Leadership class selects 16 for class

The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Manhattan Board announced the 2010 class of Leadership Manhattan on Tuesday.

The ninth class includes: Rosemary Bogs, Kansas State University Division of Continuing Education; Jana Broadbent, Mercy Regional Health Center; Meagan Cramer, Kansas Farm Bureau; Trent Dansel, Olsson Associates; Buck Driggs, HWS Consulting Group Inc.; Brice Ebert, Alliance Property Management, Inc.; Dustin Furrey, Keating & Associates, Inc.; Lorenza Lockett, Kansas State University Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work; Aaron Madison, NanoScale Corporation; Benjamin Moore, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P.A.; Stephanie Pierce, Anderson Knight Architects; Kevin Porter, Steel & Pipe Supply company; Angie Reed, K-State Credit Union; Travis Say, Charlson-Wilson Insurance Agency, Inc.; Chuck Scott, Sunflower Bank; and Sherese Terrill, McCullough Development, Inc.

The first session is Jan. 13 and will be held at NISTAC. A welcome reception will be held Jan. 13 at the Beach Museum at 5:30 p.m. for the new class and alumni of Future Manhattan and Leadership Manhattan. A total of five sessions will be held with class graduation scheduled for April 21, 2010 at Manhattan Country Club.

The mission of Leadership Manhattan is to ensure the vitality of our community by providing a continuous source of motivated leaders who are educated about the community, its challenges and opportunities, as well as trained and inspired to assume leadership roles in the Manhattan community at all levels. Leadership development for Manhattan and Riley County was identified in the chamber-initiated Advantage Manhattan program as necessary for economic growth and prosperity here.

For more information about Leadership Manhattan, visit www.manhattan.org/leadershipmanhattan.
active in South Waziristan against the Pakistani Taliban, a group that has focused on attacking the Pakistani state.

**Shoppers find sparse shelves, deep discounts**

Shoppers headed to America's malls Saturday, many with gift cards in hand, hoping to snag after-Christmas discounts.

They were greeted with big markdowns — in some cases topping 75 percent off — but often found limited selection.

Crowds were mixed during the kickoff of the week after Christmas, which last year accounted for nearly 15 percent of holiday retail sales.

This year, it could be more important because snowstorms that socked much of the country cut sales by 2.1 percent for the weekend before Christmas compared with the same weekend a year earlier, according to research firm ShopperTrak.

Retailers are counting on the days after Christmas to perk up overall holiday sales in a season that looks like it's been only modestly better than last year's disaster.

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