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## League Calendar

Oct 22 Sat	7:00 pm	<b>Land Use Committee meeting.</b> Lawrence Community Mercantile meeting room, 901 Iowa St.
Nov 3 Thurs	12-1:00 pm	<b>November Brown Bag Lunch.</b> Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St. (See announcement on p 10.)
Nov 9 Wed	7-8:30 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting.</b> Lawrence High School Library, 1901 Louisiana St. LWV L-DC members are welcome to attend!
Dec 4 Sun	3-6:00 pm	<b>Review of Land Use Position.</b> Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St.

## A Note from President Carrie Lindsey

The League has had an eventful autumn. Even without elections pending, the League of Women Voters stays busy. We registered voters at four locations on three different days last month. League members set up registration tables on Labor Day at the Living Wage Alliance's Annual Labor Day Picnic and, on September 11, at the Freedom Fair in South Park and at the September Project at the Lawrence Public Library. One of the library registrants was Judith Pettaway, an evacuee from New Orleans who now lives with family in Lawrence. Pettaway, who is retired, previously worked for the New Orleans Voter Register's office. Despite the upheaval in her life, she felt it was important to take time to reregister to vote. On September 16, the LWV L-DC joined with League members Johnson and Wyandotte counties to register brand new American citizens. More than 140 immigrants took oaths of citizenship at the Dole Center. Of those, 46 registered to vote. Marjorie Cole gives a report on page 2.

In addition, I signed, and Paula Schumacher addressed and stuffed, over 200 membership recruiting letters. The League can only stay strong and viable by increasing and recruiting new members. As we approach the holidays, consider League Memberships as gifts for those "hard to buy for" friends and relatives. You can attend events and volunteer together. Or in their absence, volunteer them for those activities you don't like to do yourself!

This month, I would like to offer special thanks to Aline Hoey, who organizes the Brown Bag Lunch events at the Lawrence Public Library. She graciously took on this activity and is doing a wonderful job.



*Next year's LWVK State Council meeting will be held in Lawrence in late April, 2006. Milton Scott is chairing the organizing committee for this event and he needs your help! If you would like to be involved in planning for the event, please contact Milton (842-9819 or miltons123@aol.com).*

## Notes on State League Day, September 24



About 70 attendees—League members, panelists, and guests—assembled at 9 am in the old Supreme Court chamber in the Kansas State House for a day of learning and discussion about mental health issues. Mental health is slated for a two-year statewide League study.

Among panelists and presenters were Dr. Roy Menninger, Chair of the Kansas Mental Health Coalition; Dr. Taylor Porter, Medical Director of Stormont-Vail West; Dr. Jane Adams, Director of Keys for Networking (Topeka) and member of President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health; and Dr. Bob Day, Director of Kansas Health Policy and Finance. Panels comprised mental health agency leaders, executives from related agencies and institutions, and mental health care consumers. The authoritative and informative presentations started with a history and taxonomy of mental health. With an additional wealth of information, League members came away with a better understanding of current operations and future prospects. The full program left no time, however, for reviewing next steps in the LWVK agenda, and these are to be decided later.

The conference made clear that mental illness is largely ignored by the general public and that much more care and support are needed. Moreover, there is little general awareness of how serious and widespread mental illness is. Speakers emphasized the following: 1) Mental illness is real and should be treated at parity with physical illness. 2) Individuals with brain disorders are stigmatized by and excluded from much of society. 3) Those with mental illness are often deterred from seeking treatment by this social stigma, as well as by inaccessibility of services. 4) Needs for diagnosis and care are growing, but, with more limited funds than ever, services and facilities are being cut. 5) Duration and quality of care are increasingly curtailed by lack of funds. 6) Special populations regularly overlooked are children, adolescents, homeless individuals, and correctional facility inmates. 7) Only a fraction of those in need are being treated. 8) Medicare and Medicaid provide the largest proportion of funding for mental health care. 9) The top ten medications in Medicare and Medicaid are for mental health. 10) There is great disparity in the availability of mental health resources between eastern and western Kansas. Given the likely financial stress in future legislative sessions, the outlook for bettering Kansas' mental health services is grim.

—Adapted from a summary by Bob Kruh, LWVK Board

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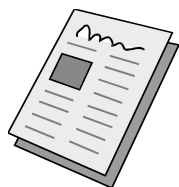
## League Registers Voters at Naturalization Ceremony

On September 17, more than 140 people from 54 different countries became United States citizens at the Dole Institute of Politics, in a moving Naturalization Ceremony. The sunlit flag stained glass window, the strains of *America the Beautiful* and *The Star Spangled Banner*, an address by Senator Sam Brownback, and the presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance made the occasion memorable.

After the ceremony, 46 new citizens registered to vote, assisted by members of the League from Lawrence-Douglas County, Johnson County, and Wyandotte County. Carrie Lindsey, Ruth Lichtwardt, Marguerite Lohrenz, Elinor Tourtellot, and Marjorie Cole represented Lawrence.

—Marjorie Cole

*If you would like to register voters at any of the monthly Naturalization Ceremonies in Kansas City, KS, please contact Carrie Lindsey (766-8561 or [carrieblindsey@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieblindsey@yahoo.com)).*



### **Do you have a contribution for The Voter?**

Send your article, announcement, or idea for a future item to Caleb Morse (842-7927 or [cmorse@ku.edu](mailto:cmorse@ku.edu)). All items should be received by the 10th of each month to ensure inclusion in the next newsletter.

## **LWV L-DC September Board Meeting in Brief**

**September 14, Lawrence High School Library.**

Present: Marjorie Cole, Carolyn Coleman, Jennifer Dropkin, Arla Jones, Carrie Lindsey, Caleb Morse, and Donna Swall.

After the agenda, minutes, and treasurer's report were approved, Carrie reported that Melinda Henderson and Paula Schumacher were attending the Taste of Lawrence dinner as League representatives. Members of the League had registered 15 new voters at the Labor Day and September 11 Freedom Fair and several League members will attend the Naturalization Ceremony in the Dole Institute on September 16 to register new voters. Carrie reminded the board of State League Day, which will focus on Mental Health.

Arla, Chair of the Membership Committee, now has materials to send out to new League members. There was discussion of the need to develop criteria for scholarships. Caleb volunteered to draft a policy for consideration at the October meeting.

A motion was passed to send a letter to civics teachers in Lawrence and Baldwin offering them the League newsletter and including membership forms. Arla and Carrie will write the letter.

Carrie distributed a detailed list of possible sites for the 2006 State Council prepared by Milton Scott. It was suggested that the Eldridge House be added. Some funding will come from the State.

Old business included a report of good attendance at the August 25 Brown Bag Lunch. Jamie Shew will make a presentation at the next Lunch on September 29.

Carrie reported that Kay Hale had met with Bill Lacey of Dole Institute, who thought the film, *Call It Democracy*, would be inappropriate for a Dole Center presentation. There was some discussion of other possible sites. The Board approved a motion to preview the film, inviting Bill Lacey to attend.

New business included the announcement that National Public Radio special correspondent Susan Stamberg will be appearing at a lunch and a lecture at the Ritz-Charles, 9000 West 37th, Overland Park, on October 20. League members will receive a flyer by e-mail.

An open meeting for all League members will be held to review the Land Use position. Carrie will get back to us with a date and place.

Carrie reported that Laura Green has asked for League support on a city law banning possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Lawrence. If there was such a law, these could be tried by the city as misdemeanors. Caleb will research whether the League has a position on this subject and what has been previously done and will report at the next board meeting.

Caleb asked that the League reaffirm its commitment to provide childcare at Board Meetings. Carrie will document this League policy.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, at the Lawrence High School Library.

— Marjorie Cole, LWV L-DC Secretary



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## **LWV L-DC Land Use Committee Reports**

**August 20.** The LUC met in the Community Mercantile meeting room. Discussion included some general, recurring issues: the need for planned unit developments which include commonly owned land to provide for homeowners' maintenance associations; the need for consideration of appearance at gateways into Lawrence, such as the eastern gateway on K-10; the continued proliferation of randomly platted subdivisions in Lawrence's urban growth area (UGA) and their negative effect on future urbanization; problems created by incremental development without proper neighborhood planning into which new developments can fit; and lack of precise wording in text amendments. The Committee sent three letters to the Planning Commission (PC):



The first letter referred to three properties in the UGA for which the owners had requested rezoning from A (Agriculture) to A-1 (Suburban Residential), but that did not meet any of the criteria for locating suburban developments. The staff recommended approval for all three of these rezonings. These also would require being platted as subdivisions. We continued to object to random developments in the UGA, because they may ultimately prevent the areas from being annexed and properly integrated into the city. We suggested placing a moratorium on such development until the city can adopt a method to properly develop them in a way that will allow them to be integrated as future urban areas. The committee suggested that—at the very least—until proper planning can be carried out, approval of such subdivisions should follow criteria already in *Horizon 2020*, that they be contiguous with existing platted subdivisions, and that the term *contiguous* continue to mean *touching*.

The second letter, sent in reference to the Doolittle Subdivision, was also a general appeal to plan as a neighborhood the section north of 6th Street between Kasold Dr, Peterson Rd, and Folks Rd. This section has been almost completely developed without internal public park space. The LUC noted that the area residents suggested that convenient access to an elementary school is lacking.

The third letter recommended rewording a proposed text amendment that would allow developers of public uses to submit large-lot preliminary and final plats concurrently, provided storm drainage is to be accommodated. We requested the term *public* be defined as *publicly owned*. The PC made this change.

**September 24.** Discussion centered on items of concern in the PC agenda, but three letters sent to the PC involved important general issues. The first letter was on proposed amendments to *Horizon 2020* Chapter 8—Transportation. A draft chapter had been sent back after public hearing last May for the Committee to consider suggested changes. We had submitted comments at the May meeting and the Committee made changes incorporating a number of our suggestions. We still had some concerns regarding the wording of text allowing access onto arterials from local streets and driveways and on the definition of *residential collector* streets, which required clarification. We submitted a letter on these remaining issues. The PC made some modifications to Chapter 8 in response to this letter.

The second letter concerned a Miscellaneous Item that had been returned by the County Commission for reconsideration. The item was a requested change in county zoning from A (Agriculture) to B-2 (General Business) for 34+ acres on the southeast corner of the intersection of Highways 59 and 56. The staff recommendation had been for approval, but the PC originally had recommended unanimously denying the rezoning request because of the amount of area involved and other uncertainties. The County Commission looked upon the rezoning favorably, primarily based on the staff report. Because of the unanimous recommendation to deny by the PC, however, Kansas statute required that the County Commission to refer the item back to them for reconsideration. Our letter regarded the general issue of interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan. Planning staff had been very selective when it first interpreted *Horizon 2020* to indicate positive conformance of this zoning request to the Comprehensive Plan. This was of concern to the LUC, because staff interpretations of *Horizon 2020* create precedents. In this case, by ignoring size limits on commercial development established in *Horizon 2020*, the staff ran the risk of eliminating altogether the guides on county commercial size limits in our Comprehensive Plan.

The third letter concerned proposed amendments to *Horizon 2020*, Chapter 9—Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. We asked for three changes: (a) inclusion of mini parks, (b) more centrally located neighborhood parks, and (c) some clarification in terminology. The proposed Chapter 9 uses *natural areas* as a general term, meaning all environmental features to be preserved. In *Horizon 2020* Appendix: Background Studies, however, the term is used very specifically to mean historically unaltered environmental types such as unplowed prairie, virgin riparian forests, and other relatively pristine areas that contain native species, some of which may be endangered. When used in a general sense, as is proposed for Chapter 9, the term allows no distinction between areas that could be harmed by being used as buffers between incompatible land uses and those that would not. We asked that the use of the term *natural areas* be restricted to the sense in which it is employed in the Appendix. The PC modified the wording for mini parks but made no other changes.

## LWV L-DC Observer Reports

### Lawrence Public Library Board.

**September 19.** All the fiction has been moved upstairs; foreign language books following genre books (mystery, science fiction, etc.).

Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation funded a full page advertisement promoting the library's website that appeared September 11 in the *Lawrence Journal-World*. Library Director Bruce Flanders proposed a line for advertising in the budget for 2007. Kan-Ed gave \$3000 for internet bandwidth expansion. W. C. Pearson Education gave \$2500 for young adult materials. \$150,000 is available in the development fund to improve computer resources.

The Chamber of Commerce's *Talk of the Town* Series will sponsor a public meeting Tuesday, September 20, with Flanders and consultant Jeff Scherer. In the lifetime of the present library, the city's population has doubled but the library has not expanded. The children's and young adult departments are especially constrained; there is great need for more meeting

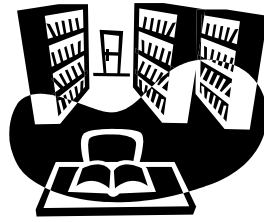
space; and parking will be a major issue. Flanders will show pictures of model libraries from other cities. The library will hold a series of open meetings to solicit public input.

The Library Board plans to meet with the City Commission to discuss possible expansion plans. Board member John Nalbandian suggested that representatives from both the City Commission and the County Commission attend the public

meetings to consider issues of the larger community and the environment. Craig Penzler suggested interested contractors could participate. Mary Burchill suggested especially inviting neighboring businesses and residents. Jill Fincher suggested filming the public meetings.

Ron Schorr, from the Friends of the Library, asked for ideas to raise advertising funds for the library book sales, perhaps asking businesses to buy just a few inches of a large ad. Nalbandian suggested approaching used book dealers and others who benefit from the book sales.

— Mary Michener, *League Observer*



### Lawrence Memorial Hospital Board of

**Trustees.** *Instead of holding a meeting in July, the board had a luncheon with the city commissioners.*

**August 17.** The consent agenda included separate minutes from a June 15 Board of Trustees meeting held from 7:30–9 am. That was just before the Board of Trustees meeting that I attended which began at 9 am. The minutes state that after an executive session, the Board approved an increase of CEO Gene Meyer's base salary to \$268,000 in open session.

The new crisis stabilization service for mental health patients who come to the emergency room served 15 patients between August 4 and August 15. Thirteen of them were transferred to inpatient facilities at other hospitals after they were stabilized.

The hospitalist program is going so well that they're looking for a third doctor.

Moody's analysis of LMH for bond rating was not on the agenda. This process began last autumn. The June finance committee minutes said that Moody's analysts were presenting their rating of LMH to their committee on June 16.

**September 21.** Bob Schulte was recognized for 10 years of service on the LMH Board. The City Commission has yet to name his replacement.

The Moody's rating analysis was not on the agenda.

As of August 31, financials on the consent agenda show net losses for the following LMH operations: Lawrence Ob/Gyn Specialists, Mt. Oread Family Practice, Eudora Family Care, Family Medicine of Tonganoxie, Family Medicine of Baldwin, Lawrence Neurology Specialists, Mental Health Consultation Services. LMH Health Plaza and LMH South show net profits.



LMH, the Kansas Insurance Commission, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas are beginning discussion of a plan for uninsured patients.

Demolition of the 1969 wing of the hospital will begin in October. Also in October LMH will begin a fund raising campaign. They plan to raise \$35 million to make all the patient rooms private and to build 6 birthing rooms, some new operating rooms, and a new emergency department. LMH

has sent requests for proposals to 3 architecture firms that have experience with hospital design.

Dana Hale, Vice President of Nursing, reported that the crisis stabilization center in the emergency department is mostly used for suicidal patients. The average stay is in the range between 4.6 and 5.5 hours.

—Carolyn Coleman, *League Observer*

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**Observers Always Needed ...** *Informed participation in government is the goal of the League.*

*Observers attend meetings of local governmental agencies, listen and observe (but do not participate), and inform League membership of local government activities. Being an observer involves only as much time as you are willing to give. You do not need to commit to attend every meeting of a group. Right now observers are needed especially for Parks and Recreation, the County Commission, the Planning Commission and the Housing Authority. If you would like to learn more, contact Marjorie Cole (842-6085 or nobledog@aol.com).*



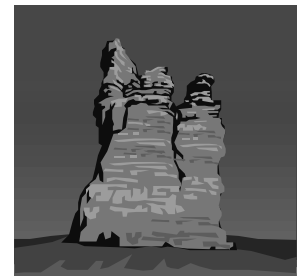
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**League Member honored.** League member Tensi Oldfather was honored on September 28 as a recipient of CornerBank's "Community Cornerstone Award," which recognizes volunteers dedicated to serving people and enhancing the quality of life in Douglas County. Tensie was honored for many years of service to the community, as a founder of both the Children's Hour and the Douglas County Community Foundation, a member of the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center Board, and a prominent supporter of the arts in Lawrence. Of course, Tensie has also been a longtime member of the League, serving as president from 1967–1969. CornerBank donates \$100 to the non-profit organization of the recipient's choice. Tensie selected Bert Nash. She is the *seventh* League member honored with this award. Congratulations, Tensie, and thanks for all you do for our community!

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## LWK News

September 14. When the legislature convenes in January, a bill introduced last year will receive considerable attention. That bill, known as the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR), will move decisions on tax increases from the legislature to the citizens. In essence, the bill would require a vote of the people before enacting any tax increase that would exceed the rate of inflation plus the population growth. The bill must first pass the House and the Senate by 2/3 majorities. If passed, a constitutional amendment would be placed on the November 2006 ballot (or perhaps earlier in a special election) for registered voters to approve or reject. States that have enacted TABOR are beginning to feel the negative effects of limited spending and Colorado is expected to have a ballot initiative to put a 5-year moratorium on TABOR so the state can recover from a fiscal crisis. I urge each of you to read more about the effects of TABOR by going to the Kansas Action for Children website ([www.kac.org](http://www.kac.org)), where you will find a detailed analysis of the detrimental effects in Colorado and potential problems it could create for Kansas governmental services, if enacted.



Our next State Board meeting is October 15 at the State League office in Topeka. I encourage you to contact any Board member if there are issues you would like us to discuss. As always, any member is welcome to attend the meeting.

—Janis McMillen, *LWK President*

## LWVUS News

**September 29.** The League of Women Voters of the United States today expressed “disappointment” in the recommendations of the private Commission on Federal Election Reform released this morning in Washington, D.C. “We had hoped for better,” said Kay J. Maxwell, League President. “Instead of a set of well-reasoned, progressive ideas, the recommendations are a grab bag of recycled proposals.”



The Commission on Federal Election Reform was chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker, and included many distinguished citizens. “While it is a good commission,” said Maxwell, “the recommendations miss the mark. We need to focus on the real needs in election reform,” Maxwell said.

“We need better elections management,” according to Maxwell, “and that means we need to build better institutional arrangements. We need to professionalize management. We need to instill a service focus into elections. We need to ramp up research and development on voting technologies and processes. And we need more federal and state resources and steady funding for elections in this country,” stated Maxwell.

“We don’t need another long list of 87 detailed changes just when election officials are working hard to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA),” Maxwell said. “We need stricter enforcement of existing election laws, not a hodge-podge of old proposals. We certainly don’t need proposals that will make it harder for eligible citizens to vote,” concluded Maxwell.

Last month the League issued a new report – *Next Steps on Election Reform* – that explores issues central to reforming our election system and implementing the Help America Vote Act. You can download the report at [http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Voter\\_Information2-&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=41&ContentID=1954](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Voter_Information2-&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=41&ContentID=1954)

**September 1.** LWVUS President Maxwell wrote an op-ed piece about Women’s Equality Day, which ran in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on August 28. Read it at <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2496>.

**August 26.** LWVUS has launched its new Web site! You can visit the new, improved, user-friendly site at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). The first time you visit the new Web site, you will need to register with the League and set up your account information. It’s a simple, three-step process:

[1] *Register* at <http://www.lwv.org/PreRegister/>  
You will be asked for your first name, last name, e-mail address, and member ID number. You can find your member ID number on the mailing label of your copy of the *National Voter* magazine. In the example to the right, “1234756” (the number between #0 and 9#) is the member ID number.

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## ***Brown Bag Lunches in August and September***

**August 25.** Pat Gaunce spoke to 13 League members. Gaunce has worked in libraries in Kansas City, Kansas, for 45 years and for 20 years has lobbied on school and public library issues, serving as the Kansas Library Association's (KLA's) Governmental Affairs Chair for 2004-05. Gaunce, who describes herself as a "non-political, political person," served as the Sebelius gubernatorial campaign chair for Wyandotte County and later as a transition team leader for the Sebelius administration. She told us of some of her experiences as the transition team chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

In addition to her recent service to the Governor and her years of lobbying Kansas legislators on behalf of libraries, Gaunce also teaches other librarians how to become more effective advocates at the local and state levels. She emphasizes the importance of identifying champions for library issues in elective office; she passed out a worksheet that helps library staff identify these people in their community. KLA, for its part, has lobbied the Legislature on a wide range of bills. Some of these directly affect libraries. For instance, KLA supported HB 2013, which would allow libraries to protect patron information, including both reader and donor records, but opposed HB 2353, which would require libraries to install internet filtering devices in order to be eligible to receive some state grant monies. Interestingly, KLA routinely takes positions on bills that do not directly affect libraries. For instance, Gaunce spoke in support of HB 2026, which would fund "smart start" early childhood education programs across the state.

One common misconception is that public libraries can meet the needs of school districts as funding is cut to school libraries and their staff. Gaunce handed out a paper, published by KLA as part of its effort to educate elected officials on library issues, defining some of the important differences between school and public libraries. School libraries serve children and their teachers. They build collections that support instructional needs, complement course work, and support the teaching of reading. School libraries are staffed by licensed teachers with specialized training in use of media. Public libraries have a much broader mission and serve a wider range of clientele. They must meet the needs of the entire community. Public libraries, by and large, are not staffed by licensed teachers and their holdings are not tailored to the needs of educators. Frequently, public libraries cannot meet the special instructional needs of schools.

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**September 29.** Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew spoke to 8 League members. Shew began by describing the diverse array of responsibilities that fall to the Clerk's Office. These run the gamut of County operations and include maintaining tax rolls and ownership lists; handling accounts payable and the County payroll; keeping copies of electrical, building, and plumbing codes; gathering signatures and seals of all County officials; and selling and tracking licenses for transient merchants, and parks, hunting and fishing, and boating permits. Innovations in technology—mostly in the way of databases—are changing significantly how some of these responsibilities are carried out. Shew described current efforts to increase the efficiency, accessibility, and responsiveness of the Clerk's Office. Office staff are improving systems of management, retention, and preservation of documents; standardizing operating procedures; and defining and documenting employee roles.

With 74,000 registered voters, Douglas County ranks 5th in the state. However, where the average county clerk's office has a staffing ratio of 1 staff member to 12,000 voters, we rank low at 1:24,000. Shew recently received approval to hire one new staff member, bringing Douglas County a little closer to the state average. The Clerk's Office is currently rebuilding the election process from the ground up, a project that Shew anticipates will take several years to complete. Projects include correcting various errors in the database, improving poll worker recruitment, training, pay, and recognition programs; and reviewing polling places for access and ease of use and other election day issues.

The HAVA-mandated, statewide Election Voter Info System (ELVIS) went live that very day. ELVIS allows more efficient communication between County Clerks, streamlining information flow

about newly registered voters, as well as other information that affects voter registration records, including vital statistics, drivers licenses, and department of corrections records. HAVA makes other significant requirements, of course, including voter verification procedures, electronic voting capabilities, accessible voting places where disabled voters may cast a secret ballot, and "2nd chance" voting. The Clerk's Office is investigating different kinds of electronic voting machines and methods of ensuring 2nd chance voting (including precinct-level ballot scanners). Shew reaffirmed his commitment to using only electronic equipment that provides a Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). He plans to hold town meetings on some of these topics, perhaps with a kind of vendor fair, where voters can come and try out different electronic systems for themselves and help in deciding which is best for Douglas County.

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### **League Membership Info: Join or Renew Today!**

Dues for LWV Lawrence-Douglas County are \$40 for a single membership and \$60 for a household membership (two members sharing one mailing address). Joining at the local level automatically makes you a member of State and National Leagues. Dues are used to cover our per-member-payments to LWV Kansas and LWV United States. Money we raise ourselves covers all local expenses. The League year begins April 1 and ends March 31. To make sure your membership is up to date, check the address label on the back of *The Voter*. The date listed above your name is the date through which your membership dues have been paid. (If you have recently renewed, but your label does not show it, don't worry! We are in the process of updating all memberships prior to publication of the annual roster and will correct any errors within a couple of weeks.)

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