



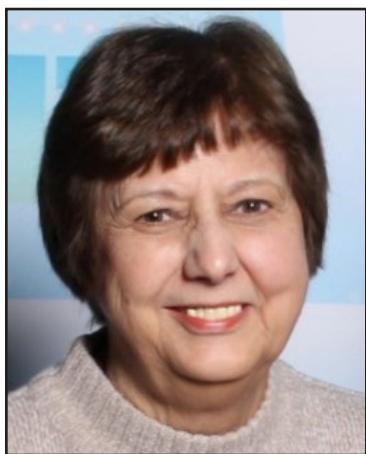
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## Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I have been remiss in listing some of June's upcoming events. Hope these are helpful.

TRC's Elderbears luncheon will be at noon on Wednesday, June 14, at The Windmill, 840 S. 55<sup>th</sup> St. across from Turner Rec. Burgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided. Bring a

side dish to complement the menu. See you there!

Alcott Arts Center is presenting "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" a dramatization by Joseph Robinett from the story by C.S. Lewis on June 10, 11, and 17, 18 at 3 pm on the West Lawn. 180 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Bring Chairs or blankets. Admission: Adults \$15, Children 6 & up \$10, Family package (2adults & 3 children) \$50. Not ADA accessible. For more details call 913 238-2787 or [alcottartscenter.org](http://alcottartscenter.org).

On Sunday, June 11, "Music in the Park" starts at 5:30 pm at Emerson Park in Argentine. The Argentine area has planned several events at various locations through June & July. On Sunday, June 25, the Ciclovía Market will be at the Snack Shack KC, 3112 Strong Ave at 10 am.

Juneteenth in the Dotte is celebrating Saturday, June 17, 2023, with the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Parade and Festival from Everett to Rowland. The parade starts at 10 am. Enjoy live music, games, vendors, food & fun with horse rides for the kids. Must be present to win the Raffle. The event is sponsored by Visit Kansas City KS. For more info: [jnthedotte@gmail.com](mailto:jnthedotte@gmail.com)

St. Pauls' Episcopal Church, 1300 N 18th St. is holding a Health Fair on June 17, from 11am -2pm with free food, kids' games, vaccines, health information, live entertainment and more. The event is held in collaboration with Heart to Heart International. For more info: [stpaulskck.org/vaccinationproject](http://stpaulskck.org/vaccinationproject)

The Third Friday Art Walk will be from 5 pm-9 pm on Friday, June 16 in Downtown KCK on 6<sup>th</sup> St. in the Art District on Strawberry Hill. Started in 2021 with a small community gathering, it has grown to include brick & mortar up and down 6<sup>th</sup> St. as well as artists and partners across the metro area.

Shepherds Center of KCK monthly "Adventure in Learning" series will be held on Friday, June 16, at Grace Lutheran/Mason Memorial Church at 3333 Wood Ave. At 10 am, Health Screens & Fellowship time: 11 am, Presentation of health resources available through Vibrant Health: 12 pm, Lunch sponsored by Kansas Speedway/Latoria Chinn. The Program - "Tips on Energy Efficiency" presented by Patricia Townsend and Carlos Quijas from the Board of Public Utilities.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.

## Governor Kelly Announces May Total Tax Receipts Exceed Estimate by Nearly \$40 Million

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that total tax collections for May 2023 were \$857.3 million. That is \$38.8 million, or 4.7%, above the estimate.

"Thanks to our work to recruit businesses, create jobs, and grow the economy, Kansas is now in strong position to weather any future storms, to continue to invest in public education, and to fix roads and bridges across the state," said Governor Kelly. "We're also in a position to pass responsible, affordable tax cuts, which is what legislators must do when they return next session."

Individual income tax collections were \$440.1 million. That is \$12.9 million, or 2.9% below the estimate, and down 15.1% from May 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$91.2 million, or 140.0% higher than the estimate and up 77.4% from May 2022. The drastic increase in corporate income tax collections can be partly attributed to the continued impact of the SALT Parity Act.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$289.6 million which is \$9.4 million, or 3.1% below the estimate and down \$16.0 million, or 5.2%, from May 2022.

Total tax collections are down 5.8% from May 2022.

# Riobé Named Vice President for Educational Innovation and Global Programs at KCKCC



Kansas City Kansas Community College is pleased to welcome Dr. Fabiola Riobé who will be the college's first vice president for Educational Innovation and Global Programs. "KCKCC is excited to welcome Dr. Riobé to the Blue Devil

family," said KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier. "She brings a wealth of experience and a unique insight in developing innovative educational offerings, workforce solutions and international partnerships."

Riobé comes to KCKCC from SUNY Rockland Community College in Suffern, N.Y., where she served as the associate provost for Academic Innovation, Online Education and Global Opportunities. In this role, she led career and professional development, academic technology and instructional design as well as E-Learning, global engagement, academic and career strategies and

strategic initiatives. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she guided the college through the transition to online and technology-assisted instruction. She also facilitated the process to create a new strategic plan, co-designed a program for New Accepted Student Day and designed a user interface to create training recommendations and faculty assignments.


"I am excited to join the KCKCC family as the inaugural vice president for Educational Innovation and Global Programs. As we embark on this journey together, remember that our work is not confined to the limitations of our job titles," she said. "I look forward

to collaborating with others to achieve the president's vision to foster an atmosphere where innovation thrives, diverse voices are amplified, and every member feels valued, respected and supported. Our commitment to service extends beyond our college walls, reaching into the wider world to address pressing challenges, shape a brighter future and create a legacy that will resonate for years."

Prior to Rockland, Riobé was the president and executive director of Community Colleges for International Development in Houston; the founding director and master teacher for the American Cultural Association, American Language Center in Morocco; director and professional work fellow for ETS in Princeton, N.J. and a Wall Street Market Research, International Consultant for MENA, West Africa Region in London.

Among her key career accomplishments has been writing curriculum for summer arts and language camps that received \$500,000 in funding to support rural and low-income children in Morocco across 12 cities. Riobé increased revenue and saved 25 percent in expenses by developing an information technology roadmap that eliminated the use of paper score reports in China.

Riobé received a bachelor of arts in social science from the State University of New York and both a master of business administration and master of arts in international relations from Schiller International University in France. She then received a doctor of education, leadership from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. as well as several additional certificates. She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a mentor for the African Women Economic Consortium and has been on the board of directors for the YMCA in Rockland, N.Y.




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## YOU are invited

Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights organization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.

Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

Join us at the monthly Zoom meetings – the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

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# 2023 Kansas Notable Books List Announced

TOPEKA –The State Library of Kansas is proud to announce the 2023 Kansas Notable Books list. This year’s list of Kansas Notable Books continues the tradition of celebrating the rich stories and vibrant spirit of the state.

“The authors of the 2023 Kansas Notable Books not only help us gain a deeper understanding of our world, but also encourage empathy for others and reflection on our own life experiences,” State Librarian Ray C. Walling said. “Written by Kansans or about Kansas and Kansans, these fifteen books explore wanderlust, transformative collaboration, hidden struggles, inspiring resilience, and the power of love.”

Authors will be recognized and awarded medals by the State Li-

brarian at the Kansas Book Festival on September 16 at Washburn University. The Book Festival is a free event that is open to the public. For more information on the event, visit [kansasbookfestival.com](http://kansasbookfestival.com).

The selection process for the Kansas Notable Books involved a rigorous evaluation by a selection committee made up of librarians, educators, and literary professionals. Their task was to identify books that exemplify quality writing, compelling storytelling, and significant contributions to the literary landscape. This year’s list features a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and children’s literature, ensuring there is something for every reader.

A program of the Kansas Cen-

ter for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, Kansas Notable Books works to foster a love for reading by promoting these exceptional works across the state. Public libraries, schools, and bookstores feature the Kansas Notable Books prominently and organize events that engage readers and highlight the authors’ accomplishments. An annual grant program administered by the State Library supports Kansas public libraries adding Notable Books titles to their collections in formats best suited to their patrons. Applications will be released mid-June.

For more information about the Kansas Notable Books program, visit [kslib.info/notablebooks](http://kslib.info/notablebooks) or contact the State Library of

Kansas at 785-296-3296 or email [infodesk@ks.gov](mailto:infodesk@ks.gov).

## 2023 Kansas Notable Books

Cabby Potts, *Duchess of Dirt* by Kathleen Wilford, Blue Bronco Books

*Easy Beauty: A Memoir* by Chloe Cooper Jones, Simon & Schuster

*Hell’s Half-Acre: The Untold Story of the Benders* by Susan Jonas, Viking

*Justa’s Escape: A Journey from WWII Ukraine* by Justina Neufeld with Russell Binkley, Wipf and Stock

*Kansas Speaks Out: Poems in the Age of Me, Too* edited by Dennis Etzel, Jr and Jericho Hockett, An Actual Kansas Press

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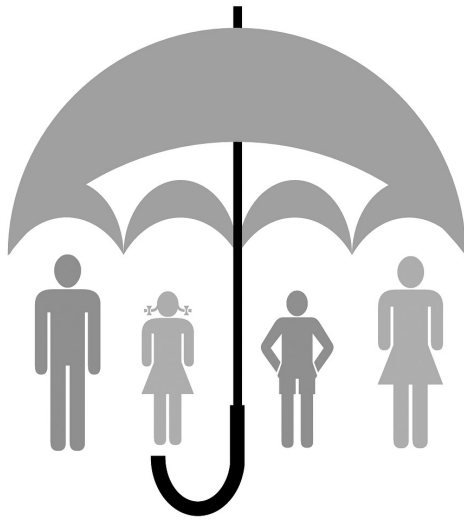


## Governor Kelly, Representative Davids Urge Qualifying Kansans to Take Action to Keep Health Coverage

Governor Laura Kelly today joined United States Representative Sharice Davids, area legislators, and other state health leaders in Olathe to bring public awareness to what Kansans on KanCare need to do to ensure they don't unnecessarily lose coverage during the renewal process.

During the press conference, Governor Kelly and Representative Davids pointed to the KanCare renewal process as part of the case to expand Medicaid.

"Health insurance is foundational to healthy communities, which is why I'm glad to join forces with Representative Davids to make sure qualifying Kansans know what they need to do to keep their



coverage," Governor Kelly said. "But this process makes the need to expand Medicaid that much clearer – it will boost our economy, bring hard-earned tax dollars back to our state, and most importantly, save lives. We must get this done next legislative session."

"While I'm glad we could help ensure qualifying Kansans don't lose their health care during the KanCare renewal process, it's far past time for Kansas to expand Medicaid coverage," said Rep. Davids. "I've worked for years to ensure all Kansans can receive the affordable, quality health care they deserve, but certain actors at the state level have forgone already-paid-for federal dollars as part of a political agenda. My fight continues, and I'm glad to have Governor Kelly and other local partners like Healthcare Partnership Clinic beside me, working to keep Kansans safe and healthy."

Kansas is just one of 10 states that have not yet expanded Medicaid despite over 7 out of every 10 Kansans, regardless of political party, supporting expansion.

Kansans can prepare for the Kan-

Care renewal process by updating their contact information and return paperwork in a timely manner.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is working to ensure that reviews are processed efficiently, accurately and in compliance with federal regulations for all Kansans with Medicaid, including ensuring our fellow Kansans are provided more than the required timeframe to return their review," said Christine Osterlund, Deputy Medicaid Director and Director of Operations, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "It is vital that any Kansan with Medicaid update their contact information with the KanCare Clearinghouse and that all review paperwork is signed, dated and received by the KanCare Clearinghouse by the date listed on the review form."

## Legends Outlets to Show Hollywood Blockbusters on The Lawn every Saturday

Legends Outlets is excited to host Movie Night on The Lawn at Legends Outlets, 1843 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City KS, every Saturday night at 7 p.m. Movies are family friendly, and the last Saturday of the month is date night, with or without the kids.

June 10: The Devil Wears Prada

June 17: Despicable Me

June 24: The Princess Bride

July 1: National Treasure

July 8: Hook

July 15: Puss in Boots

July 22: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids

July 29: The Wedding Planer

August 5: Super Mario Bros.

August 12: School of Rock

August 19: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

August 26: Say Anything

September 2: Harry Potter

September 9: Little Giants

September 16: The Lion King

September 23: Jumanji

September 30: The Greatest Showman

October 7: Hotel Transylvania: Transformania

October 14: Casper

October 21: Hocus Pocus

October 28: Nightmare Before Christmas

## No Workers Compensation Fund assessment for FY 2024

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced there will not be a Workers Compensation Fund assessment this year. Carriers, pools, and self-insured businesses will not be required to pay into the assessment fund for fiscal year (FY) 2024. This will reduce the cost of doing business by at least \$3 million over the previous fiscal year.

"As Commissioner, I am committed to providing effective government services in the most efficient way possible," said Schmidt. "Due to the healthy balance of the Workers Compensation Fund, I have determined that imposing an assessment is not warranted for the upcoming fiscal year."

Pursuant to state law, the Insurance Commissioner is permitted to make an assessment on all insurance carriers, self-insurers and group-funded workers compensation pools insuring the payment of workers compensation, specifically in cases where an employer either did not have workers compensation insurance, is insolvent, or cannot be located. This discretionary assessment is to be in an amount equal to pay all amounts which may be required to be paid from the Workers Compensation Fund, less the amount estimated unencumbered balance in the Workers Compensation Fund at the end of the current fiscal year. Since the Commissioner determined the fund will have a sufficient balance on June 30, an assessment will not be required for the upcoming fiscal year.

In FY 2018 there were 1,920 open claims in the Workers Compensation Fund. Due to the diligent work of Department staff, that number has gradually declined to 1,660 open claims in FY 2022. As cases are further reviewed, the Department estimates that the number of open claims could reach less than 1,200 over the next three years which would be a significant accomplishment for the Fund. In addition, recent reforms have ensured medical claims are vetted and not erroneously paid – leading to a better financial position for the Fund and a stabilization in the annual assessments.



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Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy by Randal Maurice Jelks, Lawrence Hill Books

The Monster's Bones: The Discovery of T. Rex and How It Shook Our World by David K. Randall, W. W. Norton & Company

Native American Stories for Kids: 12 Traditional Stories from Indigenous Tribes Across North America by Tom Pecore Weso, Rockridge Press

A New Guide to Kansas Mushroomrooms by Sherry Kay, Benjamin Sikes, and Caleb Morse, University Press of Kansas

Nothing but the Dirt: Stories from an American Farm Town by Kate Benz, University Press of Kansas

One Boy Watching by Grant Snider, Chronicle Books

River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile by Candice Millard, Doubleday

The Undead Truth of Us by Britney S. Lewis, Hyperion

The Vagabond's Way: 366 Meditations on Wanderlust, Discovery, and the Art of Travel by Rolf Potts, Random House

Winfield's Walnut Valley Festival by Seth Bate, The History Press

**There's still time to file a 2019 tax return and claim credits**

It's not too late for the 1.5 million taxpayers with unclaimed 2019 refunds to claim their cash, but they need to file soon. The IRS extended the deadline for 2019 tax returns to July 17, 2023.

Extended filing deadline for 2019 tax refunds

Taxpayers usually have three years to file and claim their tax refunds. The three-year deadline for filing 2019 returns to claim a refund was in 2022, but the IRS postponed the deadline to July 17, 2023, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This means taxpayers still have time to claim valuable family tax credits.

Child Tax Credit

Taxpayers who claim at least one child as their dependent on their tax return may be eligible for the Child Tax Credit. Taxpayers can check details about claiming this credit on a 2019 tax return before time runs out. For help figuring out if a child qualifies for this credit, taxpayers can check Does My Child/Dependent Qualify for the Child Tax Credit or the Credit for Other Dependents?

Child and Dependent Care Credit

If taxpayers paid someone to take care of their children or another member of their household while they worked in 2019, they may qualify for the Child and Dependent Care Credit regardless of their income. Taxpayers who pay for daycare expenses may be eligible to claim up to 35% of their daycare expenses with certain limits.

Earned Income Tax Credit eligibility for 2019

Taxpayers with earned income may be eligible for the EITC. This credit helps people whose incomes were below certain levels. For 2019, the credit is worth as much as \$6,557. Many low- and moderate-income workers could miss out on the EITC if they don't file their 2019 tax return.

The IRS may hold a 2019 tax refund check if the taxpayer hasn't filed tax returns for 2020 and 2021, and it may apply refunds to:

- Outstanding federal or state tax bills
- Unpaid child support
- Past due federal debts such as student loans

Need to file a 2019 tax return?

For current and prior year tax forms and instructions, taxpayers can check Forms, Instructions & Publications. Taxpayers can still get the information they need to file a 2019 tax return, but they should start early to make sure they have enough time to file before the deadline on July 17, 2023.

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**INVITATION FOR BID:**

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed proposals for: IFB 23-014 Electrical Upgrades at JC Harmon High School. Prebid Conference will be held: 06/06/2023 at JC Harmon HS, 2400 Steele Rd. (Main Office), Kansas City, KS 66106. Sealed proposals should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104 - "IFB 23-014 - Electrical Upgrades at JC Harmon HS". Bids will be opened 06/20/2023 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office. Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 5 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=c00af89d-f6af-4f0e-b823-f145c898cc06>

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