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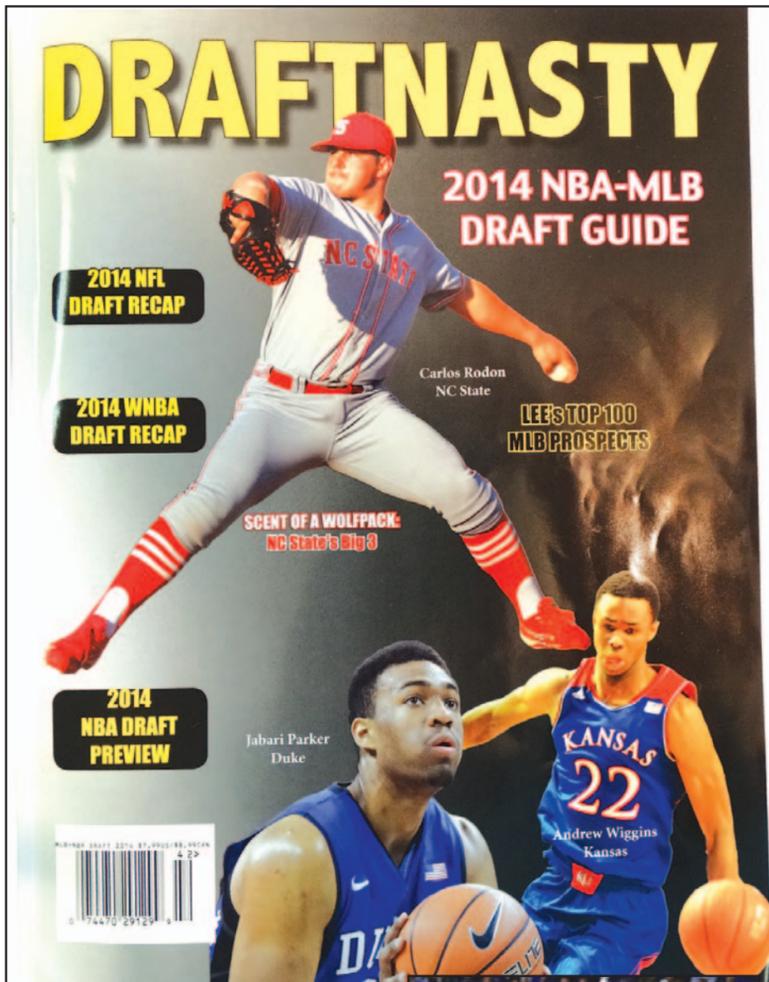
Ben Brake, Sports photographer for the Manhattan Free Press and the Blue Rapids Free Press had six of his photos used in a magazine.

The Draftnasty, a magazine sold in Barnes and Noble Bookstores nationwide came out last week. The magazine has a breakdown of all of the top draft picks for baseball and men's and women's basketball.

One of Brake's photos of KU's Andrew Wiggins was featured on the front page. Another photo of DeAndre Kane of Iowa State with K-State's Will Spradling, was used on the inside of the back page. It was the largest photo in the magazine.

The magazine also listed Brake as one of three "Lead Photographers." All of his photos were of Big 12 players that are being considered as top picks in the 2014 NBA Draft Preview.

Other photos by Ben Brake: Joel Embiid, another Kansas player headed for the Orlando Magic was featured on page 59. Oklahoma State's Markel Brown, who is on his way to the Washington Wizard page 62. Marcus Smart (page 69) will be going to the Los Angeles Lakers and Baylor's Isaiah Austin featured on page 75 will be going to the San Antonio Spurs.



Andrew Wiggins, KU Cover.



DeAndre Kane, ISU inside cover.



Joel Embiid, KU, page 59.



Marcus Smart, OSU, page 69.

Court Upholds Global Warming

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court largely left intact Monday the Obama administration's only existing program to limit power plant and factory emissions of the gases blamed for global warming. But a divided court also rebuked environmental regulators for taking too much authority into their own hands without congressional approval.

The justices said in a 5-4 vote along ideological lines that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot apply a permitting provision of the Clean Air Act to new and expanded power plants, refineries and factories solely because they emit greenhouse gases.

The decision underscores the limits of using the Clean Air Act to deal with greenhouse gases and the administration's inability to get climate change legislation through Congress.

"The Supreme Court put EPA on a leash but not in a noose," said Michael Gerrard, director of Columbia University's Center for Climate Change Law.

"It reaffirmed that EPA can regulate greenhouse gases, but it can only go so far in reinterpreting the statute," Gerrard said. "The court invalidated a small corner of a secondary program. The main event — EPA's proposed rules on existing power plants — remains to be fought another day."

The EPA and many environmental advocates said the ruling would not affect the agency's proposals for first-time national standards for new and existing power plants. The most recent proposal aims at a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants by 2030, but won't take effect for at least another two years.

The justices warned that the regulation of greenhouse gases is not automatic under every program of the Clean Air Act as the administration had assumed it was. Similar logic is driving the EPA's other actions on global-warming pollution.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for his conservative colleagues, said EPA could not "just rewrite the statute" to bring greenhouse gases under a provision dealing with expanded and new facilities that would increase the overall amount of air pollution. Under the program, companies must evaluate ways to reduce carbon

"The U.S. Supreme Court today sided with Kansas and blocked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from proceeding with illegal greenhouse gas regulations"

Kansas Attorney General
Derek Schmidt

dioxide emissions in order to get a permit to build. Carbon dioxide is the chief gas linked to global warming.

But by a wider, 7-2 margin, the court preserved EPA's authority over facilities that already emit pollutants that the agency regulates, other than greenhouse gases.

"EPA is getting almost everything it wanted in this case," Scalia said. He said the agency wanted to regulate 86 percent of all greenhouse gases emitted from plants nationwide, and it will be able to regulate 83 percent of the emissions under the ruling. Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas said they would go farther and bar all regulation of greenhouse gases under the permitting program.

The EPA called the decision "a win for our efforts to reduce carbon pollution because it allows EPA, states and other permitting authorities to continue to require carbon pollution limits in permits for the largest pollution sources."

The agency said that, as of late March, 166 permits have been issued by state and federal regulators since 2011.

Permits have been issued to power plants, but also to plants that produce chemicals, cement, iron and steel, fertilizer, ceramics and ethanol. Oil refineries and municipal landfills also have obtained greenhouse gas permits since 2011, EPA said.

Under Monday's ruling, the EPA can continue to require permits for greenhouse gas emissions for those facilities that already have to obtain permits because they emit other pollutants that the government has long regulated.

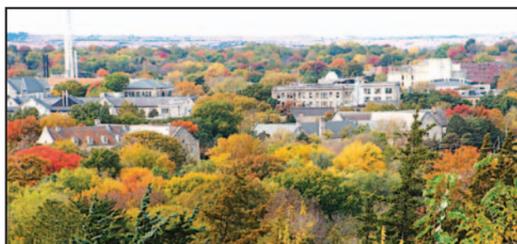
The program at issue is the first piece of the EPA's attempt to reduce carbon output from large sources of pollution.

Kansas College Towns Rank Poorly In Recession Recovery

By Travis Perry, Ks Watchdog
OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Some of Kansas' college towns aren't faring as well as other Sunflower State cities in the post-recession recovery.

A recent examination of economic factors surrounding Metropolitan Statistical Areas — major cities and their surrounding regions — shows that not only do Lawrence and Manhattan bring up the rear in statewide rankings, but they also find themselves in a hole nationwide, too.

The revelation is detailed in a recent report compiled by authors Tom Gray and Robert Scaramalia for the Manhattan Institute's Center for State and Local Leadership. While the researchers' primary focus was on the 100 largest MSAs, which includes both Wichita



and Kansas City, the duo also ranked all 357 economic regions nationwide.

Manhattan clocked-in at 17th from the bottom, while Lawrence was ranked as the seventh-worst performing MSA in the country.

Gray and Scaramalia looked at three specific factors — personal income, gross domestic product and private sector jobs — to determine how a city

was recovering from the nation's economic recession. Here's a look at how all of Kansas' metropolitan regions fared:

- Kansas City, MO-KS – 194th overall**
Per Capita GDP – 123rd
Per Capita Personal Income – 256th
Private Sector Employment – 175th
- Wichita – 225th overall**

- Per Capita GDP – 98th**
Per Capita Personal Income – 181st
Private Sector Employment – 337th

- Topeka – 259th overall**
Per Capita GDP – 223rd
Per Capita Personal Income – 261st
Private Sector Employment – 211th

- Manhattan – 340th overall**
Per Capita GDP – 266th
Per Capita Personal Income – 344th
Private Sector Employment – 340th

- Lawrence – 351st overall**
Per Capita GDP – 333rd
Per Capita Personal Income – 328th
Private Sector Employment – 336th

Gray told Kansas Watchdog the report excluded public jobs

because private sector employment is where money and growth is generated.

"This shows the wealth being generated by the private economy, and it pays for the public economy," Gray said.

Lawrence and Manhattan's heavy reliance on state universities and government employment could have impacted them negatively in this regard.

"Betting on government has not been a winning strategy for most MSAs lately. With a few exceptions, income earned in the public sector increased by single digits, if it rose at all, from 2009 to 2012," the authors wrote. "This was a period of retrenchment in state and local spending and, after the 2009 stimulus package ran its course, in the federal government as well."

"Because government spending is pretty much static, the larger percentage you have of that category, even if you have growth on your private side it's going to be overall less," Gray said.

He added that, because universities helped shelter communities against the full force of the economic recession, they may not be seeing much growth simply because not as much was lost following the 2008 collapse.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 31 percent of the Lawrence workforce is employed by the government, while in Manhattan the figure is more like 37 percent. That's significantly higher than the 15 percent in Kansas City, 14 percent in Wichita and 24 percent in the state capital, Topeka.

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County Aims To Cut 911 Hold Times

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — An erratic driver caught the attention of Bryan Mann in Maize recently, so he called 911.

"I was turning left onto Maize Road, and out of no place comes this guy driving on the wrong side of the road," said Mann, a Valley Center retired physician. "I had to crank my truck, and he swerved to the other side of the road and starts smashing mailboxes. That's when I called 911."

Instead of getting a dispatcher, however, he got a recording. The 911 system had placed him in a hold queue.

"I was blown away. I didn't get a human. I got a voice recording. ... We're sorry, we're busy right now. We can't take your call. Please stay on the

line," Mann said.

"I thought I was going to have a cow."

Kim Pennington, director of Sedgwick County 911, said the queue is used when someone calls in and "I don't have any agents to answer. Instead of just sitting there ringing on their end and it keeps ringing on our end it goes into a queue and we ask people to stay on the line, because if you hang up, you'll be put back at the end of the queue."

The county does not have the ability to track how many calls go into a queue or for how long.

Pennington said the county is working to reduce non-emergency calls that tie up the system and result in calls from

people such as Mann getting put in the queue.

The 911 center gets an average of 1,400 calls a day. Unfortunately, not everyone is calling for the right reasons. To that end, Pennington said, the county is trying a three-prong approach to educate the public and meet demand.

The county plans to roll out a campaign about cellphone hang-ups and misdialled calls. Dispatchers handled 80,517 of those last year. The calls often occur when a cellphone "pocket dials" 911 or when a child is playing with a cellphone.

Pennington's staff also is working with EMS, Comcare and the county's Department on Aging to identify people who call 911 for medical assis-

tance that is not an emergency.

In addition, more employees those who take calls during a "power shift" are brought on during the busiest parts of the day.

Mann called 911 during a peak time, and dispatchers did not meet their performance goal on the call, Pennington said.

He called at 5:35:06 p.m. with 911 calls, every second counts. A dispatcher answered at 5:37:10 p.m. Police were dispatched at 5:38:34 p.m.

Dispatchers have several categories for calls. They endeavor to dispatch calls in the "E" category in one minute. Someone's life is in jeopardy, Pennington said. It might be a homicide or rape or robbery.

Harvest Spreads

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Widespread weekend rains across Kansas have again stalled the winter wheat harvest with nearly a quarter of the state's crop now in the bin, the latest government update showed Monday.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service said that parts of Kansas received a half to 2 inches of rain on Sunday, with some areas also reporting hail and wind damage.

In far southwestern Kansas, Syracuse farmer Jason Ochs said Monday that a "whole lot" of the best wheat in his area got hailed out.

Ochs started cutting his hard white winter wheat this weekend, but yields are so bad that he only got about 10 bushels an acre out of the first field he cut before it started raining. He expected to be able to get back

into their fields later Monday because the ground there has been so dry after years of drought that the moisture quickly soaks into the ground.

"I am thankful we are finally having rain," Ochs said. "The wheat is poor enough it is more important to have rain than get the harvest in."

Wheat harvest is just gearing up around Syracuse with farmers in the area reporting early yields of 10 to 15 bushel an acre, Ochs said.

The latest government report found 24 percent of the wheat has been cut in Kansas. That is well ahead of the 7 percent reported at the same time last year, but behind the 34 percent average.

About 66 percent of the wheat is mature and ready to harvest. That is typical for late June.

Riley County Commission Minutes

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Readers:

All that the State Law requires is that Minutes show how Commissioners voted on items but what Riley County is calling minutes is a copy of the Agenda and then a line telling if there was a vote. The Free Press has removed each Commissioner voted because of space. These Minutes do not give the information you need. But they give only what the Commissioners want you to see. - Jon Brake, Editor

June 16, 2014
8:30 AM

Attendee Name

Robert Boyd
County Commissioner

Ronald Wells
County Commissioner

Dave Lewis
County Commissioner

Rich Vargo
County Clerk

Clancy Holeman
Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Mel Van Der Stelt
Gary Rosewicz
Assistant County Engineer
Angel Dillon
Legal Assistant
Pat Collins
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Julie Merklin
League of Women Voters
Dawn Shoffner
Interim Director/Assistant Director IT/GIS

Johnette Shepek
Budget and Finance Officer
Laura Monsanto
KMAN

Ben Wilson
Brenda Nickel
Health Department Administrator

Lisa Ross
WIC Supervisor
Jason Orr
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Dennis Peterson
Noxious Weed Director
Cheryl Collins
Museum Director
Randall Allen

Kansas Association of Counties Director
Melissa Kirkwood
Kristin Brighton

Emma Glessner
Sandy Glessner
Greg McClure
Eileen King
County Treasurer
Anne Smith
Lori Muir
Real Estate Specialist
Craig Cox
Assistant County Counselor
Shilo Heger
Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment
Commission Comments

1. Commission Comments
Business Meeting

2. REACH: Plaza
Reservation Request

Move to approve the Plaza
Reservation Request for the
Riley County REACH
Committee for August 20, 2014
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
for a REACH Fundraiser.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

3. Contract for Radio
Infrastructure assessment and
design with TUSA Consulting

Moved to accept the proposal
and sign the contract from
TUSA Consulting Services for
911 radio infrastructure consulting
for \$24,000.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dave Lewis, C
4. Discuss Intergovernmental
Luncheon for Monday, June
23rd

5. Discuss Press Conference
for Monday, June 23rd

Review Minutes
6. Board of Riley County
Commissioners - Special
Meeting - Jun 10, 2014 1:00
PM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

7. Board of Riley County
Commissioners - Regular
Meeting - Jun 12, 2014 8:30
AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

Review Tentative Agenda
8. Tentative Agenda
9:00 AM

Brenda Nickel, Health
Department Director

9. Health Department
Monthly Budget Review and
Report to the Board of Health

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

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

Boyd suggested the Health
Department assess the need and
fit of the KSU Child
Development Center in considering
the renewal of the lease
agreement.

Nickel agreed to present an
assessment report on the KSU
Child Development Center in
July.

Moved to recess as the Riley
County Board of Health and
reconvene as the Board of
Riley County Commissioners.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

9:30 AM
Press Conference

10. Juneteenth - Cheryl
Collins (2 minutes)

25th Annual Juneteenth
Community Festival will be
held in City Park June 20th &
21st, 2014. The Festival begins
Friday afternoon and continues
all day Saturday.

11. Summer Fun Camp
update - Melissa Kirkwood &
Kristin Brighton (5 minutes)

12. aTa Bus Summer Routes
- Anne Smith (5 minutes)

Summer aTa bus schedule
includes the Bluemont and
Candlewood routes only.

13. Crop report - Greg
McClure (2 minutes)

McClure reported the corn
crop is in good shape, soybeans
are not all planted, grain
sorghum can still be planted
and wheat should be good
yields. McClure estimated
June 29th will be when wheat
harvest begins. McClure said
alfalfa needs to be cut.

14. Information Meeting
regarding the Commercial
Motor Vehicle System - Eileen
King (5 minutes)

15. KAC Scholarship -
Dennis Peterson & Randall
Allen (5-10 minutes)

Peterson presented the KAC
College Scholarship to Emma
Glessner, of Riley County High
School, who will be attending
the University of Kansas.

Allen discussed the KAC
College Scholarship program.
Allen presented the KAC
Scholarship to Emma Glessner.

10:00 AM
Break

10:10 AM
Clancy Holeman,
Counselor/Director of
Administrative Services

16. Administrative Work
Session

Holeman presented revisions
for flood insurance rates to the
"leave behind document" to
send with the Chamber of
Commerce group meeting with
our Federal Delegation in
Washington D.C..

10:30 AM
Gary Rosewicz, Assistant
County Engineer

17. Project update

10:45 AM
Eileen King, Treasurer

18. June Staff report

12:00 PM
Law Enforcement Agency
Meeting

19. Law Board Meeting
Agenda

1:30 PM
Executive sessions for
personnel matter - Job Applicants

Move that the County
Commission recess into executive
session pursuant to the
non-elected personnel matters
exception to the Kansas Open
Meetings Act in order to
interview a job applicant for a
county position and to protect
the privacy of the applicant, the

open meeting to resume in the
County Commission Chambers
at 2:30 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

2:30 PM
Move to go out of executive
session.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

No binding action was taken
during the executive session.

3:00 PM
Move that the County
Commission recess into executive
session pursuant to the
non-elected personnel matters
exception to the Kansas Open
Meetings Act in order to
interview a job applicant for a
county position and to protect
the privacy of the applicant, the
open meeting to resume in the
County Commission Chambers
at 4:00 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

4:00 PM
Move to go out of executive
session.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

No binding action was
taken during the executive session

4:00 PM
Move that the County
Commission recess into executive
session pursuant to the
non-elected personnel matters
exception to the Kansas Open
Meetings Act in order to
interview a job applicant for a
county position and to protect
the privacy of the applicant, the
open meeting to resume in the
County Commission Chambers
at 4:05 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

4:05 PM
Move to go out of executive
session.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

4:05 PM
Move to go out of executive
session.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

4:06 PM
Adjournment
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RESULT: ADOPTED
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More Than 20,000 Remaning Kansas Tax Refunds

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) The state of Kansas still has more than 20,000 tax refunds to distribute, and they won't go out until July.

The Department of Administration stops sending out checks around the end of the fiscal year to close and balance the state's books, said Jeannine Koranda, public information officer for the Department of Revenue.

The revenue department has a backlog of 20,690 individual tax refunds, as of this week, that add up to \$10.1 million. By comparison, the department had 24,603 returns to send out at this time last year, Koranda said.

If you haven't received your refund check yet, it could be for one of three reasons, Koranda said:

- You filed late. Koranda said 5,000 returns have come in the last week. "This is pretty typical each year, it is either people who are filing late or got an

extension and are sending in their returns now," she said in an e-mail.

- Your form is missing paper work and has been placed on a work list.

- Your form is being scrutinized for fraud.

"For the ones that came in previously, if the return is still being processed it is most likely on either a work list or it has been flagged as potentially fraudulent," Koranda said. "These returns have to be manually reviewed and processed, which obviously takes a lot more time."

Walt Olson, a retiree in Neodesha, filed back in February but told The Eagle last week that he had not received his refund yet.

"Sixteen weeks for a refund to be issued to me seems ridiculously excessive," Olson said.

He got a letter in May that his return was missing a document, which he said he promptly sent it in. He said he was told

that it would take an additional eight weeks for that form to be processed.

Olson is expecting to receive about \$400 back. "It's not the amount. It doesn't even hurt me. It's just the idea of it taking so long," Olson said. "You know how many people really do need it? And you've got to wait 16 weeks to get your money back, I'll tell you I'll never get in a position where they owe me again."

Charles Harris, a retiree in Wichita, said he filed in early

April and has not received his refund yet. "You know if I was a second late paying the state they'd fine me for it. They take as long as they want paying it back," he said.

Koranda said that Kansans who have questions about their return should contact the Department of Revenue at 785-368-8222.

She also emphasized that the department has worked hard to get refunds out in a timely manner.

"The majority of tax refunds

were processed at normal speed. ... Our staff has worked overtime and on the weekends to process these returns as quick as possible," she said.

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State Officials Watching For New Mosquito-borne Virus

No cases of chikungunya, a new mosquito-borne virus that has spread quickly throughout the Caribbean since December, have been confirmed in Kansas.

However, state epidemiologist Charles Hunt said two types of mosquitos that can transmit the disease — *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* — have been found in the state.

"The concern is as people travel to those areas (the Caribbean), they'll get bitten and bring it back here," Hunt

said, explaining how an infected person returning to Kansas can be bitten by a mosquito, which then becomes infected and spreads the disease to a healthy person through a bite.

Hunt said chikungunya typically isn't fatal. Its symptoms include fever, muscle and joint pain, rash and headaches, which appear within a few days to a week after being bitten and can last for about a week.

"People can develop a severe form of the disease," Hunt said, adding young children, seniors and those with conditions like diabetes and heart disease are most vulnerable.

Those who develop symptoms after traveling to the Caribbean or other areas where chikungunya is found, such as Africa, Southeast Asia and southern Europe, should contact a physician.

Hunt said there are no antiviral medicines to treat chikungunya, so physicians typically recommend rest, increased fluid intake and medications to relieve pain and fever.

The Pan American Health Organization reports 166,000 suspected and 4,600 confirmed cases of chikungunya in the Caribbean as of mid-June.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the only locally transmitted case in the United States has occurred in Puerto Rico.

As of late May, 27 travel-related cases had been confirmed in Florida and seven other states.

Travelers can take some steps to protect themselves against the chikungunya virus, such as using insect repellent for mosquitos and avoiding being out at dawn or dusk, when mosquitos are most present.

Hunt said Kansans also should take precautions against West Nile virus, another mosquito-borne illness that can infect humans, horses and other mammals.

Last year, according to the CDC, there were 91 cases of West Nile virus reported in Kansas, resulting in seven deaths.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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Kansas Wheat Festival
July 9-13, Wellington
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3i Farm & Ag Show
July 10-12, Dodge City
A salute to industry, implements & irrigation. A show place for product manufacturers in Western Kansas. (620) 227-8082, 3ishow.com

Ladies' Night Out
July 11, Council Grove
An evening of food, fun, shopping & giveaways. Drawings, exclusive discounts & specials, live music. councilgrove.com

Paola Art & Wine Stroll
July 12, Paola
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School Sits On Major Revelations In Suicide

By Chris Butler
Tennessee Watchdog
 NASHVILLE — For three years Oak Ridge officials seemed to disregard all the public pleas Annette Heitman made begging for any information that might explain why her son Alex reportedly committed suicide in 2011.

As it turns out, Oak Ridge officials had that information in an audit, but they kept it secret for more than two years.

Alex, the Oak Ridge School System's former director of business services, made thousands of dollars in unauthorized expenses for himself, likely to further his graduate school education, the audit said.

As Tennessee Watchdog previously reported, Alex reported the theft of school money among seven different people. Some of that money was reportedly used to buy methamphetamine.

A few months later Alex was found dead in Cocke County, 70 miles away, and the death was quickly ruled a suicide. Alex's mother never accepted the official story and documented on a website why she feels that way.

Annette Heitman, Oak Ridge City Council member Trina Baughn and Tennessee Watchdog have run in circles trying to get Oak Ridge officials to discuss the extremely sensitive case.

The audit, made available on a website Heitman built in honor of her son, was submitted in March 2012. The audit only became public after two news organizations in east Tennessee filed open records requests recently.

If officials had this information two years ago why didn't they, at the very least, release the audi to the Heitmans, even privately, when they first requested answers?

Oak Ridge Schools Superintendent Bruce Borchers didn't immediately return Tennessee Watchdog's two requests for comment Monday.

Why was the audit, done in conjunction with state comptrollers and a private auditing firm, apparently inaccessible to the public for so long?

Tennessee Watchdog couldn't find the audit anywhere on the state comptroller's website. Comptroller spokesman Blake Fontenay told Tennessee Watchdog Monday that state officials never intended the audit to go public.

"It is considered part of our investigative working papers and therefore is exempt from the public records law," Fontenay said. "That explains why we didn't post it."

Ted Katz, spokesman for the Knoxville-based Pugh & Company auditing firm, told Tennessee Watchdog Monday the audit was completed after Heitman's death. Oak Ridge

"There were unusual circumstances related to his death," Katz said, adding he interviewed Borchers and other "key finance people" in the school district.

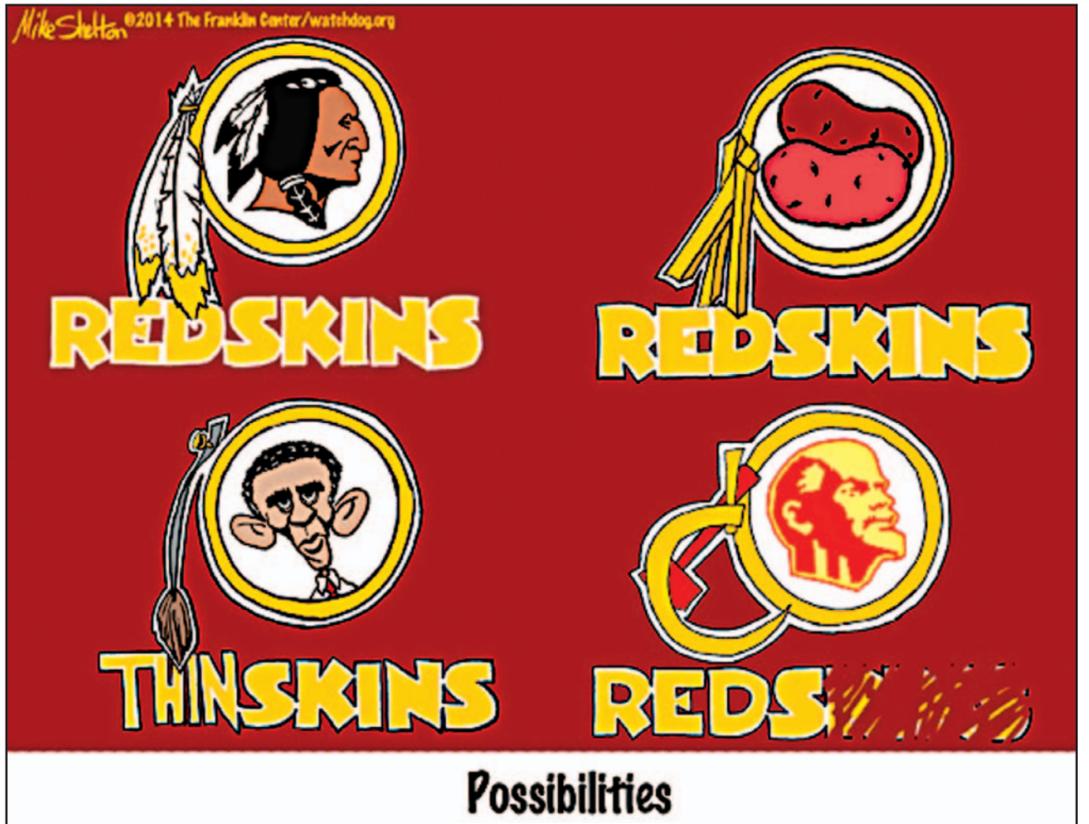
"We came across unusual transactions. Some answers can't be known. You would have to ask Alex, quite honestly. That's something we weren't able to do."

Among the findings:
 An unauthorized purchase of one iPad from Apple, Inc. for \$778.

Unallowable and unapproved charges and expenses from expense claim reimbursements totaling \$1,137. These expenditures were for various professional memberships, continuing education, or publications that were not approved.

It appears Heitman incurred \$6,403 in personal charges on his school credit card and reimbursed the Board \$1,985 over the 23-month period examined. The personal charges consisted of unap-

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proved tuition fees for graduate school classes, continuing education, professional memberships, publications, conferences, travel and related expenses.

The former supervisor of business services submitted professional leave requests for six days that were approved by

his supervisor and resulted in him receiving gross pay of \$1,724 for continuing education or conferences that he didn't attend.

On her website, Annette Heitman said Alex still hadn't done anything that would drive him to kill himself.

"Not even close. The total

amounts in question, if proven to be true, equal less than \$10,000," Heitman said.

When asked about that, Katz wouldn't say with certainty whether he agreed with Heitman's assessment.

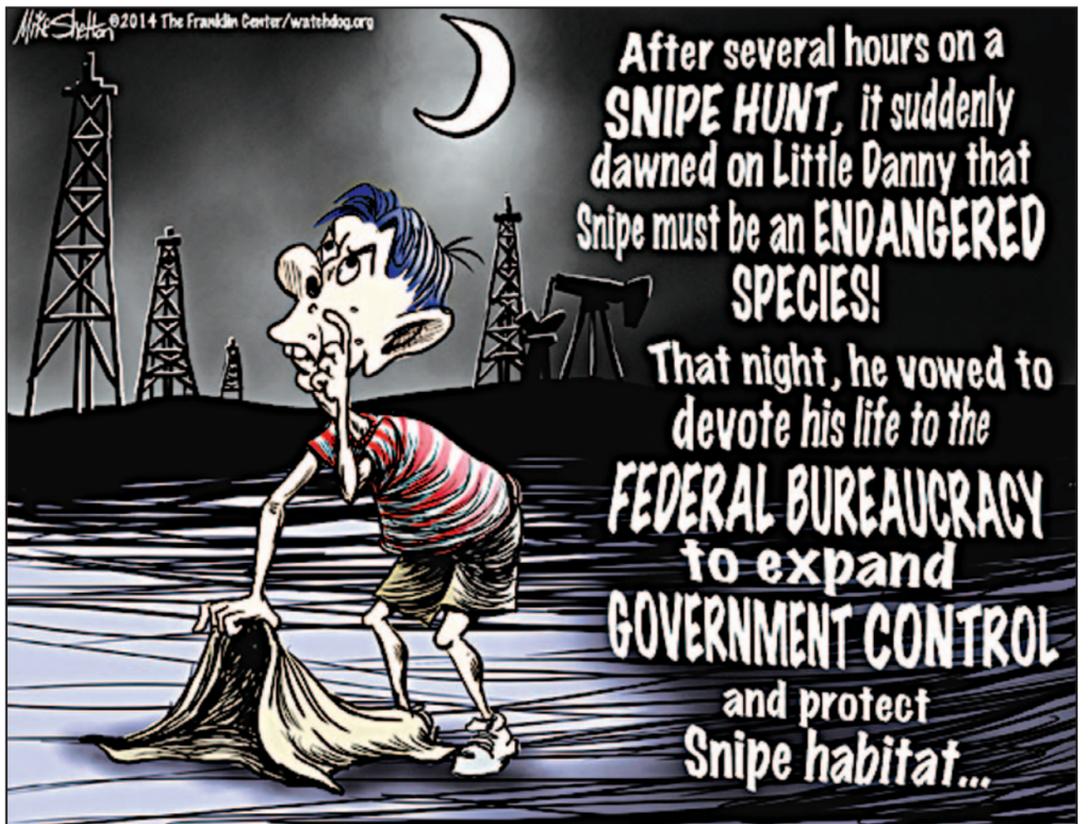
"It's not an enormous amount of money, either, and we did a pretty thorough

review of transactions, so we're not talking large amounts here when you really get down to it," Katz said.

"Whether it was enough money for him to want to kill himself is a subjective thing, but I would say that her statement makes sense, from that perspective."

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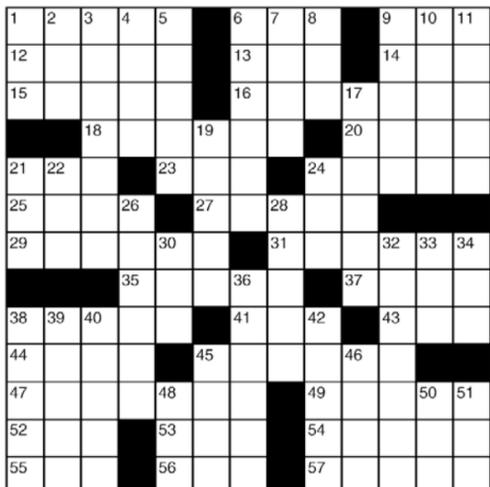
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Ingredients

- 4 medium baking potatoes
- 1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- 2 chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, chopped, if desired
- 1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 can (4.5 oz) Old El Paso™ chopped green chiles
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend (6 oz)

Directions

1 Pierce potatoes several times with fork; place on microwavable paper towel in microwave oven. Microwave on High 11 to 14 minutes or until tender, turning potatoes over and rearranging halfway through cooking. Let stand 3 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, in 10-inch skillet, cook ground beef over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in chipotle chiles, tomato sauce, green chiles, water and 1 cup of the cheese. Cook uncovered 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly heated.

3 Cut potatoes in half lengthwise; place on plates. Mash potatoes slightly with fork. Spoon beef mixture over potatoes; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

Expert Tips

Serve these hearty potatoes with salsa and sour cream, if desired. Then, add a tossed green salad with your favorite dressing to complete the menu.

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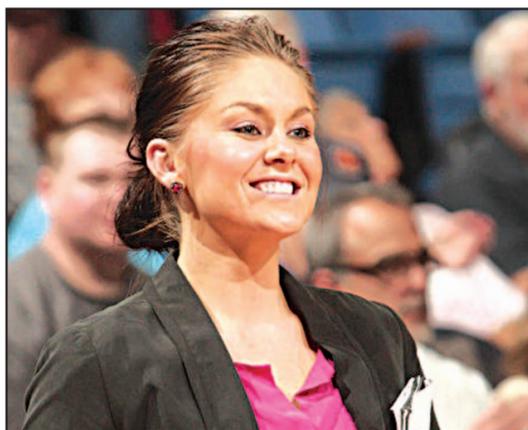
Mittie Adds Hoyt-Capra to Staff

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie finalized his inaugural staff on Tuesday, as he has added Jacie Hoyt-Capra as the team's coordinator of recruiting operations.

Hoyt-Capra joins a K-State staff that features associate head coach Brian Ostermann, who has 23 seasons of coaching experience, assistant coach Ebony Gilliam, who has two seasons of collegiate coaching experience and two seasons of high school coaching experience at Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, Texas, and assistant coach Claire Coggins, who is a former K-State letter winner and All-Big 12 selection with three years of coaching experience at the junior college and NAIA level.

"I wanted somebody that continued to improve our ability to recruit across the state of Kansas," said Mittie regarding the addition of Hoyt-Capra to his staff. "Jacie grew up in the gym. Her mom is one of the legendary coaches in the state. I wanted somebody that had that background from the time she was born and Jacie has that. She has the energy, drive and passion to be an excellent coach. I was impressed with what she has done to further improve her coaching every single year. Her job will be to coordinate all of our recruiting operations on campus. She will be the liaison between young players across the state for our camps and the coaches, both AAU and high school, not just across the state of Kansas but nationwide."

Hoyt-Capra returns to the state of Kansas after a three-year stint at Nevada, with the last two seasons as an assistant coach on Jane Albright's staff. As an assistant coach with the Wolfpack, Hoyt-Capra's responsibilities included scouting, recruiting, point guard development, equipment, scout team management and summer camp coordinator. Prior to her appointment as an assistant



Jacie Hoyt-Capra

coach, Hoyt-Capra served as the team's director of basketball operations during the 2011-12 season.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to be here and to be back in the state of Kansas," stated Hoyt-Capra about her return to the Sunflower State. "The people are just unbelievable. They are warm. They are welcoming. They all take so much pride in this university. To get to be a part of this special group of people, especially here in Manhattan, is something I am really excited about and looking forward to. I am also really excited for the opportunity to work with Coach Mittie and learn from him. He is somebody I have always respected in the game of basketball. He is one of the most well-respected coaches in the country in terms of Xs and Os. I am really excited to learn a new philosophy and a new system from him."

As the head coach at Wichita State, Albright recruited Hoyt-Capra out of high school in Hoxie, Kan., where she played basketball for her mother and coach Shelly Hoyt. Hoyt-Capra was a three-time all-state performer in volleyball and basketball, along with being crowned state champion in multiple track events.

As a senior for Hoxie, the first team all-class selection averaged 28.4 points per game,

7.4 assists per game, 6.3 rebounds per game and 6.1 steals per game. Playing under Hoyt's direction, Hoyt-Capra had one of the most prolific scoring careers in Kansas history, scoring 2,016 points in just three years after missing her entire freshman season with an injury. Her career average of 26.6 points per game lands her sixth in career scoring average for the state of Kansas.

Hoyt-Capra's college career was haunted by injuries, allowing her to play only two of her six NCAA eligible years as a freshman and sophomore. Despite sitting out the first two years of her college career, Hoyt-Capra went on to start every game as a freshman and sophomore at Wichita State.

As a freshman, Hoyt-Capra led the team in assists, was second in free throw attempts and fourth in scoring. As a sophomore, she was named team captain, along with winning the Iron Shocker Award. Hoyt-Capra continued to distribute the ball to her teammates, as she ranked fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference in assists, along with averaging a positive assist/turnover ratio.

In addition to her success on the court, Hoyt-Capra was also a standout in the classroom, landing on the Missouri Valley Conference, Athletic Director, and Dean's honor rolls from 2006-08 with the Shockers. Hoyt-Capra graduated Cum

Laude with a degree in general studies from Wichita State in 2009.

After graduating from Wichita State, she went on to earn her Master of Science in communication from Fort Hays State University in 2011, where she served as the women's basketball team's graduate assistant on head coach Tony Hobson's staff.

Hoyt-Capra married former Wichita State and Oakland Athletics pitcher Anthony Capra on October 6, 2012.

Under Mittie, Kansas State will feature a roster of 10 returning letter winners and four newcomers. The Wildcats will be paced in the 2014-15 season by seniors Ashia Woods and Haley Texada and sophomores Breanna Lewis and Kindred Wesemann. Woods enters her final season with the Wildcats as K-State's top returning scorer following a career-high effort in 2013-14.

Texada has fully recovered from a stress fracture in her ankle that robbed her of the final 14 games of 2013-14 season. The native of Frisco, Texas, will look to return to her sophomore season form when she averaged a career-best 11.8 points per game.

Lewis anchored K-State's interior defense in her first season in Manhattan. The product of Milwaukee, Wis., registered a team-high 44 blocked shots which were the most by a K-State freshman since the 2005-06 season and tied for 10th in school history for a single season. She enters the 2014-15 season needing 21 blocked shots to move into the top-10 for blocked shots in a career.

Wesemann returns as K-State's top 3-point shooter. The native of Pleasant Hill, Mo., finished out her rookie campaign in 2013-14 with five straight games in double figures and averaged 13.8 points per game in that stretch. She ended the season with a career-best 18-point performance against Kansas in the 2014 Big 12 Championship first round.

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