

## As Fire Prevention Week approaches, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Safe Kids Kansas remind Kansans to ‘Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety’

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly officially proclaims Oct. 3-9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week in Kansas. The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Safe Kids Kansas, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs, Kansas State Firefighters Association and Fire Marshals Association of Kansas are all teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.” This year’s campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

“What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,” Cherie Sage of Safe Kids Kansas said. “We know that working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms save lives.”

In Kansas, residential fires killed 13 people and injured 129 people in 2020, and fire departments responded to over 3,000 residential fires. In addition, 131 Kansans visited emergency departments in 2019 for carbon monoxide poisoning, according to KDHE Environmental Public Health Tracking.

“It’s important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you should immediately take action.” Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal, said. “Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”

### Here are some safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- A continuous set of four loud beeps - beep, beep, beep, beep - means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- If you or someone you love is deaf or hard of hearing, install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke alarms. There are also smoke alarms with a strobe light that flashes to give an early warning of the presence of smoke. Learn how you may qualify for one of these devices at [GetAlarmedKS.org](http://GetAlarmedKS.org).

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Kansas, please contact your local fire department. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit [FPW2021KS](http://FPW2021KS) HERE or visit [SafeKidsKansas.org](http://SafeKidsKansas.org).

## Happy Birthday, Janet Waugh!

By Dr. Jim Haas

Long time State Board of Education member Janet Waugh (pictured) had one of those milestone birthdays last weekend, but because a gentleman doesn’t reveal a lady’s age, let’s just say it ends with a 0. Janet is the District 1 member representing all or part of 17 school districts in Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Douglas, Franklin, and Johnson counties. She was first elected to the State Board in 1999 and has served two terms as chairman as well as a member of numerous committees and task forces.



In addition to her State Board service, Janet is retired from a family business, served 15 years on the Turner Schools Board of Education including eight as president, and held state and regional offices with the PTA and the Kansas Association of School Boards. Her two children are graduates of the Turner Schools. (Incidentally, one of Janet’s State Board colleagues is Melanie Haas, who represents parts of Johnson and Wyandotte counties. She and I are not related and have never even met.)

Janet and I go back many years, and one of my early memories was when she stopped by my office when I was a young and inexperienced principal and suggested that we start a PTA at the school. She was persuasive. She made a good case why that would be a good thing to do, so we did. She has a knack for inspiring people to do the right thing. It’s called leadership.

Years later, I learned how efficient she is. The State Department of Education was forming a task force to write state standards for teaching history, government, economics, and geography. Those are my academic specialties, and it would be important work, so I called her and asked how I could become a member. She said she’d see what she could do. A letter from the State Department appointing me arrived two days later. She must have not wasted a minute. Impressive.

Janet has also been a strong supporter of the Kansas Teacher of the Year program, attending the annual award ceremony every year that I can remember and taking an interest in what those outstanding teachers are doing. They appreciate her support.

I may have disappointed Janet a time or two over the years, but she has never disappointed me. She’s had no hidden agendas or rigid ideology; her consistent commitment has been to the best education for Kansas students. She serves the public with integrity, vision, and effective leadership. Happy birthday, Janet Waugh, and thanks for your service on behalf of Kansas students.

## Students! Consider Public Service Careers

High school and college students are thinking about future careers, so please think about public service. Consider teaching, healthcare, transportation infrastructure, public transportation, public safety (police or fire), courts, the armed forces, foreign service, the FBI, public broadcasting, social services, environmental protection, public utilities (water, electricity, gas), NASA, urban planning, community development, and more. Most public services are operated by government agencies, but many are private, either non-profit or profit.

Public service offers interesting careers that help make the world a better place. While public service jobs tend to pay less than private sector jobs with equal education, they also tend to have better benefits, more stable hours, and more security. Perhaps most importantly, public service is deeply satisfying work for people who want to do good with their lives. Your community needs you; your country needs you; the world needs you. Answer the call.

## Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



**M**y younger twin sisters had just turned three in February 1949. They were cute little gals and I really enjoyed them. When they were infants, I remember getting up in the middle of the night to change their diapers. They used to pull some cute little didoes. Mary Eads, our neighbor, taught them how to walk. Everyone enjoyed them. Carolyn was the one that was full of p & v. This one particular day, April 8, 1949 turned out to be a tragedy for the whole nation. It concerned another 3-year-old girl by the name of Kathy Fiscus. There was a bulletin on the radio, and I remember my family and I all gathered around it to hear the news. No TV back then and radio was our main source of news. It happened in San Marino, CA. and it kept the whole nation glued to their radios. Kathy and the other children were romping around the field outside and suddenly, Kathy disappeared. Down a hole in the ground, she went. When her mom looked out, no Kathy. by the time they realized what had happened, the emergency departments had been summoned. Now if there is anyone around my age that remembers that it was quite an ordeal. My mother was crying because her twin daughters had just turned three the month before. A man by the name of Bill Yancy worked for 48 hours trying to get little Kathy out. Finally, they retrieved little Kathy's body and it was in all the newspapers all over the world and on radio and even a song was written about her. Jimmie Osborne, a country western singer, made a record of it. Hundreds of people were there constantly watching for the outcome of Kathy's rescue. They found her but it was too late. I remember that so clearly because it was such a

sensational story of that time.

Well, to change the subject, do you remember Betty Gibson? She was the Turner Historian for many years. She wrote the story about the Golden Bear. I went to do a story on her and her husband, and I was really surprised to see her home. It was a library. She had more books than our library in Turner. I helped her go through them and she gave me some to donate. I worked for her going through her shelves with hundreds of books and it was really fun visiting with her and her husband. She would love to see what we are doing in Turner now. Our garden, our "Depot", and the kids that are involved. I really love Argentine and Turner. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Well, dear readers, family and friends, guess I will sign off now and see you all next week. Be kind and keep your hands washed and sanitized and wear those masks. Some do, some don't. Ilya all, really!!! Sue. Once in a while you will find a friend who will be a friend forever. *At the Heart of Friendship*

### Coffee With Cops

By: Sue Reich

What a fun, great day was had at the new Windmill Coffee Shop. Our community police got to meet and talk to everyone that came into the Windmill last month. It is such a quaint little place on 55th street in Turner. You ought to try it because all kinds of goodies and drinks are served there. The employees are very nice and pleasant. There is a couch where you can sit and read the local news. *The Record* is part of the things to read as you sit and relax and have your coffee. It is right next door to the Turner Vet. Try it, you'll like it.

### Short Stuff

By: Sue Reich

The mural at 34th and Metropolitan Avenue, sure is getting covered.

The NO DUMPING sign didn't do any good.

What is wrong with people that they can't use trash receptacles?

Wearing a mask is not political.



For some reason, there is always something going on in our neighborhood.



My furbaby knows when the weather comes on TV. He watches the weather because he hates storms. Then when it comes, he wants his Thundershirt on.



Thanks to First Church of Turner for the NO DUMPING sign. Drove by and I was proud that one was put up. Came back and guess what? Some idget dumped. What in the heck is wrong with people?

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I got received exciting news today. The Turner Diagonal project in Wyandotte County has been selected as a Top-12 finalist in the 2021 America's Transportation Award Competition by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. We can help Wyandotte County and the State of Kansas bring home a win for this hometown project in AASHTO's People's Choice Awards. Online voting for the People's Choice Awards is open now until October 25 at 10.59 PM. Cast your vote today for the Turner Diagonal Interchange by visiting

bit.ly/Turnertop12. You can cast one vote every 24 hours. Let's bring this award to Wyandotte County.

The KCK Women's Chamber Foundation is holding their "Purses with a Purpose" on Thursday October 14 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Facebook Live at 6:30 pm. Special Guest emcee is Lauren Scott of KSHB41. Register at <https://charityauction.bid/kckwcf>. The proceeds benefit scholarships for non-traditional women students. Several scholarships were given out earlier this year.

Shepherd's Center is holding their annual Nut Sale. The order form can be downloaded from the October 1 issue of Livable Neighborhoods Newsletter. If you want to receive the newsletter online, try [Liveableneighborhoods@wy-cokck.org](mailto:Liveableneighborhoods@wy-cokck.org). Orders will be taken thru December 3, 2021. Each product is 16 oz and is great for baking, snacking or gift giving. For more information call 913-281-8908 or email [melissab@sckck.org](mailto:melissab@sckck.org).

I recently finished Liane Moriarty's latest novel "Apples Never Fall". She is back in true form. The last book "Nine Perfect Strangers" was

in my opinion, not very good. I understand a television limited series was based on the book and even Nicole Kidman couldn't save it. This book is very enjoyable, easy to read and didn't give away any secrets until the end. It is a novel that looks at marriage, siblings (and sibling rivalry), and how the people we love the most can hurt us the most.

Currently, I'm in the middle of Louise Penny's latest "The Madness of Crowds" that takes place in the village of Three Pines, Quebec, the scene of her first novel "Still Life" written over 16 years ago. I read the first book about two months ago, many of the characters are the same, but a lot has happened since that first novel. I plan to read several of the in-between books but haven't gotten around to them yet. In this new one, the pandemic is over, life is getting back to normal in this quaint little town when a lecturer comes to town with some radical ideas. Soon there is a murder and that is as far as I got.

Until next time, stay safe, and be kind to those around you.

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# Governor Laura Kelly Announces New Grant Program for Organizations Promoting Health Equity, Vaccinations

TOPEKA – To bolster local organizations supporting health equity in communities across Kansas, Governor

Laura Kelly today announced the “Increase the Reach” Grant Initiative. “Our community-based

health organizations address critical needs, and the Increase the Reach grants will help them empower their constituents to stay safe by getting vaccinated,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “The COVID vaccine is safe, effective, free, and our best tool to beat this virus once and for all. I implore all Kansans to get vaccinated as soon as possible and encourage eligible organizations to apply for this new health equity initiative.”

The “Increase the Reach” Initiative, launching today through a partnership between the Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), provides an additional opportunity for community-based organizations to receive funding to continue their vital work in promoting health equity through vaccinations.

The program specifically aims to reach socially vulnerable populations and those experiencing low vaccination rates, including both racial and ethnic minority populations as well as rural communities.

“Events over the last few years have brought health disparities into a sharper focus,” Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, added. “These grants will support the work of community-based organizations in ensuring equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine.”

This program aims to empower community organizations promoting equitable access to the free, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccine for all Kansans. The grants will enable these organizations to expand access to vaccines and increase vaccine acceptance among those who

are unvaccinated. While the primary focus is on COVID-19 vaccines, applicants may also address routine lifespan vaccines as well as part of a larger push for health equity across the State.

Grants will be awarded to applicants with documented success in reaching vulnerable populations, with grants expected to range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Eligible organizations include but are not limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers, safety net clinics, state-funded community clinics, community-based organizations, and other nonprofits.

First round applications should be submitted for consideration by 5 p.m. CT on October 15, 2021. Additional application rounds will run thereafter.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.increasethereach.com/>

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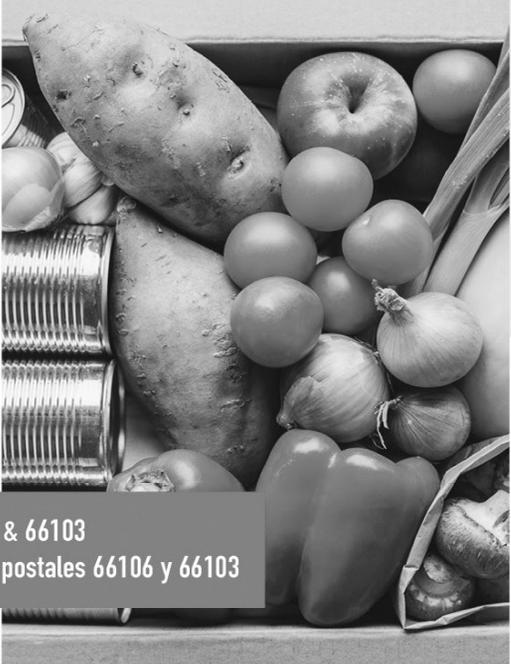
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## Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Carol Kay Gentry, age 70, passed away September 20, 2021. She taught P.E. at Blue Valley for 43 years.

Jean Offut, age 99, passed away September 26, 2021. Argentine High School graduate, class of 1940.

Manny Rios, age 78, passed away August 23, 2021. Born in Argentine, 2nd of 8 kids. He worked for Roeland Park Police Department and General Motors.

Jerry Martin, age 79, passed away September 11, 2021. Wyandotte High School graduate, class of 1960.

Brian David Sisney, age 81, passed away September 10, 2021. Wyandotte High School graduate, class of 1958.

Donald Giffin, age 91, passed away September 26, 2021. He attended Turner High School and Shawnee Mission High.

James Harlow, age 71, passed away September 19, 2021. Whizzo the Clown

Tommy Kirk, age 79, passed away September 22, 2021. He was an actor starring in: Mickey Mouse Club, Shaggy Dog, Old Yeller and Swiss Family Robison

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# Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

Every so often, you discover a new recipe and just by reading the list of ingredients, you know that it's one that is going to be good. Very good recipes are the sort that you can almost taste. That's the case with the tasty treat for this week. These are very tempting, and I'll wager that most of you will soon bake a batch of these cookies soon:

## Tom's Packed Crispy Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 3 c Flour
- 1 t Baking Soda
- 1/4 t Baking Powder
- 1 1/2 c Rice Krispie cereal
- 1 c Semi-sweet Chocolate chips
- 1 c Dark or Golden Raisins
- 1 c Oats
- 1/2 c Pecans chopped finely
- ~~~~~
- 2 sticks Butter at room temperature
- 1 c Sugar
- 3/4 c Brown Sugar
- 2 Lg. Eggs
- 1 1/2 t Vanilla
- 3/4 t Salt
- 1 t Cinnamon, optional

### Directions:

Set oven to 350°. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a large bowl combine and whisk together the flour, soda, Krispy cereal, chocolate chips, raisins and pecans.

In a mixer cream the butter for one minute on medium speed. Add the sugar and brown sugar and beat for 3-4 minutes until smooth. Beat in the Vanilla and salt.

With a sturdy spoon or spatula, blend in the flour mixture, stirring just until it's evenly distributed and blended into the butter mixture.

Using a tablespoon scoop, scoop a generous tablespoon of the dough and space 2 inches apart. Flatten the dough lightly with wet fingertips.

Bake on center rack for 10-12 minutes, taking care to not over bake the cookies. They are ready when lightly browned along the edges and the centers still looking light.

Remove from the oven and leave the cookies to set up for 5 minutes. Transfer them to a wire rack to finish cooling, about 30 minutes. Store in an air-tight container for 5-7 days, (they won't last that long!)

### Variations:

Substitute white or milk chocolate for the semi-sweet chocolate chips. Instead of raisins use dried cherries or cranberries. And use finely chopped walnuts in place of the pecans.

These are so good and filled with tasty ingredients- they are just the right thing to go with a cold glass of milk or a cup of freshly made coffee. Everyone will say, thank you, whenever you serve these scrumptious cookies. The recipe should make at least 3 dozen, so there are plenty to share. Enjoy!

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## ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 21-013 Railing Modifications West Wyandotte Library . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 21-013 – "Railing Modifications West Wyandotte Library"

Bids will be opened 10/15/21 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office.

Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at <http://www.kckps.org/index.php/invitation-for-bids> .

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# Business West Bulletin

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## Piper superintendent to speak at Annual Meeting

Dr. Jessica Dain, the superintendent of the Piper School District, will be the keynote speaker at the 36th Annual Meeting of Business West. Dr. Dain, who came to Piper in July of 2020, has more than 27 years of experience in education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, district director and assistant superintendent. She has served area school districts including DeSoto, Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley and Olathe before coming to Piper. Dr. Dain received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Emporia State University and a doctorate from St. Louis University. She and her husband, Dr. Todd Dain, are the parents of three children. Information about attending the Annual Meeting is attached.

## Shepherd's Center holds annual benefit sale

The Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas, is holding its annual nut sale with products from Farmstead Nuts and Treats, a locally owned small business. For more information or to order, see the website [www.sckck.org/2021FarmsteadNuts.pdf](http://www.sckck.org/2021FarmsteadNuts.pdf) or telephone 913-281-8908.

## Connect the Dotte plans historical tour

The Connect the Dotte organization, in cooperation with the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor an all-day History and Culture Tour Saturday, Oct. 2. It will start with breakfast at 9 a.m. at Moose Lodge #1999 and then proceed to the Rock Island Bridge, the Kansas State School for the Blind, Wyandotte County Lake, Legends Outlet and Rowe Ridge Vineyard and Winery. For more information, telephone the Chamber of Commerce at 913-371-3070. Connect the Dotte is a networking organization founded by Melissa Hereford, an American Family insurance agent that meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Tuesday at Rowe Ridge.

## NFM wins tax appeals case

Nebraska Furniture Mart stands to gain \$1.5 million as a result of a favorable ruling from the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. The ruling came down earlier this month which said the giant retailer should receive a refund on its property taxes. If the ruling holds, the refund would come from the Unified Government and school districts.

## BPU executive recognized

Bill Johnson, the General manager of the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, was recently recognized as one of 250 "Most Powerful Leaders" in Greater Kansas City as noted by Ingram's Magazine. Johnson is a past-president of the Kansas Municipal Utilities, a member of the American Public Power Association and a past-president of the Kansas-Missouri Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy.

## Monarchs' President named 'Executive of the Year'

Jay Hinrichs, the President of the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team, was recently named "Executive of the Year" by the American Association league. He took over the day-to-day operations of the baseball team in 2020 after the team didn't play that year because of the pandemic. The franchise rebranded the team as the Monarchs early this year and won the league championship.

## Members always welcome

All Business West members are welcome to attend the organization's monthly board meetings. The meetings are held at 12:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month in the Board Room at The Dotte Spot Bar and Grill, 8123 Parallel Pkwy. in the Arrowhead Center. Those wishing to eat lunch should come at noon and order off the menu.



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