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By Sharon Hoover

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

ave you ever been to Eagle Days at Wyandotte County Lake? This year marks the Twenty-Sec-

ond Year for the annual event. There will be live birds of prey, including a Bald Eagle, crafts for kids, birdwatching on the lake, binocular checkout, activity stations, tons of photo ops, and much more. Operation Wildlife will be offering talks on the hour at Mr. & Mrs. FL Schlagle Library and James P. Davis Hall. The days and hours are Saturday, January 20, 9am-5pm, and Sunday, January 21, 12pm-4pm. Fun for the whole family and it's free.

How are your cake decorating skills? Heather Chronister, County Fair Foods Division Judge, will put you through your paces. She will be teaching a beginning level workshop for adults and youth designed to introduce students to the art of cake and food decorating. The class will be held at K-State Extension, 1208 on N.79th St. on Saturday, January 27, from 10am-noon. The cost of the class is \$12.00, and all supplies will be provided. To enroll, contact Lori Wuellner, 299-9300 or email lwuellne@ksu.edu.

The month of January has been designated National Radon Awareness Month. Radon gas is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can have serious health consequences. It is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. When there are high levels of radon present in your home, you are at a higher risk of de-

veloping cancer. Winter is an excellent month for WYCO residents to test their homes for radon gas. Radon is prevalent in Wyandotte County so it's important to test your home. Radon levels in our county average around 5.3 pCi/L which is above the EPA action level of 4.0 pCi/L. Radon Test Kits can be purchased at the K-State Extension office,

1216 N 79th ST. for \$15. For more information, contact Denise Dias at 299-9300 or denise. dias@ksu.edu.

I recently received the January-February edition of the Area Agency on Aging newsletter with their latest updates. These include eight resolutions for 2024: medicine safety, taking care of sore throats, the Low-Income **Energy Assistance** program, dementia care, fun facts about the great state of Kansas and lots more. Subscribe for your copy at wycokck.org, area agency on aging department, scroll to the bottom and click on newsletter.

For those who still need to pay

their real estate taxes - The Real Estate & Property Tax Office in the Courthouse has relocated. It is still on the second floor and has moved down the hall, next door to the Delinquent Real Estate Tax office. Individuals can still pay online anytime, mywycokck.org.

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



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Seniors And Disabled Encouraged to Apply for Tax Rebate Programs Unified Government launches services to help eligible seniors and persons with disabilities

City, Kansas seniors or persons living with a disability can verify their eligibility for BPU PILOT Relief, property tax refund, utility, and sales tax rebate programs. The tax rebate application process will take place from Tuesday, January 2 - through Monday, April 15. The Unified Government (UG) officially launched community outreach to help applicants apply for tax rebates on their utilities and homes.

Applicants can call 3-1-1 to make an appointment to present their paperwork and complete applications at any of the available locations throughout the week. Free transportation may also be available to their appointment with at least 48-hour notice.

There have been some changes to the tax rebate programs from the State of Kansas this year and the Unified Government has posted updated qualifications and documentation

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wycokck.org/taxrebates.

BPU PILOT Relief and Property Tax Rebate Program: Wyandotte County residents with an income of \$40,500 or below and who will be sixty-five or disabled on January 1, 2024, may be eligible to qualify for a refund of the BPU PILOT charges if they are a BPU customer or a portion of their property taxes as a property owner.

Utility and Sales Tax Rebate Program: Residents living in Kansas City, Kansas who are at-least age sixty-five or disabled on Jan-

Wyandotte County and Kansas requirements on their website at uary 1, 2024, with an income of \$40,500 or below may be eligible for this program to receive a rebate on franchise fees collected on gas, Internet, cable, or phone bills. The 2023 sales tax rebate, for eligible applicants, is \$200.

> Documents Needed to Verify Eligibility

> Your contact information (full name, complete home address, date of birth and telephone number). If you want your check mailed to a different address, please provide the mailing address and mark separately as your preferred mailing address.

If disabled, the date of disability and from what agency (i.e. Social Security, Railroad, Veterans Administration).

Proof of income for all persons living in your home for all of 2023.

Documents accepted are:

- W-2, 1099
- · Social Security statement (received at the beginning of the year showing how much you received for the previous year {usually has pink boxes with total amounts on the form})
 - Railroad retirement statement
 - Veteran's disability statement
 - · Bank interest statements
 - Food stamp award
 - Child support income

How to Apply By Mail

Interested applicants may mail their eligibility documents to the UG Clerk's Office for review (Office of the Clerk, 701 N 7th Street, Suite 323, Kansas City KS 66101). All documents will be returned once fully reviewed.

In-Person

To ensure residents fully understand the application process and document requirements, the Unified Government will host one-on-one appointments starting Tuesday, January 2 through Monday, April 15 to help answer any questions and walk residents through their applications.

Appointments will be available at the following community centers and business locations throughout Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas:

- City Hall, Office of the Clerk - 3rd Floor (Monday - Friday), 8:30AM - 4PM
- · Beatrice L. Lee Community Center (Tuesdays), 9AM – 12PM
- · Area Agency on Aging (Tuesdays), 9AM – 1PM
- Argentine Community Center (Wednesdays/ 1st & 3rd Weeks), 9AM - 12PM
- Turner Recreation Center (Wednesday/ Once Monthly), 11AM - 2PM
- Eisenhower Community Center (Thursdays), 9AM - 12PM
- KCK Annex Building (Fridays), 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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The person named below has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of · Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR, part 8 dated June 2, 1988).

Carla Schubert, Section 504 Coordinator Young Management Corporation 22602 State Line Road Bucyrus, KS. 66013 913-947-3131 - TTY: 711

Scouts Day, Winnie-the-Pooh and more at the National WWI Museum and Memorial

The National WWI Museum and Memorial honors the long connection between WWI and Scouting with Scout Day 2024 on Saturday, Jan. 20. The worldwide scouting movement had its birth in the years leading up to the Great War. For this special day, General Admission tickets for \$5 will be available (online and onsite) to all Scouts and Scout Leaders from all scouting organizations. Scouts and Scout Leaders must be in uniform to receive discounted admission. Regular admission tickets for additional guests will be available for purchase online and onsite.

Also on Saturday, Jan. 20, the Museum and Memorial will celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh Day 2024! Guests will learn about the real-life WWI bear who inspired the "tubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff" with a reading of the 2015 children's book "Winnie" at 11:30 a.m., accompanied by cake, a family-friendly craft and screening of "Christopher Robin" (PG) at 1 p.m. General Admission tickets are required. Winnie-the-Pooh Day is hosted in partnership with the Kansas City Zoo and Messner Bee Farm

Also in January, on Sunday, Jan. 14, "Day in the Life: Basic Training" will feature Living History Volunteers teaching the basic training that will help "win the war" – from drill to first aid to cooking with what the army supplies. The

December
Total Tax
Collections at
\$1.043B; 3.4%
Below Estimate

TOPEKA – The State of Kansas ends December 2023 with total tax collections at \$1.043 billion. That is \$36.9 million, or 3.4%, below the estimate. Total tax collections are

Modernist Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Willa Cather's 1922 novel "One of Ours." Close out a month of building good habits on Saturday, Jan. 27, and stretch out (like WWI POW Joseph Pilates) and sip cold-pressed juice at "Sip and Stretch."

January National WWI Museum and Memorial events

- Saturdays at 11 a.m.: Hands-on History 2024
- Sunday, Jan. 14 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Day in the Life: Basic Training
- Tuesday, Jan. 16 5:30 p.m.: Modernist Book Club
 - Saturday, Jan. 20 | 10 a.m.-5

p.m.: Scout Day 2024

- Saturday, Jan. 20 11 a.m.: Winnie-the-Pooh Day 2024
- Saturday, Jan. 27 8:45 a.m.: Sip and Stretch

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.



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The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed proposals for: IFB 24-001 Parking Lot Lighting Improvements at Wyandotte HS. Prebid Conference will be held: 01/10/2024 at Wyandotte HS, 2501 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102 (Lower East Parking North of Football Field). Sealed proposals should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104 - "IFB 24-001 – Parking Lot Lighting at WYHS". Bids will be opened 01/25/2023 @ 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

Health Care And Community Prevention Centers

VIBRANT HEALTH Argentine location: 1428 S. 32nd St. Monday - Friday, 8-5 pm All locations phone, 913*342*2552

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids 855*378*4373

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800*273*8255

KC Care Health Center 816*753*5144

Senior-focused Health Care, Partners in Primary Care Medicare-Advantage Care Center 7527 State Ave.

913*355*6986

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Special Olympics Kansas Presents the 2024 Kansas City Polar Plunge A Chilling Fundraiser for Inclusion

Brace yourselves for an icy adventure as Special Olympics Kansas gears up for its biggest fundraiser of the year – the Polar Plunge. Taking place on Feb. 10 at the Lake Olathe Swim Beach (475 S Wardcliff Dr, Olathe, KS 66061), this chilling event promises a cold

State Library of Kansas offers Legislative Hotline

The State Library of Kansas continues to offer its dedicated Legislative Hotline as an ongoing resource for Kansans seeking information about state legislation or legislative matters. Staffed by experienced librarians, this hotline serves as a trustworthy point of contact.

Residents can inquire about various topics, such as:

- Identifying their legislators
- Accessing legislator contact information
- Checking the status of specific bills
- Understanding the legislative process
 - Locating historical information
- Other inquiries related to Kansas government

Live assistance is available Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm. Outside of these hours, messages left via voicemail or email are promptly returned on the next business day. Kansans can engage in real-time conversations with librarians through the Ask a Librarian service at kslib.info/ask. TTY users can dial 711 for assistance.

Residents can connect with the Legislative Hotline by phone, chat or email:

- Hotline: 1-800-432-3924 (toll-free)
 - Online Chat: kslib.info/ask
 - Email: infodesk@ks.gov

splash of fun while supporting a cause that warms the heart.

Participants form teams to plunge together or register as an individual. Then gather donations through their online fundraising portal from family, friends, and the community. After registering for the event, participants can begin fundraising and sharing their participation in the Plunge on their social media pages to help their efforts. This year's theme is 'Together, We Freeze.'

Tax Collections...

down 3.8% from December 2022. Individual income tax collec-

Individual income tax collections were \$397.1 million. That is \$17.1 million, or 4.5%, above the estimate, and up 5.9% from December 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$235.7 million. That is \$39.3 million, or 14.3%, below the estimate and down 16.1% from December 2022.

"Withholding tax, the largest component of the individual income tax receipts, was 9.2% greater than December 2022", said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart. "This comes as no real surprise as the growth is entirely consistent with recent findings of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, which showed that personal income and earnings in Kansas grew during the second and third quarters of 2023 at some of the highest rates in the country."

Secretary Burghart further observed that the corporate income tax receipts were lower than expected because there was one less deposit day this December compared to December 2022. Nearly \$34.4 million was deposited on that additional day in December 2022.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$302.4 million, which is \$5.6 million, or 1.8%, below the estimate and down \$4.9 million, or 1.6%, from December 2022.

All money raised goes towards supporting the 4,500 Special Olympics Kansas athletes, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

"The Polar Plunge is more than a fundraiser," says Chris Burt, COO at Special Olympics Kansas. "It's a demonstration of the incredible support of our community. Togeth-

together with all of society.

er, we're taking the plunge for inclusion and creating opportunities for our athletes."

At 9 a.m. registration for the Kansas City Polar Plunge will begin. The Polar Strut 5k will kick the event off at 10 a.m. followed by the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. and costume contest based on this year's theme. At 11:30 a.m. the plunge will start.

To register for the Polar Plunge or Polar Strut 5k, visit plungeks. org. Donations can also be provided through that link.

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

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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