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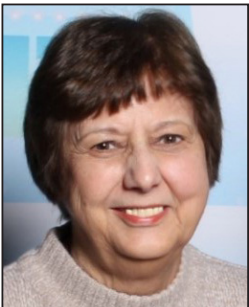
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David Young, one of the original founders of the Turner Community Garden and Turner Community Garden Board member.



By Sharon Hoover

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

Sad News! David Young, one of the original founders of the Turner Community Garden and Turner Community Garden Board member has passed away. He was a good and loyal friend who was always buying items for the garden. Only last week he brought onion sets for us to plant, and one year he donated a dozen baskets that we now use for harvesting vegetables. As an Elderbeary, he continued to regularly attend Thursday's Game Day until his health faltered. Dave was one of the nicest and kindest people I ever met. He always looked on the positive side of things and never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was a volunteer's volunteer – manned our garden tables at many events, helped with youth education, painted the base coat on Dottie the Bear, prepared hot dogs at the Fall Fest, and maintained his garden plots until this year. One Saturday last summer, he and I spent the morning running the market while the regulars were on vacation. I was

drafted and he volunteered when he saw I was by myself. We managed to pull it off without a hitch. We are going to miss him. He was one of the good guys.

The TRC Elderbearies is holding their monthly luncheon on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at noon in TRC's Hub room. The Hub is the first room on the right at the top of the stairs upon entering the main entrance. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

Wyandotte County Lake is celebrating "Christmas in July at the Marina" on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Enjoy food, music, prizes, fireworks. Decorate your pontoon in a Christmas theme to vie for prizes. Festivities start at 5pm-6pm with the Fishing Derby; 6pm-8pm, Boat Judging; followed by the 8:30pm Parade and with fireworks. Register at the Lake Marina, or the Parks & Rec office, 5033 State Ave. For additional info call 913 573-8327.

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.

Argentine Federal Savings Celebrated Independence Day in Patriotic Style

July 4, 2023, Argentine Federal Savings, at the Overland Park location, celebrated Independence Day with a beautiful display of flags. This location was adorned with a vibrant row of flags, exuding a sense of patriotic spirit, rich history and honoring the significance of the occasion. The AFS home office is located at 3004 Strong Ave, Kansas City, Kansas.



Mayor Garner Welcomes Key Hires to Administration First-Ever Latina Chief of Staff to Join Mayor's Team

Kansas City, KS – Mayor/CEO Tyrone A. Garner announced the appointment of two key staff members to his team today. Steve Williams starts as Community Engagement & Welfare Advisor to the Office of the Mayor, effective today, July 6, 2023. Irene Caudillo will assume her role as Chief of Staff on Monday, July 10, 2023. Both Mr. Williams and Ms. Caudillo bring decades of community leadership and experience to the Unified Government in their new roles.

“I am excited to announce these key appointments,” said Mayor Tyrone A. Garner. “I am confident that with the many years of professional experience, love of Wyandotte County, and dedication in service to others, both will be of exceptional value to the great people of Wyandotte County, the Unified Government, and the vision of the Mayor’s office to facilitate making Kansas City, Kansas a great and safe place

to live, work and raise a family.”

“It is an honor to continue the work in our community, said Chief of Staff Irene Caudillo. “I am ready to support the Mayor and the Unified Government staff in centering community needs and improving this city and county by meeting these needs.”

Steve Williams – Community Engagement & Welfare Advisor

Steve Williams is a Kansas City, Kansas native with more than three decades experience in public safety, youth mentoring, community outreach, problem solving, leadership, and neighborhood engagement. Williams has been an integral member of various community boards and organizations and is looking forward to serving as a liaison regarding community safety, open communication, empowerment, education, equity, and positive community engagement. As Community Engagement and Welfare Advisor, Steve will be responsible for coordinating with community organizations on behalf of the Mayor’s office as well as identifying and facilitating the physical, social, and organizational welfare concerns of



all Wyandotte County stakeholders.

Irene Caudillo – Chief of Staff

Irene Caudillo has more than thirty years of proven nonprofit executive leadership. For the past ten years, Ms. Caudillo has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer for El Centro, a not-for-profit corporation established in 1976 and committed to improving the lives of Latinos and others through education, social, and economic opportunities. Ms. Caudillo has a demonstrated track record for collaboration, working across sectors, and support for our community and has been honored nationally and regionally for her service.

Ms. Caudillo will oversee the day-to-day operations of Mayor Garner’s administration. With her vast experience, Ms. Caudillo will assist in cultivating innovative partnerships to improve equity and opportunity for all that call Wyandotte County home. Ms. Caudillo will be the first Latina Chief of Staff for the Unified Government.

To read the full biographies for Irene Caudillo and Steve Williams, as well as learn more about the staff members and liaisons in the Mayor’s office, please visit our website Staff–Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City (wycokck.org).



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Governor Kelly Announces June Total Tax Receipts Exceed Estimate by Over \$17M, Closes Fiscal Year Nearly \$26M Ahead of Projections



TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced last week that total tax collections for June 2023 were \$989.0 million. That is \$17.3 million, or 1.8%, more than the estimate and \$70.2 million, or 7.6%, more than June 2022.

“Time and again, we have seen our monthly revenues exceed estimates because of my administration’s success in attracting businesses, expanding our workforce, and growing our state’s economy,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “This past legislative session, I fought for responsible tax cuts on groceries, property, and Social Security to put this money back in the hands of working Kansans. Come January, I am committed to partnering with legislators to get Kansans relief.”

Individual income tax collections were \$379.0 million. That is \$4.0 million, or 1.1%, less than the estimate but \$14.3 million, or 3.9%, more than June 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$226.2 million. That’s \$26.2 million, or 13.1%, more than the estimate and up 52.7% from June 2022.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$303.5 million. That is \$1.5 million, or 0.5%, more than the estimate but less than June 2022 by only 0.1%.

Kansas will end FY 2023 with total tax collections of nearly \$10.2 billion, which exceeds the FY 2023 revised estimate by \$25.9 million.

Consumer Connection: Rise of the robo-adviser

Topeka, Kan. – Robo-advisers have exploded in popularity over the last decade. A robo-adviser is a digital platform that provides automated, algorithm-driven financial planning and investment services often with little to no human supervision. A typical robo-adviser asks questions about your financial situation and future goals through an online survey. It then uses the data to offer advice and automatically invest for you. With typically low fees and 24/7 accessibility, these automated tools can be an attractive option to the do-it-yourself investor, but Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt urges investors to do their research when considering a robo-adviser.

investing tools like robo-advisers, investors have more options than ever before to pursue their financial goals,” Schmidt said. “But like any investment tool, robo-advisers come with their own set of limitations that potential users should carefully consider.”

Assets under management by robo-advisers have grown each year and are expected to continue. But even with their rise in popularity, they may not be the right fit for everyone. Here are a few questions to ask if you are considering investing with a robo-adviser:

* What information does the robo-adviser use to make recommendations and build portfolios? Keep in mind that some robo-advisers may consider only

limited information about you, and that you may have to update this information regularly as your needs change. Make sure you understand how the robo-adviser accounts for things like your risk tolerance, personal financial situation, and overall financial goals. Robo-advisers have different approaches to investing, such as using pre-determined portfolios of investments that may or may not be customizable. Others may focus solely on a limited range of investment products, such as exchange-traded funds.

* What fees does the robo-adviser charge? One of the biggest advantages of robo-advisers is the lower fees when compared to other options. It is important to understand all fees the robo-ad-

viser charges, including additional brokerage or management fees. Make sure you are aware if there are any penalties or fees associated with withdrawals, transferring, or closing your account.

* Is the robo-adviser properly registered and licensed? Even though they are automated, robo-advisers in the U.S. must comply with the securities laws of the SEC and Kansas. You can check to see if a robo-adviser offered by an investment firm is properly registered just like you would with a human advisor, at BrokerCheck.com.

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

But, I think it's wonderful that there are now "boom towns" and "boom States," and I think that needs to be celebrated. I also think that it would be great then, if these Republican controlled States that they start paying their fair share and take care of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Kentucky. Because I'm sick of taking care of them from up here in New York or California. Blue States pay the

highest taxes and then, those Federal dollars get shipped down south to make sure that they have decent schools, they have health care, good roads, etc. So, by all means, South Carolina, Nancy Mace, who wants to take credit for things she voted against. Please, give some money to Kentucky, help them out. Tommy Tuberville, we talk about you all of the time, you should be paying more and taking care of your own people, instead of feeding off of Democrats that pay higher taxes.

Jessica Tarlov, News commentator at FOX News' TAKE FIVE program

This program aired last week, and it marks a big change in direction at FOX News. When Ms. Tarlov spoke, the two others at the table sat without saying anything or trying to interrupt her as she gave her progressive opinion. Both the man and other woman sat in stone silence.

Uninterrupted dialogue is a rare thing at FOX News but, it seems as though their multi-million-dollar loss in the Dominion Voting Systems defamation lawsuit has taught it an expensive lesson. FOX Corp. Settlement was a record \$787.5

Million dollars.

The Dominion lawsuit was over the repeated lies told on air after the 2020 election where multiple FOX News hosts stated that Dominion had "rigged" their voting machines to change votes for Trump into votes for Biden. What was worse, is the that the FOX News hosts knew that what they had said was not true. Allegations of a "Stolen election" so infuriated far right groups that the result was the storming of the US Capitol.

Our democracy was nearly lost because of their lies.

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