

Larry D. Woodson

Background

Raised on a livestock, dairy, and small grain farm in Kingman, Kansas.

Education

Six years in a two room grade school.

Two years at a junior high school

Attended and graduated from Kingman Rural High School in Kingman, KS.

B.S. in Agriculture Education from Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Work Experience

Worked eleven (11) years in the Royal Kingdom of Laos.

Volunteer with International Voluntary Services at the teacher training school in Luang Prabang.

Associate Chief of Party for the I.V.S. - teacher training schools, French Lycee, German Technical School in Laos.

Assistant Chief of Party for the I.V.S. - Sisavangvong University in Vientiane, Laos

Refugee Education Advisor with the United States Agency for International Development.

Agricultural Advisor for the Xieng Khouang Development Program.

Returned to the farm for six months following departure from Laos in 1975.

Appointed as Assistant Director of the Kansas MPI Program, State of Kansas - 1975.

Appointed Director of the Kansas MPI Program in 1978.

Appointed as Director of the Inspections Program in 1984.

Dairy Regulatory Official - Farm Inspections and Soft Serve Ice Cream Inspections

Training

Meat & Poultry Inspection Training - 1976 - Topeka, Salina, Iola.

Teaching English as a Second Language - 1969 - Singapore.

Teaching Agricultural and Vocational Education - 1968 - Switzerland

Dairy Inspection Training, Nashville, TN - 2002

Leadership

Kansas Council for Food Safety

Kansas Council for Food Safety Steering Committee

Kansas Association of Sanitarians - Scholarship Committee Chairman

USAHA Committee on Public Health & Environmental Quality - Vice Chair and Chair

USAHA Committee on Food Animal Hygiene

Kansas State University Osage County Ambassador

Osage County Leadership Program

Elk Township Treasure

Water District #5 Board Member

Osage County Commissioner - 4 year term

Activities

President of Overbrook Rotary
Member of Breakfast Optimists
Membership in Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Arab Shrine, Shrine Directors Staff
YMCA Basketball and Flag Football coordinator
High School Football Official, Basketball Official, Softball Umpire, Topeka, Kansas.
Tennis Coordinator, Canyon R.V. Park, Gold Canyon, Arizona

Awards

Secretary of Agricultural Award for Innovation and Efficiency
Letters of Commendation from Director, USAID Mission to Laos
Former FFA State Farmer Award
Former 4-H Who's Who Award.
Various 4-H and FFA Awards.
Lao, Hmong, and American Memorial - Honor - Sheboygan, WI

Family

Married to Dee Ann Davenport Smith - Employed by BNSF Railroad in Topeka
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Treasurer of Santa Fe Pacific Foundation
Secretary III
Two step Children
Scott - Graduate of the University of Texas - San Antonio. Basketball Team
Manager of LKQ Auto Parts Company in Topeka, Kansas
Rod - Apprentice Electrician - currently working at Washburn University

Miscellaneous

Served on the Lao American Association Board in Laos.
Flying lessons in Laos - 40 + hours, no license.
Paul Harris Award from Rotary
National President for the State Meat & Food Safety Directors- Two Year Term
Joint Assistant Notification Officer for Americans in Laos.

High School 50th Reunion Chairman, 2008
International Voluntary Services Reunion Committee - Kansas City.
Played softball, tennis, volleyball, basketball in Laos and in Kansas
Emergency Preparedness Representative - KDA - Wolf Creek Exercises
KDA Representative for State Emergency Exercise - Salina, Kansas

Materials, artifacts, documents donated to Texas Tech University - Vietnam Archives
Served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Chemical Association
President Seaman High School Athletic Booster Club

Treasurer of Single Adult Sunday Class - First Baptist Church - Topeka, Kansas
Produced an Annual Newsletter - Khao Lao for "Old Lao Hands".
Drafted materials for legislative hearings, regulation proposals and law amendments.
Liaison for Annual State Wide Board of Agriculture Meetings in Topeka, Kansas.
Member of the Tennis Committee to solicit funds for two new tennis courts in Overbrook
Recognized for three new bridges constructed in Osage County - Plaque Attached

Donations to Park Pavilion and new Overbrook Library in Overbrook
Red Cross Blood Donor - Six Gallon Member
Continues to oversee the family farm in Kingman, Kansas
Trustee for Lawrence & Steve Woodson Trust
World Travel with cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, and the Mediterranean

Travel from Kansas to Laos with stops between.
Travel to Bangkok for reunion of the Assembly of Expatriates - SEA Thailand
Various letters and invitations from associations, organizations, etc.
Sponsored a Lao/Hmong Family from Laos Yang Yee Family
Assisted two Lao individuals with visas to the United States.

Met with Lao Ambassador in the United States, and Development Team from Laos
Met with U.S. Ambassador to Laos- Patricia Haslach in Vientiane following Bangkok Reunion
Attended a Pilippino Reunion in Chicago - Operation Brotherhood Group - Laos
President - Topeka Ski Club - Two Years
Trip Captain to Colorado for Topeka Ski Club

Member of State Meat & Inspection Directors Committee - USDA/FSIS, Washington D.C.
Member of Overbrook Pride - Overbrook, Kansas
Attended two National Annual Meetings of Secretaries of Agriculture - Mississippi & Oregon
Awarded Overbrook" Yard of the Month" - Twice
Hosted Overbrook Christmas Home Tour - Fund Raising

Supporters of Overbrook Library Foundation & Overbrook Community Chest
Served on the Veterans Committee Memorial Project in Osage City with my wife.
Represented the Kansas Department of Agriculture at the Annual Meetings of the following organizations: Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Meat Inspectors Association, Kansas Egg Association, Kansas Seed Dealers Association, Kansas Chemical & Fertilizer Association, Kansas Dairy Association, Kansas Petroleum Association, Kansas Retail Grocery Association, Kansas Weights & Measures Association, Kansas Aerial Spraying Association, American Association of Meat Purveyors, Kansas State Fair Association, and Kansas State University Agricultural related events.

Letter of commendation from Schlickau Herfords, Lois Schlickau Board of Agriculture Member.
Letter of acknowledge and appreciation from the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture - Adrian J. Polansky and USDA/FSA Chairman for Kansas.
Letter of Appreciation from Governor of Kansas, Kathleen Sebelius "for 29 years of service to the residents of our great state."