

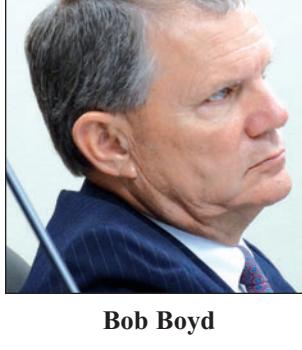


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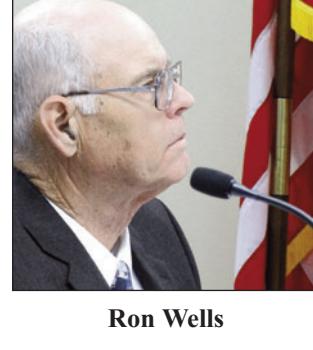
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Bob Boyd



Ron Wells



Dave (Lewis) Guthals

County Building Commission

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

The Riley County Commission knows what they are doing. Bob Boyd, Ron Wells and Dave (Lewis) Guthals have a lot of power being the Riley County Commission but they do have a few problems when it comes to money and what other government agencies think of them.

The State of Kansas has a law that says that the Commission or City can build anything up to \$300,000 without a vote of the people. But sometimes that vote gets in the way of a favorite project.

Over the past 100 plus years voters of Manhattan and Riley County have passed many bond issues. They passed a \$95 million building project for the School District. The passed building a new swimming pool and a Zoo building for the City. If you look around, all of the City, County and School District buildings have been approved by a vote of the people.

But if the Riley County Commissioners have anything to say about it, that will change.

The Commissioners want to approve a Riley County Building Commission and then appoint themselves to that Commission. That is a lot of power. They will run Riley County as the Riley County Commission and then they will

have the City of Manhattan, Riley, Ogden, Leonardville all coming to them to finance building so they do not have to face the voters. They would also have the Manhattan School District calling and every other government agency that wants something could come before them on bended knee and ask for help. That is a lot of power.

As it is now, City, County and School projects are well thought out and planned before they ask the votes to approve the sale of bonds.

With a Building Commission only three people would have a say in the building project. If you talk to them, they will tell you that they do not know if they will do this but they want to. And, they want it bad.

Here is a part of the minutes from the August 1st Free Press: "Lewis stated a PBC is a tool the Board could use to finance building projects." Yes, it is a tool to finance building projects but it can be done without a vote of the Citizens.

He went on to say: "Lewis said counties are currently limited to \$300,000 to build facilities without the vote of the public." This is true, but with a Building Commission the sky is the limit. No Vote. Now they will tell you that the voters can petition the Building Commission and a vote of the people would take place. But,

what they will not tell you is that the State laws on Building Commissions give the City and Counties the right to use Home Rule and NOT go to a vote of the people.

The minutes also shows: "Lewis discussed the facilities' needs." What are the facilities needs? We don't know but the County Commission and the Department Heads will hold a meeting Friday September, 6th in the Landon Room at the Holiday Inn starting at 8:00 a.m.

Most people will never attend a Commission - Staff meeting but this is one that needs the attention of citizens. Any time two or more members of the County Commission attends a meeting it is open to the public.

The Commissioners are still telling people that they are not hearing from the public on this subject. It may be time.

According to the Riley County Web Site the Commissioners can be contacted at:

David L. (Dave Lewis) Guthals Chairman Cell: (785) 313-0781 Work: (785) 565-6214

Robert L. Boyd, Jr. Cell: (785) 341-6977 Work: (785) 537-6357

Ron Wells Home: (785) 537-1001 Work: (785) 565-6213

Gift To Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan announced a gift of technology today from Cox Communications. This \$11,000 grant will be used to purchase upgrades to the Cox Communications Technology Lab which will supplement learning and tutoring at the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan 5th Street location. The technology will be used year-round at the Club for academic activities within programs as well as programs such as robotics.

The Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan has a mission to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. "By partnering with Cox Communications, we know that we will be able to inspire our members to reach new heights in learning through

STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)," said Junnae Campbell, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan.

"As a national partner with the Boys & Girls Club, we understand their mission and want to help ensure that all youth receive access to state-of-the-art technology opportunities. We hope this gift will stimulate new learning at the Club while introducing programs such as STEM Education and Robotics," said Marilyn Burrows, Senior Vice President and General Manager for Cox Communications Central Region.

Since 1994 the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan has proven to be a strong advocate for educating today's youth by focusing on three core areas; good character & citizenship, healthy

lifestyles and academic success. As the Manhattan community continues to grow, so has the need for the Club. Over the past year, the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan served nearly 2,000 members. Nearly 1,000 members attended the Club 52 times or more in 2012, the frequency of attendance important for achieving positive outcomes.

Cox Communications, Cox Enterprises' broadband communications subsidiary, has a history of connecting technology with education. The company partners with Connect-2Compete to offer discounted Internet service to low-income families with children, as well as provides Cox Tech Centers at Boys & Girls Clubs in its operating areas.



The Chamber ribbon cutting for ACT4SAFETY

New Business Opens In Town

Locally veteran owned ACT4SAFETY announced the opening of its new office here in Manhattan, KS. Company officials and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce met Thursday evening for a ribbon cutting and grand opening of the newly formed company.

ACT4SAFETY is a vision brought to life by Steven Milton (CEO) who along with co-owners John Von Hagen (CCO) and Brian E. Wells (CMO) have brought the company to reality. The company's goal is to get inebriated drivers off the roads of the Flint Hills area as well as assist any drivers who cannot drive their vehicles due to any circumstance (medical, physical, etc). ACT which is an acronym for Alternative-Consumer-

Transportation specializes in driving a person's vehicle with them in it while another ACT driver follows in a follow-on vehicle. "Let us get you and your car home safely" is the company motto.

ACT offers four main services:

ACT PARTY: Services available to ensure the transportation safety of your friends and guests at your next party, wedding, etc. helping to protect responsible hosts from liability incurred when serving alcohol.

ACT SERVICE: Fee based driver-for-hire service for you and your vehicle. ACT drivers work in teams of two, one to drive you and your car while the other driver follows behind.

ACT CHAUFFEUR: A Chauffeur will be on location

for designated time frames for an event and "ACT" as a Driver for Hire Chauffeur for all guest requests of the event. The Chauffeur transports you and your guests in the comfort of your own vehicle.

ACT VALLET: For your event or business needs, rely on us to establish an immediate and positive rapport with your customer/guests.

Fees for the various services are listed on ACT4Safety's website. Fees are subject to change.

ACT4SAFETY may be contacted via phone or internet:

785.320.5555/www.ACT4S

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ACT4SAFETY

1115 Westport Drive, Suite

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Manhattan, KS 66502

School Dist. Numbers Are UP

Manhattan USD 383 Preliminary K-12 Non Virtual Enrollment Fall 2013

Total 5,965

2013 LESS
2012 BY
SCHOOL

	K	GR1	GR2	GR3	GR4	GR5	GR6	NG	GR7	GR8	GR9	GR10	GR11	GR12	TOTAL
AA	76	69	70	62	70	68	64								477
BL	64	42	34	35	17	25	27								244
BE	72	71	65	70	61	61	63								463
LE	82	69	68	58	68	51	44								438
MA	61	49	64	61	62	70	64								431
NV	90	83	68	68	64	67	69								509
OG	29	42	25	27	23	28	19								193
TR	44	41	35	39	37	44	47								287
VW	44	42	44	42	42	46	46								306
AMS								3	251	245	2				501
EMS									210	236					446
MHS											452	405	421	392	1670
TOTAL	562	508	473	462	442	458	446	0	461	481	454	405	421	392	5965

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2013 LESS 2012 BY GRADE

32	13	-15	-4	-24	22	13	0	-12	63	48	6	19	-23	138
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2013 LESS 2012 BY COHORT

-22	-22	-26	-24	-8	10	28	8	36	-1	22	-10
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Manhattan USD 383 Preliminary K-12 Non Virtual Enrollment Fall 2012

Total 5,827

BLDG

	K	GR1	GR2	GR3	GR4	GR5	GR6	NG	GR7	GR8	GR9	GR10	GR11	GR12	TOTAL
AA	80	68	70	67	70	67	71								493
BL	51	41	38	24	23	24	38								239
BE	62	61	72	70	68	65	78								476
LE	73	74	67	72	66	44	48								444
MA	50	66	64	61	69	62	76								448
NV	84	76	73	66	71	69	54								493
OG	48	29	26	27	25	22	15								192
TR	45	37	42	42	35	44	25								270
VW	37	43	36	37	39	39	28								

Obituaries

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Feds Drag Feet On Hostess Worker Benefits Data Request

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — It's been four months since Kansas Watchdog first reached out to the U.S. Department of Labor for an explanation why it handed out a slew of extra benefits to former Hostess workers.

That's four months of minimal updates, two blown completion estimates and a general lack of communication on the part of the federal government. And that's after the DOL has

already broken federal Freedom of Information Act laws.

In April, Kansas Watchdog reported on a questionable decision by the DOL to extend Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits to former Hostess employees following the much-publicized downfall of the iconic snack cake manufacturer. The matter caught my eye because, while employees and executives argued over who should shoulder the blame for

Hostess going under, the DOL pointed the finger at something else entirely: foreign trade.

In all, about 18,000 former Hostess workers have become eligible for the government handout, which is intended to help retrain, re-employ or relocate individuals who lost their jobs due to foreign competition. If only half the former Hostess employees take advantage of the benefits, the taxpayer bill could possibly hit \$90 million.

Naturally, I wanted to hear some justification for this odd decision. When DOL officials gave less-than-satisfactory answers, I decided to go straight to the source and requested copies of all documentation used to support the move.

DOL management analyst Aisha Potter assured me in June that my request was next in line, with an estimated completion date of Aug. 1. That deadline has since come and

gone, all without a peep from Potter or anyone else at the DOL.

It's one thing to push back the completion date of a request because of its size and

scope; if that's all it is, I can handle it. I realize I'm requesting a lot. But it's another thing to break the law and keep me in the dark about the data I'm trying to get my hands on.

Overpayments To Take Years To Recoup

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — During fiscal year 2011 alone, Kansas racked up more than \$17 million in food stamp overpayments, but last year the state only managed to reclaim about \$1.5 million of it, according to a state official.

That's just one of the revelations Kansas Watchdog discovered after investigating the 5.45 percent payment error rate Kansas' Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program posted during fiscal year 2012. The error rate — which includes both over- and underpayments — is below the 6 per-

cent federal maximum standard established in 2008, but still above the national average of 3.42 percent.

Of the erroneous payments last year, the vast majority (4.59 percent) were overpayments, while only 0.85 percent were underpayments.

Theresa Freed, communications director for the Kansas Department for Children and Families, said many recoveries of benefit overpayments are based on actions that have taken years to produce results.

That means once an erroneous payment is out the door, there's no telling when exactly it might be coming back.

Nationwide, last year Kansas ranked 44th of 53 regions — all states plus the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands — in terms of accuracy, according to U.S. Food and Nutrition Service data. The only regions to post a higher rate of payment inaccuracy were Arizona, Connecticut, Missouri, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming and Guam.

Freed attributed Kansas' higher-than-average error rate to the fact that benefit levels are adjusted more frequently than other states, according to the status of each individual.

"Kansas has opted to 'act on all changes,' which means the benefits will vary as circumstances change, compared to states that wouldn't make the change," Freed said. "The bottom line is, there's more room for error in Kansas because we do a better job of making sure clients are only receiving benefits for which they are qualified. If an error is made along the way, we act quickly to correct it. Although this hurts our accuracy rate, it helps protect the integrity of the welfare system."

Lupe Molina Gutierrez

Lupe Molina Gutierrez, 67, longtime Manhattan, KS and Deming, NM resident died Tuesday, July 30th in El Paso, Texas of natural causes.

Mrs. Molina was born January 31st, 1946 in Madera, Chihuahua, Mexico to Rómulo Armendáriz and Juliana Armendáriz Salido.

She was married to Ignacio Montañez in 1966 and later divorced. She married Neftaly Molina in 1980 and later divorced. She married Narciso Gutierrez in 2010. He survives of the home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jose Luis Montañez; two brothers, David

and Noe Armendáriz; a sister, Lidia Cordova; and a granddaughter, Savanna.

Mrs. Molina worked at the former St Mary's Hospital as a housekeeper for nearly 20 years before starting a home daycare. She had a huge impact on her young charges and is remembered as a kind and nurturing provider. She had a way of spreading sunshine everywhere she went whether in her delicious tamales or by sharing the strength of her faith.

She was remarkable for her tenacity, as well as her unwavering love of family. With her stolid nature and cheer she was and will continue to be a positive influence to many lives.

Survivors include one son, Ignacio Montañez (Samantha), Manhattan, KS, Two daughters, Camelia Kelly (Kevin), El Paso TX, Rocio Molina (Chad), Lawrence KS; Four brothers: Jim Armendáriz (Cheryl), Manhattan, KS, Francisco Armendáriz, Bloomington, IN, Oscar Armendáriz, Bloomington, IN, and Roice Armendáriz, Bloomington, IN; Three sisters: Rebeca Villalta, Kansas City, MO, Ruth Battick (Dan), Marysville, KS, and Olga Alicia Alvarado, Deming NM; Eight grandchildren: Adriana, Marissa, Joshua, Alexus, Lea, Isabella, Kyzer,

Louise Spain

Louise Spain, age 69, of St. George, died Sunday August 11, 2013 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born on February 4, 1944 in Manhattan the daughter of Virgle and Margaret (Gros) Spain. She graduated from Msgr. Luckey High School in Manhattan in 1962.

Louise worked in the customer service department at Wal-Mart in Manhattan. She enjoyed horseback riding, crocheting and she loved to go dancing. Louise was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Banta and her husband Robbie of St. George. Also by her sister Joleen Hickman and her partner Darci Bohnenblust of Riley, her sister-in-law Susan Spain and her friend Scott Stone of Manhattan, three grandchildren: Alisha Banta, Tyler Banta, and Carl Hodges, and also numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Ricky Hodges, and her brother Jim Spain.

Funeral services for Louise

was will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday August 15, 2013 at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset Avenue in Manhattan, the Rev. Michael J. Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the St. George Cemetery in St. George.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday August 14, 2013 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions in memory of Louise are suggested to Camp Hope in Claflin, Kansas. Contributions may be

left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences maybe left for the family by clicking on "Send Condolences" on this page.

Wanda Booz Williamson

Wanda Ilene Booz Williamson, age 96, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at Meadowlark Hills-Bramlage House.

She was born October 1, 1916, at Glen Elder, Mitchell County, Kansas, the daughter of Robert Roy and Ella Merle (Dove) Dudley. She graduated from high school in Glen Elder, Kansas where she was class valedictorian.

On September 25, 1938, she married Kenneth Leroy Booz. They started their married life in Osborne, Kansas, then moved to Hutchinson, prior to settling in Manhattan in 1949.

Kenneth worked in the state office of ASCS and Wanda worked at Kansas State University in the finance office. In 1954, she started working for Hunter & Lundberg General Contractors until her retirement in 1975. She was also a wonderful homemaker.

Memberships included the Daughters of the American Colonists and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) since 1971, Epsilon Sigma

grandchildren: Tegan Booz, Jonas Johnson, Riley Johnson, Blake Porter and Brynn Porter.

In addition to her parents and both husbands, Wanda was also preceded in death by her brother Max Robert Dudley in 1993 and his wife Wanda in 2008.

The family will receive friends at a visitation celebrating her life from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11, 2013, at the Meadowlark Hills Community Room, 2121 Meadowlark Road.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 12, 2013, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Ben Duerfeldt officiating. Private interment was in the Sunset Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

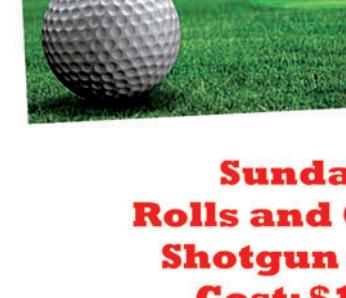
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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

"The incentive package for the company includes reimbursement of eligible expenses up to a maximum not to exceed (the) amount of \$500,000. Prathista will own and install all equipment required for its fermentation process."

Remember Prathista International, Inc.? That was the Indian fertilizer company the Chamber of Commerce recommended and the City Commission approved for economic development funding back in 2011. The quote comes from that application. They intended to use fermentation processing to produce agricultural chemicals that today are mostly mined from mother earth, like phosphate fertilizer.

Well, the whole thing went kaput. The Prathista application was withdrawn. Just why is unknown. It died quietly. No one wants us to know why, evidently.

Now, if you keep up with this column, you know that we have from the beginning thought the Prathista idea was nuts, for reasons that we won't bore you with today. But the Chamber supported by its media voice, The Manhattan Mercury, made a strong case presumably because it was an economic development idea generated by Kansas State University. And because the university plays such a major role at the Chamber - as it should - it's hard to say "no" even to the lamest of ideas.

This is also a case in point for why economic development is such a difficult task for government because it is untrained



Bob Strawn

in matters of commerce. No one at city hall involved in the Prathista application has ever run a company, made a payroll, built a factory or marketed a product. That's simply not staff's training and, we might add, seemingly good reason to rely on the Chamber to sort through these applications, although this one was a head-scratcher.

Because as a community, most of you favored the Riley County Sales Tax last November, the city's economic development fund will be flush with revenue over the next ten years. The 2014 budget calls

for \$1.7 million to the fund in just the first full year. A third of the tax is supposed to go directly to debt reduction which results in lower property tax levies. And to the present commission's credit, some of the money is already targeted at projects that in the past were funded solely with property taxes like a K-18 local match, the Manhattan Arts Center grant, and \$200,000 for the area's comprehensive plan. But what's to become of the rest?

Well, that depends on how the city commission defines "economic development." The Chamber and their commission and city staff allies are going to want that definition closely tied to jobs. After all, Prathista

Congressman,
the doctor will
see you now.

Number 196!...
the Panel will see
you now!



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promised fifty, right? However, commonly accepted economic development definitions speak not to jobs but rather to an increase in the community's standard of living. And if its community rather companies that's the tar-

geted benefactor, many projects that would not have been considered in the past may meet with this commission's approval.

So, we give kudos to the present commission for thinking about the community, so

far. Yes, worthy companies like CivicPlus and government institutions like NBAF make perfect sense because they clearly offer the promise of lifting the community standard of living. But please, stand clear of false choices like Prathista

which offered nothing more than a pipe dream. The community has given the city millions-upon-millions in the name of economic development. We should use that money only for the community's purpose.

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Help Wanted

Center Manager position available. Outgoing, enthusiastic person, who is willing to host seniors by coordinating meals and file monthly reports. 6.0 hours a day M-F. Applications available at the Riley County Senior Services Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan KS. Questions: Send resume to NC-FH AAA, 401 Houston St. Manhattan, KS or call 1-800-432-2703 or 776-9294. EOE/AA

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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 August 5, 2013 with the following members present: Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Dave Lewis, Chair, was absent.

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

Craig Cox, Assistant County

Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Steve Thurlow, Farmer; Darrel and Margaret Davies, Retired Citizens; David Higgins, Manhattan; Larry Tawney, Manhattan; Ralph Wahl, Riley; Curt and VaLynda Porter, Riley; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Davies stated the Noxious Weed Department is not doing their job as musk thistle and bindweed is everywhere in Riley County. Davies said the

Noxious Weed Department has the best equipment and the equipment needs to be used to control the musk thistle.

Wells asked if the Noxious Weed Department has authorization to enter private property.

Cox said yes the Noxious Weed Department has authorization.

Wahl agreed there is a musk thistle problem in Riley County.

Thurlow stated he is against the Public Building Commission (PBC), because it takes the right to vote away.

Tawney, Pottawatomie County resident and USD 378 resident, said he does not want to give up his right to vote on issues such as the Riley County School District bond issue.

Wahl stated USD 378 is included in three counties.

Boyd said he will attend the Northeast Kansas Counties meeting tomorrow in Leavenworth.

Wells moved to approve an Out of State Travel Request for Jeremy Noll to attend the Certified Facility Locksmith training in Omaha, Nebraska to be funded by the Road and Bridge fund. Wells seconded. Carried 2-0.

Williams presented the Contractual Provisions Attachment to a Memorandum of Agreement with Diane Bruce for the Community Corrections Department.

Wells moved to approve the

Contractual Provisions Attachment to a Memorandum of Agreement with Diane Bruce for the Community Corrections Department.

Davies stated the Noxious Weed Department is not doing their job as musk thistle and bindweed is everywhere in Riley County. Davies said the

Corrections Department. Boyd seconded. Carried 2-0.

The Board discussed the Transportation Summit September 5, 2013.

Wells moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2013 as amended. Boyd seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:00 Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor Administrative Work Session

Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on pending 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 9:15 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:15 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

9:30 Press Conference

Captain Kurt Moldrup, Riley County Police Department; Gina Scroggs, Downtown Manhattan Director; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director, attended.

Moldrup presented the Riley County Police Department July 21 – July 27 weekly report.

Moldrup reminded residents to lockup their vehicles.

Moldrup reminded students to maintain control of parties.

Scroggs reported on the Downtown Manhattan Streetscape Project. Scroggs said the rain has caused delays.

Hobson said the asphalt seals scheduled to begin this week on Casement Road, Barnes Road, and Tuttle Cove Road has been postponed due to the unpredictable weather this week.

Hobson said starting on Monday, August 12th, a chip seal is sched

uled to be applied to Casement and Barnes Roads. Then on Tuesday, August 13th, Riley County crews will move to Tuttle Cove Road and then if needed, will finish up on Wednesday, August 14th. Adverse weather conditions may cause unexpected delays or rescheduling.

Hobson said traffic will be allowed through this project, but drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes. Be advised that fresh asphalt oil will be applied and to take alternate routes when possible.

Peterson reported the HHW Collection will be at Howie's Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon).

10:00 Doug Schmitt,

Assistant Fire Chief

Bid opening for P25 VHF

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radios

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Lacey Yordy, Office Assistant II; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wells moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Boyd seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:18 Doug Schmitt, Assistant Fire Chief

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Lacey Yordy, Office Assistant II; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Schmitt said Greg Riat, Pottawatomie County Sheriff, has contacted Riley County Emergency Management requesting the use of the mobile command post vehicle August 17 – August 26 while their dispatch center is moved. The vehicle would be used for conducting their day-to-day communications operations including answering calls and dispatching officers.

Schmitt said Emergency Management received the mobile command post vehicle through Homeland Security grant funds. There should be an understanding that in the event Riley County needs it returned for our own incident, it will be an expedient coordinated release. Pottawatomie County Sheriff Office will staff the vehicle, replace any commodities they use, and pay for fuel.

Wells moved to send the Mobile Command Post to Pottawatomie County Sheriff Office for July 30 – August 14 to use during their scheduled outage. Boyd seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:19 Wells moved to adjourn. Boyd seconded. Carried 2-0.

Boyd moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Wells seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:15 Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

Bid opening for no-till grass drill

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

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for a no-till grass drill:

Company

TBS Electronics, Inc.
5225 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66609
\$2,670.40 \$2,635.82
\$5,711.23 \$375
\$51
\$75
\$160 \$450
Ka-Comm, Inc.
2321 Sky-Vue Lane
Manhattan, KS 66502

\$156,780

Boyd moved to refer the bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Wells seconded. Carried 2-0.

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BBQ Pork Chops Recipe



ing for something delicious to put on the grill, BBQ pork chops are always a good choice. This recipe consists of pork chops that are brushed with a home-made BBQ sauce while being cooked on the grill. If you are not a fan of pork, you can easily use chicken instead. Just make sure that the chicken has reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees. The BBQ sauce is both sweet and spicy, it gets heat from a chopped chipotle chili pepper. Other ingredients that give this BBQ sauce a good amount of flavor are garlic and Coca Cola. This dish goes great

served with a cold salad or I served it with homemade macaroni and cheese. Enjoy.

6 boneless pork ch

salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder (to taste)
BBQ sauce-
1 cup ketchup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon butter
1 shallot (minced)
2 garlic cloves (minced)
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
tard
6 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon paprika
1 canned chipotle pepper (finely chopped)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Coca-cola
salt and pepper (to taste)

1: Melt the butter in a medium saucepan.

a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the shallot and garlic and cook for about 2 minutes to sweat the onion and shallot. Add the ketchup, brown sugar, and mustard to the pan. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Add cider vinegar, Coca-cola, paprika, and chipotle chili. Simmer for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 2: Sprinkle the pork chops on both sides with salt, pepper, paprika, and cumin. Place the chops in a

garlic powder to taste. Rub the spices into the meat.

Brush each pork chop with some of the BBQ sauce. Step 3: Lightly grease the grill grates of an outdoor grill. Pre-heat the grill to medium-high heat. Place the pork chops onto the grill and

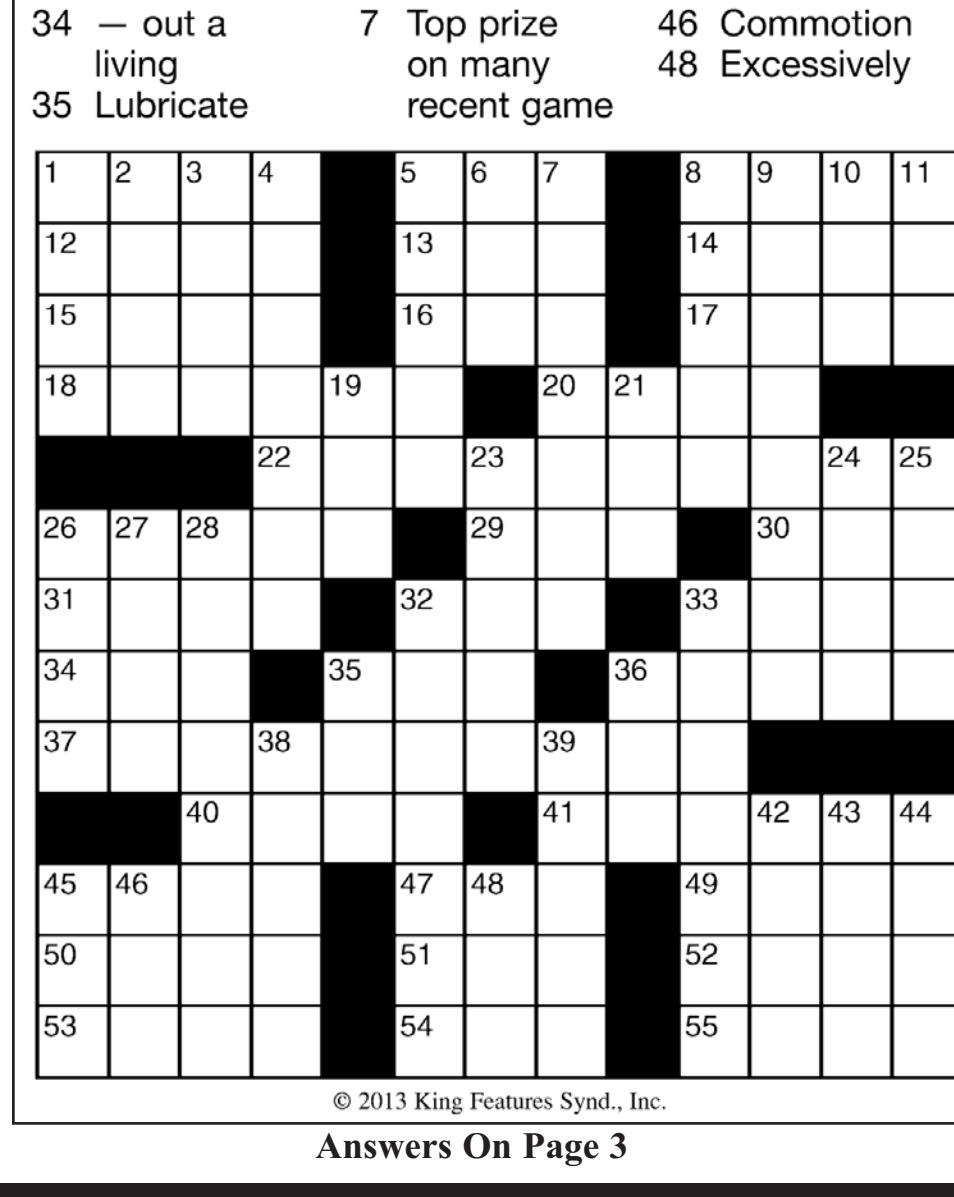
cook for about 6-8 minutes or until fully cooked (internal temperature has reached 145 degrees) each side while flipping the pork chops and brushing with the BBQ sauce frequently.

quently. Remove the pork chops from the grill and allow them to rest for a few minutes before cutting them. Discard any leftover BBQ sauce if there is any.
(Makes 6 Servings)

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Voters Mad About NSA Spying

By ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charlotte Scot isn't one to take things lying down — like the time President George W. Bush was re-elected and she moved to Canada in protest.

So when the 66-year-old artist from Old Lyme, Conn., heard that major telecommunications providers have been turning over data about every Americans' phone calls to the government since 2006, Scot demanded that her own phone company tell her what, if anything, it had shared about her.

She soon received a non-response from an unnamed customer service representative informing her how to opt out of its marketing program, which only made Scot angrier.

"Dear Anonymous," Scot fired back in an email, "I have always opted out of all advertising emails. ... However, my question was not about advertising. It was about what information AT&T turns over to the federal government and NSA. I appreciate an answer to this question."

AT&T eventually responded with a link to its privacy policy and a promise that,

while it doesn't comment on matters of national security, "we do comply with the law."

Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about government invasion of privacy while investigating terrorism, and some ordinary citizens are finding ways to push back. They are signing online petitions and threatening lawsuits. Like Scot, some are pressuring their providers to be upfront when data is shared with the government, which federal law allows as long as the person isn't being investigated under an active court order.

The question is whether these anti-surveillance voters will be successful in creating a broader populist movement. Many lawmakers have defended the NSA surveillance program — a program Congress itself reviewed and approved in secret.

And unlike the anti-war effort that rallied Democrats during the Bush administration, and the tea party movement that galvanized conservatives in President Barack Obama's first term, government surveillance opponents tend to straddle party lines. The cause appeals to libertar-

ian Republicans who don't like big government and progressive liberals like Scot who do but favor civil liberties. Together, these voters would have little in common otherwise.

Another complication is the potential of another terrorist attack. One spectacular act and public opinion could flip, much as it did after 9/11, back to favoring government surveillance. Politicians know this, with many of them opting to blast the Obama administration for not being more transparent but most opposing an end to broad surveillance powers.

"If in fact something happens, you're basically putting yourself in a position to look like you didn't do something when you should have. And that's got to be in the back of their head," said Ed Goeas, president of the Tarrance Group in Alexandria, Va., a Republican survey research and strategy company.

That leaves voter-activists like Scot with little to work with, even with midterm elections next year that expose one-third of the Senate and every member of the House. "I don't believe it's going to be a driving issue" in the

upcoming elections, Goeas added. "It's got to be the total picture" on national security that appeals to voters.

At issue is whether the government overstepped its bounds when it began collecting and searching the phone and Internet records of Americans to gather information on suspected terrorists overseas. A Washington Post-ABC News poll released late last month found that Americans are divided over whether they support the surveillance programs revealed earlier this year, but most Americans — 57 percent — still say it's more important for the government to investigate terrorism than to put privacy first.

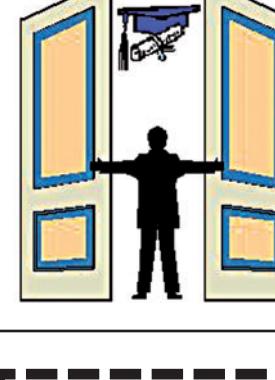
Like their constituents, lawmakers too are divided. Last month, a House proposal that essentially would have made the NSA phone collection program illegal failed in a 217-205 vote that didn't fall along party lines. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California were among the 217 who voted to spare the program.

In the Senate, a small group of lawmakers — namely Sen.

Ron Wyden, D-Ore., Mark Udall, D-Colo., and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. — is taking a stronger line in favor of civil liberties. But progress has been slow, with few co-sponsors joining their legislative proposals to limit NSA spying powers. Meanwhile, such influential senators as Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., have defended the program and said Edward Snowden, who leaked details of the NSA programs, is guilty of treason.

Doug Hattaway, a Washington-based Democratic strategist, said the reluctance by most lawmakers to take sides isn't surprising, considering that most Americans say they want both security and privacy.

"I don't see Democrats benefiting from joining forces with libertarians," he said. "If voters are looking for balance, I wouldn't hop on the bandwagon with Rand Paul."



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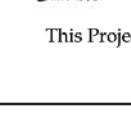
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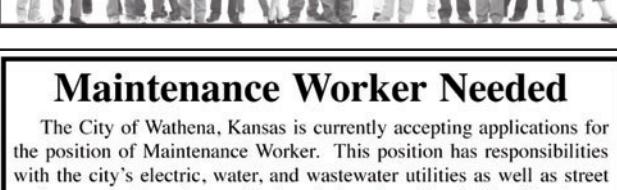
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