

Kansas teaches leadership

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Yemi is looking for leadership - especially the kind of leadership which seeks the common good in society. This is not a casual quest. In fact, in his search to learn about such leadership, he traveled all the way from Nigeria to Kansas. Why would someone travel 27 hours to learn about civic leadership in Kansas? That's the subject of this Kansas Profile.

Ed O'Malley is president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. Ed recently hosted a global gathering where Yemi and more than 50 other people learned about the Kansas Leadership Center and its work in civic leadership.

The Kansas Leadership Center was launched in 2007 with an initial \$30 million grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. After extensive listening sessions around Kansas, the health foundation staff knew that leadership was vital to healthy communities and healthy people.

So the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) was created to foster civic leadership for healthier Kansas communities. Ed O'Malley, a native Kansan and former state legislator, came on as the KLC's first president. For training, he participated in a leadership development program at Harvard.

Ed came back to Kansas and built a staff and program to foster civic leadership development. Today, KLC offers many leadership development opportunities, organized into five areas: leadership and faith; community or place-based programs; role-based programs (for city managers or state legislators, for example); open enroll-

ment; and faculty development. Four regional KLC consultants work with Kansas towns large and small.

KLC has been part of programs in larger cities as well as in rural communities such as Greensburg, Marion, Eureka, and Tipton, population 240 people. Now, that's rural. More than 2,000 Kansans have participated in these programs to date.

In early 2012, Ed was invited back to Harvard to help with their leadership program as an alumnus. Participants in the program seemed intrigued by what the Kansas Leadership Center was doing, so Ed sent out an email inviting anyone who was interested to come to Wichita and learn about KLC.

"I was thinking a couple of people might travel in for a visit," Ed said. Instead, the interest level was much higher.

In November 2012, the Kansas Leadership Center hosted a gathering for people interested in the center's civic leadership development work. Participants came from 13 countries and 16 U.S. states plus Washington, D.C.

They came from Norway, Japan, Australia, Nigeria, India, Mexico, France, Ireland, Canada, Romania, the Netherlands, Singapore, plus the U.S. states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming and Kansas.

"Our mission is Kansas, but we're starting to get more attention outside the state," Ed said. Interest in this commitment to civic leadership is what motivated people to travel to Kansas

from around the globe. "I am moved and inspired," Ed wrote about the global gathering. "These individuals coming here affirm much of the leadership center's work. They came to Kansas to learn with and from the Kansas Leadership Center. There is a hunger in Kansas and beyond for authentic leadership for the common good."

For more information, go to www.kansasleadershipcenter.org.

"Because of this gathering there are dreams being hatched to create leadership centers for the common good in Mexico, Ireland, India, Nigeria, Canada, Norway, Romania and elsewhere," Ed wrote. "Edgar and four colleagues came from one of the most violent states in Mexico and hope to return to begin the process of creating a leadership center for the common good. Govind, a retired general in the Indian Armed Forces, feels his country needs a massive infusion of leadership development.

"Someday people will reflect on the origins of those great civic ventures," Ed wrote.

"They'll discuss the visionary local founders who didn't give up. They'll discuss the difference those centers have made in their communities and countries. And, they'll reflect on this gathering in Kansas, where their founders came together with citizens of the world to dream of a better way forward and to learn from Kansans working for the common good."

We salute the Kansas Leadership Center for making a difference with its work. That's worth traveling around the world.

Eisenhower receives award



The Child and Nutrition Wellness, KSDE was in Norton on Monday, to hold a HUSSCA (Healthier US Schools Challenge) award ceremony recognizing Eisenhower School for making healthier changes in the school environment. The changes include focusing on including more fruits, vegetables, whole grain rich foods, low fat milk, and other healthy foods. Also providing healthier foods and beverages, and increasing the level of physical activity in students. Basically this is recognition for the efforts and great work Ruby Cook and her kitchen staff does to improve the student's health through healthy eating choices and information and the PE department for increasing physical activity for the students. During the short ceremony the school was presented with a banner and the students got to meet the Power Panther, the official mascot for KSDE's Child Nutrition and Wellness Curriculum implemented at Eisenhower Elementary School.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Flight for life protocol discussed

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Emergency Medical Services Director Jane Wyatt gave the Norton County commissioners an update on her department at their meeting last week.

There are three people taking the emergency medical technician class, she said. The county has an education grant that pays for the class and after the students graduate they should be available to help on the ambulance, probably as volunteers.

The state was to do an inspection last Tuesday, she told the commissioners. Usually this is only done once a year and the department was inspected in July. However, the timetable has apparently changed, which doesn't matter.

"We'll be ready for them," she said. There has been some misconceptions about who calls for the plane when someone needs to be flown out, she said.

If the person is in the hospital, then the hospital calls for the plane or helicopter.

However, if there is an accident or whatever and

the person is being cared for by the emergency medical service, the service orders the flight.

No one ever calls for the flight crew to stand by, she said, because they are on call 24 hours a day. You only call to tell them to get going.

"We launch them," she said.

The ambulance crew is trained to know if the problem can be handled locally or if the patient will need to be seen at a larger facility, she said.

"We are an ER (emergency room) on wheels," she told the commissioners. "We are not just people trained in first aid. We're professionals."

She also noted that she couldn't talk about specifics because confidentiality is a big deal and in a small community anything you say about a patient can be easily traced back and that person identified.

"We keep our mouth shut and we suffer in silence sometimes," she said noting that even if people say untrue or unfair things about the service, they cannot necessarily set them straight with the truth without compromising patient confidentiality.

JENNINGS NEWS

December 8, Keith and Helen Muirhead were proud to attend their grandson, Kolten Keith Schulze, K-State graduation ceremony. He received a degree in Industrial Engineering and Business. He will be working for Rehrig Pacific in Kansas City. Keith and Helen Muirhead spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter Mignon and Todd Barry in Wellfleet, Mass., on Cape Cod. Their daughters Michelle Zodrow, Grapevine, Texas and Teffani Zadeh, Natalia and Dylan, Chicago, Ill., also joined them. They ate lots of good fish and enjoyed walking their dogs on the beach. Keith and Helen Muirhead enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Tamala Schultze, Manhattan and their grandson Kolten after returning home from Cape Cod.

Sunflower Senior dinner held Tuesday, January 8 was enjoyed by Stan and Ramona Shaw, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Linda Spresler, Wayne and Louise Cressler. The icy streets

and cold weather kept some people from coming. Next dinner will be February 12. We will be playing bingo.

Playing cards at the Center on Wednesday were: Carla Latimer, Agnes Wahlmeier, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Linda Spresler, Scott Taylor, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Wayne and Louise Cressler. We welcome anyone who would like to play cards on Wednesday's at 1:30 p.m.

Robert Papp and crew have begun remodeling the Jennings City Library. Taking out partition, cutting space for a door into the main hall, putting up new lights, etc. This will be very nice when finished.

Reminder to the Jennings Postal patrons: Be sure to fill out your post office survey and return before January 20. If you did not get a form, you can pick one up at the Post Office. A discussion meeting will be held at Masonic Hall on Feb. 5, 2013 at noon. Please attend to have input as to the future of our Post Office.

Soup and dessert will be served by the HBPC from 11 a.m. to noon prior to the meeting. Free Will donation appreciated.

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ing education.

Mrs. Wyatt listed the challenges for the service:

- Public education. "It is vital the facts are shared not opinions or hearsay."

- Staffing. Retaining quality staff without burning them out and volunteer recruitment.

- Equipment. Try for grants and let the public know what the service needs. See if the service can purchase equipment through the state like the sheriff and department of transportation does. Ask other services if they have any good, used equipment they are willing to sell for a good price.

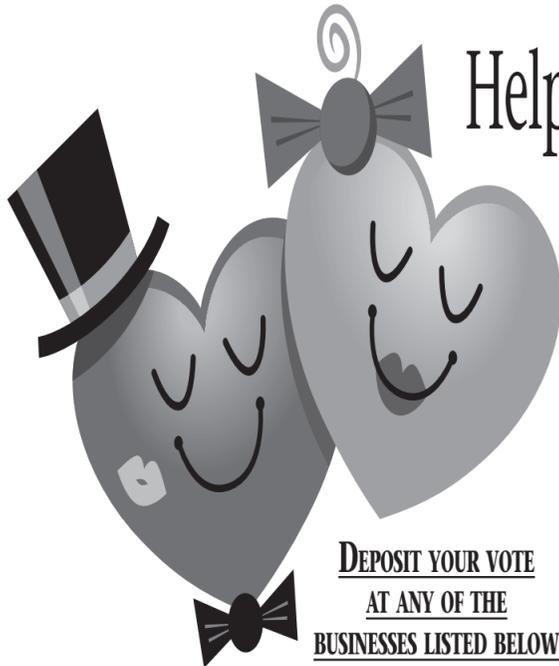
- Truck maintenance. Keep on top of all maintenance needs and find out what products work best in ambulances.

Mrs. Wyatt said that the service has five ambulances: Unit

4, 1996, a backup in Norton with 82,227 miles; Unit 3, 1997, Almena's van unit with 44,046 miles; Unit 1, 2006, Norton's first-out ambulance with 84,438 miles; Unit 6, 2006, Lenora's ambulance, bought for \$15,000 in 2012 and with 84,438 miles; and Unit 5, 2009, transfer ambulance bought with \$165,000 grant and with 59,605 miles.

- Education. Make sure everyone has a chance to practice their skills, keep up on continuing education and get to higher levels of skill. Have those who go away to training give a presentation to the rest of the staff.

- Billing changes. Educate staff, hospitals, nursing homes and the public as to who has to pay what and have people sign a waiver that they will pay for transport if insurance refuses to cover.



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We need your help! Simply fill out the ballot, and then cut it out of the paper and take it to any of the businesses listed below. Couples must be at least 21 years old, married and live in Norton County. On February 12, the winning couple will be announced in The Norton Telegram, and will be recipients of gifts listed in the advertisements on this page. There is no essay to write, just fill in the ballot and that's it! The luck of the draw will determine the winner. Each couple nominated will be placed in a large box from which one ballot will be selected. This ad will run again on January 29, February 1, February 4, and February 5. meaning you can nominate more than one couple. Ballots will be picked up on February 8. READY? SET? VOTE!!! Employees of the Norton Telegram are not eligible.

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- ♥ Fit to Go
- ♥ Garden Gate Florals Etc.
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