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K-State to Play Michigan in Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The K-State Nation is heading back to the Valley of the Sun for the second straight year as Kansas State Athletics Director John Currie announced today that the Wildcats have accepted an invitation to play Michigan in the 2013 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl on December 28.

The game, which will be K-State's third trip to the bowl following its 1993 Copper Bowl and 2001 Insight.com Bowl appearances, will be played at Sun Devil Stadium at 9:15 p.m. CT, with a nationwide television audience watching on ESPN.

"On behalf of President Schulz, Coach Snyder, our football program and all of Wildcat Nation, we are thrilled to be heading back to Arizona and representing the Big 12 Conference in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl," said Currie. "The chance for our university and football brands to be showcased nationally on ESPN against a terrific program and brand in Michigan is a tremendous opportunity, and the experience our student-athletes, band members, cheerleaders and fans will have in Tempe will be world-class.

K-State is 1-1 all-time in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl (formerly Copper and Insight.com) and last appeared in the game back in 2001. The Wildcats are also 1-1 all-time in bowl games played at Sun Devil Stadium following a win in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl and loss in the 2004 edition of the game.

The Wildcats (7-5) will be playing in their 17th bowl game in school history and 15th under Bill Snyder as the Cats are 6-8 all-time in bowls under the legendary head coach. Following 11 straight bowls from 1993-2003 under Snyder, the Cats have now gone bowling in each of the last four sea-

sons following last year's berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the 2012 AT&T Cotton Bowl and the inaugural New Era Pinstripe Bowl in 2010.

"We are so very proud of the young men in our program, and we are honored and very pleased to represent the

Big 12 Conference in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl," said Snyder. "We had over 30,000 K-Staters in attendance last year in Arizona and know that the K-State family will once again show their passion and support for our program. The Buffalo Wild Wings/Fiesta

Bowl is a first-class organization. We appreciate Chairman Brian Hall, Executive Director Robert Shelton and the entire bowl staff for their efforts and support of our student-athletes, coaches and fans. In our many bowl trips to the Phoenix area, we have greatly appreciated the warm and gracious hospitality given to us by the bowl organization and entire community."

K-State showed tremendous perseverance and toughness in 2013 to qualify for its fourth straight bowl game. After starting the season 2-4, the Wildcats reeled off four straight Big 12 Conference wins to become bowl eligible and ended the season with their fifth-straight win over in-state rival KU to get to 7-5. All five losses were by 10 points or less, and the Wildcats held fourth-quarter leads in the three of those contests.

Also, K-State became just the fourth Big 12 team ever to become bowl eligible after starting a season 2-4. In fact, only 8-percent of all FBS schools in the BCS era (48/597) started a season 2-4 or worse and reached a bowl game prior to the 2013 Wildcats.

Excitement surrounding the 2013 Wildcat football team was also evidenced by eight sell-out crowds at Bill Snyder Family Stadium this season and new season school records for total and average attendance. Dating back to last season, K-State is currently riding a streak of 13 consecutive sellouts at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

"It's always an honor to be selected for a bowl game, but it's a privilege to be asked to return to the Phoenix/Tempe area this year," said K-State President Kirk Schulz. "I couldn't be more proud of Coach Snyder, our players and the rest of the football program. They persevered

through the season from the start and have the awesome opportunity to end with an appearance in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl."

The Cats will take on a Michigan team that also finished 7-5 on the season and are led by dynamic quarterback Devin Gardner, who has thrown for 2,960 yards and 21 touchdowns while rushing for 11 more scores.

K-State and Michigan have never met previously on the football field.

K-State's seating allotment for the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl includes a total of 11,000 tickets. All fans who placed a pre-order will receive the number of tickets that were requested. The K-State Athletics Ticket Office will work over the next week to assign specific seats based on the athletic department priority points and mail pre-ordered tickets. Detailed information regarding bowl ticket order fulfillment has been emailed to fans who placed a pre-order.

Public tickets for K-State fans who did not place a pre-order are available now at the K-State Online Ticket Office at www.kstatesports.com and through the K-State Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum or via phone at 1-800-221-CATS beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Fans are strongly encouraged to order through K-State's official allotment to ensure that all Wildcat fans are seated in the official K-State sections of the stadium. The location for K-State's ticket allotment at Sun Devil Stadium is among the best of any bowl game with prime seating locations.

The K-State Alumni Association will also provide official travel packages to the bowl game. Visit the Alumni Association's official bowl travel page - www.k-statesportstravel.com - for travel package information.



Kansas State Quarterback Jake Waters (15) looks down field to pass against Oklahoma State. (File Photo by Ben Brake)

Kansas State University Quietly Scrubs Open-Records Policy

By Travis Perry Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Kansas State University has performed a disappearing act of sorts after the institution's backwards open-records policy banning email submissions was exposed to the light of day.

Last month, Kansas Watchdog reported that KSU's stance on open-records requests wasn't just archaic, it potentially violated state law.

Original university policy stated only weeks ago that "requests for inspection or copying of public

records may be made in writing (including submission by facsimile, but not e-mail) through the designated custodians."

However, after Kansas Watchdog asked the Kansas Attorney General's Office to review the policy's legality — about three weeks ago — state officials finally took a look and said the university has since scrubbed the page clean.

Luckily, you can still view the original policy here.

The change, made quietly and without notice, simply removes the offend-

ing email prohibition. Kansas Watchdog initially balked at the restriction after university officials attempted to force an open records request via physical mail, fax or in person.

Such a requirement appeared to violate the Kansas Open Records Act, which states "a public agency may require a written request for inspection of public records but shall not otherwise require a request to be made in any particular form."

K-State open records custodian Hanna Manning did not respond to calls for comment Tuesday morning.

The attorney general's office stopped short of issuing any real opinion on the matter.

"Unfortunately, because attorneys in this office represent the State of Kansas, we cannot provide you with any legal advice or research assistance regarding your concern," said Assistant Attorney General Lisa Mendoza.

Richard Gannon, director of gov-

ernmental affairs for the Kansas Press Association, told Kansas Watchdog he was glad KSU opted to adjust its policies.

"I'm pleased KSU chose to recognize the importance of existing Kansas law," Gannon said. "Any governmental entity ignoring KORA or (the Kansas Open Meetings Act) is guilty of a tremendous disservice to their constituents."

Want To End Poverty? Educate The Kids

By Mary C. Tillotson Watchdog.org

Poor kids can learn. That's what some school and education activists are shouting from on high after the results of an international test showed American students performing at mediocre levels.

While some blamed the stagnant scores on poverty, others point out that impoverished Vietnam outscored many wealthier countries, including the United States, in math and science. And others say the secret to success really isn't a secret at all. It's just takes hard work — lots of hard work.

More than 1,200 students, from age 3 to 8th grade, attend D.C. Prep, a public charter school network in the District of Columbia. About 82 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, a marker of poverty. Many of them are homeless.

"When the kids come to us, they are often below grade level, but it's because they have been under-schooled. It's not in the locus of that child, it's because they've had a really crummy school and haven't been well-educated," said Ibbey Jeppson, director of resource development at D.C. Prep.

Students who attended from age 4 to fourth graders are testing equal to or better than kids in the most affluent parts of the nation's capital.

"We have closed the so-called achievement gap, which says to me, 'Of course you can educate low-income kids. You just need to get them a great school. You have to believe in them and focus on what they need,'" she said.

Almost all the students — 95 percent — go on to graduate from high school, and 80 percent enroll in college. Of

those that enroll, 72 percent persist in college. That's compared to a 56 percent graduation rate from D.C. Public Schools.

Nothing in the school system is novel or radical, Jeppson said.

"Many of the things we do are things you'd see in any high performing urban environment. Kids wear uniform. We have a longer school day. We do a tremendous amount of assessing kids, continuous assessment to make sure they're understanding and mastering the material, and we have A-plus-plus-plus-plus teachers. They're amazing," she said. "There's not a secret."

The school also teaches character-building skills, from "use your words" and "be a friend" for the youngest students to conflict resolution and self-advocacy for older students.

More Using Fixed Website

TOPEKA — It took them the better part of two months trying to get signed up through the federal health insurance marketplace, but Leo Klumpe and Diana Arb finally have health coverage.

"This is one problem we don't have to worry about anymore," said Klumpe, 57, who recently retired after working for the state of Kansas for 30 years, the last several at a juvenile correction facility.

The Topeka couple had the option of maintaining Klumpe's coverage through the state after he retired. But Arb said it would have cost too much.

"Our insurance was going to cost \$1,150 (a month) and it was going to leave us \$150 to pay bills out of his check," said Arb, 55, who works part-time at a senior center. "So, we couldn't afford health insurance."

But with help from a volunteer trained to help people shop for coverage on the marketplace, Arb and Klumpe learned they qualified for a federal tax credit because the cost of the coverage available to them was deemed unaffordable given their income. The tax credit lowered their monthly premiums to \$188.

Assistance in Kansas Find assistance applying for health insurance on HealthCare.gov in or near your hometown:

"We can afford that," said Arb, who recently was diagnosed with Type II diabetes.

Klumpe and Arb were among about 3.7 million Americans who shopped for coverage on the improved HealthCare.gov website from midnight Dec. 1 through noon last Friday and among dozens who took advantage of special counseling and sign-up sessions at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.

Arlene Evans lives in Florida but was visiting family in Topeka last week and heard a television news report about the help sessions. She said she didn't have insurance and wouldn't be looking for a policy, if the health reform law didn't require her to have one. She said she came to the library looking for the cheapest coverage she could find.

It turned out that she also qualified for a federal subsidy.

"I found something that is going to cost me little to nothing and provide me with what I need," she said.

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 2, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment,
Commission Comments, &
Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Johnette Shepek,
Budget and Finance Officer;
Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Leon
Hobson, Public Works
Director/County Engineer; Pat
Collins, Emergency Manage-
ment Director; Kristina
Jackson, Manhattan Mercury;
and Cindy Volanti, Human
Resource Manager/Deputy
Clerk, attended.

Shepek presented the pur-
chase card revenue share
report.

**Wells stated Wamego used
their Public Building
Commission (PBC) to refi-
nance the City of Wamego's
parks and recreation facili-
ties.**

Shepek stated the ACH
Renewal Agreement amend-
ment includes a 2.8% increase.

Boyd moved to approve an
"Amendment to the Agreement
for the provision of inmate
health services Riley County,
Kansas" with Advanced
Correctional Healthcare, Inc.
in the amount of \$142,265.59.
Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins presented a
Purchase Authorization for a
radio upgrade for PD-1 as
approved January 7, 2013 for
Riley County 911.

Boyd moved to approve the
Purchase Authorization for a
radio upgrade for PD-1 for
Riley County 911 in the
amount of \$80,238.00 to be
funded by the 911 fund. Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a
Real Estate Sales Data Search
Service Agreement with
Christopher Johns for the
Appraiser's Office. Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve an
Agreement for Professional
Services with Olsson
Associates for the design of the
McDowell Creek Road road-
way reconstruction in the
amount of \$276,338.00. Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

9:00 Boyd moved that the
Riley 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 and to protect the
privacy of the employee, the
open meeting to resume in the
County Commission Chambers
at 9:15 a.m. Wells seconded.
Carried 3-0.

9:13 Boyd moved to go out
of executive session. Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken
during the executive session
Holeman presented the lease
renewal agreement for the
Riley County Police
Department substation in
Aggieville.

Boyd moved to approve the
minutes of November 25, 2013
as amended. Wells seconded.
Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Kristina Jackson,
Manhattan Mercury; Captain
Kurt Moldrup, Riley County
Police Department; John Jobe,
County Extension Agent;
Jennifer Wilson, County
Extension Director; Linda
Redding, Nursing Supervisor;
and Kelly Williamson, HIV-
AIDS Case Manager, attended.

Moldrup reported the crime
rate continues to decrease.

Wilson introduced John Jobe
the new 4-H Agent.

Jobe introduced himself to
the Riley County Board.

Williamson announced the
Riley County Health
Department along with the
Riley County Thrivent Action
Team is currently participating
in a canned food drive to
benefit the Ryan White Part B
Food Pantry.

Williamson said the Riley
County Health Department
extends sincere gratitude and
appreciation to the Riley
County Thrivent Action Team
and the surrounding commu-
nity for their generous dona-
tions and continued support.

Vargo announced the Riley
County Advisory Board
positions available.

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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Johnette Shepek,
Budget and Finance Officer;
Laura Monsanto, KMAN;
Kristina Jackson, Manhattan
Mercury; and Bill Felber,
attended.

Hobson presented an update
on Public Works projects.

10:17 Bob Isaac, Planner
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Kristina Jackson,
Manhattan Mercury; and Bill
Felber, attended.

Isaac presented a replat of
Lots 1 and 2 of D and G Estates
for Winter.

Isaac said the Riley County
Planning Board held a public
hearing on November 18, 2013,
and approved the Final Plat of
D and G Estates, Unit Two.
Staff recommends that the
Board of County Commission-
ers acknowledge the approved
Final Plat of D and G Estates,
Unit Two and accept any ease-
ments, rights-of-way or licens-
es, as shown to be dedicated on
the Final Plat.

Boyd moved to approve
"Resolution No. 120213-74, A
Resolution approving the D
and G Estates, Unit 2 plat and
accepting the street rights-of-
way, easements, and licenses as
shown to be dedicated on said

plat." Wells seconded. Carried
3-0.

10:30 Bob Isaac, Planner
Clancy Holeman, Counselor
/Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Kristina Jackson,
Manhattan Mercury; and Bill
Felber, attended.

Isaac presented a request for
a final plat of Dean Larson
Estates.

Isaac said the Riley County
Planning Board held a public
hearing on November 18, 2013,
and approved the Final Plat of
Dean Larson Estates. Staff rec-
ommends that the Board of
County Commissioners
acknowledge the approved
Final Plat of Dean Larson
Estates and accept any ease-
ments, rights-of-way or licens-
es, as shown to be dedicated on
the Final Plat.

Boyd moved to approve
"Resolution No. 120213-75, A
Resolution approving the Dean
Larson Estates plat and accept-
ing the street rights-of-way,
easements, and licenses as
shown to be dedicated on the
said plat." Wells seconded.
Carried 3-0.

10:45 Leon Hobson, Public
Works Director /County
Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Kristina Jackson,
Manhattan Mercury; Craig
Cox, Assistant County
Counselor; Johnette Shepek,
Budget and Finance Officer;
and Bill Felber, attended.

Hobson presented and dis-
cussed a resolution to place a
stop sign and traffic control
devices at or near the intersec-
tion of North 52nd Street and
West 59th Avenue.

Hobson said the results of
the traffic studies show a need
for regulatory signs and other
traffic devices. The Public
Works Department has a policy
whereas stop signs are placed
at intersections between pri-
mary roads and secondary
roads to increase the safety for
the traveling public. Hobson
said staff would recommend
the installation of the stop signs
and other traffic devices.

Boyd moved to approve
"Resolution No. 120213-76, A
Resolution to place a stop sign
and traffic control devices at or
near the intersection of North
52nd Street and West 59th
Avenue in Riley County,
Kansas be it resolved by the
Board of Commissioners of
Riley County, Kansas." Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson presented and dis-
cussed a resolution to place
stop signs and traffic control
devices at the intersection of
Fairview Church Road and
Condray Road.

Hobson said staff would rec-
ommend the installation of the
stop signs and other traffic
devices.

Boyd moved to approve
"Resolution No. 120213-77, A
Resolution to place stop signs
and traffic control devices at
the intersection of Fairview
Church Road and Condray
Road in Riley County, Kansas
be it resolved by the Board of
Commissioners of Riley
County, Kansas." Wells sec-

onded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson presented and dis-
cussed a resolution to place a
stop sign at the intersection of
Penrose Place and Anderson
Avenue.

Hobson said staff would rec-
ommend the installation of the
stop sign.

Boyd moved to approve
"Resolution No. 120213-78, A
Resolution to place a stop sign
at the intersection of Penrose
Place and Anderson Avenue, in
Riley County, Kansas be it
resolved by the Board of
Commissioners of Riley
County, Kansas." Wells sec-
onded. Carried 3-0.

11:10 Jennifer Wilson,
County Extension Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/
Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Craig Cox, Assistant
County Counselor; Johnette
Shepek, Budget and Finance
Officer; Leon Hobson, Public
Works Director/County
Engineer; and Bill Felber,
attended.

Wilson said the commission
asked that any non-operational
year-end expenditures be
brought before the board for
approval. Each year the Fair
Board budgets a certain amount
for improvements to the
grounds and facilities. Typi-
cally the fair board waits
until the end of the year to dis-
cuss necessary improvements
so they can see what worked
well during the current year's
county fair and what needs to
be improved. The Fair Board
has identified four projects that
they would like to be consid-
ered for improvements: 1.
Upgrade electrical in the
Wreath (pig/sheep) barn at a
cost of \$3,975. 2. Purchase an
additional storage trailer for
fair supplies at an approximate
cost of \$3,500. 3. Upgrade
speakers in Hurlburt Arena at a
cost of \$3,600. 4. Run a water-
line to permanently connect the
washracks behind Hurlburt
arena (used for cattle washing)
to the water source at a cost of
\$1,200.

Wilson said as of the end of
November there is \$23,290 left
in the fair budget. There will be
approximately \$4500 in opera-
tional expenses in December.
The proposed projects total
\$12,275. If allowed to com-
plete these projects, there
would be approximately \$6515
remaining to carryover in the
general fund for 2014.

Wilson said in order to not
fall behind in maintenance of
the fair grounds, she would
recommend approving the expen-
ditures.

Shepek reported these
requests would put the Fair
budget at 94%, which is above
the guidelines set by the Riley
County Commission.

Boyd moved to approve the
upgrade of electrical in the
Wreath (pig/sheep) barn at a
cost of \$3,975, the upgrade of
speakers in Hurlburt Arena at a
cost of \$3,600, and to run a
waterline to permanently con-
nect the washracks behind

Hurlburt arena (used for cattle
washing) to the water source at
a cost of \$1,200. The Board
stated this will keep the Fair
budget at 90% as previously
established by the Riley
County Commission. Wells
seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:22 Leon Hobson, Public
Works Director /County
Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor
/Director of Administrative
Services; Laura Monsanto,
KMAN; Craig Cox, Assistant
County Counselor; Johnette
Shepek, Budget and Finance
Officer; and Bill Felber, attend-
ed.

Hobson discussed the con-
tinuation of connection request
for University Park and
Lakeside Heights Water and
Sewer Districts. Hobson stated
since the commission agenda
report another resident has
expressed interest in connect-
ing. Hobson said he would like
to withdraw the commission
agenda report until he contacts
the resident to ascertain their
interest.

The Board of County
Commissioners agreed with
Hobson's recommendation.

11:26 Boyd moved to
adjourn. Wells seconded.
Carried 3-0.

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Four Graduate From Stockman Academy

Lori Bammerlin, Hyatt
Frobese, Hattie Hartschuh
and Kathryn Taylor, all of
Manhattan, were four of 20
KLA members from across the
state to graduate from the
Kansas Livestock Association's
(KLA) Young Stockmen's
Academy. Merck Animal
Health partnered with KLA to
host members in their 20s for a
series of four seminars
throughout 2013. This class
brings the total number of YSA
graduates to 159.

Attending the KLA
Convention was the final ses-
sion for this year's class. The
three-day event provided par-
ticipants the opportunity to
gain additional industry knowl-
edge and interact with other
KLA members from across the
state. YSA members got a first-
hand look at the inner workings
of the association by attending
the KLA Chairmen's Circle
meeting. The group also took
part in the policy-making
process by attending committee
and council meetings where
members discussed issues

affecting their business inter-
ests, including trichomoniasis
regulations, water conservation
in western Kansas and potential
changes to the state's corporate
farming laws. Immediately
prior to the convention, the
YSA class received their
Masters of Beef Advocacy
degrees, following an in-depth
spokesperson training session
with National Cattlemen's Beef
Association (NCBA) Senior
Executive Director of
Communications Daren
Williams.

During their first session in
Topeka last February, attendees
were exposed to advocacy
training, the legislative process
and services provided by KLA
and NCBA. The second install-
ment took the group to Kansas
City in May, where they
learned about the agribusiness
and retail beef industries. YSA
members went to western
Kansas in October to tour beef
and dairy operations represent-
ing various segments of each
industry.

The 2013 class includes Lori

Bammerlin, Manhattan; Keith
Bergkamp, Pretty Prairie; Kim
Cerny, Salina; Garrett Cook,
Hardtner; Hyatt Frobese,
Manhattan; Nichole Gouldie,
Inman; Hattie Hartschuh,
Manhattan; Justin Keith, Allen;
Flinton McCabe, Elk City;
Derick McGhee, Baldwin City;
Blaze Mollhagen, Lorraine;
Christine Musherush, Strong
City; Clarke Nelson, Long
Island; Cody Nichols, Wichita;
Ty Riggs, Sedan; Garrett
Rolland, Norton; Suzanne
Ryan, Platte City, MO; Austin
Sexten, Wamego; Sydney
Shepherd, Pomona; and
Kathryn Taylor, Manhattan.

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state and federal levels.
Voluntary dues dollars paid by
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grams that benefit KLA mem-
bers in the areas of legislative
representation, regulatory
assistance, legal troubleshooting,
communications and the
advancement of youth.

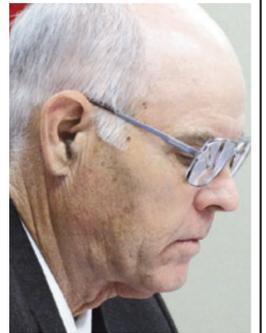
The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 4, 2014



Riley County
Commissioner
Dave Lewis
785-313-0781



Riley County
Commissioner
Bob Boyd
785-537-6357



Riley County
Commissioner
Ron Wells
785-565-6213

The three County Commission are still wanting to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County by forming a Building Commission. They could finance a \$50 million 9th Grade re-construction for the School District without a vote of the people or they could help the City of Manhattan add \$50 million in debt for a Sports Complex with a vote. Before you talk to a Commissioner go to manhattanfreepress.com August 1, 2013 issue and read where Cities and Counties can use "Home Rule" to get around a vote of the people.

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Kansas State University To Hold Commencement

MANHATTAN — Several students will speak, sing or play musical instruments for their classmates, families and administrators as part of Kansas State University's fall commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14.

The students include:
 * Alexander Perkins, sophomore in music education, Derby, will perform the processional, national anthem, the university's alma mater and recessional as part of a brass quintet for the College of Engineering ceremony.

* Adrienne Allison, bachelor's degree candidate in animal sciences and industry, Downs, will sing the national

anthem at the College of Agriculture ceremony.

* Kassie Curran, bachelor's degree candidate in food science and industry, Farlington, will speak at the College of Agriculture ceremony.

* Christopher Miertschin Jr., senior in music education, Hutchinson, will perform the processional, national anthem, the university's alma mater and recessional as part of a brass quintet for the College of Engineering ceremony.

* Jamie Briscoe, bachelor's degree candidate in agribusiness and accounting, Lincoln, will speak at the College of Agriculture ceremony.

* Rachel Hunt, sophomore in applied music, Manhattan, will sing the national anthem at the

College of Education ceremony.

* Sarah Pavlu, bachelor's degree candidate in industrial engineering, Overland Park, will give the student address at the College of Engineering ceremony.

* Griffin Letch, bachelor's degree candidate in applied music, Topeka, will perform the national anthem at the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony.

* Madeline Haas, bachelor's degree candidate in finance, Shawnee, will speak at the College of Business Administration ceremony.

* Jacob Miller, senior in music education, Valley Center, will perform the processional, national anthem, the universi-

ty's alma mater and recessional as part of a brass quintet for the College of Engineering ceremony.

* Deborah Caldwell, master's student in music, Siloam Springs, Ark., will perform the processional, national anthem, the university's alma mater and recessional as part of a brass quintet for the College of Engineering ceremony.

* Tyler Lewis, junior in aeronautical technology and president of Kansas State University Salina's Student Governing Association, Aurora, Colo., will perform the processional, give the student address and be the student marshal for the K-State Salina ceremony.

* Taylor Wadian, doctoral student in psychology and pres-

ident of the Graduate Student Council, Fayette, Iowa, will give the Graduate Student Council greeting at the Graduate School ceremony.

* Johnathan Schieber, senior in math education, Hamilton, Mo., will give the student commencement address at the College of Education ceremony.

* Vincent Carlisle, doctoral student in educational leadership, Parkville, Mo., will be the reader at the Graduate School ceremony.

* Adam Ladd, master's student in music, Huron, Ohio, will perform the processional, national anthem, the university's alma mater and recessional as part of a brass quintet for the College of Engineering cere-

mony.

* Randall Frye, master's student in music, Polk, Pa., will perform at the Graduate School, College of Education, College of Business Administration, College of Agriculture and College of Human Ecology ceremonies.

* Donovan Woods, senior in applied music, Bedford, Texas, will sing the national anthem and the university's alma mater at the College of Human Ecology ceremony.

* Rutherford Nathaniel Sanford IV, bachelor's degree candidate in hotel and restaurant management, Houston, Texas, will give the student address at the College of Human Ecology ceremony.

The Three Things You Need To Know About The Deal

Romina Boccia
Heritage Foundation

Many had high hopes that the first budget conference in four years would make a substantial down payment toward fixing the U.S. spending and debt crisis. The new "Bipartisan Budget Act" thoroughly disappoints. While we dig through the details for a more complete assessment, here are three key facts on the sour deal:

1. It busts through supposed

spending "caps." The way Congress operates, it's ridiculous for Members to set spending caps. They just keep busting right through them. The deal announced yesterday raises discretionary spending above the bipartisan spending agreement forged in 2011 as part of the Budget Control Act. Spending for defense and non-defense domestic programs would be raised by \$45 billion in 2014 and by \$18 billion in 2015.

Once again, Congress has fallen into its old and destructive habit of trading more spending in one area for more spending in another. This is a bad "compromise" that keeps increasing spending, when just a little more effort to eliminate bad government programs and reduce wasteful spending could have saved taxpayers money instead.

2. It taxes and spends. The agreement says that the increased spending is fully off-

set elsewhere in the budget, using a mix of spending cuts and non-tax revenue. Make no mistake, raising revenue to spend more is simply taxing and spending. If anything, automatic spending cuts could be exchanged for targeted spending cuts. Trading spending cuts for more revenue, however, grows the burden of government. After all, Washington suffers from a spending problem, not a revenue one.

3. It spends now and delays savings till later. The budget deal would spend \$63 billion more over the next two years—but take 10 years to make up for this splurge. This is a common Washington gimmick. To the conferees' credit, the deal suggests one-third in additional deficit reduction—the details of which remain to be evaluated.

The budget conferees failed to make substantive reforms to the real drivers of spending and

debt: the entitlement programs. Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) forged a deal that would increase spending immediately, while delaying deficit reduction till later and trading spending cuts for more revenue. Far from simply being another missed opportunity, this deal keeps the nation on its fiscal collision course.

Obamacare's Top 10 Constitutional Violations

By Ilya Shapiro
CATO Institute

Two years ago this week, I published an op-ed called "President Obama's Top 10 Constitutional Violations." Although it didn't go into depth about any particular issue, it struck a chord (note to aspiring pundits: readers and media bookers like lists, particularly at year's end).

There's so much material to choose from for an updated piece on which I'm long overdue, but in the meantime the House Judiciary Committee had an important hearing last week on the president's constitutional duty "to take care that the laws be faithfully execut-

ed." My colleagues Michael Cannon and Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz testified, as did GW law professor Jonathan Turley (who voted for Obama in 2008 and is not known to be libertarian or conservative), and their devastating testimony is a collective tour de force regarding this administration's incredible and unconstitutional power grab. (My friend and frequent sparring partner Simon Lazarus of the Constitutional Accountability Center also testified, on the other side, offering a valiant if ultimately insufficient defense.)

Given the state of current affairs, the hearing focused on Obamacare, whose problemat-

ic rollout should have come as no surprise to those who follow this blog. Quite apart from the healthcare.gov fiasco — incompetent, sure, but it's not unconstitutional to have a bad website — you simply cannot require expansive health "insurance" for all without regard to preexisting conditions and expect insurers not to cancel nonconforming policies or increase premiums. (Forget never running a business or caring about the Constitution; has nobody in the White House ever taken an economics class?)

After watching snippets of the hearing and reading the written testimony, I thought

maybe I should start my "top 10 constitutional violations" update with the Affordable Care Act alone. But it seems that I'm not the only one thinking along these lines. Hot off the presses, at 10am today, the office of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) released its second report on "The Obama Administration's Attempts to Expand Federal Power" — the first was on the Supreme Court's unanimous rejection of the Justice Department's more outlandish positions, a trend I've written about as well — titled "The Administration's Lawless Acts on Obamacare and Continued Court Challenges to Obamacare."

Here are the seven items the new Cruz report highlights:

Category One: Implementation Contrary to Statutory Text

1. Unilateral grant of a one-year delay on all Obamacare health insurance requirements.

2. Unilateral delay of the employer mandate.

3. Unilateral delay of out-pocket caps.

4. Allowing congressional staff to continue on government-subsidized health care.

Category Two : Pending Court Challenges

5. Violates the Origination Clause because it's a revenue-raising bill that originated in the Senate.

6. Contraception/abortifacient mandate violates religious

liberties.

7. Expansion of employer mandate's penalty through IRS regulation.

Add to those the individual mandate (which the Supreme Court struck down before Chief Justice Roberts rewrote and upheld the provision as a tax), the coerced expansion of Medicaid (which the Court made voluntary), and the Independent Payment Advisory Board (litigation ongoing), and you've got an even ten. And that's without straining to find the constitutional defects buried in thousands of pages of legislation and hundreds of thousands of pages of regulations.

Forget PPACA, ACA, and Obamacare; what people really ought to call the healthcare law is the "Constitutional Scholar Full Employment Act."

Students Advance In 2013 Hoop Hooler N' Shoot Contest

BOYS			GIRLS		
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Toby Douglas	Bergman	6 of 10	Anne Beard	Bergman	5 of 10
Clayson Joyce	Bluemont	4 of 10	Makala Niswanger	Bluemont	3 of 10
Benjamin Grubbs	Flint Hills Christian	4 of 10	Cheyenne McCabria	Flint Hills Christian	2 of 10
YukienAndrada	Lee	6 of 10	Gabby Vansickle	Lee	3 of 10
Tucker Bylkas	Manhattan Catholic School	5 of 10	Mallorie Reimer	Manhattan Catholic School	6 of 10
Mitch Munsen	Marlatt	8 of 10	Jasmin Johnson	Marlatt	5 of 10
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Damian Beardsley	Ogden	5 of 10	Kindall Vega	Ogden	2 of 10
BJ Young	Theodore Roosevelt	8 of 10	Alison Payne	Theodore Roosevelt	3 of 10
Noah Sapp	Woodrow Wilson	6 of 10	Vanessa Klimek	Woodrow Wilson	5 of 10

The results of the 2013 Hoop Hooler N' Shoot free throw contest in crowning the champions from each of the Manhattan area elementary schools. The semi finals will be held this Sunday at the K-State mens and womens basketball games. Complete details can be found in the attachment.

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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

Well gosh, my good friend Charlie has passed to the angels. I hope they're ready for his considerable needle.

Charlie Hostetler died Sunday. My political mentor is gone.

Good Lord, we had lunch together at the Manhattan Country Club less than a month ago. He always bought. And he always brought me one of those little calendars and notebooks this time of year. Claimed I was his favorite customer. Charlie knew how to embellish.

His wit was still there. But his body was wasted. The chemo treatments had taken all but his mind. It was obvious. And he told me he was ready for a different path. Perhaps he knew before the rest of us this would be it.

I first met Charlie back in 2004, when he was introduced to me by the Republican Party Chairman. I was a potential candidate for the Kansas House. He was so funny and confident that we could take the seat from Sydney. But she had different plans. And hers were far more productive than ours.

But when we lost, he said, "Hell, no one wins on their first try. You need to run for city commission." And so I did and won the next year. And he mentored on. Never a serious



Bob Strawn

issue passed or failed without Charlie in my ear.

He was a fiscal conservative. Thought the weed museum was the worst thing that ever happened to Manhattan. And he worried constantly about spending. "Bob, when does the city hit their debt limit?" Called liberals names reserved for the ages. And made no bones about telling them to their face if the occasion was right (or left).

But on social stuff, he was mostly a libertarian, methinks. "I could care less who they sleep with as long as they're not affecting me or someone else."

He was also very kind. I remember him taking Professor Richard Coleman under his wing as Richard's health melted away. What a pair to draw to those two. Whew!

Jim Colbert told me Charlie was a great golfer back in the day. But business called. And so did politics. A Kansas Regent and party leader, I always felt personally and seriously graced by his presences and interest in my doings.

We shared a love for collegiate sports and oftentimes played mind games over lunch about the Hurrin' Hoosiers or

The Conservative Side...



those great Army teams. Stuff people have no clue about today. But Charlie did. And he never pulled a punch in discussing Frank's bad manners or Wefald's choices or the out-

rageous price of those new suites out at the stadium. I always suspected he liked Jayhawk hoops more than he'd admit, to me at least.

And I can't think of anyone

in my life as witty. You just never knew what in the world he was going to say next. But never did he put me down, even though I gave him numerous opportunities. Maybe he saw

me as a son or more likely, the dull but coachable younger brother. With a tear in my eye, I can easily say that I loved Charlie and will miss him dearly. Life is so fragile.

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below. Exit sign is missing. 5. Ribbons is missing. 6. Beards are missing. Differences: 1. Chair back is lower. 2. Mustache is smaller. 3. Hand is moved. 4.

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Dijon Chicken Smothered in Mushrooms

Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
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- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
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- 1 jar (4.5 oz) Green Giant® sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- Chopped fresh thyme, if desired

Directions

- Between pieces of plastic wrap or waxed paper, place each chicken breast smooth side down; gently pound with flat side of meat or rolling pin until about 1/4 inch thick. In shallow pan, stir together flour, salt and pepper.
- In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Coat both sides of chicken with flour mixture. Cook chicken in hot oil 6 to 8 minutes, turning once, until chicken is no longer pink in center. Remove chicken to serving plate; cover to keep warm.
- Stir broth into skillet. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat. Stir in mushrooms and mustard. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until slightly thickened. Spoon sauce over chicken. Sprinkle with thyme.

Expert Tips

- For a meal that's sure to satisfy, serve this saucy chicken dish with a small baked potato, cooked green beans and 1/2 cup cut-up fresh fruit. Add a slice of bread, and you're still at only 3 Carbohydrate Choices.
- Try this recipe with pork tenderloin. Cut the tenderloin into 1-inch slices, and flatten as directed in step 1. Continue as directed, cooking until pork is no longer pink in center.

Nutrition Information

1 Serving
 Calories 240
 (Calories from Fat 100),
 Total Fat 11g
 (Saturated Fat 2g,
 Trans Fat 0g),
 Cholesterol 70mg
 Sodium 750mg

Total Carbohydrate 8g
 (Dietary Fiber 1g
 Sugars 0g),
 Protein 27g ;
 % Daily Value*:
 Vitamin A 0%;
 Vitamin C 0%;
 Calcium 2%;
 Iron 10%;

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ACROSS

1	Use the couch
4	Fidel Castro, e.g.
9	Picks out of a lineup, briefly
12	Japanese pond carp
13	Last Greek letter
14	Ultramoder-nist
15	Office-holder
17	Pitcher's topper
18	Apiace
19	Merman and Mertz
21	Label founded by Clive Davis
24	Gets a gander at
25	Fellow
26	Pvt.'s superior
28	Takes five
31	Snapshots
33	Finish
35	Willy Wonka's creator
36	Narrow cuts

DOWN

11	Bribes
16	— and downs
20	Pay attention
21	Rock band's gear
22	Bar
23	Just beginning
27	Explosive letters
29	You
30	Coaster
32	Undo a dele
34	Graffiti writer, e.g.
37	Masters, in old India
39	West Pointers
42	Doctrine
44	Scot's chapeau
45	Caprice
46	Mysterious character
50	e gas-based crime show
51	Swelled head
52	Agree silently
53	Part of the foot
1	Schuss
2	Charged particle
3	Twitch
4	Halley's et al.
5	Resentment
6	Spelling contest
7	Actress Moorehead
8	Talk on and on
9	Nonstop
10	Transaction

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO FEEL SORRY FOR AND THEIR SAD TALE OF WOE...

THE WEEK IN MADRID AND OUR STAY IN LONDON AND VIENNA WERE FINE, BUT IT RAINED A WHOLE DAY WHEN WE WERE IN PARIS--

A WHOLE DAY OF RAIN-- HOW VEDDY, VEDDY AWFUL--

AW--POOR LIL THINGS--

VAS...IT WAS SIMPLY DREAFFUL

THANK TO REP ELLINGER, TOLEDO, OHIO

BY AL SCADUTO

SIGN OF THE TIMES--COMPUTER TIMES, THAT IS--

I'M LEAVING YOU DUNCLELY. PUT THAT IN YOUR MEMORY BANK! GOODBYE!

THANK TO ROCHELLE SHEPHERD, DELRAY BEACH, FL.

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Kansas Basketball Coaches Association (KBCA) First Ranking--November 26, 2013

GIRLS RANKINGS

6A Girls

- 1 - Wichita South
- 2 - Maize
- 3 - Olathe South
- 4 - Blue Valley North
- 5 - Shawnee Mission NW
- 6 - Garden City
- 7 - Manhattan
- 8 - Olathe Northwest
- 9 - Washburn Rural
- 10 - Free State

4A D1-Girls

1. Wamego
2. Fort Scott
3. Paola
4. McPherson
5. Andover Central
6. Bishop Miege
7. Topeka Hayden
8. Desoto
9. Coffeyville
10. Louisburg

3A Girls

- 1: Hesston
- 2: Riley Co.
- 3: Sabetha
- 4: Cimarron
- 5: Caney Valley
- 6: Silver Lake
- 7: Garden Plain
- 8: Holcomb
- 9: Haven
- 10: Marysville

1A-Div 1-Girls

1. Hoxie
2. Spearville
3. Caldwell
4. Valley Hts
5. Linn
6. Victoria
7. Centre
8. St. Paul
9. Pike Valley
10. Centralia

5A Girls

1. Aquinas
2. Wichita Hts.
3. Kapaun
4. Salina Central
5. Leavenworth
6. Andover
7. Salina South
8. Mill Valley
9. Maize South
10. Seaman

4A D2-Girls

1. Santa Fe Trail
2. Burlington
3. Pratt
4. Holton
5. Trinity Academy
6. Andale
7. Colby
8. Frontenac
9. Hugoton
10. Clearwater

2A Girls

1. Hillsboro
2. Smith Center
3. Jeff Co North
4. Sterling
5. Olpe
6. Moundridge
7. Meade
8. Washington Co
9. Republic Co
10. Central Plains

1A-Div 2- Girls

- 1 Ingalls
- 2 Golden Plains
- 3 B & B -Baileyville
- 4 Norwich
- 5 Argonia
- 6 Wilson
- 7 Dighton
- 8 Fowler
- 9 South Barber
- 10 Natoma

BOYS RANKINGS

6A Boys

- 1 Blue Valley NW
- 2 SM South
- 3 Olathe East
- 4 BV West
- 5 Lawrence Freestate
- 6 Lawrence
- 7 Wichita-East
- 8 BV North
- 9 Topeka
- 10 Washburn Rural

4A-Div 1-Boys

1. KC Piper
2. KC Sumner
3. Basehor-Linwood
4. McPherson
5. SM- Miege
6. Andover Central
7. Topeka Hayden
8. Eldorado
9. Coffeyville
10. Winfield

3A Boys

1. Wichita Collegiate
2. Hesston
3. Silver Lake
4. Humboldt
5. Nemaha Valley-Seneca
6. Salina Sacred Heart
7. Beloit
8. Cheney
9. Lyons
10. Southeast of Saline

1A-Div 1-Boys

1. Centralia
2. MDCV-Melvorn
3. Stockton
4. Hoxie
5. Valley Heights
6. Hanover
7. Victoria
8. Macksville
9. Osborne
10. Thunder Ridge

5A Boys

1. Highland Park
2. Lansing
3. Eisenhower
4. Kapaun Mt. Carmel
5. Mill Valley
6. Hays
7. Andover
8. Shawnee Hts
9. OP BV Southwest
10. Wichita Hts.

4A-Div 2-Boys

- 1 Scott City
- 2 Andale
- 3 Concordia
- 4 Eudora
- 5 Wichita Trinity
- 6 Holton
- 7 Clearwater
- 8 Anderson County
- 9 Burlington
- 10 Jefferson West

2A Boys

1. St. John
2. Pitt-St. Mary's Colgan
3. Meade
4. Olpe
5. Oswego
6. West Elk
7. Moundridge
8. Berean Academy
9. Republic County
10. Hillsboro

1A-Div 2-Boys

1. Axtell
2. Wallace Co
3. St.Johns-Tipton
4. B&B-Baileyville
5. Fowler
6. Dighton
7. Ashland
8. Central Christian
9. South Barber
10. Sylvan-Lucas

Six Wildcats Named to AP All-Big 12 Teams

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Led by first-teamers Tyler Lockett, Ty Zimmerman and Ryan Mueller, Kansas State placed six players on the Associated Press All-Big 12 teams, the organization announced Monday.

In addition to Lockett, Zimmerman and Mueller, the Wildcats' second-team members included center B.J. Finney, offensive lineman Cornelius Lucas and linebacker Blake Slaughter.

Lockett was named to the first team as both a wide receiver and all-purpose player. He earned first-team honors for the first time in his career after leading the Big 12 in all-purpose yards during the regular season (151.4 per game), ranking second in receiving yards (104.2 per game) and third in receptions (6.5 per game).

A product of Tulsa, Okla., Lockett ranks fourth in school history in single-season recep-

tions (71) and yards (1,146), while he is ninth in K-State history with eight touchdowns this season. Thanks in part to his 440 all-purpose yards against Oklahoma - which were the fifth most in FBS history - Lockett ranks eighth in school history in single-season all-purpose yardage (1,665) and ranks second in a career (4,096).

The first four-time all-conference honoree in school history, Zimmerman picked up his second-straight First Team All-Big 12 designation during his senior year. The safety ranked third in the conference in tackles among defensive backs (7.0 per game), while he tied for sixth in interceptions with three, including a Big 12-best two returned for touchdowns. Zimmerman ranks third in school history with 13 career interceptions.

Mueller, who ranks first in the Big 12 with 18.5 tackles for loss and second in the league

with 11.5 sacks, picked up all-conference honors for the first time in his career. His 11.5 sacks are tied for the school record with Ian Campbell (2006) and Nyle Wiren (1996), and he ranks ninth in school history in tackles for loss. He also needs just a half sack to appear on the Big 12's single-season top-10 list.

Finney earned All-Big 12 accolades for a third-straight season, while Lucas was honored for a second-consecutive year.

Slaughter, who redshirted what would have been his senior season in 2012, broke out in 2013 to tally a team-leading 103 tackles during the regular season en route to his first-ever All-Big 12 honor. The Missouri City, Texas, native ranks fourth in the Big 12 in total tackles, while his 103 stops are the most by a Wildcat in a regular-season since 2003 (Josh Buhl, 171).

The coaches' All-Big 12 teams will be announced on Wednesday beginning at 11 a.m., as the conference will announce the specialty awards every 10 minutes on its official Twitter handle, @Big12Conference. The entirety of its All-Big 12 teams will be announced following the specialty awards.

Kansas State takes on Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, December 28, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. The game, which kicks off at 9:15 p.m. (CT), will be televised nationally on ESPN. Fans can order tickets through the K-State Athletics Ticket office online at www.k-statesports.com/tickets or by phone at 1-800-221-CATS. Fans are strongly encouraged to order through K-State's official allotment to ensure that all Wildcat fans are seated in the official K-State sections of the stadium.

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Balanced Attack Leads K-State Past Grambling State

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. - Kansas State used a balanced scoring attack and a solid defensive effort to down Grambling State, 83-50, Saturday afternoon in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats have now won 11 of its last 15 games in the month of December.

Redshirt freshman Kelly Thomson paced the Wildcats with 14 points off the bench, including four makes from

beyond the arc. Thomson now has two games this season with four or more connections from the 3-point line including a career-high five at UTEP.

K-State's bench played a major role in the contest, outscoring the Lady Tiger bench, 52-0. On the season, the Wildcats have outscored its opponents, 195-103, in points off the bench and have held the advantage in six out of seven games this season. Of the 13 players to see action on

Saturday for K-State, 12 players recorded at least two points during the contest on the day.

Haley Texada joined Thomson in double figures as she added 12 points, marking the fourth game this season and third straight that she has scored 10 or more points in a game.

Texada scored eight of the Wildcats' first 14 points over the opening nine minutes of the ballgame to give K-State a 14-9 advantage at the 10:48 mark

before the Wildcats' bench entered the game and prompted a 28-7 scoring run, including a 15-0 stretch, to end the first half. During the blitz, freshman Erica Young carded seven points, while Kindred Wesemann and Thomson each knocked down a pair of three-point shots to close out the half. At the break, K-State led, 42-18, the largest halftime lead of the year for the Wildcats.

Despite giving up seven points over the first four min-

utes of the second half, K-State again used a strong and balanced scoring attack to put together a 16-2 run to stretch its lead to 37 points with 11:25 remaining in the game.

On the day, K-State forced Grambling State into 25 turnovers and held the Lady Tigers to a 19-for-54 (.352) performance from the floor. On the offensive end, the Wildcats recorded 26 assists on 31 made field goals. The 26 assists were the most assists K-State has

registered since Dec. 4, 2009 against Grambling State, when the Wildcats handed out 30 assists.

K-State will close out its two-game home stand in the month of December with a 1 p.m., tip-off against UC Santa Barbara on Sunday, Dec. 15. For ticket information, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at 800-221-CATS or visit www.kstatesports.com/ tickets.



K-States Haley Texada takes the ball all the way to the rim for two points. (Photo by Ashley Wells)



Leticia Romero (10) goes high for two points against Grambling. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)

Kansas State Survive South Dakota 64-62

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. - Senior Shane Southwell and freshman Marcus Foster combined for 35 points on Tuesday night, as Kansas State used a late rally to survive 64-62 against South Dakota at Bramlage Coliseum.

Foster posted a team-high 18 points, including a season-tying four 3-pointers, to pace the Wildcats (6-3), who have now won four in a row. He has now scored in double figures in eight consecutive games to go with a team-high four assists and three steals in 36 minutes. Southwell tallied 17 points and six rebounds, while junior Thomas Gipson added 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

"It was very frustrating, but we found some positives," said head coach Bruce Weber. "We found a way to win and made some plays. We had a gut check three weeks ago when we played Northern Colorado and did not win it, this time we won."

Southwell's 3-pointer with 4:54 to play gave K-State the lead for good and spurred a

quick 7-2 run that extended the lead to 63-59 with 1:29 remaining. However, the Wildcats made things interesting, as they missed five straight free throws in the last minute to give the Coyotes' multiple opportunities.

Leading 63-60 with four seconds remaining, Weber opted to foul South Dakota and junior Brandon Bos responded by knocking down both free throws to cut the deficit to just one with three seconds. Gipson was fouled on the inbounds and knocked down 1-of-2 free throws for the final margin, as the Coyotes' last shot came after the final buzzer.

K-State again found a way to win while struggling on the offensive end, as the Wildcats connected on 38.7 percent (24-of-62) from the field, including 31.6 percent (6-of-19) from 3-point range, while shooting just 50 percent (10-of-20) from the free throw line.

However, the Wildcats were able to take advantage of opportunities on the glass and on defense, out-rebounding the Coyotes' 39-32 and forcing them into 18 turnovers. K-State

was able convert 18 offensive boards into 19 second-chance points, while the squad scored 15 points off of turnovers. The team also took advantage of its reserves, getting 16 points from its bench, including nine points, five rebounds and three steals by senior Omari Lawrence in career-high 29 minutes.

The team has now held seven of nine opponents to below 65 points, including four straight foes.

South Dakota (3-6) jumped out early, using an 11-0 run to break a 4-all tie, as Casey Kasperbauer's 3-pointer gave the Coyotes a 15-4 lead with 10:58 to play in the first half. Foster was able to get the offense going with back-to-back 3-pointers, as a pair of Southwell free throws and another Foster trey cut the deficit to 18-15 with 7:44 before halftime.

However, South Dakota responded with a pair of 3-pointers to push the advantage back to nine points with 5:47 to play. A quick 6-0 run by K-State again cut the deficit to

one possession, but a pair of lay-ups gave the Coyotes a 28-21 lead with under three minutes remaining.

Foster was able to trim the deficit to 31-26 with his fourth 3-pointers with 55 seconds before halftime, but the Wildcats were unable to cash in on two free throws with no time on the clock.

For the game, South Dakota connected on 50 percent (22-of-44) from the field, including just 28.6 percent (4-of-14) from 3-point range, while knocking 70 percent (14-of-20) from the line. It marked just the second time this season that an opponent connected on 50 percent or better from the field.

Senior Trevor Gruis led two Coyote players in double figures with a game-tying 18 points on 7-of-8 field goals to go with nine rebounds and three blocks in 40 minutes of action. Sophomore Adam Thoseby chipped in 16 points on 6-of-10 field goals, while sophomore Trey Norris added a team-high seven assists and four steals to go with eight points.

Kansas Jayhawks Fall To Florida 67-61

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - A career-high effort from freshman guard Andrew Wiggins overshadowed the Jayhawks' rough start, but couldn't save No. 13 Kansas from a 67-61 loss at No. 19 Florida Tuesday night inside the O'Connell Center.

Facing a Florida (7-2) squad with a 20-game home win streak on the line, Kansas (6-3) got its biggest boost from Wiggins' first career double-double. He broke out for personal-bests in points (24), rebounds (11), three-pointers (4), free throws (8-for-8), blocks (2) and minutes (37), and while he led the floor in scoring, Wiggins was the only Jayhawk in double figures.

Fellow freshman guard Frank Mason was the closest to KU's scoring leader with nine points, which were tarnished by a game-high five turnovers. Mason wasn't the only one plagued by miscues on Tuesday. For the first time in the Bill Self era, the veteran coach put four freshmen in his starting lineup. Unfortunately for the Jayhawks, the youth showed as they tripled Florida in the turnover column, committing 24 errors to the Gators' eight. That resulted in a lopsided 28-4 points-off-turnovers advantage for the home team, which ultimately led to the Jayhawks' downfall.

The top-20 Gators had plenty to do with that as four differ-

ent players scored in double-digits, led by 18 points and six assists from senior guard Scottie Wilbekin. Sophomore forward Dorian Finney-Smith checked in behind him with 15 points, including a career-high four three-point field goals.

For the evening, Kansas out-shot (43.2 to 37.0) and out-rebounded (40 to 30) Florida, and even tallied season-highs in three-pointers (8) and free-throw percentage (78.9). Yet, the numbers couldn't offset a season-low 19 field goals and a season-high 24 turnovers - the most by a Kansas team since giving up the ball 24 times against Missouri on March 5, 2011.

An 8-0 run highlighted by three-pointers from freshman guard Wayne Selden, Jr. and Mason saw Kansas surge forward, 10-3 in the early moments of the game. From there, however, the Jayhawks fell off the map. Kansas missed 11-straight shots and turned the ball over six times, watching the first half spiral out of control on a 21-0 Florida run. For almost nine minutes, Kansas couldn't score, couldn't rebound and couldn't find rhythm. When sophomore forward Perry Ellis banked in back-to-back layups, the Jayhawks were looking up at a 24-14 deficit.

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Kansas State Outlast Ole Miss, 61-58

**Tonya Ricklefs
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Coming into the game Kansas State KSU needed this win after the Puerto Rico tournament. Many concerns surfaced during the tournament about player abilities, team cooperation and senior leadership on the team.

This first home game against undefeated Ole Miss would be a chance to showcase more of the team's abilities. While much of the conversation has been focused on the team's struggles, the abilities and potential of the Freshman on the team has been underestimated. Coming into the Ole Miss game, team scoring has been led by Marcus Foster who continues to average 30 points a game.

Kansas State's starting lineup was Southwell, Foster, Iwundu, Gipson and Spradling. Marcus Foster put Kansas State on the board first with a three point shot. Soon, Wesley Iwundu is fouled and misses the shots. Free throws continue to be a huge issue for Kansas State. These missed opportunities are critical in close games and will continue to make the difference in games down the road.

Kansas State was defensively superior to Ole Miss in the first half continuing to keep their headliner Marshall

Henderson contained. But, Kansas State's shooting percentage of 31% and turn overs kept Ole Miss close, and even taking the lead at various points.

At the half, K-State led Ole Miss 31 to 29. They were struggling with shooting in every area, except free throws, which is a welcome change. In the second half, scoring struggled and Kansas State's offense stalled. Lucky for the Cats, they were still able to defend Henderson. He was struggling with his shooting all night.

Second half, continued shooting struggles as well as what seemed to be some confusion on play calls. It did seem Shane Southwell seemed to be taking more of a leadership roll pumping players up on the floor and cheering them on. With 1:41 left in game, Marcus Foster drained a three.

The students were fired up for K-State to face Ole Miss (specifically) to face the infamous Marshall Henderson. The climate at home seemed to keep the players focused and busy. The improved all shooting in the second half. Continue to watch Freshman Marcus Foster and Nigel Johnson. They will continue to be play-makers. There is lots of work before Big 12 play, but it will be an interesting season if the players start clicking as a team.



K-State's Nigel Johnson (23) gets the ball and heads down court on a fast break.



Shane Southwell (1) looks to take the ball from the Ole Miss player.



Defense played a big role in the game, here Shane Southwell block a shot.



Will Spradling (55) takes the ball up for a lay-in. (Photos by Ben Brake)

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