# Author shares love of Kansas

#### By Ron Wilson

Director Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University The author reads her work as the audience enjoys her well-written prose. Was this in a coffee shop? Bookstore? Library? No, this particular reading took place in the chamber of the Kansas House of Representatives. Wow. That venue is especially fitting when one learns that this particular writer is a true Kansan - and is creating wonderful columns celebrating our great state.

Cheryl Unruh is a columnist for the Emporia Gazette. Her weekly column and her new book bear the same name: "Flyover People." It's a term for those who populate Kansas, which some east or west coast residents dismissively call "flyover country." But Cheryl Unruh loves Kansas: its beautiful skies and wide open spaces. She especially loves the people and places of small town Kansas, and sharing their stories with others.

Cheryl grew up in the rural town of Pawnee Rock, population 351 people. Now, that's rural.

Cheryl wrote of her view of her hometown at age 18: "A dirt-street town with familiar faces, loose dogs and few opportunities." But today, she reflects nostalgically on the sense of safety she had as a kid in Pawnee Rock, and the joys of small town living.

Cheryl is a natural born wordsmith. As a high school student, she wrote about her school for the local newspaper in Larned. Her writing skills were helpful as she followed her older brother to Kansas University, although as a matter of teenage rebellion she refused to major in journalism because he had already done so. She graduated in education and settled in Emporia, but the urge to write continued.

"I always wanted to write a column about Kansas," Cheryl said. "I

Kansas Day.

"As a writer, I can't think of a subject I'd rather cover each week than landscape," Cheryl wrote later. "I love this place."

So Cheryl set out to write a weekly column with its focus on our state. She wrote, "I call this column "Flyover People" because of my fascination with the sky, the sunsets, the clouds, as well as the planes and travelers that inhabit the air. Our endless sky...belong(s) to us. It is ever-present, a player in our daily lives."

HerloveforKansascamethrough, and her column gained quite a following. Then the column developed into a book.

"In March 2010, it hit me that the Kansas sesquicentennial was coming," Cheryl said. "What better time to put a Kansas book together." Cheryl got in touch with her older brother the journalist, and he helped her assemble some of her favorite essays into a book which was published in August 2010.

It is titled "Flyover People - Life 60" on the Ground in a Rectangular State." Her stories of life on the ground are, by turns, entertaining, humorous and touching. She writes fascinating tales of small town Kansas people and her own experiences while growing up there.

"I'm documenting Kansas as it is at this point in time," Cheryl said. "It's a living history." Cheryl and her husband Dave like to travel and experience those small towns first-hand.

'We'll get in the car, pick a direction and just go," Cheryl said. "Every town has something, and each town has its own personality. I can't wait to see what's there." For more information, go to www. flyoverpeople.net.

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Gazette until they let me try it." On people are enjoying her book. On but in the chamber of the Kansas January 28, 2003, her first column June 18, 2011, she presented a House of Representatives. How fitran. Fittingly, it was the day before reading of her work in the House ting that this author is Cheryl Unruh, Chamber of the Kansas Capitol building.

the great state of Kansas-its small as the audience applauds -- not in a to lift up the Flyover People of Kantowns, the weather, the people, the coffee shop, bookstore, or library, sas while staying down to earth.

who is making a difference by writing so passionately and eloquently The author concludes her reading about Kansas living. She manages

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SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff,

VS.

Curtis L. Sawatzky, et al. Defendants

Case No. 11CV15 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter

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Hour of commencing the meeting: Day of the week the meeting will be held: Week of the month the meeting will be held: Meeting place:

7:00 p.m. Monday Second & Fourth **District Office** 

The meeting dates are as follows: July 25, August 8 and August 22, September 12 and September 26, October 10 and October 24, November 14 and November 28, December 12, all in 2011; January 9 and January 23, February 13 and February 27, March 12 and March 26, April 9 and April 23, May 14, and June 11 and June 25, all in 2012.

If the established meeting date falls on a Sunday, a legal holiday or a holiday specified by the board of education, such regular meeting will be held on the date and time set by the Board. If the established meeting is cancelled because of an emergency, within 24 hours of such cancellation, the board shall establish and give notice of the new meeting date and time.

The board of education reserves the right to adjourn any regular meeting to another time and place.

/s/ Gary Slough
Board President
/s/ Mike Cochran

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/s/ Amy Sederstrom Board Member

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/s/ Diane Stiles **Board Member** 

/s/ Jessica Cole Board Member

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ATTEST: /s/ Mark Scheopner

Clerk, Board of Education

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