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Kansans Spent Welfare Cash On Strippers, Smokes And Sour Mash

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OSAWATOMIE — Some Kansas welfare recipients are living large on the public dime, spending your tax dollars at liquor stores, strip clubs, smoke shops and casinos.

A Kansas Watchdog investigation has uncovered thousands of dollars in potentially abusive welfare transactions during a three-month period last year. From August to October 2012, Sunflower State welfare recipients withdrew more than \$43,000 from ATMs at places like Golden Eagle Casino in Horton, Vegas Video Adult Superstore in Wichita and G Spot, a Junction City strip club, just to name a few.

The money in question is provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, TANF funds are targeted at helping low-income families afford the bare essentials, such as gas and groceries.

In Kansas, where TANF funds are distributed via Electronic Benefit Transfer cards through the Kansas Department for Children and Families, a family of four can receive up to \$497



EASY MONEY: Kansas welfare recipients withdrew more than \$43,000 from ATMs at liquor stores, smoke shops, casinos and strip clubs from August to October 2012.

every month.

The vast majority of transactions processed within the time frame Kansas Watchdog examined wouldn't raise an eyebrow.

In all, more than \$1.5 million in transactions were made during the August to October period, meaning the questionable transactions Kansas Watchdog identified equal less than 3 percent of the total.

TANF recipients regularly make large purchases at places like Walmart, Walgreens, Dillons and other similar businesses, and it's easy to see how a \$300 transaction at Price Chopper could be a reasonable use of taxpayer money.

But what about the \$102.25 one

welfare recipient withdrew at Denver's Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies?

Other questionable examples include the \$203 transaction at Johnny's Tavern in Kansas City's popular Power and Light District, as well as the \$83.60 another individual withdrew while attending the KC Renaissance Festival.

While some argue there's no way to prove money withdrawn from these locations is being used inappropriately, it's hard to believe there isn't some abuse of the system.

The KDCF outlines specific spending restrictions on its website: TANF recipients may not use their government assistance to purchase alcohol, tobacco or lottery tickets. It's easy enough to control electronically; anyone trying to purchase such items with the physical EBT card will be greeted with a denied transaction.

But there's a loophole.

While businesses can't directly process EBT cards for such illicit purchases, most have ATMs conveniently located on the premises. With cash in hand, welfare recipients are able to skirt the law with relative ease.

Overall, the largest chunk of questionable EBT withdrawals took place at discount cigarette retailers and smoke shops, where recipients took

out \$19,302.42 during the three months.

Coming in a distant second, cash advance and payday loan locations accounted for \$8,578.10, followed by liquor stores, \$6,500.98; casinos, \$4,532.25; miscellaneous locations, \$3,271.44; and bars and restaurants, \$1,298.45

Questionable EBT withdrawal locations during August through October 2012 include, but are not limited to:

- (May include multiple locations/transactions)
- Speedy Cash – \$3,621.50
- Ace Cash Express – \$4,956.60
- 7th Street Casino – \$2,455
- Buffalo Run Casino – \$218
- Choctaw Casino – \$746
- Golden Eagle Casino – \$704.75
- The Legends shopping center – \$1,056
- Smoke Eazy – \$922.50
- Bullfrogs Live – \$102.5
- Dave and Busters – \$387.50

Angela de Rocha, KDCF communications director, told Kansas Watchdog in a previous interview the state has no way to stop questionable withdrawals.

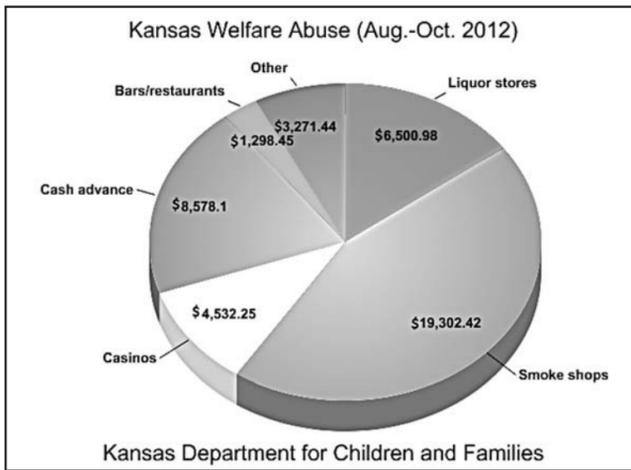
"You can take your Vision card into a strip joint or Disney Land or Graceland or wherever and use that to get cash," de Rocha said. "There's nothing we can do about that. We can't control that."

Kansas Watchdog reached out to Ken Thompson, director of the KDCF Fraud Investigation Unit, but he was unavailable for comment.

Kansas Watchdog received the welfare transaction data after a months-long battle to acquire the information from KDCF, which initially resisted an open records request seeking the information, but eventually relented.

CASH ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS				
Family Size	Rural County	High Cost Rural County	High Population Counties	High Cost High Population Counties
1	\$224	\$229	\$241	\$267
2	\$309	\$314	\$326	\$352
3	\$386	\$391	\$403	\$429
4	\$454	\$459	\$471	\$497
5 +	Add \$61 for each additional person			

HELPING HAND: Funds provided through the TANF program are intended to help low-income families.



BY THE NUMBERS: The above chart shows a breakdown of potentially illicit transactions made by Kansas welfare recipients.

Manhattan High School Named To High School Challenge List

MANHATTAN, KS — Manhattan High School has been named to The Washington Post High School Challenge List for the fifth consecutive year.

Only eight Kansas high schools made the High School Challenge List: Sumner Academy of Arts and Science index 3.434, Blue Valley North index 2.185, Shawnee Mission East index 2.072, Blue Valley index 2.067, Blue Valley West index 1.739, Blue Valley Northwest index 1.704, Manhattan index 1.456, Shawnee Mission South index 1.296

"It is an honor to be make the list of the Washington Post Challenge ranking the best high schools in United States," states Terry McCarty, Manhattan High School Principal. "The accolades that Manhattan High School receives are a testimony to the faculty/staff throughout the entire school district, the community of Manhattan, and most importantly; the students. We acknowledge the efforts that are put forth to achieve and perform at this level. And we are proud of the accomplishments and successes earned by such effort."

The Washington Post annually surveys and ranks approximately 22,000

high schools across the country. Public schools are ranked according to a ratio devised by Jay Mathews: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school and divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on the list have an index of at least 1.000. Just over 1,925 schools—only nine percent of all the public schools in the U.S.—made the list.

To view the article and list of the High School Challenge, visit the The Washington Post website at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/high>

Messer Named High School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Angela Messer has been named an assistant principal at Manhattan High School. Messer currently services as an assistant principal for Junction City Middle School. She has held that position since 2009. Prior to that, Messer was a mathematics teacher at Manhattan High School. She has a B.S. in Mathematics Education and a M.S. in Education Administration and Leadership — both from Kansas State University.

"I am very excited to accept the Assistant Principal position at Manhattan High School," states Messer. "I am eager to return to where I began my educational career and to take this next step in achieving my professional goals. I look forward to working the USD 383 administration, teachers, and staff."

"I am pleased to announce that Angie Messer will be joining the administrative team at Manhattan

High School," states incoming Manhattan High School Principal Greg Hoyt. "Mrs. Messer brings familiarity with the school, passion for the work, a strong work ethic, and a skill set that will benefit students, staff and patrons of MHS."

Messer will begin her position on July 29, 2013. She will fill the assistant principal position that has been vacant for three years.

Governor Appreciates NBAF Recommendation

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback released the following statement Wednesday regarding President Obama including \$714 million for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) being built in Manhattan, Kansas in his Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

"I appreciate President Obama's recommendation to invest more than \$700 million for the completion of the NBAF," Governor Brownback said. "I look forward to working with the Kansas Legislature to meet the requirements of the President's request by approving the additional bonding needed to complete this project during the upcoming veto session. The NBAF is vital to the security of our country's food supply, the health of our livestock industry and growing our state's economy."

So far the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has invested nearly \$200 million into site prepara-

tion, engineering, design, and site specific risk-assessments. The state of Kansas already has committed \$105 million dollars of matching state funds to the NBAF project and \$35 million dollars of research funding for transitioning the NBAF mission to Manhattan. The President is requesting the state invest another \$202 million of matching state funds.

A January 2012 economic impact report found the NBAF will employ approximately 326 permanent workers and support about 757 construction jobs. It is expected to have a \$3.5 billion economic impact on the state in the facility's first 20 years of use.

The approximately 46 acre site is located on the north side of the Kansas State University campus. The laboratory will research and develop countermeasures to animal, human, and zoonotic diseases.

(Editor's Note: The Manhattan Free Press main computer was hit by lighting Wednesday and many photos, advertising and news stories were lost.)



Larru Deam George

Larry Dean George, age 64, of Manhattan, Kansas died Monday April 15, 2013 at the Select Specialty Hospital of Kansas City, Kansas.

He was born on July 18, 1948 in Belleville, Kansas the son of Doyle and Eunice (Spicer) George. Larry graduated from Belleville High School in 1966. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1970. He served in Vietnam and Okinawa and earned the rank of Sergeant. Larry served on the City of Lincoln, Nebraska police force after leaving the Air Force. He joined the Riley County Police Department in 1984 and was a DARE Officer in the schools of Riley County, Kansas until his

retirement in 2004. Larry was passionate about presenting the drug and alcohol prevention programs that reached countless young people over the years. After retiring from RCPD he worked full time for Pawnee Mental Health continuing to present drug and alcohol prevention programs. He retired from Pawnee at the end of December 2012. He continued to work his many part time jobs at Bramlage Parking Services and Manhattan Town Center Mall Security. Larry had a Security Consultant business doing background checks for Homeland Security, new hire backgrounds for Riley County Police Department,

security for the Riley County Fair and numerous other security jobs. He proudly volunteered as a Riley County Youth Court Judge for Riley County Community Corrections.

Larry was married to Linda Nelson and they had two children: Kristopher and Heather. He was later married to Vickie Kingsley and two more children, Brian and Brad, completed their family.

He loved working with people of all ages and meeting new faces everyday. This was evident through his hundreds of programs given over the years to the countless friends he made working at the Mall. Larry also had a love of collect-

ing Radio controlled cars, matchbox cars and just about anything else that caught his eye. He also enjoyed working in the yard, photography, his coffee group, fishing, playing with his dogs, Lucy & Gus and telling stories about his Motorcycle Patrol days. Above all, Larry had a deep love for his family, especially the grandchildren, who always kept him laughing.

Survivors include his wife: Vickie of the home; son: Kristopher "Kip" George and his wife Audrea and their daughter Parker of Jefferson City, Montana; daughter: Heather George-Ferguson and her husband Charlie Ferguson

III and their son Stone of Union City, California; son: Brian Kingsley and his wife Ashley and their children Miles and Corinne of Lawrence, Kansas and son: Brad Kingsley of Manhattan, Kansas. He is also survived by other family members and many, many friends.

Memorial Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 20, 2013 at the University Christian Church Family Life Center 2800 Claflin Rd, Manhattan, Kansas with Rev. Dr.

Keith Wiens officiating. Inurnment will be in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Aldrich, Missouri at a later date.

The family will receive

friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday April 19, 2013 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program % Kari Quiton for the Manhattan/Ogden Public Schools Foundation in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneral-home.com.

James V. Bean

James V. Bean, 75, of Manhattan, passed away Thursday, April 11th, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House.

James Vurl Bean was born in Joy, Illinois on July 6, 1937, son of the late Joseph and Maxine (Holmes) Bean, living in Hastings, NE and later in Anoka, MN. He graduated from high school in Oak Ridge, TN and attended Tennessee University in Knoxville, TN. On June 17, 1959 he was united in marriage to Gloria Jean King in Minneapolis, MN.

Soon after the wedding he was drafted into the Army and served at Fort Riley.

Jim had worked, after his service in the Army at Fort Riley, for Pollem Bookstore, C & M Auto Parts Supply, Kansas State Social & Rehabilitation Services and Murdock Auto as a shuttle driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gunsmithing. Jim belonged to the Little Apple Beer Brewing Club, was involved with the Kaw Valley muzzle loaders, he and Jean enjoyed traveling widely in the United States

with winter trips to the Gulf Coast. If the weather in Kansas grew too hot, they would travel to Lake Superior for cooler temperatures. Jim was an avid reader and enjoyed science fiction and mysteries, but he and Jean enjoyed their home with overlooked Tuttle Creek Reservoir.

James is survived by his wife, Jean of the hometwo sons Jon Bean, of Manhattan, KS; Michael (Diana) Bean, of Manhattan, and granddaughter Elizabeth Bean.

A funeral service was held at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation, Manhattan, at 1:00pm on Tuesday, April 16th, with following at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery Manhattan. Friends are invited to call on Monday from 9am to 8pm. Family request donations to Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research - KSU Manhattan, KS.

For more information or to send an email condolence visit irvinparkview.com

Neal Medlin

Neal Medlin, age 68, of Manhattan, died April 15, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born July 8, 1944, in Concordia, Kansas, the son of Maurice and Elaine (Loring) Medlin, and had been a lifetime area resident.

Neal graduated from Riley High School and attended Emporia State University.

He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in Athens, Greece. Following his military service he was the owner of Medlin Chevrolet in Riley, real estate sales in Manhattan, and co-owner of Westloop Floral in Manhattan.

Neal was a member of Riley Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Riley Lions Club, various automobile and pilot associations.

He loved to fly for business and pleasure and was an owner of a plane for several years. He was privileged to be able to take Coach Vince Gibson on several recruiting trips and taking fisherman to Canada. He enjoyed attending and watching car auctions.

On March 8, 1975, at First Lutheran Church in Manhattan, he was married to Karen S. Renz. Karen survives of the home in Manhattan. Additional

survivors include two children: Bret Medlin of Manhattan, and Lindsay Medlin and her husband William "Roscoe" Lowe of Manhattan; his mother Elaine Medlin of Manhattan; three siblings: JoAnne Flaming of Kansas City, MO, Jan Huff and her husband Bill of Shawnee, KS, and Lori Hanson and her husband Donald of Manhattan, KS; one granddaughter Ella Lowe; and his mother-in-law Marie Renz of Manhattan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverend D. Erich Schwartz officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Friday at the First Lutheran Church.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley Presbyterian Church or the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Donald Eugene Mock

Donald Eugene Mock Ph.D., 74, of Manhattan, passed away Monday, April 15th. He was a retired professor at KSU with the extension service. Donald was born in Montrose, Colorado on December 30, 1938, son of the late Guy Mock and Rosetta (Paxton) Mock-Bond.

Don graduated from high school and left home at the age of sixteen. He received a bachelors degree from Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, Colo., he financed his way through college with

night, weekend, summer jobs as well as with scholarships. All of these jobs and others took him to interesting places. Don taught science, language arts, and other courses in public schools for seven years, worked at construction jobs and becoming a journeyman carpenter. He entered the graduate program at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where he earned a Ph.D. in Economic Entomology. He joined the KSU staff in 1973, retiring in 2001. When Don retired he stayed involved with medical

and veterinary entomology, publishing books of poetry, and spending as much time as possible on his ranch in the Flint Hills near Chalk, KS.

On June 30, 1963 at Montrose, Colorado he was united in marriage to Patsy Noland who survives him of the home. Also surviving is a daughter, Linda Mock, of Kansas City, MO; two sons Jeff Mock, husband of Michelle of St. Louis, MO; Bill Mock, husband of Robin of Dublin, CA; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Don was

proceeded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Cremation has been chosen and a family & friends gathering will be announced at a later date. The family request donations to Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research - KSU, 1 Chalmers Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation is handling arrangements. For more information or to send an email condolence visit irvinparkview.com or on facebook.

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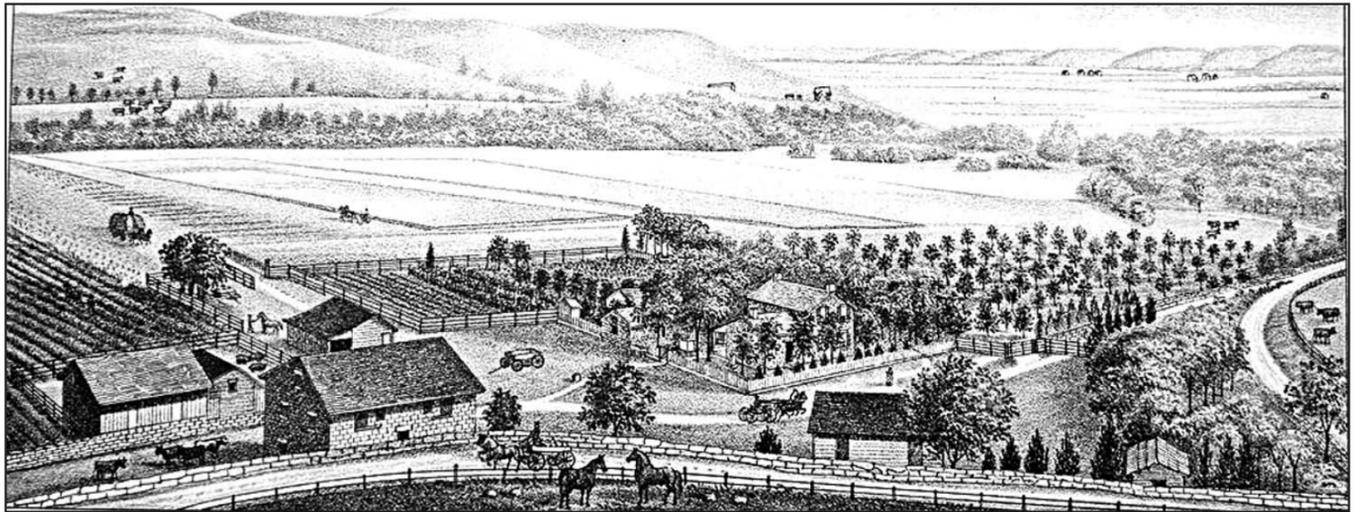
The Blue River Valley lies north of Manhattan, Kansas. Many residents of the valley trace their heritage back to 1847 when German immigrants homesteaded. These energetic farmers plowed the fertile soil, grazed cattle, and built homes for their families. The population of the valley increased in the early 1860s when the U. S. government gave the Kansas Pacific Railway a grant of five million acres to encourage the building of a railroad across the state. In turn the railroad sold land to settlers who would eventually ship their produce to market by rail.

The railroad advertised the Blue River Valley as one of the "Gems of the West" with some of the richest and best watered lands to be found.

The valley soon included Swedish immigrants. In 1855 John A. Johnson, the first Swede to settle in Kansas, began farming in an area called Mariadahl. By 1866 several more Swedish settlers had arrived. Mr. Johnson donated land for the building of the first Swedish Lutheran Church west of the Missouri River. The grounds also included a home for orphaned children and the community cemetery.

The proposal of Tuttle Creek Dam greatly affected the members of the church. In 1951 Reverend C. G. Bloomquist wrote: "The disastrous flood of last summer, from which many of our members suffered financially in a distressing degree, brought renewed agitation for Tuttle Creek Dam. It has caused and still is causing us grave concern."

Its construction, according to the plans of Army Engineers,



Residence of Pollard Carnahan - Garrison, Pottawatomie Co. Kansas.

would practically obliterate both church, the Home, and our church constituency. Our membership has been on the front line fighting valiantly with a host of others in this whole watershed for a far better method of controlling the excess water flow. The battle is by no means won. We hope and pray that a flood control and soil conservation program will be devised which will preserve for us and our children that which we rightfully value so highly and thus save from disintegration this Lutheran Christian community."

Due to efforts of the Blue Valley residents, funding for the building of Tuttle Creek was delayed. In 1957 the threat was once again knocking at their door. Mariadahl Pastor Gustafson wrote, "We again walk in perilous times. It would seem that those outside our area would send us to a watery grave. We are again challenged



Quentin Carnahan

as work is resumed on the controversial site of Tuttle Creek Dam. . . . Should water rest in this place a few years from now—shall it cause disbelief in a man's heart and hatred in his bones?"

Carnahan family farm dating from 1855.

Many of the families in the Blue River Valley had farmed there for years. One of these

was the Samuel Carnahan family, which settled in the valley in 1855 near the town of Garrison. The 1887 Evert's Kansas Atlas featured this prosperous farm owned by Samuel's son, Pollard.

Generations of Carnahans continued to farm the land in the Blue Valley until the building of the dam and reservoir. In 1950 Quentin Carnahan, great grandson of Samuel, like many other sons and daughters of the valley graduated from Kansas State University. Quentin, along with many others, returned to the family farm. Shortly thereafter he was drafted by the U. S. Army. He became a member of the 25th Infantry fighting in the Korean War. In an interview conducted by The K-Stater, October 1952, Quentin's father Herbert asked: "What will he [Quentin] say when he comes home and finds out that while he fought for his country they moved his family off their land?"

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Molly (Walters) Ryan Finished Marathon Before The Explosion

Molly (Walters) Ryan (formerly of Waterville) is back home in Bixby after crossing the finish line in Boston just half an hour before the second blast.

This was her third year to run the race. She finished with a time of 3:14:55, which is faster than she hoped.

She says she crossed the finish line, found her husband Wayne and they started to leave downtown. That's when her sister-in-law called and asked in a hushed tone if they were OK.

"I know that was strange for her to speak to me that way," Molly says. Then they got the bad news of the second explosion near the finish line.

A few minutes later, they saw emergency vehicles come down the side road where she and Wayne were driving. "Then it became real to me," Molly says.

Usually, Molly and Wayne take the subway, but this year, they decided to rent a car. That means they got out of downtown a lot more quickly.

"All of those 'what-ifs' go through your head at that point because you're in a little bit of disbelief that this is going on, and you want to get to the TV and the news as quickly as you can to see if it's true, if it's for real," Molly says. "I don't know why it happened when it did, but if it had been 30-40

minutes sooner, it could've been Wayne affected by [the explosion]."

Molly says it was unnerving to see all the coverage on TV. "I've never been this close to something so real," she says. "It's kind of a struggle. I think that's why I feel very angry, because I spent the last few days trying to grab my emotions and make it understandable in my head. The more I watch the news, the angrier I get because it doesn't seem right."

She says nothing seemed out of the ordinary when she crossed the finish line. Police officers and volunteers were lined up shoulder-to-shoulder. "You never once felt unprotected; they were everywhere."

She says she will definitely run the race next time. "I don't want anyone to tell me what I can and cannot work for as far as what I go and do."

She says she hopes the race will not lose its prestige just because of some "senseless act." "I don't think anyone who trains for any marathon or sporting event that they're involved in should be afraid, otherwise we won't achieve anything."

Molly says she hopes the Boston Marathon will continue to be the amazing marathon that it is.

Molly is the daughter of Lyle and Ann Walter of Waterville.



Photo of Molly going past the bomb, photo taken by her husband Wayne Ryan.

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So, with considerably less time and space let's analyze the his inaugural speech - a copy of which graces the computer here - in an attempt to digest the baloney in search of some real meat.

"Last election we had three brand new City Commissioners. This year you are it, Usha New people bring new perspectives and ... I believe that is critical." Our translation ("OT"): Usha, I hope you're not near as liberal as I fear and that you will indeed stand on conservative fiscal principles, as you promised during your campaign.

"California's high tax rates, strict regulatory policies, and reliance on debt made that state particularly vulnerable. Stockton California last year became the largest city in history to declare bankruptcy. However, here in Manhattan



Bob Strawn

we have not missed a beat." OT: God forbid if K-State or Ft. Riley loses any significant amount of funding or we are in deep doo-doo.

"The city of course has taken matters into its' own hands with regard to its' economic fortunes. This includes the North and South End Developments. I often have been a critic of the handling and indeed the overall wisdom

of the endeavor It's our job now to manage this project to a successful conclusion." OT: Let's get this property quickly and fully on the tax rolls. And

don't look for me to support any such government interventions or subsidies in the future.

"The new wave in housing is seen by many as more apartment / condo style living and then linking these populations' pods to businesses, schools, and shopping via walking and bike paths as well as near 100% taxpayer funded transportation." OT: Lord Almighty, I loathe taxpayer subsidized public transportation (ATA) and will resist going there during my term, although I know I'm in trouble on this one.

"Also larger builders, like large corporations, often prefer more regulation because they have the infrastructure and contacts to more easily manage it than do their smaller competitors. The increased cost is simply passed onto the consumer." OT: I want to level the playing field, making construction more competitive thereby driving down building costs for buyers.

"It is imperative to find a way to bend the (government) cost curve in the community's favor. One such way is for the city to consolidate in part or in total with Riley County.

Former Mayor Kent Glasscock called for unification back in 1989. His reward was grief ... The objective here is a more streamlined, efficient and responsive local government ..." OT: My business brain, like Glasscock's, is taken with the notion of unified government and how it might rationalize costs and improve quality. But I understand the hurdles are significant, as they come primarily from deeply entrenched, government supported, powerful interest groups including many elected officials.

"Well we are on the home stretch now - two years down and two to go." OT: This has been a fun and worthwhile endeavor. But I will surely be glad when it's over, so I can have my privacy and family life returned to normal.

There my good friend, we summarized your speech in less than 600 words - all in good humor, of course, and with great respect. This is a good man, folks. We wish him a most successful term as Mayor of Manhattan. And that's not baloney! ***

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building April 4, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

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

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Bob Isaac, Planner; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

P. Collins said he obtained a free 1990 refurbished fire truck from the K-State Forestry Department.

Wells discussed the meeting with the landowners of the current Riley County Police Department firing range.

Boyd discussed the meeting with the Public Health Advisory Council.

Boyd said he would like to add Dr. Michael Cates to the Health Department Administrator search committee.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed by consensus to add Dr. Michael Cates to the Health Department Administrator search committee.

Boyd said he attended a Work Force meeting.

Lewis said he spoke with Chris Darrah about commercial property tax rates.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:
Douglas Schmitt, a new hire, as the Assistant Fire Chief, in the Fire District #1 Department, at a grade P step 2, at \$22.81 per hour, effective April 15, 2013.

Mindy Robbins, an Assistant to the Administrator/Child Care Supervisor, in the Riley County Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective April 12, 2013.

Volanti said the Board of County Commissioners need to determine if they would like to proceed with hiring a Child Care Licensing Supervisor/Assistant to Administrator for

the Riley County Health Department.

The Board of County Commissioners signed the Riley County Position Action Form for a Child Care Licensing Supervisor/Assistant to Administrator, at the Riley County Health Department, at a grade S.

Boyd moved to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with Bill Von Elling for the Register of Deeds' Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with Blanton Realty for the Register of Deeds' Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Renewal of Online Access Agreement with Heartland Title Services, Inc. for the Register of Deeds' Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to accept the revised Final Plat of Wells Landing, and accept any easements, rights-of-way or licenses, as shown to be dedicated on the Final Plat, as it has been determined that it meets the minimum requirements of the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Lisa Ross. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Patti Grub. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Linda Redding. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 040413-13, a Resolution changing the name of the Public Health Advisory Board to the Public Health Advisory Council." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Request to Write-Off Account Receivables for Valley Equipment, 2121 Priboth Road, Mochlman Bottoms Water Benefit District in the amount of \$10.63 for the Public Works Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve Change Order Number 1 Final for a 2-inch force main with grinder pumps in the sanitary sewer at the Lakeside Heights Benefit District with the Larson Construction Company in the amount of \$750.00 for a total adjusted contract price of

\$50,178.00. The Lakeside Heights Sanitary Sewer Benefit District will be responsible for the cost of this increase and has approved them. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$276,806.35 and the following warrant vouchers for April 5, 2013:

2013 Budget	
County General	\$291,665.65
Health Department	49,175.21
Riley Co Juvenile Service	6,019.38
Motor Vehicle Operations	5,528.08
Special Alcohol	4,690.00
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	1,118.85
Riley Co Adult Services	7,401.55
Capital Improvements Fund	10,054.76
Solid Waste	8,019.45
County Building	11,719.47
Road & Bridge Cap Project	673.90
RCPD Levy/Op	11,592.07
Resourceful KS Energy Grt	73,220.90
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	1,625.71
University Park W&S	296.00
Valleywood Operations	63.33
Univ Park W&S Cap Reserve	2,246.10
Lakeside Heights Sewer	44,485.20
TOTAL	\$529,595.61

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.
9:00 Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Eileen King, Treasurer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Rebekah Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; Sandi Wilkoff-Harper, Intensive Supervision Officer II-Adult; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brent Sigman, REACH Committee Chair; Lori Muir, REACH Committee member; Katy Vaughan, REACH Committee member; Allen Todd, REACH Committee member; and Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director, attended.

Williams discussed the implementation of the Employee of the Month parking stall.

King discussed the

Employee of the Month parking stall.

Sigman discussed the Caught You Reaching Out program.

Boyd moved to authorize a parking spot for Employee of the Month. Motion died for lack of a second.

William discussed if the Community Corrections Department should or should not fund a worker's compensation premium.

9:22 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/Household Hazardous Waste Department report.

Wells moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 2013 as amended. Boyd seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Wedel discussed the boundary for the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan study.

Wedel said Riley County will have to consider financial participation. Wedel stated Riley County participated in the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Study and funding was split 50/50 and cost Riley County about \$75,000.00.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed by consensus to expand the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan study boundary to include an area from Tuttle Creek Boulevard south to the Manhattan city limits, extending west to east from West 59th Avenue to Tuttle Creek Boulevard, and an area from Tuttle Creek Boulevard north to West 59th Avenue, extending west to east from the east edge of Section 17, Township 9, Range 7 East to Tuttle Cove Road.

10:10 Wells left the meeting.
10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

10:10 Boyd moved that the

County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:25 a.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:25 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman discussed concerns about a Plaza Reservation request due to public access to buildings in the plaza being compromised because of congestion.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to add language to the Plaza Reservation Request form emphasizing the need to keep public access open to facilities.

10:30 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services;

Eileen King, Treasurer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Shepek discussed the 2014 Riley County budget baseline. 10:52 Wells returned.

11:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Lewis opened the Public Hearing on the petition to enlarge the Carson Mobile Home Park Sewer District and the Resolution authorizing the enlargement of the Carson Mobile Home Park Sewer District.

Holeman discussed the proposed enlargement of the Carson Mobile Home Park Sewer District.

No public comment.
Lewis closed the Public Hearing.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 040413-14, a Resolution Authorizing the Enlargement of Carson Mobile Home Park Sewer District." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:18 Gail Urban, Fieldhouse Advisory Group

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McFadden, King Lead Kansas State To Win Over Iowa

KSU Sports Information

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Blake McFadden tossed six solid innings with a career-best five strikeouts and Jared King recorded a season-high four hits, including his fourth home run of the year, as Kansas State defeated Iowa, 5-3, in the rubber match of a three-game series Sunday afternoon at Duane Banks Field.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 26-11 and picked up their 16th victory in the last 20 games. The Hawkeyes fell to 12-18.

McFadden, who made his sixth start of the year and second-straight in a weekend series, also set a career high in innings pitched while walking just one batter. The freshman right-hander surrendered three runs – only one of which scored with him on the mound – and allowed just four hits.

“I thought Blake was outstanding today,” head coach Brad Hill said. “He really attacked the zone with good pitches all the way around. He’s getting three pitches in the game, too. He continues to make progress each week. His slider is getting better, and he got the changeup in the game today. When he starts becoming a three-pitch pitcher, that’s going to make him even more effective.”

Except for a two-out RBI single by Eric Toole in the third inning, McFadden cruised his first two times through the Iowa order as he faced just

three over the minimum number of batters in six innings.

The Savannah, Mo., native began the seventh inning with a 5-1 lead but surrendered a lead-off infield single and a double. K-State brought in freshman right-hander in Jake Matthys, who produced three ground-ball outs as the Wildcats conceded a pair of runs to avoid a big inning.

Matthys worked around a one-out hit-by-pitch in the eighth inning before Tanner Witt pitched a scoreless ninth with a strikeout for his fifth save of the year.

“Jake attacked the zone and got strikes,” Hill said. “It was disappointing offensively today, but give them (Iowa) credit. We just needed one or two more runs. We couldn’t get that big hit to put the game away.”

King went 4-for-5 in the contest and drove in two runs on his fifth-inning home run that gave K-State its four-run advantage. The junior also set a new career high with three stolen bases, finishing the weekend perfect in five attempts.

A product of Dublin, Ohio, King’s career-high tying four-hit performance capped a 7-for-12, four-RBI weekend.

Witt recorded his 16th multi-hit game of the year by going 2-for-5, including a two-out RBI triple in the second inning. It was K-State’s third triple of the series and 20th of the year. Jon Davis went 2-for-4, while



Ross Kivett (7) is safe at third base against Texas Tech. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Clayton Dalrymple was 2-for-2 with a RBI single in the fourth inning and his first-career stolen base.

Eight of the nine Wildcat starters recorded a hit as

Kansas State finished the game with 14. Kansas State improved its team batting average by two points in the series – a mark that now stands at .333 – by producing 38 hits over the three

games. Iowa starting pitcher Sasha Kuebel (1-7) suffered the loss by allowing five runs on 11 hits in five innings of work. Reserve catcher Dan Sheppard

and designated hitter Ryan Rumpf recorded the RBI ground outs in the seventh inning.

Chambers Selected by LA in 2013 WNBA Draft

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State guard Brittany Chambers was selected with the 22nd overall selection in the second round of the 2013 WNBA Draft by the Los Angeles Sparks on Monday night at the WNBA’s annual draft event. Former Wildcat Jalana Childs will also have an opportunity to make a WNBA roster, as she has been invited to participate in the training camp of the Phoenix Mercury.

Chambers becomes the seventh player in school history to be selected during the WNBA Draft. Chambers and Childs are the ninth and 10th players overall to become a part of the league.

Los Angeles, coached by Carol Ross, finished second in

the Western Conference regular season standings with a 24-10 record during the 2012 season. The Sparks advanced to the Western Conference Finals, falling to the 2011 WNBA champion Minnesota Lynx.

In her K-State career, Chambers finished as one of just four players at Big 12 schools to register 2,000 career points, 850 career rebounds and 350 career assists. She set 20 school records (which included single game, single season and career marks) during her senior campaign including: points in a single-game (42), points in a single season (778) and consecutive games scored (134). She also reached double figures in 109 career games to rank tied for 17th in NCAA Division I

history and second in program history behind Ohlde’s school record of 117 career games with 10 or more points.

She ranks among the top-10 in 12 career categories including: points (2,156, third), rebounds (862, fifth), assists (363, eighth), three-point field goals made (350, second), three-point field goals attempted (974, first), field goals made (751, fourth), field goals attempted (1,845, third), free throws made (304, ninth), minutes played (4,738, first), games played (135, first) and games started (130, first).

Chambers ranks second in school and Big 12 history for career three-point field goals made. She ranks ninth in NCAA history for career three-



Brittany Chambers (2) (Photo by Ben Brake)

was recognized as the inaugural Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year for women’s basketball recipient, earned her third career Academic All-Big 12 First Team honor. Chambers holds a 3.5 grade point average as a pre-med major.

Childs will be achieving a goal she set for herself before coming to K-State.

“Before I came to college I would tell Coach P (K-State head coach Deb Patterson) that one of my goals was to be a WNBA player,” said Childs. “During my senior year at K-State I started to think that I just wanted to play overseas and not take a chance in the WNBA. After playing overseas, my love for the game improved and I felt the WNBA was going to be a good thing for me. When the Phoenix Mercury offered me this opportunity, I figured I had nothing to lose and everything to prove and gain.”

After concluding her K-State career in 2012 as a All-Big 12 First Team selection with averages of 14.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in her senior season, Childs accepted an opportunity to play for H.R. Le-Zion in the Israeli Basketball League. The product of Orlando, Fla., joined the team in late December and played in 10 games, averaging 5.0 points and 3.5 rebounds. Childs’ is looking forward to the chance at competing for an opportunity in Phoenix.

“My expectations for the training camp are to work hard and learn from the veterans like Diana Taurasi and Candice Dupree. It will be a great learning experience and a fun experience for me.”

Phoenix, the 2007 and 2009 WNBA champions, has a history with former Wildcat post players. The Mercury acquired former K-State great Nicole Ohlde in a trade with the Minnesota Lynx prior to the start of the 2009 season. Ohlde then helped the Mercury capture the second WNBA in franchise history by averaging 5.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.0 blocks off the bench.

McGruder Wins 3 Awards

Senior Rodney McGruder captured three awards, including the Rolando Blackman Team Most Valuable Player Award, to highlight festivities at the annual Kansas State men’s basketball banquet held Monday night at the Hilton Garden Inn and Manhattan Conference Center.

In addition to his MVP trophy, McGruder was named the winner of the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery “Never Broken” Award and the Tex Winter Top Offensive Player Award. One of only two players in school history to rank among the Top 10 in both career scoring and rebounding, he led the Wildcats in eight categories in 2012-13 en route to earning All-Big 12 First Team and honorable mention All-America honors.

McGruder is the third player to repeat as team MVP, while he is the fourth to earn the top offensive player award twice in a career. He is the fourth recipient of the “Never Broken” Award given by the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery regiment at Fort Riley. The team has had a relationship with the unit for the past six seasons, sharing experiences both on campus and on base.

McGruder was the only men’s basketball player to earn recognition to the All-Big 12 First Team in both athletics and academics.

Sophomore Angel Rodriguez won two awards on the night, while seniors Jordan Henriquez and Martavious Irving, freshman D.J. Johnson, sophomore Brian Rohleder and junior Shane Southwell each captured one apiece.

Rodriguez was selected as the winner of the Jack Hartman Top Defensive Player and the Ernie Barrett Play Hard Awards. A member of the All-Big 12 Second Team and Big 12 All-Defensive Team, he led the Wildcats in 3-point field goals (55), assists (173) and steals (50) and was second in scoring (11.4 ppg.), double-digit scoring games (23) and minutes per game (28.2). Rodriguez ranked among the Top 5 in the Big 12 in assist-to-turnover ratio (second), assists (third), free throw percentage (third) and steals (fourth).

Irving was named the winner of the Porky Morgan Most Inspirational Player Award, which is the program’s oldest award and honors the longtime K-State Athletics Trainer from

1950-80. Irving was one of the team’s top bench players, averaging 5.1 points, 2.2 assists and 1.8 rebounds in 20.8 minutes per game in 31 of 33 games off the bench. Henriquez captured the Mitch Richmond Mr. Basketball Award after leading the Wildcats in blocked shots (64) to go with averages of 5.0 points and 5.0 rebounds in 15.9 minutes per game.

The three-man senior class of Henriquez, Irving and McGruder is the winningest (101) in school history, while they are three of just four Wildcats to appear in four consecutive NCAA Tournaments.

Southwell was chosen as the recipient of the Ed Nealy Most Improved Player Award, which goes to the player who makes the most improvement from one season to the next. An honorable mention All-Big 12 performer, he averaged 8.4 points on 45.2 percent shooting, including 43.6 percent from 3-point range, to go with 3.8 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.1 steals in 25.9 minutes per game as a junior. He ranked second on the team in assists and third in scoring, 3-point field goals and steals and fourth in minutes played.

point field goals made. With former Wildcat Laurie Koehn holding the career NCAA Division I record with 392 made 3-point field goals, K-State is one of two program’s in NCAA Division I women’s basketball history to have two players with 300 or more made 3-point field goals in a career.

In the 2012-13 season, Chambers registered career season-highs in three major statistical categories and became the first player in Big 12 history to score 750 or more points (778; 21.03 ppg), grab 250 or more rebounds (281; 7.6 rpg) and dish out 100 or more assists (122; 3.3 apg). In addition to leading the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding this season, Chambers paced the Wildcats in three-point field goals made and attempted (117-of-310, .377) and free throws made and

attempted (115-of-149, .772).

The 778 points were a career-high for Chambers, a school record for points in a single-season and ranks eighth in Big 12 history. The product of Jordan, Minn., scored in double figures in 35 of the 37 games this season, including a school record 22 games of 20 or more points with a school record run of nine straight games with 20 or more points.

Chambers was a 2013 Associated Press All-America honorable mention recipient, earned Senior CLASS Award All-America second team honors, garnered a WBCA All-Region 5 citation, was three-time All-Big 12 First Team honoree and pulled in 2013 WNIT All-Tournament Team honors.

In addition to her on-court honors this season, Chambers

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