



Newsletter

SPECIAL Political Rally Edition

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KAD Political Rally in Hays, Kansas

During the KAD 2005 Conference, Hays Association of the Deaf won bid for to host the 2006 KAD Political Rally and Picnic. KAD has its Picnic and Political Rally every two years. Hays Association of the Deaf has been working hard preparing for the Political Rally.

The purpose of the Political Rally is for KAD members to meet our current Legislator(s) or new candidates running for office. It is good opportunity to meet them face to face and to show our real faces as Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kansans. It's a good time for us to address many issues that pertains to the needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Kansas.

In the next few years, we'll be seeing legislative bills in the Kansas Legislation addressing interpreter issues, ASL as a Foreign Language, tele-communication issues, funding for more social services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, funding and issues for KCDHH causes and more.

Earlier this year, H.B. 2825 which pertains to the Interpreter Data Base and Qualification for foreign language interpreters passed the House of Representatives but died in the Kansas Senate. Hopefully in the future, this bill will be brought up and possessed through the Kansas Legislature. We will be seeing more legislation in the next few years starting with the Interpreter Regulations.

KSD is in need more funds, which is another opportunity for us to address with our Legislator(s).

It's important for us Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kansans to have a voice in the Kansas Legislature. We needed to be empowered as citizens of Kansas to speak out for our

Your vote is always very important! Did you know that if you voted causes for President of United States but did not vote for State Legislators, County Commissioners and City Council, our voice in State, County and City levels, your vote become worthless? In order for us to have a voice, we must vote at all political levels. State and Local levels have more direct impact on us than the Federal Level (President, Senate and Representative). Why? Because State and Local Levels are in "our backyard."

PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE! VOTE STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LEVELS. Then we all will be heard loud and clear of our causes.

A word from the Editor:

Please look at the flyer for contact information. If you have any questions, concerns or need directions on how to get there, please contact them. Many thanks, –Shane Dundas



Sponsor: HAYS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF



When : Saturday July 29, 2006 Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm



Where : Frontier Park, East Old Hwy 40, Bypass Exit 157 or
South Main, 1546 E.Hwy 40
Hays, Kansas



Why: Meet your **POLITICIANS** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
BE SEEN & HAVE A VOICE

CATERED BBQ: Weaver's BBQ beef brisket/smoked chicken
2 sides, lemonade or tea



Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children 12 to 5 \$5.00 Under 5 FREE
Includes DOOR PRIZES



KAD BOARD MEETING 10:00am to 12:00pm
KAD BOARD MEETING 3:00 to 6:00 pm



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Bottled water/pop will be available for \$1.00

Come see old friends, Meet new friends, Have a great time on the
western plains of Kansas.....

Hi ya'll from Hays Deaf Club President,

I want to let you know I found out some information for you guys for those who have RV'S and are wanting to park somewhere near the KAD Political Rally picnic. There are 2 Places and then parking lots :

1. Sunflower RV Park- 6th & Vine street (near old 40 highway behind dominos pizza.) (785) 625-2313 or (785) 635-6133. Contact person is Inman Haq. The cost is \$20 dollars each night. But if you tell him that you are going to the Kansas Assoc of the Deaf Picnic on the 29th , he will probably give you a discount to \$16 dollars a night. They will try to have at least 10 to 20 available spots for you if you call and reserve a spot and if you want after you call and verify that you will have a spot there you can send the money to me and I will get it to him to reserve deposit spot. Just make the check out to Sunflower RV Park.

2. El Charro RV Park- 2020 E. 8th St (on old 40 hiway and Canturbury st. Behind El Charro convience store). Contact person Sue Dolezal, (785) 625-3423 jdolezal@sbcglobal.net or jdolezal@media-net.net Cost \$18 dollars each night

What they have available are swimming pool, Bathroom, Laundromat and convenience store. They will try to have at least 13 available spots if you call for reservations and also make Check out to El Charro RV Park for deposit reservations early and send it also to me where I can make sure the spot gets reserved in your name.

I have to tell you, You have only till Friday July 21 to get the first come first serve basis reservations if you call early.

So best you call and verify that you have a spot reserved in either places and then send your checks early so that I make sure your reserved spot is paid. Must be received by Saturday July 22, 2006

3. Those who want to park other places there are store parking lots that you can park at Walmart and Ace Hardware store lot , I'm not sure about the Mall parking lot but will find out more. You can also park at the Park.

We will have several gentlemen will be directing you guys where to park and also please be mindful when we say do not park between the trees that have ribbons or balloons so that place will be accessible for the KAD meeting tables . Also those who have Handicap stickers or mirror hangertags will be asked to park closer to the picnic area so that they can safely walk, Those who don't have handicap tags can park farther away and walk to the picnic Please. Also I want to remind you all to please bring your Lawn Chairs as it will be tiring to be standing all day. Also bring your Hats and Sunscreen Lotion as in Western Kansas it tends to be Hot and windy sometimes but we hope and pray that the temps will drop down lower by the time we have the KAD picnic . Please look for the color balloons for directions and signs to KAD Picnic . On Commerce Parkway Ramp from I-70 and also on Old 40 highway. And also from 183 highway (Vine street) to Old 40 highway.

To send checks for RV deposits- (after you verify by call that you have reserved spot) And I will make sure the RV Park business's has your checks (RV Park name on them)on Saturday July 22, if I have them by july 21 or july 22 . So best you get them mailed today if possible after you call for reservations .

My Address is

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Hays, Ks. 67601

email gschonthaler2000@yahoo.com or heartwings822@hotmail.com

There will be a talk about how important it is for us to vote. And what the consequences if we don't vote. We cannot make any action to our government if we don't vote.

The folks down below were invited. Will make a note who can come and who may come:

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius – Can't make it

Ken Canfield, who is running against Governor Sebelius will come at 2:00pm
Ken Canfield's website is www.kencanfield.com.

Ralph Ostmeyer Dist 40 – Can't make it

Virginia Beamer Dist 110 – Can't make it

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, Wichita, Ks. – Can't make it

Janis Lee, Dist. 36 – ?

Eber Phelps, Dist 111 – ?

Dan Johnson, Dist 110 – ?

U.S. Representative Jerry Moran, Dist. 1 – ?

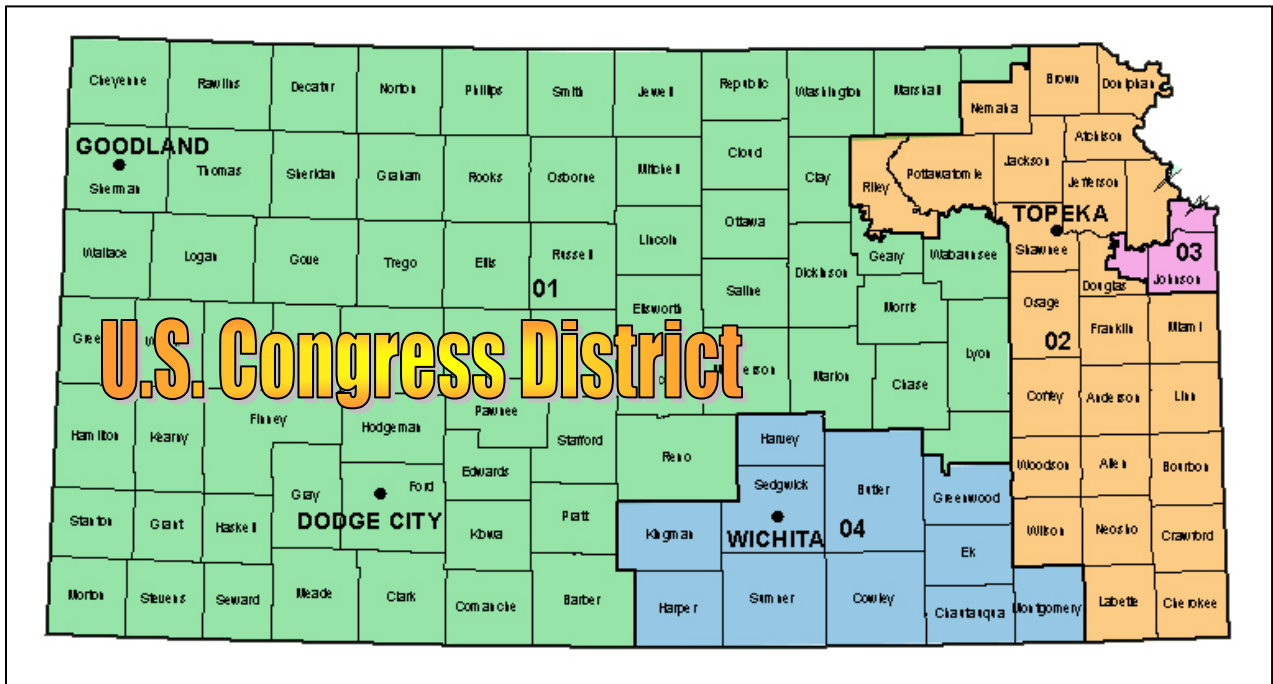
Hays City Commissioners and Mayor of Hays were invited to come:

Mayor Wayne Billinger, Vice-Mayor Troy Hickman, Henry Schwaller IV, Kent Steward, Barbara Wasinger, and the Sheriff Dept, Sheriff Ed Harbin and his emergency dept coordinator, Addie Homburg.

Rebecca Rosenthal, KCDHH was also invited to come.

Nextech Wireless company CEO, Johnie Johnson & General Manager of Nextech Wireless, and his sales manager Dorothy Stieben were invited to come.

Nextech Wireless have been very helpful on working with us to get pager services here in western Ks. They have written stories about us and them in the Hays Daily newspaper and Nextech wireless website.



There are so many districts that overlap in Kansas: State Legislators, State Senate, Judiciary, State School Districts, and more. Please go to this website to find out who represents you and your community.

www.kansas.gov/government



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