

Governor Kelly Announces New Program to Strengthen Kansas' Manufacturing Supply Chain

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced the official launch of CONNEX™ Kansas, a new program from Kansas Manufacturing Solutions (KMS) and the Kansas Department of Commerce, designed to strengthen the Kansas manufacturing supply chain.

CONNEX™ Kansas is an online manufacturer database and connectivity platform provided as a free resource for Kansas manufacturers. The platform is designed to allow manufacturers in Kansas to connect with each other, find local and domestic suppliers, explore production capabilities and manage their supply chain.

“The Kansas Framework for Growth recognizes manufacturing as an area of strength for the state. It focuses on ways Kansas can embrace emerging opportunities and solidify our role as a manufacturing leader and central hub for 21st century supply-chain success,” Governor Kelly said. “The CONNEX™ Kansas platform will bolster our local and regional supply chains by allowing firms to see a clearer picture of local resources or alternative suppliers that can lead to more informed decisions and more profitable sourcing strategies.”

“Manufacturing is an essential backbone for the Kansas economy. Supply chain disruption has created an opportunity for firms to build and source products closer to home,” Lieutenant Governor David Toland said. “I applaud the launch of this new resource for Kansas manufacturers, which will help empower firms with the data and tools they need to seize this moment to grow and scale up as the demand presents itself.”

Basic search and contact information for Kansas manufacturers will be available to anyone on the platform; however, the ability to list detailed information, perform in-depth searches and exchange information is only available to registered Kansas manufacturing businesses.

“Our CONNEX™ Kansas online database is a powerful new tool for Kansas manufacturers,” Tiffany Stovall, CEO of Kansas Manufacturing Solutions, said. “Over the past year, we’ve seen how critical it is to have secure and reliable supply chains, as well as having ready access to alternate suppliers. This database will be unique in its ability to identify manufacturing capabilities, not just current production.”

The CONNEX™ Kansas platform is easy to use and intuitive, and an account can be set up in a few minutes. To register or get more information, visit www.connexks.com.

About Kansas Manufacturing Solutions

Kansas Manufacturing Solutions is a Kansas statewide manufacturing assistance center affiliated with the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). Kansas Manufacturing Solutions helps Kansas manufacturing compete and grow by delivering solutions to small and medium sized manufacturers and is the only advisor focused solely on this industry in Kansas with value driven results. Learn more at our website, www.wearekms.com.

About the Kansas Department of Commerce

As the state’s lead economic development agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas. Commerce accomplishes its mission by developing relationships with corporations, site location consultants and stakeholders in Kansas, nationwide and worldwide. Our strong partnerships allow us to help create an environment for existing Kansas businesses to grow and foster an innovative, competitive landscape for new business.

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Vaccine and Testing Clinics Continue Statewide

Vaccine and Testing events will continue to be held in several counties across the state over the coming weeks

TOPEKA – With the increased presence of the Delta variant in Kansas, local health departments, providers, and community groups are continuing to hold free COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinics. The emergence of the Delta variant poses a dangerous risk to communities across Kansas. On August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (also known as Comirnaty) for people 16 years of age and older.

The Pfizer vaccine continues to be available through emergency use authorization for people 12-15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in moderately or severely immunocompromised people and those at high risk of infection because of an occupational or institutional setting.

Additionally, the FDA’s emergency use authorization covers patients age 18 and older to receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Moderna began the application for full FDA approval in June, nearly a month after Pfizer/BioNTech. Full approval is anticipated in several weeks. Johnson & Johnson has stated they will begin the approval process later this year.

As of October 4, 2021, 51.8% of Kansans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The events listed below are part of a sustained effort to mobilize Kansans to get vaccinated and/or tested to stop the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves and loved ones. Free testing is available to everyone in Kansas, regardless of vaccination status and even if you have been tested before.

The vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in the State of Kansas are the Delta variant. This variant continues to cause the number of cases to rise at the level that was seen in November 2020.

The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than twice as contagious as previous variants. The greatest concern is for those who are unvaccinated. Data shows that this variant causes more severe illness in people who are unvaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines reduce a person’s risk of contracting the virus, including this variant. Additionally, it has been shown to prevent severe disease and death.

Events are listed below by county and then by date.

Wyandotte County

Every Monday from September 27, 2021 – October 18, 2021

What: Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Vaccine and Testing Event

Vaccines Offered: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson

Where: Cross-Lines, 736 Shawnee Ave, Kansas City, KS

Hours: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please note, additional vaccine and testing events may be happening in communities across the state. Please check with your local health department for events that may not be listed.

Understanding taxpayer rights: The right to finality

Taxpayers interacting with the IRS have the right to finality. This right comes into play for taxpayers who are going through an audit. These taxpayers have the right to know when the IRS has finished the audit. This is one of ten basic rights — known collectively as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

Here’s what taxpayers in the process of an audit, should know about their right to finality:

- Taxpayers have the right to know:
- The maximum amount of time they have to challenge the IRS’s position.
- The maximum amount of time the IRS has to audit a particular tax year or collect a tax debt.
- When the IRS has finished an audit.

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Long, long, long, time ago. And I mean a long time ago, when I was just a little kid, I loved to play outside. I was the dirtiest kid in our neighborhood. I bet we don't see kids like we were back in those days, I don't. They all have their face stuck in some sort of machines, phones and stuff like that. I always had mine stuck in the dirt, the grass, trees, ditches, etc. But when mama whistled, man, I would tear home and so would all the other neighborhood kids.

Agnes Bean. Does anyone remember Agnes Bean? She was our Bluebird leader. She was so sweet to us little girls. Benny, her son was in our grade. We had a doll parade at the Municipal Auditorium. We all had a doll and paraded down to the main arena. She always had us doing something fun. Then we progressed to the Camp Fire Girls group and did a lot of different things. I don't remember who our leader was in that group, but I still have my Camp Fire beads. We earned beads of different colors and shapes. I strung mine together like a necklace. Red, green, blue, orange, yellow, I think that was all the colors. Those were the "good old days".

Hey, here is a cute little story. There was a girl that lived across the back alley from us. We would cross the alley and go up the wall or down, it's according to who was going to visit whom. Anyway, her name was Diane Webb. She used to come down and ask my mom, "Can Doo come out and pway?" Notice the w in play. But anyway, mom would holler, "Doo, do you want to pway with Diane?" I really think I was the only friend she

had. There were the Mason kids down the street. They weren't allowed to play with the rest of the neighborhood kids, too good or something for us. What a neighborhood we had. I know you remember the little gas station on the corner of 12th street and Metro. Oh, that oil pit was so much fun to play in. The bell would ding, cars in and out. After it closed that was my favorite place to hide. Sister Gayle and I liked to go to the Park Show. Mom would save her nickels and dimes so she and I could go to the show once in a while. Sometimes if it was dark when we got out, we would stand on the corner of Strong Avenue and 26th street to wait for a bus. That was a Rexall Drugstore then, way before Mickey's surplus. But if we spent our money on candy, we would go ahead and walk home. Oh my gosh, Stella Howell. Was it Howell or Howe? She thought she was a medium. We would get to her block and she had a walled driveway, Gayle and I would stop and glance down her driveway and she would grab my hand and I would fly the rest of the way home while Gayle still had a hold of me. But we enjoyed our childhood in Argentine. Umpteen kids, most of them our cousins. Played softball on the lot where the church is now. Lots and lots of memories. Well, everyone, I am glad you let me reminisce about all that stuff. It sure isn't like it used to be. All of those houses are still there, Thorpe's store is gone, the gas station is still there, the church that took our playground is there, Frame's little store is gone but the building is still there. Those of you that were involved in all of that, it was sure fun wasn't it?

Take care everyone, wear your mask, get your vaccinations (nonpolitical). I don't do politics, lol. Mind your p's and q's., K? Let's hope all of this gets over soon. Lvy a all, Sue

Sharing laughter, sharing tears, sharing triumphs, fears, growing closer through the years. True friendship is forever.



The sewing group at Wyandotte Christian Church 13700 Leavenworth Rd. Gifted 60 quilts to Life Care of Kansas City Monday morning. There was a quilt for every single person at this facility! All of the quilts were joyfully placed on the pews in the Sanctuary so the ladies that came to receive them could see them all at once. It was also a nice way for some of the quilters to feel recognized for their hard and loving work.

These two wonderful ladies are in a quilting group and they made all these quilts for Life Care of KC. Peggy Stewart has been making quilts for many years. Her daughter Janie Harris does it too. They go clear out to 135th and Leavenworth Road, Wyandotte Christian Church, twice a week to quilt. The quilts were then taken to Life Care at 61st and Leavenworth Road. This is what they did. When the residents came in and saw the beautiful handmade quilts, they couldn't believe their eyes. These ladies need an award.



Nigro's is getting a new coat of paint. David said it really need one, it was looking sort of drab.



Silver City Days was still celebrated in spite of the pandemic. But music was still played, and good food was served.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I just reread my last article and realized I forgot to proof it. Apologies to all my grammar and spellchecking readers.

Calvin and I went to the Turner Middle School Open House last Friday. Two eighth grade girls took us on a great tour. Everything about this new building is open and airy. Our first stop was the lunchroom and cafeteria. It is on the first level with wide open staircases on the east and west end. Seventh graders are split into two groups, the Panda Bears, and the Polar Bears. Each group only attends classes in their pod that are held on the first



level. The eight graders are located on the second level in the same situation and although one of the groups is the Grizzlies, I forgot the name of the second group. Open study areas are located outside the classrooms. The openness is all around the building, classrooms have floor to ceiling windows instead of walls. I felt the most impressive area was the library. A mural that covers one wall was designed by one of the students. I didn't get all the details, but the design was converted to a wallpaper type canvas depicting a

couple of brown bears and applied to the upper walls. Little reading nooks along bookshelves lined the west wall. The library is located on the first level but open to the second level and can be seen from windows on the second floor. Calvin and I were very impressed with our tour guides, their enthusiasm about the building and the opportunities the school district offers them. The Foundation was selling bricks as a fund raiser. As our granddaughters and their

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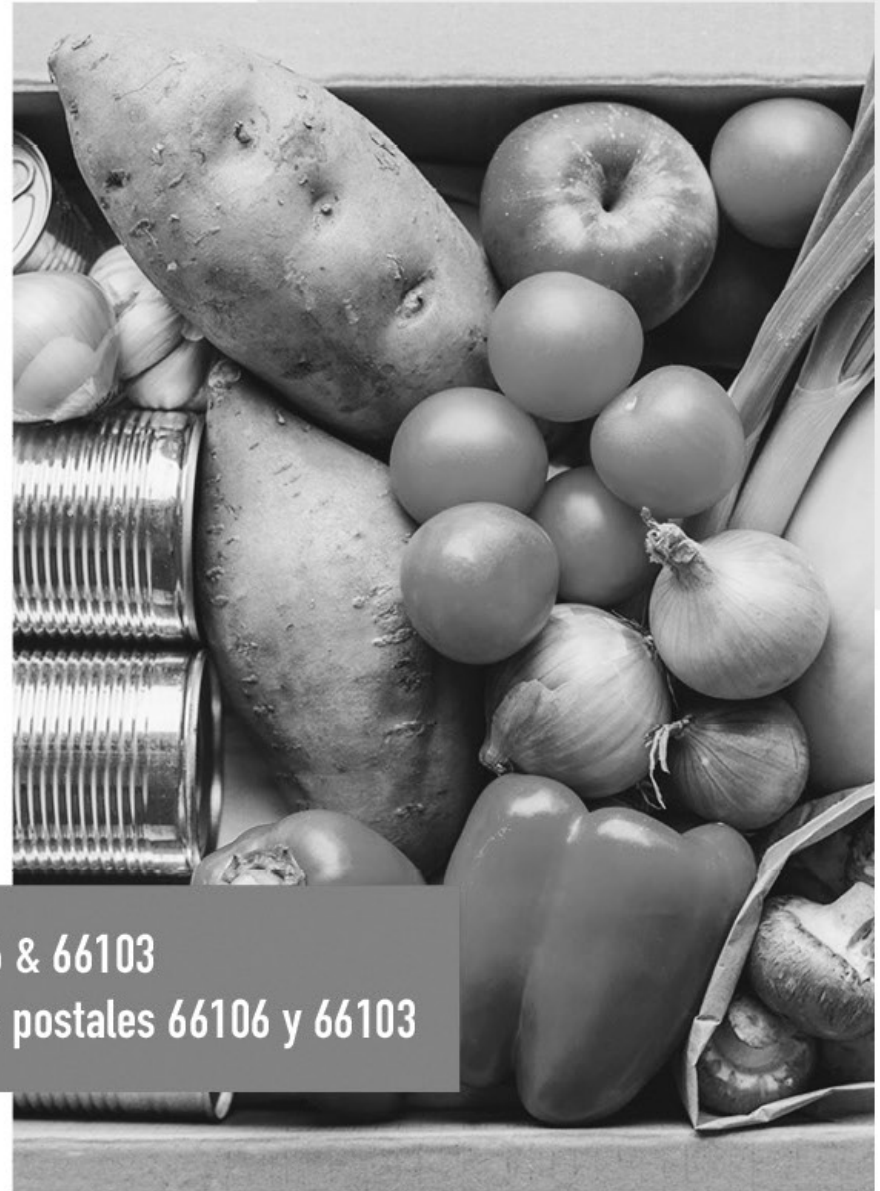
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spouses all attended Turner Middle School, we had to buy them souvenirs.

Someone on NextDoor posted they had not seen any birds at the feeders. I recently attended the K-State Garden hour entitled "Supporting Backyard Birds". The presenter said that one reason is at this time of year there is an availability of natural food and seeds in the environment and when those get scarce the birds will return. Another reason is predatory animals - cats and birds of prey. Well, the other morning as I was fixing my coffee, I

looked out the window and saw a hawk swoop down. There was a dust up in the grass, a squirrel ran up the tree and the hawk landed on my fence. I then noticed another squirrel coming down from the tomato cage. The hawk spotted him, the squirrel dropped the tomato, ran to a peony bush as the hawk swooped down again and landed on the ground. Soon he took off and landed in an arbor in the outback. All squirrels were now hidden, and the hawk flew off. If a hawk can go after a squirrel, I'm sure he 's gotten a few birds.

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



**Tax Payers Rights...
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- The IRS generally has three years from the date taxpayers file their returns to assess any additional tax for that tax year.

- There are some limited exceptions to the three-year rule, including when taxpayers fail to file returns for specific years or file false or fraudulent returns. In these cases, the IRS has an unlimited amount of time to assess tax for that tax year.

- The IRS generally has 10 years from the assessment date to collect unpaid taxes. This 10-year period cannot be extended, except for taxpayers who enter into installment agreements or the IRS obtains court judgments.

- There are circumstances when the 10-year collection period may be suspended. This can happen when the IRS cannot collect money due to the taxpayer's bankruptcy or there's an ongoing collection due process proceeding involving the taxpayer.

- A statutory notice of deficiency is a letter proposing additional tax the taxpayer owes. This notice must include the deadline for filing a petition with the tax court to challenge the amount proposed.

- Generally, a taxpayer will only be subject to one audit per tax year. However, the IRS may reopen an audit for a previous tax year, if the IRS finds it necessary. This could happen, for example, if a taxpayer files a fraudulent return.

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Tom's Tasty Treat

By: Tom Valverde

It's been a while since there has been a good candy recipe, as a tasty treat. That's exactly why this coconut treat was selected to be this week's tasty treat! And there's nothing to making these Chocolate candies and there's only three ingredients. These are going to be hard to resist:

**Tom's Chocolate Covered
Coconut Tempters!**

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 c Shredded Coconut
- 3/4 c Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 1/2 c Dark Chocolate Chips

Directions:

Line a 9x9" square pan with parchment paper, extending the paper up the sides.

In a bowl, combine the shredded coconut and the sweetened condensed milk. Stir the mixture until blended well. If it seems a little dry, add a little more of the sweetened condensed milk.

Pour the mixture into the pan and press into place with a spatula. Then compress the coconut with the bottom of a drinking glass. Cover with foil and freeze for one hour.

Line a tray or small cookie sheet with parchment paper or wax paper.

Remove the candy from the pan and with a sharp knife, cut the candy into small squares or rectangles.

Melt the chocolate and remove from the stove. With a fork, dip each piece into the melted chocolate and place on the tray lined with parchment. Before the chocolate sets, go over each candy and with a fork, impress the chocolate to make a pattern.

Chill the candy for ten minutes and it's ready.

Store it in an air-tight container and keep chilled until serving. Place a sheet of wax paper between layers.

Variations:

Add a light coating of chopped pecans or dried cranberries to the pan before pouring in the coconut mixture. Use semi-sweet, milk, or white chocolate as you like. For the kids, sprinkle with multi-color cupcake decors, or after dipping each piece into the melted chocolate, place a Pecan half on the top.

Most everyone loves these coconut candies, and the sweetened condensed milk adds its own flavor to these easy to make treats. Enjoy!



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Bertha Ann Fuentes, age 56, passed away September 24, 2021. She grew up in Rosedale and was a graduate of Harmon High School, class of 1983.

Jayne Lynn Ryan, age 69, passed away September 28, 2021. Board of Directors for KCK Police and Fire Department Credit Union. and many other organizations.

Sue Thompson, age 96, passed away September 23, 2021. Singer of pop and country western music. Sue Thompson was married to Hank Penny, also a singer. Sister Gayle Larson was on the same show with them in the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas.

Pee Wee Ellis, age 80, passed away September 24, 2021. Professional saxophonist, composer and arranger.

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