

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Arlen Siegfroid at 1:30 P.M. on January 31, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Edmonds- excused
Representative Candy Ruff- excused

Committee staff present except:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department - excused

Conferees:

Representative Dennis McKinney
Representative Bill McCreary
Debbie Mangen, Committee Chair, Anthony 9/11 Memorial
Cynda Carr, Committee Member, Anthony 9/11 Memorial

Others attending:

See attached list

Vice-Chair Siegfroid opened the floor for bill introductions. Representative Mah was recognized and requested introduction of the following bills

- A bill to allow direct shipping of wine into and out of the State of Kansas
- A bill to expand the inquisition statute involving child pornography, kidnaping (for AMBER alerts) and when computers have been used to commit a felony
- A bill involving search warrant executed on foreign corporations; requiring Kansas corporations to comply with search warrants issued by another state; for corporations that provide electronic communication service or remote computing services

With no objections these requests will be accepted for introduction.

Representative Kelsey requested a bill for protection for teenagers having abortions

With no objection this request will be accepted for introduction.

Chairman Edmonds opened the meeting for public hearing on **HB 2595** - a bill regarding a 9/11 Memorial.

Representative Dennis McKinney addressed the committee in support of **HB 2595** relating that this is the one 9/11 Memorial in the state that has elements from all three of the sites and a tremendous amount of community work has gone into the Memorial. (No Attachment)

Representative McCreary spoke to the committee supporting **HB 2595** and informed the committee of the amount of work that Anthony has done to build the memorial which keeps the memory alive of all those who were lost on 9/11. He also recognized the relationship with the family of Joe Spor, a young firefighter assigned to Ladder 38, Rescue 3 in the Bronx who gave his life in the effort to rescue others. (Attachment 1) The Representative also provided a picture of the Anthony Memorial. (Attachment 2)

Debbie Mangen and Cynda Carr, members of the committee for the 9/11 Anthony Memorial, made a power point presentation in support of **HB 2595**.

Debbie Mangen, Chairwoman of the committee presented a picture of the Anthony 9/11 Memorial. (Attachment 3)

Ms. Mangen also gave testimony supporting **HB 2595** and shared the story behind the 9/11 Anthony Memorial. As a community they started a Victim's Relief Fund, organized a blood drive which added 114 units to their supply, and firefighters collected over \$5,000 in one day by a "boot drive". The community collectively flew their American Flags. They made contact with the family of Joseph Spor, a firefighter who gave his life in the rescue of others, and helped his family with remodeling of their home. The City has sold

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over 550 engraved paver bricks. Ms. Mangen related that the Anthony 9/11 committee feels that their memorial is a wonderful asset to the State of Kansas. (Attachment 4)

In her testimony, Ms. Mangen also included several press releases regarding the Anthony 9/11 Memorial. (Attachment 5)

Cynda Carr also rose to express her support for **HB 2595**. (No Attachment)

Written testimony was submitted to the committee from Howard Hatfield, Mayor of the City of Anthony (Attachment 6) and John R. Schott, former Mayor of the City of Anthony . (Attachment 7)

A motion was made by Representative Dillmore to adopt the minutes of 1-18-06, 1-24-06, 1-25-06. The motion was seconded by Representative Wilk. Minutes were adopted.

With no more business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Last year because of time restraint to accomplish a bill to make The Anthony 911 Memorial a permanent State of Kansas 911 Memorial, the House passed a resolution which gave it a temporary status of that designation.

HB 2595 would make the Anthony 911 Memorial the Official State of Kansas 911 Memorial. I am here to advocate that the committee will in recognition of the great job that Anthony has done to build the memorial which keeps the memory alive of all those who were lost that day. Also in recognition of the relationship with the family of Joe Spor, a young firefighter assigned to Ladder 38, Rescue 3 in the Bronx who gave his life that day in his efforts to rescue others. His family consists of his wife, Colleen and four children and the entire family has been adopted by the Anthony community. This special relationship has given rise to a bond between Anthony and New York City that will last forever.

Today, I am honored to have four representatives of the Anthony Community.

Howard Hatfield

Debbie Mangen

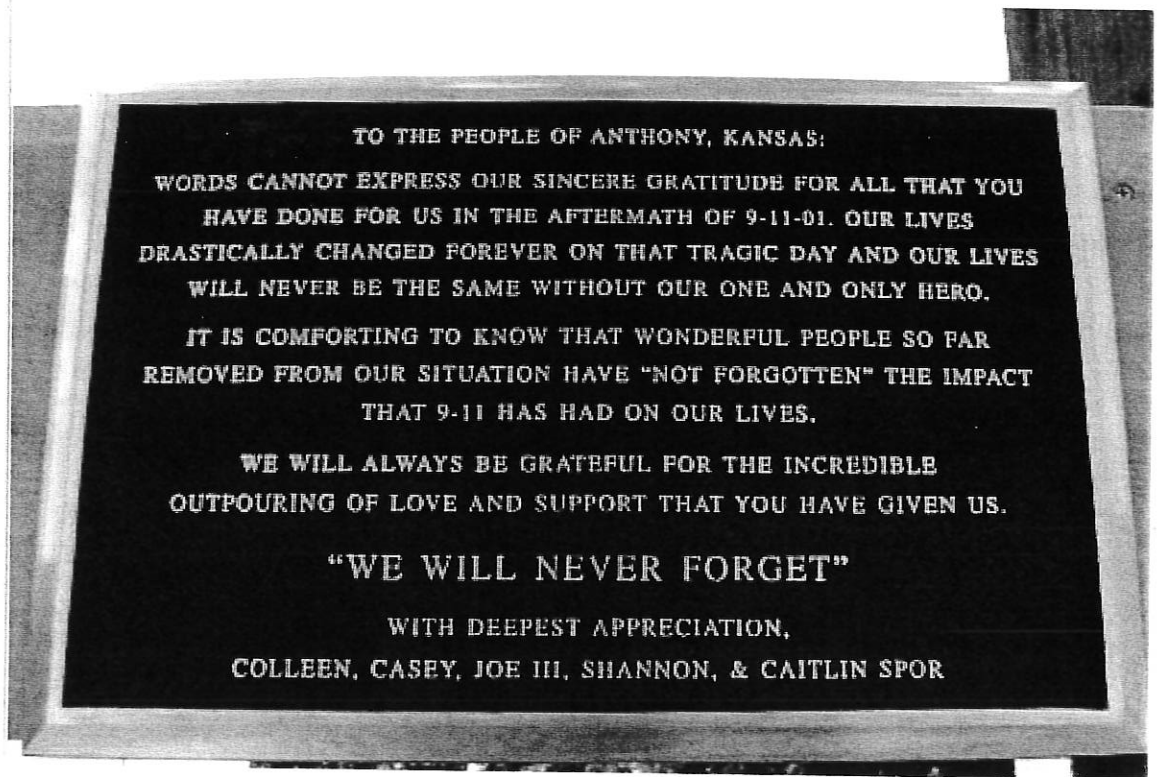
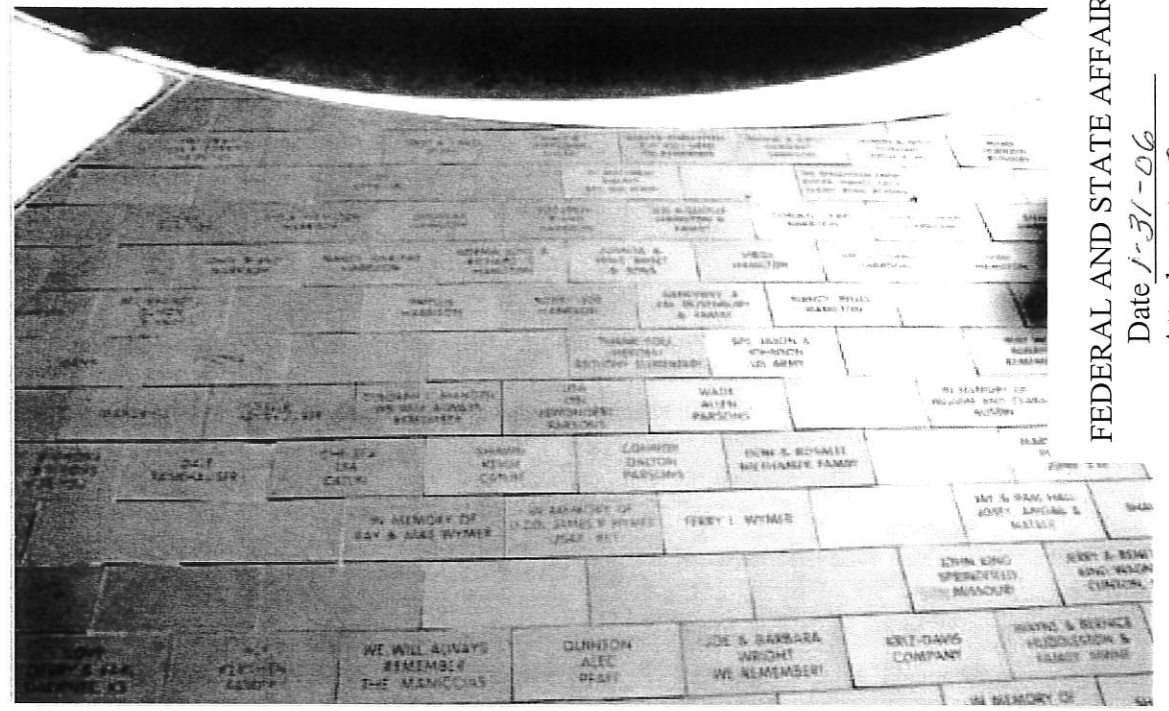
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Good afternoon!

We'd like to thank this committee for giving the Anthony Sept. 11 Memorial the opportunity to share our story with you today and to ask for your support in passing House Bill 2595.

After 4 years, it is still hard to look at the pictures from that day. Like you, the community of Anthony was horrified with the events that transpired on Sept. 11th in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania. As a small farming community of 2,300, what could we possibly do to help those who were suffering, and really make a difference? Patriotic ribbons were made by a local store to be placed in the banks to promote donations; Victim's Relief Fund accounts were opened in both banks to be donated to the American Red Cross, and the Red Cross organized a blood drive for the victims and added 114 units to their supply. Our firefighters collected over \$5,000 in one day with a "boot drive" to help their firefighting brothers and sisters of New York. John Schott, our mayor at that time, asked that the community join the City of Anthony in flying their American Flags.

The mayor still felt more could be done. What little money we had gathered would be lost in the millions that the nation was donating to the larger charities. Instead, he wondered if we could help just one family. After making several phone calls, a connection was made with Ladder 38/Engine 88 in the Bronx and a firefighter, Lt. Joe Huber. He told Mayor Schott about his friend, Joseph Spor, a young firefighter with a beautiful wife and 4 small children. After the original contact was made, we learned that the home of Joseph Spor was in the middle of a remodeling stage when his life was cut short. The money raised from the citizens of Anthony

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went to the family of Joseph Spor, and his brothers from the firehouse furnished the labor to finish the remodeling job. The bond between the big city and the little town was forged.

Lt. Joe Huber came to Anthony in March 2002 to thank the citizens for their generosity to his friend's family. While he was there, he visited the grade school and thanked the children for their Christmas cards, Valentines and emails sent to the firehouse. The school had "adopted" the firehouse and the connection between NYC and Anthony grew. A special ceremony was held at the school to show the Anthony Fire Dept. and Lt. Joe Huber how important they are and how they respect what they do. Lt. Huber also visited the Senior Citizens' Friendship Meals as well as many of the businesses on Main Street.

John Schott asked Lt. Joe Huber for his help to arrange for our community to receive sections of WTC steel beams. A committee of 7 people, who had a variety of talents to call on, was appointed to build a lasting memorial and a tribute to the real heroes of Sept.11th. Committee members are: Shirley Barrett; Sam Beam; Cynda Carr; Donna Crowe, who is the committee chairperson; Howard Hatfield; Debbie Mangen; and Pam Schott.

The committee immediately began to work on the design of the memorial. We wanted it to be dignified and accessible. We wanted people to be able to touch the steel and to be able to realize the power it took to bring those buildings down. It was important to us that the memorial be educational, to teach the future generations not only about the attacks on 9-11, but how Anthony and the rest of the country reacted to those attacks. The memorial also had to be a tribute to the heroes who gave their lives and those who carried on after, including their families and friends. It had to be attractive but meaningful. The committee feels we have accomplished those goals.

The fundraising began immediately, and, like most projects before it was completed, the cost had doubled from \$40,000 to \$80,000. I might add that this was all accomplished with no tax dollars. The money came from corporate donations, concession stands, engraved brick sales, 9-11 Memorial T-shirts and private donations. And we could have not completed it without the donation of time, labor and materials from various people and businesses.

A lawyer from Shawnee, Ks came for our ground-breaking ceremony. He had been at the WTC when it was hit. With him he brought a small packet of ash and soil that he had removed from his clothing and mixed it with the soil broken loose for the memorial. That prompted the idea to request items from the other crash sites. Limestone was acquired from the wall of the Pentagon as was soil from the crash site in Pennsylvania. As far as we know, we are the only 9-11 Memorial to represent all three tragedies in America.

When the memorial was complete, it was exactly what we had dreamed it to be. The WTC steel rises above a circular pedestal which also serves as a bench, where visitors can sit and read the 3 story boards. The Pentagon stone and the Pennsylvania soil are located in the front of the center pedestal. The walkway is filled with paver bricks, engraved with the names of lost firefighters and police officers; families and friends of the heroes, local supporters and even tourists and travelers who have stopped their journeys to visit the memorial. Three flag poles raise above the wall flying the Kansas, New York and American flags. At night, 2 pillars of light illuminate the sky replicating the "towers of light" seen in NYC after 9-11. The steel and the story boards are illuminated as well and it is very impressive at night.

Travelers from all over the world have stopped to see our memorial. They were from Australia, Japan, the Philippines, Mexico, Canada and England to name a few. Visitors from many states have stopped on their travels to see the memorial they have heard or read about. Several of the FDNY firefighters have personally made the trip to Kansas. They feel our memorial has it right, something from the heart. They have wondered why a small town in Kansas can accomplish such a feat and New York can't even agree on a design. One group of firefighters liked Kansas so well on their visit, they are planning an annual hunting trip to our area.

Over 550 engraved paver bricks have been sold to supporters from all over the U.S. Six sections of the walkway hold the engraved paver bricks for emergency workers in NY, Anthony, as well as other fire departments throughout the country. Another section contains bricks donated by families and friends of those lost on September 11. Others have come from local families, businesses, old Anthony High School classes and from anonymous supporters.

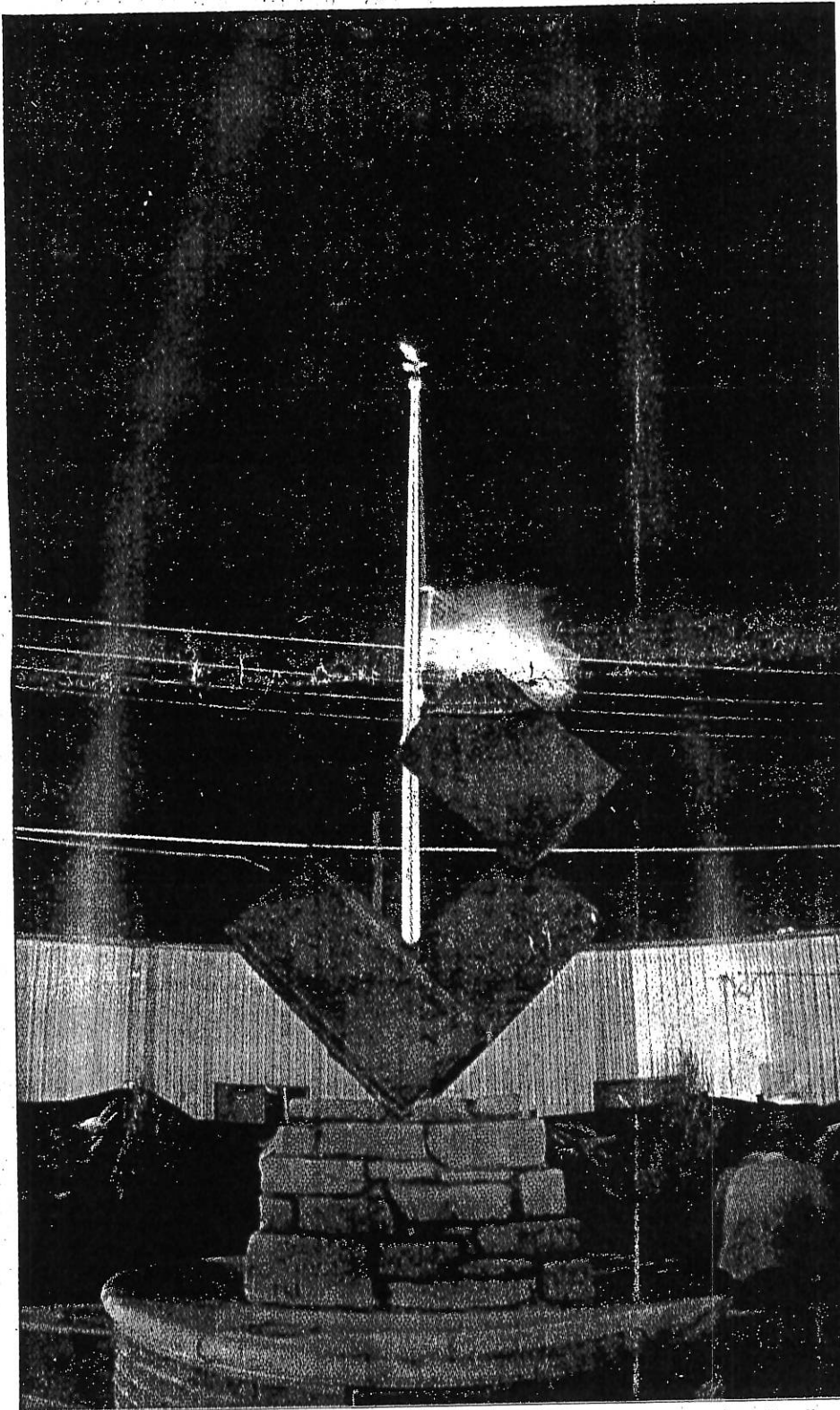
I have included several press releases in your handouts. Major papers from New York City, Kansas City, Wichita and Hutchinson have written extensive stories about the memorial. All 3 TV stations from Wichita have done stories on the memorial and KWCH and KSN covered the dedication. When the committee traveled to Kansas City with our local firefighters for their annual St. Patrick's Day parade, several of the TV stations in KC did interviews with Lt. Joe Huber and Pam Schott. And the national FOX News Channel came to Anthony a few days before the dedication to give us national attention. A recent LIFE supplement in national newspapers included a photograph of our memorial, along with other memorial sites from around the country.

In summation:

- The Anthony 9-11 Committee feels that our memorial is a wonderful asset to the state of Kansas as well as the nation. Its location is in a park that borders one of the busiest 2-lane roads in the state, at the intersection of state highways 2 and 14. Its easy accessibility makes it a wonderful place for travelers to stop and rest, and it has been built with handicap-accessibility in mind.
- As an educational tool, children and adults alike can see and touch the steel, limestone and soil and experience the emotional story written on the 3 story boards located in the wall.
- The memorial has a very healing affect, especially to those personally involved with Sept. 11th, 2001.

We ask you to pass House Bill 2595 making the Anthony Sept. 11th Memorial the official and permanent 9-11 Memorial in the state of Kansas.

Anthony honors 9/11



STEVEN DOLL / The Hutchinson News

Residents dedicate, relish new memorial

By JASON PROBST

The Hutchinson News
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ANTHONY — A riderless horse led a flag-draped coffin down Main Street, and everyone stood silent as the sound of bagpipes drifted through the crowd.

The march ended in Memorial Park just to the west of the town's new 9/11 memorial, and only then did the residents of Anthony begin to move closer to the monument commemorating the heroes of 9/11.

After two years of meetings, intense discussions and high emotions, the committee for the Anthony 9/11 memorial was proud to see a dream realized.

The memorial is a ring of brick and concrete on the ground, with a round pedestal in the middle. Steel from the World Trade Center rests atop the stand — three separate pieces arranged in a way that makes it look as if they are tumbling. A single limestone brick from the Pentagon is placed under the steel beams, along with dirt from Shanksville, Pa.

Shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, the town of Anthony adopted the family of a fireman who died in the World Trade Center: Joe Spore Jr. had worked for Engine 88, Ladder 38, with the New York Fire Department. Anthony residents have maintained contact with the family over the past several years, and Joe's sisters, Maureen Comiskey and Barbara O'Rourke, traveled from New York to attend the ceremony.

"When we first saw the memorial, it took our breath away," Comiskey said. "It's gorgeous."

Both sisters said the town's relationship with Joe's family has grown into an "unusual friendship." She recalled items the town has sent the family over the past few years — news articles about the memorial, a quilt from residents of the town — they even said that Joe's son, Lil' Joe as they call him, got his first skateboard from the residents of Anthony.

"To realize how much people halfway across the country care about what we were going through in New York, it brought us together," Comiskey said.

"It really helped us through a tough time," O'Rourke said as she choked back tears.

Jason Papemeyer, a firefighter with Engine 88, Ladder 38, was impressed with the town's monument and its people.

Between signing autographs for the town's children, he took some time to admire the monument. "It's going to be beautiful," he said. "I've seen a couple at home that aren't as nice as this."

The ceremony was capped by the lighting of two powerful beams of light, representing the towers of the World Trade Center.

Mayor John Schott said seeing the memorial completed has been the guiding principle behind the committee's work and has helped the members focus on a sh:

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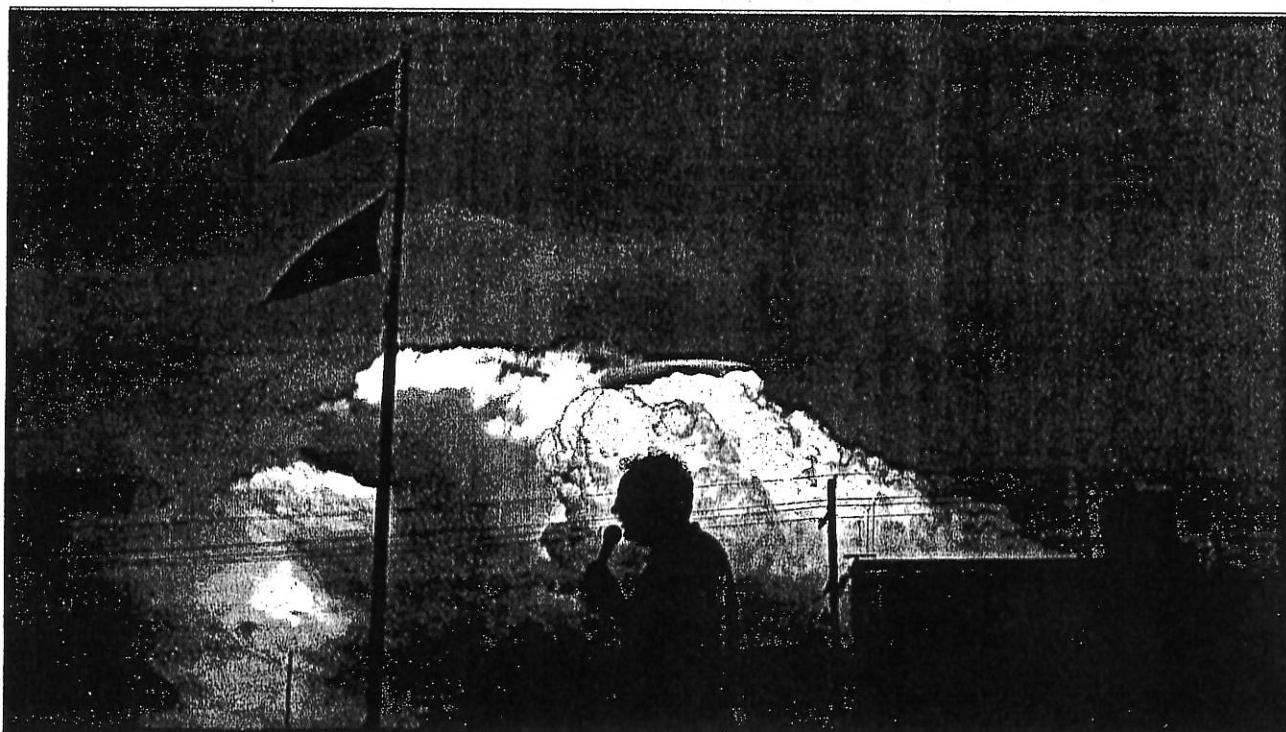
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Lights from a memorial built in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks shine into the night sky during a dedication for the monument Saturday night at Anthony Memorial Park in Anthony. The memorial has material from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the field near Shanksville, Pa., where a plane crashed on 9/11.

Now you know.

WICHITA EAGLE
04-18-2005

Anthony's 9/11 shrine touches New Yorkers



Photos by Travis Heying/The Wichita Eagle

Charles Wolf of New York, who lost his wife on Sept. 11, talks to Anthony residents at their memorial. He's part of a group called Take Back the Memorial, which aims to limit the ground zero memorial's scope to the events of Sept. 11 alone. The group says Anthony's memorial sets a fine example.

Survivors visit to laud small town's memorial



Jack Lynch was in Anthony on Wednesday to speak about preserving ground zero as a memorial to those killed. His son, Michael Lynch, was a firefighter who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

BY BRENT D. WISTROM
The Wichita Eagle

ANTHONY — At least two things in this small town can't be matched in New York: steaks and the town's Sept. 11 memorial.

That's coming from Jack Lynch, a longtime New Yorker whose son died trying to help a woman in the south tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

He thinks the Anthony memorial, which incorporates steel from the twin towers, limestone from the Pentagon and dirt from the Pennsylvania field where a third hijacked plane crashed, is more appropriate than what's planned near ground zero in New York.

"It's not a fantastic memorial, it's not a huge memorial like we'd expect at ground

TO SIGN A PETITION

A petition protesting parts of the plan for ground zero can be found at www.takebackthememorial.com.

zero," Lynch said. "But it's appropriate. Our freedom has been affected. We feel that this memorial should be about 9/11 and 9/11 only."

Lynch and fellow New Yorker Charles Wolf wish New York would follow Anthony's lead.

They are part of a growing group that wants to keep certain organizations out of the International Freedom Center that's planned near ground zero.

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Professional candidate re fraud charges

**that he misused \$175,000 —
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among his personal assets.

In addition, the indictment said Taff lied about his income in the application, claiming he made \$15,000 a month when in reality he made only \$6,500.

In February 2004, Taff withdrew \$300,000 in a check drawn on the accounts, ostensibly to be used as a down payment to buy the Lake Quivira home from Myers, the indictment said.

After the check was passed through a title company, Myers returned it to Taff, who took it back to his bank and redeposited the money in his campaign accounts, the indictment said.

Both Myers and Taff are facing a single count of wire fraud because the mortgage documents were faxed across state

lines to NovaStar, the indictment said.

In addition, Taff is accused of one count of violating federal election campaign law by converting campaign money to his personal use.

The indictment alleges that he misused \$175,000 — the \$300,000 he withdrew minus \$125,000 of personal funds that he had earlier loaned to his campaign account, said Jim Cross, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren.

Taff and Myers could both face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine if convicted of wire fraud. In addition, Taff could face five years and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of misusing campaign funds, the U.S. attorney's office said in a statement.

Taff raised more than \$1.1 million for his 2002 race and \$638,000 in his 2004 bid for Congress, according to figures compiled from federal reports by the Center for Responsive Politics.

Reach Dion Lefler at 268-6527.

warn residents that a sex offender may be living in their neighborhood or near a school.

When all the agencies are linked, Sebelius said, address discrepancies will automatically notify officials at state and local corrections, parole offices and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, she said.

"It helps us prevent offenders from slipping through cracks or hiding in the shadows," she said.

The KBI, which maintains the statewide offender registry, is not yet linked to the database. KBI Director Larry Welch said that link should be made soon.

"Anything that checks on the accuracy of our registry and

makes us more efficient, we're for it," he said.

And Sebelius renewed her call to increase prison time for certain sex crimes and for crimes against law enforcement officers. She and Kline first proposed the tougher penalties in February 2003.

She said she wasn't concerned about increasing pressure on nearly full state prisons.

"We will make the room to keep these dangerous folks behind bars," she said.

Contributing: Associated Press

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SHRINE

From Page 1B

The group, called Take Back the Memorial, has representatives from 15 different Sept. 11 organizations.

They're afraid that a theater and a museum dedicated to freedom could distract people from what happened that day.

The museum would chronicle freedom throughout history, including displays that teach visitors about Martin Luther King Jr. and how the Allies conquered the Nazis.

"These are important stories that should be told elsewhere," Lynch told about 75 people gathered at the Anthony memorial. "We need to make sure all politics — left, right or center — stay away from the memorial."

Anthony's memorial was built for about \$80,000, which was raised by selling brownies, T-shirts and inscribed bricks built into the sidewalk leading to the display.

The Take Back the Memorial group chose Anthony as its first stop on a tour to spread its message.

"This has been a labor of love," said Debbie Mangen, who is on Anthony's Sept. 11 committee. "We all felt so helpless when this happened."

"It's humbling that they want to come," she said. "I think they've learned a lot about Kansans and we've learned a lot about New Yorkers."

Charles Wolf is one of those New Yorkers.

His wife, Katherine, died when American Airlines Flight 11 struck the 97th floor of the north tower, where she was working as an executive assistant.

Moments before that happened, Wolf heard a thunderous roar as the plane flew over his apartment at 480 mph.

He watched the towers fall on TV.

"I got up, I turned around and said, 'I guess I've got to start my life over.'"

He tried to preserve what memories he could, even sealing Katherine's clothing in plastic to preserve her scent.

Some 1,100 people have no graves to go to because their family members were never found.

"What do you have left but a memorial?" he said.

(Date)

Senator Ruth Teichman
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Rep. Bill McCreary
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Rep. Dennis McKinney
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Wellington, KS 67152

Dear _____,

The City of Anthony is grateful for your support of the Anthony 9-11 Memorial. The Resolution you introduced to designate the Memorial as the official 9-11 Memorial for the State of Kansas for 2005-2006 will enhance our efforts to portray us as a community of caring individuals that reach out to honor and support our fellow Americans during a time of crisis.

The Memorial is indeed worthy of the great State of Kansas and the people who call her home. If you haven't had a chance to, I urge you to make a point to visit the Memorial during your next trip to Anthony.

We look forward with anticipation to the 2006 Legislative session when you will be able to introduce full legislation to make permanent the status of this Memorial. If there is any further information you need or questions you may have, please don't hesitate to call me or Donna Crowe (Memorial Committee Chairperson) at 620-842-5434.

Sincerely,

Howard Hatfield
Mayor, City of Anthony

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Attachment 6

March 10, 2005

Dear senator Teichman _____,

After September 11, the people of Anthony, Kansas (population 2,300 located 60 miles southwest of Wichita) raised money for the victims. Rather than sending the money to a large charity, we chose to find a single family to comfort and support. FDNY firefighter Joe Spor Jr. was killed in the collapse of the Twin Towers, leaving behind a young widow and four children, ages 6 years to 9 months. To make a very long story short, we "adopted" the Spor family and Joe's fire station in the Bronx. A very special bond has been established between our small Kansas town and the Bronx. That bond, reinforced by almost daily calls and e-mails, continues today.

On September 11, 2004 we officially dedicated the Anthony 9-11 Memorial. This Memorial, built from Kansas limestone and brick, highlights three beams from the World Trade Center, a block of limestone from the Pentagon, and soil from the Flight 11 crash site in Pennsylvania. Two twin towers of light pierce the night sky, highlighting the United States flag, Kansas state flag, and the New York state flag. Behind the WTC beams, three 3'x5' bronze plaques tell the story of 9-11, describe Anthony's and America's response, herald the heroes of 9-11 (which include our brave fighting forces who are engaged overseas). The Memorial is being funded entirely with private and corporate donations – no tax monies are to be used. Because of the unique story behind it, and because this Memorial is the only Memorial to my knowledge that includes elements of all three attack sites, it has attracted media interest from New York, Kansas City, Hutchinson, Wichita, and national FOX television coverage. Since the dedication, literally thousands of people from all over the world have come to Anthony to visit the Memorial.

_____, the City of Anthony respectfully request that you introduce legislation that would designate the Anthony 9-11 Memorial as THE official Kansas state 9-11 Memorial. The Memorial is unique, the story behind the Memorial is unique, and Kansas would be well-served with it as the official Kansas Memorial. Thank you in advance for your support, and please don't hesitate to call me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
John R. Schott
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