

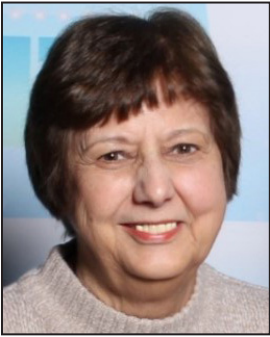
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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

What was the big commotion at the Fast Stop at 55th & Swartz on May 28? Several businesses in the strip mall sponsored the first of several “Turner’s Food Truck Nights”. Held from 5pm-8pm, vendors were Dirty Red’s BBQ, Tony’s Bistro

KC, and Ai Taste Delights. Mark your calendar for June 23 for the next event. Contact Fran Sutton to add your truck to the list. 913-485-1043.

Speaking of food, WYCOK- State Extension & Research is offering a ServeSafe Class on June 12 from 1pm-4:30pm at 1216 N 79th. Mainly

for school and other food handlers, Certified Dietary Manager, or those interested in food service. The class is also good for everyone who handles any type of food service. The \$20 fee includes class materials, workbook, and certificate. For more info call 299-9300 or lwuellne@ksu.edu.

That reminds me, the Turner Elderbears (50 + club) is having it June luncheon on the June 12. This is a week early because they will be closed on Juneteenth. It will be in the Bear’s Den at TRC at noon.

Start your Juneteenth celebration early by attending the “Juneteenth in the Dotte 5th Street Parade” on June 8 from Rowland to Everett. The parade starts at 10am. Enjoy live music, games, vendors, food and fun, horse rides for the kids, raffles, swag bags.

Are you still planting flowers? Pick up some

tips from Anne Wildeboot on creating “12 Months of Color in Your Garden” at K-State Extension Office at 1216 N 79 on June 6 at 11:30am. Cost is \$10.

The KC Farm School at Gibbs Road “Junior Growers Summer Camp” consists of 5 weekly three day sessions beginning June 10 through July 24. The farm experience is for 9 to 12 year olds. The days and hours will be Mondays 9am-2pm, Tuesdays 9am-2pm and Wednesdays noon to 5. Their programming is always pay what you’re able. Located at 4223 Gibbs Road. For more info www.kcfarmschool.org/jr-growers-camp.

Hallelujah! The Pet Resource Center of Kansas City is now scheduling spay/neuter surgeries at KCK Animal Services. Call 816-353-0940 ext. 4 for details and to make an appointment for your pet. I won’t bore you with details, but I had a heck of a time getting feral cats spayed in the past two years.

That’s it for now. Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

Wyandotte County Lake Park Temporarily Closed Until Further Notice Due to Extreme Storm Damage

KANSAS CITY, KS - Please be advised that Wyandotte County Lake Park, located at Leavenworth Road and 91st Street, KCK, KS, is temporarily closed until further notice. This closure is due to severe storm damage that occurred on Sunday, May 19. The overnight storm caused extensive damage, including fallen trees, power lines and significant damage to some of the docks.

The safety of the community is our top priority, and it is important that we take the necessary steps to ensure no harm comes to anyone at Wyandotte County Lake Park. Unified Government staff are actively assessing the damage and developing a plan for repairs and restoration.

We will provide progress updates and will notify the public once Wyandotte County Lake Park is safe to use again.

Have Storm Debris?

Residents have several options for responsibly disposing of branches, shrubs, stumps, and

other yard waste.

Kansas City, Kansas, residents can place debris curbside on their normal trash day. Leaves and grass clippings must be bagged and not

more than 50 pounds per bag. Tree limbs must be tied in bundles not more than four feet long and less than 50 pounds. Limbs must be 4 inches or less in diameter.



Kansas Launches Summer EBT Program to Improve Food Access for Kids During Summer Break

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) is launching Summer EBT, a new program to help eligible families offset some of the costs of buying food for their school-aged children over summer break. Summer EBT, also known as SUN Bucks in other states, is a partnership between DCF and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. The program provides families \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy groceries.

“Summer is a time when many children lose the free and reduced-price meals they get at school and when households might need a little extra help putting meals on the table,” said DCF Secretary Laura Howard. “Summer EBT benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept

SNAP EBT benefits.”

“Children and teens need healthy food year-round to play, grow, and learn. Summer EBT will help families stretch their grocery budget during the summer and provide their children with the nutrition they need to thrive,” Howard continued.

Summer EBT benefits will begin rolling out in mid to late July. For most families, Summer EBT will automatically be added to an existing household’s Kansas Benefits Card (also known as an EBT card) or loaded onto a Kansas Benefits Card and mailed to the home. Families that don’t receive Summer EBT benefits but believe they qualify must apply between Aug. 12 and

Sept. 11, 2024, through the DCF online self-service portal, dcfapp.kees.ks.gov. Children who receive Summer EBT can still participate in other summer meal programs that may be available in their community.

Eligibility:

Children may be eligible for the program if:

- The child is school-aged (7-17 years old) and received food assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and/or foster care benefits at any point during the school year.

OR

- The child attends a Kansas school that offers the National

School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, and the household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals at any point during the school year.

Enrollment:

By the end of July 2024, benefits will be issued automatically to eligible children whom DCF can identify in partnership with the Kansas Department of Education. Any child(ren) who did not receive benefits by the end of July 2024 may apply for Summer EBT benefits through the online self-service portal, dcfapp.kees.ks.gov. Online applications for Summer EBT will be accepted from Aug. 12 through Sept. 11, 2024.

Contractor fraud costs us all

Topeka, Kan. – This year, many Kansans have hired contractors of different trades to help them recover and rebuild after severe weather. But not every contractor that knocks on your door after a storm is legitimate. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) estimates that 10 percent of the amount paid by insurers for claims in 2023 was lost to fraudulent contractors, costing not only the homeowner, but every policyholder in the form of increased premiums.

“It is natural for people to want to restore their home or property as fast as possible after a catastrophe,” said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “Too often fly-by-night contractors prey on that pressure and profit off your misfortune. Be cautious, ask questions, and always check with trusted resources before signing any contract or handing over money.”

This week is Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, and the Kansas Department of Insurance and the NICB offer some tips for home and business owners on how to avoid becoming a victim of contractor fraud after a natural disaster:

- **Research and verify:** Before hiring a contractor, research their credentials, reputation, and track record. Check for licenses, certifications, and reviews from previous clients. Verify their insurance coverage and inquire about any past complaints or legal issues.
- **Get multiple quotes:** Obtain bids from multiple contractors for a price comparison. Be wary of significantly low bids, as they may indicate substandard work or hidden costs. Seek out a licensed, insured, and well-reviewed contractor before any potential fraudulent contractors come knocking on your door.
- **Beware of red flags:** Be on alert for red flags such as high-pressure sales tactics, vague or evasive answers, or reluctance to provide written estimates or contracts. Review the contract carefully, ensuring that all terms and conditions are clearly outlined and agreed upon by both parties. Be wary of signing an assignment of benefits on your claim, as this gives a contractor full authority to negotiate and make decisions with the insurance company without you.

Roofing contractors in Kansas must register with the Kansas Attorney General, and a list of registered roofers can be found at InYourCornerKansas.org. To learn more on how to protect yourself from contractor fraud or how to report insurance fraud, visit the NICB at nicb.org and the Department’s website at insurance.kansas.gov.



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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

Final Budget Passes

Last week, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means met to discuss omnibus items. The omnibus budget bill is a large bill that comes after the overall budget bill to tie up loose ends before the Legislature adjourns. I am glad to share that the Legislature passed a strong overall budget. Here are just a few highlights:

* Makes critical investments in water projects and programs: The budget continues the state's historic \$35 million yearly investment in water infrastructure, conservation, and quality programs across Kansas. It also pledges an additional \$10 million specifically for drinking and wastewater infrastructure projects in communities of less than 1,000. This funding will be essential to ensuring our small, rural communities have access to a clean and reliable water supply for years to come.

* Strengths economic development opportunities: The budget includes economic development projects that invest in communities in every region of the state. It also invests in industrial park projects, the infrastructure that is needed to get products to market, and moderate-income housing. These are key to attracting the jobs and workforce needed for communities looking to grow.

* Ensures Kansas has a robust workforce and increases funding for post-secondary education: Provides historic funding to workforce training programs and post-secondary education to prepare students to enter the workforce for good-paying, in-demand jobs. When looking to put down roots or expand operations, businesses are looking for states that have a high-skilled, well-prepared workforce.

* Invests in state employees: Provides pay raises to state employees to make state employment wages more competitive to the equivalent private sector work. Competitive wages are a step toward shrinking the number of unfilled state jobs and retaining employees.

* Funds special education: The bipartisan budget for K-12 public education includes a \$75 million increase in special education funding. Funding special education ensures that all Kansas students have access to the resources they need to be successful.

Despite these successes, this budget falls short in a few areas:

* Playing politics with the border crisis: The Senate voted 28-11 to override the governor's

veto of a portion of the budget that allocates \$15 million to send National Guard troops to the Texas border. This is wrong and unconstitutional: border security is a federal issue, and it is not the Legislature's role to direct the operations or call out the National Guard.

* Funding for an Anti-Abortion Program: The Senate voted 28-11 to override the governor's veto of abortion of the budget that allocates \$2 million for the State Treasurer to continue an "Alternatives to Abortion" program. The Legislature should listen to Kansans and stop inserting themselves in private medical decisions between women and their doctors.

Special Session Anticipated
Kansans need meaningful sales, property, and income tax relief. However, we must ensure that the plan is affordable for the long term.

This week, the Senate sustained a veto on HB 2036 and called on Republican leadership to introduce a tax bill that is fiscally responsible while offering fair relief to all Kansans. Instead, they sent yet another plan to the floor that they knew was dead on arrival because of its lack of fiscal responsibility.

From the beginning, Governor Kelly has committed to calling a special session if necessary to make sure Kansans see a tax cut

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this year.

In the weeks leading up to a special session, I will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to send Governor Kelly a tax package that gives Kansans the relief they desperately need while not putting the state on the path to bankruptcy. We are anticipating hearing from Gov. Kelly by May 20 about the dates for the special session.

FREE Things to See and Do Right Here in Kansas!

Are you looking for family hikes? the best burger? best summer festivals? Only in Your State website has lots of great suggestions for summer and beyond.

If you are looking for family friendly activities with your kids or grandkids this summer, look no further than the Sunflower Summer app, available for both Apple and Android devices. Get free admission to many popular attractions across the Sunflower State. Find out more here: <https://sunflowersummer.org/>.

Constituent Information:
New Online Portal from KC Board of Public Utilities
The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has launched

a new online customer portal: MyMeter.

MyMeter allows customers to continue to manage their account online while providing a more modern, user-friendly look and feel. Customers will be able to track their energy and water usage down to the minute, compare their usage with weather patterns, and set up personalized alerts. With MyMeter, customers can also personalize their home screen with customized widgets to quickly get the information that matters to them. All of this helpful information will help customers save energy, save water, and save money.

Customers will have to register for a new online account in order to access the new customer portal. Although customers will lose access to their old online accounts, their new MyMeter account is preloaded with past energy usage, water usage and previous bills to ensure customers will not miss a beat.

Customers who are enrolled in scheduled payments with BPU will have their accounts migrated to MyMeter, and will simply need to reset their passwords in the new system to log in. Scheduled payments will not be interrupted for customers.

We urge customers to stay tuned to BPU social media platforms and website for more information on how to best utilize MyMeter.



Year-round tax planning pointers for taxpayers

Here are some simple things taxpayers can do throughout the year to make filing season less stressful.

Organize tax records. Create a system that keeps all important information together. Taxpayers can use a software program for electronic recordkeeping or store paper documents in clearly labeled folders. They should add tax records to their files as they receive them. Organized records will make tax return preparation easier and may help taxpayers discover overlooked deductions or credits.

Identify filing status. A taxpayer's filing status determines their filing requirements, standard deduction, eligibility for certain credits and the correct amount of tax they should pay. If more than one filing status applies to a taxpayer, they can get help choosing the best one for their tax situation with the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant, What Is My Filing Status. Changes in family life — marriage, divorce, birth and death — may affect a person's tax situation, including their filing status and eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions.

Understand adjusted gross income (AGI). AGI and tax rate are important factors in figuring taxes. AGI is the taxpayer's income from all sources minus any adjustments. Generally, the higher a taxpayer's AGI, the higher their tax rate and the more tax they pay. Tax planning can include making changes during the year that lower a taxpayer's AGI.

Check withholding. Since federal taxes operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, taxpayers need to pay most of their tax as they earn income. Taxpayers should check that they're withholding enough from their pay to cover their taxes owed, especially if their personal or financial situations change during the year. To check withholding, taxpayers can use the IRS Withholding Estimator. If they want to change their tax withholding, taxpayers should provide their employer with an updated Form W-4.

Make address and name changes. Taxpayers should notify the United States Postal Service, employers and the IRS of any address change. To officially change a mailing address with the IRS, taxpayers must complete Form 8822, Change of Address, and mail it to the correct address for their area. For detailed instructions, see page 2 of the form. Report any name change to the Social Security Administration. Making these changes as soon as possible will help make filing their tax return easier.

Save for retirement. Saving for retirement can also lower a taxpayer's AGI. Certain contributions to a retirement plan at work and to a traditional IRA may also reduce taxable income.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: RFP 24-015 – Vape and Sound Detection Solution for High Schools & Middle Schools. Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "RFP 24-015 – Vape/Sound Detection". Proposals will be opened 06/18/24 @ 1:30 PM in the Purchasing Office. Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted on the District's Purchasing Site: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=c00af89d-f6af-4f0e-b823-f145c898cc06>; Pre-Bid Conference & Site Visit 06/06/24 @ 9 AM at FL Schlagle HS, 2214 N. 59th St, Kansas City, KS 66104 (South Entry).

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