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The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



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Discovery Center Temporary Exhibit To Cost \$50,000

CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO
December 12, 2016

FROM: Susan Adams, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director
MEETING: December 20, 2016
SUBJECT: Flint Hills Discovery Center Temporary Exhibit
PRESENTER: Susan Adams, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director

BACKGROUND

In April 2012, the City of Manhattan opened the Flint Hills Discovery Center (FHDC). This 35,000 square foot facility explores the science and cultural history of the Flint Hills of Kansas through permanent and temporary exhibits and accompanying programs for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. There are 10,000 square feet of permanent exhibits at the Flint Hills Discovery Center. The space is programmatically supported by an



additional 2,100 square foot temporary exhibit gallery. Changing exhibitions are presented on average of 10-12 weeks, with approximately 3-5 changing exhibits each year. FHDC's temporary exhibition program seeks out exhibits that serve the local population and Flint Hills regional interests with a focus on the mission of

FHDC. Some of the temporary exhibits are developed in collaboration with community partnerships while others are purchased from companies that specialize in traveling exhibits. The exhibit subjects are chosen to expand the general public's engagement with and understanding of unusual subject matter that they ordinarily

wouldn't be aware of or be exposed to.

Temporary exhibits provide the opportunity for FDHC staff to emphasize a portion of the Flint Hills and FDHC's mission by broadening the focus of the facility into topics partially or not entirely covered within the permanent exhibits.

DISCUSSION

come necessary, those items would also be the sole responsibility of the City. The City has a grant match of \$448,000 on this project. That amount is projected to be paid from the Stormwater Fund.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Authorize City Administration to seek qualifications for professional design services for the Old Big Blue River Beautification, Phase 5, and Multi-Use Trail (SM1605/KDOT 81 #TE-0439-01) project, and appoint a City Commissioner to serve on the Selection Committee.

FINANCING

In accordance with the City-State agreement, KDOT's maximum participation is capped at \$1,122,372.00, for this project. The City would be responsible for the costs over \$1,122,372.00. Inspection and design of the project is the sole responsibility of the City in addition to the 20% match. If Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition and utility relocation be-

The FHDC exhibit team and the FHDC Advisory Board have reviewed and approved the traveling exhibition Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous and propose it for display in the temporary gallery from May 12, 2018, through September 3, 2018. This exhibit is designed and produced by Eureka Exhibits from Greer, South Carolina.

"Be the Dinosaur™" is a groundbreaking fusion of state-of-the-art video game technology and traditional exhibits, featuring full-size dinosaur bones, a paleontology field station, a Safari Jeep and more. Visitors of all ages can enter into the largest and most complex restoration of an extinct ecosystem ever created.

The exhibit includes: artificially intelligent and scientifically accurate dinosaurs with muscle, nervous, sensory and digestive systems; easy to use controls and activities specifically for younger visitors; world-class Advisory Panel - including renowned paleontologists and interactivity experts; Eureka Inquiry-Based Simulation Technology allows visitors to experience this lost world - singularly or as a group; exploration of some of the greatest mysteries of paleontology in a completely interactive way - What was a day in the life of a dinosaur like? How might they have lived? What can fossil evidence tell us about the way extinct animals lived their lives?

This exhibit will deliver a large amount of visitors due to its subject matter. The FHDC's previous exhibit, Amazing Dinosaurs, showed a major increase in attendance, programming and birthday parties due to the dinosaur theme. This exhibit has potential for all age groups to be interested. FHDC will look for partnership opportunities through Kansas State University, which is who served as a partner on the last

dinosaur exhibit.

The FDHC Advisory Board discussed and approved Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous exhibition at its November 14, 2016, meeting.

FINANCING

The rental fee for a three month presentation is \$50,000. FHDC's 2017 operating budget has adequate funds to finance the \$17,000 initial payment of the \$50,000 rental fee. Subsequent payments of \$16,000 in 2017 and \$17,000 in 2018 will be funded from the Flint Hills Discovery Center budget or by local and regional corporate sponsors or both.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with Eureka Exhibits from Greer, South Carolina, for the exhibition of Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous at the Flint Hills Discovery Center for the period of May 12, 2018, through September 3, 2018.

Do not authorize execution of the agreement.

Modify the agreement to meet the needs of the Commission.

Table the request.

City Of Manhattan To Put Lipstick On Big Blue Ditch

CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO
December 7, 2016

FROM: BJ Edmonston, P.E., Stormwater Engineer
MEETING: December 20, 2016
SUBJECT: Request for Qualifications — Old Big Blue River Beautification, Phase 5, and Multi-Use Trail (SM1605, KDOT 81 #TE-0439-01)

PRESENTER: Robert K. Ott, P.E., Director of Public Works

BACKGROUND

On May 3, 2016, the City Commission authorized Public Works Administration to accept a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) totaling \$1,122,372 in State and Federal funding for the Old Big Blue River Beautification, Phase 5, and Multi-Use Trail (OBB). This project involves extending earlier phases of the stormwater infrastructure that have already been constructed and continuing them to the north of McCall Road, adding a 10 foot multi-use trail on McCall Road and North Third Street, and adding a pedestrian signalized crosswalk at Tuttle

Creek Boulevard and McCall Road over to North Third Street.

DISCUSSION

City Administration is requesting authorization to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for highly qualified and innovative design teams for professional services from registered engineering firms with experience in stormwater hydraulic/hydrologic analysis, stormwater design and transportation design. The project will be designed to meet the scope of the grant application and will require the selected design team to accommodate design features identified by existing studies and planning documents. The project will require coordination with multiple agencies as well as City of Manhattan stakeholders to complete the design of the stormwater conveyance system and the multi-use trail along the Old Big Blue River Channel north and east of McCall Road and US-24 (Tuttle Creek Boulevard).

A Selection Committee will be charged with the responsibility of recommending a consultant to provide the services identified in the RFQ. The Selection Committee is anticipated to include staff from Public Works, Community De-

velopment, Parks and Recreation, and the City Manager's Office as well as a City Commissioner. The Selection

Committee will evaluate the proposals received, determine which firms to interview (if necessary), and then conduct the interviews (if necessary). The Selection Committee will forward a recommendation to the City Commission. The Commission will be asked to approve the most suitable consultant, considering the recommendation of the Selection Committee as guidance.

Following selection of the successful consultant, a detailed Scope of Services will be developed to outline specific objectives, tasks, and deadlines for final approval from the City Commission as a future agenda item.

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Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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Two Trump Voters Change Vote, Four Clinton Voters Change

Revolt fizzles as Trump easily wins Electoral College vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — So much for an Electoral College revolt.

Despite weeks of lobbying and a day of protests, President-elect Donald Trump won all but two of the Electoral College votes he claimed on Election Day, ensuring he will become America's 45th president.

There were more protest votes among Democratic electors — five — than there were among Republicans.

All 538 electors met in state capitals across the country Monday to cast their votes. Trump's polarizing victory in November and the fact that Democrat Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by more than 2.8 million votes had stirred an intense lobbying effort. But the endeavor produced more noise than results.

With all states reporting, Trump finished with 304 votes and Clinton had 227. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency. Texas put Trump over the top, despite two Republican electors casting protest votes.

"We did it!" Trump tweeted Monday evening. "Thank you to all of my great supporters, we



Donald Trump wins the Electoral College vote.

just officially won the election (despite all of the distorted and inaccurate media)."

He later issued a statement saying: "With this historic step we can look forward to the bright future ahead. I will work hard to unite our country and be the President of all Americans."

Befitting an election filled with acrimony, thousands of protesters converged on state capitals Monday, urging Republican electors to abandon their party's winning candidate.

More than 200 demonstrators braved freezing temperatures at Pennsylvania's capitol, chanting, "No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!" and "No treason, no Trump!"

In Madison, Wisconsin, protesters shouted, cried and sang "Silent Night." In Augusta, Maine, they banged on drums and held signs that said, "Don't let Putin Pick Our President," referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Among the Republican elec-

tors in Texas who cast protest votes, one voted for Ohio Gov. John Kasich; the other voted for former Texas Rep. Ron Paul.

Clinton lost four electors in Washington state — three voted for former Secretary of State Colin Powell and one voted for Native American tribal leader Faith Spotted Eagle. She also lost an elector in Hawaii to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Clinton beat Sanders in the Democratic primaries.

Several Democratic electors

in other states tried to vote for protest candidates but they either changed their votes to Clinton or were replaced.

The Electoral College has 538 members, with the number allocated to each state based on how many representatives it has in the House plus one for each senator. The District of Columbia gets three, despite the fact that the home to Congress has no vote in Congress.

There is no constitutional provision or federal law that requires electors to vote for the candidate who won their state — though some states require their electors to vote for the winning candidate.

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, elector Charlie Buckels reached out to Trump's opponents after the New York businessman got all of the state's eight votes.

"For those of you who wished it had gone another way, I thank you for being here," said Buckels, the state GOP finance chairman. "I thank you for your passion for our country."

A joint session of Congress is scheduled for Jan. 6 to certify the results of the Electoral College vote, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding as president of the Senate. Once the result is certified, Trump will be sworn in on Jan. 20.

Flint Hills Super Heroes Family New Year's Eve Party at the Flint Hills Discovery Center

Families around Manhattan are invited to ring in the New Year at the Flint Hills Discovery Center's Second Annual New Year's Eve Party Saturday, December 31 from 6:30-9:30pm.

"Our Family New Year's Eve Party is an invitation for families all over the Flint Hills to come and celebrate the coming of the New Year in a way that's safe and unique," said Amber Myers, Education Specialist. "We hope to see families and

friends come and enjoy the music, activities and togetherness in our beautiful building."

The evening's super hero themed party will host a variety of fun activities, including dancing, music, superhero mask and cape crafts for children, superpower food, costume contests and a balloon drop at 9pm.

"The activities are designed for children, but even adults will revel in the joy of the night," said Myers. "The highlight of the night will be our

countdown to the balloon drop, where we will fill the Flint Hills Discovery Center dome with hundreds of balloons!"

The event is \$16 for youth and adult non-members, \$14 for youth and adult FHDC members and free for children under the age of two. Participants must register by Thursday, December 29 at 5pm and can do so by calling 785.587.2726. For more information, visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org.

About Flint Hills Discovery

Center: The Flint Hills Discovery Center offers a unique tourism and community experience that inspires people to celebrate, explore and care for the Flint Hills. The Flint Hills Discovery Center is a division of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Manhattan.

Visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org or call 785.587.2726 for more information about programs or events at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

Obama pardons 78, shortens the sentence for 153

HONOLULU (AP) — President Barack Obama has pardoned 78 people and shortened the sentence of 153 others convicted of federal crimes, the greatest number of individual clemencies in a single day by any president, the White House said Monday.

Obama has been granting commutations at rapid-fire pace in his final months in office, but he has focused primarily on shortening sentences of those convicted of drug offenses rather than giving pardons.

A pardon amounts to forgive-

ness of a crime that removes restrictions on the right to vote, hold state or local office, or sit on a jury. The pardon also lessens the stigma arising from the conviction. The pardons issued Monday were for a wide range of offenses, such as possession of counterfeit currency, felon in possession of a firearm and involuntary manslaughter. One Tennessee man was pardoned after being dismissed from the military in 1990 for conduct unbecoming an officer (shoplifting.)

Neil Eggleston, Obama's White House counsel, said

Obama has now pardoned a total of 148 people during his presidency. He has also shortened the sentences of 1,176 people, including 395 serving life sentences.

Eggleston said each clemency recipient's story is unique, but a common thread of rehabilitation underlies all of them. Pardon recipients have shown they have led a productive and law-abiding post-conviction life, including by contributing to the community in a meaningful way, he said.

Commutation recipients have

made the most of his or her time in prison by participating in educational courses, vocational training, and drug treatment, he said. Not all of those receiving commutations will be set free right away. Some will see their sentences end in 2017 or 2018 — long after Obama leaves office — and in some cases on the condition they participate in drug treatment programs.

"These are the stories that demonstrate the successes that can be achieved by both individuals and society in a nation of second chances," Eggleston said.



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Why It Could Be Good for Trump to Skip Some Intelligence Briefings

By John Mueller
CATO Institute

As he does with considerable regularity, Donald Trump has elevated the eyebrows of the foreign policy establishment with his practice of undergoing intelligence briefings only once a week on average, instead of daily. Now his team says that he is getting the President's Daily Brief three times a week, along with daily briefings from his appointee for national security adviser.

Although Trump's reduced schedule of briefings is commonly interpreted as an effort to diss the intelligence community, it seems that Trump's chief goal is to keep himself from becoming bored. As he put it on Fox News Sunday a few days ago, "I'm, like, a smart person. I don't have to be told the same thing and the same words every single day for the next eight years...I don't need that."

But the problem with intelligence briefings is not so much that they cause boredom in the recipient as that they routinely induce terror.

Central to the briefing is the "threat matrix," a compendium assembled by the CIA and the FBI that includes all the "threats" — or more accurately "leads" — needing to be followed up. Garrett Graff reports that it is "filled to the brim with whispers, rumors, and vacuous, unconfirmed information" and that it can come off as "a catalogue of horrors" and as the "daily looming prognoses of Armageddon." Philip Mudd notes the "voluminous and

dominating" threat information, much of which he points out is raw and "below threshold" for top leaders, and notes that it contributes "to a pervasive sense that every day might bring a new attack."

As Henry Kissinger stresses, "Historians rarely do justice to the psychological stress on a policy-maker." One can only imagine what happens when this rather natural hazard of office is exacerbated every day by fusillades of seemingly dire threat information generated by people who are paid to identify and inflate threats, not to downplay them. "My job," recalls one Pentagon official, "was to look for all the bad stuff. Scanning for threats is what we get paid to do."

Jack Goldsmith, an avid consumer of the process when he was in the Bush administration, stresses that, "It is hard to overstate the impact that the incessant waves of threat reports have on the judgment of people inside the executive branch." Former CIA Director George Tenet says that, "Virtually every day you would hear something about a possible impending threat that would scare you to death." This, writes Goldsmith, captures "the attitude of every person I knew who regularly read the threat matrix." Every person.

In his 2010 memoir, George W. Bush notes that, thanks to intelligence reports, "for months after 9/11, I would wake up in the middle of the night worried." But even a decade later he cannot bring

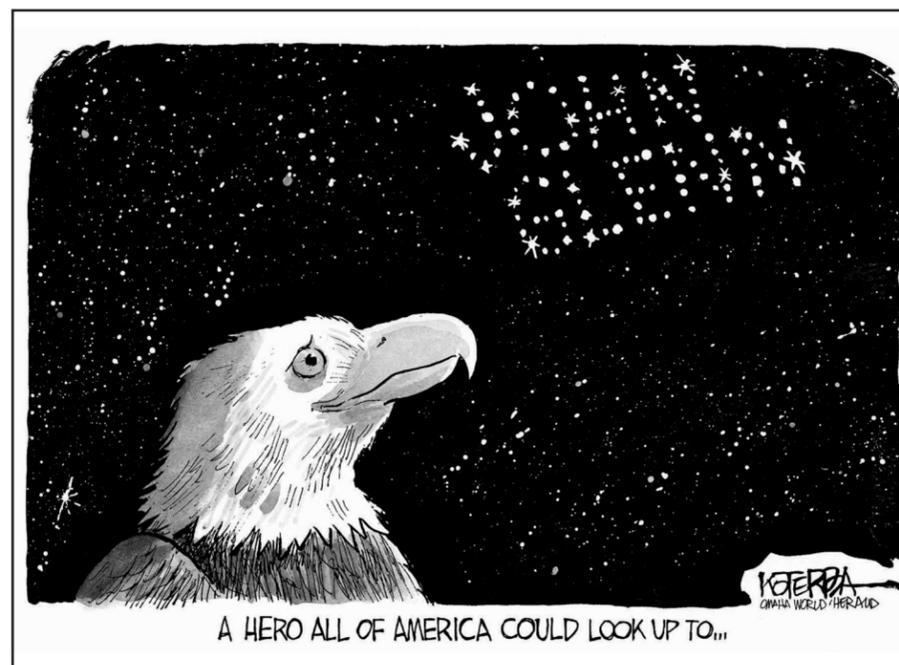
himself to reflect on the fact that those worries went substantially unfulfilled in subsequent experience. Similarly, although Tenet may have been scared to death every day by the intelligence information fed to him, scarcely any, perhaps none, of the thousands of "threats" that terrified him on a daily basis actually came to pass.

Goldsmith suggests that the sheer number of "threats," combined with the fact that these scarcely ever lead to anything, never managed to inspire analysts and policymakers to consider the rather plausible, if arguable, conclusion that there was little or nothing out there to fear. Rather, it caused them — exclusively it seems — to embrace the dead opposite. "The want of actionable intelligence combined with a knowledge of what might happen," he says, "produced an aggressive, panicked attitude that assumed the worst about threats."

Barack Obama does not seem to have been immune to the process, noting that as "a President who looks at intelligence every morning, I also can't help but be reminded that America must be vigilant in the face of threats."

Robert Jervis says: probing for "alternative explanations of what was happening" is, he finds, "very rare."

It remains to be seen whether the nation is better served if its commander in chief is terrified a few times a week rather than once a day by his intelligence briefings.



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County Minutes Are Light On Detail



Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month:

The minutes for years did not cost the county extra. They were produced using Word. A new program now costs \$700 per month.

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
December 08, 2016
Commission Chambers
8:30 AM
8:30 AM Call to Order

Public Comments
Commission Comments
Business Meeting

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Jishu Shi and Lei Wang
Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Jishu Shi and Lei Wang (211-02-0-20-07-002.00-0) for tax year 2016. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$319.10.
ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson
Sign a Tax Roll Correction

for Brett and Lindsay Jones
Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Brett and Lindsay Jones (212-03-0-10-08-002.00-0) for tax year 2016. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$480 (special assessments only).
ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

CIP Activation
Move to approve CIP Project Funding Authorization Forms for the following:
Fancy Creek Bridge Replacement for Public Works for \$16,992
Randolph Restroom for Public Works for \$24,000
Fairmont Park Shelter House for Public Works for \$13,000
ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Resolution for Professional Scale
Move to approve "Resolution No. 120816-54 A resolution establishing the salaries of certain elected and appointed officials of Riley County, Kansas."
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

(Editor's Note: See last week Manhattan Free Press for a list of the salaries. County employees listed are paid from \$74,048.79 to \$146,232.42. Or you can see the complete newspaper at manhattanfreepress.com)

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)
The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Jessica Fiscus, a Health Educator, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective December 23, 2016.

Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)
The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position **Action Form for a Health Educator in the Health Department at a grade 0.**

Discuss Joint City/County/County Meeting Agenda

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)
Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$434,591.77 and the following warrant vouchers for December 9, 2016:

2016 Budget County General	\$532,876.47
Health Department	55,779.83
Teen Court Collected Fund	13.78
County Auction	100.38
Riley Co Juvenile Service	3,895.17
Motor Vehicle Operations	5,551.68
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	715.24
Riley Co Adult Services	8,511.88
Capital Improvements Fund	15,981.90
Emergency 911	570.00

From a gingerbread house competition at the Library to a performance by the High School Flute Ensemble at the Museum, there were many ways to get in the holiday spirit with Wamego's Season of Lights celebration.

Thanks to all the organizations involved, there were many activities to get visitors and locals alike in the holiday mood.

Locations such as the Wamego Public Library, the Columbian Theatre, and the Wamego Historical Museum participated in the celebration, to name a few.

tionfull oflocal holiday fun for the whole family.

Wamego Public Library employee Abigail Condrey commented on how the celebration spreads holiday cheer.

"The Season of Lights is bringing all of Wamego together in an effort to make the season bright and make everyone merry," Condrey said.

Wamego's Season of Lights

Special To The Free Press By Adam Condrey

The month of December is routinely packed with anticipation and cheer. This past Sunday, so was the town of Wamego.

The Season of Lights was this past Sunday, December 11th, 2016. The Season of Lights is an annual celebra-

Rallying with Christmas Spirit

Special To The Free Press By Matt Mohan

The National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) is a biocontainment laboratory for the study of diseases that is led by the Homeland Security. The facility protects the public

health from being threatened from America's animal agricultural industry. The NBAF will protect us by researching diseases that in hope will strengthen our nation's ability to conduct research, develop vaccines, diagnose emerging

diseases, and train veterinarians. It was a three-year process to have Manhattan, Kansas to be the home of the NBAF.

The construction of the NBAF started in 2015 and is located on the Kansas State campus, adjacent to the College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2009, Manhattan was selected to be the home of the facility because of the university's Agricultural Departments. The Agricultural Departments have shared missions in veterinary and agricultural research and with veterinary pharmaceutical industry that help make Kansas State University make the perfect home for the NBAF. The size of the NBAF will be

around 707,000-square-foot, four-level building. It will help develop vaccines and anti-viruses for nationwide health. This 1.25-billion-dollar facility is set to be finished by 2022-2023.

The facility will help improve the University's goal of the Innovation and Inspiration of becoming a part of the nation's top 50 public research universities. The NBAF will help achieve that goal by bringing in new doctors, researchers and jobs to the university. It will be the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's will be foremost animal disease research facility in the county.

Solid Waste	3,830.45
County Building	4,167.00
Road & Bridge Cap Project	240,505.61
RCPD Levy/Op	995,228.53
Riley Co Fire Dist #19,	788.64
University Park W&S	498.50
Univ Park Capital Project	24,852.00
Carson Capital Reserve	9,120.00
Valleywood Operations	77.86
Terra Heights Sinking	2,436.99
TOTAL . . . \$	1,914,501.91

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

11. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 5, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.
RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

13. Discuss Press Conference
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

Holeman stated Lora Ingels resigned from the Indigent Defense Panel. Holeman asked if the Board would approve him sending a letter to Ingels thanking her for service on the panel and accepting her resignation.

The Board agreed by consensus to authorize the Counselor to send Ingels a letter accepting her resignation from the Indigent Defense Panel.

Holeman discussed the Indigent Defense Panel contract negotiations. Holeman stated the current contract ends December 31, 2016.

The Board agreed by consensus to offer a 2-year contract to include a one time 4.79% increase above the 2016 rate for the Indigent Defense Panel.

Holeman discussed drafting a letter to Kansas State University to clarify the public process of selling County owned real property.

The Board discussed the sale of County owned land and the relocation of EMS facilities.

Moved to sign the letter responding to letter from Kansas State University.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
9:39 Boyd left the meeting.

9:30 AM
Shilo Heger, Treasurer
15. November 2016 Revenue Reporting - Riley County Treasurer Heger presented the December 2017 Treasurer's report.

Budget and Planning Committee

16. December Monthly Cash Flow Reports for November Robison presented the monthly cash flow reports.

10:00 AM
Jennifer Green, Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

17. Health Department Monthly Budget Review & Report to the Board of Health

Green presented the December 2016 Health Department reports.

Move to approve the Temporary and Limited Real Property License for the Riley County Health Department Family and Child Resource Center

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

Move to recess as the Board of Health and re-convene as the Board of County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

10:46 AM
Adjournment Move to adjourn.

Train carrying coal derails

RUSSELL COUNTY (AP) The investigation into a derailment of a Union Pacific coal train in Russell County continues.

According to UP Spokesperson Calli Hite twenty five rail cars on an eastbound coal train derailed near Wilson, Kansas around 8 a.m. There were no in-

juries to the crew or the public. Crews worked overnight to clear and repair the rail line. Union Pacific crews and contractors also are focused on removing debris to clean up the site.

Hite says they hope to reopen the rail line for train traffic late Monday or early Tuesday.

Cheerleader tackles life changes after leukemia diagnosis

HUTCHINSON, KS (AP) - It was Tuesday and Hutchinson High had a home game that night, but cheerleader Kiley Flanagan wasn't there.

Instead she was wrapped in a fleece giraffe-print blanket, curled on her side in a hospital bed as chemo-drugs slowly dripped into a catheter in her chest. A nurse was preparing to transfer her to Wesley Medical Center's pediatric intensive care unit where she would remain for several days.

In Kiley's fight against acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the medical staff first inject her with a high dose of methotrexate, which remains in her system for 24 hours. However, because it's dangerous to her organs, they spend 48 hours flushing it out of her system, explained Kiley's mother Tamara Simpson, Arlington.

"It's a whole new world," said Simpson, a single-parent, as she remained close to her daughter's bedside helping her to get comfortable.

Nearby was a three-inch thick binder filled with every lab number, medication, and hospital visit Kiley has experienced since July 29 when she was diagnosed with the disease.

Holding up the hefty tome Simpson said, "This notebook has become our life."

Major changes

Kiley, 15, is a relatively new face at Hutchinson High School, transferring from Fairfield High last spring semester during her freshman year. She ran track and made Hutch High's cheer squad.

Being a cheerleader is something Kiley loves. She was on the squad at Fairfield and has participated competitively in the past.

She attended cheer camp during the summer, however things changed drastically for Kiley on July 29 when she was diagnosed with acute leukemia. The discovery began after she went to the emergency room for a nose bleed that wouldn't stop until it was cauterized several hours later. Then it happened again less than 24 hours later, and she headed back to the ER.

"They did some lab work and said they couldn't handle it and sent her to Wesley in an ambulance," Simpson said. Quickly it was determined she had leukemia and treatment began immediately.

There have been many setbacks over the past months, including a stress fracture above her knee because her bones had weakened.

"She use to be so active," Simpson said. "It brings her down to be so weak."

Following chemo in September she was flown to Kansas City's Children's Mercy Hospital with a form of pancreatitis that left 25 percent of the tissue dead. It's one of the downsides of the chemo medication.

Kiley was in the hospital in Kansas City for three and a half weeks, which put chemotherapy on hold, while they waited for her pancreas to heal.

Because she couldn't keep any foods down, a feeding tube was surgically inserted into her stomach. Kiley says it looks



Kiley Flanagan taking chemo at the Medical Center.

like a flower. But it is uncomfortable. However, now she can get heavy duty nutrition around the clock her mother said, and she seems to be regaining some strength.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, Kiley's nurse, Terri Griffin, bantered with her as she assembled the IV drugs.

"I'm her favorite," Griffin said with a smile. Kiley rolled her eyes in disagreement.

"She's spunky," Griffin said smiling at the red-headed teenager.

Going through such an ordeal would be tough for an adult, Simpson said, "but for a kid it's pretty intense."

On this day while her friends were attending class, cheer practice, and a basketball game Kiley was trying to get through the treatment that makes her nauseous, weak and miserable.

It drags her down, but Simpson says she'll come back up for a week and a half, before she has to start over again with treatments.

Visits from two older sisters — Keegan Dougherty and Kiara Flanagan — who bring along her 20-month-old niece Audrey Dougherty bring a smile to her face.

She also had a surprise visit from several cheerleaders and chatted with friends this past week.

"Kiley absolutely is still a part of our team and in our thoughts daily," said Ashleigh Vieyra, coach of the HHS cheerleaders. After she was diagnosed in July she did continue to practice and participate with squad as she could.

"Going through her treatments has been hard for her to continue actively participating, but as she is able to she attends any events that she can physically attend.

"She is a very kind, hard-working girl and we are pulling for her," Vieyra said.

On Tuesday she was beginning the second treatment for the third phase of a four-phase regimen that her doctors hope will move her into remission so that she can have a bone marrow transplant in early 2017. The transplant offers a better chance the leukemia won't return.

Holding on

For now they hope to be home for Christmas. But they can't plan that far ahead.

"Nobody understands the extent of all the treatment until they are in the situation," Simpson said.

So it's the simple things that others do for Kiley that mean so much to her and her mother. She was feeling groggy as the

chemotherapy was beginning its slow drip.

"Mrs. Rice came to see me," Kiley said, perking up and smiling, remembering how the Iron Riderz came to visit when she was in the hospital the previous Sunday. They brought gifts, and Paula Rice, assistant principal at HHS, was with this group.

"It worked out well that I was able to coordinate with Tamera to give her a heads up that we were in that group. It was great to see Kiley," Rice said.

Rice tries to help students who cannot attend school for various reasons stay as connected as possible.

"They need to know that they are not alone and that HHS is with them in their fight. When we cannot personally visit, we find a way."

For example this week a parent volunteered to drive two of the senior cheerleaders down with a few surprises for Kiley.

"The rest of us called her via FaceTime. It was great for them to see and talk with her, and I know that she enjoyed it also."

Rice said, "Our Communities in Schools program, under the guidance of Nikkee Byard, does an Angel Tree gifting program every year for HHS students who may be in need of a little extra. Thanks to Nikkee and some amazing volunteers and great donors, Kiley received the first of two rounds of Christmas presents from the Angel Tree. I have another very large bag of gifts for her that I hope to take to Wichita on Saturday."

"Unfortunately," Rice said, "HHS has several students who struggle on a daily basis with chronic illness."

"Right now, our focus is on allowing her to heal. We will be so thankful when she is able to return."

Old Big Blue Beautification Phase V & Multi-use Trail Extension

Total Cost	20%
\$1,600,000	\$448,000*

See City Memo on Page 2

Phase V	Old Blue River Channel
	Multi-use Trail
	Storm Box Extension
	Inlet & Storm Pipe
	Phase IV - Old Big Blue River Beautification

Multi-use Trail

Connect to existing 10 ft multi-use trail along McColl Rd.

Install pedestrian crossing of Tuttle Creek Blvd on north side of McColl Rd.

Construct 10' multi-use trail from crossing, south along east side of N 3rd St to Vattler, connecting with existing sidewalk and bike boulevard.

Congress Sought to Change the Electoral College

Heritage Foundation
On Monday, 538 presidential electors selected by voters on Nov. 8 will choose a president when the Electoral College votes in states across the country.

This year marks the fifth time in history the popular vote winner lost the presidency. The other elections were in 1824, 1876, 1888, and 2000.

Though Donald Trump won 306 electoral votes to Hillary Clinton's 232, it may not be over yet. Several activist groups are demanding electors reject their state's voters and cast a vote for someone other than Trump.

More than 50 of the 232 Democratic electors, and one Republican elector, have even

asked for a national security briefing on the potential Russian hacking of the Democratic National Committee emails before casting a vote.

President Barack Obama opted against weighing in on what electors should do, but spoke during his Friday press conference more generally about the Electoral College. Obama said:

The Electoral College is a vestige of an earlier vision of how our federal government was going to work that put a lot of premium on states. It used to be that the Senate was not elected directly, it was just decided by state legislatures. It's the same type of thinking that gives Wyoming two senators with about half a million people

and California with 32 million get the same two. There are some structures in our political system that disadvantage Democrats. But the truth of the matter is, if we have a strong message, if we are speaking to the issues the American people care about, typically the popular vote and the Electoral College vote will align.

Congress has considered 850 separate proposals to amend the Constitution to change the way a president is elected, said Christine Blackerby, co-curator of the "Amending America" exhibit at the National Archives Museum.

Here is a look at a few of those efforts.

12th Amendment
The first major proposed

change to the Electoral College was the only successful reform, coming in response to a glitch exposed in the 1800 election.

Presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson and his vice presidential running mate Aaron Burr got the same number of Electoral College votes, 73 each. The problem was, in those days, the second place finisher in a presidential race was the vice president. The House of Representatives voted 35 times before finally electing Jefferson president.

Congress passed the amendment on Dec. 9, 1803, and it was ratified on June 15, 1804, putting the president and vice president on a ticket for electors to choose.

Lottery President
In 1846, a proposal was floated in Congress to replace the Electoral College with a lottery system.

Under this proposal, each state would have its own election. The winners of each of those elections would then be chosen by lot in Washington. Balls with names of candidates would be placed in a bowl, similar to lottery drawings seen today on TV. The first name drawn would be president, the second name drawn would be the vice president, Blackerby explained.

The proposal, House Joint Resolution 8, introduced on Jan. 13, 1846, never came to a vote.

Still, the "Amending America" exhibit allows visitors to see the most popular person from each state based on Google searches, then entered into a random drawing, to see who could be president today if this system had been enacted.

Executive Committees
Although the biggest complaint against the Electoral College is typically that it's undemocratic, the exhibit lists two occasions that Congress considered taking matters entirely out of voters' hands.

In 1808, a constitutional amendment was introduced in Congress to scrap the Electoral College and replace it with a special committee of retired U.S. senators to choose the next president.

Congress introduced a similar proposal in 1860, just before the Civil War broke out. In this case, Congress and the executive branch would appoint a three-person committee that would choose the president every four years.

Direct Popular Vote
Of the hundreds of proposed changes to electing a president, a popular vote was far and away the most common. Similar bills

have been introduced in nearly every session of Congress, but in most cases they were never debated nor acted upon.

The most recent examples where a popular vote proposal nearly passed were in 1969 and 1975, according to a Congressional Research Service report.

After the 1968 presidential election, third-party candidate George Wallace won 46 electoral votes. This prompted enough concern about third parties that Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., proposed a resolution abolishing the Electoral College in favor of a popular election, in which the winner would have to win at least 40 percent of the vote. The resolution passed the House by a 338-70 vote, but it was blocked by a filibuster in the Senate.

After the close 1976 election, Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., proposed a bill to amend the Constitution and switch to a direct popular vote. The bill failed by a close 51-48 vote.

In other examples of action on the proposal to move to a popular vote, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings on the proposal in 1947, 1949, 1951, and 1969. The Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments held hearings in 1948, 1953, 1955, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1967, and 1969.

Analysts raise concerns about \$12B Westar sale to KCP&L

WICHITA, Kan.(AP) - State analysts say Westar Energy is putting shareholder enrichment ahead of reasonable electric rates for customers with its proposed sale to Kansas City Power & Light.

The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/2h5fTXt>) reports that analysts representing the staff of the Kansas Corporation

Commission and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board raised the concerns in hundreds of pages of testimony filed late last week. Also expressing concerns were several consumer intervenors in the case.

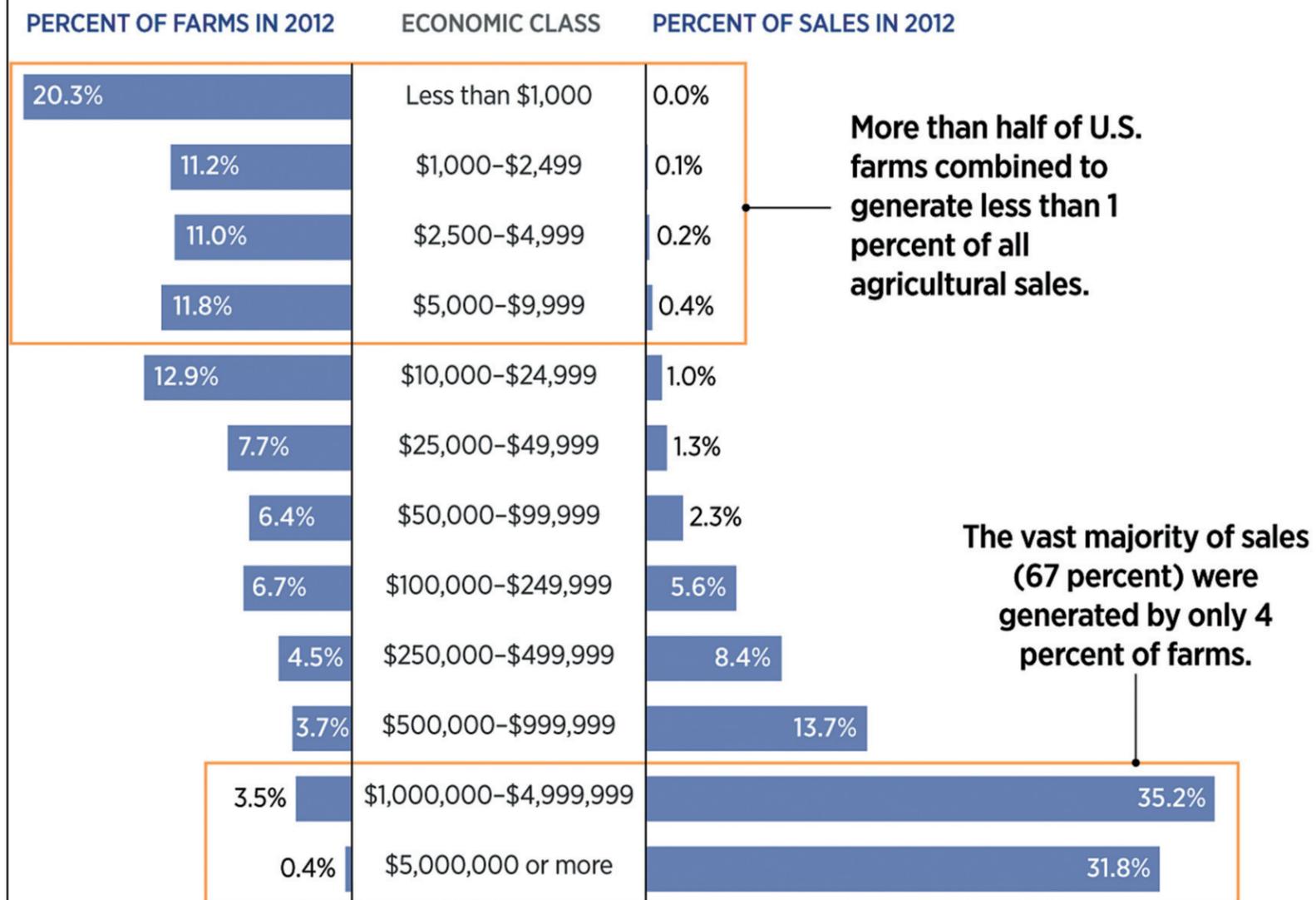
A Westar spokeswoman says the company remains confident of completing the merger next spring.

KCP&L's parent company, Missouri-based Great Plains Energy, is seeking to buy Westar. The \$12.2 billion transaction would involve taking on \$3.6 billion in Westar debt.

If the merger's approved, Westar and KCP&L will become a single electric company straddling the Kansas/Missouri border, with 1.5 million customers.

CHART 1

Small Percentage of Farms Generate Majority of Agricultural Sales



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2012 Census of Agriculture, Farm Typology, Vol. 2, Part 10, January 2015, p. 1, http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Typology/typology13.pdf (accessed January 5, 2016).

Obama to bar drilling in swaths of Atlantic, Arctic

HONOLULU (AP) — President Barack Obama is expected to order wide swaths of the Atlantic and Arctic oceans placed permanently off-limits for oil drilling, people briefed on the administration's plan said, in an 11th-hour push for environmental protection before he leaves office.

Obama was planning to announce the move on Tuesday, said the individuals, who requested anonymity to discuss the decision before the announcement. The White House declined to comment.

The move helps put some finishing touches on Obama's environmental legacy while also testing President-elect Donald Trump's promise to unleash the nation's untapped oil and natural gas reserves. Environmental groups were hoping the ban, despite relying on executive powers, will be difficult for a future president to reverse.

Obama is expected to use an arcane provision in a 1953 law to ban offshore leases in the waters permanently. The statute says that "the president of the

United States may, from time to time, withdraw from disposition any of the unleased lands of the outer Continental Shelf."

A permanent ban would mark the culmination of a slow reversal by Obama's administration, which had been considering opening a broad area of the Atlantic Coast to drilling, but then backed away from that idea. Earlier this year, the administration removed potential Atlantic lease sales from its blueprint for offshore drilling. But that ban only applies to a five-year period starting in 2017, and could be more easily reversed by Trump in his own five-year blueprint.

In issuing a permanent ban, Obama appears to be trying to tie the hands of his successor. Trump has vowed a domestic energy revolution and is filling his Cabinet with nominees deeply opposed to Obama's environmental and climate change actions.

Along the Atlantic seaboard, states have had mixed reactions to the possibility of drilling. In

Florida, the administration of Gov. Rick Scott, a Trump supporter, has raised concerns about the possible effects to the state's beaches and fishing industry, and residents in North Carolina's Outer Banks protested a move toward ocean drilling. But officials in South Carolina and Virginia have expressed support for the economic benefit of new oil jobs.

Environmental groups were calling for a permanent ban even before the presidential election, but Trump's victory has provided greater urgency for them and for businesses that rely on tourism and fishing. Trump has said he intends to use all available fuel reserves for energy self-sufficiency — and that it's time to open up offshore drilling.

Industry groups are confident that the ban will not stand and

Trump can simply issue a new proclamation after taking office that would allow for oil and gas production in the Atlantic. They point to President George W. Bush, who in July 2008 lifted some executive bans on Outer Continental Shelf leasing and drilling.

"There's no such thing as a permanent ban," said Erik Milito, a policy director at the American Petroleum Institute.

But Niel Lawrence, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the result of a Trump proclamation isn't so clear-cut. He said the statute says a president can withdraw waters from the country's leasing plans and "it doesn't say you can put back in."

If Trump does issue an order reversing Obama's proclamation, it would be up to environmental groups or others to

challenge his actions in court. If he doesn't, then it would be up to Congress to intervene.

"My guess is that Congress has better things to do," Lawrence said. "The industry is not clamoring to get into these places. Any return on investment is decades away."

The Trump administration could also take a more gradual approach of changing the nation's five-year leasing plan to put the waters back in play. That would buy groups on both sides time to make their case about the need or lack thereof to drill off the Atlantic coast.

Milito said keeping oil and gas production in the Atlantic as an option is important in the event U.S. reserves elsewhere are depleted. The U.S. should not have to rely on other countries for oil and gas supplies to ensure affordability and avail-

ability, he said.

"We have to look to the future so that we can maintain our status as an energy superpower and so that we can continue to rely on U.S. oil and gas production to fulfill our economic needs," Milito said.

Fourteen senators have signed a letter calling on Obama to ban offshore drilling permanently. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., disputed the notion that future administrations could undo Obama's order without congressional approval.

"Declaring the Atlantic and the Arctic off-limits to Big Oil is a step the president can take immediately to show that we as a nation are committed to the future of our shore towns, our beaches and our environment," Menendez said.

Perry Is Trump's Pick For Energy Secretary

NEW YORK -- Rick Perry, President-elect Donald Trump's choice for Energy secretary, has close ties to the Texas oil industry and has corporate roles in two petroleum companies pushing to get government approval for the proposed 1,200-mile crude oil pipeline that has stoked mass protests in North Dakota.

Perry's current roles as board director at Energy Transfer Partners LP and also at Sunoco Logistics Partners LP, which jointly developed the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline project, is a strong indicator of the pro-oil industry sentiment that will likely take root at the Energy Department under his oversight. Perry is close to Texas energy industry executives, and his political campaigns, including two aborted presidential campaigns, benefited substantially from their donations.

The former Texas governor would not have authority to intervene directly after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision last month to delay the pipeline to allow talks with the Standing Rock Sioux and other project opponents. The Army will decide whether to grant an easement near the Sioux reservation in North Dakota, and the departments of Energy, Interior and Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency have had lesser supporting roles.

Trump announced his choice of Perry in an early morning release Wednesday from Trump Tower in New York.

He called Perry "one of the most successful governors in modern history, having led Texas through a sustained period of economic growth and prosperity by developing the state's energy resources and infrastructure, and making low-cost energy available to companies and families."

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected to serve as Secretary of Energy by President-elect Trump," Perry said. "I am deeply humbled by his trust in me."

Perry's close relations with energy executives and his longtime dependence on them for political contributions signal an abrupt change of course at the Energy Department. Perry is expected to welcome the four-state pipeline and similar projects, set an open-door policy for oil industry interests and possibly tear down the department altogether.

During his unsuccessful 2012 run for the presidency, Perry proposed eliminating the Energy Department. As secretary, he would be involved in policy decisions on increasing the nation's domestic supply of oil and investments in oil exploration research and technology.

The department plays a major regulatory role in overseeing nuclear power and natural gas. It also manages 17 national labs charged with developing science and technology to further the nation's energy sector and conduct research to spur innovation. It also maintains and secures U.S. nuclear weapons.

Soon after stepping down as Texas governor, Perry joined Energy Transfer Partners in February 2015, and its general partner, Sunoco Logistics, one month later. Energy Transfer Partners is owned by Kelcy Warren, a Dallas billionaire who has been a loyal Perry donor during his gubernatorial and presidential runs.

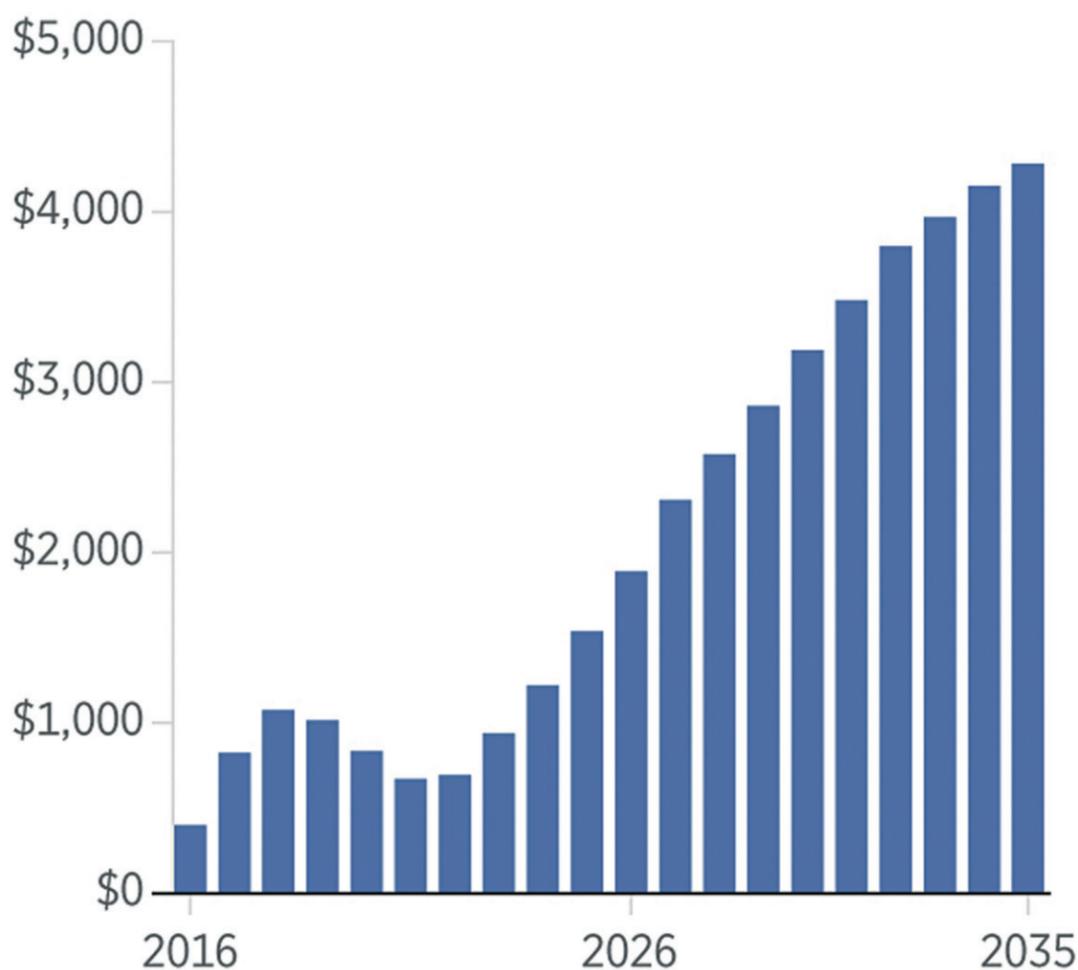
During the 2016 campaign, Warren donated \$500,000 to the Opportunity and Freedom super political action committee backing Perry's run for the White House. Warren also gave nearly \$250,000 to Republican candidates and committees. The oil and gas industry was the dominant sector behind Perry's 2016 presidential effort, donating more than \$1.6 million.

Energy Transfer's 2016 annual report showed that Perry owned \$154,000 worth of partnership units. At Sunoco Logistics, Perry was awarded units worth about \$101,000, according to the firm's 2015 annual report.

CHART 5

Unleashing America's Oil and Gas: Family Income

PERSONAL INCOME DIFFERENTIAL FOR FAMILY OF FOUR, BY YEAR, IN INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS



SOURCE: Heritage Foundation calculations using the Heritage Energy Model. See methodology for details.



Free Press Big 12 Sports

No. 12 West Virginia gets Huggins his 800th win

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Bob Huggins joined some elite company.

No. 12 West Virginia used a 37-4 first half run to cruise to a 112-67 victory over UMKC, Huggins' his 800th career win.

Huggins is the 10th head coach to reach 800 wins and only the third to achieve that milestone at his alma mater, the others being Jim Boeheim at Syracuse and Adolph Rupp at Kentucky.

"Those are big names," Huggins said. "Those are guys that I said when I first got to go to the Final Four, I'd sit in the lobby all day and all night and just watch them. I'd watch how they interacted with people and just sat there thinking that one day I want to be like that. One day, I want to be one of them."

Huggins is the second college basketball coach to achieve the 800-win milestone this week as former Villanova coach Rollie Massimino did it this week as Keiser defeated Trinity Baptist 77-47 on Wednesday.



Bob Huggins

Boeheim along with former WVU player and Golden State Warriors executive board member Jerry West, Kentucky head coach John Calipari, Louisville head coach Rick Pitino and countless former Cincinnati and

WVU players were among those to send their congratulations in a postgame ceremony.

"It was kind of neat seeing all of those former players and all the people who were more a part of it (800 wins) than I am

because I didn't score a goal in any of the 800," Huggins said.

Huggins was presented with a jersey with the number 800 printed on it by West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons following the game.

"Thank you Shane, but I don't think I could've fit into this even when I played," Huggins said.

Among Huggins' 800 wins are two Final Four appearances (1992 with Cincinnati and 2010 with West Virginia), four Elite Eight appearances, seven Sweet 16 appearances and 10 conference championships.

"Eight-hundred wins. How do you pick one?" Huggins answered when asked for his favorite win. "I can't do it. I like beating Cal (John Calipari) but that's way more than one."

Nathan Adrian led seven players in double figures for the Mountaineers (9-1) with 13 points. Dexter Miles Jr. and Esa Ahmad had 12 points each. Elijah Macon led West Virginia with seven rebounds and Jevon

Carter had six assists.

"He has a lot of pride in this state and a lot of pride for the game of basketball so you really can't hide that," Adrian said when asked of Huggins' emotions after the game.

The win was the highest scoring output for the Mountaineers this season.

LaVell Boyd led the Kangaroos (7-6) with 14 points.

The 45-point defeat is the worst for UMKC this season beating their 43-point defeat at Kansas earlier this month.

BIG PICTURE

UMKC has one major trip left on its schedule as they hit the road to take on Mississippi State on Dec. 29, which is sandwiched between a couple of home games. The Kangaroos start WAC play at home against New Mexico State on Jan. 5.

West Virginia has looked impressive in just about all facets of the game since their upset of then-No. 6 Virginia on Dec. 3. The Mountaineers have a cou-

ple more games in the stat-padding portion of their schedule before starting Big 12 play at Oklahoma State on Dec. 30.

PRESS VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers scored 38 points off 27 UMKC turnovers. West Virginia forces an average of 26.1 turnovers per game.

WITNESSING HISTORY

This is the second time the Kangaroos have played in a milestone game this season. Their loss to Kansas, 105-62, on Dec. 6 was Jayhawks coach Bill Self's 600th career win.

PLAYING ONE 'ROO SHORT

UMKC dismissed senior guard and second-leading scorer Martez Harrison earlier in the week. Harrison had been suspended since late November due to an investigation by the school's Title IX office. He averaged 16.5 points per game during the first six games of the season.

Big 12 Basketball Standings and Schedule

Big 12 Standings

School	Big 12	Overall
Baylor	0 - 0	11 - 0 1.000
Kansas	0 - 0	10 - 1 .909
Kansas State	0 - 0	10 - 1 .909
TCU	0 - 0	10 - 1 .909
Texas Tech	0 - 0	10 - 1 .909
West Virginia	0 - 0	9 - 1 .900
Okla State	0 - 0	9 - 2 .818
Iowa State	0 - 0	7 - 3 .700
Oklahoma	0 - 0	6 - 4 .600
Texas	0 - 0	5 - 5 .500

Kansas State Schedule

Fri, Nov 11 vs Western Illinois	W 82-55	1-0 (0-0)
Tue, Nov 15 vs Omaha	W 81-68	2-0 (0-0)
Sun, Nov 20 vs Hampton	W 89-67	3-0 (0-0)
Tue, Nov 22 vs Robert Morris	W 61-40	4-0 (0-0)
Fri, Nov 25 vs Boston College*	W 72-54	5-0 (0-0)
Sat, Nov 26 vs Maryland*	L 69-68	5-1 (0-0)
Wed, Nov 30 vs Green Bay	W 80-61	6-1 (0-0)
Sat, Dec 3 @ Saint Louis	W 84-53	7-1 (0-0)
Tue, Dec 6 vs Prairie View A&M	W 74-55	8-1 (0-0)
Sat, Dec 10 vs Washington State*	W 70-56	9-1
Sat, Dec 17 vs Colorado State*	W 89-70	10-1
Wed, Dec 21 vs Gardner-Webb	8:00 PM ET ESPN 3	
Fri, Dec 30 vs Texas	8:00 PM ET ESPNNews	
Tue, Jan 3 @ #3 Kansas	9:00 PM ET	
Sat, Jan 7 vs Oklahoma	3:00 PM ET ESPNNews	
Tue, Jan 10 @ Texas Tech	9:15 PM ET ESPNNews	
Sat, Jan 14 vs #4 Baylor	4:30 PM ET	
Wed, Jan 18 @ Oklahoma State	9:00 PM ET	

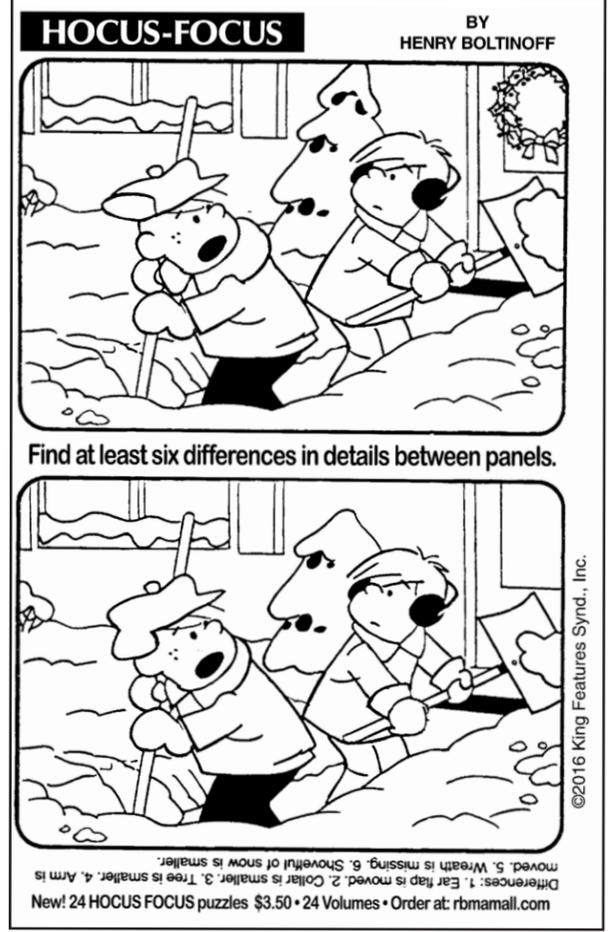
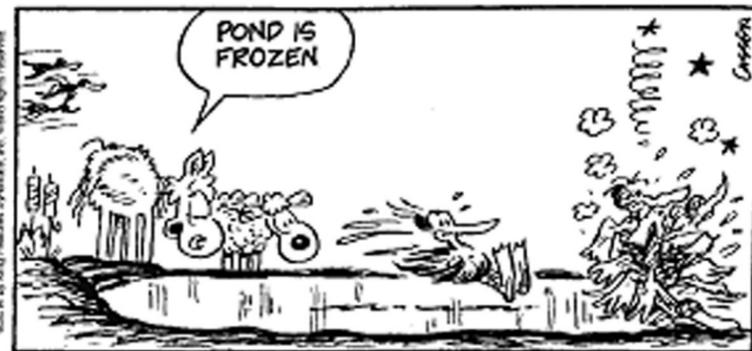
Kansas Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/TV
11/18/2016	Siena	Lawrence, Kan. 7 p.m.
CBE Hall of Fame Classic		
11/21/2016	UAB	Kansas City, Mo. 8:30 p.m.
11/22/2016	Georgia or George Washington	
Kansas City, Mo. TBA		
11/25/2016	UNC Asheville	Lawrence, Kan. 7 p.m.
11/29/2016	Long Beach State	Lawrence, Kan. 7 p.m.
12/3/2016	Stanford	Lawrence, Kan. 2:30 p.m.
12/6/2016	UMKC	Lawrence, Kan. 7 p.m.
12/10/2016	Nebraska	Lawrence, Kan. 2:15 p.m.
Jayhawk Shootout		
12/17/2016	Davidson	Kansas City, Mo. 6 p.m.
12/22/2016	UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev. 8 p.m.
12/30/2016	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas 8 p.m.
1/3/2017	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan. 8 p.m.
1/7/2017	Texas Tech	Lawrence, Kan. 6:15 p.m.
1/10/2017	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla. 8 p.m.

Big 12 Men Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Wed, Dec 21	Baylor	Texas Southern	Waco, Texas	3:30 p.m.	FSSW
Wed, Dec 21	Texas Tech	Longwood	Lubbock, Texas	4:00 p.m.	FSSW
Wed, Dec 21	Kansas State	Gardner-Webb	Manhattan, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	FSKC
Wed, Dec 21	Texas	UAB	Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m.	
Wed, Dec 21	Auburn	Oklahoma	Uncasville, Conn.	7:30 p.m.	CBSSN
Wed, Dec 21	TCU	Bradley	Fort Worth, Texas	8:00 p.m.	FSSW
Thu, Dec 22	Oklahoma State	Texas A&M CC	Stillwater, Okla.	12:00 p.m.	FSOK
Thu, Dec 22	UNLV	Kansas	Las Vegas, Nev.	8:00 p.m.	CBSSN
Fri, Dec 23	West Virginia	Northern Kentucky	Morgantown, WV	3:00 p.m.	ROOT
Tue, Dec 27	Texas	Kent State	Austin, Texas	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Fri, Dec 30	Oklahoma State	West Virginia	Stillwater, Okla.	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Fri, Dec 30	Iowa State	Texas Tech	Ames, Iowa	5:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Fri, Dec 30	Oklahoma	Baylor	Norman, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Fri, Dec 30	Kansas State	Texas	Manhattan, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS

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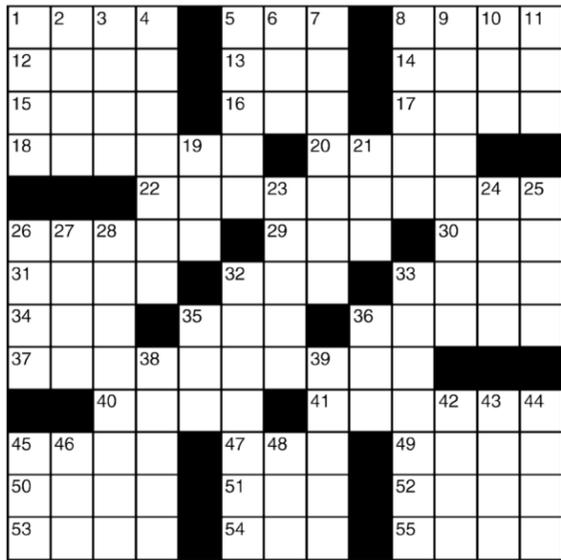
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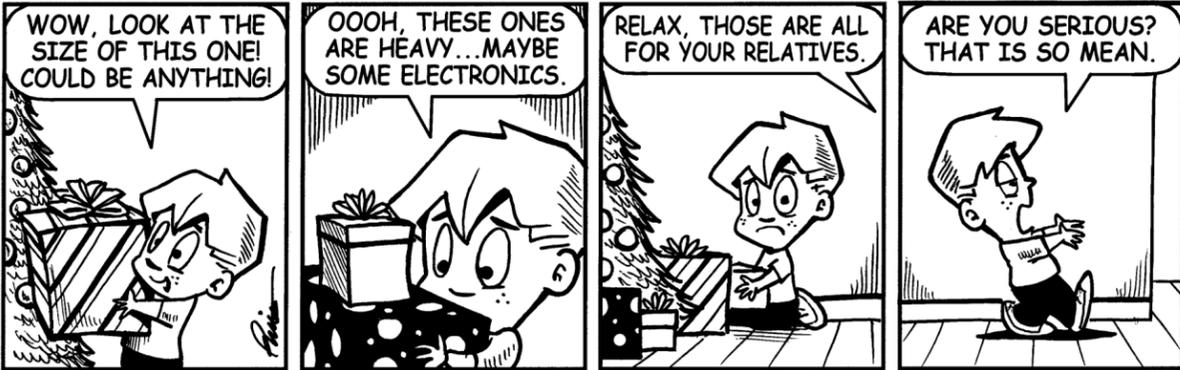


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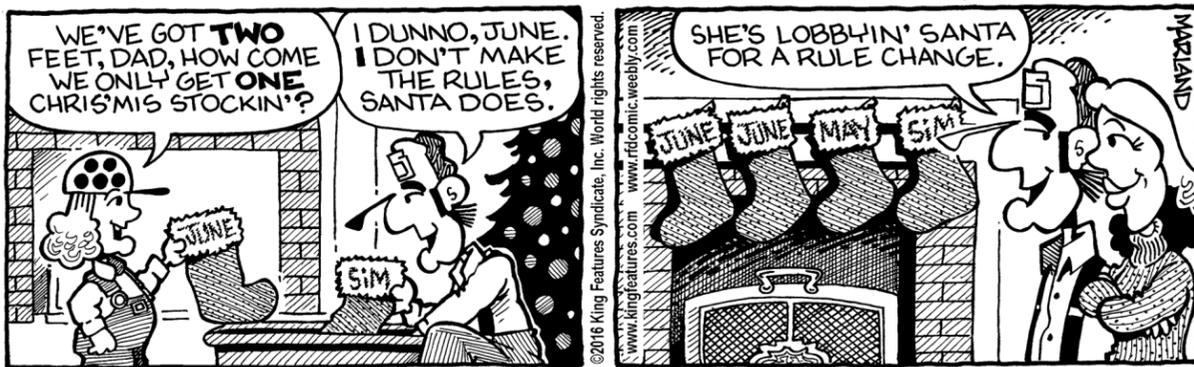
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Terrale Johnson's Trials Set Up Strong Finish

For weeks, Terrale Johnson struggled to get out of bed. When he did, he never left the house. When football passed through his thoughts, quitting eventually came to mind.

This was the summer of 2013, a few months after Johnson's father passed away at the age of 49. Johnson was expected to return to the Hutchinson Community College's starting offensive line, but he was unsure if he could handle it.

"I wasn't going to go back to Hutchinson my sophomore year. I was thinking about it... I wasn't sure. I was in bed all day, every day that summer. I was just telling my mom, 'I don't know how I could function down there if I can't even function here right now,'" Johnson said. "I probably didn't leave the house all summer."

Finally, Johnson's mother, Regina, said enough is enough. She helped convince him to leave the house and to go to a church camp a few hours away from home. There, Johnson was with a large group of friends and took what he describes as the "first step" toward a return to normal.

"Being able to function without my mom being there, because I was attached to her all summer, that was my first step," the Manhattan native said. "She was just preparing me (to return to football). Even when I was down (at Hutchinson), I still called her every night. I called at 3 a.m., if I needed to. She made sure I was going to finish the season out, do what I love doing and make him proud. That was the main goal."

Recruiting Ride

When Johnson lost his father in the spring of 2013, he returned home to be with his family for a few weeks. In doing so, he gained a nearby support system but lost a few valuable weeks of recruitment.

"I really didn't talk to anybody that spring. I wasn't sure what I was going to do after that because I wasn't talking to many people," said Johnson, who had strong interest from Tennessee State, an FCS school in Nashville, Tennessee — roughly 10 hours away from Manhattan.

Eventually, Johnson's work led to a call from K-State co-

offensive coordinator Dana Dimel, wanting the Manhattan native to visit his hometown school. Johnson wasted zero time, took the visit and felt everything went well during it.

From there, it was a waiting game.

K-State, Johnson remembers being told by Dimel, only had one scholarship remaining that might be available to him but nothing was certain. When Signing Day arrived in February of 2014, Johnson said he was still unsure of what to do. Go play for a smaller school a long distance from his family and friends? Hold out hope that a last-minute scholarship offer would come through at K-State? Or the third option, move on from football?

Every minute of uncertainty became more stressful.

"I had no idea. I was thinking of going to Tennessee State, but I was skeptical about it just because I didn't know how I was going to be able to do it, being that far away from my family after my father passed," he said. "I wasn't sure if that was going to be my best move, so I was just waiting, and I did think about stopping playing football, but my mom, she wasn't having that. She stepped in and said, 'We're going to play football.'"

Finally, Johnson received a relieving phone call. It was Dimel, telling Johnson to check his email inbox, where paperwork for a scholarship was waiting to be filled out.

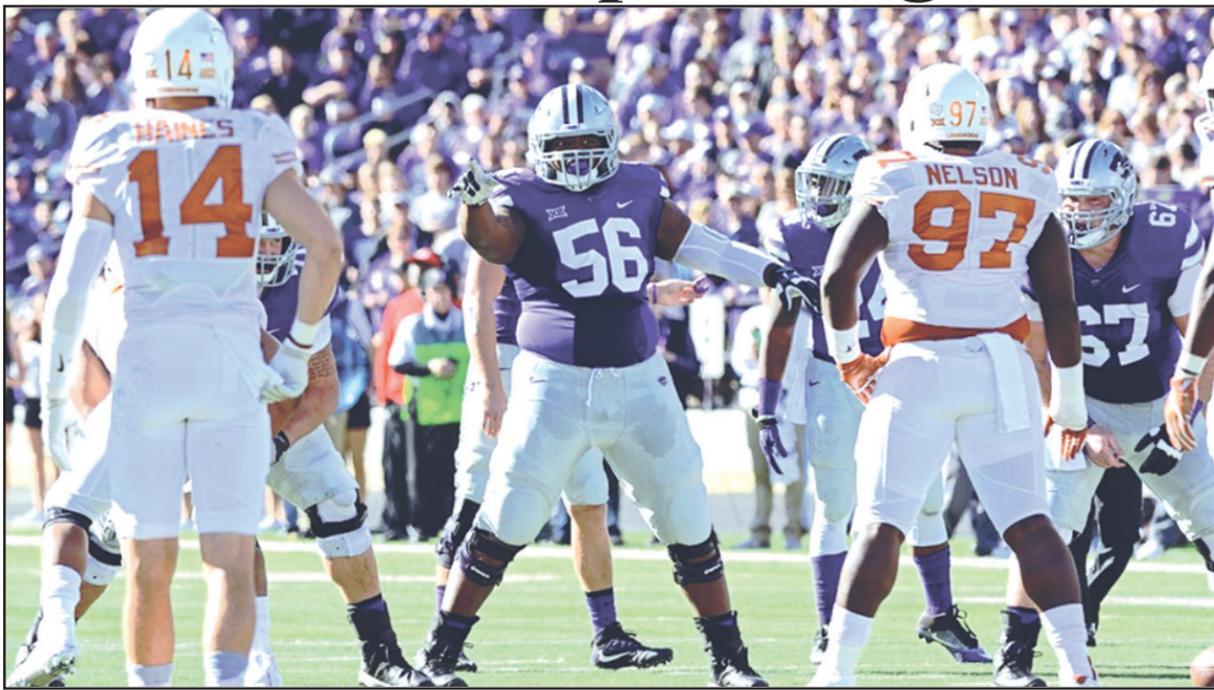
"I called my mom and I said, 'We're here. I'm back home,'" Johnson recalled. "It was just a blessing. I couldn't ask for a better set up."

Destroying Doubt

Johnson redshirted in his first season at K-State, admittedly a tougher experience than he expected. So difficult, doubt again entered into his thoughts.

"Going through my first year, I was, like, 'Man, this is really tough. I don't know if this is what I want to do, honestly,'" Johnson said. "I didn't know it was that hard here."

Much like his mother provided encouragement during his previous trials, Johnson was surrounded with people at K-State who refused to let him give in. There was Cody Whitehair, who repeatedly told John-



Kansas State's Terrale Johnson (56) directing the offensive line.

son to stick it out and keep moving forward. There was B.J. Finney, prodding his teammate to work harder. Deante Burton, a close friend from Manhattan High School and Johnson's roommate at K-State, was especially helpful.

"He saw me at my worst times. When people didn't know how I was doing at home, he was the one who always saw me," Johnson said of Burton. "He'd always say, 'Terrale, you got one more day. It's another day, just get better the next day.' He kept pushing me, saying, 'Let's get better the next day. Let's try to get better. Let's make it a station further or a workout further.'"

"Knowing he was there, it helped me out a lot. I was struggling so hard, and he was always, 'All right, T, it's another workout. We'll be all right the next day. We know it's tough right now, but once you get through it, it's going to be so much better.'"

When Johnson's teammates weren't in his ear, offensive line coach Charlie Dickey was drilling him, letting him know he had yet to scratch the surface of his potential. To begin building himself as a player, however, Johnson was told to shed any doubt he still held.

"Going into my first winter, I did really well. He said, 'You see how you did? There's no

more doubt in your head. There's no more,'" Johnson said. "Going into the summer again, I knew how hard it was going to be, but he just told me, 'There's no doubt because you've done it before, so make sure you have that mentality to keep finishing. We're not going to quit anymore.' I think after my first year, any doubt really went away."

Where It Ends

Johnson now enjoys workouts he used to dread, and the improvement he's made has been fairly remarkable.

"Terrale's changed a lot. Go look at pictures from when he showed up. That man has lost some serious weight and put on some serious muscle. He's a man, he's changed, and Dickey's been on him throughout the process," redshirt sophomore right tackle Dalton Risner said. "Terrale's driven, that's one of the best things about him. He wants to go play in the league, he wants to be the best for the team, he wants to go win a bowl game, and he's a competitor."

With rugged technique and without his current commitment to his craft, Johnson was an Honorable Mention All-Jayhawk Conference player in 2013. With Dickey's help and a matured work ethic, Johnson evolved into a starter on K-State's offensive line that has

paved the way toward one of the best rushing seasons in school history.

"He's a young guy that, when he plays as hard as he can, he's really a very, very talented player, and he's made improvement, that's part of it," K-State head coach Bill Snyder said. "He's made improvement throughout the course of the year, and consequently has developed the capacity to be able to do that, to enhance his performance level as far as effort is concerned. When he does, he's a very fine player."

After playing in 10 games and making four starts last season, Johnson solidified himself as a starter in 2016. His play not only helped power K-State's overwhelming rushing attack but also earned the senior a First Team All-Big 12 selection from the Associated Press.

"Seeing him get better and better over the years, he's come a long way from when he first came here," senior running back Charles Jones said. "And he's a great leader; I love the way he leads on the O-line. I love his confidence and the way he plays, his swagger, so I'm really proud of the year he's had."

"He's an unselfish player out there. He's trying to help you make plays," Risner added. "In the heat of the game, we're talking about what we have to do better on plays, the footwork we

have to take; if I trip him, he lets me know I got to pick my dang feet up, all that kind of stuff. He's a great football player and I really enjoy playing next to him."

Johnson, who grew up in Manhattan, always dreamed of playing football in front of thousands of fans. It didn't have to be for K-State, necessarily, just in front of a large crowd.

Now, he can't imagine playing for any other team.

"I love playing in front of the fans; the fans here are amazing. I just love playing in front of people. Being able to do that and come back home, it's crazy," said Johnson, who will finish his career in a K-State uniform on Wednesday, December 28, when the Wildcats face off with Texas A&M in the 2016 AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl. "A lot of people didn't think I would be here right now, so just knowing I did that and accomplished so much being here, it feels great."

"I didn't know I was going to make it this far, honestly. There were times when I thought, 'Is this where it ends?' Knowing I got this far and people stuck with me the whole time, it feels good. It's really a blessing."

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