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KANSAS

**KCK
Superintendent
Earns State's
Highest Honor**

Kansas City, Kan.-- Dr. Ray Daniels, superintendent of Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, has been named 2005 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. He is now a candidate for the National Superintendent of the Year award, which will be chosen by the American Association of School Administrators this winter.

Daniels has been K C K superintendent since 1998. He has devoted his entire professional career to the K C K school district, an urban district in its seventh year of a wide reform effort that continues to see significant progress in reading and math achievement.

Daniels was called "the model for what superintendents could and should be," by one of those who helped in the nomination, Susan Wally, vice president of education for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Mo.

"He has led his district through one of the most challenging and successful examples of urban district reform in America," Wally wrote. "Through it all, Ray has remained modest...he always remarks that he is pleased, but not satisfied."

Daniels was praised for his work in K C K - particularly his "strong focus" - by Gloria Willis, president of the K C K board of education. "There is no better urban superintendent in our nation," she wrote.

Daniels' personal characteristics were praised by Robert Van Maren, Bonner Springs superintendent.

"Ray is a kind, genuine man, who knows in his heart that all students can learn, all parents want to be good parents, all teachers want to be great teachers and that with the right kind of support...the results we can achieve will be amazing," Van Maren said. Daniels has devoted his career to K C K school district, beginning in 1965 as an English teacher

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**Congresswoman Visits Missouri
Popcorn, Foods Plant**



Although her term will soon end, retiring Missouri's 5th District Congresswoman Karen McCarthy (left) is keeping her busy schedule attending to business in the District and Washington, D.C. On Monday, McCarthy paid a visit to the Jordon Foods Company Popcorn and Food Manufacturing and Distribution Plant in Knob Noster, Mo. McCarthy said she wanted to tour the plant and offer her congratulations after recently reading about the company opening its doors to local students from the Kansas City area as a participant in the recent Bridge Program sponsored by Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo. This summer, the company conducted a tour for nearly 100 local Kansas City high school students and their parents. Marion Jordon, founder and chairman of Jordon Foods Company (right), gave McCarthy a tour of the plant located just off Highway 50 at the Whiteman Air Force Base exit in Knob Noster. Jordon is also the publisher of The Kansas City Globe newspaper. For more information on Jordon Foods Company, go to the website at: www.jordonfoods.com; and refer to the ads in this newspaper (pages 15-16) for the local availability of the products. Story on page 15.



BRW HALL OF FAME AND INDUCTION CEREMONY COMMITTEE--Friends of the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and Museum, from left: Carl Evans, Marietta Selmon Gumbel-Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Chair, Valeria Posey, Dr. Nevada Lee, vice president, Sharon Fisher, past recording secretary and Lonnie Powell, past president, are all smiles at the successful conclusion of the program, which was held Sat., Nov. 6. More photos on page 14.

**Black
Chamber
Invites Past
Honorees to
Celebrate 20th
Anniversary**

Kansas City, MO - Since its inception twenty years ago the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City has honored over 200 small businesspersons, corporations and community leaders. If you are one of those persons who was honored over the years or if you are acquainted with an honoree, you're invited to join the Black Chamber this Saturday, November 13th for its 20th Awards Ball as they celebrate past and present business leaders who have contributed to the history of the Black Chamber and to excellent customer and community service in Kansas City.

Vicki Gregg, Black Chamber Board Member and the this year's Ball Chairman, said, "If you're a past honoree of the Black Chamber we want to hear from you because we want to recognize you again at our Ball," she said. "We're putting out an APB of sorts for past honorees. Call us at the Black Chamber at 816.474.9901 to find out how you can join the exciting celebration that is being planned in recognition of all our honorees."

American Family Insurance is presenting the Black Chamber Ball. The theme this year is "The Skills and Will to Succeed" A Celebration of Endurance

The event, which will be held at the Clarion Hotel Sports Complex, will include a reception, dinner and the presentation of awards, and will feature an after party (in Quincy's) with the band, KARMA, one of Kansas City's premiere R&B and funk bands.

Award recipients this year include Leon Stapleton, owner of Leon's Thriftway, Businessman of the Year; Ray and Mary Malone, owners of Malco Steel, Inc., Business Owner of the Year; Alvin Brooks, Director of Move UP and Mayor Pro Tem of Kansas City, Mary Lona Diversity Award; Argosy Casino, Corporate Award; James Houston, Houston Enterprises, Legacy Award; James Robinson, Lincoln College Prep, Freshman Entrepreneur Advocate Award; Darrell "Doc" Gould, Chamber Award, and the President's Award, which will be announced the evening of the event.

For information about tickets to the Black Chamber Ball call the Black Chamber Office at 816.474.9901.

AREA



The new Fotoball set

**Even at 93, John
"Buck" O'Neil
can still turn a
"triple play"**

Limited-edition Fotoball Set Released

Kansas City, MO—In celebration of John "Buck" O'Neil's 93rd birthday, Hy-Vee Food and Drug Stores and Pepsi have released a commemorative set of three Buck O'Neil Fotoballs in tribute to the baseball legend and announced plans to raise \$50,000 in support of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) through the sale of baseballs.

The limited-edition baseball set features photos of O'Neil at different stages of his illustrious baseball career (player, manager, and grand ambassador) and includes a brief, related biography plus a stand for display. The baseballs, which are on sale now, are being sold exclusively at each of the 22 Kansas City-area Hy-Vee stores (while supplies last) and cost \$20 for the set (with any Pepsi purchase). Each Hy-Vee store has a supply of only 200 sets per store.

Each year, O'Neil, who turns 93 on Saturday (Nov. 13), uses his birthday to raise money and awareness for the NLBM, the world's only museum dedicated to preserving Negro Leagues history. In lieu of gifts and cards to him, he is encouraging area well-wishers to support the museum by collecting the baseballs that bare his likeness.

"Even at 93, I can still turn a triple play," an amused O'Neil said. "Hy-Vee and Pepsi have been tremendous supporters of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. I hope people enjoy this latest promotion and will buy the baseballs not only in celebration of my birthday, but

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