

Christopher Anthony Silva

Christopher Anthony Silva, age 51, passed away at his home Monday, January 14, 2013.

He was born May 29, 1961 in Manhattan, Kansas the son of John & Ruby (Delgado)Silva Jr. He gradu-

ated from Lucky High School in 1979. Chris was employed as an Assistant Manager for Horticultural Services Garden

Center in Manhattan.

Chris was united in marriage to Lee Ann Rousey on September 12, 1987 in

Branson, Missouri. Their family was made complete by their furry kids: Tara, Belle, Gabe and Tipper. The couple had just proudly celebrated their 25th wedding Anniversary.

Chris always had a great love for all creatures and nurtured their environments but he especially enjoyed bluebirds. He built and maintained bluebird boxes and trails in several areas around Manhattan. Chris loved being outdoors, whether it was tending the garden, landscaping or playing basketball with the nieces and nephews. He and Lee Ann loved spending time at the home they built and cherished together. Their selfless love and devotion to each other has inspired many people. Chris will be forever missed by his friends, co-workers and especially his wife and his family.

Survivors include his wife: Lee Ann Silva of the home; parents: John and Ruby Silva, Jr. of Manhattan; sister: Lisa McAdams and her husband Sean of Saint George, KS; 2

brothers: Philip Silva and his wife Sharla of Gravois Mills, MO and Daniel Silva and Wanda Silva of Westmoreland, KS. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Jaron and Dakota McAdams, Aidan, Danielle & Dominic Silva, Maria Silva, Kristin and Danny Umscheid and Jasmine and Maple Umscheid and with many other family and friends.

A reception of remembrance to honor Chris will be held Saturday January 19, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Union Pacific Depot in Manhattan.

There will be no visitation. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Chris Silva Memorial Fund/Bluebird Habitat and Education fund in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home

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Phyllis M. (Mayoff) Moore

Phyllis M. (Mayoff) Moore, age 75, of Manhattan, died January 9, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born July 18, 1937, in Cohoes, New York, the daughter of William Ellis and Bernice (Leversee) Mayott, and had been a Manhattan resident since January 1969.

Phyllis graduated from high school in Glens Falls, NY, and earned her Bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in Elementary Education and later her Master's degree in Education with an emphasis in reading.

She taught in the Manhattan

schools for 25 years and taught at Marlatt Elementary, Amanda Arnold Elementary and at Frank Bergman Elementary, retiring in 1999. She was involved with the National Science Foundation along with several colleagues in developing and improving science curriculum for elementary school students.

Phyllis was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the choir. She later attended College Avenue United Methodist Church and sang in the choir with her daughter Teri. She had a life-long love of music.

She also served on the

Manhattan Parks and Recreation Board for many years.

On September 20, 1958, in Glens Falls, NY, she was married to William E. Moore, DVM. Dr. Moore survives of the home. Additional survivors include her daughter, Teresa "Teri" Nelsen, PhD and her husband Chetney of Manhattan; one brother, Roger Mayott of Springfield, VT; and four grandchildren: Christian Nelsen and her companion Ian Kahn of Boulder, CO, Jakob Nelsen and his wife Michelle of Boulder, Emily Nelsen-Whiteman and her husband Cody of Lawrence, KS, and

Zach Nelsen of Manhattan.

Cremation is planned with an open house reception was held from 4 - 6pm Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the College Avenue United Methodist Church in Manhattan.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

John Henry Lambotte

John Henry Lambotte, age 89, of Salina, Kansas, died Thursday, January 10, 2013, at the Salina Regional Health Center in Salina.

He was born on December 29, 1923, in Rossville, Kansas, the son of Henry Louis and Loretta Mae (Lambott) Lambotte.

Mr. Lambotte was raised in Rossville, Ks where he attended grade & high schools, graduating from Rossville High School in 1942. He attended Clark Business school in

Topeka, KS and worked for Santa Fe Railroad for 3 years before beginning in the ministry.

Mr. Lambotte yielded his life to God in his early youth and was faithful to this choice his whole lifetime upholding the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Lambotte was a Minister of the Gospel and had lived in Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Utah, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas & Nebraska.

He is survived by three nieces: Glenice Schraw, and her husband Dean (deceased), Mary Headrick, and her husband Kermit, Wanda Headrick and her husband Gary, nephew: Dale May, and his wife Shari, Wilma May (wife of George, deceased) many great nephews, nieces and friends also survive.

Mr. Lambotte was preceded in death by his parents, and by two sisters: Mabel Luvina May and Velma Celeste Lambotte and one nephew, George May.

The family of Mr. Lambotte

receive friends during a visitation held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel 1616 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS. Interment will follow in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan

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

Gerold Dean Lake

Gerald Dean Lake, age 79, of Manhattan, died Wednesday January 9, 2013 at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

He was born on June 2, 1933, in his parent's home on the Ashland Bottoms area south of Manhattan, the son of Robert and Bessie (Graham) Lake. He attended schools in the area and graduated from Manhattan High School with the class of 1952.

He joined the United States Marine Corp in San Diego, California where he served as a drill instructor. After the

marines he went to technical college in Wichita and then also attended Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He worked for over 30 years for Wilcox Electric in Kansas City as a quality assurance representative. Then he went to work for the department of defense for 10 years on the Whiting Air Force Base in Knob Knoster, Missouri in the procurement department. After retiring he moved to Arkansas and then back to Manhattan to

be closer to his family.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Melvin Lake and also a sister, Betty Rickson.

Survivors include his sister Karen McKeeman and her husband Michael, of Manhattan and his brother-in-law, Warren Rickson, of Topeka. He is also survived by nine nieces and three nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for Mr. Lake were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2013 in the Ashland Cemetery south of

Manhattan on McDowell Creek Road, with Pastor Mark Roberts officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial funds in memory of Gerald be made to the Ashland Community Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Wallace Glen Grossnickle

Wallace Glen Grossnickle, age 91, of Manhattan, died January 14, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born September 2, 1921, in Onaga, KS, the son of Sydney Edward and Goldie (Swindell) Grossnickle.

Wallace grew up on the farm and farmed for several years prior to working for the Civilian Conservation Corps during the great depression near Seneca. In June of 1951 he went to work at Kansas State University for facilities as a painter. He retired after 35 years on September 2, 1986.

He was a founding member of Crestview Christian Church. He enjoyed fishing, going to auctions and the Sale Barn, and watching westerns on TV. He even went on a couple of real cattle drives when he was young.

On December 22, 1956, at the Manhattan Christian College he was married to Phyllis Hauf. Mrs. Grossnickle preceded him in death on June 6, 2009. He was also preceded in death by two siblings: Galen Grossnickle and Bertha Yager; and his step-father Joe DeWilde.

Survivors include his three

children: Glen Grossnickle and his wife Pam of Auburn, KS, Mary Nolan and her husband Michael of Littleton, CO, and Brian Grossnickle of Manhattan; one brother, Ralph Grossnickle of Manhattan; one sister, Lucille McNeil of Lincoln Park, MI; one step-brother, Camille DeWilde of Albany, OR; one half-sister, Helen Lattin of Dearing, KS; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, January 22nd at the Crestview Christian Church with Pastor Devin Wendt officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise

Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Monday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Family and friends may call anytime Sunday and Monday at the funeral home.

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

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502 is handling arrangements.

Tonia Latrice Martin Taylor

Tonia Latrice Martin Taylor, 45, of Ogden, transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, January 7, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan. The daughter of Mrs. Carolyn A. Grear and Mr. Thomas L. Martin, she was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 17, 1967. Tonia was united in holy matrimony to Carl B. Taylor on April 12, 1990 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Tonia graduated from Forbush High School in East Bend, North Carolina, attended Forsyth Technical College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services from Upper Iowa University at Fort Riley, Kansas in 2001 and a Master's Degree from Washburn University in May of 2006. She was licensed by the State of Kansas, Behavioral Science Regulatory Board as a Master Social Worker, and Clinical Addictions Counselor.

Tonia's work in the church began as an usher and choir member while a teenager at Tabernacle United Church of

Christ in Yadkinville, North Carolina. In 1991, Tonia and Carl relocated to Babenhausen, Germany on military assignment. She became a member of the Gospel Service under the pastorate of Elder Larry Herron which later became Genesis Church of God in Christ under the pastorate of Elder Luther Holmes, II. Her dedicated service, leadership and love for children resulted in her being appointed as the Sunshine Band President at the local, district and state levels. Upon her arrival to Fort Riley, she continued her work in the Youth Department at Mount Zion Church of God in Christ and was appointed as the District

Youth Department Coordinator by Superintendent Caleb J. Weathersby. She attended licensing training through the Kansas East Women's Department under the leadership of Mother Roberta D. Thuston, Supervisor of Women, and in September of 1999, was licensed as an Evangelist Missionary.

Tonia labored untiringly with her husband, Pastor Carl Taylor and the church congre-

gation in the building of Mt. Zion Family Worship Center Church of God in Christ at 916 Yuma Street in Manhattan and she served faithfully as the First Lady for over 10 years. She was the Co-Founder of the Restoration Center, Incorporated, Behavioral Health Service Program in Manhattan and Junction City.

Tonia leaves to cherish her memories a devoted husband of 22 years, Pastor Carl Taylor, a daughter, Juoniah, of Ogden; three sons, Carlos of Bryam, Mississippi; Jonathan and Jordan, of Ogden; three grandchildren, LyTrevius, LaCariya and Cameron Taylor; her parents, Mrs. Carolyn A. Grear of Columbus, Ohio and Mr. Thomas L. Martin of Mocksville, North Carolina; Step-Mother, Mrs. Rita Martin, Columbus, Ohio; a sister Natasha (Steven R.) Adams; four brothers, Miguel E. (Nichole B.) Neil, Thomas C., Ronald and Demond T. (Kia S.) Martin. She was reared in the home of her loving Auntie and Uncle, Mrs. Sue Martin Woodruff affectionately known as "Mama Sue" and Mr.

Charles Woodruff and their children, Tangee, Sonja, Kellie and Shannon of Yadkinville, North Carolina; spiritual sister, Sylvia Sellars; seven God children, the Wallace's from Columbia, South Carolina; the members of Tabernacle United Church of Christ, Mt. Zion Family Worship Center, the Churches of God in Christ at large and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the family present on Sunday, January 13, 2013 at Mt. Zion Family Worship Center.

The funeral service were held Monday, January 14, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan, at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Manhattan.

Memorial gifts can be made for the benefit of the Tonia Taylor Memorial Fund c/o Mercy Community Health Foundation 1823 College Avenue Manhattan, KS 66502.

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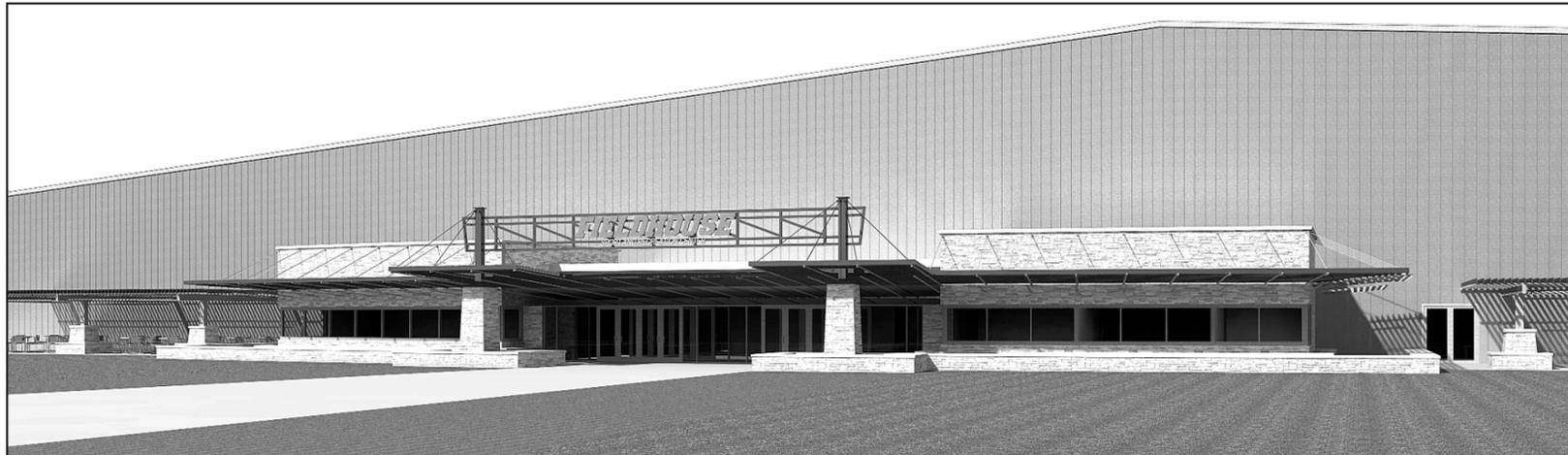
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Outside view of the Fieldhouse.

Grassroots Group Supports Youth Sports Facility

MANHATTAN, Kan. — 1955. That's the last time an indoor community sporting facility — City Auditorium — was built in Manhattan. According to a group known as the Fieldhouse Project, the Manhattan, Wamego and Junction City communities are all facing a shortage of updated recreation facilities for the growing region. But that won't be the case for much longer, if they have anything to say about it.

Starting as a grassroots organization in March 2012, the Fieldhouse Project is looking to mobilize Manhattan, Wamego and Junction City community members for a common goal: a new indoor and outdoor community sports facility.

The group hopes to accomplish two things with the new facility: 1) create a place where area youth (and people of all ages) can participate in sports and exercise year-round, and 2) create valuable economic stimulus for the local community by hosting more and larger sporting events.

In December 2012, the Fieldhouse Project solicited survey responses throughout the Manhattan, Wamego and Junction City communities, using \$10,000 of funding from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, the city of Manhattan, and Riley County, as well as \$10,000 of matching, in-kind work from the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau. Fieldhouse Project chair Gail Urban said the survey garnered nearly 2,300 responses, and 690 written comments.

"The community assessment clearly shows that the need is here and the communities want it," she said.

Of those surveyed, 59 percent said that if a new facility were built with their preferred features, they would visit the facility several times a week, while 69 percent reported that current sports and recreation facilities only meet some of their needs. And 55 percent

said a new recreation facility should be a high or very high priority for their community.

"Since an earlier version of the survey in 1999, many of the proposed projects have been addressed in the Manhattan community," Urban said. "City Pool, CiCo Pool and Northview Pool have been renovated in the last couple of years; a new zoo education center was built in 2012; and the Flint Hills Discovery Center opened last year. Our outdoor parks have also seen some improvements. But the sporting facility issue remains, and it's only becoming a bigger need as our region grows more and more."

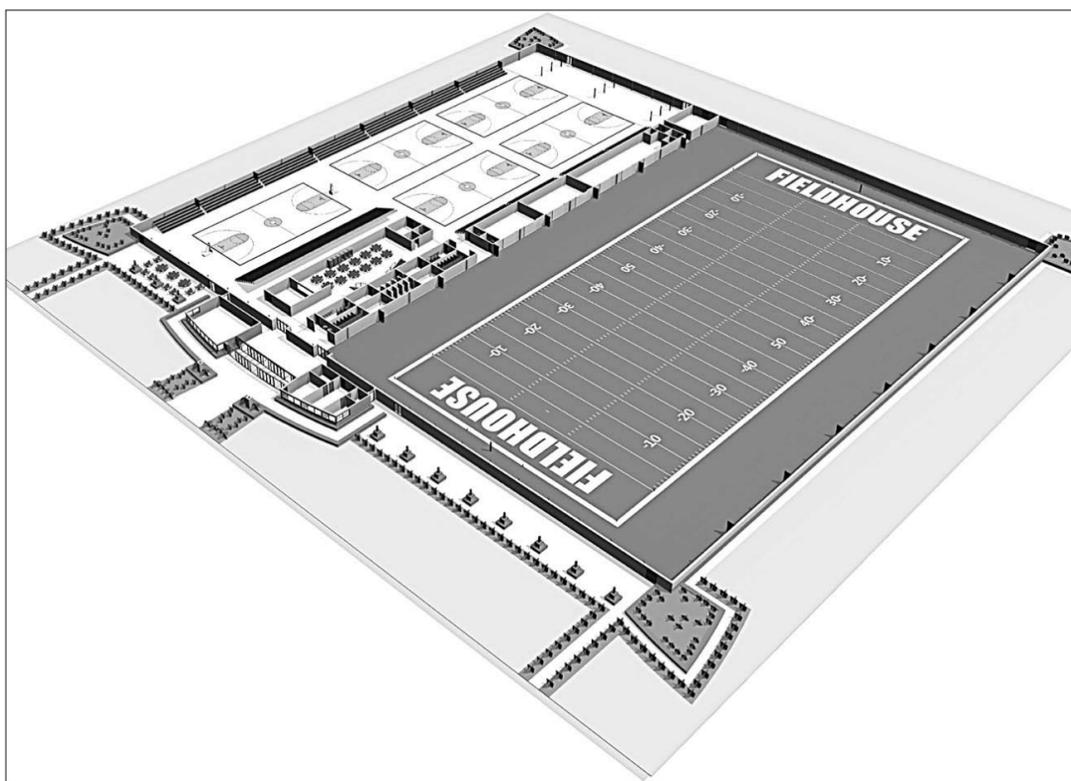
When it comes to funding, 65 and 70 percent of survey participants, respectively, believed the facility should be built and operated using some combination of taxes and fees. Urban said the Fieldhouse Project envisions two major revenue sources: youth sports tournaments and practicing or membership fees.

"The Fieldhouse Project is a diverse group of community members who are passionate about two things: youth sports and stimulating our economy," Urban said. "Sports are a great way to teach kids how to be a good member of a group, show up on time, be committed until the end, and have pride in a group accomplishment, not just your own."

While these kinds of community facilities are often billed solely as quality-of-life projects, Urban said the group's intention goes beyond that.

"What we're really creating here is tourism. When families come to our town for sports tournaments, they're filling our hotel rooms, they're eating out at least two meals, they're going to the mall or other businesses in downtime between games, they're filling up with gas, and then they leave. It's not just a quality-of-life issue for regional residents; it's an economic issue."

According to Karen Hibbard, director of the Manhattan Convention and Visitors



Inside view of the Fieldhouse.

Bureau, the CVB tracked sporting events they were involved with from 2005 to 2012, recording the number of events, the number of attendees, and the estimated dollar value to the Manhattan community. The CVB uses a conservative figure of \$100 per person for sporting events. For 2005, the study shows 24 sporting events, nearly 17,000 attendees and a dollar value of just over \$3 million. For 2012, the numbers climbed to 53 events, 22,000 attendees and \$6.8 million in revenue.

"Any event that cannot be held in our community has a huge economic impact on us. Manhattan loses out on hotel stays, gas sales, attractions visited, dining and shopping revenues — all are affected when a sporting event isn't held," Hibbard said.

"The great thing about youth sports is that moms, dads, aunts, uncles and grandparents all follow their budding youth athlete. Think about the time

you have followed youth sports and the amount of money you spend on the weekend. Manhattan would like to keep that money here in The Little Apple."

Manhattan mother and businesswoman Susan Religa is a Fieldhouse Project supporter.

"I'm a mom of three school-aged kids, who all participate in multiple sports. We spend many weekends at tournaments, and I'm constantly leaving Manhattan and taking our dollars to Kansas City, Lawrence, Wichita. Lots of families frequently travel out of state as well. I'd much rather spend my money locally and see our own communities benefit," Religa said.

Having established community interest, Urban said the Fieldhouse Project's next step is to hire a sports facility development company to conduct a \$100,000 economic feasibility study. The study would detail the most practical way to fund

the new facility, a strategy for acquiring the necessary capital, the ideal location, and how to successfully manage it. The group has tapped the Sports Facilities Advisory, a Florida-based company, for the task.

"This company will look at whether it's doable financially, what it could bring to the community, and whether it can be done without tax dollars. Our goal is to have an independent, financially feasible sports facility," Urban said. "We're looking for partners in the community — school districts, philanthropic groups, youth groups — who want to make this new complex happen for the good of all three of our communities. It will take some work upfront to make this idea a reality, but we truly believe that if we do it in a thoughtful, responsible way, this can be a great thing for our community members and our economy."

As envisioned in preliminary drawings by a local architect,

the 180,600-square-foot complex could include five basketball courts; eight volleyball courts; indoor turf that could accommodate soccer, football and baseball; an indoor elevated walking track; and multipurpose spaces that would work for wrestling, gymnastics, martial arts, cheerleading, futsal, dance and yoga. It would also feature locker rooms, retractable bleachers, a concessions and dining area, and party and meeting rooms.

Fieldhouse Project board members are: Tracy Anderson, Chris Cole, Chris Eichman, Steve Fritz, Bernie Haney, Curt Loupe, Cory Meyer, Chassy Nichols, Chuck Scott, Ned Seaton, Gail Urban and Lance White.

For more information, contact Gail Urban, Fieldhouse Project chair, at (785) 556-2468 or gail.urban@cox.net.

Don't Raise Debt Ceiling Without Balancing The Budget

By Derrick Morgan

The Heritage Foundation

All across America, families are balancing their budgets and even paying off debt. Since the financial panic of 2008, personal debt has fallen as Americans tighten their belts and pay back loans. Some, unfortunately, had to declare bankruptcy because their debts got too big. Washington cannot declare bankruptcy; it must instead follow the example of millions of Americans and cut spending to live within its means.

Most state governments, likewise, have managed to balance their budgets, even during these hard times. A few states, notably California and Illinois, continue to follow the federal government's profligate example. A few raised taxes to get their fiscal houses in order, but most simply reduced spending. Several very large states with financial challenges, like Texas and Florida, balanced their budgets without any income tax at all by reducing spending. They are showing the way.

Washington could use the guidance. President Obama promised to cut the annual deficit in half in his first term. Instead, his budgets include near-trillion-dollar deficits as far as the eye can see. Unlike most state governments, and unlike America's families,

President Obama has to this point refused to do the serious work of cutting spending.

Why the debt limit must be used to force a balanced budget

Incredibly, the "fiscal cliff" deal actually increased spending on net by \$47 billion, while simultaneously letting 13 new or higher taxes take effect. The President also called for a "balanced" approach. So far he's 0 for 2—no halving the deficit and no balance.

The next opportunity to focus Washington's attention is the debt ceiling, which we hit last month. Treasury is now using some extraordinary tools to keep paying bills, but this likely won't last beyond February. So something has to happen. But what should happen?

Would you give your spend-thrift teenager a higher limit on his credit card if he did not have a plan to live within his means? No way! Instead of helping, you'd be giving that irresponsible teen more borrowed money to spend, making his situation worse.

The same principle applies to our nation's credit card, which boys and girls of tomorrow will have to pay off. Increasing the debt limit without a credible path to balancing the budget puts off needed

spending discipline and pushes us toward national ruin.

A truly balanced plan would lead to a balanced budget. The debt ceiling—if not raised—would force the federal government to operate on a balanced budget overnight. This approach could lead to unorganized cuts as the executive branch decided which bills to pay and not to pay, which of course is not ideal. (Congress could help by passing a prioritization bill in case we need it). Under a new law, or even without one, the Treasury would undoubtedly have enough money to pay our interest expense, avoiding a default on our debt.

Increasing the debt ceiling without reforms would be an unfortunate step toward a Greece-like meltdown at some point. Thankfully, the debt ceiling debate gives Washington policymakers a chance to get to much happier outcome: a balanced budget over time.

While our debt situation is dire, to this point our federal government has been able to use deficit financing because, as bad as things are here, they are better and more stable than in many parts of the world. It also helps in marketing our debt that the Federal Reserve is buying so much in a largely fruitless attempt to stimulate

the economy. Regardless, we have a short window of opportunity to get our house in order before credit markets demand severe austerity.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today." That's why Congress should not raise the debt ceiling unless it includes immediate reforms today that put us on a sure path to balance, keep us in balance over time, provide for the common defense—and do not raise taxes.

There are a number of ways the budget could be balanced in short order. The Heritage

Foundation put forward a plan that achieves balance in less than 10 years. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) sponsored that plan in a budget debate last year that also included plans from Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Pat Toomey (R-PA), both of which led to balance. None of them raised taxes. The House-passed Paul Ryan (R-WI) budget led to balance much later, but at least it was on the right path.

In contrast, liberals in Congress and the executive branch have not produced a single budget blueprint that balances within 10 years—or

ever. For a President who likes to talk about a "balanced approach," none of his proposals achieves the most important balance: spending only what you take in in revenue. That's real balance.

Conservatives in the House and Senate are right to not raise the debt ceiling unless it includes reforms that put us on a path to balance within 10 years and keep us balanced. To do anything else would be abetting Washington's massive overspending habit.

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Why I Still Support The Right To Bear Arms

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Being an advocate for individual rights and civil liberties can be difficult. When terrorists attack, when the economy fails, and yes, when evil visits elementary schools, the natural instinct is to demand security above all else.

On learning of the horror in Newtown, Conn., I could thus easily understand the reaction that soon filled my Facebook feed: "We have to do something. There should be laws restricting guns so they don't get in the hands of these deranged murderers."

The logical impulse for those of us who defend private gun ownership is to duck such discussions altogether, to let the passions settle. But on the contrary, with the White House

task force preparing its recommendations, it's more important than ever to present our position with clear-eyed resolve.

Even against the backdrop of last month's tragedy, I still support the fundamental right to armed self-defense. Especially in an imperfect world where madness abounds, I oppose policies that would restrict legal gun ownership by law-abiding citizens.

I say this despite having grown up in Canada and never owned a gun. I've shot handguns and rifles about a dozen times at friends' invitation, but never gone hunting. The last eight years I've lived in Washington, where, despite the Supreme Court's 2008 ruling, it's still near-impossible to obtain a personal firearm (and

illegal to carry one outside your home).

So I hope you can accept that I'm not a "gun nut."

But you don't have to be crazy about guns to recognize that no law could make the 300 million firearms in America disappear. Even making it illegal to own a gun wouldn't prevent a criminal or madman from doing his malevolent deed. Robust policies to prevent legal gun ownership only translate to guns being overwhelmingly possessed by those willing to break the law — i.e., criminals.

Indeed, Connecticut has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, and Sandy Hook Elementary is a "gun-free zone" — as was the movie theater in Aurora, Colo.

None of the measures at the

top of gun-control advocates' agenda — such as banning so-called assault weapons (ordinary rifles with certain cosmetic features like pistol grips or bayonet mounts) and closing gun-show loopholes — would've averted these shootings. The Newtown killer stole the pistols he used from his mother.

We'd be much better off focusing on improvements we can make in identifying and treating mental illness — the common factor in all these incidents — and ensuring that disqualifying records make it into the database used for background checks (which would've stopped the Virginia Tech shooter from buying his guns).

That's not to say that we

shouldn't have any gun regulations. Cracking down on "straw purchasers" is a good idea and indeed military-grade weapons like fully automatic "machine guns" have no place in civilian life.

On the other hand, it's perfectly reasonable for someone to have a gun to protect herself or her family. That's why the Second Amendment is so important: Americans cherish their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness so much that they instituted a government that protects their right to defend against anyone who would threaten them.

After the 1999 Columbine shootings, Colorado passed a series of laws that should serve as a national model. Some of them consist of what people call "gun control," while others are in the "gun rights" category. The most important one was the Concealed Carry Act, which has already saved countless lives, including at an Aurora church — three months before the theater shooting — where an off-duty cop killed a

career criminal who was targeting congregants.

These measures are based on an obvious principle that enjoys broad public support: Guns in the wrong hands are dangerous, while guns in the right hands protect public safety.

The Second Amendment exists to protect the grand American experiment in self-government. Call me a "Constitution nut," but I'm crazy about allowing people to live their lives with the maximum freedom possible.

If I could snap my fingers and end gun violence, I would. I would even take guns away from hunters and sportsmen if it meant better self-defense for the rest of us.

Men aren't angels, however, and, by definition, criminals don't follow the law. Yes, in the wake of Newtown, I still support the right to bear arms.

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President Obama's Press Conference: Debt Ceiling Spin

By J.D. Foster, Ph.D.
The Heritage Foundation

President Obama referred repeatedly to the debt ceiling debate in today's press conference in a textbook example of Washington "spin," or the art of selectively ignoring certain facts while portraying others in a particular light.

"You don't go out to dinner and then, you know, eat all you want and then leave without paying the check," Obama said, repeatedly saying that Congress has already promised all this spending, and the debt limit debate is simply a question of paying the bill.

But the debt ceiling debate is about much more than just paying bills—there are facts the

President omitted. It's also one of those rare opportunities forcing legislative action; in this case, action to reconsider some of those previous spending decisions.

As the President stated repeatedly, he's willing to have a "conversation" with Republicans on spending cuts in a "balanced" fashion. He's willing to have a dialogue. He's willing to talk. But today, Obama said:

What I will not do is to have that negotiation with a gun at the head of the American people; the threat that unless we get our way, unless you gut Medicare or Medicaid or, you know, otherwise slash things that the American people don't

believe should be slashed, that we're going to threaten to wreck the entire economy.

The President has thus far proven he is unwilling to lead on spending cuts, and he has thus far proven unwilling to entertain reforming entitlements to ensure low-income seniors are protected, for example, while ensuring programs like Social Security and Medicare can endure for future generations.

Talk is cheap, but the consequences of continuing on today's path of massive deficit spending will prove very expensive, if not downright ruinous, for future generations. And so Republicans are exactly right to use the debt ceiling

debate to force the President to move beyond conversations and dialogue, to leadership and action.

The President also emphasized what he believes is his trump card in this debate — the word "default." He's absolutely right that the Congress should not and ultimately will not risk the credit standing of the United States government. But this assurance rests not on congressional action to raise the debt ceiling, but on the simple fact that the Treasury has far more than enough funds to pay all interest as it comes due.

Suggesting that the United States might default on its debt is factually wrong and shameful behavior on the President's part.

Head Start Impact Evaluation Report Finally Released By HHS

By Lindsey Burke and David B. Muhlhansen, Ph.D.

In 2008, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) completed data collection for its third-grade follow-up study of Head Start, a federal preschool program designed to improve the kindergarten readiness of low-income children. Four years later, just before Christmas, the agency finally published the results of the congressionally mandated evaluation. The report's publication date reads October 2012, meaning the final product sat at HHS for two months before being released.

Since 1965, taxpayers have spent more than \$180 billion on Head Start. Yet, over the decades, this Great Society relic has failed to improve academic outcomes for the children it was designed to help. The third-grade follow-up evaluation is the latest in a growing body of evidence that should urge policymakers to seriously consider Head Start's future.

Head Start and Performance

The timing of the release raises questions about whether HHS was trying to bury the findings in the report, which shows, among other outcomes, that by third grade, the \$8 billion Head Start program had little to no impact on cognitive, social-emotional, health, or parenting practices of participants. On a few measures, access to Head Start had harmful effects on children.

Now that the report has finally been published, the findings of the scientifically rigorous evaluation that tracked 5,000 three- and four-year-old children through third grade should inform federal policymakers who allocate billions of dollars annually to Head Start. Moreover, Congress will soon vote on a supplemental aid package to Hurricane Sandy victims that includes \$100 million in additional Head Start funding. The Senate Appropriations Committee notes that 265 Head Start centers will receive the funding, which equates to more than \$377,000 per center.

2010 Head Start Impact Study

In 2010, HHS released the findings of the Head Start Impact Study, which tracked the progress of three- and four-

year-olds entering Head Start through kindergarten and first grade. Overall, Head Start had little to no positive effects for children who were granted access.

For the four-year-old group, compared to similarly situated children not allowed access to Head Start, access to the program failed to raise the cognitive abilities of participants on 41 measures. Specifically, the language skills, literacy, math skills, and school performance of the participating children failed to improve.

Alarming, access to Head Start for the three-year-old group actually had a harmful effect on the teacher-assessed math ability of these children once they entered kindergarten. Teachers reported that non-participating children were more prepared in math skills than those children who participated in Head Start.

Head Start also had little to no effect on the other socio-emotional, health, or parenting outcomes of children participating in the program. For the four-year-old group, access to Head Start failed to have an effect for 69 out of 71 socio-emotional, health, and parenting outcomes. For example, "Teachers reported that Head Start group children were more shy or socially reticent than the control group children." The three-year-old group did slightly better; access to Head Start failed to have an effect for 66 of the 71 socio-emotional, health, and parenting outcomes.

The Long-Delayed Third-Grade Impact Study

The third-grade follow-up to the Head Start Impact Study followed students' performance through the end of third grade. The results shed further light on the ineffectiveness of Head Start. By third grade, Head Start had little to no effect on cognitive, social-emotional, health, or parenting outcomes of participating children.

Impacts on Cognitive Development. For cognitive development, the third-grade study assessed 11 outcomes for the original three- and four-year-old cohorts. Access to Head Start for each group had no statistically measurable effects on all measures of cognitive ability, including numer-

ous measures of reading, language, and math ability.

Impacts on Social-Emotional Development. For social-emotional development, the third-grade study assessed 19 outcomes for each cohort. For measures of parent-reported social-emotional outcomes, access to Head Start for the three-year-old cohort failed to affect four of the five measures. For this cohort, Head Start failed to affect four measures of parental-reported problem behaviors. However, access to Head Start yielded a slight beneficial impact on children in the areas of social skills and positive approaches to learning.

For the four-year-old cohort, access to Head Start failed to affect four of the five parent-reported social-emotional outcomes. For the four-year-old cohort, access to Head Start is associated with a small decrease in aggressive behavior. However, access to Head Start for this cohort failed to affect parental reports of hyperactive, withdrawn, and total problem behaviors. In contrast to the finding for the three-year-old cohort, access to Head Start failed to affect children displaying better social skills and positive approaches to learning.

For third grade, access to Head Start had no statistically measurable effect on the 10 teacher-reported measures of social-emotional development for the three-year-old cohort. However, for the four-year-old cohort, out of 10 measures, access to Head Start is associated with one harmful impact. Teachers reported "strong evidence of an unfavorable impact on the incidence of children's emotional symptoms." Access to Head Start for this cohort had no beneficial or harmful impacts on the remaining nine teacher-reported measures.

For child-reported measures of social-emotional outcomes, access to Head Start had no statistically measurable effect on the four outcomes for the three-year-old cohort. On the other hand, access to Head Start for the four-year-old cohort appears to have had one harmful impact—children in the third grade with access to Head Start reported worse peer relations than their counterparts.

Impacts on Child Health

Outcomes. For parent-reported child health, the study assessed five third-grade outcomes for each cohort. Access to Head Start had no statistically measurable effect on all five health measures for each cohort, including receipt of dental care, health insurance coverage, and overall child health status being excellent or good.

Impacts on Parenting Outcomes. For parenting outcomes, the third-grade study assessed 10 measures for both cohorts. Access to Head Start had no statistically measurable effect on nine of the 10 measures reported by parents and the two measures reported by teachers for the three-year-old cohort. However, parents of children in the three-year-old cohort with access to Head Start self-reported an improved authoritative parenting style (i.e., high control and high warmth) compared to their counterparts.

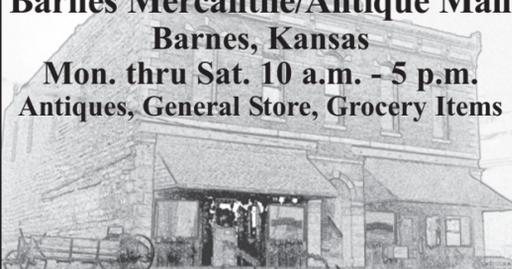
Similarly, access to Head Start had no statistically measurable effect on nine of the 10 measures reported by parents and the two measures reported by teachers for the four-year-old cohort. Differing from the three-year-old cohort, parents of children in the four-year-old cohort reported to have spent more time with their children than their counterparts in the control group.

Conclusion

President Obama has pledged to use only one test when determining which education programs to fund: "It's not whether an idea is liberal or conservative," Obama stated, "but whether it works." HHS's third-grade follow-up evaluation makes it unequivocally clear that Head Start fails that test.

HHS has released definitive evidence that the federal government's 48-year experiment with Head Start has failed children and left taxpayers a tab of more than \$180 billion. In the interest of children and taxpayers, it's time for this nearly half-century experiment to come to an end. If the federal government continues to fund Head Start, policymakers should allow states to make their Head Start dollars portable, following children to a private preschool provider of choice.

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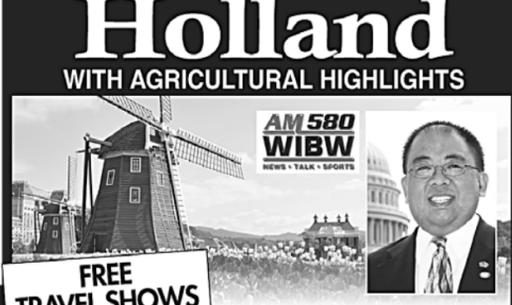


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Kansas State Men's Basketball Schedule / Results

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
10/30/12	vs. Washburn #14	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	Bramlage Coliseum	
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	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 #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 73-67
01/12/13	at West Virginia #1	WVU Coliseum	W, 65-64
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
01/26/13	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	8:00 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	8:00 PM CT
03/02/13	at Baylor #1	Ferrell Center	8:00 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 #10	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.	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, 64-45
01/02/13	at Kansas #1	Lawrence, Kan.	L, 72-63
01/05/13	vs. TCU #1	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 59-58
01/09/13	at Texas Tech #1	Lubbock, Texas	L, 59-50
01/12/13	vs. West Virginia #1	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 66-52
01/16/13	vs. Baylor #1	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/19/13	at TCU #1	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 #1	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 #1	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 #1	Morgantown, W.V.	8:00 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
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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	3-0	15-1
Kansas State	2-0	13-2
Oklahoma	2-0	11-3
Baylor	3-1	11-5
Iowa State	1-1	11-4
Oklahoma State	1-2	11-4
Texas Tech	1-2	8-6
West Virginia	1-2	8-7
TCU	0-3	9-7
Texas	0-3	8-8

Big 12 Women's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Baylor	4-0	14-1
Oklahoma	4-0	14-2
Iowa State	3-1	12-2
Oklahoma State	2-2	13-2
Texas Tech	2-2	12-4
Kansas	2-2	11-4
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The Second Amendment

(Editor's Note: When you hear the talking heads tell about not needing 10-shots to kill a deer. You know they do not have any idea of what they are talking about. The Second Amendment is not about hunting, it's about saving our country. Read this:

The Second Amendment, as passed by the House and Senate and later ratified by the States, reads:

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

"The Second Amendment was to protect the ability of the people to violently overthrow the government," writes [Richard Schrader](#), an attorney from Georgia and member of the Libertarian National Committee. "Let's remember that this country was formed in a violent revolution. Let's remember that at Lexington and Concord citizen fired on and killed government soldiers sent by the central government to confiscate their weapons and arms... When viewed in this light, it is apparent that a limitation on automatic weapons would be an infringement on the purposes of the Second Amendment."

Peters Named A Kansas Horizon Award Winner

Manhattan, Kansas. Jesse Peters, 8th grade social studies teacher at Anthony Middle School was named one of thirty-two Kansas Horizon Award Winners!

Thirty-two beginning educators from around the state were named 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award recipients recently. The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Awards are sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association. The program recognizes exemplary first-year educators.

The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award program allows all school districts in the state an opportunity to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the award. To be eligible for the award, teachers



Jesse Peters

must have successfully completed their first year of teaching and have performed in such a way as to distinguish themselves as outstanding. The program is a regional competition with four regions corresponding to the state's U.S. Congressional districts. Four elementary and four secondary classroom teachers may be selected for the award from each region.

Recipients of the 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award were notified of their selection by Dr. Diane DeBacker, Kansas commissioner of education. DeBacker remarked, "I want to extend my congratulations to the recipients of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award. These new educators have taken on the challenge of helping all of our students learn to their fullest potential, and I am heartened by the quality of individuals we bring to our classrooms each year. I commend each of the award recipients for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their students."

The 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award recipients will be recognized at a special luncheon during the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) State Education Conference on Feb. 22, 2013.

Total Cost Of Public Pension Blunder Unknown

By Travis Perry

Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — Kansas public pension plan officials say there's a simple explanation why they don't know how much pension money has been given to a small group of terminated state employees based on an erroneous interpretation of state law.

No one has asked, they say, until now.

State Attorney General Derek Schmidt released an opinion on Dec. 28 regarding

the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System's apparent misunderstanding of when and how state employees can purchase service credits, which

count toward their overall standing in the pension program.

In the opinion, which is not legally binding, Schmidt said KPERS wrongly interpreted state statute to allow terminated employees to buy pension credits. More than 50 former employees have been allowed to do so in the past five years, the most notorious being former Juvenile Justice Authority Deputy Commissioner Dennis Casarona.

Casarona was fired by Gov. Sam Brownback in March 2012, a few months before state auditors announced the litany of issues uncovered at the state's juvenile detention facility

in Topeka. However, KPERS sparked a firestorm after allowing Casarona to purchase a year's worth of service credit after his termination, making him eligible for pension benefits he would not have otherwise received.

In the six months since Brownback and other state officials called for an investigation into the matter, no one in government or the media asked just how much cash has been doled out.

"Believe it or not, no — no one has requested that information," said Laurie McKinnon, KPERS' legal counsel, who said that it could take weeks for department staff to dig through

data and drill down to a total figure.

Service credits are costly up front, requiring the employee to pay not only their contribution to the pension system, but the state's share as well. The employee also has to pony up the amount that money would have earned had it been on deposit with pension managers. That sounds like a lot of money, but ultimately it's not. All an the employee needs to do to reap the reward is keep breathing.

Once an employee has been on they state's payroll for a decade, they qualify for a pension. That pension pays from the day of retirement until the

day they die.

"Some people die eight months after they retire, and some people die 30 years after retirement," said Kristen Basso, KPERS communications director.

As a result, there's no way of knowing the ultimate cost of KPERS' incorrect interpretation.

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The Second Amendment

(Editor's Note: When you hear the talking heads tell about not needing 10-shots to kill a deer. You know they do not have any idea of what they are talking about. The Second Amendment is not about hunting, it's about saving our country. Read this:

The Second Amendment, as passed by the House and Senate and later ratified by the States, reads:

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

"The Second Amendment was to protect the ability of the people to violently overthrow the government," writes [Richard Schrader](#), an attorney from Georgia and member of the Libertarian National Committee. "Let's remember that this country was formed in a violent revolution. Let's remember that at Lexington and Concord citizen fired on and killed government soldiers sent by the central government to confiscate their weapons and arms.... When viewed in this light, it is apparent that a limitation on automatic weapons would be an infringement on the purposes of the Second Amendment."

Peters Named A Kansas Horizon Award Winner

Manhattan, Kansas. Jesse Peters, 8th grade social studies teacher at Anthony Middle School was named one of thirty-two Kansas Horizon Award Winners!

Thirty-two beginning educators from around the state were named 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award recipients recently. The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Awards are sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association. The program recognizes exemplary first-year educators.

The Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award program allows all school districts in the state an opportunity to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the award. To be eligible for the award, teachers



Jesse Peters

must have successfully completed their first year of teaching and have performed in such a way as to distinguish themselves as outstanding. The program is a regional competition with four regions corresponding to the state's U.S. Congressional districts. Four elementary and four secondary classroom teachers may be selected for the award from each region.

Recipients of the 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award were notified of their selection by Dr. Diane DeBacker, Kansas commissioner of education. DeBacker remarked, "I want to extend my congratulations to the recipients of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award. These new educators have taken on the challenge of helping all of our students learn to their fullest potential, and I am heartened by the quality of individuals we bring to our classrooms each year. I commend each of the award recipients for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of their students."

The 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award recipients will be recognized at a special luncheon during the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) State Education Conference on Feb. 22, 2013.

Total Cost Of Public Pension Blunder Unknown

By Travis Perry

Kansas Watchdog OSAWATOMIE — Kansas public pension plan officials say there's a simple explanation why they don't know how much pension money has been given to a small group of terminated state employees based on an erroneous interpretation of state law.

No one has asked, they say, until now.

State Attorney General Derek Schmidt released an opinion on Dec. 28 regarding the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System's apparent misunderstanding of when and how state employees can purchase service credits, which

count toward their overall standing in the pension program.

In the opinion, which is not legally binding, Schmidt said KPERS wrongly interpreted state statute to allow terminated employees to buy pension credits. More than 50 former employees have been allowed to do so in the past five years, the most notorious being former Juvenile Justice Authority Deputy Commissioner Dennis Casarona.

Casarona was fired by Gov. Sam Brownback in March 2012, a few months before state auditors announced the litany of issues uncovered at the state's juvenile detention facility

in Topeka. However, KPERS sparked a firestorm after allowing Casarona to purchase a year's worth of service credit after his termination, making him eligible for pension benefits he would not have otherwise received.

In the six months since Brownback and other state officials called for an investigation into the matter, no one in government or the media asked just how much cash has been doled out.

"Believe it or not, no one has requested that information," said Laurie McKinnon, KPERS legal counsel, who said that it could take weeks for department staff to dig through

data and drill down to a total figure.

Service credits are costly up front, requiring the employee to pay not only their contribution to the pension system, but the state's share as well. The employee also has to pony up the amount that money would have earned had it been on deposit with pension managers. That sounds like a lot of money, but ultimately it's not. All an employee needs to do to reap the reward is keep breathing.

Once an employee has been on the state's payroll for a decade, they qualify for a pension. That pension pays from the day of retirement until the

day they die.

"Some people die eight months after they retire, and some people die 30 years after retirement," said Kristen Basso, KPERS communications director.

As a result, there's no way of knowing the ultimate cost of KPERS incorrect interpretation.

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Lehning To Receive KSHSAA Hall of Fame Honor

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Prior to the start of the Feb. 2 K-State women's basketball game against KU, former K-State All-American and current women's basketball assistant coach Shalee Lehning will be honored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) as a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2013. The ceremony will take place at the 12-minute mark of the pregame warm-ups during the 2 p.m., Dillons Sunflower Showdown game in Bramlage Coliseum.

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized by KSHSAA as a Hall of Fame inductee," said Lehning. "I consider this a tremendous recognition, one which I share with so many wonderful coaches and teammates I've had the opportunity to compete with and for throughout my athletic career. Being a three-sport athlete in high school gave me incredible perspective about what it takes to be successful. I take a lot of pride in representing the state of Kansas and the great female athletes that have come before me and I hope I can continue to be an example for those athletes that are to come."

A three-sport athlete at Sublette High School, Lehning garnered numerous awards and accomplishments including: all-league first team recognition in volleyball (4 years); seven gold medals at state track and field; three gold medals in

the 100-meter hurdles, two gold medals in the 300-meter hurdles and two gold medals in javelin. She shattered the state record books in her basketball career, as she is the: state all-time leading rebounder, assists leader and steals leader; fourth in state all-time points.

She helped lead the Larks to back-to-back undefeated seasons and Class 2A state championships in 2004 and 2005 and was named the Miss Kansas and Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year along with notching numerous all-tournament and all-state selections. She received Academic All-League recognition in volleyball, basketball and track for four years. She also excelled off the court, as she was class president for four years and was on the "A" Honor Roll four years.

At the conclusion of her K-State playing career in 2009, Lehning ranked first in school history and second in Big 12 history for career assists with 800, ranked first in school history for career minutes played with 4,271, ranked fourth in school history for career rebounds with 914 and 19th for career points with 1,189. She was the first player in Big 12 history to record 1,000 career points, 900 career rebounds and 800 career assists. Lehning was the eighth guard in school history to register 200 points in every season of her career and her final career point total was the 11th-highest by a guard in school history.



Photo of Shalee Lehning(5) taken in 2009 by Megan Brake)

The 2009 Associated Press All-America honorable mention recipient finished her senior season as the Wildcats' third-leading scorer at 10.7 points per game, the team's top rebounder at 7.0 per game and

the Big 12 leader and second in the nation in assists per game at 7.6 per contest.

Along with her All-American honor, Lehning was selected to the All-Big 12 first team for the second straight

season by the league's coaches. She also became the fifth player in school history to have her jersey retired and the first player in school history to record consecutive 200-point, 200-rebound and 200-assist sea-

sons.

Her 229 assists during the 2008-09 season set a school record for assists in a season and set the Big 12 record for assists by a senior. She became the third player in Big 12 history to record consecutive 200 assist seasons.

During her senior season in 2008-09, Lehning was a candidate for a number of national All-American honors including: a candidate for the Wade Trophy, a State Farm/WBCA All-America finalist, a finalist for the Naismith Trophy, a finalist for the Wooden Award, a finalist for the Lieberman Award and a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. She garnered CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America third team honors, was selected to the Lowe's Senior CLASS All-America first team and earned her third straight Academic All-Big 12 first team citation.

Lehning registered three triple-doubles during the 2008-09 season to set the Big 12 and school records for triple-doubles in a season and owns five for her career, which is tied for third in NCAA history for triple-doubles.

For ticket information to the Feb. 2 game between K-State and KU, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS, visit the ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum or online at kstatesports.com/tickets.

No. 18 K-State Holds Off West Virginia, 65-64

K-State Sports Information

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Junior Shane Southwell made two free throws with 21 seconds left, then blocked Gary Browne's layup attempt with a second left to preserve No. 18 Kansas State's 65-64 win over West Virginia on Saturday.

Southwell and reigning Big 12 Player of the Week Rodney McGruder both scored a game-high 17 for Kansas State (13-2, 2-0 Big 12), which extended its season-best winning streak to six games. It is the longest winning streak for the Wildcats since running off six in a row from Dec. 11, 2011.

K-State is 2-0 in Big 12 play for just the second time since the league's inception in 1997 and for the first time since the 2007-08 team won its first five conference contests.

Senior Jabarie Hinds had a career-high 15 points for West Virginia (8-7, 1-2 Big 12), while junior Aaric Murray and freshman Terry Henderson added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

After Southwell's free throws, West Virginia had two chances to retake the lead. But Hinds missed a wild jumper from 16 feet with 12 seconds left. The Mountaineers got the rebound and called its last timeout with 9.1 seconds remaining.

After K-State responded with its own timeout, sophomore Angel Rodriguez was able to tip the inbounds pass away from Hinds into the backcourt. Browne grabbed the loose ball, dribbled the length of the court and attempted a layup, which Southwell swatted away just before the final buzzer.

The Wildcats led by as many as seven points in the second half before the Mountaineers made run to take its last lead at 56-54 on a Hinds jumper and a free throw by Murray with 5:31 to play. However, Rodriguez gave the squad the lead for good with an arching 3-pointer just 20 seconds later at 57-56.

Both teams shot remarkably well with each converting on more 51 percent of its field goals with West Virginia edging K-State, 51.1 percent to 51 percent. The Wildcats were able to score 19 points off of 14 Mountaineer turnovers, while

allowing just 11 on their own 14 miscues. The squad is now 12-1 on the season when outscoring its opponents in points off turnovers. K-State also won the battle of boards, 28-27, and now are a perfect 12-0 this season when out-rebounding an opponent.

In addition to double figure efforts by McGruder and Southwell, Rodriguez and senior Jordan Henriquez each added nine points. Henriquez led the rebounding effort with seven.

The win continued a remarkable turnaround for K-State on the road, as the Wildcats have now won five consecutive road games, including four in a row in Big 12 play, dating back to last season. Since winning just 10 of its first 80 road games in conference play from 1997 to 2006, the Wildcats have now posted a 26-24 record away from home in Big 12 play in the last seven seasons.

K-State held a 36-33 edge at halftime, as both teams shot over 64 percent from the field in the first half. Henriquez gave the Wildcats the lead with an old-fashioned 3-point play with 3:37 remaining then followed with a dunk just 27 seconds later. Southwell finished off the half with a jumper.

Kansas State concludes its short two-game road trip on Wednesday with its first trip to TCU (9-6, 0-2 Big 12) since 1969 for 8 p.m. CT tip against the Horned Frogs on ESPNU.

Postgame Quotes
K-State 65, West Virginia 64
Kansas State Head Coach Bruce Weber
Opening statement...

"When you get a road win you're happy. And I told them last night like I did before George Washington that we just want to win by one, and we did again. I'd like to win by 20 but that's probably not going to happen. I thought that they played very well. I don't think anyone would've predicted that both teams shoot 51 percent, we've both had offensive woes all year. They shot the ball well. They kind of picked us apart, after every timeout they ran something to get any easy layup and we didn't react well. At least the last possession we did get a stop when it really counted. It was a hard fought

game. They're better than people realize. They have quickness, when they get their inside game going they're tough to stop. They get good spacing, especially when they make 3's like they did today. They're going to win some games here. We get a road win and get one up. Now we have to go to TCU and see what happens."

On Shane Southwell's 17-point performance to take pressure off of guard Rodney McGruder...

"I thought during the second half that Rodney got tired and he missed a couple. They went 1-3-1 with a minute left and we flashed them high post. He had a wide open look and it just didn't go. You have to have other people make plays. I talked to them in the huddle about how you win games and that's with people stepping up and making plays. Shane had a great game and Angel (Rodriguez) had two big plays. But they kept coming at us. They made shots and some plays. We had enough to stop them. You get lucky a bit with loose ball bounces and Shane comes up with a big block down the stretch. We have eight guys that are pretty much eight starters, and they can all play."

West Virginia Head Coach Bob Huggins

On what was called for the last play...

"Run the play that we ran for Da'Sean (Butler) when he made five-game winning shots. I just know we didn't get it."

On why Juwan Staten is not playing...

"He has to get on the same page as me or he is not going to play anymore."

On if the team competed better this game...

"I thought we competed for the most part. The problem is we don't do it for a consistent period of time. Did all nine guys that played compete? Absolutely not. Most of them did. When your guy is dunking it at one end and you haven't got to the other foul line yet, you are probably not competing real hard. Overall, I think we did. Going into the Texas game, I believe we made more free throws than anyone in the power six conferences and then we go 12 for 22. I think we had

three times where we had transition deals and they steal the ball when we are dribbling it. That is hard to do when you have a guy coming full speed down the floor and if the guy is protecting the ball and not foul the guy, it's not hard. We didn't protect the ball very well.

On being young and making mistakes...

"I don't make excuses. We started two sophomores and a freshman on the perimeter. Our first sub off the bench was a

freshman. We make some mistakes because we are young. Kevin Noreen throws the ball away on a one-point game. I don't think anybody in here is going to say that Kevin Noreen doesn't try or Kevin Noreen didn't give you great effort or I didn't have the right intentions. Sometimes you screw up. He was trying to do the right thing.

He was trying to get the ball to Aaric (Murray). Eron Harris made a heck of a shot. I didn't see what happened on the foul

called. I don't know what happened. I saw he fouled and I was trying to make sure we were in the right spots in the 1-3-1."

Every game is going to be close and you certainly cannot miss free throws and then every call becomes a whole lot more important. When I had really good teams, I thought the officials were pretty good. They missed some I didn't think they were going to and that is the nature of the game.



K-State's Shane Southwell (1) is having a very good season. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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Wildcats Stumble Against Mountaineers

K-State Sports Information

Senior Brittany Chambers posted her 25th career game with 20 points on Saturday afternoon, but it was not enough as K-State fell to West Virginia, 66-52 at Bramlage Coliseum. Chambers moved up to sixth in career scoring at K-State during the game, which marked the first meeting in the series between the schools.

The Wildcats (10-6, 1-3 Big 12) held the lead through most of the contest but the Mountaineers (10-5, 2-2) chipped away at the lead down the stretch of the first half and then grabbed the lead for good at 40-39 with just over 10 minutes remaining in the game. From there, it was all West Virginia as the new members of the Big 12 used double-digit scoring efforts from Christal Caldwell and Ayana Dunning to claim the road win.

Caldwell tallied 19 points and was 7-of-19 shooting, including a perfect 4-of-4 at the free-throw line. Dunning posted 14 points on 5-of-11 shooting. Caldwell also was aggressive on the glass for the Mountaineers pulling down nine rebounds to lead the way.

In addition to her 20 points, Chambers led K-State in rebounding with six boards and dished out a game-high five assists. With her six rebounds, Chambers moved into 11th on the K-State career list with 702.

Joining Chambers in double figures were freshman Bri Craig and sophomore Haley Texada. Craig reached double digits in scoring for the third straight game with 12 points, while Texada added 10.

The Wildcats were out-rebounded by a large margin 41-26, which resulted in 15 second chance points for the Mountaineers and 11 on the break. K-State was able to muster up only five second chance points and four fast break points.

Both teams played strong defense forcing a number of turnovers, but the rebounding and West Virginia's 13-of-15 at the free-throw proved to be the difference in the game.



K-State's Haley Texada (1) sets up behind the 3-point line to make a shot.

K-State will stay at home for the Wildcats' next contest when they will welcome No. 1 Baylor to Bramlage Coliseum on Wednesday with a 7 p.m., tip. The game can be available on FOX Sports Midwest and is also available on the K-State Sports Network.

Fans can take in Wednesday's game in person as part of a "Wildcat Weekday 4 Pack." For just \$30, fans will receive four general admission tickets and four concession

vouchers valid for a hot dog, chips and a drink. To purchase tickets, contact the K-State Athletic Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS, visit www.kstatesports.com/tickets or stop by the ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum.

Kansas State Quotes Head Coach Deb Patterson Opening Statement...

"I think we did a fairly good job of being competitive in this game until the seven minute mark of the second half. The

dam broke. It kind of broke like a tsunami and we were caught up in a wave. For us the things that made the game difficult for us was that we did not match their rebounding numbers and we turned the ball over. Offensively, we got very tunnel vision on our decisions.

We had some very high turnover numbers with some individuals. A lot of those turnovers were easy run-out layups for West Virginia. You had the game somewhat in

hand, but rebounding and turnovers were absolutely critical for us. That is what separated us down the stretch."

On today's game...

"We had a good feel on the offensive end in the first half. They were over playing us and pressuring us. We did a good job of dribble drive and back cutting. We started to show some signs late in the first half of being passive with some of our younger players. Our decisions were not great. For us, I thought it was a low scoring first half. We defended well and kept ourselves in the game. We had a lot of good looks at the rim. We have had trouble putting two solid 3-point shooting efforts together. We had open shots and quite frankly we have to make those shots in the game. We had a little bit of inconsistencies. We do something good for a while and then we do something else well on the offensive end. Finding ways to be consistent across the board is what we are working toward."

Senior Guard Brittany Chambers

On the first half

"I do not think that was so much the plan. We knew that they would be super athletic and very in your face defensively. That is just what the game gave us. They were playing very tight and their posts were not helping early in the game. Easy shots and if the shots were not coming they were late, so we had some kick outs to Bri (Craig) and other players."

On rebounding and turnovers...

"We made stupid mistakes and turnovers. I think rebounding, we were getting soft while they were getting second and third chances. I think that happened the whole second half. I think we battled more in the first 10 minutes and the second 10 minutes were not playing as hard and up to the speed that we need to against a team like West Virginia."

Freshman Guard Bri Craig On her performance...

"It was definitely taking me

a while to get comfortable. I think the game is coming more easily to me now and I am getting into the flow of things. I was doing what Brittany said and let the game come to me. I am just way more confident every game."

West Virginia Quotes Head Coach Mike Carey Opening Statement...

"I thought getting Ayana Dunning going really helped us out. I thought we did a better job of staying out on their shooters. Their two shooters really hurt us in the first half and hurt us some in the second half especially when they drove to the middle and kicked the ball to the corners. Once we started taking that away a little bit, it really helped us."

On defending K-State's outside shooters ...

"We did a pretty good job of getting out. We did not do a good job against their dribble drive. I think that was the problem the first half. I think they still took 22 three's, and I think they average about 25 or 26 a game. So I thought we did a good job of getting out on them. I thought in the second half we did a better job against their dribble drives and not fouling them and putting them at the line."

On Taylor Palmer's 3-pointer to end the first half...

"It was important because we had not been scoring. We did not shoot well in the first half, and we missed a lot of easy shots not only from outside, but also at the rim. Taylor Palmer hit that three right before halftime, and I thought that gave us a little bit of confidence going into the second half."

On his team's overall performance ...

"I thought defensively we were forcing them into taking some bad shots, and they missed some good easy shots that very easily could have gone in. But I thought we rebounded well and attacked well when they went to their 2-1 zone."

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Freshman Bri Craig (20) gets off a shot from the corner.



Brittany Chambers (2) goes out wide for a lay up.

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