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# 2011 CONFERENCE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS & RESERVATION PROCEDURES

October 8-10 • Hyatt Regency Wichita & Century II Convention Center • Wichita

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note there has been a change in the overall conference schedule. The annual conference will now begin on Saturday at noon, and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

### Hyatt Regency Wichita\*\*

400 W. Waterman

Wichita, KS 67202

(316) 293-1234

Single/Double \$116 + tax per night

Cut-off Date: 9/14/11

Connected to Century II

\*\* Hyatt Regency Wichita requires a non-refundable deposit equal to one night's stay in order to secure reservations.



### RESERVATION PROCEDURES:

- LKM has made special arrangements with the hotels listed to provide accommodations during our Annual Conference. Room reservations should be made by contacting the hotels directly.
- Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.
- Reservations may not be made until after 3/1/11.
- Remember to ask for the special LKM conference rate when making reservations.

### SPECIAL NOTE:

If you are making hotel reservations for someone else, please confirm with each person that they actually need hotel accommodations and intend to use the accommodations before making the reservation.

### ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel at Old Town

830 East First

Wichita, KS 67202

(877) 265-3869

Single/Double \$122 + tax per night

Cut-off Date: 9/17/11

Courtyard by Marriott - Wichita at Old Town

820 E. Second S. North

Wichita, KS 67202

(316) 264-5300

Queen/King: \$109 + tax per night

Cut-off Date: 9/16/11

Fairfield Inn & Suites at the Water Walk

525 S. Main

Wichita KS 67202

(316) 264-5300 ext. 4924

Queen/King: \$89 + tax per night

Cut-off Date: 9/01/11

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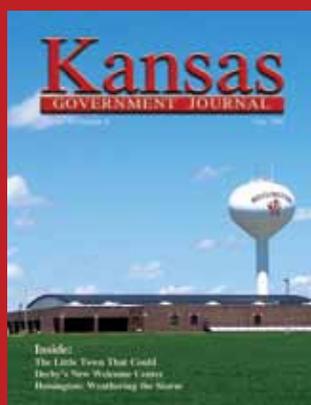
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The new Hoisington Activity Center and water tower were constructed after the 2001 tornado ripped through the city. See related article, beginning on page 110. *Photo provided by the City of Hoisington.*

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## June

- 10 - MLA: Personnel Management, Colby
- 11 - MLA: Personnel Management, Arkansas City
- 17 - LKM Governing Body Meeting, Wichita
- 24 - MLA: Personnel Management, Atchison
- 30 - KMIT Board of Trustees Meeting, Andover

## July

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- 21 - MLA: City Clerk Fundamentals, Clay Center
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- 20 - MLA: KOMA/KORA, Lawrence
- 26 - MLA: KOMA/KORA, Oakley
- 26 - KMIT Board of Trustees Meeting, Arkansas City

## Obituaries

**Charles S. Arthur**, 93, died February 16, 2011. He led a distinguished career in public service when he was elected to the Manhattan City Commission, serving as Mayor from 1956-57. He was then elected as a state representative in 1957, spending 12 years in the Kansas Legislature, 8 years (1957-65) in the House and 4 years (1965-69) in the Senate. In 1963 he became Speaker of the House for two years.

**Everett Custer**, 91, died February 1, 2011. He served on the Lenexa City Council and was also a past president of the Chamber of Commerce. Custer was a World War II veteran and Vice President of Southwest and Custer Construction Companies.

**Roger A. Gray**, 73, died February 25, 2011. He served one term as Mayor of the City of La Crosse. Active in community affairs, he also served as president of the Lion's Club and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Professionally, Gray established and expanded RAG Motors in La Crosse, Hays, and Arkansas City.

**Harry Russell "Russ" Johnson**, 93, died January 26, 2011. He served on the City of Mission City Council. Johnson was also a member of the Old Mission Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. Professionally, Johnson was an auditor with Mobil Oil. He particularly enjoyed fishing with family and friends.

**Marcia Spicer Traylor**, 66, died February 18, 2011. Traylor was a Hazelton native, where she served on the City Council. She was also an active community member in Wichita and Kiowa. Professionally, Traylor was Vice-President & Controller for Star Electric Supply, Inc. prior to working for Rupe Oil Company.

# THE LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD

by Lulita Hopkins

All photos: The City of Udall's newly constructed water tower, the Udall Community Building, and the City's newly renovated park are all projects funded by grants to help improve the city. Photos provided by the City of Udall.



Like a lot of small towns in the State of Kansas, Udall is situated on both sides of the railroad tracks. Founded in 1881, rail transportation was important to the community. Trains and stories of trains bring to mind the *Little Engine that Could*, about how ambition and positive thinking can overcome many obstacles. Udall is a prime example of a “Little Town That Could.” From its early history as a pioneer town, to the mid-50s when a tornado devastated the area killing 88 of the community’s residents, Udall has come back to be better every time.

This optimistic thinking has led the recent City Council to seek numerous grants and state aid programs for the betterment of the community. This started in 2007 with the council retaining Rose Mary Saunders of Ranson Financial, to do preliminary grant work on a water supply plan. The City was successful in obtaining a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) along with a \$1,365,000 State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan to replace water lines in a major portion of the city and construct a 200,000 elevated tank. Work was completed on this project in May 2010 and the Council is currently in the process of seeking funds for Phase II which will repair and replace the remaining water supply lines.

At approximately the same time, the Council enlisted the assistance of South Central Kansas Economic Development District to pursue a HOME grant with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. The City was awarded a \$150,000 grant that renovated 7 residences in the community. Several applicants were evaluated for income eligibility and their homes were inspected for possible improvements which included siding, windows, HVAC

units, roofing, and other improvements. All of the applicants have benefitted from the program which involved a \$30,000 city match. This 2008 grant was completed in the first quarter of 2011.

In December 2009, the City Council became aware of funds available through the Small Communities Improvement Program (SCIP) and applied for a \$125,000 grant for park improvements. This has been self-administered through the City and has involved numerous local volunteers to perform the labor involved in removing and rebuilding two outdoor picnic pavilions, a joint amphitheater, ADA approved restroom facility, and \$35,000 of playground equipment placed on a recycled rubberized play surface. All of the park facilities are joined with a sidewalk and the area has been enhanced with fescue sod. Photos while the work was in progress can be seen at [www.cityofudall.com](http://www.cityofudall.com)

The City is not resting, however. In a joint agreement with the Udall Community Building Board, they have sponsored an application for a KAN-STEP grant for renovation of the Udall Community Building. This structure was rebuilt shortly after the tornado in 1955 and has had few updates since that time. A \$300,000 grant was awarded to the City in March 2011 and was made possible again with assistance from Rose Mary Saunders. Soon volunteers will begin work on replacing windows, adding insulation and drywall, removing existing flooring and replacing with new flooring, enlarging restroom facilities to make them ADA compliant, and adding new exterior and interior doors.

Udall, the “Little Town That Could” is proof that working together can mean big improvements in your community.

☀️ Lulita Hopkins is the City Clerk for the City of Udall. She can be reached at [udallcty@cityofudall.com](mailto:udallcty@cityofudall.com) or (620) 782-3512.



## City of Salina Swimming in Grants

A Greater Salina Community Foundation grant that the Salina City Commission received will allow for the continuation of a project that will improve and extend the flood-control levee hike/bike trail.

City staff had applied for the \$32,000 phase 2 grant in 2010 as part of a total grant of \$108,900 to go toward work on the hike/bike trail. The intent of the project was to place a new topping on the trail on the west side of Salina from Crawford Street to Cloud Street, a distance of 6,000 ft. (a little over a mile), and to extend the current levee trail from Bill Burke Park to North Street, a distance of 8,300 ft. (about 1½ miles). City staff proposes to complete the section from Iron to North Street this year at an estimated cost of \$35,556.

In addition, four grants were recently awarded to four Salina art and cultural agencies for community-based projects. This competitive process leverages artistic growth through Salina's cultural and

non-profit organizations. Grants awarded were to Greater Salina Community Foundation, Salina Symphony, Salina Art Center, and Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure.

Christopher Cook, Executive Director/Curator of the Salina Art Center said, "The importance of creating a dynamic gathering space for children and adults in the Art Center through the renovation of the ARTery remains foremost in our minds. We appreciate the Arts and Humanities' continued efforts to develop and nurture Salina's arts and cultural institutions."

The "Organizational Project" category of the Horizons Grants Program "[p]rovides support for organizational projects that place the arts at the heart of community development, in an effort to build community through the arts." The Horizons Grants Program is a project of the Salina Arts and Humanities, a department of the City.

## City to Manage Downtown Farmers' Market

The City of Overland Park will mark its first year managing the Downtown Overland Park Farmer's Market. More than 50 homegrown sellers have been selected for the 2011 market. Selection began after nearly 70 applications were received.

"My first priority is to work with vendors so they are successful," said the market's manager Julie Harkleroad. "This is an extremely popular market where vendors and customers can support farming and agriculture, health and nutrition, and the value of buying locally."

Prior to scoring applications, information was removed to ensure anonymity of applicants and fairness in the scoring. Names, addresses, direction to a farm location, and past participation were removed by city employees not involved in the scoring.

Higher scores were given to vendors who indicated a larger percentage of their produce is homegrown, and additional points were awarded for those with organic products, product variety, and ability to provide produce throughout the selling season.

"The Downtown Overland Park Farmer's Market is one of the most popular and well-attended markets in the metropolitan area and has been for nearly 28 years. The 2011 season should be just as enjoyable and the selection even better," Harkleroad said.

The City plans to launch new web pages for the market, including a feature that lists produce for sale, recipes, links to vendors' web sites, and more. "All this information will assist families and individuals who plan to visit the market and want to know more about the sellers," Harkleroad added.

## KCK Receives Top 10 Ranking

*Site Selection* magazine has named the \$400-million Sporting Kansas City Major League Soccer Stadium and Cerner Corporation Office Complex in Kansas City, KS, one of the top 10 economic development deals in North America for 2010.

The \$400-million price tag and 4,000 new jobs make the project the 8th largest economic development deal based on dollar amount in the entire North American continent.

"It signifies projects that were significant in terms of the capital investment and job creation associated with them, creativity in negotiations and incentives," said *Site Selection* magazine's editor in

chief Mark Arend. "It's a way to recognize deals that were significant in their areas in 2010." Only projects with significant regional impact and interstate competition were recognized. *Site Selection* magazine is used by corporate real estate executives and business leaders to decide what communities are prime for business expansions.

In addition, the Kansas City Area Development Council received an honorable mention on the 2010 list of successful economic development groups, making it one of North America's top 20 economic development agencies.

## Officials Celebrate New Walking Trails

On May 18, 2011 Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer, Haysville Mayor Ken Hampton, and Sedgwick County Commissioners Dave Unruh and Tim Norton celebrated a newly competed project, "Walk the Trails" in downtown Wichita and Haysville with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

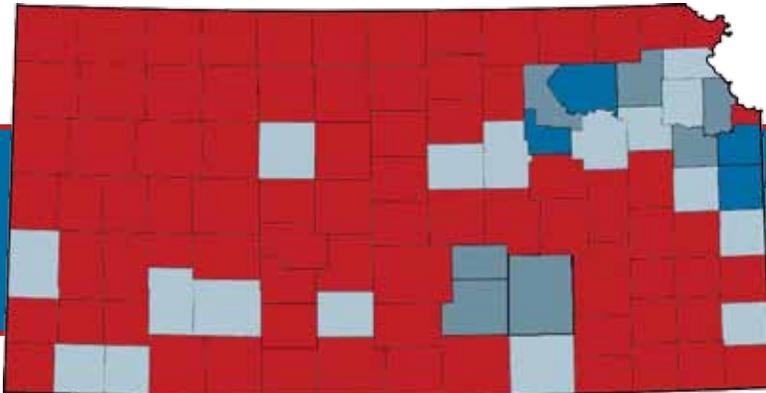
"These trails help promote cultural and entertainment venues," Unruh said. "We're encouraging people to get out and walk. We've created a community exercise program that everyone can take part in."

The new themed trails run through Wichita and Haysville and each have a sign in front with a fact that corresponds with the trail's

theme. The Sports Trail is one of nine trails in Wichita, including art, historical, exploration, African American, American Indian, the people of Kansas, poets, and the Tallgrass Film Festival. In Haysville you will find the magic and sesquicentennial trails.

To kick off the "Walk the Trails" project, employees from Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita, and the City of Haysville will compete to see who can walk the most miles through September 30, 2011.

# COMPARING THE DECADE: A LOOK AT KANSAS POPULATION STATISTICS



## POPULATION CHANGE BY COUNTY: 2000-2010

LOSS

0-5%

5-15%

15-25%

Between 2000 and 2010, the population of the state of Kansas grew 6.1%, from 2,688,418 to 2,853,118. Below is a table showing the population changes by county and by cities within each county. Cities that cross more than one county line are marked with an \*asterisk. Data from [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

	POPULATION		2000-2010	
	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Allen County</b>	14,385	13,371	-1014	-7%
Bassett	22	14	-8	-36%
Elsmore	73	77	4	5%
Gas	556	564	8	1%
Humboldt	1,999	1,953	-46	-2%
Iola	6,302	5,704	-598	-9%
LaHarpe	706	578	-128	-18%
Mildred	36	28	-8	-22%
Moran	562	558	-4	-1%
Savonburg	91	109	18	20%
<b>Anderson County</b>	8,110	8,102	-8	0%
Colony	397	408	11	3%
Garnett	3,368	3,415	47	1%
Greeley	327	302	-25	-8%
Kincaid	178	122	-56	-31%
Lone Elm	27	25	-2	-7%
Westphalia	165	163	-2	-1%
<b>Atchison County</b>	16,774	16,924	150	1%
Atchison	10,232	11,021	789	8%
Effingham	588	546	-42	-7%
Huron	87	54	-33	-38%
Lancaster	291	298	7	2%
Muscotah	200	176	-24	-12%
<b>Barber County</b>	5,307	4,861	-446	-8%
Hardtner	199	172	-27	-14%
Hazelton	144	93	-51	-35%
Isabel	108	90	-18	-17%
Kiowa	1,055	1,026	-29	-3%
Medicine Lodge	2,193	2,009	-184	-8%
Sharon	210	158	-52	-25%
Sun City	81	53	-28	-35%
<b>Barton County</b>	28,205	27,674	-531	-2%
Albert	181	175	-6	-3%
Clafin	705	645	-60	-9%
Ellinwood	2,164	2,131	-33	-2%
Galatia	61	39	-22	-36%
Great Bend	15,345	15,995	650	4%
Hoisington	2,975	2,706	-269	-9%
Olmitz	138	114	-24	-17%
Pawnee Rock	356	252	-104	-29%
Susank	57	34	-23	-40%

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	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>Bourbon County</b>	15,379	15,173	-206	-1%
Bronson	346	323	-23	-7%
Fort Scott	8,297	8,087	-210	-3%
Fulton	184	163	-21	-11%
Mapleton	98	84	-14	-14%
Redfield	140	146	6	4%
Uniontown	288	272	-16	-6%
<b>Brown County</b>	10,724	9,984	-740	-7%
Everest	314	284	-30	-10%
Fairview	271	260	-11	-4%
Hamlin	53	46	-7	-13%
Hiawatha	3,417	3,172	-245	-7%
Horton	1,967	1,776	-191	-10%
Morrill	277	230	-47	-17%
Powhattan	91	77	-14	-15%
Reserve	100	84	-16	-16%
Robinson	216	234	18	8%
Sabetha*	2,589	2,571	-18	-1%
Willis	69	38	-31	-45%
<b>Butler County</b>	59,484	65,880	6396	11%
Andover*	6,698	11,791	5,093	76%
Augusta	8,423	9,274	851	10%
Benton	827	880	53	6%
Cassoday	130	129	-1	-1%
Douglass	1,813	1,700	-113	-6%
El Dorado	12,057	13,021	964	8%
Elbing	218	229	11	5%
Latham	164	139	-25	-15%
Leon	645	704	59	9%
Potwin	457	449	-8	-2%
Rose Hill	3,432	3,931	499	15%
Towanda	1,338	1,450	112	8%
Whitewater	653	718	65	10%
<b>Chase County</b>	3,030	2,790	-240	-8%
Cedar Point	53	28	-25	-47%
Cottonwood Falls	966	903	-63	-7%
Elmdale	50	55	5	10%
Matfield Green	60	47	-13	-22%
Strong City	584	485	-99	-17%
<b>Chautauqua County</b>	4,359	3,669	-690	-16%
Cedar Vale	723	579	-144	-20%

	POPULATION		2000-2010	
	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
Chautauqua	113	111	-2	-2%
Elgin	82	89	7	9%
Niotaze	122	82	-40	-33%
Peru	183	139	-44	-24%
Sedan	1,342	1,124	-218	-16%
<b>Cherokee County</b>	<b>22,605</b>	<b>21,603</b>	<b>-1002</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Baxter Springs	4,602	4,238	-364	-8%
Columbus	3,396	3,312	-84	-2%
Galena	3,287	3,085	-202	-6%
Roseland	101	77	-24	-24%
Scammon	496	482	-14	-3%
Treece	149	138	-11	-7%
Weir	780	686	-94	-12%
West Mineral	243	185	-58	-24%
<b>Cheyenne County</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>-439</b>	<b>-14%</b>
Bird City	482	447	-35	-7%
St. Francis	1,497	1,329	-168	-11%
<b>Clark County</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>-175</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Ashland	975	867	-108	-11%
Englewood	109	77	-32	-29%
Minneola	717	745	28	4%
<b>Clay County</b>	<b>8,822</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>-287</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Clay Center	4,564	4,334	-230	-5%
Clifton*	557	554	-3	-1%
Green	147	128	-19	-13%
Longford	94	79	-15	-16%
Morganville	198	192	-6	-3%
Oak Hill	35	24	-11	-31%
Vining*	58	45	-13	-22%
Wakefield	838	980	142	17%
<b>Cloud County</b>	<b>10,268</b>	<b>9,533</b>	<b>-735</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Aurora	79	60	-19	-24%
Clyde	740	716	-24	-3%
Concordia	5,714	5,395	-319	-6%
Gasco	536	498	-38	-7%
Jamestown	399	286	-113	-28%
Miltonvale	523	539	16	3%
<b>Coffey County</b>	<b>8,865</b>	<b>8,601</b>	<b>-264</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Burlington	2,790	2,674	-116	-4%
Gridley	372	341	-31	-8%
Lebo	961	940	-21	-2%
LeRoy	593	561	-32	-5%
New Strawn	425	394	-31	-7%
Waverly	589	592	3	1%
<b>Comanche County</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Coldwater	792	828	36	5%
Protection	558	514	-44	-8%
Wilmore	57	53	-4	-7%
<b>Cowley County</b>	<b>36,291</b>	<b>36,311</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0%</b>
Arkansas City	11,963	12,415	452	4%
Atlanta	255	195	-60	-24%
Burden	564	535	-29	-5%
Cambridge	103	82	-21	-20%
Dexter	364	278	-86	-24%
Geuda Springs*	212	185	-27	-13%
Parkerfield	-	426	-	-
Udall	794	746	-48	-6%
Winfield	12,206	12,301	95	1%
<b>Crawford County</b>	<b>38,242</b>	<b>39,134</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>2%</b>
Arcadia	391	310	-81	-21%
Arma	1,529	1,481	-48	-3%
Cherokee	722	714	-8	-1%
Frontenac	2,996	3,437	441	15%
Girard	2,773	2,789	16	1%
Hepler	154	132	-22	-14%
McCune	426	405	-21	-5%
Mulberry	577	520	-57	-10%

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	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
Pittsburg	19,243	20,233	990	5%
Walnut	221	220	-1	0%
<b>Decatur County</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>2,961</b>	<b>-511</b>	<b>-15%</b>
Clayton*	66	59	-7	-11%
Dresden	51	41	-10	-20%
Jennings	146	96	-50	-34%
Norcatour	169	151	-18	-11%
Oberlin	1,994	1,788	-206	-10%
<b>Dickinson County</b>	<b>19,344</b>	<b>19,754</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>2%</b>
Abilene	6,543	6,844	301	5%
Carlton	38	42	4	11%
Chapman	1,241	1,393	152	12%
Enterprise	836	855	19	2%
Herington*	2,563	2,526	-37	-1%
Hope	372	368	-4	-1%
Manchester	102	95	-7	-7%
Solomon*	1,072	1,095	23	2%
Woodbine	207	170	-37	-18%
<b>Doniphan County</b>	<b>8,249</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>-304</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Denton	186	148	-38	-20%
Elwood	1,145	1,224	79	7%
Highland	976	1,012	36	4%
Leona	88	48	-40	-45%
Severance	108	94	-14	-13%
Troy	1,054	1,010	-44	-4%
Wathena	1,348	1,364	16	1%
White Cloud	239	176	-63	-26%
<b>Douglas County</b>	<b>99,962</b>	<b>110,826</b>	<b>10,864</b>	<b>11%</b>
Baldwin City	3,400	4,515	1,115	33%
Eudora	4,307	6,136	1,829	42%
Lawrence	80,098	87,643	7,545	9%
Lecompton	608	625	17	3%
<b>Edwards County</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>-412</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Belpre	104	84	-20	-19%
Kinsley	1,658	1,457	-201	-12%
Lewis	486	451	-35	-7%
Offerle	220	199	-21	-10%
<b>Elk County</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>-379</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Elk Falls	112	107	-5	-4%
Grenola	231	216	-15	-6%
Howard	808	687	-121	-15%
Longton	394	348	-46	-12%
Moline	457	371	-86	-19%
<b>Ellis County</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>28,452</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>3%</b>
Ellis	1,873	2,062	189	10%
Hays	20,013	20,510	497	2%
Schoenchen	214	207	-7	-3%
Victoria	1,208	1,214	6	0%
<b>Ellsworth County</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>6,497</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>0%</b>
Ellsworth	2,965	3,120	155	5%
Holyrood	464	447	-17	-4%
Kanopolis	543	492	-51	-9%
Lorraine	136	138	2	1%
Wilson	799	781	-18	-2%
<b>Finney County</b>	<b>40,523</b>	<b>36,776</b>	<b>-3,747</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Garden City	28,451	26,658	-1,793	-6%
Holcomb	2,026	2,094	68	3%
<b>Ford County</b>	<b>32,458</b>	<b>33,848</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>4%</b>
Bucklin	725	794	69	10%
Dodge City	25,176	27,340	2,164	9%
Ford	314	216	-98	-31%
Spearville	813	773	-40	-5%
<b>Franklin County</b>	<b>24,784</b>	<b>25,992</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>5%</b>
Lane	256	225	-31	-12%
Ottawa	11,921	12,649	728	6%

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	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
Pomona	923	832	-91	-10%
Princeton	317	277	-40	-13%
Rantoul	241	184	-57	-24%
Richmond	510	464	-46	-9%
Wellsville	1,606	1,857	251	16%
Williamsburg	351	397	46	13%
<b>Geary County</b>	<b>27,947</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>6,415</b>	<b>23%</b>
Grandview Plaza	1,184	1,560	376	32%
Junction City	18,886	23,353	4,467	24%
Milford	502	530	28	6%
<b>Gove County</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>-373</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Gove City	105	80	-25	-24%
Grainfield	327	277	-50	-15%
Grinnell	329	259	-70	-21%
Oakley*	2,173	2,045	-128	-6%
Park	151	126	-25	-17%
Quinter	961	918	-43	-4%
<b>Graham County</b>	<b>2,946</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>-349</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Bogue	179	143	-36	-20%
Hill City	1,604	1,474	-130	-8%
Morland	164	154	-10	-6%
<b>Grant County</b>	<b>7,909</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Ulysses	5,960	6,161	201	3%
<b>Gray County</b>	<b>5,904</b>	<b>6,006</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2%</b>
Cimarron	1,934	2,184	250	13%
Copeland	339	310	-29	-9%
Ensign	203	187	-16	-8%
Ingalls	328	306	-22	-7%
Montezuma	966	966	0	0%
<b>Greeley County</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>-287</b>	<b>-19%</b>
Horace	143	70	-73	-51%
Tribune	835	741	-94	-11%
<b>Greenwood County</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>-984</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Climax	64	72	8	13%
Eureka	2,914	2,633	-281	-10%
Fall River	156	162	6	4%
Hamilton	334	268	-66	-20%
Madison	857	701	-156	-18%
Severy	359	259	-100	-28%
Virgil	113	71	-42	-37%
<b>Hamilton County</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1%</b>
Coolidge	86	95	9	10%
Syracuse	1,824	1,812	-12	-1%
<b>Harper County</b>	<b>6,536</b>	<b>6,034</b>	<b>-502</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Anthony	2,440	2,269	-171	-7%
Attica	636	626	-10	-2%
Bluff City	80	65	-15	-19%
Danville	59	38	-21	-36%
Freeport	6	5	-1	-17%
Harper	1,567	1,473	-94	-6%
Waldron	17	11	-6	-35%
<b>Harvey County</b>	<b>32,869</b>	<b>34,684</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>6%</b>
Burrton	932	901	-31	-3%
Halstead	1,873	2,085	212	11%
Hesston	3,509	3,709	200	6%
Newton	17,190	19,132	1,942	11%
North Newton	1,522	1,759	237	16%
Sedgwick*	1,537	1,695	158	10%
Walton	284	235	-49	-17%
<b>Haskell County</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>4,256</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Satanta	1,239	1,133	-106	-9%
Sublette	1,592	1,453	-139	-9%
<b>Hodgeman County</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>-169</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Hanston	259	206	-53	-20%
Jetmore	903	867	-36	-4%

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<b>Jackson County</b>	<b>12,657</b>	<b>13,462</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>6%</b>
Circleville	185	170	-15	-8%
Delia	179	169	-10	-6%
Denison	231	187	-44	-19%
Holton	3,353	3,329	-24	-1%
Hoyt	571	669	98	17%
Mayetta	312	341	29	9%
Netawaka	170	143	-27	-16%
Soldier	122	136	14	11%
Whiting	206	187	-19	-9%
<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>18,426</b>	<b>19,126</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>4%</b>
McLouth	868	880	12	1%
Meriden	706	813	107	15%
Nortonville	620	637	17	3%
Oskaloosa	1,165	1,113	-52	-4%
Ozawkie	552	645	93	17%
Perry	901	929	28	3%
Valley Falls	1,254	1,192	-62	-5%
Winchester	579	551	-28	-5%
<b>Jewell County</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>3,077</b>	<b>-714</b>	<b>-19%</b>
Burr Oak	265	174	-91	-34%
Esbon	148	99	-49	-33%
Formoso	129	93	-36	-28%
Jewell	483	432	-51	-11%
Mankato	976	869	-107	-11%
Randall	90	65	-25	-28%
Webber	37	25	-12	-32%
<b>Johnson County</b>	<b>451,479</b>	<b>544,179</b>	<b>92,700</b>	<b>21%</b>
Bonner Springs*	6,768	7,314	546	8%
De Soto	4,561	5,720	1,159	25%
Edgerton	1,440	1,671	231	16%
Fairway	3,952	3,882	-70	-2%
Gardner	9,396	19,123	9,727	104%
Lake Quivira*	932	906	-26	-3%
Leawood	27,656	31,867	4,211	15%
Lenexa	40,238	48,190	7,952	20%
Merriam	11,008	11,003	-5	0%
Mission	9,727	9,323	-404	-4%
Mission Hills	3,593	3,498	-95	-3%
Mission Woods	165	178	13	8%
Olathe	92,962	125,872	32,910	35%
Overland Park	149,080	173,372	24,292	16%
Prairie Village	22,072	21,447	-625	-3%
Roeland Park	6,817	6,731	-86	-1%
Shawnee	47,996	62,209	14,213	30%
Spring Hill*	2,727	5,437	2,710	99%
Westwood	1,533	1,506	-27	-2%
Westwood Hills	378	359	-19	-5%
<b>Kearny County</b>	<b>4,531</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>-554</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Deerfield	884	700	-184	-21%
Lakin	2,316	2,216	-100	-4%
<b>Kingman County</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>7,858</b>	<b>-815</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Cunningham	514	454	-60	-12%
Kingman	3,387	3,177	-210	-6%
Nashville	111	64	-47	-42%
Norwich	551	491	-60	-11%
Penalosa	27	17	-10	-37%
Spivey	80	78	-2	-3%
Zenda	123	90	-33	-27%
<b>Kiowa County</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>-725</b>	<b>-22%</b>
Greensburg	1,574	777	-797	-51%
Haviland	612	701	89	15%
Mullinville	279	255	-24	-9%
<b>Labette County</b>	<b>22,835</b>	<b>21,607</b>	<b>-1,228</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Altamont	1,092	1,080	-12	-1%
Bartlett	124	80	-44	-35%
Chetopa	1,281	1,125	-156	-12%
Edna	423	442	19	4%
Labette	68	78	10	15%
Mound Valley	418	407	-11	-3%

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Oswego	2,046	1,829	-217	-11%
Parsons	11,514	10,500	-1,014	-9%
<b>Lane County</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>-405</b>	<b>-19%</b>
Dighton	1,261	1,038	-223	-18%
<b>Leavenworth County</b>	<b>68,691</b>	<b>76,227</b>	<b>7,536</b>	<b>11%</b>
Basehor	2,238	4,613	2,375	106%
Bonner Springs*	6,768	7,314	546	8%
Easton	362	253	-109	-30%
Lansing	9,199	11,265	2,066	22%
Leavenworth	35,420	35,251	-169	0%
Linwood	374	375	1	0%
Tonganoxie	2,728	4,996	2,268	83%
<b>Lincoln County</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>-337</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Barnard	123	70	-53	-43%
Beverly	199	162	-37	-19%
Lincoln Center	1,349	1,297	-52	-4%
Sylvan Grove	324	279	-45	-14%
<b>Linn County</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>9,656</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1%</b>
Blue Mound	277	275	-2	-1%
La Cygne	1,115	1,149	34	3%
Linn Valley	562	804	242	43%
Mound City	821	694	-127	-15%
Parker	281	277	-4	-1%
Pleasanton	1,387	1,216	-171	-12%
Prescott	280	264	-16	-6%
<b>Logan County</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>-290</b>	<b>-10%</b>
Oakley*	2,173	2,045	-128	-6%
Russell Springs	32	24	-8	-25%
Winona	228	162	-66	-29%
<b>Lyon County</b>	<b>35,935</b>	<b>33,690</b>	<b>-2,245</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Admire	177	156	-21	-12%
Allen	211	177	-34	-16%
Americus	938	894	-44	-5%
Bushong	55	34	-21	-38%
Emporia	26,760	24,916	-1,844	-7%
Hartford	500	371	-129	-26%
Neosho Rapids	274	265	-9	-3%
Olpe	504	546	42	8%
Reading	247	231	-16	-6%
<b>Marion County</b>	<b>13,361</b>	<b>12,660</b>	<b>-701</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Burns	268	228	-40	-15%
Durham	114	112	-2	-2%
Florence	671	465	-206	-31%
Goessel	565	539	-26	-5%
Hillsboro	2,854	2,993	139	5%
Lehigh	215	175	-40	-19%
Lincolnvile	225	203	-22	-10%
Lost Springs	71	70	-1	-1%
Marion	2,110	1,927	-183	-9%
Peabody	1,384	1,210	-174	-13%
Ramona	94	187	93	99%
Tampa	144	112	-32	-22%
<b>Marshall County</b>	<b>10,965</b>	<b>10,117</b>	<b>-848</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Axtell	445	406	-39	-9%
Beattie	277	200	-77	-28%
Blue Rapids	1,088	1,019	-69	-6%
Frankfort	855	726	-129	-15%
Marysville	3,271	3,294	23	1%
Oketo	87	66	-21	-24%
Summerfield	211	156	-55	-26%
Vermillion	107	112	5	5%
Waterville	681	680	-1	0%
<b>McPherson County</b>	<b>29,554</b>	<b>29,180</b>	<b>-374</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Canton	829	748	-81	-10%
Galva	701	870	169	24%
Inman	1,142	1,377	235	21%
Lindsborg	3,321	3,458	137	4%

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Marquette	542	641	99	18%
McPherson	13,770	13,155	-615	-4%
Moundridge	1,593	1,737	144	9%
Windom	137	130	-7	-5%
<b>Meade County</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Fowler	567	590	23	4%
Meade	1,672	1,721	49	3%
Plains	1,163	1,146	-17	-1%
<b>Miami County</b>	<b>28,351</b>	<b>32,787</b>	<b>4,436</b>	<b>16%</b>
Fontana	149	224	75	50%
Louisburg	2,576	4,315	1,739	68%
Osawatomic	4,645	4,447	-198	-4%
Paola	5,011	5,602	591	12%
Spring Hill*	2,727	5,437	2,710	99%
<b>Mitchell County</b>	<b>6,932</b>	<b>6,373</b>	<b>-559</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Beloit	4,019	3,835	-184	-5%
Cawker City	521	469	-52	-10%
Glen Elder	439	445	6	1%
Hunter	77	57	-20	-26%
Scottsville	21	25	4	19%
Simpson	114	86	-28	-25%
Tipton	243	210	-33	-14%
<b>Montgomery County</b>	<b>36,254</b>	<b>35,471</b>	<b>-783</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Caney	2,092	2,203	111	5%
Cherryvale	2,386	2,367	-19	-1%
Coffeyville	11,021	10,295	-726	-7%
Dearing	415	431	16	4%
Elk City	305	325	20	7%
Havana	86	104	18	21%
Independence	9,846	9,483	-363	-4%
Liberty	95	123	28	29%
Tyro	226	220	-6	-3%
<b>Morris County</b>	<b>6,104</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>-181</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Council Grove	2,321	2,182	-139	-6%
Dunlap	81	30	-51	-63%
Dwight	330	272	-58	-18%
Herington*	2,563	2,526	-37	-1%
Latimer	21	20	-1	-5%
Parkerville	73	59	-14	-19%
White City	518	618	100	19%
Wilsey	191	153	-38	-20%
<b>Morton County</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>-263</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Elkhart	2,233	2,205	-28	-1%
Richfield	48	43	-5	-10%
Rolla	482	442	-40	-8%
<b>Nemaha County</b>	<b>10,717</b>	<b>10,178</b>	<b>-539</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Bern	204	166	-38	-19%
Centralia	534	512	-22	-4%
Coming	170	157	-13	-8%
Goff	181	126	-55	-30%
Oneida	70	75	5	7%
Sabetha*	2,589	2,571	-18	-1%
Seneca	2,122	1,991	-131	-6%
Wetmore	362	368	6	2%
<b>Neosho County</b>	<b>16,997</b>	<b>16,512</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Chanute	9,411	9,119	-292	-3%
Earlton	80	55	-25	-31%
Erie	1,211	1,150	-61	-5%
Galesburg	150	126	-24	-16%
St. Paul	646	629	-17	-3%
Stark	106	72	-34	-32%
Thayer	500	497	-3	-1%
<b>Ness County</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>3,107</b>	<b>-347</b>	<b>-10%</b>
Bazine	311	334	23	7%
Brownell	48	29	-19	-40%
Ness City	1,534	1,449	-85	-6%
Ransom	338	294	-44	-13%
Utica	223	158	-65	-29%

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<b>Norton County</b>	5,953	5,671	-282	-5%
Almena	469	408	-61	-13%
Clayton*	66	59	-7	-11%
Edmond	47	49	2	4%
Lenora	306	250	-56	-18%
Norton	3,012	2,928	-84	-3%
<b>Osage County</b>	16,712	16,295	-417	-2%
Burlingame	1,017	934	-83	-8%
Carbondale	1,478	1,437	-41	-3%
Lyndon	1,038	1,052	14	1%
Melvern	429	385	-44	-10%
Olivet	64	67	3	5%
Osage City	3,034	2,943	-91	-3%
Overbrook	947	1,058	111	12%
Quenemo	468	388	-80	-17%
Scranton	724	710	-14	-2%
<b>Osborne County</b>	4,452	3,858	-594	-13%
Alton	117	103	-14	-12%
Downs	1,038	900	-138	-13%
Natoma	367	335	-32	-9%
Osborne	1,607	1,431	-176	-11%
Portis	123	103	-20	-16%
<b>Ottawa County</b>	6,163	6,091	-72	-1%
Bennington	623	672	49	8%
Culver	164	121	-43	-26%
Delphos	469	359	-110	-23%
Minneapolis	2,046	2,032	-14	-1%
Tescott	339	319	-20	-6%
<b>Pawnee County</b>	7,233	6,973	-260	-4%
Burdett	256	247	-9	-4%
Garfield	198	190	-8	-4%
Larned	4,236	4,054	-182	-4%
Rozel	182	156	-26	-14%
<b>Phillips County</b>	6,001	5,642	-359	-6%
Agra	306	267	-39	-13%
Glade	114	96	-18	-16%
Kirwin	229	171	-58	-25%
Logan	603	589	-14	-2%
Long Island	155	134	-21	-14%
Phillipsburg	2,668	2,581	-87	-3%
Prairie View	141	134	-7	-5%
Speed	44	37	-7	-16%
<b>Pottawatomie County</b>	18,209	21,604	3,395	19%
Belvue	228	205	-23	-10%
Emmett	277	191	-86	-31%
Havensville	146	133	-13	-9%
Louisville	209	188	-21	-10%
Manhattan*	44,831	52,281	7,450	17%
Olsburg	192	219	27	14%
Onaga	704	702	-2	0%
St. George	434	639	205	47%
St. Marys*	2,198	2,627	429	20%
Wamego	4,246	4,372	126	3%
Westmoreland	631	778	147	23%
Wheaton	92	95	3	3%
<b>Pratt County</b>	9,647	9,656	9	0%
Byers	50	35	-15	-30%
Coats	112	83	-29	-26%
Cullison	98	101	3	3%
Iuka	185	163	-22	-12%
Pratt	6,570	6,835	265	4%
Preston	164	158	-6	-4%
Sawyer	124	124	0	0%
<b>Rawlins County</b>	2,966	2,519	-447	-15%
Atwood	1,279	1,194	-85	-7%
Herndon	149	129	-20	-13%
McDonald	159	160	1	1%

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<b>Reno County</b>	64,790	64,511	-279	0%
Abbyville	128	87	-41	-32%
Arlington	459	473	14	3%
Buhler	1,358	1,327	-31	-2%
Haven	1,175	1,237	62	5%
Hutchinson	40,787	42,080	1,293	3%
Langdon	72	42	-30	-42%
Nickerson	1,194	1,070	-124	-10%
Partridge	259	248	-11	-4%
Plevna	99	98	-1	-1%
Pretty Prairie	615	680	65	11%
South Hutchinson	2,539	2,457	-82	-3%
Sylvia	297	218	-79	-27%
Turon	436	387	-49	-11%
Willowbrook	36	87	51	142%
<b>Republic County</b>	5,835	4,980	-855	-15%
Agenda	81	68	-13	-16%
Belleville	2,239	1,991	-248	-11%
Courtland	334	285	-49	-15%
Cuba	231	156	-75	-32%
Munden	122	100	-22	-18%
Narka	93	94	1	1%
Republic	161	116	-45	-28%
Scandia	436	372	-64	-15%
<b>Rice County</b>	10,761	10,083	-678	-6%
Alden	168	148	-20	-12%
Bushton	314	279	-35	-11%
Chase	490	477	-13	-3%
Frederick	11	18	7	64%
Geneseo	272	267	-5	-2%
Little River	536	557	21	4%
Lyons	3,732	3,739	7	0%
Raymond	95	79	-16	-17%
Sterling	2,642	2,328	-314	-12%
<b>Riley County</b>	62,852	71,115	8,263	13%
Leonardville	398	449	51	13%
Manhattan*	44,831	52,281	7,450	17%
Ogden	1,762	2,087	325	18%
Randolph	175	163	-12	-7%
Riley	886	939	53	6%
<b>Rooks County</b>	5,685	5,181	-504	-9%
Damar	155	132	-23	-15%
Palco	248	277	29	12%
Plainville	2,029	1,903	-126	-6%
Stockton	1,558	1,329	-229	-15%
Woodston	116	136	20	17%
Zurich	126	99	-27	-21%
<b>Rush County</b>	3,551	3,307	-244	-7%
Alexander	75	65	-10	-13%
Bison	235	255	20	9%
La Crosse	1,376	1,342	-34	-2%
Liebenthal	111	103	-8	-7%
McCracken	211	190	-21	-10%
Otis	325	282	-43	-13%
Rush Center	176	170	-6	-3%
Timken	83	76	-7	-8%
<b>Russell County</b>	7,370	6,970	-400	-5%
Bunker Hill	101	95	-6	-6%
Dorrance	205	185	-20	-10%
Gorham	360	334	-26	-7%
Lucas	436	393	-43	-10%
Luray	203	194	-9	-4%
Paradise	64	49	-15	-23%
Russell	4,696	4,506	-190	-4%
Waldo	48	30	-18	-38%
<b>Saline County</b>	53,597	55,606	2,009	4%
Assaria	438	413	-25	-6%
Brookville	259	262	3	1%

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	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
Gypsum	414	405	-9	-2%
New Cambria	150	126	-24	-16%
Salina	45,679	47,707	2,028	4%
Smolan	218	215	-3	-1%
Solomon*	1,072	1,095	23	2%
<b>Scott County</b>	<b>5,120</b>	<b>4,936</b>	<b>-184</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Scott City	3,855	3,816	-39	-1%
<b>Sedgwick County</b>	<b>452,869</b>	<b>498,365</b>	<b>45,496</b>	<b>10%</b>
Andale	766	928	162	21%
Andover*	6,698	11,791	5,093	76%
Bel Aire	5,836	6,769	933	16%
Bentley	368	530	162	44%
Cheney	1,783	2,094	311	17%
Clearwater	2,178	2,481	303	14%
Colwich	1,229	1,327	98	8%
Derby	17,807	22,158	4,351	24%
Eastborough	826	773	-53	-6%
Garden Plain	797	849	52	7%
Goddard	2,037	4,344	2,307	113%
Haysville	8,502	10,826	2,324	27%
Kechi	1,038	1,909	871	84%
Maize	1,868	3,420	1,552	83%
Mount Hope	830	813	-17	-2%
Mulvane*	5,155	6,111	956	19%
Park City	5,814	7,297	1,483	26%
Sedgwick*	1,537	1,695	158	10%
Valley Center	4,883	6,822	1,939	40%
Viola	211	130	-81	-38%
Wichita	344,284	382,368	38,084	11%
<b>Seward County</b>	<b>22,510</b>	<b>22,952</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2%</b>
Kismet	484	459	-25	-5%
Liberal	19,666	20,525	859	4%
<b>Shawnee County</b>	<b>169,871</b>	<b>177,934</b>	<b>8,063</b>	<b>5%</b>
Auburn	1,121	1,227	106	9%
Rossville	1,014	1,151	137	14%
Silver Lake	1,358	1,439	81	6%
Topeka	122,377	127,473	5,096	4%
Willard*	86	92	6	7%
<b>Sheridan County</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>-257</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Hoxie	1,244	1,201	-43	-3%
Selden	201	219	18	9%
<b>Sherman County</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>6,010</b>	<b>-750</b>	<b>-11%</b>
Goodland	4,948	4,489	-459	-9%
Kanorado	248	153	-95	-38%
<b>Smith County</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>-683</b>	<b>-15%</b>
Athol	51	44	-7	-14%
Cedar	26	14	-12	-46%
Gaylord	145	114	-31	-21%
Kensington	529	473	-56	-11%
Lebanon	303	218	-85	-28%
Smith Center	1,931	1,665	-266	-14%
<b>Stafford County</b>	<b>4,789</b>	<b>4,437</b>	<b>-352</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Hudson	133	129	-4	-3%
Macksville	514	549	35	7%
Radium	40	25	-15	-38%
Seward	63	64	1	2%
St. John	1,318	1,295	-23	-2%
Stafford	1,161	1,042	-119	-10%
<b>Stanton County</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Johnson City	1,528	1,495	-33	-2%
Manter	178	171	-7	-4%
<b>Stevens County</b>	<b>5,463</b>	<b>5,724</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>5%</b>
Hugoton	3,708	3,904	196	5%
Moscow	247	310	63	26%
<b>Sumner County</b>	<b>25,946</b>	<b>24,132</b>	<b>-1,814</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Argonia	534	501	-33	-6%

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	2000	2010	NUMBER CHANGE	% CHANGE
Belle Plaine	1,708	1,681	-27	-2%
Caldwell	1,284	1,068	-216	-17%
Conway Springs	1,322	1,272	-50	-4%
Geuda Springs*	212	185	-27	-13%
Hunnewell	83	67	-16	-19%
Mayfield	113	113	0	0%
Milan	137	82	-55	-40%
Mulvane*	5,155	6,111	956	19%
Oxford	1,173	1,049	-124	-11%
South Haven	390	363	-27	-7%
Wellington	8,647	8,172	-475	-5%
<b>Thomas County</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>-280</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Brewster	285	305	20	7%
Colby	5,450	5,387	-63	-1%
Gem	96	88	-8	-8%
Menlo	57	61	4	7%
Oakley*	2,173	2,045	-128	-6%
Rexford	157	232	75	48%
<b>Trego County</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>-318</b>	<b>-10%</b>
Collyer	133	109	-24	-18%
WaKeeney	1,924	1,862	-62	-3%
<b>Wabaunsee County</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>7,053</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2%</b>
Alma	797	832	35	4%
Alta Vista	442	444	2	0%
Eskridge	589	534	-55	-9%
Harveyville	267	236	-31	-12%
Maple Hill	469	620	151	32%
McFarland	271	256	-15	-6%
Paxico	211	221	10	5%
St. Marys*	2,198	2,627	429	20%
Willard*	86	92	6	7%
<b>Wallace County</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>-264</b>	<b>-15%</b>
Sharon Springs	835	748	-87	-10%
Wallace	67	57	-10	-15%
<b>Washington County</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>-684</b>	<b>-11%</b>
Barnes	152	159	7	5%
Clifton*	557	554	-3	-1%
Greenleaf	357	331	-26	-7%
Haddam	169	104	-65	-38%
Hanover	653	682	29	4%
Hollenberg	31	21	-10	-32%
Linn	425	410	-15	-4%
Mahaska	107	83	-24	-22%
Morrowville	168	155	-13	-8%
Palmer	108	111	3	3%
Vining*	58	45	-13	-22%
Washington	1,223	1,131	-92	-8%
<b>Wichita County</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>-297</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Leoti	1,598	1,534	-64	-4%
<b>Wilson County</b>	<b>10,332</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>-923</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Altoona	485	414	-71	-15%
Benedict	103	73	-30	-29%
Buffalo	284	232	-52	-18%
Coyville	71	46	-25	-35%
Fredonia	2,600	2,482	-118	-5%
Neodesha	2,848	2,486	-362	-13%
New Albany	73	56	-17	-23%
<b>Woodson County</b>	<b>3,788</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>-479</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Neosho Falls	179	141	-38	-21%
Toronto	312	281	-31	-10%
Yates Center	1,599	1,417	-182	-11%
<b>Wyandotte County</b>	<b>157,882</b>	<b>157,505</b>	<b>-377</b>	<b>0%</b>
Bonner Springs*	6,768	7,314	546	8%
Edwardsville	4,146	4,340	194	5%
Kansas City	146,866	145,786	-1,080	-1%
Lake Quivira*	932	906	-26	-3%



## KDHE Awards Grants

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management has awarded grants in the amount of \$68,702 to 26 Kansas schools from districts across the state. The grant awards range from \$200 to \$4,500, the maximum amount eligible under the Green School Grant Program. The Grant-funded projects will take place during the 2011-2012 school year. They include purchasing recycling bins, beginning composting programs for cafeteria waste, and field trips to community recycling centers. This marks the fourth round of Waste Management Green School grants.

“These grants to schools not only have the direct benefits of conserving landfill space, natural resources and energy, but they

teach students lessons that can be practiced at home and for a lifetime,” said Dr. Robert Moser, KDHE Secretary.

KDHE has also awarded nearly \$350,000 in waste tire recycling grants to municipalities and school districts across the state. Most of the grants will go toward partially funding safe surfacing at playgrounds, picnic tables, and benches made from waste tires.

This year 24 waste tire recycling grants, ranging from \$379 to \$89,520, will be distributed to recipients across the state. This is the 5th round of the grant program following several years of grants to Kansas tire processors to purchase equipment to process the tires into a usable raw material. The grants are funded through a 25¢ tax paid on the purchase of new tires.

## Kansas Gains More Wind Power

Enel Green Power North America, Inc., will construct the third largest wind farm in Kansas. The new wind farm will be constructed at the Caney River wind farm in Elk County. The \$350 million wind farm will be capable of producing 200 megawatts of electricity

Vestas, a Colorado-based factory will be involved in the manufacturing. The company has 326 of its wind turbines at 4 sites in Kansas. Vestas said delivery is scheduled for the second half of

2011 with commissioning expected by the end of the year. When fully operational, the new wind farm will supply enough power to support about 70,000 households, or 765 million kilowatt hours a year.

Vestas and Enel previously worked together on the first phase of the Smoky Hills wind-energy project near the City of Salina in 2008.

## Southeast Kansas Gains More Groundwater

A comprehensive model of the Ozark Plateau aquifer system shows that more groundwater is available for use without compromising the long-range water supply.

“Based on what we learned from the model developed by the U.S. Geological Survey, it appears the supply can support about three times the amount of water that’s currently authorized for use and still meet safe yield standards,” said David Barfield, chief engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s division of water resources. “Because of this, I will rescind the water rights moratorium that’s been in place for the aquifer since 2004.”

Safe yield for the area is defined as the use that can be sustained without reducing storage in the aquifer by more than 25% over the next 100 years. The division of water resources calculates safe yield at 36,000 acre-ft., about 3 times more than is currently authorized.

Safe yield was determined using a comprehensive model of the aquifer system developed by the U.S. Geological Survey and MODFLOW software to analyze the effects of increased groundwater use on the long-term availability of groundwater in an area that includes southeast Kansas, southwest Missouri and northeast Oklahoma.

“The model was extremely useful to answer our concerns about the quantity and quality of groundwater in this aquifer system,” Barfield said. “Based on the model results, there is clearly sufficient water available to allow the moratorium term permits that have been in place since 2004 to become regular water appropriation permits and to re-open the area to new appropriations.”

## Governor Appoints Mayor to Head Commission

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced his selection of Adrienne Foster to serve as executive director for the Kansas Hispanic and Latino-American Affairs Commission (KHLAAC). Foster currently serves as Mayor of Roeland Park.

“Adrienne Foster is an exceptional fit for the head of KHLAAC. She has distinguished herself in working to improve economic conditions and quality of life for the citizens of Roeland Park, and through her charitable work, has shown a real talent for connecting with people and communities. Hispanic and Latino Americans are an important and growing demographic group in Kansas, and I’m

confident that Adrienne will do a great job in connecting with communities across the state,” said Governor Brownback.

Foster was elected as Mayor of Roeland Park in April 2009, after serving on the City Council since 2005. She is also involved in numerous boards and charities, including the Hispanic Elected Local Officials, Women in Municipal Government, Kansas Children’s Service League, Mid-America Regional Council Commission on Early Childhood Education, and the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials.

# WEATHERING THE STORM:

A CITY'S ROAD TO RECOVERY REBUILDS A BETTER COMMUNITY



BY JONATHAN MITCHELL

At 9:15 p.m. on April 21, 2001, the City of Hoisington (Pop. 2,797) was rocked by an F-4 tornado that came without warning. There were no sirens or announcements. In seconds, one of the largest tornadoes in Kansas history did more than \$43 million worth of damage, destroyed 182 homes, and changed the lives of thousands.

Following the tornado, Allen Dinkel, who was serving as the city manager, vowed that Hoisington would rebuild as a better community than it was before the storm. Those that have been to Hoisington recently, or were a part of the recovery effort, can attest to the fact that Hoisington did exactly what he said they would. Hoisington weathered the storm.

The progress of Hoisington following the storm adds credence to Coach Lou Holtz's quote, "Show me someone who has done something worthwhile, and I will show you someone who has overcome adversity." Hoisington endured an incredible hardship; but, the work they have done following the storm has helped to create a better community.

Less than 10 years after the prom-night tornado, another hardship hit Hoisington and other communities throughout the country. The economic downturn known as the Great Recession found its way to the forefront in countless communities. The clouds began to gather and Hoisington had to come together to weather another storm.

In mid-2009, the City of Hoisington began to notice a significant deviation from its projected revenues and expenditures. Reviews and analysis yielded alarming results. If significant changes were not made, the City would end the next year more than \$400,000 in the red. Without changes, 6 of the City's funds would end 2010 with negative balances. The clouds had been forming for several years

as carryovers had been declining steadily and the national economic downturn was ominous. In addition to the financial challenges, there were some major losses in private sector employment. The Women's Recovery Center in Hoisington ceased operations along with the local café, nursing home, and pharmacy. Despite the challenges they encountered, the people of Hoisington displayed the resilience and resolve they have exhibited for many years. They were not going to let a gloomy forecast get in the way of success. And so, as the City prepared the 2010 Budget, the people of Hoisington responded.

The City did some initial analysis of cost-saving measures and conducted an operational audit of each department. These audits were done to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiencies within each department. A majority of the City's bonds were refinanced to save between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually for the next 15 years. The City also restructured a number of departments and reduced seasonal and part-time staffing to help bridge gaps in funding. All of the City's franchise agreements, contracts, charges, and fees were reviewed to ensure that they were consistent with those of their neighbors.

This resulted in revisions to several franchise agreements, increases in court costs, the creation of a pool maintenance fee, and an annual review of the City's comprehensive fee schedule. (For anyone that is not familiar with a pool maintenance fee, it is a monthly fee that helps to offset the expense of operating a swimming pool.) In Hoisington, a \$1 fee was placed on residential utility bills and afforded customers the opportunity to swim in the pool at their leisure with no additional charges. The pool maintenance fee also allows a customer to award up to four guest passes annually to people that may enjoy using the facility. An additional franchise agreement with the City's utility departments was established to grant them a franchise for electric,

All Photos: Images of the City of Hoisington after an F-4 tornado ripped through the city in 2001. Photos provided by the City of Hoisington.



water, sewer, and sanitation services. This franchise fee was placed on utility bills much like franchise fees from private service providers and helped to offset a large portion of the funding gap the City was encountering.

Despite facing a significant projected deficit, there were still a number of services and operations Hoisington needed to offer. The City had to make improvements to its transportation infrastructure and water distribution and treatment facilities. A portion of Main Street was experiencing failures and needed to be replaced. The existing surface had been in place since 1919 but needed urgent attention. Grant funds were applied for in March of 2009 and the Kansas Department of Transportation selected Hoisington as a recipient of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars for just under \$500,000. These funds would help to offset the City's financial obligation on this project, but the water system was still in bad shape.

Hoisington's clarifier had been out of operation since 2007. The City had not been softening water since this time and the citizens were beginning to notice a difference in water quality. This project needed to be addressed and the well-houses needed upgrades to comply with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recommendations. After completing an assessment of the existing water infrastructure, it was clear that new meters should be installed to help reduce the amount of water loss through inaccurate metering. The total price tag on all of the system enhancements was just under \$1.3 million and was going to be tough for Hoisington to finance. The City applied for a Community Development Block Grant as part of the ARRA funding and received \$400,000 to help offset the cost of this project. The remaining funds were borrowed from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) over the useful

life of the project. By seeking out partners, Hoisington was able to address pressing infrastructure needs at a reasonable price for their citizenry.

With the loss of a full-service motel in 2001, the nursing home and pharmacy in 2007, the Women's Recovery Center in 2008, and the café in 2009, Hoisington had some significant economic development needs to address. These losses seemed to magnify the other issues that were ailing Hoisington.

After assessing the financial, infrastructure, and economic development needs, the City of Hoisington was finally able to prepare a budget. The challenges faced during budget preparation were so daunting that the governing body and City staff had six work-sessions to discuss the various funds and approaches to filling the significant funding gaps. The governing body implemented a number of previously mentioned revenue streams and expenditure reductions; but more work needed to be done. At the end of the budget cycle, the City proposed a budget that would raise fees for every utility and would increase the mill levy by more than two mills. These decisions were difficult to make and the bleak economic environment made them even more so. But, the governing body knew that the budget had to be balanced. It seemed like the economic storm of 2009 had been addressed and that 2010's budget was in good standing. And then, 2010 brought additional challenges.

Following a disappointing finish to 2009, it was clear that additional progress needed to be made. After reviewing the numbers and making the findings known to the staff, a challenge was issued. It was clear that bridging this funding gap was going to require more than just administrative input. So the City challenged every staff member to come up with ways to trim costs within the organization. The staff member, or members, with the most productive recommendations



*A neighborhood view shows one house that was still standing after the tornado. A total of 182 homes were destroyed.*

would earn time off from work. This seemed like a simple challenge and the City's management hoped to receive some new and innovative ideas. Within 2 weeks, the City had received 73 unique ideas from its staff and quickly realized the tremendous amount of thought that was put into the budget-mending responses.

These responses were combined with other funding proposals. The responses and findings ranged from doing away with color copies to reductions in personnel. Some staff members even suggested reducing the negotiated wage increases from their collective bargaining agreement and privatizing the City's sanitation service. Both of these items were researched. The City met with union officials and also set up meetings with private trash services. In the end, it was determined that a move to privatized trash would actually cost the citizens more money for the services they currently received. After applying a number of these proposed changes, the staff's ideas were able to trim more than \$280,000 from the projected deficit.

Among the most notable changes that were implemented was a downsizing of staff, making all department heads exempt, reducing the guaranteed wage increases from 4% to 2%, doing away with contributions to outside entities, and adding a convenience charge for credit card payments. The most significant change for Hoisington came through reductions in staff. Hoisington reduced its full-time staff by more than 19.5% from 2007 to present. Reductions to staffing resulting from the proposed changes and departmental audits saved more than \$235,000. Moving department heads to exempt status saved more than \$14,500. The modifications to the wage increases cut more than \$27,000 from the shortfall.

The City of Hoisington's employees responded in a major way to this difficult situation. After the organizational changes were complete and ideas were implemented, the City's workforce and organizational structure looked much different than in previous years. The remaining staff members really banded together and shouldered the additional work to better serve the citizens of Hoisington. In exchange for their efforts, the City agreed to grant every member of their staff three days of discretionary leave to use by the end of 2011.

The next step to balancing the budget was going to be a challenging one. Fortunately, Hoisington is a strong community that tries to do what is right instead of what is easy. The governing body assessed the situation and worked hard to inform the public of the challenges they were facing. After many discussions had taken place, the governing body made the necessary changes to balance the budget for another year. The 2011 budget document included a slight increase in base electric charges, water fees, and sewer rates as well as another increase in levied funds. Having an informed and supportive community

helped the City to survive another difficult budget cycle. The City also took steps to ensure that another storm of this nature would not surprise City leadership again.

Following two difficult budget cycles and countless challenges, the City of Hoisington chose to utilize a forecasting tool to help manage utility costs, charges, and fees. Long-range capital improvement; and machinery and equipment plans help monitor and regulate utility rates, allowing the staff to establish a desired reserve level, and plug in projected figures and growth trends, all while evaluating the impact on rates over the next 10 years. These tools should help to avoid major shortfalls in the future and make monitoring budget progress much easier than in years past. By reviewing all of the City's fees at least once a year, the City should be able to ensure that their finances do not fall into the condition they were during recent years.

While navigating the budgetary challenges of 2009 and 2010, the City made a conscious decision to merge a number of redundant funds. This reduced the number of funds they had by 27%, required less staff time, and made managing the budget easier for accounting staff. Probably the greatest outcome of the long range plans and forecasting tools is the comfort our community can take in knowing that the City is managing their finances to avoid another storm.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, "Be still sad heart and cease repining; behind the clouds the sun is shining; thy fate is the common fate of all, into each life a little rain must fall; some days must be dark and dreary." Hoisington is fortunate in that they have also experienced the sunshine behind the clouds. Despite the overwhelming challenges, the City experienced notable successes in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

The City was fortunate to cultivate relationships with numerous agencies and organizations throughout the State to navigate the budgetary challenges of 2009 and 2010. Without these partners and without a great community, such a recovery would not have been possible. These partners helped work toward filling the voids left by the departure of particular industries and institutions.

In 2009, the Chamber of Commerce's Pharmacy Task Force, working with the City, USDA-Rural Development, and numerous community partners was able to secure an agreement that would bring a pharmacist into Hoisington. After the community's lone pharmacy left the community in early 2007, the pharmacy task force was able to see their work culminate in June 2010 as Cardinal Pharmacy was erected. Cardinal Pharmacy has been an active partner in community activities and programs.

The next challenge addressed was trying to bring a hotel to Hoisington. Hoisington lost the Redwood Motel in 2001 as a result of



*A view of the Town & Country Super Market after the storm and the newly constructed super market that was completed in 2002.*

the tornado. It had been without a full-service hotel since that time. In late 2009, the same task force began working with High Plains Development out of Overland Park to develop a lodging facility in Hoisington. There were a number of obstacles to navigate in order to make this a reality. The hotel needed land and capital. By working with the City and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, a site was identified adjacent to Bicentennial Park on U.S. Highway 281 and Kansas Highway 4. The location would place the hotel on the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway. The next challenge of raising capital involved the work of numerous partners to raise 25% of the \$1.84 million necessary to complete the project. By working with numerous private partners, the project was able to secure \$460,000 within a few months and several other items fell into place for the project. Barton County was identified as a Recovery Zone area by the ARRA. By working with Barton County and the City of Hoisington, the project was able to secure an allocation of Recovery Zone Bonds to help finance the project. By working with the Small Business Administration and a local bank, the project was able to secure financing and was ready to move forward. The hotel was open for business as the community celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the prom night tornado. The Cheyenne Bottoms Inn & Suites has 31 rooms, a bar, and a lounge. It has already helped to attract several events to Hoisington and has been well received by the community.

In conjunction with the opening, the City was able to create a Community Improvement District (CID) that will help to offset some of the project costs. This incentive should help the ownership group to recover a sizable portion of their project costs. Another benefit of the hotel project was the creation of a transient guest tax. Despite the presence of several other lodging institutions in Hoisington, there had never been a transient guest tax in place. By levying a transient guest tax, the community will receive a significant amount of funding for tourism and commerce-building initiatives.

In 2011, the City found out that its hardware store and Duckwall's variety store would be closing. This news was difficult to hear, but the City has already received interest in filling one of the buildings from four different prospects. These losses have also been offset by the development of a Gambino's Pizza, a new Dollar General store, and a new flower shop. Despite significant setbacks, Hoisington was able to boast an increase in sales tax dollars from 2009 to 2010. In early 2011, sales tax collections are also on pace to surpass 2010 collections. The success with retail and restaurant development has helped to improve the climate in Hoisington, but there are other projects and indicators that have helped reveal the sunshine behind the clouds.

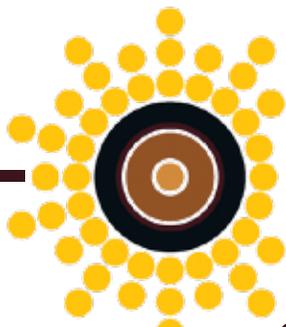
Over the past two years, the City has seen an increase in assessed valuation, created a Land Bank, improved their neighborhood revitalization plan, seen a surge in pool attendance, and received a great deal of assistance through grant programs. These positive indicators have taken place concurrently with efforts to reopen the community's skilled-nursing facility. In 2007, Hoisington lost its nursing home. As a result of this change, a number of older residents had to relocate and numerous jobs were lost. Following its closure, two individuals acquired the property and have been working hard to secure a developer for the project. These individuals have worked to develop plans to renovate and expand the existing facility. If their plan is able to move forward, the project would bring 55-60 jobs to Hoisington and will allow those in need of skilled-nursing care to stay in Hoisington.

Hoisington is also very fortunate that General Motors selected Manweiler Chevrolet to stay in its current location. While many communities watched as their car dealerships shuttered their operations, Hoisington will be able to see the fourth-generation Chevrolet dealership expand. Another great example of private partnerships exists at the Women's Recovery Center that closed in 2009. A local entrepreneur has reopened the facility as an apartment complex and now, instead of having 5 empty buildings, Hoisington is pleased to have 20 units of apartments filled with people.

Regardless of where you reside, it does not take long to find school districts that are cutting staff, experiencing declines in enrollment, or shelving major capital projects. Hoisington's schools have been able to establish reserves in the recent years to help them prepare for the uncertainty of State funding. They have seen enrollment increase the past two years and have continued to excel in the classroom. In 2010, the school district partnered with the Hoisington Recreation Commission and numerous private investors to help finance the installation of an artificial turf multi-purpose field. The field is believed to be the first of its kind for a 3-A school in Kansas and is something the community can be proud of.

All of these projects are a testament to the resolve and resilience of the citizens of Hoisington. Just like the people of Hoisington worked to rebuild a better community following the tornado in 2001, they have rebounded from this economic storm as a stronger community poised for future success. Perhaps, Lou Holtz should have said, "Show me a community that has done something worthwhile, and I will show you Hoisington."

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# Kansas Association of Community Foundations

## OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PARTNERSHIPS

by Betsy Wearing

Take a walk in the City of Salina. No traffic and no noise, with the possible exception of birds or the ever present Kansas wind. This peaceful trip is brought to you by the City of Salina, and the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

Salina's levee trail system will eventually circle the entire city and connect to every major community park. Residents will be able to travel by foot or bicycle on the 18 mile path. Portions of the trails have been in place since 1995. Although the trail system remained a part of the City of Salina master plan, funding cuts had halted the project. A grant from the Community Foundation will pay for 90% of the next three phases or 2.7 miles of the trails during the next 3 years.

This partnership is one of many examples of how community foundations in Kansas are working with municipalities and other entities traditionally funded with public dollars. A community foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, publicly supported philanthropic organization established by many donors to address a variety of charitable interests that benefit residents of a defined

geographic area. Kansas community foundations are assisting with efforts to beautify communities, offer affordable housing, support new businesses, improve education, and maintain public facilities. Foundations work with volunteer boards, area youth, donors, and local governments to create change and support the quality of life we enjoy in Kansas.

In eastern Kansas, the Topeka Community Foundation is partnering with the City and County on a significant effort called Heartland Visioning. The partnership is indicative of the benefits that a community foundation can provide local leaders, both private and governmental. Beginning in 2007, the Topeka Community Foundation worked with local economic development, governmental, nonprofit, and business leaders to organize a process and develop a community-wide vision for the next 10-20 years. More than \$700,000 in funding for the effort was raised through the Community Foundation.

Heartland Visioning was successfully launched in 2008 with the hiring of a full-time Executive Director and the implementation of



*VanDoren Park in the City of Bird City is one of the many projects of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. Photo provided by KACF.*

a Steering Committee of over 30 members, all community leaders. The President of the Topeka Community Foundation remains an active part of the process. Six Foundation teams are working on: Education; Quality of Life; Infrastructure; Economic Development; Government; and Private Sector Leadership. Progress is already visible to residents through the development of an arts district in downtown North Topeka and early stages of redevelopment

park benches, complete a disc golf course, and paint a picnic shelter. In Derby, a matching grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to the Derby Community Foundation resulted in the first phase of what is now more than 20 miles of bicycle/pedestrian paths. The Foundation raised the matching dollars for the first phase of the paths, with the City of Derby matching the funds for the other eight phases.

The use of tax credits has been an effective tool in the City of Parsons. In the past, the City obtained tax credits from the State to build a senior center and amphitheater in the community. Foundation board members sold the tax credits to local businesses and individuals and the Foundation held the fund until the dollars were raised for construction. The money was then turned over to the City. An additional tax credit project involved the dismantling and reconstruction of a historic 19th Century stone house. The house was moved from a local farm to Tolen Creek, where farm heritage events take place and the entire community can visit and learn about local history.

No philanthropic organization can ever replace the power of government spending, but Kansas community foundations are the leading charitable giving resource in the state. According to the Kansas Association of Community Foundations, of the 53 foundations that were members in 2010, \$1.4 billion in assets were held and more than \$260 million in grants were made. Community Foundation grants are awarded in a variety of ways, including donor directed grants, category specific grants and unrestricted community grants.

Donor directed grants may be awarded to charities throughout the nation or even across borders, however most grants stay within Kansas communities.

Sometimes the work is long term and sometimes municipalities partner with foundations for short term or annual projects. In Parsons, the Parsons Community Foundation assists with funding for three annual festivals. In Pittsburg, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas assists with the funding for the annual community fireworks display.

The work done with donors is a powerful part of community foundation work. Often the foundation is the only vehicle or the easiest vehicle to fulfill a donor's desire and also to assist government entities. At the Hutchinson Community Foundation, staff worked with a donor who wanted to "help young kids who need things that will help them be ready to go to school and learn."

Kate Van Cantfort, community investment officer, worked with each school district in the area to select nonprofit organizations to identify the types of needs children have as they prepare for school. While backpacks and the usual school supplies are always needed, what she learned was that for many children, the need for shoes, underwear, eyeglasses, and required physical exams is what keeps them from attending school or hinders learning while they are there. Van Cantfort's research and the donor's desire combined to make grants to 11 schools or school districts, both public and private. Grants ranged from \$250 to \$1500. After learning of the overwhelming need, the donors decided to create



*A historic 19th Century stone house is shown on Tolen Creek in the City of Parsons. The City utilized funds by the Parsons Area Community Foundation to move the home by the creek where farm heritage events take place. Photo provided by KACF.*

downtown. Local civic and government leaders believed that the backing of the community foundation was instrumental in getting this project off the ground in 2007. The Foundation's credibility and "lack of agenda" was important in obtaining the backing of the community as a whole in the visioning process.

In Bird City, located in the northwest part of Kansas, a lack of adequate, affordable housing prompted the Bird City Century II Development Foundation to contact Northwest Kansas Housing, Inc. for assistance with a housing project. Working with Bird City, the Foundation committed the required match for the project and an application was submitted to the State of Kansas to build two single family homes and two duplex units, a total of six new homes in Bird City. This application was approved and construction was completed in July 2010.

Residents of these new homes as well as others in the community, often gather in VanDoren Park. Renovation of the park is another visible project of the Foundation. Half of the funding for the \$220,000 project came from the Bird City Century II Development Foundation and the other half from private donors. With new playground equipment, a new walking trail, renovated sand volleyball court, new electrical, plumbing, lighting, sprinkler system, grass, and benches, the park is an asset to Bird City residents and visitors, but was not a drain on city funds.

Similar partnerships with city parks departments have occurred throughout the state. In Manhattan, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation's Youth Impacting Community program has worked with the City to improve walking trails, renovate

a new endowed fund at the Hutchinson Community Foundation that will be established at the end of their lifetimes with an estate gift. Its purpose is to invest in and provide opportunities for the education, enrichment, or development of “at risk” children of pre-kindergarten through second grade ages residing in Reno County, Kansas. Because it is an endowed fund, the principal will always be protected and only the income will be used to make the grants therefore ensuring that children for generations to come will receive an important boost in the donor’s name.

Working with schools for the health, education, and well-being of our youth is an important aspect of community foundation giving. In the City of Manhattan, the Flint Hills Summer Fun Camp program established in 2010 was a partnership between the Flint Hills Autism Support Network, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, Manhattan-Ogden Unified School District 383, and Kansas State University. The program provided a fun and safe learning environment for area kids on the spectrum, while providing opportunities to interact daily with typical kids. The 9 week program served 33 elementary students, including children with a diagnosed Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their neurotypical siblings.

In Salina, the Greater Salina Community Foundation is partnering with 7 of the 10 local elementary schools to create school marathon programs. Funding comes from the Foundation through an initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation in Wichita. Mentoring for schools new to marathons is coming from the schools who offered programs before. “We had some schools who offered the school marathon challenge with great success. Funding and support prohibited many of the other schools from initiating their own programs,” said Betsy Wearing, Foundation President. We are thrilled to offer these non-competitive grants to all area grade schools to encourage increased and sustained physical activity for these students.” The Salina foundation expects more than 2,500 students to be included in the program next fall, with a goal of every elementary school and student participating by the fall of 2012.

In 2009, Shawnee County’s Director of Parks and Recreation approached the Topeka Community Foundation with the idea of establishing permanent endowment funds for the benefit of various aspects of the Lake Shawnee recreation area. The funds have been popular with donors and have created a permanent source of funding to maintain the flower gardens and ball parks around the lake.

In all of these projects, the presence of a community foundation was instrumental in the completion and success of the project. “Having an organization such as ours assuring that donor intent will always be given top priority was instrumental in convincing donors to contribute to what might be considered a government project,”

said Roger Viola, President of the Topeka Community Foundation. “The credibility of our organization has been instrumental in the significant growth of these endowments.”

The flexibility of community foundations makes them a powerful ally for donors and other partners. Foundation support can be in the form of grants, partnerships with other funders, administrative expertise, or even in some instances, loans.



*Debris from a tornado that ripped through the City of Greensburg in 2007. A Greensburg Future Fund was immediately set-up by South Central Community Foundation to help rebuild the community. Photo provided by KACF.*

In Reno County, the Hutchinson Community Foundation offers an innovative small business loan fund to provide loans for small businesses. The Quest Center for Entrepreneurs has partnered with the Foundation in the effort. The fund was created with a \$25,000 grant from USDA Rural Development. Matching gifts resulted in a \$50,000 revolving loan fund to secure the vitality of rural communities in Reno County. The fund was designed to provide loans for business start-up, business expansion, or working capital in these smaller communities such as Turon, Buhler, Nickerson, and Haven. Grants have already assisted in the opening of a new restaurant in Haven, and a fabricating business in rural Reno County. According to Hutchinson Community Foundation President Aubrey Abbott Patterson, “The loan program can become self-perpetuating. As dollars come back in from these low interest loans, they will be used again for other companies starting up. That is exciting for the town and the county.”

In other parts of the state, community foundations have worked with municipalities in more traditional ways to build buildings, such as the community center built in the City of Plains with help from the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. The building contains a completely modern kitchen with meeting rooms that can be reconfigured to accommodate almost any organization, group, or family’s needs, and can handle simultaneous events. Private funds and grants accounted for 90% of the project, meaning tax dollars provided only 10% of the funding.

In Seward County, the High Plains Foundation assisted the County with renovations to the fair grounds. Originally constructed as a WPA project in the 1930's, the barns were in need of restoration both for the fair and for rental income. Reluctant to use tax dollars for the project, the "County Horse Barn Fund" was established with the Foundation allowing donors to contribute to the fundraising effort on a per-stall basis for the barn restoration. Restoration continues with Foundation grants primarily purchasing materials and county employees contributing labor.

The volunteer spirit and willingness to come together around a project or need is part of what defines Kansans. Community Foundations are the perfect vehicle to take that spirit and enhance the possibilities. Never was this more evident than May 4, 2007 in Greensburg.

Within hours of the devastating Greensburg tornado, South Central Community Foundation had established the Greensburg Future Fund for the purpose of helping rebuild the community. "We recognized that many organizations were providing disaster relief for Greensburg," said Jack Galle, chairman of the Foundation Board. "However, this fund was different because it was designed to accept charitable donations for rebuilding. Donors were given the option of directing their gifts to education, healthcare, or community rebuilding."

The Greensburg Future Fund Committee was formed and included representatives from a variety of organizations, including city and county government, recovery organizations, and Foundation board members. Distribution guidelines for the fund were established quickly and one month after the tornado struck, grants were already being made to assist with demolition expenses. In the days and months that followed, the Foundation played an important role in helping facilitate the community visioning and rebuilding process as well as assisted in the search for funding options for the rebuilding effort.

Nearly every county in Kansas is now being served by a community foundation. Every day foundation staff and board members are learning how they can respond to the needs and opportunities of their communities. And every day, the communities are learning how they can work together with their community foundation to create a better Kansas.

**SEE THE DIFFERENCE:**

- 53 Member Community Foundations
  - \$1.4 Billion in collective assets
  - \$260 Million in grants in 2010
- source: Kansas Association of Community Foundations



**COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS PROVIDE:**

- Personalized Service - Tools and resources that fit donors charitable interests, community needs, and make giving easy, flexible, and effective
- Local Expertise - In-depth understanding of community challenges and the groups and individuals addressing those challenges
- Community Leadership - To address local needs now and in the future

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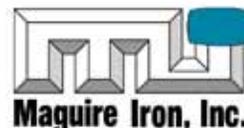
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## Creates a New “Front Door” with Welcome Center

by Kristy Bansemer and Kathy Sexton

When it comes to ideas in the City of Derby, there’s no shortage. So when the City embarked on constructing a new public library in 2008, ideas about what to do with the vacated space quickly circulated.

The old library, sandwiched between City Hall and the Senior Center, was an obvious site for expansion for the growing needs of both facilities. To say that the old library space was valuable real estate is an understatement. Much work would be needed to transform it into useful space. Through a community dialogue process that lasted several months, agreement was reached on a plan to expand the Senior Center, expand City Hall, and create a new “front door” for Derby to be known as the Derby Welcome Center.

Expansion of the Senior Center and City Hall was clearly a need. The Senior Center had experienced well-attended events and sometimes had to turn people away due to overcrowding. City Hall had every office and storage space filled with no room to grow. With Derby’s population of 22,158 having grown 24% over the past decade and more growth expected, increased space was needed both for senior activities and for the business of the City.

### What is the Welcome Center?

The Derby Welcome Center, located at 611 Mulberry Road, is an informational center for residents and visitors to learn about community activities and amenities. It is a one-stop shop to show why Derby is the place to be. The building is owned and maintained by the City, and the center is operated by the Derby Chamber of Commerce through an operating agreement with the City. The Welcome Center serves as the “front door” to the community, greeting visitors, residents, newcomers, and business people. It provides a one-stop location which showcases the Derby community, fosters a public-private partnership to address the needs and concerns of residents, and reflects the mutual interests of the City and the Chamber in the community’s overall success and prosperity.

Derby has not ever had a Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), so people with questions about goings-on in Derby often would call the Chamber or City Hall for information. As the community grew, handling the increasing volume and complexity of calls proved

challenging for both organizations, so a partnership formed with the new facility.

Research across the country showed a multitude of both successful and some strained arrangements between cities, CVBs, and chambers. Many thanks to Chamber officials in Arkansas City, Augusta, El Dorado, Emporia, Hays, McPherson, Newton, Pittsburg, Wellington, and Winfield who shared information about their partnerships with cities, economic development agencies, and CVBs, all of which provided good examples of community partnerships in Kansas. The resounding theme in these communities was that strong partnerships send a powerful message to the community—all working together for a common cause.

Also inspiring the idea of the Welcome Center was information that Chamber President Rhonda Cott heard when she attended a session at the 2008 annual conference of the League of Kansas Municipalities. She heard a panel of city managers and chamber executives share ideas about bringing cities and local chambers together to make them better places for people to live, work, and play. “The overwhelming message that day was that working together for our common goals builds a stronger community,” said Cott.

In Derby, the Chamber has a long history of hosting community events and welcoming non-members to its activities. Because the Welcome Center is home to the Derby Chamber of Commerce and the City’s Economic Development Director, it also serves as a place for local business people to pick up information, take part in educational seminars, and participate in various Chamber and City programs. People considering opening a business in Derby have the benefit of the one-stop shop aspect of the Welcome Center.

As home to the Derby Community Foundation, the Welcome Center provides a meeting place for the Foundation’s monthly board and committee meetings, as well as a “home base” for the small organization previously without any office space and with only one part-time staff. The Foundation has an 18-year history of partnering with the City in soliciting grants and donations for trees, bike paths, an outdoor collection of bronze statues, and other worthy community improvement projects.

## Community Marketing

At the same time the Welcome Center concept was developing, the City of Derby also was working with Derby Public Schools (USD #260) to create a new position of Community Marketing Director and to jointly fund it. Cynthia Wentworth began work in January 2010 and set to work developing a brand and updating brochures and other print materials to tell Derby's story in a way that would invite people to choose Derby if they were making a relocation decision. She played a significant role in designing Welcome Center signs and selecting furnishings and other amenities.



the welcome center concept and possibility of a small office space reserved for the Foundation. In January 2010, the City Council approved (4-2) the final design. Soon after, a committee of Council members, staff, and a representative of the Senior Services Advisory Board was created to ensure the project addressed concerns raised by Senior Center patrons and City Council members.

The City applied for and received a \$92,000 Community Development Block Grant to help remodel space for the Senior Center. The City was required to pay a 50% match plus \$12,000



*The City of Derby's new Welcome Center serves as the "front door" to the community, greeting visitors, residents, newcomers, and business people. The expansion also includes several offices and added storage space for the Chamber of Commerce and Derby Community Foundation. Photo provided by the City of Derby.*

The City was also knee deep in its first attempt to design and install wayfinding signs in the growing community. Once The Greteman Group, a Wichita design firm, designed a community mark for the wayfinding signs, Cynthia immediately saw the value in using the same symbol on the signage at the Welcome Center, essentially informing drivers that they'd arrived at the destination to which the signs had led them.

When the Welcome Center opened, the Community Marketing Director moved her office from the school administration building to the center to foster increased collaboration with the City's Public Information Officer, Economic Development Director, and Chamber staff. This move has enhanced the speed with which ideas translate into action and promotes efforts that cross jurisdictional boundaries into true community-wide benefit.

## Project History

In August 2008, the City Council approved its five-year Capital Improvement Plan, including renovation of the old library space to expand the Senior Center and City Hall and to create a large room for employee training, community meetings, and Senior Center programs. In May 2009, the Derby Chamber of Commerce sent the City a letter proposing creation of a welcome center with some of the old library space that would double as office space for the Chamber.

A few months later, the Derby Community Foundation indicated its desire to be involved with the Chamber and the City in discussing

in administrative fees. The CDBG grant paid a small portion of the total project of \$772,406, which included replacement of heating and air conditioning systems for the entire Senior Center and old library space.

The total 12,000 sq. ft. of space from the old library provided for several new classrooms and a bigger fitness room for the Senior Center, created the Derby Welcome Center, which includes a big room (4,000 sq. ft. with a capacity of 299) for holding town hall meetings, hosting regional meetings, having Senior Center lunches and evening social events, and providing employee training. Other space was used to expand City Hall with several offices and storage spaces and provide office and meeting space for Chamber of Commerce and Derby Community Foundation staff.

The City's operating agreement with the Chamber defined the responsibilities of the Chamber as:

- Staff the Welcome Center, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Create and promote a business center to assist businesses with start-up, growth, and development resources.
- Distribute newcomer relocation packets.
- Organize and host quarterly socials with city officials and business leaders as well as an annual luncheon open to the community.
- Operate a community ambassador program.

While some Council members and seniors had a hard time envisioning why the City would want the Chamber in its building and how an effective partnership would work, everyone was willing to agree to do what was best for the community. Chamber President Rhonda Cott and City Manager Kathy Sexton hammered out the details of an operating agreement to define each entity's role in making the new venture work to the benefit of both the public and the Chamber members. Among other things, the operating agreement defines the compensation the Chamber would pay for use of public facilities and how operational expenses would be shared with the City.

The Welcome Center officially opened its doors to the public on January 27, 2011. An open house event was held during which tours were provided to 300 members of the community, refreshments

we have welcomed visitors from Japan, Germany, and Hawaii, among other places. Maps of the Derby community will be the next addition, demonstrating the areas that visitors and potential residents can visit and enjoy.

### Early Successes

In the few short months since opening the Derby Welcome Center, its success has become obvious. For example, a visitor recently driving through Derby saw the sign and stopped in to get information about moving to the community. Another young man who grew up in Derby, while visiting his parents recently, stopped in to get information about relocating here to raise his children. A residential realtor made the comment that she considered the Welcome Center to be a one-stop shop for real estate agents.

To help evaluate the success of the Welcome Center, the Chamber tracks phone calls and walk-in traffic monthly. In February alone, the Welcome Center received 169 calls requesting community-related information, which was 66% of the total calls handled by Chamber staff. The largest portion of the community-related calls was for relocation/newcomer and housing information. For example, an active duty member of the Army stopped in to get information as he scouted locations for his family to settle when he is discharged. He commented that he sees Derby as a place with so much to offer that also has kept a small-town feel.

As for serving the immediate needs of the community, the large Austin Room has been a great asset. Senior Services uses the room nearly every morning during the week for exercise

classes. The City, Chamber, and Derby Public Schools held an informational lunch for 75 metro-area real estate agents to "show off" the community's amenities to those who sell homes in the area. Senior Services teamed up with the Chamber to host a food handlers' class taught by Sedgwick County for the benefit of people working and volunteering in the food services industry. The Police Department hosted a Sunday afternoon meeting of 180 residents anxious to learn about crime prevention and keeping neighborhoods safe. Mayor Dion Avello hosted a Saturday morning meeting of mayors in Sedgwick County as they held a video conference with Congressman Mike Pompeo via Skype.

Our story does not end here. Instead, we claim a strong beginning in our journey to foster community pride, partnerships, and service. For now, it will end with these three simple words... to be continued.

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*Front entrance view of the Derby Welcome Center. Photo provided by the City of Derby.*

were served, and the big meeting room was dedicated to a Derby couple, Sam and Phyllis Austin, who had made a profound impact on the community through their decades of service and leadership. The large room was decorated with historical photographs depicting Derby's people and places from earlier years donated by the Derby Historical Museum and several residents. This homage to Derby's history was a key element in uniting the community behind the investment in the new facility.

One obstacle to overcome was decorating all the new wall space in a meaningful way but within a tight budget. The solution was found in local photographer Bill Fales (also a retired Derby police officer) willing to loan his framed photographs of Derby-area landscapes to give visitors a better understanding of the community. He will change out the artwork three or four times a year to reflect the changing seasons in exchange for the City allowing him to label his artwork for sale.

The lobby features a living room setting to welcome guests, and digital photo frames on the wall show rotating picturesque community scenes to provide visitors a glimpse into community life in Derby. The lobby also sports a large United States map on the wall with push pins available for visitors to record where they are from. Already the map has proven popular with guests, and



## ...In North Central Kansas

The morning after this spring's election day, I was on the road headed north, up I-135 from Derby, America.

My first stop this day was in the City of Sedgwick, which is nestled along and overlapping the Sedgwick/Harvey County line, west of the interstate a few miles. I wanted to say hello to my longtime friend and associate (and former KMIT Board member and current LKM Governing Body member), Mayor Keith (A.K.A. "Don") DeHaven. For those of you who may not know, Keith sustained some rather serious injuries in a freak incident back in early March. I spent an hour or so chatting with Keith, and his wife Clara. Keith still faces some additional surgery, but is expecting to recover fully over the next few months. I was pleased to see that he is doing so well. Let me be the first to wish Keith a happy 80th birthday (in June). Take care, my friend.

By early afternoon of that day, I was in City Hall in Clyde, where I had a nice conversation with City Clerk Gayla Rogers (who has been Clerk for 33 years!) and just re-elected Council Member Lee Ann Brady, as they were going over some information for that evening's council meeting. A city with a population of 669, located a few miles east of Concordia on K-9, Clyde ("A Slice of the Good Life" [www.ClydeKansas.org](http://www.ClydeKansas.org)) is a really neat place to visit. Among other things, the area boasts of being where the largest Kansas concentration of people of French-Canadian heritage live, and that character and tradition is still apparent in many ways. The community has held a Watermelon Festival (now on Labor Day Weekend) since 1899, when folks of that day grew huge melons in the sandy soil of the nearby Republican River. The VERY cool Clyde Hotel features a courtyard from another place and time. This community has leaders and gets things done, too. I was, and am, amazed about how much public activity of all types there is in Clyde. Citizens are involved. Things are happening. This is a GREAT little city.

After driving north, through the cities of Agenda (my first time on K-148, I am pretty sure) and Cuba, where neither city hall happened to be open at the time, I headed west on US-36, and stopped by to visit with Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson. Bob is a very engaging and thoughtful guy whose background was as a business owner (he has been city manager for about 10 years now). Bob has overseen HUGE projects in the City's utilities services, pretty-much rebuilding the City's electric, water, and sewer facilities in the process. Bob is a state and regional leader in the utilities areas, and does quite a bit of utilities organizational and promotional (lobbying) work, up-to-and-including at the national level. Leaving Belleville, I headed west to Scandia (on US-36; my first time there... what a picturesque little city), where nobody was home at city hall, and then on south to Jamestown (west of Concordia, along K-28), where I stopped by city hall for just a moment or two (City Clerk Mary Ballard was off that day), just long enough to pick up a well-written city services brochure.

That evening, in Salina, I had the great and distinct pleasure and honor of sharing dinner with Ted Hauser and his wife Karen. Ted is now retired, after having served as city administrator in the cities of Medicine Lodge and Frontenac. Ted's entire career was in public

service, and he also served in regional planning capacities in the St. Louis region (in southern Illinois) for many years. Ted and Karen now live in a loft above a bar, so Ted says his life is complete. The loft is about the coolest thing you've ever seen, and it and the bar (the "111 Bar"), and the business next to the bar, have been totally created/developed (out of adjoining old buildings) by Ted and Karen, and right on Sante Fe (the main street) in downtown Salina—smack dab in the middle of an area featuring art galleries (Karen is an artist, too, by the way) and performing arts, and other interesting stuff. Karen (Dr. Karen S. Hauser) is very busy (including international work) as the CEO of Catholic Charities of Salina. Ted lives above his own bar. What a life!

The next day, I visited Miltonvale (located just south of US-24, east of US-81 a few miles; population 459) for the first time, and chatted with City Clerk Darla Bebbber (29 years as Clerk), and then on to Lincoln Center (at K-14/K-18, north of I-70 and west of US-81; population 1,163), where I visited with City Clerk Rose Gourley (30 years as Clerk). Both delightful visits. City clerks, especially longtime city clerks, are, by nature I suppose, VERY interesting people. I finished my two-day trip with a late afternoon visit with City Administrator Tim Vandall, in Ellsworth. Tim is one of two young administrators to come to our state recently directly out of South Dakota University. Tim is a bright young guy, and will do very well in Kansas. I'm hoping he adopts us for good.

My book reference this month is an OLD book. It is also a SPECIAL book, as it was given to me as a gift by John Duran (Ulysses council member), when he attended a training that Bret Glendening and I did in his city in mid-March. John and I have talked books and, specifically, books about history and Kansas, on a number of occasions. *Human Use Geography*, by J. Russell Smith, was published by the John C. Winston Company, on behalf of the State of Kansas, in 1936. I assume it was the standard, required "geography" book in Kansas schools of the time. Back then, the state publisher printed (or caused to be printed) all the school books, and every kid in Kansas studied from the same books. And, even though this tome is now 75 years-old, any student really "studying" this exact same OLD book today would likely know more about geography, history, social studies, and a lot of other studies, for that matter than most of our kids know these days. I intend to read it (over time), too... all 482 pages, plus appendices (and there was a second volume). At the bottom of the title page is this wonderful quote by State Printer W.C. Austin: "Note.—This book is guaranteed to be perfect in every particular of workmanship. If any defect or flaw is found in it the pupil will return it to the dealer, who will exchange for another book without cost to the pupil." Public Education was a very important, serious, and privileged idea, back then. Ah, the good old days...

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## The Project



Recently it occurred to me that I needed to find a project that my son Seth and I could undertake together now that he is 22 years old. As Seth has a family of his own now, and his own life to navigate, doing projects with dad is something that is not as high a priority as it once would have been. I still think they are important, regardless of your child's age.

So, after some thought and deliberation, I settled on an automotive project (surprise) that the two of us could spend some time working on and which would allow us to spend some quality one on one time with each other. Various factors play into this kind of decision, it must be doable, usable, cost involved, and at the other end we can either keep and enjoy or sell. So I concluded that perhaps this is the year we should undertake a truck project of some sort. Now, to make it interesting, it just can't be any old truck, but needs to be something a little bit unusual and off the beaten path. I initially thought that perhaps an old Ford Lightning truck would be in order as they are rare and unusual in the greater context of pickup trucks. For those of you who are not familiar with the Ford Lightning, the most recent iteration was made from 1999 and 2004 and was built on the F-150 short wheelbase pickup truck layout. What is unique about this beast is the fact that it is capable of producing 360 horsepower and 440 ft. lbs of torque due to the Eaton supercharger that was installed by Ford at the factory. I thought it might be fun to find one that was a high miler or which had some body damage, or both, which we could take apart and put back together again and then have something fun and unusual when we were done.

The second truck variant that I had considered for this special project with Seth was a vintage Toyota Land Cruiser of some sort. If you are unfamiliar with Land Cruisers, they are pre-eminent off-road vehicles, and are able to obtain incredibly high mileages without breaking. They are used around the world in some of the most inhospitable climates imaginable, and they almost never break. They do, however, rust and that is a concern whenever you deal with an older Land Cruiser. Rust, along with all body work, is not a concern as son Seth is excellent body man, and a pretty fine mechanic as well. His old man knows his way around an engine, so this might be just what we are looking for in a father-son project, but so far, no luck. I have been looking at old Land Cruiser ads and have found that they mostly fall into two categories. Either they are really tired, with in excess of 250,000 miles and numerous other maladies, or they have been babied all their lives and are way too nice to constitute a project.

The third type of truck I have been contemplating for this project is the Lincoln Blackwood. For those of you unfamiliar with the Lincoln Blackwood, it was the first Lincoln attempt at a pickup truck. Back in 2002, Lincoln built the Blackwood. It was a one-model-year-only truck for the simple reason that they

had a hard time selling them. They were very expensive and as one automotive pundit wrote back in the day: "[T]hey were the answer to a question that no one had asked." Despite that, they were still interesting, and they are a rare beast today. They were rare for several reasons but not the least of which was the retail price was \$51,785 for a four-door crew cab pickup truck that only had two-wheel drive. In fact, there were only 3,356 Blackwood pickup trucks produced in 2002 before Ford threw in the towel and ceased production. The long and the short of it is that it is an interesting vehicle, but failed as a true pickup truck and also failed to distinguish itself from competition which at that time included the Cadillac Escalade EXT. Finally, making it interesting perhaps only to me, is the fact that all of the Blackwood's were built at the Kansas City assembly plant in Claycomo, MO. Now finding a Blackwood is very difficult as very few of them were built, and fewer still are in the project stage as they are only now only nine model years old.

While we haven't found the ideal vehicle yet for our father-son project, I got to thinking that projects in and of themselves are healthy for a community. I think it is always a good idea for communities to find and develop projects which can be a source of community unity, community spirit, and give the community a direction in which many can join. People like to be able to think in specific terms about how they can improve things and a specific civic project gives your community this ability. It is one thing to talk in abstract terms about things like economic development, civic pride, growing the community, and so forth. It is something else again to have a specific project that can take you down one or more of these roads. Remembering back to my days as chair of our church's administrative board, I am reminded that we always were aware that people were much more likely to give money for brick and mortar projects than they were for less tangible, more abstract causes. Now while people will support abstract, non-bricks and mortar approaches, being able to actually see a beginning, middle, and end to a project is important. With a specific project, individuals can help plan, develop, fund and see a result which is important to maintaining a community spirit and a closeness with the city. I think it is important for communities to think in terms of projects. When was the last time you had a community-wide project that could rally the citizens not only the project, but also to the goals of the city? When was the last time that your city said it was going to do something, and allowed the citizens to participate in a meaningful way to move that project forward to completion? Questions like this should be asked by governing bodies as a way to stimulate civic interest in the municipality. Without a project now and then, it is easy for members of the public to take the city for granted. Having a specific project gives you the ability to move the city forward, engage your citizens, and plan and realize a brighter tomorrow. I wish you well in all of your civic projects. Hopefully, we can all realize a positive project in the very near future.



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