

County-By-County Visits and Accomplishments

When I was sworn into Congress, I knew that my top priority must be to stay in touch with constituents. Only by hearing about the day-to-day concerns of Kansans could I hope to avoid "going Washington." In 2007 I worked to stay in touch with Kansas by returning home nearly every weekend, participating in about 300 public events, and hosting 31 *Congress on Your Corners* throughout the Kansas Second District.

Allen County

In the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, Allen County secured two appropriations at my request: \$492,200 for wastewater infrastructure and \$96,285 for improvements to the public library. In my visits to Allen County in 2007, I had the privilege of speaking at Memorial Day services in La Harpe and Iola, and I joined Angel Food Ministries for a food drive at Haldex Manufacturing (pictured below).



07/05/07 - Iola Community Involvement Task Force THRIVE Tour, Iola City Hall

05/28/07 - La Harpe Memorial Day Service, La Harpe Cemetery

05/28/07 - Iola Memorial Day Service, Iola Cemetery

03/24/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Bonnie's Corner Cafe, Gas

03/24/07 - Eggs and Issues, Greenery Restaurant

01/20/07 - Retired Military Personnel Group Meeting, Greenery Restaurant

01/20/07 - Angel Food Ministries, Haldex Manufacturing

Anderson County

In early April, I toured several independent farms in Anderson County to learn more about agricultural issues affecting the region. These events were part of a series of roundtables with farmers and ranchers across Kansas, and they provided critical input as the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture began our discussion about reauthorizing the Farm Bill.

04/11/07 - Rural Development Discussion, Malone's, Garnett

04/11/07 - Pracht Farm Tour

04/11/07 - Farm Bill Roundtable, Town Hall Center, Garnett

04/11/07 - East Kansas Agri-Energy Ethanol Plant Tour, Golden Prairie Industrial Park

Atchison County

In my visits to Atchison in 2007, I hosted a Congress on Your Corner, met with city and county officials, and toured the Atchison Casting Corporation (pictured at right). I was pleased to work with the Atchison County Sheriff's Department to request \$94,000 for public safety equipment from the U.S. House Appropriations Committee. The funds were included in the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which passed Congress in December.



- 10/09/07 - Atchison Casting Corporation Tour
- 06/03/07 - Veterans of Foreign Wars Family Appreciation Picnic, Potter
- 05/31/07 - Meeting with Atchison Public Officials
- 05/31/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Atchison Heritage Conference Center
- 05/31/07 - Atchison Rotary Club #430

Bourbon County

Because Bourbon County is mostly rural, its residents face unique issues regarding their access to high-quality health care. To explore health care needs in Bourbon County, I joined representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to host a forum at the Buck Run Community Center in Fort Scott. Together, we listened to ideas from local seniors and offered suggestions on how to make the most of their Medicare benefits.

- 11/28/07 - Medicare Enrollment Forum, Buck Run Community Center, Fort Scott
- 05/28/07 - National Moment of Remembrance, Fort Scott Historical Site
- 01/20/07 - VFW District Two Winter Meeting, VFW Post 1165, Fort Scott

Brown County

The success of Brown County depends on the strength of the highways connecting it to other towns and communities across Kansas. One major highway area highway is K-20, and at my request, the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included \$245,000 to improve K-20 in Brown County. I firmly believe that improvements to K-20 offer great potential to strengthen the local economy.

- 05/12/07 - Plum Creek Landowners Meeting, Fairview United Church of Christ
- 04/07/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha

Cherokee County

In the early 20th century, Cherokee County was known far and wide as the world's leading producer of lead and zinc ore. The last mining operations stopped in 1970, but the effects of over 60 years of mining can be seen for miles around in the form of mountains of milling waste. Below these mountains and in surrounding areas are enormous holes and hidden shafts that represent a daily threat to the safety of area Treece residents. Together with Sen. Pat Roberts, I introduced legislation last year that would authorize \$6 million for a voluntary federal buyout of certain properties and the relocation of residents of Treece.

11/28/07 - Medicare Enrollment Forum, Columbus Community Center

03/31/07 - Treece Environmental Forum, Picher City Hall

02/10/07 - Meeting with City Officials and Tour of Superfund Sites, Galena City Hall

Coffey County

As America's debate on our national energy policy intensifies, we are increasingly looking to non-fossil-fuel sources of energy, such as nuclear power. In July, I hosted a Congress on Your Corner event at Coffey County Hospital, where area residents shared their views on the nearby Wolf Creek nuclear facility and discussed the possibility of opening a second nuclear plant nearby.

08/15/07 - Visit to Wolf Creek Generating Station, Burlington

07/14/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Coffey County Hospital, Burlington

Crawford County

Pittsburg State University is one of the best-kept secrets Kansas: a remarkable four-year school that is producing skilled leaders in science, technology, and engineering. At the



university's request, I secured \$263,310 in late 2007 to support the school's efforts at the Pittsburg State University Technology Center. The same appropriations bill included \$980,000 for improvements to U.S. 69 in Pittsburg. Pittsburg is also home to one of my three Congressional offices. In the picture at left, I joined over a hundred southeast Kansas residents to officially open my Pittsburg District Office.

11/10/07 - Gift of Freedom Veterans Appreciation Program, Franklin Community Center

10/27/07 - Pittsburg State University Homecoming Tailgating and Game

09/13/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Cornerstone Village, Pittsburg

04/02/07 - Tour of Pittsburg State University Campus

04/02/07 - Tour of Pitsco Facility, Pittsburg

04/02/07 - Tour of Eagle Picher Facility, Pittsburg

04/02/07 - Tour of Discovery Program Facility, Pittsburg

Crawford County (continued)

04/02/07 - Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

04/01/07 - Congress on Your Corner Town Hall, Pittsburg State University

04/01/07 - All-Star Basket Ball Tournament, St. Mary's-Colgan High School, Pittsburg

02/22/07 - Videoconference with Southeast Kansas School Superintendents, Greenbush Education Service Center, Girard

02/10/07 - Tour of Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Pittsburg

02/10/07 - Pittsburg District Office Open House, Rep. Boyda's Pittsburg District Office

02/10/07 - Meeting with Pittsburg City Officials, Pittsburg City Hall

Doniphan County



For over a decade now, I have participated in the annual Biking Across Kansas ride, a week-long bicycle tour of our beautiful state. This year, I couldn't join the ride due to my Congressional duties, but I was thrilled to help celebrate the end of the journey in Doniphan County in northeastern Kansas. Participants had biked from the Colorado border through Troy, Centralia, Clay Center, and Lincoln on their way to the finish line in Elwood.

08/31/07 - Dedication of Wathena Historic Garden

06/16/07 - Bike Across Kansas Kickoff, Elwood Park, Elwood

05/31/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Troy Community Center, Troy

Douglas County

Douglas County received essential new funding from several appropriations I requested in 2007, including \$414,000 for high throughput screening at the University of Kansas, \$2.8 million for Army Corps of Engineers projects at Clinton Lake, \$94,000 for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, and \$61,100 for the Lawrence Police Department. I visited Douglas County frequently to learn about research at KU, to speak with the Chamber of Commerce, and to attend community events. In the picture at the right, I joined Provost Richard Lariviere to tour the new Structural Biology Center and discuss KU's investments in infrastructure.



Douglas County (*continued*)

12/02/07 - 83rd Annual Holiday Vespers, Lied Center
11/17/07 - 30th Annual Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger, 4-H Fairgrounds
11/04/07 - Blintz Brunch, Lawrence Jewish Community Center
10/26/07 - Tour of Structural Biology Center, University of Kansas
10/21/07 - An Evening with Congressman John Lewis, Lied Center
09/11/07 - 9/11 Memorial Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Service, University of Kansas
08/16/07 - Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, Lawrence Arts Center
08/16/07 - A Community of Hope Rebuilds, Greensburg Film Screening, Liberty Hall
08/11/07 - Midland Railway Historical Society 20th Anniversary, Baldwin City
07/07/07 - 100th Birthday Celebration for Charles Doudna, Baker University
07/03/07 - Military Officers Association of America Dinner, Lawrence Country Club
06/23/07 - Meet the Chatauquan Lunch, Three Sisters Inn, Baldwin City
06/23/07 - Lecompton Constitution 150th Anniversary, Lecompton Territorial Museum
05/30/07 - IdentiGEN North American Grand Opening
05/30/07 - American Chemical Society Competitiveness Forum, Dole Institute of Politics
04/09/07 - 21st Annual Pioneer Celebration of Bert Nash, Maceli's
04/05/07 - No Child Left Behind Public Meeting, Lawrence School District Office
02/23/07 - KU School of Pharmacy Dean's Club, Dole Institute of Politics
01/27/07 - Dole Institute of Politics Legislative Reception, Dole Institute of Politics
01/22/07 - VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic Ribbon Cutting

Franklin County

Franklin County is the fifth fastest-growing county in Kansas. As the county evolves to support its rapidly rising population, it needs the help of both the federal and state governments. At my request, the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included a \$294,000 earmark for the Ottawa Industrial Park, which will strengthen the local economy and provide a foundation for future growth.

11/30/07 - Williamsburg Community Library Tour
11/20/07 - Medicare Enrollment Forum, Ottawa Middle School
11/20/07 - East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation Annual Dinner, Ottawa High School
10/26/07 - Visitation for SPC Micheal Dean Brown, Dengel & Son Mortuary, Ottawa
07/07/07 - The Davidson Family Project, Williamsburg Park
06/02/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Potter's Wheel Coffee House, Ottawa

Geary County

Geary County hosts much of Fort Riley, a rapidly growing military base that serves a critical role in the war on terror. In 2007, I was a leading advocate in Washington for restoring Base Realignment and Closure funding cut by the previous Congress, and I requested and received earmarked appropriations of \$1.9 million for the new Military Working Dog Facility at Fort Riley. I also toured the base several times to visit new MILCON projects and learn about Fort Riley's strategic needs.

Geary County *(continued)*



08/21/07 - Visit to Ware Elementary, Fort Riley

08/21/07 - Congressional Briefings at Fort Riley

04/04/07 - Old Trooper Regiment, Inc. Staffer's Day Banquet, Junction City

03/10/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Fort Riley Post Exchange

02/23/07 - Tour of Irwin Army Hospital, Fort Riley

02/23/07 - 10th Engineer Deployment Ceremony, King Field House, Fort Riley

Jackson County

In late July, Jackson County Conservation District board members and staff provided me with a brief and helpful overview of their "filter strip" program and their desire to allow "incidental grazing" on fields adjacent to the grassland filters during the dormant season. They then took me out to the land of a local producer,

Leroy Recheck, to show me this conservation tool in practice. Shown here is a beautiful picture of us all at the site – just before the storm looming on the horizon hit and we had to jump back in our trucks!

While I have not yet been able to get the legislative changes they seek enacted, I will continue to work on the issue in this coming year alongside Rep. Jerry Moran.



Jackson County (*continued*)

07/23/07 - Jackson County Conservation District Tour, Holton
05/25/07 - Holton Sesquicentennial Celebration Glory Days Hamburger Feed
05/12/07 - State Association of Kansas Watersheds Meeting and Tour
05/12/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Buzzard's Pizza, Holton

Jefferson County

In early April, I toured several independent farms in Jefferson County to hear about the problems facing Kansas farmers and ranchers today. Afterward, I joined a group of agriculture producers for a roundtable discussion the local American Legion. Their input would later prove invaluable in the U.S. House Agriculture Committee's debates on reauthorizing the Farm Bill.

04/09/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Oskaloosa Public Library
04/09/07 - O'Trimble Farm Tour
04/09/07 - Nickels Farm Tour
04/09/07 - Farm Bill Roundtable, American Legion Post 225

Labette County

When the Army announced its plans to close the Parsons Army Ammunition Plant, Labette County faced the prospect of a crippling economic loss. Beginning before I was sworn into office, I met with community leaders to hear their ideas for limiting the damage. I have lobbied the Army to provide Parsons with a list of equipment that will remain with the community for the future, and I continue to work with the Office of Economic Adjustment to secure new funds. My other efforts on behalf of Labette County included a \$70,500 earmark for the Parsons Police Department to purchase public safety equipment, as well as a Congress on Your Corner event at the Parsons Recreation Center (pictured at right).



10/06/07 - 3rd District Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Meetings, Parsons
07/06/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Oswego
07/06/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Chetopa
07/06/07 - Public Meeting with Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army
07/06/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Parsons Recreation Center
07/06/07 - Kansas Army Ammunition Plant Tour, Parsons
05/26/07 - Mound Valley Monument Dedication, Mound Valley Cemetery
05/26/07 - Katy Days Bluebonnet Banquet, Parsons
04/02/07 - Meeting with Kansas Hospital Association, Labette County Medical Center

Leavenworth County

Leavenworth County secured critical federal funding from several appropriations I requested in 2007, including \$70,500 for public safety equipment for the Leavenworth Police Department and \$95,302 in matching funds for the proposed Kansas Regional Prison Museum in Lansing. The 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill also provided significant financial support to Fort Leavenworth, including \$55 million for the construction of a new barracks complex, \$11.6 million for the first phase of construction of a new chapel, and \$2.4 million for Parents as Teachers Heroes at Home. I visited Leavenworth County numerous times in 2007, including one visit (pictured at right) with Rep. Dennis Moore to tour the U.S. federal penitentiary.



- 12/15/07 - Remarks to the Kansas State Prison for Men Banquet
- 12/15/07 - Holiday Reception with Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, Fort Leavenworth
- 11/12/07 - Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade
- 08/13/07 - Northrop Grumman Visit, Leavenworth
- 08/13/07 - MPRI Visit, Leavenworth
- 08/13/07 - Lewis and Clark Center Dedication Ceremony and Lunch, Fort Leavenworth
- 08/13/07 - Cubic Applications, Inc. Visit, Leavenworth
- 08/13/07 - Community Leaders Breakfast, Riverfront Community Center
- 08/13/07 - Booz-Allen-Hamilton Visit, Leavenworth
- 08/12/07 - Lewis and Clark Center Reception, Fort Leavenworth
- 08/10/07 - Visit with Leavenworth Veterans Service Officers, Eisenhower VA Hospital
- 08/10/07 - Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Council Meeting, Leavenworth
- 08/10/07 - Congressional Briefings at Fort Leavenworth
- 07/13/07 - Welcome Dinner for Gen. Caldwell, Leavenworth Country Club
- 07/03/07 - Tour of Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary
- 07/03/07 - Press Conference on Federal Prison Funding, Riverfront Community Center
- 05/04/07 - First Missionary Baptist Church 150th Anniversary Celebration, Leavenworth
- 02/24/07 - A Taste of Leavenworth, First City Museum
- 02/21/07 - Military Hall of Fame Distinguished Graduates Ceremony
- 02/21/07 - Meeting with Leavenworth-Lansing Chamber of Commerce
- 02/21/07 - Lunch with Fort Leavenworth Representatives, Eisenhower Hall
- 02/21/07 - Fort Leavenworth Information Exchange, Combined Arms Library
- 02/21/07 - Fort Leavenworth Briefing, Combined Arms Library
- 02/12/07 - Fort Leavenworth International Flag Ceremony, Fort Leavenworth

Linn County

In June, shortly after Linn County suffered severe flooding and shortly before the county was declared a federal disaster area, I hosted a Congress on Your Corner event in Pleasanton. I was joined by staffers from my office who had extensive expertise in the federal disaster relief system, and together we offered area residents advice on navigating the disaster relief process.

11/21/07 - Funeral Services for Sergeant Jeffery S. Mersman of Parker, Kansas

06/30/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Austin's Cafe, Pleasanton

Miami County



The 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included a \$94,000 earmark for Miami County public safety equipment that I requested on behalf of the local sheriff's department. To hear about other community needs and concerns, I visited the Paola Community Center in mid-August (pictured at left), where I spoke with community members about legislative issues and offered assistance in resolving their problems with federal agencies.

11/20/07 - Visitation for Sergeant Jeffery S. Mersman of Parker, Kansas

08/18/07 - Paola Congress on Your Corner, Paola Community Center

07/21/07 - Meeting with City Officials and Tour of Flooding, Osawatomie High School

07/02/07 - Aerial Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Osawatomie

Nemaha County

In late September, my staff and I hosted a Congress on Your Corner at Wetmore City Hall (pictured at right). I met one-on-one with constituents to discuss their legislative concerns, answer questions about the issues before Congress, and offer assistance with federal agencies. It was my second Congress on Your Corner in Nemaha County in 2007; I had previously hosted a similar event at the Goff Community Center.



09/22/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Wetmore City Hall

07/29/07 - Nemaha County Fair, Seneca

07/02/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Goff Community Center

Neosho County

Neosho County Community College is a leading educator of Kansans who want to work in the biofuels industry. To support the college's efforts, I asked the House Agriculture Committee to insert into the new Farm Bill a provision to create a new National Rural Information Program. The program will provide grants to help rural community colleges develop alternative energy programs. As the debate on the new Farm Bill continues in Congress, I will fight to ensure that this innovative program is funded.

07/14/07 - Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Day, American Legion, Erie
07/05/07 - SE Kansas Regional Planning Commission Meeting, Chanute Country Club
07/02/07 - Aerial and Ground Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Chanute
05/05/07 - Neosho County Community College 70th Anniversary, Chanute
04/03/07 - Tour of Westhoff Interiors, St. Paul
04/03/07 - St. Paul Economic Development Tour, St. Paul City Hall
04/03/07 - Meeting with Chanute and NCCC Officials, Chanute City Hall
04/03/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Grain Bin Restaurant, Chanute

Osage County

Even before I was sworn into office, I knew that my top priority must be to stay in touch with constituents. Only by hearing about the day-to-day concerns of Kansans can I hope to avoid "going Washington." That's why I decided to launch a series of town halls called "Congress on Your Corner," and in February, my staff and I hosted the first-ever Congress on Your Corner at the Copper Oven in Osage County.

08/11/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Overbrook
07/04/07 - Overbrook Gas and Convenience Station Grand Opening
07/01/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Quememo
02/24/07 - Osage City Congress on Your Corner, Copper Oven

Pottawatomie County

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, I met with Pottawatomie County officials to discuss their concerns regarding the effects of Fort Riley's growth on their infrastructure, land use, and work force. Specific concerns they raised included the need for upgrades to the Highway 24 corridor and Green Valley Road, the need for expanded public transit, and needs at libraries and the jail. Importantly, Pottawatomie County, in partnership with surrounding counties, is taking a proactive approach to addressing potential concerns – a process that will result in a comprehensive Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan. I will work to make sure that the federal government continues its involvement in this process and steps up to assist Flint Hill counties and communities in its implementation.

11/27/07 - Meeting with Pottawatomie County Commissioners, Westmoreland
11/27/07 - Medicare Enrollment Forum, Onaga Senior Center
08/14/07 - Visit to Jeffrey Energy Plant, St. Marys
07/04/07 - Wamego's 136th Annual Independence Day, Wamego
06/01/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Columbian Theater, Wamego

Riley County

Riley County is anchored by two of the most significant institutions in the Kansas Second District: Kansas State University and Fort Riley. Since I was sworn into office last January, I have fought hard to support these remarkable organizations. For K-State, I secured \$500,000 for the Leadership for Leaders Program, as well as an additional \$2.3 million for research programs. For Fort Riley, I was a leading advocate in Congress to restore BRAC funding cut by the previous Congress, and I secured \$1.9 million for the new Military Working Dog Facility. Other appropriations successes for Riley County include \$1.4 million for runway improvements at the Manhattan Airport and \$134,808 for a levee study. I visited Riley County numerous times, including a late August tour of Manhattan's Nanoscale Corporation (pictured at right) to learn more about their work and about the needs of the Kansas bioscience industry.



- 11/27/07 - Medicare Enrollment Forum, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging
- 11/26/07 - Landon Lecture: Defense Secretary Robert Gates, K-State
- 11/16/07 - 1st Infantry Division Headquarters Dedication Ceremony, Fort Riley
- 11/11/07 - State of Kansas Veterans Cemetery Groundbreaking, Fort Riley
- 11/02/07 - Civics and Civility Summit, K-State Alumni Center
- 10/23/07 - Manhattan Chamber Breakfast, Kansas Farm Bureau Building
- 09/21/07 - Stoneybrook Assisted Living Congress on Your Corner, Manhattan
- 09/13/07 - Community Bridges Radio Show, Manhattan
- 08/21/07 - Visit to Pawnee Mental Health Clinic, Manhattan
- 08/21/07 - Visit to Flint Hills Job Corps, Manhattan
- 08/21/07 - Meeting with Riley County Board of Commissioners, Riley County Courthouse Plaza
- 08/21/07 - Meeting with Manhattan City Commission, City Commission Chambers
- 08/20/07 - Tour of the Nanoscale Corporation, Manhattan
- 08/20/07 - Tour of the Biosecurity Research Institute, Pat Roberts Hall
- 08/20/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Riley County Senior Service Center, Manhattan
- 04/10/07 - League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, K-State Hale Library
- 04/10/07 - 100th Federal Depository Library Anniversary, K-State Hale Library
- 04/04/07 - Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee Meeting
- 03/26/07 - Congressional Delegation Visit to Fort Riley
- 02/19/07 - Tour of Manhattan Head Start
- 02/19/07 - K-State vs. KU Men's Basketball Game, Bramlage Coliseum
- 02/19/07 - Farm Bureau Producer Panel, Manhattan
- 01/15/07 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, Manhattan
- 01/15/07 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration, Manhattan Town Center

Shawnee County

Shawnee County is the most populous county in the Kansas Second Congressional District, and in many ways it is the district's economic backbone. To meet the needs of such a large population, the county needs investments in infrastructure and public projects from the federal government. The 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included several major investments in Shawnee County at my request, including \$735,000 for an I-70 viaduct realignment study, \$98,000



for Great Overland Station Park, \$196,800 for the Army Corps of Engineers for the Topeka levee study, \$294,000 for Topeka Transit bus fleet replacement, \$61,100 for public safety equipment for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, and \$65,800 for public safety equipment for the Topeka Police Department.

The same bill included noteworthy support for the Kansas National Guard, which is headquartered in Topeka: \$1.6 million for Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center safety equipment, \$500,000 for Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center radios, and \$1 million for the Defense Command Integration Center.



I returned to my home in Shawnee County nearly every weekend last year, and while in town, I was privileged to participate in nearly 100 public events. Among my favorite were my monthly appearances on The Jim Cates Show, where I learned about callers' concerns and answered their questions about pending legislation. To my mind, the show is a monthly town hall meeting with Shawnee County. Anyone can participate; they need only to turn on their radio or pick up their telephone.

- 12/10/07 - Visit to Capper Foundation to Craft Holiday Cards for Troops, Topeka
- 12/07/07 - Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Commission Meeting, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1650, Topeka
- 11/30/07 - UKanTeach Grant Announcement Press Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel
- 11/30/07 - Topeka Police Department Media Day
- 11/30/07 - Juvenile Diabetes Meeting, Rep. Boyda's Topeka Office

Shawnee County (continued)

11/23/07 - Toy Safety Press Conference, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
11/20/07 - Voting Equipment Demonstration, Secretary of State's Office
11/19/07 - Tour of the Forbes Field Combat Air Museum
11/12/07 - Kansas Second District Veterans History Project, Topeka High School
11/11/07 - Gage Park Veterans Day Memorial Service, Gage Park Veterans Memorial
11/11/07 - 2007 Veterans Day Observance, All Veterans Memorial
11/04/07 - Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Ramada Inn
11/04/07 - Diwali Festival, Topeka Performing Arts Center
10/29/07 - Atria Hearthstone Congress on Your Corner, Topeka
10/08/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Silver Lake Senior Citizen's Center
10/08/07 - No Child Left Behind Forum, Topeka High School Auditorium
10/08/07 - Breakthrough House Luncheon, Topeka
09/14/07 - Kansas National Guard 1st Battalion Welcome Home, Kansas ExpoCentre
09/14/07 - Naturalization Ceremony, Franklin Carlson United States Courthouse
09/12/07 - College Cost Reduction Act Press Conference, Topeka High School Library
09/12/07 - Brewster Place Congress on Your Corner, Topeka
09/11/07 - Eastern Kansas Health Care System Town Hall, Comery-O'Neil VA
09/03/07 - Remarks to the Topeka Labor Day Rally, Kansas Statehouse
09/02/07 - Grove Community Picnic, Grove
08/22/07 - UniCare Health Plan of Kansas Community Resource Center Open House
08/22/07 - Teacher Tax Relief Press Conference, Meadows Elementary School
08/22/07 - 25th Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Personnel Service Office
08/20/07 - Funeral Ceremonies for Capt. Tony Cox, Kansas ExpoCentre
08/18/07 - Annual Topeka AIDS Project Gala, Topeka
08/11/07 - Topeka Active 20-30 Club #524's Fourth Annual Children's Charity Gala
08/09/07 - Visit with Veterans Service Officers, Rep. Boyda's Topeka District Office
08/09/07 - BNSF Facility Tour, Branner Trafficway Facility
08/07/07 - Social Security Administration Open House, Topeka
08/07/07 - Lunch with Blue Cross Blue Shield Employees, Topeka
08/07/07 - Goodyear Plant Tour, Topeka
08/06/07 - Save Our Community Pharmacies Press Conference, Jayhawk Pharmacy
08/06/07 - Kansas Hospital Forum, Stormont-Vail Hospital
08/06/07 - Hill's Pet Nutrition Center Tour, Topeka
08/06/07 - Gerald Ferguson Medal Ceremony, Rep. Boyda's Topeka Office
07/28/07 - Shawnee County Fair, Kansas Expocentre
07/21/07 - 74th Annual Fiesta Mexicana, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
07/20/07 - Pauline Summer Reading Program, Velma Paris Community Center
07/20/07 - Quarterly Topeka Chamber Luncheon, Topeka Chamber of Commerce
07/10/07 - Survivors of Earl John Roney Medal Ceremony, Rep. Boyda's Topeka Office
07/05/07 - Stormont-Vail Laboratory Tour and Congress on Your Corner, Topeka
07/04/07 - Potwin Place Neighborhood Association Independence Day, Topeka
07/04/07 - Holliday Park Neighborhood Independence Day Celebration, Topeka
07/04/07 - Collins Park Independence Day, Topeka
07/03/07 - Visit to Topeka Family Service and Guidance Center
06/23/07 - Kansas National Guard Family Readiness Picnic, Forbes Field

Shawnee County (*continued*)

06/18/07 - Support for Veterans Press Conference, VFW Auxiliary Post 1650
06/17/07 - Topeka Big Read Presentation, Topeka Public Library
06/17/07 - 31st Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Big Gage Shelter House
06/01/07 - Tour of Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
05/30/07 - Payless Shoesource Tour, Payless Shoesource World Headquarters
05/25/07 - Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, Gage Park
05/21/07 - YWCA Leadership Luncheon, Ramada Inn, Topeka
05/18/07 - Reception by Topeka Transit Authority and Lawrence Transit System
05/14/07 - UPS Ride-Along, Topeka UPS Center
05/14/07 - Mexican Trucking Press Conference, KTA Trailer Staging Area
05/07/07 - Visit to Red Cross Staging Area, Topeka Expo Centre
05/05/07 - Congressional Art Contest, Brown v. Board National Historic Site
05/04/07 - Visit to PTMW, Inc., Topeka
05/04/07 - Federal Home Loan Bank Tour and Employee Forum, Topeka
05/04/07 - 190th Refueling Wing Visit, Forbes Field
04/22/07 - Foster Parent Press Conference, Topeka and Shawnee Public Library
04/21/07 - Kansas Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation Reception, Capitol Plaza
04/12/07 - Address to Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Bank of America Building
04/09/07 - Feldkamp / Manville Farm Tour
04/07/07 - Topeka / Shawnee County League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
04/07/07 - 2nd Annual Black Law Student Association Recognition Banquet
04/06/07 - Washburn Law School Forum
04/06/07 - Congress on Your Corner, Breakroom, Topeka
04/06/07 - Kansas Action for Children Press Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel
04/05/07 - 218th Brigade Deployment Ceremony, Topeka South Armory
03/30/07 - Saint Francis Hospital Town Hall Meeting and Tour
03/23/07 - National Symphony Orchestra Performance and Post-Concert Reception
03/19/07 - Fourth Annual Kansas Legislative Conference, Capital Plaza Hotel
03/17/07 - Topeka St. Patrick's Day, Downtown Topeka
03/16/07 - Topeka Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Lunch
03/16/07 - Great Overland Station and All Veterans Memorial Tour
03/12/07 - Visit with Miss Hodge's Third Grade Class, Avondale West High School
03/11/07 - Reception for Kyle Obrosky, Topeka
02/22/07 - USD 345 1st Annual State of the District Banquet, Sunrise Optimist Building
02/22/07 - Tour of Colmery O'Neil VA Medical Center
02/22/07 - Kansas National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility Task Force Inaugural Meeting, Hayden Building
02/21/07 - Meeting with Adj. Gen. Bunting and Gen. Pierson, State Defense Building
02/11/07 - Bishop's Conference on Mental Health Issues, First United Methodist Church
02/10/07 - League of United Latin-American Citizens' 31st Annual Sweetheart Dance
02/09/07 - Meth Remediation Research Act Press Conference, Kansas Statehouse
02/05/07 - Topeka District Office Open House, Rep. Boyda's Topeka District Office
01/26/07 - Unseen, Unforgotten Exhibit, Brown v. Board National Historic Site
01/26/07 - Kansas Chamber of Commerce Congressional Summit, Topeka Country Club

Wilson County

Wilson County suffered significant property losses in the 2007 floods. It is critically important that the federal government provide help and support to prevent future flood disasters. Toward that end, I requested and received a \$200,000 earmark for Wilson County flood mitigation and design planning. The same bill also included \$98,000 for streetscape improvements in Fredonia.

10/06/07 - Golden Keys Nursing Home Congress on Your Corner, Neodesha

10/06/07 - 84th Annual Fredonia Homecoming Festival, Fredonia

09/14/07 to 09/16/07 - Kansas East United Methodist Mission Trip, Fredonia

07/02/07 - Aerial and Ground Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Fredonia

07/01/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Fredonia

06/30/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Neodesha

06/30/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Altoona

05/19/07 - Gold Dust Days, Fredonia

Woodson County

Rural areas of Kansas, such as Woodson County, face unique challenges in providing police and public safety services to all of their residents. I was pleased to help the Woodson County Sheriff's Department secure a \$94,000 earmarked appropriation for public safety equipment in the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

06/30/07 - Tour of Southeast Kansas Flooding, Yates Center

05/26/07 - Yates Center Celebration, Yates Center High School