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## 2016 City Budget

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**Public Hearing on the 2016 City Budget**  
**PRESENTERS: Bernie Hayden, Director of Finance**  
**Hillary Badger, Assistant Director of Finance**

### BACKGROUND

Each year, in accordance with Kansas statutes, the Finance Department presents an overview of the annual budget for the next calendar (fiscal) year at a public budget hearing to adopt the new City budget.

The City Commission has conducted four work sessions on the proposed 2016 City Budget and 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program including presentations by a number of outside agencies that receive funding by the City and other entities that the City contracts with for services.

In accordance with Kansas budgeting laws, a public hearing on the proposed annual City budget must be held no sooner than 10 days after the City budget certificate has been published. Once this publication has occurred, the total published expenditures for each fund can be lowered—but not raised. The proposed 2016 City Budget was published on July 24, 2015, in The Manhattan Mercury. (Enclosure 1) Kansas budgeting laws also allow for current budgets to be amended provided that (1) any amendment does not affect levied property taxes and (2) that funds are available—other than property taxes—if an amended budget is increased. Also, published on July 24th was an amended 2015 budget for the City-University Fund. The amended budget was needed for the expenditures approved by the Commission on June 16, 2015, for the Denison Avenue Signal Corridor Project (ST1503). The additional fund balance has been budgeted as the beginning fund balance for the 2016 budget.

### DISCUSSION

As a result of the budget work session deliberations, the City Commission expressed agreement to publish a City Budget with no more than a 3 mill increase from the 2015 mill levy.

### General Fund Highlights

The proposed 2016 General Fund budget of \$29,826,773 reflects a 6% increase over 2015. The majority of this increase is the result of expenditures related to:

- Salary adjustments for City employees: includes a 2% step adjustment and a 1.5% cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA).
- Capital Improvement Program: this includes \$441,250 in equipment purchases, and \$268,500 for projects.

The other increases in the General Fund are related to contractual services and commodities. The contractual services category consists of expenditures such as software maintenance agreements, professional services, and telecommunication costs; and the commodities category consists of office and computer supplies, fuel, and maintenance supplies.

The mill levy increase for 2016 is 0.204 mills more than the 2015 mill levy rate, which supports the expenditures listed above.

### Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are those which by City ordinance or Kansas statutes must be maintained as separate expenditure funds and are divided into two categories: those which support City services, such as employee benefit funds as well as economic development, and are under the control of City Management; and, those which support other community services not under the direct control of City Management, such as the Riley County Police Department, the Manhattan Public Library, and the Aggieville and Downtown Benefit Improvement Districts.

In 2016, the total of all Special Revenue Funds will increase by \$2,166,389. This increase is in large part due to the Economic Development Fund, the Special Parks and Recreation Fund, and the Riley County Police Department Fund.

### Bond and Interest Fund

For 2016, the Bond and Interest Fund is proposed to have a property tax increase of approximately \$400,000. This increase will support the City's principal and interest payments on outstanding debt. The Bond and Interest Fund will continue to require a mill levy increase in future years, due to the conversion of temporary notes to General Obligation Bonds and a decrease of unrestricted cash balances utilized in 2014 and 2015.

### Enterprise Funds

Rate increases in the Water Fund have occurred annually since 2008 and are forecasted to increase again in 2016. Rate increases in the Wastewater Fund also have occurred annually since 2009 in order to meet the requirements of community-wide growth, complying with new federal mandates for nitrate phosphorus removal, and to ensure operational funding for the treatment plant expansion and other related projects. A 3% increase is forecasted for 2016 in all utility funds.

## New Lease Required If County To Get Emergency Service At City Fire Station

By Jon A. Brake

The Riley County Commission and the City of Manhattan have been talking about the County building a new Ambulance Building.

Before anything can be built the City and Kansas State University will need to extend their lease.

In 1984 the University agreed to lease land to the City at Denison and Kimball. In return the City would provide fire protection to the University. The term of the Lease Agreement between Kansas State University and the City of Manhattan is from July 1, 1984 to June 30, 2034.

City Manager Ron Fehr told the Free Press Wednesday that after talking to the County Commission he took the subject to Kansas State because he did not want the County to



The City of Manhattan Fire Station at Denison and Kimball.

build on land that the University could take back in 20-years.

Fehr said that no agreement has been reached at this time

but the University was not against the County putting up a building in the future.

He also said the University may want to take back part of

the land to the north and east of the Fire Station when the leases up but the Fire Station could stay.

## Kansas regulators disagree on increasing KCP&L's rates

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas regulators couldn't agree Tuesday on how much to increase Kansas City Power & Light Co.'s annual rates, with the utility's charges for customers with electric heating systems emerging as a key issue.

State law gives the rate-setting Kansas Corporation Commission until Sept. 10 to issue a written order on KCP&L's proposal to raise \$67 million more annually from its

247,000 customers in the state's northeast corner. The utility estimated its request would boost rates by 12.5 percent, or \$11.67 a month for an average residential customer.

KCP&L and other parties, including the Citizens' Utility Ratepayers Board, have agreed on many issues, likely scaling back the utility's proposed increase. But during a public discussion Tuesday, the three KCC members each had different figures for how much profit

they believe the company should be allowed to earn as a regulated utility.

The company contends it needs additional revenues to cover the costs of upgrades at the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant and the coal-fired LaCygne power plant, both in eastern Kansas. It sought to boost its annual profit to 10.3 percent from 9.5 percent; CURB, a state agency representing residential customers and small businesses, proposed

8.55 percent. Parties in the case do not agree on a figure.

Commissioner Pat Apple said he supports the lowest figure if the KCC won't drop rates charged in fall and winter to customers with electric heating. A decade ago, KCP&L discounted its energy charge by as much as 51 percent to encourage the use of electric heat, but in recent years, the commission has reduced the discounts to as little as 10 percent.

## Assistant Director and Zoo Curator Announced at Manhattan's Sunset Zoo

Manhattan, KS, August 6, 2015 – Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, KS is pleased to announce two recent staff promotions, Ella Casey to Assistant Zoo Director and Kirk Nemechek to Zoo Curator of Animal Care.

Ella Casey, Assistant Zoo Director

Ella Casey now serves as the Assistant Zoo Director after working the last four years as the Zoo's Marketing/Development Officer. In this new capacity, Casey will continue to oversee the Zoo's marketing and development efforts, while taking a more significant role in the institution's daily operations.

"This promotion speaks not only to Ella's tremendous contributions but also to our efforts to strive for excellence," said Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director. "In this new position, Ella will be integral as we pursue a major renovation of our Asian Trail, a new master plan, and our continued work to meet modern Zoological practices."

Casey's Zoo career began in high school where she worked in Sunset's concession stand and then went on to serve as a marketing intern in college. After graduating from Kansas State University with a degree



Ella Casey

in Business Administration/Marketing and a minor in Leadership Studies, Casey served as the Director of the Kansas Mentors program and as a Development Officer for the KSU Foundation. Casey returned to Sunset in 2011. In addition to public service, Casey has a passion for building the state's capacity to exercise leadership. She is alum of the Wichita-based Kansas Leadership Center and instructs an evening course at K-State's Staley School of Leadership Studies.

"I love Manhattan. I love Sunset Zoo. And to be able to work for a place that has such a profound impact on our community's quality of life is truly



Kirk Nemechek

a gift for me," said Casey.

Kirk Nemechek, Zoo Curator of Animal Care

Kirk Nemechek is now serving as Zoo Curator of Animal Care, previously serving as Sunset's Head Keeper. In this new role, Nemechek will oversee the Zoo's animal care operations including managing a team of 10 keeper staff and overseeing the care of 200+ animal residents.

"Kirk brings a wealth of knowledge to this position with over 20 years experience in the Zoo profession," said Shoemaker. "In his time at Sunset, he has shown time and time again an exceptional work

ethic combined with a genuine passion for the well being of the people and animals around him."

For over 12 years, Nemechek served as the General Curator at Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina, KS, helping to develop and build the sixty-five acre park from the ground up. In this role, Nemechek oversaw the design, construction and maintenance of animal exhibits; acquisition and care of the animal collection; and the development of the policies and staff to create a successful animal management team. After leaving Rolling Hills, Nemechek also served as Director of Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo in Tupelo, MS and Zoo Director of Wisconsin ARKS in Colfax, WI before returning to Kansas in 2011 to serve as Sunset's Head Keeper for the past four-and-a-half years. Nemechek has also served in the United States Marine Corps and is a native Kansan, hailing from Abilene.

"The growth at Sunset Zoo is exciting as we tackle the renovation of the tiger and sloth bear exhibits, as well as the master plan," said Nemechek. "I'm looking forward to the future."

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# Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

**Editor's Note: (What the Riley County Clerk and the Riley County Commissioners are doing with the Commission Minutes is Deceiving.**

**Look at the Minutes taken by County Clerk Rich Vargo, the County is paying \$700 per month to produce nothing but filler and last year it did not cost extra to write a complete history of the meeting.)**

**Riley County Commission Meeting August 3, 2015 8:30 AM Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Public Comments

2. Commission Comments

Business Meeting

3. Sign Legal Request Letter for Sink, Gordon & Associates

Holtman presented the legal request letter for Sink, Gordon & Associates.

Move to sign a Legal Request Letter for Sink, Gordon & Associates.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

4. Review and sign Appraiser's Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement and Contractual Provisions for G & A Real Estate Inc.

Move to approve Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement and Contractual Provisions Attachment for G & A Real Estate, Inc.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

5. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jul 30, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda

6. Tentative Agenda Press Conference Topics

7. Discuss Press Conference Jason Hilgers-Update on Wildcat Creek Resiliency Grant Project

9:00 AM Craig Cox, Assistant Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

8. Administrative Work Session

9. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Cox discussed the RIM real estate foreclosure case tax sale.

Boyd asked for all cost associated with the sale be charged back to the buyer.

Cox stated the cost would be charged to the taxpayer.

Cox discussed Planning and Development zoning cases.

9:20 AM Break

9:30 AM Press Conference

10. RCPD update - Captain Josh Kyle (3-5 minutes)

Kyle reported RCPD and KSU Police will work together on traffic flow on the two busiest days when students move in to campus housing.

Kyle discussed calls for service reports out in the County.

11. Downtown Manhattan update - Gina Scroggs (5 minutes)

Scroggs presented a Downtown Manhattan update.

12. Fair and Livestock auction update - Jennifer Wilson (5-7 minutes)

Wilson reported the results, which were available at this point for the Livestock Sale.

Frasier reported the Kaw Valley Rodeo was a success with no major injuries. Frasier stated the attendance was at 5,400 people.

13. National Disaster Resiliency Grant Competition Meeting - Ron Wells (3 minutes)

Wells reported the National Disaster Resiliency Grant Competition meeting, regarding the Wildcat Creek flooding mitigation, will be at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 5th at City Hall.

10:00 AM Johnette Shepek, Budget & Finance Officer

14. 2016 Indigent

Attorney Panel Agreement - Wages

Shepek presented the 2016 Indigent Attorney Panel Agreement.

Boyd said he would support a 1.5% cost of living increase.

Move to leave the 2016 General Services Department line item for the Indigent Attorney budget at \$370,000 and approve a 1.5% cost of living adjustment to the Indigent Attorney's monthly contracted salary to \$4,780.68 for the Administrative Attorney and \$4,451.33 for the remaining five Panel Attorneys.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:15 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

15. University Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project Update

Johnson said the purpose of today's meeting is to authorize the advertisement of the University Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Johnson presented a review of the project.

Move to approve the Public Works Department to advertise for bid the University Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

16. Nelson's Landing Sewer Main

Hobson discussed the sewer line, which runs adjacent to Nelson's Landing. Hobson said the sewer line is not in a City or County sewer benefit district.

Wells expressed concern about spending money on the remediation and the County being repaid the cost. Wells suggested contacting the property owners to discuss the situation.

Boyd said we should make contact with these residents and begin the forming of a benefit district.

Hobson stated we need to clarify the ownership of the sewer lines. Hobson said we may also address the need to connect to Rural Water.

Move to authorize staff to proceed with the formation of a

sewer benefit district for the Nelson's Landing Subdivision.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:45 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

17. Discussion Concerning the Proposed Master Plan for Hartford Hill

Wedel presented the discussion concerning the proposed master plan for the Hartford Hill Development. Wedel said there will be significant road improvements to Marlatt Avenue in the future once a connection is made to Marlatt Avenue from the Development. Wedel said the City staff is agreeable to discussing a plan for the future improvements.

Wilson asked for an estimate on the cost to improve Marlatt Avenue.

Hobson said generally it cost \$1 million a mile. Hobson said geometrically this road may cost \$2 million for the one mile improvements to Marlatt Avenue.

Hancock said they have been working on this master plan for over a year. Hancock stated the benefits would include helping the flood impact on Wildcat Creek due to detention ponds being built and the possibility of 800 houses being built in Riley County in the future.

Burton stated it would be a minimum of over \$1.2 million annually to Riley County. Burton said the entire area is also in USD 378 and would benefit the school district.

The Board agreed to proceed

on working with the City of Manhattan on the proposed development.

1:15 PM Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

1:15 PM Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Move that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:32 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

1:32 PM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken

during the executive session.

1:32 PM Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Move that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:50 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

1:52 PM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:54 PM Adjournment

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## The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 2, 2016



Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells (left) and Riley County Commissioner Bob Boyd will be up for re-election on November 2, 2016. Both voted to take the vote away from the citizens of Riley County when they passed a Riley County Building Commission.

By appointing themselves as the Building Commission they could approve 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 without a vote. Before you talk to a Commissioner go to [manhattanfreepress.com](http://manhattanfreepress.com) August 1, 2013 issue and read where Cities and Counties can use "Home Rule" to get around a vote of the people.

## Wichita State dean apologizes for late notice of higher fees

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The dean of Wichita State University's College of Engineering has apologized to students for failing to warn them earlier about new fee increases.

Royce Bowden emailed 3,000 students from his college this week, saying, "I apologize that more information was not communicated sooner" about the higher fees, The Wichita Eagle reported (<http://bit.ly/1EdFC0d>).

The expanded fee charges

both engineering and health professions students \$50 per credit hour for every class they take at Wichita State. They had been paying the \$50-per-credit-hour fee only for courses they take for their major.

"We realize the program fee of \$50 per credit hour for all courses taken at Wichita State will increase the amount you pay to obtain a degree from the College of Engineering," Bowden wrote. "Our top priority for the new funds is to hire additional faculty into the

College of Engineering."

About 75 engineering students have called student leaders expressing shock at bills that, in some cases, added more than \$1,000 to the student costs.

Taben Azad, an engineering student who represents the college's students in the Wichita State student senate, said, by contrast, Sandra Bibb, dean of health professions, which raised and expanded program fees, sent a letter to her students July 8 informing them of the increases.

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# Secret sanctions revealed against Kansas State University \$1.25 billion biolab

**By Alison Young, USA TODAY Special To The Manhattan Free Press**

Kansas State University — where a controversial \$1.25 billion biosecurity lab facility is under construction — secretly faced federal sanctions last year after repeatedly violating safety regulations during its research with bioterror pathogens, records obtained by USA TODAY show.

Kansas State’s “history of non-compliance” during four consecutive inspections over two years shows a “systemic problem” and has “raised serious concerns” about the university’s ability to put safeguards in place to ensure safety and containment of dangerous pathogens, according to a March 2014 letter to the university from federal lab regulators.

University officials said Tuesday they were surprised by the letter’s harsh tone and language because nearly all of the violations involved administrative paperwork issues that posed no safety or security threat. Yet in the letter, regulators threatened to suspend or revoke the university’s permits to do research with bioterror pathogens if it didn’t agree to enter a federal performance improvement program.

The regulatory action against Kansas State is of particular importance because the university’s campus in Manhattan is the site of the federal government’s new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), which held a groundbreaking ceremony in May. Construction of the 570,000-square-foot facility has faced years of delays and controversy because of concerns about whether research on some of the world’s most dangerous agricultural diseases can be done safely in farm country and near herds of livestock.

Although the NBAF will be an independently run Department of Homeland Security facility when it opens around 2022, the university has publicized on its website that Kansas State’s labs already are being used to “jump-start” research that “will eventually transition” to the new federal facility. Transition research underway includes studies of Rift Valley fever, a mosquito-borne disease that can cause abortions in livestock and fatal infections in people; Japanese encephalitis, another mosquito-borne disease that can cause reproductive problems in pigs and serious and sometimes fatal brain infections in people; and Classical swine fever, a potentially deadly pig disease.

“If I read that letter, I would think it sounds horrible, too,” said Julie Johnson, biosecurity officer of the university’s Biosecurity Research Institute, about the March 2014 enforcement letter. She said the university has a strong record of safety and the letter is primarily a reflection of the rigorous oversight provided by federal officials.

Lab regulators at the Federal Select Agent Program did not grant interviews or answer specific questions posed since Friday afternoon about Kansas State’s regulatory history. The university has completed its performance improvement plan, and inspectors “will continue to ensure they are able to demonstrate longterm compliance before lengthening their registration period,” said a general statement issued Tuesday evening by regulators from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which jointly runs the program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Johnson said the violations have been corrected and the university was released from the federal performance improvement program in April. Select agent is the government’s term for a list of 65 viruses, bacteria and toxins that could be used as bioweapons or that pose severe threats to health or agriculture.

Officials at the Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday that any regulatory issues at Kansas State’s labs have no impact on the work that will be done at the new federal facility. “It doesn’t reflect on the NBAF. It’s a totally separate entity,” said

James Johnson, executive director of the NBAF program. The federal lab, once built, will have its own accreditation process and federal permits for doing research.

Leaders of some cattle industry groups said the violation letter fuels their concerns about building the massive federal lab in America’s farm country where a release of an animal pathogen could spread to nearby livestock herds.

“The fact that they are not currently capable of meeting necessary safety standards reinforces our concern that there will likely be an inadvertent release of one of these dangerous pathogens from that site,” said Bill Bullard, CEO of R-CALF USA, a trade association for cattle producers. “This entire proposal is irresponsible and reckless, particularly given that we have a safe location where this research has been conducted since the 1950s.”

The NBAF is being built to replace the federal government’s aging Plum Island Animal Disease Center, which is located off the coast of New York’s Long Island and is the only lab in the country allowed to work with live foot-and-mouth disease virus — which is highly contagious and considered one of the most economically devastating livestock diseases in the world.

When NBAF opens in about seven years, foot-and-mouth disease research will move from the island location to the Kansas facility. Foot-and-mouth research will occur only in the federal facility, not in the university’s labs, according to information on Kansas State’s website.

After a series of high-profile accidents at federal labs, an ongoing USA TODAY Media Network investigation has uncovered hundreds of incidents at public and private research facilities across the country and revealed how the secrecy that surrounds the oversight of biological and select agent research shields failures by labs and regulators from public scrutiny.

Federal regulators have refused USA TODAY’s repeated requests for the names of more than 100 research facilities that have faced enforcement actions since 2003. They have cited secrecy provisions in a bioterrorism law as justification for redacting lab names from enforcement letters they released to the newspaper under the federal Freedom of Information Act. USA TODAY, through its reporting, has obtained names of sanctioned labs such as Kansas State University.

In the March 2014 letter to Kansas State, federal lab regulators wrote that “it is our determination that the failure of the KSU select agent program to comply with the select agent and toxin regulations continues to be a systemic problem unrelated to any one particular Principal Investigator, location, or project.”

A chart in the letter illustrates how the university failed to comply with nine of 10 types of safety and security requirements on each of its four previous inspections since January 2012, including biosafety and containment practices, incident response and security plan requirements and training of staff.

“Why can you fail nine of 10 inspection points and still be operating?” asked Tyler Dupy, executive director of the Kansas Cattlemen’s Association. “There’s a need for the research, but can we trust that the safeguards are in place to keep this stuff in place? One little mistake and it’s all over.”

The letter said issues at the university’s labs included:

Failing repeatedly to develop written biosafety plans commensurate with the risk of its registered select agent pathogens.

Repeatedly failing to have safeguards sufficient to ensure biosafety and biocontainment of select agent pathogens.

Continuously failing to provide appropriate training and ensure personnel understood the training provided and failing to document the training claimed to have been performed.

Repeatedly failing to imple-

ment the requirements of the university’s security plan to ensure select agents are protected against unauthorized access, theft, loss or release.

The records show that KSU was cited for the same types of failings in January 2012, August 2012, February 2013 and December 2013.

The issues behind the violations, to hear Kansas State officials describe them, involve administrative minutia.

For example, Johnson said inspectors took issue with the university’s incident response plan saying only that a top official would be notified of an incident but not specifying how it would be done. The violation was corrected by adding words to specify that the official would be notified by phone, fax or e-mail, she said.

Violations related to failing to ensure staff understood training involved another kind of documentation issue, she said. The university kept copies of quizzes given to staff after training sessions and attached them to a dated sign-in sheet. The inspectors didn’t consider the documentation adequate because each quiz wasn’t individually dated, she said.

The university says these kinds of bureaucratic issues are typical of nearly all the violations that precipitated the March 2014 enforcement letter.

The only issue that wasn’t administrative, the university says, involves a 2012 citation for select agent research done in an unregistered area. Johnson said research on a rice plant pathogen was conducted in a space where it had been worked with long before the pathogen was added by federal officials to their list of select agents. The university said it immediately ceased the work and has since required all select agent work occur only in their Biosecurity Research Institute.

USA TODAY asked Kansas State for copies of its select agent inspection reports. University officials said they would consider the request but noted that the reports and the university’s response letters are voluminous and would need to be redacted for security issues, which might take some time.

The March 2014 enforcement letter gives no indication that the violations involve minutia.

“Since 2011, KSU has expanded its select agent research program with the addition of new registered areas, select agents and work objectives, but KSU repeatedly failed to develop and implement plans to address this expanded scope of work,” said the letter, which is jointly signed by officials from the USDA and CDC.

Though regulators noted the university’s researchers were cooperative and eager to comply, they “had not been provided adequate guidance from KSU leadership to enable them to do so.”

The CDC, in a statement, referred questions about Kansas State to the USDA, which it said is the lead agency that inspects the university’s labs. The USDA did not grant interviews or provide any response to USA TODAY’s questions submitted last Friday about its oversight of the university’s labs and why it took failures on four consecutive inspections before enforcement action was taken. The USDA also didn’t respond to Kansas State’s characterization of the violations as primarily involving administrative issues.

Kansas State University was part of a coalition of Kansas state leaders that campaigned for the NBAF to be located on their campus. U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a key ally of the project, said the federal lab will create as many as 500 high-paying federal jobs and bring additional research jobs to the state. Over a 20-year-period, he said, the facility is estimated to have a \$3.5 billion impact on the Kansas economy.

As part of the Kansas bid for the federal lab, Kansas State University offered the use of its biosafety level 3 labs at its Biosecurity Research Institute until the adjacent NBAF was completed. Roberts helped secure state funding for the university’s lab in 2002, according to his news releases. The uni-

versity named the lab’s building “Pat Roberts Hall.”

Roberts did not respond to interview requests about the university’s inspection history.

The NBAF has been dogged by years of controversy and questions about whether the Department of Homeland Security downplayed the risks of putting the massive research facility in the center of the country’s agricultural heartland.

The potential risks posed by the NBAF — which will for the first time in decades bring foot-and-mouth disease virus research to the U.S. mainland — have been the subject of much study and controversy.

In 2012, the Department of Homeland Security estimated the risk of a foot-and-mouth disease release is tiny — less than 0.11% over 50 years. Independent scientific experts convened by the National Research Council concluded in 2010 that the risk was as high as 70% over 50 years, and in 2012, they said the DHS was not adequately assessing the risks based on “overly optimistic” assessments of the potential for human error.

In its 2010 report, the National Research Council expert panel said the economic impact of a lab release of foot-and-mouth virus from the NBAF could be as much as \$50 billion. Because of the risks posed by human error, the experts said staff at the new facility will need “adequate ongoing training, education, and evaluation of skills. Furthermore, there will need to be zero tolerance of deviations from biosafety standards and practices recommended by the CDC and USDA.”

Documents obtained by USA TODAY show the CDC and USDA have in the transition period allowed Kansas State’s select agent researchers to have what the letter says are serious violations on inspection after inspection, including with training and biosafety — threatening to put the university on a performance improvement plan only after problems

on four consecutive inspections.

Last month, the CDC launched a comprehensive review of how it regulates safety and security at select agent labs in the wake of USA TODAY’s investigation, which revealed the agency’s inspectors allowed labs to keep experimenting with bioterror pathogens despite failing marks on inspections for years. USDA officials have not responded to USA TODAY’s questions since July 20 about whether that agency is conducting a similar self-review of its oversight performance.

Bipartisan members of Congress have expressed concerns about whether the oversight of labs is adequate. In the wake of questions asked by USA TODAY, committees in the House and Senate have told the Federal Select Agent Program they want the names of labs that have faced enforcement actions.

The CDC has provided the

information requested by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, said Melinda Schnell, a spokesperson for committee chairman Ron Johnson, R-Wis. The committee is not publicly releasing the information at this time, she said.

“We will continue to do oversight of the program and are very concerned about the repeated failures on the part of Kansas State to safely manage its Select Agent research program,” Schnell said in an email.

Officials with the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which also has requested information about labs that have faced enforcement action, were not available for comment Tuesday.

Read full coverage of USA TODAY’s ongoing investigation of lab safety and security issues: [biolabs.usatoday.com](http://biolabs.usatoday.com)

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## Clinton records: Judge sets schedule for release to AP

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Impatient with years of delays, a federal judge on Friday gave the State Department some tight deadlines to provide The Associated Press with thousands of pages of documents related to Hillary Rodham Clinton — a timetable that means many of the files should be released well before the U.S. presidential primary elections.

Friday's order came one week after U.S. District Judge Richard Leon chastised the department for its slowness in satisfying years-old records requests, including for Clinton's schedules and calendars.

The AP sued in March after the department failed to turn over files requested under the Freedom of Information Act, including one request made more than five years ago.

Since then, the State Department has said it struggled to meet the AP's demand on time because of limited staff resources and thousands of other pending requests. But at a hearing last month, Leon appeared troubled that the document requests had gone unsatisfied and said at least part of what the AP wanted could be processed with ease by "the least ambitious bureaucrat."

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the department was aware of the judge's order but wouldn't comment further on a pending lawsuit.

It was not immediately clear whether the State Department will comply with the judge's order or ask an appeals court to give it more time, though the judge said the agency must alert him if it feels that it cannot meet any part of the deadline.

"We are very pleased Judge Leon set a tight production schedule for review and release of these public documents," AP's general counsel Karen Kaiser said in a statement. "We remain committed to the goal of getting this important infor-

mation released to the public as quickly as possible."

Under the new schedule, the State Department will have 30 days to produce roughly 68 pages of documents related to Clinton's former top aide, Huma Abedin. The State Department last week in writing asked Abedin's lawyers to preserve and return to the government any federal records that Abedin might have in her possession.

Within 90 days, the judge said, the department must turn over nearly 5,000 pages of calendars and schedules from Clinton's four years as secretary of state.

In addition, the State Department will have eight months to produce 13,387 pages of materials concerning its oversight of military contractor BAE Systems during the years Clinton served as secretary of state.

The British firm settled with the Justice Department in February 2010 to end a long-running investigation into its overseas contracts and later agreed to pay a \$79 million fine to the State Department and submit to auditing and oversight. So far, after more than two years, the State Department had turned over seven pages to the AP on the subject.

The AP submitted its FOIA request targeting records from Clinton and a number of her top aides in July 2013. The State Department denied fast processing of the request and later missed a promised target date for completing its searches.

The scheduling order does not include the 55,000 pages of Clinton emails that the State Department is already in the process of releasing in a separate case. It also does not take into account documents contained in 20 boxes that were recently given to the State Department by Philippe Reines, a former Clinton senior adviser.

## At the VA, Obama has his own 'mission-accomplished' fiasco

Watchdog... Six months after Barack Obama toured the notorious Phoenix VA hospital declaring that "some progress" has been made, a congresswoman wants to know why a whistleblower remains suspended from his job for revealing that suicidal veterans were turned away from the facility.

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, wrote letters to the

Veterans Affairs secretary and the president's Office of Special Counsel on Monday calling for the firing of anyone who retaliated against the whistleblower, which is a crime.

Counselor and retired Marine Brandon Coleman was suspended in January after hospital director Glen Grippen called a supervisory meeting

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and said he "wanted to discuss what he could do about Coleman's actions and asked if it were possible to remove Coleman from employment," according to a sworn affidavit by Laurie Butler, the hospital's human resources manager.

"At the least, Grippen wanted to know if he could put Coleman on Administrative Absence," Butler wrote. When another manager stated that the Coleman couldn't be suspended because of whistleblower protection but could be

removed for unrelated activity, someone piped up with a dispute Coleman had with another employee.

"I thought this sounded like a 'he said - he said' situation that would need further investigation," Butler declared. She said she had to take time off work and when she returned, Coleman had been suspended.

By the time Coleman first spoke up in January, the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System was already at the center of a

firestorm. Last summer, a scheduling clerk told the media that VA staff kept a secret waiting list existed where dozens of patients died awaiting care.

Immediately after that, VA social worker Shea Wilkes in Shreveport claimed that a similar list existed there with 37 dead patients.

Wilkes was criminally investigated by the VA's Inspector General, but cleared of wrongdoing after the Office of Special Counsel intervened. He was never suspended but was

demoted.

Then on Jan. 12 Coleman told a TV reporter that suicidal veterans were discharged from the Phoenix VA emergency room when the protocol is to admit them for observation. The reason was because the hospital wasn't fully staffed with social workers to help the patients. On some occasions only a single volunteer without any counseling experience was on duty. Coleman feared the veterans were leaving and committing suicide.



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## Kansas State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
Sat. Sep 5	South Dakota	Manhattan	6:00
Sat. Sep 12, 2015	Texas San Antonio	San Antonio	11:00 AM
Sat. Sep 19, 2015	Louisiana Tech	Manhattan	2:00 PM
Sat. Oct 3, 2015	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, OK	
Sat. Oct 10, 2015	TCU Horned Frogs	Manhattan	
Sat. Oct 17, 2015	Oklahoma Sooners	Manhattan	
Sat. Oct 24, 2015	Texas Longhorns	Austin, TX	
Thur. Nov 5, 2015	Baylor Bears	Manhattan	6:30 PM
Sat. Nov 14, 2015	Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	
Sat. Nov 21, 2015	Iowa State Cyclones	Manhattan	
Sat. Nov 28, 2015	Kansas Jayhawks	Lawrence, KS	

## Kansas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
9/5/2015	South Dakota State	Lawrence, Kan.	11 a.m.
9/12/2015	Memphis (Band Day)	Lawrence, Kan.	6 p.m.
9/26/2015	Rutgers	Piscataway, NJ	TBA
10/3/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	TBA
10/10/2015	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/17/2015	Texas Tech	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/24/2015	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA
10/31/2015	Oklahoma (Homecoming)	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
11/7/2015	Texas	Austin, Texas	TBA
11/14/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
11/21/2015	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
11/28/2015	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA

## Baylor Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Result
09/04/15	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	6:00 p.m. CT	
09/12/15	vs. Lamar	Waco, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	
09/26/15	vs. Rice	Waco, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT	
10/03/15	vs. Texas Tech *	Arlington, Texas	TBA	
10/10/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	
10/17/15	vs. West Virginia *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
10/24/15	vs. Iowa State *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
11/05/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	6:30 p.m. CT	
11/14/15	vs. Oklahoma *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
11/21/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	
11/27/15	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	
12/05/15	vs. Texas *	Waco, Texas	TBA	

## Iowa State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Result
Sat, Sep 05	Northern Iowa	Ames, Iowa	7:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
Sat, Sep 12	Iowa	Ames, Iowa	3:30 p.m.	Fox
Sat, Sep 19	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	7:00 p.m.	ESPNNEWS
Sat, Oct 03	Kansas *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Oct 10	Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Oct 17	TCU *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Oct 24	Baylor *	Waco, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Oct 31	Texas *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Nov 07	Oklahoma *	Norman, Oklahoma	TBA	
Sat, Nov 14	Oklahoma State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Nov 21	Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kansas	TBA	
Sat, Nov 28	West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA	

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## Oklahoma Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CT)	Results	Media
Sat, Sep 05	Akron	Norman	6:00 p.m.	PPV	
Sat, Sep 12	Tennessee	at Knoxville, Tenn.	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	
Sat, Sep 19	Tulsa	Norman	11:00 a.m.	FS1	
Sat, Oct 03	West Virginia *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Oct 10	Texas *	at Dallas, Texas	TBA		
Sat, Oct 17	Kansas State *	at Manhattan, Kan.	TBA		
Sat, Oct 24	Texas Tech *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Oct 31	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	TBA		
Sat, Nov 07	Iowa State *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 14	Baylor *	at Waco, Texas	TBA		
Sat, Nov 21	TCU *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 28	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	TBA		

## Oklahoma State Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME	RECORD/TICKETS
Thu, Sept3	@ Cent Michigan	7:00 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 12	vs Cent Arkansas	7:30 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 19	vs UTSA	3:30 PM ET	
Sat, Sept 26	@ Texas	TBD	
Sat, Oct 3	vs Kansas State	TBD	
Sat, Oct 10	@ West Virginia	TBD	
Sat, Oct 24	vs Kansas	TBD	
Sat, Oct 31	@ Texas Tech	TBD	
Sat, Nov 7	vs TCU	TBD	
Sat, Nov 14	@ Iowa State	TBD	
Sat, Nov 21	vs Baylor	TBD	
Sat, Nov 28	vs Oklahoma	TBD	

## TCU Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/03/15	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	8:00 p.m. CT
09/12/15	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Fort Worth, Texas	2:30 p.m. CT
09/19/15	vs. SMU	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
09/26/15	at Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/03/15	vs. Texas (Homecoming) *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
10/10/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
10/17/15	at Iowa State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA
10/29/15	vs. West Virginia *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT
11/07/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA
11/14/15	vs. Kansas *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
11/21/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA
11/27/15	vs. Baylor *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT

## Texas Tech Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/05/15	vs. Sam Houston State	Lubbock, Texas	2:30 p.m. CT
09/12/15	vs. UTEP	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT
09/19/15	at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	6:00 p.m. CT
09/26/15	vs. TCU *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/03/15	vs. Baylor *	Arlington, Texas	TBA
10/10/15	vs. Iowa State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/17/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/24/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA
10/31/15	vs. Oklahoma State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/07/15	at West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA
11/14/15	vs. Kansas State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
11/26/15	at Texas *	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT

## Texas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
9/5/2015	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	6:30 p.m.
9/12/2015	Rice	Austin, Texas	7 p.m.
9/19/2015	California	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.
9/26/2015	Oklahoma State	Austin, Texas	TBA
10/3/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
10/10/2015	Oklahoma	Dallas, Texas	TBA
10/24/2015	K-State	Austin, Texas	TBA
10/31/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	TBA
11/7/2015	Kansas	Austin, Texas	TBA
11/14/2015	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	TBA
11/26/2015	Texas Tech	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.
12/5/2015	Baylor	Waco, Texas	TBA

## West Virginia Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
Sep 05, 2015	Georgia Southern	ROOT Sports	7:30 PM
Sep 12, 2015	Liberty	ROOT Sports	3:00 PM
Sep 26, 2015	Maryland		TBA
Oct 03, 2015	at Oklahoma*		TBA
Oct 10, 2015	Oklahoma State* (Homecoming)		TBA
Oct 17, 2015	at Baylor*		TBA
Oct 29, 2015	at TCU*		7:30 PM
Nov 07, 2015	Texas Tech* (Mountaineer Week)		TBA
Nov 14, 2015	Texas*		TBA
Nov 21, 2015	at Kansas*		TBA
Nov 28, 2015	Iowa State*		TBA
Dec 05, 2015	at Kansas State*		TBA

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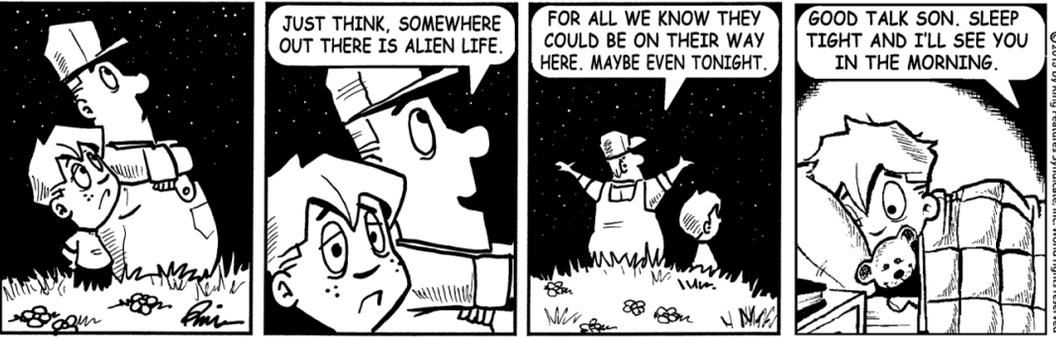
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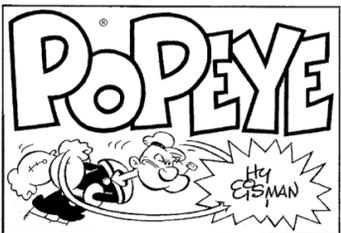
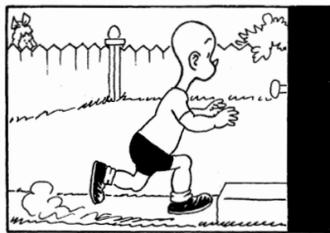
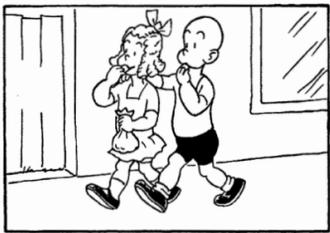
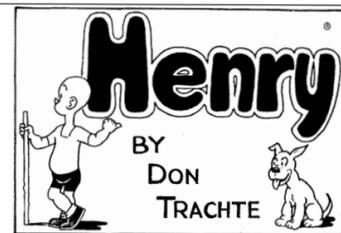
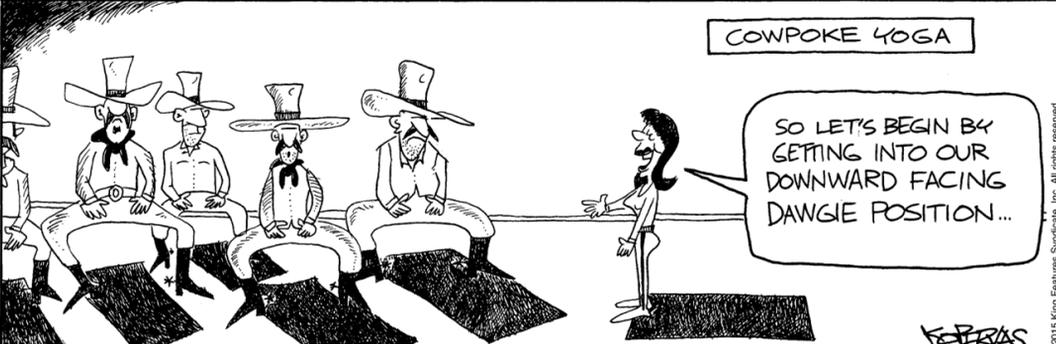
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## Catholic foundation raises \$500K for students

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas foundation has raised more than a half a million dollars under a new program that seeks to pay for low income children in northeast Kansas to attend private schools.

The state Legislature last spring created a tax credit for corporations, which took effect this year. The program allows businesses to donate money for low-income children to attend private schools.

Kan.-based foundation, says 65 to 70 children will receive scholarships to switch to the Archdiocese's schools this year. Most of the children are elementary or middle-school-aged, living primarily in Wyandotte County, Topeka, Ottawa and Leavenworth.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1PgAo3>) Patrick Woods, president of the Topeka Board of Education, says Kansas instead should give public schools more resources to help struggling children.

The Catholic Education Foundation, a Kansas City,

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Campus mil. program
  - 5 Steiner or Stiller
  - 8 Carpet style
  - 12 Vicinity
  - 13 George's brother
  - 14 Mimicking bird
  - 15 Tide type
  - 16 Cookie holder
  - 17 Leave out
  - 18 Singer Fats
  - 20 Snatch
  - 22 Orange-flowered impatiens
  - 26 Shade
  - 29 Meadow
  - 30 Biblical verb suffix
  - 31 Hebrew month
  - 32 Carton
  - 33 Destiny
  - 34 Veto
  - 35 Piglet's mama
  - 36 Metallic mixture
- DOWN**
- 1 McNally's partner
  - 2 Sandwich treat
  - 3 Squad
  - 4 Domed landmark
  - 5 Delicate ornament
  - 6 Historic time
  - 7 Access to a nave
  - 8 Fire sign?
  - 9 Wedding-related
  - 10 Blackbird
  - 11 "Roscoe"
  - 19 Neither partner
  - 21 "I — Camera"
  - 23 Emmett Kelly, for one
  - 24 "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - 25 Yon folks
  - 26 Minimal change
  - 27 Hodgedodge
  - 28 Nonessential comforts
  - 32 Bragged
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# Home Sweet Home at the Vanier Family Football Complex



Kansas State's new Vanier Family Football Complex. (Photo by Ben Brake)

## By Kelly McHugh-Stewart KSU Sports Information

Before kicking off fall camp last week, K-State football had the opportunity to check out its new home for the first time.

"It's incredible," said sophomore place kicker Matthew McCrane of the brand new, state-of-the-art Vanier Family Football Complex. "I came in at a perfect time. I got to see the old complex and I get to see the new, so I have a great appreciation for everything. It's a great facility. It really is truly incredible."

The Vanier Family Football Complex, a 132,000 square-foot building completed in just seven months by the construction management team of Mortenson & GE Johnson Construction and in conjunction with sports design firm Populous, is fully equipped with everything the football players need and more.

From a world-class strength and conditioning center featuring a ramp for plyometric workouts to the Gatorade fuel station to a top-notch sports medicine facility complete with two hydroworks underwater treadmills, there is nothing K-State Athletics left out.

There is even a barber's room with, of course, a purple barber chair to keep the team looking fresh.

"We have a barber shop now! I think that's one of my favorite features," said sopho-

more linebacker Elijah Lee with a smile. "But our locker room is unbelievable, and also, the theater room is very cool. I've never been a part of a football program that has an actual theater room."

Added fellow linebacker Will Davis, "The locker room is one of my favorite things. That's where we spend most of our time if we're not out here (on the field), and that locker room is top notch. Also, as much as I hate getting in the ice tubs, the new recovery pool is awesome. We can get almost the entire team in there at one time. It's really cool."

The new recovery pool is located next to the tunnel. It overlooks the field, so it's the team's first stop after a hot day at practice.

"It's cool to have the cold tubs and the waterfall pool when we walk into the complex," said wide receivers coach and former Wildcat Andre Coleman. "Then you go through the purple maze and to the locker room. It is just unbelievable. It's pretty special. When you think about this whole facility from the performance table to the locker room to the weight room, it's phenomenal and it's an honor to be a part of it."

Coleman played football at K-State from 1990-93. He's seen a lot of change within the program and, like his former teammates, is proud of what his

alma mater has become.

"We take a lot of pride in it," said Coleman about how the program has grown and expanded. "We remember where the program was. When I got here, K-State was 1-10, and then the program got better every year. My senior year we won nine games, then 10 games the year after that, and that tradition hasn't changed. So to see where this place was when I got here and where it is now, to be a part of that, it's amazing."

Like Coleman, K-State defensive ends coach Blake Seiler is also a former Wildcat. Seiler played at K-State from 2004-06 and is thrilled to see just how far the program has come since then.

"To see where it's come from and to have a first-class facility like this to put us on the map with the people we're competing against, it's outstanding. It will really help us recruit," Seiler said. And as for his favorite feature of the building, he was quick to respond, "The tunnel when the team walks out, that's pretty cool. They have Coach Snyder's 16 Goals on the pillars, and 'FAMILY' is written above the door. It's decorated really nice and is very special."

The team is, of course, taking nothing for granted.

"There are names everywhere," said McCrane. "You can see all the names of the people who contributed to

make this building possible. It's because of all these families donating money and because of our athletic director pushing all these amazing things – the basketball complex, the rowing building, this stadium – and it's just outstanding; it's amazing."

Truly a team effort, the Vanier Family Football Complex was funded completely through the philanthropic support of K-Staters all over the world.

"This building is amazing," said senior defensive tackle Travis Britz. "Earlier I was looking at all the lockers and looking at all the donors names who made it possible. To me, that's the cool thing about this place: everywhere you look there's someone's family's name on it. You've got the Vanier family and Carl and Mary Ice, you've got all these people who are here to help us. It's truly amazing."

With the new building now operational on a daily basis as the football staff begins preparations for the season, public tours and visits will not be permitted. Information regarding an open house will be announced following the completion of the football season. In the meantime, fans should stay tuned for more video and photo coverage in the weeks ahead.

K-State opens its 120th season of football on Saturday, September 5, by hosting South Dakota. The game, which is slated for a 6:10 p.m., kickoff, will be shown world-wide on K-StateHD.TV beginning at 5:10 p.m., with the K-State Gameday preview show. Details regarding a dedication ceremony of the new Vanier Family Football Complex, which will take place on September 5, will be announced at a later date.

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## Kansas Has A Lean Football Team

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — A whole different look for Kansas football this season.

This is a team clearly thin in spots. The Jayhawks lost a senior class of 20, and more than half the starters and backups from the November roster are no longer around for assorted reasons. During the offseason, Kansas was down to 60 scholarship players. That's five fewer than Penn State had when it was disciplined.

"That's a lot of guys that are gone," defensive coordinator Clint Bowen said. "We've lost a lot of leadership. Other kids in the program need to step up and fill that role."

At cornerback alone, Kansas doesn't return a single player with starting experience.

"It's obviously a factor," Bowen said. "We've been there before. It reminds me of when we were kind of in this position in 2007 and a guy named Chris Harris came in, started all 13 games as a true freshman and we win the Orange Bowl."

Cornerback Matthew Boateng played in seven games

last season.

"We're much improved on every aspect physically," he said. "We're ready for whatever, whenever we're called upon."

There's still no timetable for the possible return for Michael Cummings, last season's starting quarterback. He went down with a knee injury in the spring game. Quarterbacks Montell Cozart and T.J. Millward have drawn on his insights from the sideline.

"He's always engaged, trying to help every quarterback," Millward said. "It's really nice to have someone who has game experience, and a lot of it, who can help us out."

The coaching staff understands the level of work ahead.

"There's a standard that we've brought here, and ultimately I've brought here, with regard to our team," coach David Beaty said. "The best way to say it is it's not for everybody, but it's the standard that is set."

Beaty insists that his players accept responsibility.

"I have not kicked a single kid off this team," he said.

"They have put themselves in a position to where I couldn't help them anymore, unfortunately, and I hate that."

Roster additions include 25-year-old running back Taylor Cox. He was granted a sixth year of eligibility after sitting out two seasons because of an Achilles tendon injury in fall camp of 2014 and a hamstring injury in 2013.

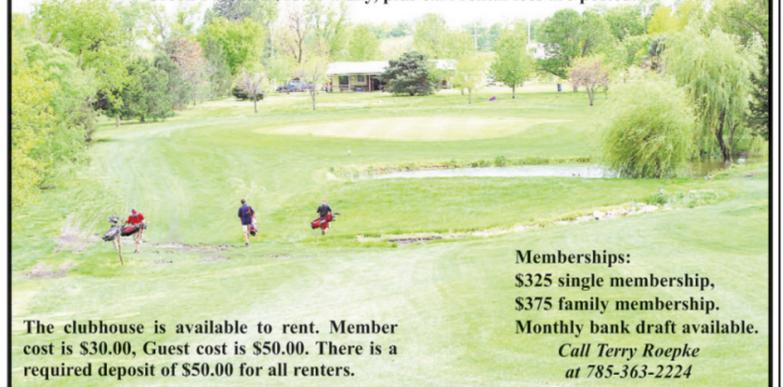
"I'm ready to go," he said. "I feel good. Just getting out there with the guys is the most important thing for me. It feels good to be back with my brothers."

"I don't feel old," he added. "I've put in my dues, spent my time here to really get to know the campus and the people of Lawrence. I don't feel old at all, but I do try to help out the younger folk on the team."

All in all, the Kansas players say they're working hard, whether they have the numbers or not.

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