

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on February 6, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Dave Jackson
Jim Finlan, Chairman, Kansas Urban Forestry Council
Patti Armstrong, Newsletter Editor, Kansas Urban Forestry Council
Harlan Forslund, Member, Kansas Urban Forestry Council
Terry L. Bertels, Board of Directors, Kansas Arborist Association
Jim Herynk, Board of Directors, Kansas Forestry Service
Eric Berg, Community Forest Coordinator, Kansas Forestry Service

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Harrington opened the hearing on:

SB 133 An act relating to the observance of Arbor Day

Senator Dave Jackson stated that he believed that Arbor day should be changed from the fourth Friday in March to the fourth Friday in April. Senator Jackson's written testimony in support of a change of the date of observance of Arbor day was included. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Jackson introduced Mr. Jim Finlan, Chairman, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, who then presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)).

Patti Armstrong, Newsletter Editor, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, presented her testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)).

Harlan Forslund, Member, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Terry L. Bertels, Board of Directors, Kansas Arborist Association, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)).

Jim Herynk, Board of Directors, Kansas Forestry Service, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#)).

Eric Berg, Community Forest Coordinator, Kansas Forestry Service, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)).

Chairman Harrington opened the hearing for debate.

Senator Vratil proposed that the bill be amended so that the proclamation by the governor would not be

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required.

Senator Gooch questioned how this change in date would be publicized. Theresa Kiernan replied that the groups which had come before the committee would be in charge of such publicity.

Senator Vratil moved to amend the bill so that the proclamation by the Governor of this change would be permissive. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Vratil moved that the committee recommend the amended bill favorably to the entire Senate. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Harrington asked for questions, and there were none.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on February 7, 2001.

**SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST**

DATE: February 6, 2001

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SENATE CHAMBER

Presently, State Statute 35-204 authorizes and directs that Kansas observe the last Friday in March as Arbor Day. The following parties believe that the date of Arbor Day should be changed to the last Friday in April.

The First Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. Over the years the Nebraska date has been moved to the last Friday in April. This day is a state Holiday in Nebraska and is often referred to as National Arbor Day by horticultural groups.

Historically, in 1999, 99 Kansas cities mostly celebrated community Arbor Day as early as March 26 to as late as the last week in April. Late April, by a large margin, has been the most popular date for community activities. Kansas cities favor moving Arbor Day to the last Friday, in April. At recent organizational meetings, the Kansas Arborist Association, the Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association and the Kansas Urban Forestry Council concurred with the cities on changing Arbor Day to the last Friday in April.

Factors favoring the later date include generally better weather and the market availability of a larger more variable supply of nursery stock.

We are not aware of any opposition to this date change.

Senate Bill 133, introduced on the Senate Floor January 25, 2001 by David D. Jackson and 23 additional Co-sponsors, if passed, would change the date of Arbor Day to the last Friday in April. We hope you can support passage of this Bill.

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Senate Bill No. 133

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Kansas Urban Forestry Council and the people of Kansas we respectfully request your careful consideration of this very important legislation.

The primary mission of the Kansas Urban Forestry Council is to provide guidance to the residents of Kansas through education, training, volunteer coordination and technical assistance. We feel that as Kansans become more aware of how important trees are to the quality of life, they will realize the need to plant and care for trees close to their homes and workplaces.

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and tree care. The Kansas Urban Forestry Council works towards achieving its mission and that of Arbor Day by working with various communities on Arbor Day celebrations and activities. The current March date for Arbor Day makes this challenging due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Your support of this change will help to foster a positive environment that will allow communities, schools, organizations and local tree boards a better opportunity to promote, recognize, and celebrate Arbor Day.

In support of this legislation you will undoubtedly make Kansas a better place to live, work and play. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:



Jim Finlen, Chairman
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Winner “ Fredrick Law Olmstead Award” 1998 –National
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I want to express my support for Senate bill 133, changing Kansas Arbor
day from the last Friday in March to the last Friday in April.

Over the past 10 years I have been involved with many children’s groups
planting trees and it is difficult to schedule a day in March that has weather
suitable to large group plantings. Rarely is the weather nice enough for an
outdoor celebration. In the past it has been difficult to obtain the desired
tree in March and celebrations have often been postponed until April
anyway. Changing the date would make this type event easier to plan and
“make happen.”

Begin the new millennium with a new date for Arbor Day and encourage
ALL Kansans to plant trees on that special day in Kansas along with the rest
of the nation.

Thank you

Patti Armstrong

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Yours Truly,

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Federal and State Affairs Committee:

The Kansas Arborist's Association Board of Directors at our annual conference this past January discussed and by unanimous consent approved the intent of Senate Bill 133. That is, changing the date that the State of Kansas officially observes Arbor Day from the last Friday in March to the last Friday in April.

The Kansas Arborist's Association is an organization that has as its mission the following purposes: To stimulate interest in the planting and preservation of shade and ornamental trees. To improve tree preservation through good arboricultural practices. To cooperate in the conservation of trees and in the beautification of the countryside. To initiate and encourage scientific investigations into the various problems encountered in the practice of tree preservation and to cooperate in making the results available. To sponsor an annual meeting devoted to the exchange and presentation of information that will aid in the improvement of the practice of tree preservation and arboriculture. To encourage the display and demonstration of materials and equipment used in the practice of arboriculture by manufacturers or distributors. To administer the certification of arborist's in the State of Kansas.

The Kansas Arborist's Association is made up of individuals and corporations that care about trees and the advancement of the field of arboriculture. Arbor Day has traditionally been a day that stood out as a day set aside to honor trees and tree stewardship. Many members of the Kansas Arborist's Association are responsible for coordinating a local Arbor Day event and each one has faced the pitfalls of a late March observance. Some of these pitfalls include, lack of quality trees for a ceremonial tree planting, cold weather that is often here in late March and difficulty in getting materials to school children who might be on a spring break. Moving the date to the last Friday in April would decrease the likelihood that these and other problems will be faced.

The Kansas Arborist's Association supports Senate Bill 133 and asks for your support for its passage. Thank you.

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Federal and State Affairs Committee
Senate Bill 133
February 6, 2001

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Federal and State Affairs Committee:

As a board member of the Kansas Landscape and Nursery Association and their representative to the Kansas Ag Alliance, I come here today to express our support for Senate Bill 133. I also come here as a small business owner. My wife and I own and operate Herynk's Greenhouse and Nursery here in Topeka.

Arbor Day could be an excellent opportunity to help children understand how and why they can and should be stewards of the environment. Every year we see pictures in the newspaper of some official planting a tree with a group of children. But I question how enjoyable the experience is, and what the memories are. Do they really remember planting the tree? Or do they remember how muddy, wet, and cold it was. The best type of learning comes from hands on, enjoyable experiences. Planting trees in April is usually a far better experience than planting in March. The availability and selection of trees is also much better in April.

You have lived here in Kansas long enough to know what March is like. Some years its nice, and some years its really cold, windy, and miserable. Changing Arbor Day to the last Friday in April will give Mother Nature time to get her act together. Even the Governor and Senators might look forward to going outside to plant a tree when the weather is more cooperative. There are probably more of these tree planting ceremonies going on in April then in March, anyway, pretending that they are Arbor Day ceremonies.

Aside from nicer weather, by moving Arbor Day to April, Kansas celebrations will then be in sync with Arbor Day celebrations in Nebraska, home of Arbor Day. Combining the highly promoted Nebraska Arbor Day with Kansas Arbor Day and the proximity Earth Day activities, would all serve to reinforce what we are trying to teach kids.

Arbor Day just needs better weather to make it an excellent opportunity to teach children how to be good stewards of the environment.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 133.

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Senator Harrington, Chairperson

FROM: Eric Berg, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator,
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Berg".

SUBJECT: SB 133 - Amendment of State Arbor Day

Madam Chair and committee members; I am Eric Berg, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator with the Kansas Forest Service at Kansas State University. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before your Committee regarding SB 133, on changing the state proclamation for Arbor Day.

As the State Forestry Agency in Kansas, one of the services we are responsible for is the state wide coordination and promotion of the Tree City USA Program. This program is administered on a national level by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This program, both on a national and state wide basis seeks to provide educational materials and support for communities which are actively managing their community forest resource. More importantly however is the publicity, citizen pride and recognition this program brings to a community for their management efforts.

The proclamation, recognition and celebration of Arbor Day is the backbone of the Tree City USA Program. Based on the Tree City USA applications from across the state, which requires annual proof of Arbor Day observance and proclamation, the vast majority of communities in the State of Kansas are currently holding their local activities and proclamation at the end of April. In visiting with community tree board members it is commonly felt that the end of April provides a better opportunity in which to hold an outdoor Arbor Day celebration and public event.

Senate Bill 133, with the recommended date change from the last Friday in March to the last Friday in April, will better allow communities and local tree boards the opportunity to promote, recognize and celebrate this event given the more favorable spring weather, availability of nursery stock and currently ongoing National Arbor Day public service announcements and promotions.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the Kansas Forest Service regarding SB 133.



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As part of the Tree City USA certification process communities are required to submit information on their local Arbor Day proclamation and observation activities. During the 1999 calendar year 100 Kansas municipalities applied for, and were approved for, certification as Tree City USA's. Their community Arbor Day proclamation and celebration dates are broken down, by month, as follows:

Community Arbor Day Proclamation	# of Kansas TCUSA Communities
March	21
April	58
May	8
June	2
August	1
September	1
October	5
November	3
December	1

19 communities signed their proclamation and held their recognition day within the last week of March.

42 communities signed their proclamation and held their recognition day within the last week of April.

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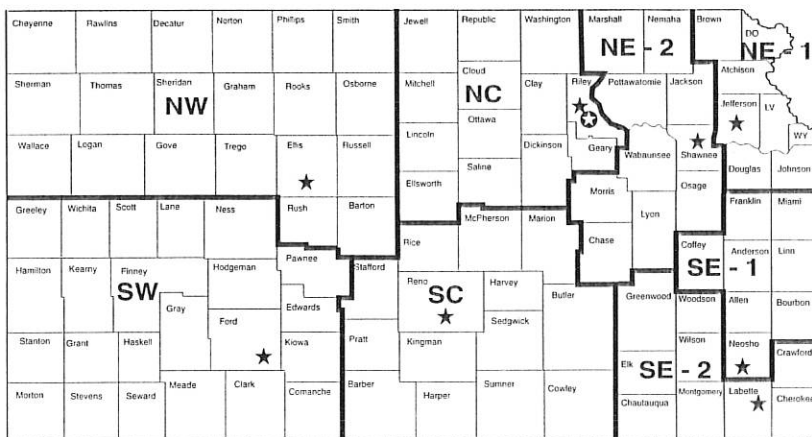
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The Story of Arbor Day

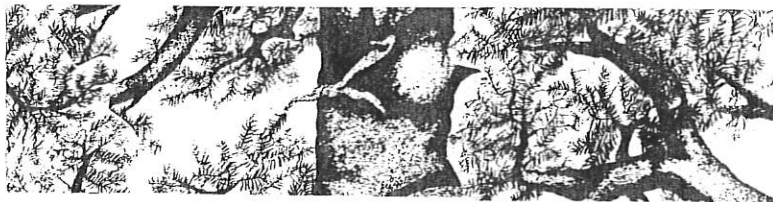
In 1854, a young man, Julius Sterling Morton and his new bride left Michigan and headed westward to the Nebraska Territory, eventually settling in Nebraska City. Morton, a journalist by profession, saw in Nebraska a great potential for both agriculture and horticulture. The Mortons began a rigorous tree planting program on their own land and started several orchards. Through his involvement with the State Horticulture Society and as editor of the Nebraska City paper, Morton strongly encouraged the planting of trees and orchards.

On January 4, 1872, Morton offered a resolution to the State Board of Agriculture to establish a tree-planting day. The proposal was accepted, and the first Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872. Over one million trees were planted across the state on that first Arbor Day.

There is no record that Arbor Day was celebrated in 1873. However, in 1874, the State Board of Agriculture passed a resolution making Arbor Day an annual holiday to be celebrated on the second Wednesday of April each year. Money was awarded to counties and individuals who properly planted the largest number of trees.

In 1885, the State Legislature designated that Arbor Day be celebrated on April 22 of each year . . . Morton's birthday. In 1988, the Unicameral changed the date again, and beginning in 1989, the celebration of Arbor Day occurs in Nebraska on the last Friday of April each year.

Throughout his career, both in politics and journalism, Morton continued his campaign for the planting of trees. His dedication proved fruitful, for today, every state in the United States celebrates Arbor Day, and his idea has spread to 12 other countries.

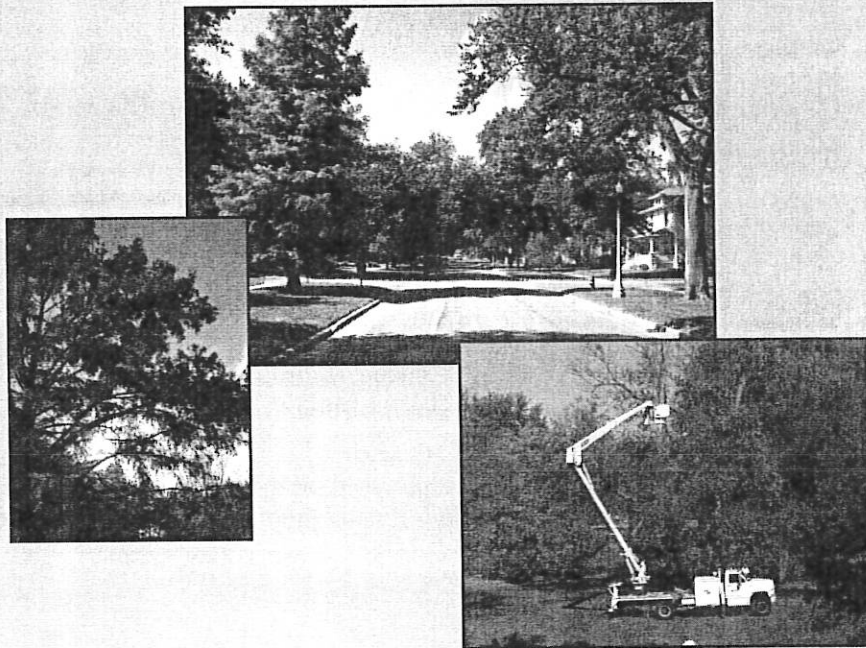


TREE CITY USA

Program

in

Kansas



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Program Requirements

To qualify for Tree City USA a community must meet four standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. These program requirements are:

1. *A Tree Board or Department:*

Someone must be legally responsible for the care and management of the community's trees. This responsibility may be assigned to a professional forester, arborist, forestry department or tree board. Most Kansas communities utilize a citizen volunteer tree board, charged by a city ordinance with developing and administering a comprehensive tree management program.

2. *A Community Tree Ordinance:*

A municipal tree ordinance should establish general guidelines for tree care and designate a board or city department responsible for public tree care needs and outline responsibilities including writing and implementing an annual plan of work.

3. *A Community Forestry Budget of at least \$2 per Capita:*

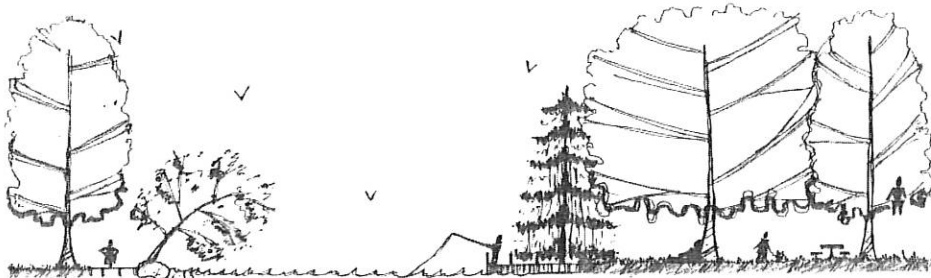
Evidence is required that the community has established a community forestry program that is supported by an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. The budget should address the needs of species diversity, planting and removal needs, hazardous trees, insect and disease problems and establish a pattern of regular tree care such as pruning and watering.

4. *An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation:*

This is the least challenging and probably the most enjoyable standard to accomplish. The goal is to hold a public event that celebrates Arbor Day and recognizes the importance of trees in our lives. For some communities this is done through the signing of the Arbor Day Proclamation and simple tree planting event while others make it an all day or week long celebration and festival.

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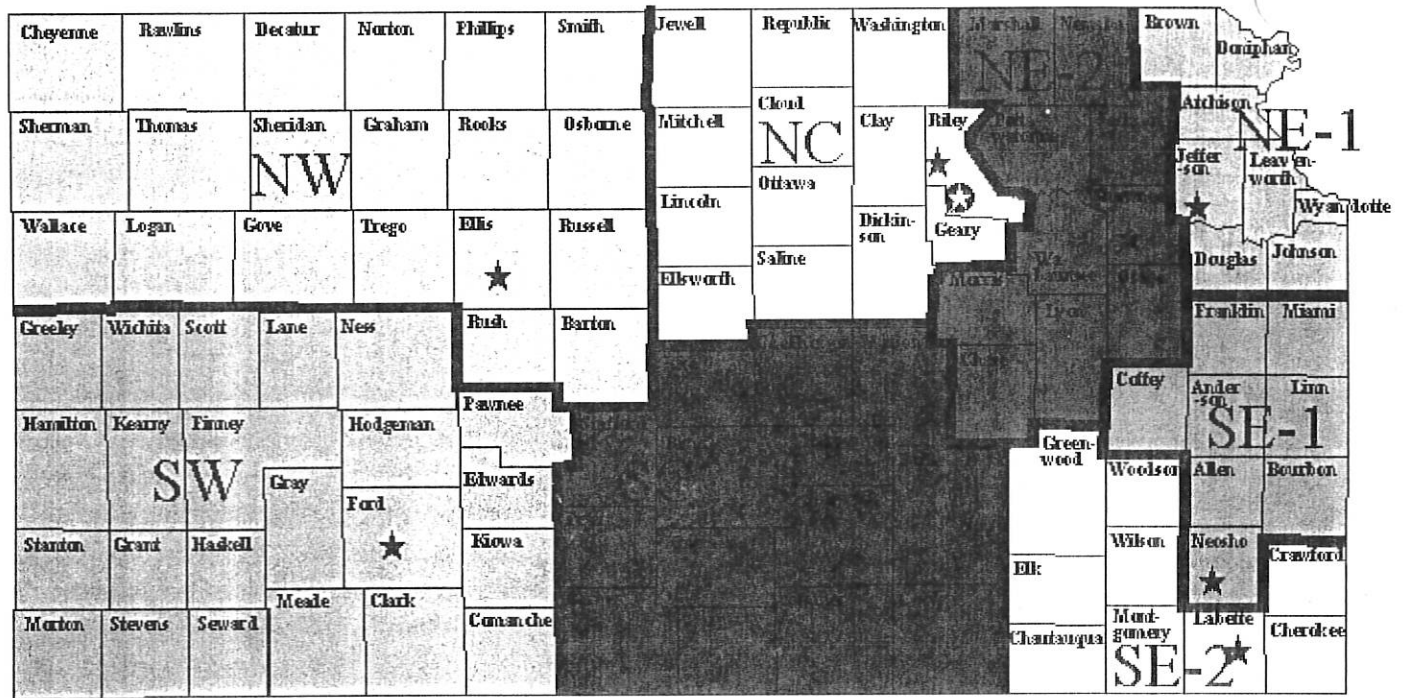


Program Impact

Kansas was one of the first states, in 1971, to recognize the importance of managing urban and community forests and has been involved in the Tree City USA Program since its inception in 1976. In 1999 the following communities spent \$8.9 million improving and managing the community forest resource. These communities planted 18,440 trees, pruned 59,903 trees and removed 8,274 dead and dying or diseased trees throughout Kansas communities last year. The vast majority of these efforts were led by citizen volunteer Tree Board members working with local municipalities. Beginning with 11 Tree City USA communities in 1976, the Tree City USA Program has grown to 100 Kansas communities in 1999:

Abilene (8)	Anthony (15)	Arkansas City (6)
Atchison (18)	Atwood (4)	Bel Aire (4)
Beloit (23)	Blue Rapids (18)	*Bonner Springs(14)
Bucklin (1)	Burlington (7)	Chanute (21)
Clay Center (24)	*Clearwater(4)	Concordia (7)
Countryside (5)	Cunningham (7)	*Derby (7)
Dodge City (24)	Effingham (6)	*El Dorado (7)
Emporia (14)	Fairway (15)	Forbes Field (3)
Formoso (15)	Ft. Leavenworth (14)	Ft. Riley (13)
Garden City (22)	Garnett (11)	Goodland (21)
Great Bend (17)	Halstead (22)	Harper (4)
Haven (20)	Hays (21)	Herington (11)
Hesston (15)	Hiawatha (4)	Hillsboro (5)
Hoisington (17)	*Hutchinson (6)	Iola (2)
Jetmore (1)	Junction City (24)	Kiowa (4)
Lake Quivira (5)	*Lawrence (22)	Leavenworth (6)
Leawood (4)	Lenexa (12)	Liberal (17)
*Lindsborg (15)	Louisburg (3)	Maize (3)
Manhattan (23)	Mankato (19)	Marysville (20)
McConnell AFB (6)	McDonald (6)	*McPherson (22)
*Merriam (15)	Mission Hills (8)	Mulvane (9)
Newton (24)	Oakley (3)	Oberlin (14)
*Olathe (17)	Osage City (9)	Oskaloosa (5)
Oswego (10)	Ottawa (1)	*Overland Park (21)
Park City (1)	*Parsons (11)	Phillipsburg (13)
*Prairie Village (3)	Pratt (6)	*Roeland Park (7)
Russell (14)	Sabetha (2)	Salina (10)
*Sedgwick (2)	*Shawnee (3)	Spring Hill (4)
*St. John (4)	*Stockton (2)	Topeka (13)
Tonganoxie (1)	Troy (3)	Ulysses (21)
Valley Center (8)	Valley Falls (8)	WaKeeney (11)
Wamego (12)	Waterville (23)	Westwood (12)
Westwood Hills (3)	Wichita (14)	Windom (7)
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The Kansas Forest Service again is sponsoring the National Arbor Day Poster Contest. The 2001 theme is: "Trees are Terrific . . . and Forests are Too!" The contest provides a way for local tree lovers to educate their local 5th grade children, and gain some public tree awareness via the publicity the contest generates. Currently, District Foresters are preparing and sending out letters of invitation to their local community contacts and other contacts that may be interested. As in the past, the local contact is responsible for organizing the contest in their community. If you are interested in participating and do not hear from your District Forester; locate them on the KFS web site at:

<http://www.kansasforests.org>

or call Jon Skinner at 785-532-3315.

On the Web!

KUFC www.geocities.com/heartland/plains/7243/index.htm
Virginia Tech the BIG List of tree fact sheets
www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/syllabus/big_list.htm

USDA NRCS Plants Database: <http://plants.usda.gov/>
Internet directory for Botany: www.helsinki.fi/kmus/botmenu.html



Dear Kansas Urban Forestry Council Member,

Thank you for being a member of the Kansas Urban Forestry Council. In the past year we have:

- ✓ Increased the Urban Forest in Kansas by 25,000 trees through the **SHARE THE SHADE** program
- ✓ Trained hundreds of volunteers at the Lindsborg Regional Tree Growing-Out Station
- ✓ Helped victims of severe weather reforest
- ✓ Published **NEWS FROM THE KUFC!!** – 3 issues per year
- ✓ Participated in organizing the largest ever “**Composting Works**” conference
- ✓ Co-hosted the “**Small Cities Conference**”, a gathering of over 200 persons as participants from all over the mid-west and plains states to learn more about trees and their care
- ✓ Provided nationwide leadership in the Urban Forestry Community by our leaderships’ participation in the “**Grass Roots Summit**”

**All these things could not be done without YOUR help.
Membership in the Kansas Urban Forestry Council is:**

**\$15.00 per person; \$50.00 per organization;
Lifetime Contribution \$500.00**

**We need your participation as a member of the Kansas Urban Forestry Council. Please
Remit your membership to: Chuck Evanhoe, KUFC Treasurer, PO Box 448, Lindsborg,
KS 67456-0448**

In the coming year the KUFC has an ambitious agenda and WE NEED YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBOR! We will:

- ✓ Continue working with the City of Lindsborg, KS, Lindsborg Tree Board and the National Tree Trust, our partners in the Tree Growing-Out Station
- ✓ Strengthen our partnerships with: the KS Department of Wildlife and Parks, KS Department of Transportation, KS Department of Health and Environment, National Tree Trust and Kansas Forest Service
- ✓ Using the **SHARE THE SHADE** program plant 50,000 trees in Kansas Cities and Towns
- ✓ Continue publishing **NEWS FROM THE KUFC!!**
- ✓ Celebrate the new millenium with a **STATEWIDE** tree planting celebration
- ✓ Continue to raise funds for the KUFC Education Center
- ✓ Produce, in cooperation with the Kansas Forest Service, a “State of the Urban Forest Report” to facilitate more tree planting and better tree care in Kansas

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! PLEASE
CONTINUE!**

JIM FINLEN, KUFC CHAIRMAN



MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Governor's Millennium Grove

Barry Ragan, St. Johns Forester

Kansas Governor Bill Graves was the featured speaker at the Governor's Millennium Grove ceremonies held on the campus of Washburn University, Monday, May 15th.

Washburn University President Dr. Jerry B. Farley welcomed the Governor to the campus and spoke about the University's goal in replacing six hundred trees that were destroyed by a tornado in 1966.

Fred Deneke, the United States Coordinator of Urban Forestry also spoke to the crowd, on behalf of USDA Secretary Dan Glickman, whose idea is to establish a Millennium Grove in each state of the Union.

Secretary Glickman introduced his idea at the National Urban Forest Conference that was recently held in Seattle, Washington. He encouraged that the trees should "be selected from the American Forests organization's Famous and Historic Trees collection." - www.amforest.org

One hundred historic tree saplings grown from seeds of "historically significant trees associated with historical figures" were planted in the south-western corner of the Washburn campus.

Of the trees that were planted: a white oak and a red maple grown from seeds of trees growing next to the boyhood home of Charles Lindbergh, a redbud tree whose ancestral parent tree marked the Trail of Tears, a flowering dogwood from a Harpers Ferry tree, and a white ash from the seeds of a tree growing next to the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The one hundred trees in the Kansas Millennium Grove were planted by the Western Resources' Green Team, Kansas Forest Service personnel, and Washburn University staff members.

The Green Team has volunteered their time in

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KUFC Board Member, Barry Ratan, Erin Zook, KFS & Governor Graves

nurturing and watering these selected trees for the next several years.

"Millennium Green is a national project of the White House Millennium Council led by the Department of Agriculture in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Department of Interior, Department of Education, and Department of Justice. Private organizations, companies, and individuals will participate in Millennium Green efforts across the Nation."

"Its goals are: 1.) For every person to plant and/or adopt a tree or a garden for the new millennium 2.) For every community to identify and protect a heritage tree, grove, or natural wonder or treasure of special significance for the new millennium 3.) For every business or corporation to plant and/or adopt a tree or garden, or protect a natural resource wonder or treasure for the new millennium on behalf of every employee or client-working through national, State, and local nonprofit tree planting, garden, and conservation groups."

All quotes are public domain coming from governmental sources.

Barry Ragan won the **KUFC Share the Shade Award** in 1999.