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**Don Checots Departs KPTS**

**After A Decade Of Leadership**

**Wichita, KS., November 9, 2007** - KPTS announced today the resignation of Don Checots, effective November 8, 2007. Checots has been KPTS's President and General Manager for the last 10 years.

During Checots' tenure, KPTS has strengthened its position as the source for national and international cultural and political programming in south central Kansas, and has greatly grown its regional and local program content. Thanks to Checots' efforts, KPTS has also taken great strides in the move toward digital conversion.

"I'm proud of my 10 years at KPTS," Checots said. "In addition to the privilege of working with a great Board and staff, I have had the opportunity to befriend many people in South Central Kansas and spread the news about the good work that KPTS is doing. There is still much work to be done, but there is a solid foundation in place. However, this is the right time for my family and me to pursue other opportunities."

“We thank Don for his time and effort over the last 10 years, “ said Lisa Dodson, KPTS Board Chair. “Filling Don’s shoes will not be easy, but we are working diligently to do so. We wish Don the very best in his future endeavors.”

**KPTS** is a locally owned, not-for profit, public television station serving south central Kansas since 1970. The station strives to provide high-quality telecommunications services that deliver knowledge, information and entertainment. In addition, **KPTS’** programming reflects the diversity of the region through local initiatives.

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