



# News Release

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## **Riley Shafer appointed Community Events and Amenities Supervisor**

TOPEKA, KAN. – Riley Shafer has been appointed Community Events and Amenities supervisor for Shawnee County Parks + Recreation. He will oversee such events as the Spirit of Kansas, the set-up for TARC's Winter Wonderland, the Great Topeka Duck Race and Pumpkin Palooza. He will oversee the Lake Shawnee Adventure Cove, the Gage Park mini-train and carousel and concessions at Bettis Family Sports Complex and the Lake Shawnee Girls Softball Complex.

Shafer has served as recreation leader since 2016, overseeing Hillcrest Community Center and then Oakland Community Center. He also ran the Back to Nature summer camp in Gage Park and assisted with such events as Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day.

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Shawnee County Parks + Recreation includes nearly 60 miles of trails, 2,625 acres of parks and 320 annual days of sporting activities. In addition, the department offers recreation programs, educational programs and golf. A combination of tax dollars, user fees and private donations enables Shawnee County Parks and Recreation to offer parks, sporting and aquatic facilities with state-of-the-art features, and beautiful, nationally recognized gardens.

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