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## Library Honors ArLee Killion

On February 23, the Derby Library dedicated its children's reading area as the "ArLee Killion Children's Reading Area." A \$30,000 donation made in her name made this possible. All 9 of her children, several of her 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren attended the dedication.



Library and the McConnell AFB Library, reading to young children and developing children's reading programs for many years. In addition, she volunteered at the library at St. Mary's School where she started the *Great Books* reading program there.

She was an avid reader and always read to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After raising her family, Mrs. Killion embarked on a second career as a Library Technician at the McConnell AFB Library, working with Frances Unthank, its librarian and close friend.

Mrs. Killion was born in Wichita and graduated from Mount Saint Mary's.

A Derby resident from 1953 until her death in 2005, Mrs. Killion served as a member of the Derby Library Board from 1974 to 1982, including a one-year term as its Chair. She also served as the "Story Lady" at the Derby

## Volunteers Needed!



*Parks & Urban Forestry Board Member Steve White introduces the Community Choir at the Tree Lighting event.*

Derby Mayor Dion Avello is looking for volunteers to serve on the City's boards and commissions. Interested residents may pick up applications at City Hall, 611 Mulberry, or download an application at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

The application deadline is Thursday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. Appointments will be presented for City

Council approval by Mayor Avello. Appointments will be effective May 2013.

### Vacancies

**ADA Board** (3 vacancies, 2-year term)  
Meets on the second Monday of each quarter at 4:00 p.m.

**Construction Trades Board** (2 vacancies – plumber, general contractor, 3-year term)  
Meets on an as-needed basis.

**Economic Development Board** (2 vacancies, 2-year term)  
Meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

**Library Board** (2 vacancies, 4-year term)  
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Ordinance Review Advisory Board** (2 vacancies, 2-year term)  
Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks & Urban Forestry Board** (4 vacancies, 2-year term)  
Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

**Planning Commission** (3 vacancies, 3-year term)  
Meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Two of the new members must reside outside of the City but within the designated planning area of the City, which is generally two miles.

**Zoning Appeals Board** (1 vacancy, 3-year term)  
Meets on an as-needed basis on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

To learn more about the responsibilities of each board/commission, visit [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

If you have questions, contact Taylour Tedder at 788-3132 or email [taylourt Tedder@derbyweb.com](mailto:taylourt Tedder@derbyweb.com).

## Upcoming Events

**Severe Weather Safety Program**  
March 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Derby Library Community Room  
Free and open to the public

**Arbor Day Celebration**  
*20th Anniversary*  
April 25 at 6:00 p.m.  
Madison Avenue Central Park  
512 E. Madison

**Derby High School 102nd Annual Alumni Banquet**  
Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.  
Derby High School Commons  
\$10/person  
Send to:

Kelly L. Herring  
Secretary/Treasurer  
1141 Bodine Dr. Derby, KS 67037

Include year of graduation, names of graduates and guests and maiden name if needed.

### Derby High School Senior Celebration

May 11, 9 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.  
Derby High School/\$50 per student  
DHS seniors can register for an evening of fun, food, memories and prizes. Registration includes a T-shirt, casino games and more! Mail your information (include shirt size) and payment to:

Derby Senior Celebration  
1719 Pine Grove Ct., Derby, KS 67037

Anyone interested in supporting the Senior Celebration can mail donations to the address above. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, call 788-0593 or email [dhsseniorecelebration2013@gmail.com](mailto:dhsseniorecelebration2013@gmail.com).

### Citywide Garage Sale

May 16, 17 and 18  
Coordinated by Crime Stoppers of Derby

### Kite Festival

May 18 at High Park  
Organized by the Derby Recreation Commission. More information available soon!



## WaterSense = Common Sense

WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This program makes it easy to save water. It is both a label for water-efficient products and a resource for water-saving tips.

### What does WaterSense do?

The WaterSense label is a simple way for consumers to identify water-efficient products, new homes, and programs that meet EPA's criteria for efficiency and performance.



WaterSense-labeled products use at least 20% less water and perform as well as or better than standard models. EPA partners with landscape irrigation professionals certified by WaterSense-labeled programs focusing on water efficiency. See a list of WaterSense labeled products at [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

### Why promote water efficiency?

Managing water is a growing concern in the United States. Water managers in most states expect local, statewide, or regional water shortages to occur over the next few years. Wasting less water in our homes and yards also saves energy and money on utility bills and improves the quality of our water resources nationwide.

### How can I get involved?

Saving water is easy! WaterSense-labeled products are available in a variety of styles, colors, and price points - and they don't require changing the way you live or do busi-

ness. By choosing products with a WaterSense label, you'll be saving water for future generations.

- Consumers can reduce their water bills by as much as 30% by using WaterSense labeled products and other water-efficient appliances.
- Manufacturers can differentiate themselves in the marketplace by offering WaterSense-labeled products that perform as well as or better than standard models.
- Businesses can help increase the marketability of the water-efficient products they sell and reduce their operating costs by adopting water-efficient best management practices.
- Builders can partner with WaterSense to construct homes that use less water inside and out.

### Get Involved

Take the "I'm For Water" Pledge

Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) to sign up and then...1) Check toilets for silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank and seeing if the color appears in the bowl. Check irrigation systems and spigots, too. 2) Twist and tighten pipe connections. To save more water without a noticeable difference in flow, use a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator or showerhead. 3) Look for the WaterSense label when replacing plumbing fixtures, which signifies the product has been certified to save water and perform well. 4) "Like" WaterSense on Facebook [www.facebook.com/EPAwatersense](http://www.facebook.com/EPAwatersense), and 5) Follow on Twitter, @EPAwatersense.

## Reminder: Vote April 2

The 2013 General Election is Tuesday, April 2. Here are the candidates for City Council and School Board.



### Derby City Council

- Darrell Downing - Ward 1
- Vaughn Nun - Ward 2
- Chuck Warren - Ward 3
- Thomas Haynes - Ward 4

### School Board

Three open positions and one unexpired 2-year term:

- Gunter Hansen - At Large
- Matthew Hoag - Unexpired Term
- Jared Troy Mortensen - At Large
- Carolyn Muehring - At Large
- Tom Ostrander - At Large
- Janet Sprecker - At Large

For more information on voting hours and locations, visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org/](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/).

## Act of Generosity

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Derby Community Foundation (DCF), 20 individuals will be recognized in 2013 for their generosity in the Derby community. Of those 20, one finalist will be selected and honored at the Foundation's 2014 Uncorked Gala and will receive the Foundation's distinguished Generosity Award.

The DCF is now accepting nominations. Forms are available at the Derby Welcome Center and [www.derbycf.org](http://www.derbycf.org). Return nominations to the Foundation.

Guidelines for the award:

- live in the Derby School District
- reflect an uncommon act of generosity within the last 12 months that accurately reflects the mission of the DCF
- acts of generosity do not have to be financial
- candidate may be a civic group, organization, or group of individuals
- no age restrictions

For more information, contact Theresa Hearn at 788-9815 or [admin@derbycf.org](mailto:admin@derbycf.org).

## New Business Hours

City Hall, Welcome Center & Municipal Court

Monday through Thursday  
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center

Monday through Thursday  
7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Derby Dash

Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Fridays when school is not in session and during the summer months when school is on break, hours are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Derby Police Department  
Derby Fire & Rescue  
<http://twitter.com/derbyks>

