

KANSAS DEAF NEWS – May. 2008

May 2nd - Independence Deaf Coffee Chat
May 2nd - GKCADARA meeting ??
May 3rd - Topeka Potluck
May 3rd - Gally/NTID Picnic at Heritage Park
May 3rd - OCD Social
May 3rd - Hutchinson Social/Meeting
May 4th - 2009 MAAD/OCD Meeting
May 9th - Deaf Coffee Chat Meeting at Olathe Starbuck
May 9th - Winfield Deaf Social - Deaf Coffee Chat
May 10th - WAD Board Mtg
May 10th - Hays Social
May 10th - OCD Regular Meeting
May 13th - OCD Senior Citizens' Potluck
May 14th - WAD Senior Citizens Luncheon
May 16th - Emporia Potluck(???)
May 17th - Manhattan Deaf
May 17th - Wichita ASL Chat (??)
May 17th - OCD Poker Tournament hosted by softball team.
May 17th - Hutchinson Social
May 17th - Home Buyer Course at JCCC
May 18th - Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant Fashion Show
May 23rd - Deaf Coffee Chat in Raytown
May 24th - OCD – Olingo
May 28th - WAD Senior Citizens
May 30th - Wichita Deaf Coffee Chat (??)
May 30th & 31st – Wrong Game (ASL movie) in Wichita

(If ??? is inserted next to event - please contact organization for more information - unable to confirm event date and time.)

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Check Kansas Association of the Deaf web page site at <http://www.deafkansas.org>. Check posting of newspaper columns written by Leonard Hall (so far 6 newspaper columns from April/May 2007) on <http://kansasdeafnews.blogspot.com>.
Check posting of deaf events in KC area at <http://www.deafkc.com>.

If your organization has an announcement, send it to me in email text message to be copied in KS Deaf News

May 18th (Sunday) – Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant Fashion Show – 1 p.m. to ?? – OCD – Adults -\$5 per person and Student - \$1 per person. Two Gowns will be voted by you! 10 Models needed – contact Tammy Waddell, State Pageant Director at tlwfourmom@tmo.blackberry.net. Miss Deaf Kansas – Tanna Jo Kolb will be in attendance.

3rd Gallaudet/NTID Alumni and their Friends Picnic at Heritage Park of Olathe - Shelter # 1 Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food will be served between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Price: \$7.00 Per Head with side dish (One dish per couple). \$9.00 Per Head without side dish. Children: Newborn - 11 years old (Free!). Students: \$2.00 12 -18 years old (no side-dish needed). Includes: Food, Drinks and chance to win a prize. NTID: Gary Van Surksum, 913-856-2177 or E-mail to vangar531@aol.com Gallaudet: Greg Heller, 913-402-8556 or E-mail to ramsgeh@kc.rr.com Support your local Deaf Chapters! We are working as Team, to support Higher Education for next generation. We will have Sam Sonnenstrahl '79 & G-84, the Executive

Director of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association as a guest speaker at Gally/NTID Picnic of Heritage Park on Saturday, May 3rd

DCC is now beginning its brick campaign for "Completing the Dream, Brick by Brick". You can donate \$75 payable to "DCC Brick Fund" to Kenneth Culver (Treasurer), 7211 Meadow View, Shawnee, KS 66227.

The following should be filled out:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Bricks are 4" by 8". Each brick may contain up to 3 lines of copy (18 letters minimum or 21 letters maximum per line. All text is centered unless otherwise specified. Please type or print the letters per line.

Example:

WILLIAM MARRA
DEAF CULTURAL CENTER
BRICK FUND

Please indicate which one:

A. Classes B. Individuals C. Families D. Business/Organizations.

The bricks will be laid out in front of the DCC building. The committee for the DCC Brick Fund are Ken and Peggy Culver, Bob and Karen Miller, Joann and Thomas Lightfoot, Charles and Kathy Marsh, Vickie Baska.

Olathe Club of the Deaf (OCD) at 221 S. Chestnut, Olathe, Kansas.

May 3rd – OCD Social Night at 6:30 p.m.

May 4th – 2009 MAAD/OCD meeting – at 1 p.m.

May 10th – OCD Regular Meeting at 8 p.m.

May 12th – OCD Monthly Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

May 13th - Olathe Senior Citizens at 3:00 p.m. – games & at 5:30 p.m. – potluck dinner

May 17th - OCD Poker Tournament – 1 p.m. for 1st round (\$10) and 6 p.m. for 2nd Round (\$5

for 2nd round) Buy-out included TBA. Admission \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Hosted by OCD Men's softball team.

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May 26th – Will play Olingo at 8 p.m.

Dart leagues are on Wednesday and Friday nights. Check Olathe Club of the Deaf web page site for the latest listing of events and flyers at <http://www.olathedeafclub.com>

WICHITA - At WAD, 1646 E. Central. Wichita is always open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. WAD board meetings meet every 2 months on the second Saturday at 7 p.m. in January, March, May, September and November (no meetings during the summer). WAD web address -<http://www.deafwichita.com/>

May 10...WAD Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

May 14 ...senior citizen luncheon at WAD

May 19...Wichita ASL Chat at McAlister Deli, 306 N. Rockhill Road, Wichita at 7 p.m. ??? (Please verify event before going.)

May 24...Social canceled due to Memorial Day

May 28...Senior Citizens Out to Lunch. Contact Alice Rose for details 316-943-1973.

May 30, 7 p.m. Wrong Game movie, see details below.

May 31, 2 p.m. Wrong Game movie

May 30 th...Deaf Coffee Chat at Caffe Moderne, 300 N Mead, Wichita, KS starting at from 7:00 p.m. To sign up for automatic e-news on Deaf Coffee Chat events: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ASLexpressoCafe/> (Please verify date before going.)

Lunch on Thursdays, proceeds to WAD. Each week is different host or hostess. \$3 for all you can eat. If you do not eat, admission is \$1.

Every Sunday: Captioned Movie check www.warrentheatres.com. Wichita has successful Open Captioned Movies each week on Sundays. One is matinee in afternoon and one is evening. Tickets are \$7.00 matinee for all and \$9.00 evening for adults, \$7.00 for children and senior citizens. Each week it is NEW movie. Check the Warren theater website at www.warrentheatres.com every Wednesday for the new titles and times. If you have questions email Lori at lorilawrence@tmail.com. Please plan to come! Open captioned movies are each week at Warren Theatre East, 13th and K-96. If you want to be notified of times and titles each week please join wmocmovies-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

WAD Events - contact Jennifer Nordyke for more info.

The ASL film. "Wrong Game", is coming to Wichita! You can see the movie trailer at www.ASLfilms.com. The movie is 100% ASL, no subtitles or sound. Two showings are on Friday, May 30 at 7pm and on Saturday, May 31 at 2pm. The location is at Heartspring Conference Center, 8700 E. 29th St North Wichita, KS 67226 (www.heartspring.org). The admission is only \$5 each. The benefits will proceed to KLDHH (Kansas League of the Deaf and HH). Contact Katie Wise at kfwise@tmail.com to get tickets or more information. Other ticket sellers are: Kathy Wigley, Donnie Otis, Maddy Starks, and Jennifer Nordyke.

Hutchinson Deaf Club Social will be on the 3rd Saturday. - Open at 5:00 PM. We will continue our regular meetings every third Saturdays at IOOF except in the month of June.

1st Sat. - Meeting & Social

3rd Saturday - Social.

David Barb davlbarb@cox.net

HAD clubhouse will open at 7 pm. Come to the back door of 329 East Third street that is across the street from OSCO Store on Third Street. H.A.D 's address is PO Box 356, Hutchinson, Ks 67504-0356. Come join with us and have fun. Contact David Barb at Davlbarbk@aol.com for more information.

Topeka Association of the Deaf will have a potluck dinner and social at church basement from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month except during the summer months.

Topeka Association of the Deaf meeting on Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00am. New location: Faith Lutheran Church, 1716 Gage Boulevard Topeka, KS. Please bring cover dish. For further information contact-

Cindy Castegnaro: cindymc@wamego.net

KC Area - Meniere Disease Support Group -Mark your calendars for next year's KC Meniere's Support Group Meetings: **Anyone interested in participating in a Meniere's Disease Support Group contact Sherry at sl.mason@juno.com** You may also visit the website for Meniere's Resources, Inc. for Meniere's and other vestibular (balance) disorders at www.menieresresources.org Meniere's Disease symptoms are hearing loss, vertigo, tinnitus and aural fullness. Check out the website for support, coping tips and upcoming events.

If you have Meniere's Disease, please participate in a confidential research survey at

<http://www.menieresresources.org/Main/2008ResearchSurvey>

Deadline to submit your survey is August 1, 2008. Survey results will be used to help educate physicians who treat Meniere's Disease.

DEAF SOCIAL AT WINFIELD, KS -- We'd like to get word out that in Winfield we are having a Deaf Social at the College Hill Coffee House, Friday, May 9th, 2006, at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome!! College Hill Coffee -- 403 Soward

St--- Winfield, KS 67156 phone: 620-229-8155 --403 Soward in Winfield, from Main Street turn East onto 9th, take 9th street all the way east to College Street, turn left onto College and it's several blocks down, and turn right onto Soward, go east one block and there it is! Don't know yet if it will be monthly, depends on the interest. This is a first time event, and it is organized by Molly Pourhussin. (Information provided by Lois Stone and Julia Beadles). Julia at msdrpepper@gmail.com for photo/attach,msdrpepper@tmail.com
sidekick/pager

THERE ARE NOW THREE DEAF COFFEE CHAT GROUPS IN KANSAS CITY AREA – one in Independence on 1st Friday of each month, one in Olathe on 2nd Friday of each month and the other is in Raytown, Missouri on the 4th Friday of each month!!

1st Friday of the month -- Independence Deaf Coffee Chat – Friday, May 2nd – Will meet inside Independence Center (shopping mall) at 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

2nd Friday of the month -- KC Deaf Coffee Chat -- Friday, May 9th -- KC Deaf Coffee Chat meeting will be held at Starbuck Coffee House at Blackbob and Santa Fe in Olathe from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Starbuck Coffee House is located about 2 miles east of I-35 on Santa Fe in the same shopping center as Hen House and Lowe in Olathe. For more information, contact Al Alvord at 913-768-4869 VP or agalvord@sbcglobal.net or Joe Quilty or Leonard at legalnetwk@aol.com. CSDVRS and KSVRS will host this deaf coffee chat for December 14th. \$100 of free coffee will be provide on first come and first serve basis! Learn more about CSDVRS and KSVRS.

4th Friday of the month -- Please join us for Deaf Coffee Chat in Raytown, MO. We will meet at Benetti's Coffee Experience on May 23rd (PLEASE VERIFY DATE BEFORE GOING) from 6-9pm. We will have the Deaf Coffee Chat on the 4th Friday of every month at Benetti's Coffee. Please check out the website for the coffee house which has so much character you can't help but have a good time when you sit down for a cup of java and have fun with your friends-www.benettiscoffee.com. Benetti's is located at 6109 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64133 – you can find a link to Mapquest on their website. If you have any questions you can contact Jason by email at jason@scommonline.com. You can check the web site for Benetti at www.benettiscoffee.com.

Emporia Potluck Social –2nd or 3rd Friday of each month only from September to May - May 16th. (????) The regular potluck meeting is usually on the 3rd Friday except in October at 5:30 p.m. BE SURE TO CHECK DATE. The social is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1348 Trail Ridge Rd, Emporia, KS - Please Contact Wilma Phillips FAX 316-343-9698 or TTY 316-342-3590 to confirm the social date.

Manhattan Deaf Social - Little Apple Deaf Social at Manhattan Mall on May 17. Usually meet 3rd Saturday of each month except for special events such as the Tulip Festival in April.). - Little Apple Deaf Social. The "Come and Go" social which starts at 12:00 noon, meet in Food Court until 4:00 PM at Manhattan Mall on Fort Riley/ Blvd and Hwy 24 from Sept to May. The purpose of social is to provide social, educational & recreational activities for Deaf people, Deaf children and their parents, CODA, interpreters, sign learners, college students, and workers with a Deaf & Hard of Hearing background or occupation. There are state activities as well, which include a summer picnic, Kansas Association of the Deaf conference, KAD Rally picnic and others.

This Greater Kansas City chapter of the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association has meetings MONTHLY on the first Friday and focuses on professionals serving the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and hard of hearing to network and learn more about other service agencies. They also promote and advocate for issues affecting the lives of Deaf and hard of hearing. These professionals include those who work in the fields of education, interpreting, mental health, independent living centers, and public services (state and local governments, etc.). Anyone who would like more information about GKC-ADARA, please contact Suzanne Dennis, President at Suzanne.Dennis@jocogov.org

This month's meeting . (Please contact Suzanne for meeting date and place.)

Any questions, please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at Rebecca.Rosenthal@srs.ks.gov or Suzanne Dennis at Suzanne.Dennis@jocogov.org

Salina Deaf Club -- For more information, contact Karen at rkkerby@sbcglobal.net.

Future monthly socials will be held at Salina Height Christian Church 801 East Cloud St. (NE Corner at Cloud and Roach)

Hays Association of the Deaf -- May 9th -- 2nd Saturday of each month Dinner and Meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Ms. Lunseted at edlund@eaglecom.net for more information. The dinner and meeting is from 10 am until 5 PM. Contact person: Elmer and Deanne Lundstedt 406 W. 11th Ellis, Kansas 67637 Contact person. ph. 785-726-3367 tty/fax. Roberta Mog, Secretary for Hays Association of the Deaf, ph. 785-658-3825 tty/fax. The club will meet at Hays Association of the Deaf, 2401 13th Street, Hays, Kansas at Link. Cost \$3.00 for food and \$4.00 without food.

COMMUNITY HOMEBUYER EDUCATION COURSE TAUGHT IN ASL IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Whether you are buying your first home or selling your home and buying another, it is important to learn the process to avoid costly mistakes. You will learn about budgeting, credit reporting, qualifying, loan documents, shopping for a home, home inspection, and maintenance. Mark A. Tauscher, licensed Deaf REALTOR in Kansas and Missouri, will be the instructor for this class. He is fluent in American Sign Language.

When: May 17 2008 - 9 am to 1 pm Where: JCCC, Carlsen Center, Room 232

To attend this class, you need to register by calling JCCC Continuing Education Registration at 913-469-2323 through relay service. When you enroll, give the following information: Community Homebuyer Class – Course reference number 51821. Cost is \$10 per household. Class is sponsored by Kansas City Regional Association of REALTORS. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided!

Greater K. C. Association of the Deaf

GKCAD Building HAS NOT BEEN SOLD YET.

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**KC Recreational Association of the Deaf - Annual Campout at Smithville Lake -- Weekend of June 19th to 22nd.**

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SKAI (Interpreter Students group) Silent Dinners -- deaf people are welcome to attend -- sign language is required and no voice allowed.

(Monday) MAY 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Olive Garden - 15090 E. 119<sup>th</sup> St.

(Thursday) JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Old Chicago - 11969 Strang Line

(Wednesday) JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Jose Peppers - 13770 S. Blackbob Rd.

(Saturday) AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00 p.m. Chili's - 7001 W. 119<sup>th</sup> St. (15 min. to Olingo)

(Tuesday) SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Granite City - 15085 W. 119<sup>th</sup> St.

(Monday) OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. Bo Lings Chinese - 9055 Metcalf

(Thursday) NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. On the Border - 11855 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St.

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**News from KSD:**

**The Kansas School for the Deaf, 450 East Park St., Olathe, KS 66061, is currently seeking qualified individuals for the following positions for the 2006- 2007 school year: Dormitory Teacher and Secondary English Teacher. Placement made within agency guidelines on salary schedule depending upon**

professional background and experience. KSD offers excellent benefits. Applicants will be screened and the most highly qualified applicants will be invited for an interview session. Positions are open until filled. KSD is located in the Heartland of the USA, part of the Kansas City metropolitan area. For area info on excellent schools and affordable housing check out: <http://www.kcmo.org/> and [www.olatheks.org/](http://www.olatheks.org/). For an application and a job announcement on each of these positions, please refer to our website at [www.ksdeaf.org](http://www.ksdeaf.org) or contact Teresa Chandler, Human Resources Office, at (913) 791-0501 (V/TTY) for further details on the positions. E-mail: <mailto:tchandler@ksd.state.ks.us> . Fax #: 913/780-6563

## **An Equal Employment/Educational Opportunities Agency Tobacco Free Campus "KSD Embraces Diversity"**

For other employment opportunities (please forward this to any person who may be interested in working at KSD): Employment at Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) in Olathe, Kansas (including dormitory teacher, etc.) For more information, please contact Teresa Chandler, Human Resources, Phone: 913-791-0510 v/tty, 913-791-0577 fax, or email at [tchandler@ksd.state.ks.us](mailto:tchandler@ksd.state.ks.us). or write to her at KSD, 450 E. Park, Olathe, Kansas."

### **List of Service Providers/businesses who use sign language:**

- Dr. James Biser -- Santa Fe Chiropractic Wellness Center, 7905 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS Phone 866-928-8523; VP 913 438 9355, email - [BiserChiropractic@gmail.com](mailto:BiserChiropractic@gmail.com). (Dr. Biser is deaf and knows ASL.)
- Kevin's Sprinkler Service -- [Husky250@tmail.com](mailto:Husky250@tmail.com), 913 686 4484. Free estimate to install a sprinkler system in your yard. Kevin Enyart.
- Bob's Auto Service -- 201 West Park (west of downtown Olathe)-- Dale Neill - (Dale is Larry Neill's brother and knows sign language).
- Neill's Tree Services -- 913-530-3514 -(Larry and Jeff are in the business of tree services.)
- "JJ" - Mime Artist Entertainer (Over 25 yrs exp.)  
[JJMime@aol.com](mailto:JJMime@aol.com)
- "Rods' Real Estate Repair Inc." , and I specialize in repairs of any nature in the home. My direct phone # is (913)-486-2686 (not tty), or e-mail address is [roderickpittman@yahoo.com](mailto:roderickpittman@yahoo.com) .
- Reece & Nichols Real Estate - Cynthia Smith - 5400 College Blvd, Overland Park KS 913 266 6889 or email at [Cynthiasmith@ReeceandNichols.com](mailto:Cynthiasmith@ReeceandNichols.com).
- Real Estate - Mark A. Tauscher, Explore Real Estate, Strang Line Corporate Center, 11267 Strang Line Road, Lenexa, KS 913 764 3010 Video Phone and TTY. [Mark.Tauscher@ExploreTheJungle.com](mailto:Mark.Tauscher@ExploreTheJungle.com). --
- Handyman -- mowing/painting/etc. - Greg Shoemaker - [redjayhawk@tmail.com](mailto:redjayhawk@tmail.com) , VP 9132063518.
- Sorenson Videophone installer in KC Metro -- (first time customers -- contact Chris Kurz at [tazzykc@yahoo.com](mailto:tazzykc@yahoo.com) or [www.sorensonVRS.com](http://www.sorensonVRS.com).
- GET YOUR OWN FREE 800 Personal number for your VP for FASTEST phone call. It's new & FREE! Easy for all deaf and hearing callers to get VRS. No matter what kind of VP you have. If you don't know what it is then CALL me! Call Al Alvord 913-768-4869 VP Sorenson or TTY for more info.
- Mortgage Planning: Will help you refinance your mortgage or finance a new home at the lowest cost. I am a certified interpreter with KQAST. Rebecca Dirksen, Topeka, KS text message: 785-969-9068, tty: 785-478-4461, e-mail: [drdirksen@carteretmortgage.com](mailto:drdirksen@carteretmortgage.com)
- Dentist - James K. Ruse, DDS - 4839 W. 135th St.- Leawood, KS 913-681-5500 (TDD)
- Certified Massage Therapist - Wayne Randolph - 913/262-3431

(I received email messages from service providers or businesses saying that they have someone who use sign language and would like to serve deaf people. If you know of any service providers or business in Kansas who have people who know sign language, please send them to me. Please note that the phone numbers are not TTY.)

### **THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ARE NEW RELEASES:**

KAD is always looking for news to use for the newsletter and/or electronic news (e-news). If you know of any newsworthy stories or information, please don't hesitate to share it with Shane Dundas, the KAD News Editor. Please send it to Shane Dundas, KAD News Editor at <mailto:kadnewsletters@gmail.com> or mail it to: Shane Dundas, KAD Editor, 517 East Douglas Avenue #206, Wichita, KS 67202. Please no spams, junk mails/emails,

etc. Also, Shane Dundas is looking for news beat contacts, please send him the contact information (person, organization/company, email address, etc.). KAD will determine newsworthiness of any stories or information. Thank you. Shane Dundas - Chairperson of the KAD 2009 Committee -- Wichita Association of the Deaf. Don't forget Kansas Association of the Deaf Conference in 2009 in Wichita---100th ANNIVERSARY!

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#### NEWS FOR YOUR ATTENTION – KSVRS:

Kansas Association of the Deaf (KAD) and CSDVRS have entered into an agreement where KAD will offer a VRS service called KSVRS. KSVRS was formally launched on November 10, 2007 in Hays, Kansas.

If you are a supporter of KAD and using VRS, please try our service and see what you think. If you are a supporter of KAD and not using VRS yet, please check website: [www.ksvrs.com](http://www.ksvrs.com) to set up in your video phone, or follow instruction how to add KSVRS to your video phone:

1. Dial list, select speed dials and press 'enter'
2. Speed dial list, select "add" and press 'enter'
3. Add speed dial, in the name box, press 'enter' and type in "1KSVRS",  
Choose dial method: IP address, enter "ksvrs.tv".

CSDVRS has been kind enough to provide us with some level of funding to launch and operate KSVRS and we hope that you like it and consider using it for your VRS calls. KAD wants to thank everyone for using KSVRS. For additional information, please go into website: [www.ksvrs.com](http://www.ksvrs.com) or contact Ann Cooper, KAD President at [COOJA@aol.com](mailto:COOJA@aol.com)

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#### NEWS FROM KCDHH (Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

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Every year prior to April, the Commission (formerly Board) will have one or two positions available and open for recruiting. Now we have one vacant position on the Commission! We need highly motivated and energetic new member to represent the Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing. We are particularly interested in those who can represent their respective community, demographics and area of interest (i.e., youth, ASL, Cochlear Implants or hard of hearing).

If you are interested in becoming a member you will need to submit an application and express your interest to the Honorable Governor Sebelius. Members of the Commission are expected to meet quarterly throughout the year and sometimes more often as committee members. The role of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing representative is to bring forth issues to the KCDHH and share any updates or news with their community. For more information please go to this link [http://www.srskansas.org/kcdhh/text/how\\_to\\_get\\_involved.htm](http://www.srskansas.org/kcdhh/text/how_to_get_involved.htm) or you can contact Rebecca Rosenthal (contact information is shown below).

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**Open Captioned Movies at AMC 30 theater in Olathe, Kansas - check KC Star for "open captioned" movie listed before going. (submitted by J.J. Jones and Insight Cinema) Check Insight Cinema >>> [InSight Cinema for open-captioned movie listings.](#)**

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**AMC 20 - Town Center Plaza - (115th and Nall - across from Sprint World HQ) & Regal Theater at Ameristar Casino -0-Keep an eye on the AMC 30 ad in the KC Star. Be sure to look up the AMC 30 movie advertisement in KC Star to verify the movie is being shown. Approximately 30 movies are open-captioned per year meaning that there will be no open captioned movies during some weeks of the month.**

**New Technology at AMC 24 Rear-view Captioned movies!!! at Overland Park KS (Leawood, KS) First MoPix theater in Kansas Now Open! AMC Town Center 20, Theater #3, 11701 Nall Street, Leawood, -- CC DVS -- Check KC Star for listing.**

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**American Heartland Theatre's ASL interpreted performances. Here are the dates for this season:**

Perfect Wedding - June 11, 2008 7:30 pm

Always...Patsy Cline - August 6, 2008 7:30 pm

For more information on AHT's season, as well as ASL interpreted performances, visit [www.ahtkc.com](http://www.ahtkc.com) or call 816-842-0202. Please note that if you attend one of our interpreted performances, it is in your best interest to inform the box office when purchasing tickets that you would like to be seated so you can see the interpreter.

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**Subscribe to the Sunflower Flyhands News. You can subscribe to another wonderful Internet active newsletter for Kansas deaf people, "Sunflower Flyhands News," being sent out twice a month on the 2nd and 1st week by Glenda Haefner. Sunflower Flyhands News has many small stories about events and things happening with deaf people in Kansas. KS Deaf News will focus on events and news by deaf organizations. You can subscribed to Sunflower by sending an email to Glenda at [ksflyhands@bluevalley.net](mailto:ksflyhands@bluevalley.net)**

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Another outstanding Internet news service for deaf people nationwide is DeafDigest provided by Barry Strassler. DeafDigest also provide employment listing. DeafDigest is distributed every week. Please click on: <http://www.deafdigest.com> to read both editions for employment ads, announcements and news. Subscription is free; go to the web site for subscription instructions

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**"Deaf and Hearing Chat Night" Start at 6:00 pm to 1:00 a.m.**

Side Pocket (no smoking)      224 NW Oldham Parkway      Lee's Summit, MO

Third Saturday of every month.      March 15th      April 19th      May 17th      June 21th  
July 19th      Aug. 16th      Sept. 20th      Oct. 18th      Nov. 15th      Dec. 20th

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KAD Picnic and Political Rally in Salina. Salina is hosting KAD Political Rally Picnic on Saturday, June 7 Jerry Ivey Park from 9 -5. People can contact Roberta Jo Mog VP: 785-658-1927 or FAX: 785-659-3412 or Richard Kerby at VP: 785-472-4866.

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### **Sprint Relay & WebCapTel By Leonard Hall**

**A major technology breakthrough by Sprint Relay and Ultratec, Inc. is now available for hard of hearing people to use in making phone calls to another party. It is called Sprint WebCapTel ® found at [www.sprintcaptel.com](http://www.sprintcaptel.com).**

**The project manager behind the WebCapTel is Dennis Selznick, a deaf Business Development Analyst with Sprint and Sprint Relay. Dennis is a local Johnson County resident, uses a cochlear implant and has been working with Sprint for 5 years. In working with a Sprint partner, Ultratec, WebCapTel was created for hard of hearing people to use on the internet at no cost.**

**It is great to see a deaf professional, such as Dennis, who had been involved from the beginning in coordinating all aspects of the design, development, testing, marketing, communication, and customer's service for this wonderful technology. Dennis is an active member of the deaf community in the Kansas City area and has seen the needs for the WebCapTel. Everything involved with WebCapTel is handled by Dennis and his team of Sprint employees.**

**For the hard of hearing person having difficulty hearing on the telephone, WebCapTel offers captions, similar to the closed captioning provided on your television programs, on your computer screen when you are talking to another person on the phone. With a standard telephone or mobile phone, you can see every word a caller says on your computer screen on-time when talking with the other person on the phone.**

**The only thing you need is an Internet connection and a computer or laptop with a standard web browser, such as AOL, Yahoo, MSN, or Microsoft's Internet Explorer. When you go online to Sprint WebCapTel at <http://www.sprintcaptel.com>, you will provide your phone number and the phone number you are calling. When you place the call, the WebCapTel will call your number first, and then the number of the person you wish to call.**

**The hard of hearing person will talk through the phone like he normally would and then be able to read the captions of the person talking on the other side of the phone. For the hard of hearing person with a**

moderate to severe hearing loss, wearing a hearing aid, and not be able to pick up some or most of the communication on the telephone like myself, WebCapTel is a great Internet tool to use.

Currently, I have 5 to 10% speech discrimination in the ear where I wear my hearing aid, so I am using the phone just to hear the basis information. With WebCapTel, I will be able to understand 100% of the communication. It is great to see Dennis, Sprint and Sprint Relay came through with this wonderful Internet technology – Sprint WebCapTel – that will benefit millions of hard of hearing people living in the United States.

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***Hamilton Relay Launches Innovative Web Captioned Telephone (CapTel®) for On-line Captioned Telephone Calls Web Captioned Telephone Service Available Now for People with Hearing Loss Nationwide***

AURORA, NE – Hamilton Relay today announced the availability of Hamilton *Web CapTel*®. *CapTel* is a service designed for individuals who have difficulty hearing on the telephone, where captions, similar to the closed captioning provided on most television programs, are offered to support the understanding of telephone conversations. Previously available only through State Relay programs and with a specialized *CapTel* phone, individuals nationwide can now make *CapTel* calls via the Web. *Web CapTel* works with any type of telephone and any type of Internet access device. Hamilton *Web CapTel* is available at [www.hamiltoncaptel.com](http://www.hamiltoncaptel.com).

Hamilton *Web CapTel* requires no special equipment. Along with a standard telephone or mobile phone, individuals can see every word a caller says on a computer screen. All that is required is an Internet connection and a computer or laptop with a standard web browser — no special equipment or special software is needed. Individuals can listen to the caller and read the written captions of everything the caller says. Hamilton *Web CapTel* works by providing two telephone numbers, your telephone number and the telephone number you wish to call. When you place a call, the *Web CapTel* Service calls your number first, then the number of the person you wish to call. You will be able to see the captioning page from the computer monitor and once you answer your telephone, captions will begin and the system is calling out to the person you wish to call. When you are waiting to receive a call, a person dials *Hamilton Web CapTel* Service at 1-800-933-7219. *Web CapTel* Service checks to see if you are logged on and waiting for calls, then places a call to your telephone number where you are waiting.

“Hamilton is thrilled to introduce Hamilton Web CapTel,” says Dixie Ziegler, Vice President of Hamilton Relay. “This exciting web-based service expands Hamilton’s CapTel offering by bringing the flexibility and mobility of the Internet to the CapTel experience that so many people have come to enjoy. Individuals who have missed out on what was being said during a telephone conversation no longer need to. Hamilton Web CapTel allows individuals with hearing loss to ‘see what they say.’ ” Individuals will view telephone conversations word by word, phrase by phrase, on-screen as the conversation takes place. There is no charge for using Hamilton Web CapTel.

Individuals and organizations who would like more information are encouraged to contact a Hamilton Relay Representative at 800-618-4781 (Voice/TTY) or via Email at [help@hamiltoncaptel.com](mailto:help@hamiltoncaptel.com).

Hamilton Relay offers a variety of services including Internet Relay, Video Relay, Wireless Relay and *CapTel*. All services are available at [www.hamiltonrelay.com](http://www.hamiltonrelay.com). Hamilton Relay provides traditional relay services to 15 states, the Island of Saipan and the Virgin Islands.

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