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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover



Halfway through June and I am already looking ahead to the 4th of July. TRC will hold its annual Fireworks Display at Pierson Park on the previous Friday, June 30 at 9:45pm. Check their Facebook page for more details.

K-State Garden Hour July 5, 2023, presentation on Zoom will be "Solutions to Your Top Garden Insect & Disease Problems. K- State's Dr. James Cloyd and Judy O'Mara will be the speakers. The hour program starts at 12:00. I have attended programs by both and they entertain their audiences as well as educate. The program is recorded so if you miss it, you can find it on K-State's website.

On July 6, K-State WYCO Horticulture Agent Lynn Loughary will present on zoom or if in person (Sunflower Room -1216 N. 79th) a program entitled "Plants gone Wild - Controlling Invasive Plants". Program starts at 11:30 am until-1:00 pm.

By now, you must realize I like books with strong women characters whether fictional or non-fictional. One of the latest that was recommended to me was a historical fiction novel "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto

Urrea. It started out as a non-fiction book about his mother who served with the Red Cross during WWII. No, she was not a nurse. She was part of an elite group of women, nicknamed "Donut Dollies", who commandeered military vehicles at the front lines in Europe providing a taste of home and camaraderie that may have been the only comfort received before the soldiers went into battle. The author wove fact into fiction using the adventures of his mother and her colleagues through archives, diaries, and interviews with a former dolly. This is another of the unsung stories of women who worked unknown and unappreciated (at the time) from codebreakers to espionage to NASA. Loved the Book!

Another book recommended to me is a

twisty thriller "You Shouldn't Have Come Here" by Jeneva Rose. A woman schedules an Airbnb for a 10 day visit at a remote dude ranch. She is the only guest. Although the owner is a real hunk and they both seem to be attracted to each other, something seems off. You won't see it coming. This led me to another of her earlier novels "One of Us is Dead". A group of rich women who belong to an exclusive beauty salon know each other's secrets. Add in cattiness, backstabbing, and blackmail. You can figure out who is going to get killed but by whom. Not as good as the first one but this one is pretty good.

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 Kansas Receives More than \$3.6M for Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly announced today that the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is receiving more than \$3.6 million as part of a five-year federal grant to implement youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. The funding will help reduce suicides and suicidal ideation in Kansans aged 10-24 years.

“Improving mental health in every community, including among our youngest Kansans, is essential to creating a healthy, thriving Kansas,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “This funding will further our efforts to reduce suicide rates by providing support and resources for Kansans in crisis.”

The funding for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Suicide Prevention Program Grant comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration (SAMHSA). It will support KDADS in reaching young Kansans through schools, educational institutions, juvenile justice systems, substance use programs, mental health programs, and the foster care system.

“This grant funding tells young people across Kansas that ‘we hear you asking for support and help, and your voices are being heard,’” KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. “This federal funding allows us to implement effective programs at the local level where we can reach our younger population who are struggling with their mental health and guide them to the resources they need in their community.”

The award will focus on strategies and initiatives for youth and young adults residing in Wyandotte County and the 12-county southeast region of Kansas (Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Greenwood, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson).

“Mental health is health, and it’s critical we treat it as such,” Representative Sharice Davids, KS-03, said. “Through this new

programming, we can help reach kids who are struggling and ensure they are supported and cared for. I’m proud to have helped bring these much-needed resources home to create healthy, resilient communities in Wyandotte County and across Kansas.”

With this funding, KDADS will focus on addressing strategic directions identified by the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the recommendations created by the Kansas Governor’s Mental Health Task Force (2017) and the Special Committee on Mental Health Modernization and Reform (2021-2022).

Through this award, KDADS aims to:

- Strengthen and broaden public communication efforts about risk and protective factors for suicide;
- Improve suicide risk recognition among youth organizations and professionals by increasing connections to culturally sensitive, consumer-responsive treatment services;
- Evaluate, develop, and implement evidence-based suicide screenings at behavioral health care

and educational sites;

- Implement and enhance safety net support, including the creation of safety plans and referrals to treatment;

- Expand access to suicide post-intervention counseling by providing training;

- Improve statewide capacity to collect and analyze data related to suicide prevention efforts, and suicide morbidity/mortality.

“The award of Garrett Lee Smith funding to support suicide prevention in Kansas is recognition of the incredible work done to this point and the exciting potential for collaboration across sectors to reduce suicidality and deaths of despair in our youth,” Bailey Blair, Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition president, said. “The influx of resources combined with the infrastructure created by suicide prevention advocates and allied professionals across the state will allow for novel and responsive solutions to issues facing youth in Kansas and support the integration of suicide prevention practices across the lifespan.”



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June is Officially “Great Outdoors Month”

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – Governor Laura Kelly, with the support of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA), has proclaimed June as Great Outdoors Month in Kansas; a timely reminder of just how much the outdoors and our parks contribute to our quality of life as Kansans.

“Outdoor recreation is great way to improve physical and mental health, fitness, and environmental awareness,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “I encourage everyone to get outdoors this month to appreciate our state’s natural resources and enjoy memorable experiences with family and friends at a park nearest you.”

Apart from the physical, mental, and environmental benefits of engaging in outdoor recreation, the economic benefit can be felt, as well. In fact, outdoor recreation has a significant economic impact in Kansas, generating an estimated \$3.6 billion in consumer spending and supporting 37,107 direct jobs annually.

Events to Celebrate

Consider celebrating “Great Outdoors Month” on a national level by participating in National Marina Days (May 29 to Sept. 4), the Great Outdoors Day of Service (June 16), or the Great American Campout (June 24). Or, closer to home, participate in events like the S’more Family Fun Run at Milford State Park (June 24).

For more ideas on fun-filled ways to celebrate Great Outdoors Month in Kansas, visit KDWP’s Calendar of Events, [HERE](#), and follow KDWP and KRPA on Facebook.



What employees need to know about income tax withholding

Whether someone is entering the workforce for the first time or changing jobs, filling out new hire paperwork can feel overwhelming. One of the forms employees must complete is a W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate. This form tells employers how much money to withhold from the employee's pay for federal income tax.

It's important for employees to know the correct amount of tax to withhold so they don't owe too much money when filing their tax return or have too much money withheld from their paychecks.

Get tax withholding right.

Federal income tax is a pay-as-you-go tax. Taxpayers pay the tax through their employers as they earn or receive income during

the year. Employers take out – or withhold – income tax from employee paychecks and pay it to the IRS in the taxpayer's name.

If an employee doesn't have enough tax withheld, they may face an unexpected tax bill and a possible penalty when they file a tax return next year. If they overpay or have too much tax withheld during the year, the employee will likely get a tax refund when they file their tax return. Adjusting the tax withheld up front may mean a bigger paycheck throughout the year.

Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate

New employees must complete Form W-4 so that their employer can withhold the correct amount of federal income tax from their pay.

Employees should read the instructions carefully. The employer will base the amount of withholding on the information the employee provides on their W-4 and how much the employee earns.

People can also submit a new W-4 when their personal or financial situation changes and they want to update their withholding.

Taxpayers can use the Tax Withholding Estimator

If a taxpayer isn't sure how much tax they should have withheld, they can use the Tax Withholding Estimator tool on IRS.gov to:

- Estimate their federal income tax withholding.
- See how their refund, take-home pay or tax due is affected by their withholding amount.

Not all workers are employees. Workers are classified as either contractors or employees according to certain rules. Workers who are independent contractors need to pay their taxes directly to the IRS. Depending on how much they earn, they may need to pay estimated tax on a quarterly basis.

Keep tax forms in a safe place.

Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, is a taxpayer's record of the income they received throughout the year and the amount of money withheld for federal, state, local and other taxes. Employers typically send these out in late January each year. Taxpayers should keep all the tax documents they receive and store them in a safe place so they are available for filing an accurate tax return.



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Bespoke Bodies” Exhibition Now Open at the National WWI Museum and Memorial

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The National WWI Museum and Memorial will exhibit *Bespoke Bodies: The Design & Craft of Prosthetics* from June 2023 to April 2024 in collaboration with Design Museum Everywhere.

This major traveling exhibition explores the past, present and future of prosthetic design. Through tactile objects, interactive models and stories of designers, prosthetists and amputees, *Bespoke Bodies* advocates for innovations in the field that center disabled people in the design process.

The exhibition also features objects from the National WWI Museum and Memorial’s collection of artifacts from the Great War. Until the First World War, most battle injuries were caused by small fire-arms or swords, but shrapnel from heavy artillery, machine guns and poison gas created injuries unlike those ever seen before. Out of this devastation came the urgent need for innovation in ocular, facial and limb prosthetics.

“It was a pivotal time in the field of prosthetics,” said Maria Villafra, Interim Executive Director

of Design Museum Everywhere. “The artifacts provide a unique historical context to explore urgent contemporary conversations around design and disability.”

“Users and prosthetists had to experiment in the past,” said Matthew Naylor, President and CEO of the Museum and Memorial. “Limbs and devices went through a brief period of attempts at standardized mass production before we understood the need for a better, more bespoke future. The design and innovation of prosthetics during this time is just one of the many enduring impacts of WWI.”

Visitors are invited to explore the evolution of prosthetic devices through visual stories, historical timelines and videos. These stories demonstrate that when more perspectives of people who use prostheses are part of the creation process, the better the design.

Opening on Thursday, June 8, 2023, *Bespoke Bodies* will be on display in the Museum and Memorial’s Wylie Gallery and is presented by Bank of America.

“Bank of America is honored to partner with the National WWI

Museum and Memorial in bringing awareness of innovation in prosthetic design through this exhibition,” said Matt Linski, president, Bank of America Kansas City. “As a company committed to diversity and inclusion and valuing all our differences, we’re pleased to help advance the conversation around disabilities today through this educational experience.”

Admission to *Bespoke Bodies* is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and military and \$6 for youth – or just \$4 when combined with a general admission ticket. A variety of engaging programs will support the exhibition. Stay tuned to theworldwar.org for more information.

About the National WWI Museum and Memorial : The National WWI Museum and Memorial is America’s leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and

understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The Museum and Memorial holds the most comprehensive collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. The Museum and Memorial takes visitors of all ages on an epic journey through a transformative period and shares deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Designated by Congress as America’s official World War I Museum and Memorial and located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National WWI Museum and Memorial inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. To learn more, visit theworldwar.org.

Statement from Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt:

“Earlier today, I shared with Kansas Insurance Department staff that during a routine mammogram, my doctor ordered a biopsy of an area of concern and that test revealed that I have breast cancer. In the coming weeks, I will undergo treatment at the University of Kansas Cancer Center to remove and treat the cancer. I expect to make a full recovery.

“As Insurance Commissioner and a pharmacist, I have often played a supporting role in many Kansans’ fight against cancer. Now that I am on the other side, their stories, their determination and their strength are the foundation on which I face this fight. I am grateful for the incredible medical team caring for me as well as the love and support of my husband, Mike. (Send prayers for Mike! I’m not a very good patient.)

“I will continue work at the Kansas Insurance Department with the support of the best staff around and operations will not be interrupted. I am encouraged by the support of my friends and family, but what I ask is that you schedule your yearly mammogram or encourage the women in your life to do so. While uncomfortable, awkward and let’s be honest, painful, I am proof this preventative procedure can save lives. And as always, if you have an issue with insurance, I hope you will call the Department to assist!”

Department of Commerce Seeking Community Input for Future CDBG Projects

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Commerce, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, needs input regarding how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is distributed.

CDBG funds, which are received each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), are used to address community needs in cities and counties across Kansas. Over the years, CDBG projects have included assistance for business start-ups and expansions, downtown commercial rehabilitation, housing rehabilitation, and water and sewer line extensions, among others.

The Department of Commerce wants to ensure CDBG investments advance the goals established in the Kansas Framework for Growth, the state’s economic development strategic plan and are utilized more strategically to help communities across the state.

To make these changes, the Department of Commerce and its partners are seeking input from residents, local elected officials, and others via an online survey. The survey, which will take about 10 minutes to complete, will pose questions such as:

- What amenities are most important to you in your city or county?
- What is the current quality of these amenities?
- How does your city or county identify what improvements are needed?
- Has your city or county benefitted from CDBG funding in the past?

Responses collected are important in guiding the best way to invest in the future of Kansas. Individuals are asked to respond by Thursday, June 15.



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Walmart to Build \$257M Case-Ready Beef Facility in Olathe

Walmart will build its first-ever fully owned and operated case-ready beef facility in Olathe. The retailer will invest \$257 million in the plant and create 667 new permanent jobs. Construction of the facility will also create 1,000 design, fabrication, and construction jobs.

"Thanks to our work to make Kansas a top food and agriculture state, companies continue to invest in our communities and create high-paying jobs for Kansans," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Walmart's innovative new facility will support a more prosperous future for Olathe, for the Kansas City metro, and for our state as a whole."

The opening of the 330,000-square-foot facility will further Walmart's efforts in creating an end-to-end supply chain for high-quality Angus beef while increasing transparency and capacity in its supply chain to deliver high-quality products for its customers in the Midwest.

The new facility is set to break ground later this year. The facility will be designed and built by McCownGordon Construction of Kansas City. Once opened in 2025, the facility will process Angus cuts, supplied by Sustainable Beef LLC, into case-ready beef products such as steaks and roasts to be sold in

Walmart stores across the Midwest.

Walmart first announced its ambitions to create an end-to-end supply chain for Angus beef in 2019 and has made numerous strides since then, with the opening of a case-ready beef facility in 2020 and its equity investment and long-term commercial agreement in Sustainable Beef LLC last year.

Walmart customers' shopping habits have evolved over recent years, and more customers are seeking greater transparency in the supply chain and high-quality offerings available at affordable prices. This case-ready facility will increase needed capacity in the beef industry and allow Walmart to keep up with customer demand.

"At Walmart, enhancing quality is integral to how we innovate," Walmart Senior Vice President of Deli, Meat, and Seafood David Baskin said. "Once opened, our case-ready beef facility in Olathe will mark an important next step in our journey to create an end-to-end Angus beef supply chain, ensuring our customers have access to the

high-quality meats they expect at the everyday low prices they rely on."

"Since day one of her administration, Governor Kelly has been focused on creating and retaining good-paying jobs in our state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "The Walmart facility will provide solid career opportunities for hundreds of Kansas families in addition to benefitting the entire regional economy."

"This is such great news," Olathe Mayor John Bacon said. "We're thrilled that Walmart chose Olathe for its innovative facility. This huge capital investment will help create more jobs that will greatly benefit the City of Olathe and our entire region."

"We couldn't be more excited about this state-of-the-art facility coming to Olathe," Olathe Chamber CEO Tim McKee said. "We can't thank Walmart, the State of Kansas, and the City of Olathe enough for their help in bringing this facility, and so many great jobs, to our city. This is a huge economic development win for our community."

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

1. Divide the country philosophically.
2. Foment racial strife.
3. Control the media and use propaganda.
4. Engender the military to weaken it.
5. Cause disrespect of all Federal agencies and departments.
6. Encourage civil riots and disturbances.
7. Discourage any accountability for crime by public officials'.
8. Overburden workers with unfair taxation.
9. Allow the country's borders to be entered into without proper process.
10. Cause disrespect of the police and laws.
11. Take control of local balloting; call on corrupt election officials to help win or to change election results.

Notes taken 85 years ago in a political science course.

The more that things change over time, the more they remain the same. The course was looking at the conditions needed to overturn a Democracy. Thankfully, via the good intentions of a few Federal workers we remain a democracy still. It's time for everyone to learn more and to be more involved in our government, at all levels. Our united oversight is required now more than ever. Don't let "others" do it all you'll have no one to blame if things go badly in government, but yourself.

Be vigilant, caring, and Involved.



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