just 2-of-16 field goals with eight straight misses at one point, to hold a 25-21 edge at halftime. McGruder led all scorers at the break with 10 points.

The second half didn't see much different, as the two teams combined for 16 field goals on nearly 50 attempts. K-State's lead was single digits for the entire half with Kansas City pulling with 36-34 with 9:16 to play and 39-36 with just over four minutes to play. However, the Wildcats used a 6-0 run over a two-minute stretch to push the advantage to 45-36 with just 2:19 to play before clinching the game at the free throw line.

The 96 combined points tied for the lowest by K-State and its opponent in the Big 12 era. K-State and Iowa State also combined for 96 in a Wildcat win (50-46) at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa on Feb. 21, 2009. It was also just four shy of the lowest combined points in K-State's shot clock era, which came in a pair of 47-45 wins over Nebraska in the 1987 and 1993 Big Eight Tournament in Kansas City.



Nino Williams (11) covers the ball after getting a rebound against Kansas City.

Joining McGruder in double figures was sophomore Thomas Gipson, who chipped in 13 points and six rebounds in 24 minutes. Fellow sophomore Nino Williams corralled a career-best 13 rebounds to go with eight points and two assists in a career-best 32 minutes. Junior Will Spradling posted eight points, four rebounds, three assists and one steal in 38 minutes. With Rodriguez and Irving out, Lawrence played a career-high 22 minutes with five points,

three steals, two rebounds and two assists. McGruder also added five rebounds, four steals and two assists.

Kansas City was led by reserve Thomas Staton's 13 points, while Fred Chatmon added nine points and a game-high 16 rebounds in just 29 minutes of action.

Postgame Quotes
K-State 52, Kansas City 44
K-State Head Coach
Bruce Weber

Opening Statement...

"Obviously, that was not the prettiest game you have ever seen and probably not the emotion that we had last week, but that was a great crowd today; I was really excited about that. Since the Florida game, everything that could go wrong probably went wrong. With the travel, we had guys sitting in airports for two days. We missed one of our full practices. On the second day, we were supposed to go twice and we barely got everybody here except for

Angel (Rodriguez) at night. You try to play a game with one and a half practices. Then we did not know if Angel was going to play and then Martavious' (Irving) knee locks up in the walk through yesterday, so it all went the other way, but to our kids' credit, we found a way to win. You have got to give UMKC a lot of credit, also. Their kids played hard and I thought they battled and they did not back down. I think we started 7-for-12 from the field and then it was just atrocious. I thought we got a little complacent and then we kept saying, 'It is only two possessions, guys', and we had to stretch that thing out. But it was still a good win. You would think turning them over 19 times and getting 19 offensive rebounds, the score would be a bigger margin, but sometimes you have got to win in different ways and we won with defense tonight."

On his team's performance against Kansas City...

"I do not think it is lackadaisical. It is hard coming down for the big high and we had a huge high against Florida and then we got in the top 25. Now you go home and everyone is telling you how good you are, you are eating Christmas turkey and fudge, everyone is giving you presents, so now you come back and if you travel at all, sitting in airports is hard. I bet Rodney (McGruder) probably got up at 5:00 a.m., on Wednesday morning, then you sit around for the whole day, then they had to make a travel day the next day. They flew into Kansas City when we were supposed to come back into Manhattan. So there were a lot of things that went wrong and sometimes that happens. But I thought our defense was really good - 21 points in the first half and 23 in the second - they really got five or six points down the stretch where we are just trying not to foul them, so you do a great job on the defensive end. That is who we are. We are a good defensive team and a good rebounding team and when we make shots, we can beat anybody in the country and that is what you saw last week."

On making progress before the start of Big 12 play...

"We talk about how complacency is the biggest enemy of

making progress. Our biggest thing is we have to make progress and I think we did that today in that we played defense in both halves. We did not let our offense affect our defense which is really positive. Early our offense came easy, but then we had a bunch of fast breaks where it was three on two and a half or five on four and a half and we did not have good spacing. Usually you have got Will (Spradling) out on the sideline keeping space. Then we missed some layups and putbacks. We were just not in sync and again, we only had one full practice on Thursday. Yesterday we had shoot around and then walk through to just go through some stuff to see if you can get ready. It was just a tough week to deal with but we found a win which is important."

On what he hopes to see on Monday against South Dakota...

"I hope for a little better offensive flow. I really hope Angel can make it back and involved. Otherwise, he will be going two weeks without a game heading into Oklahoma State. I want the same defensive effort and the same rebounding effort and to come out with a little more sense of urgency on the offensive end. We moved and cut very well against Florida, probably the best we have all year. We have got to screen and move, you cannot just stand there. We did not get moving very well. Will is one of our best movers and cutters and we did not have him going, which made it a little more difficult. But like Rodney said, you cannot make excuses, you have got to come and play. But we found a way to win. Hopefully we can just continue to make progress."

Senior Forward Rodney McGruder

On the team's struggles from the free throw line...

"We just missed; it is not really a struggle. Last game, I would say that we shot pretty well from the free throw line. We just had an off night tonight. We have just got to get in the gym and work on free throw shooting. We work on it a lot in practice, so there is no reason that we should miss free throws like that. We just have to get in the gym on our own."



K-State's Will Spradling (55) lays one in.



K-State Guard Shane Southwell (1) looks for a cutting team mate.



Thomas Gipson (42) takes the ball to the basket.

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