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Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Election Results

(Sedgwick County) – The Sedgwick County Department on Aging and the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging would like to announce the newly elected 2005/2006 Kansas Silver Haired Legislature delegates for Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick County districts. Elections were held on March 16th at three local senior centers where constituents from five Sedgwick County districts voted for their Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) representative and one At Large representative. Butler and Harvey delegates ran uncontested.

Areas of interest ranged from health care, taxes, advocating for the rights of older adults, to access to affordable prescriptions, and services. All candidates were at least 60 years of age or older and resided in the district for which they filed.

“On behalf of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, we would like to offer congratulations to these individuals selected to represent their community as delegates for the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh.

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The following candidates will represent the tri-county Silver Haired Legislature:

<p>Sedgwick County- District 1 Betsy Kelly 1435 N. Westgate Wichita KS 67212 316-721-0170</p>	<p>Sedgwick County- District 2 Bruce Cloyd 220 Timberlan Ct. Haysville KS 67060 316-524-3438</p>	<p>Sedgwick County- District 3 Mary Threlfall Smith 1333 Minisa St. Wichita KS 67203 316-660-5229 appointed – no candidate filed in District 3</p>
<p>Sedgwick County- District 4 Mark Criner 2803 Fairmount St Wichita KS 67220 316-683-2273</p>	<p>Sedgwick County- District 5 Martha Durst 102 S. Oakforest rd. Derby KS 67037 316-788-5752</p>	<p>Sedgwick County- At Large</p>
<p>Harvey County Dorothy Zook 126 Roupp St. Box 922 Hesston, KS 67062 620-327-4606</p>	<p>Butler County Leland Read Elwell 11071 SW 15th st Towanda KS 67144 316-541-2389</p>	

Beginning in May the local Silver Haired Legislature delegates will begin to identify priority concerns of Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties' older adult residents. They will then work as local delegates to advocate for the priority issues, which are expressed by the tri-county. In October the entire Kansas Silver Haired Legislature will work together to develop bills and resolutions that are presented to the Kansas Legislature and the Governor as recommendations for state policy. If you have any comments or questions for your local delegate you may contact them at the number or address listed above.

The Sedgwick County Department on Aging and the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging are resources for older adults and caregivers looking for Assistance, Advocacy, and Answers on Aging. Please contact us at (316) 660-5120 or 800-367-7298 or www.sedgwickcounty.org for further assistance.

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