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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Her name is Kristen Perrin and the book is "How to Solve Your Own Murder". In 1965, three best friends attend a county fair, and a fortune teller predicts that one day, one of the girls will be

July 4th was hotter than a firecracker, but I managed to keep cool under the circumstances. I must tell you about a novel I just finished. It is by an American author living in Britain and this is her debut adult murder mystery.

murdered. That girl spends her entire lifetime to solve a crime that hasn't happened yet and along the way compiles dirt on everyone who crosses her path in an effort to prevent her death. For years no one takes her seriously until sixty years later, when she is found murdered. It is up to her great niece to discover the culprit. This is a must read.

We've had a few tour groups at the garden this year. On June 17, fifty Oak Grove second graders toured the garden and orchard. Wyandotte County Master Gardener Ted Kasckow demonstrated the workings of the Aquaponics system. Our BPU summer work crew then assisted the kids in planting vinca in individual pots to take home.

The Wyandotte County Fair is right around

the corner on July 22 through July 26 at 13700 Polfer Drive. Be sure to enjoy the carnival and visit the exhibits. WYCO 4-Hers have been putting in a lot of work for a successful year.

WYCO Master Gardeners are still accepting applications for this year's class until August 1. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings September 9 through December 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost is \$125. Enroll at <http://bit.ly/3TOWSlu>. For more info call 913-299-9300 or Wyandotte.ksu.edu.

Join Turner Community Library on July 16 for "Drum Safari" in the Turner Rec Gym at 2:00pm. This is an interactive high energy program whisking you away to South America, Africa and Australia where amazing animals are waiting for you to discover their own unique rhythms. All ages are invited.

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



A Space for Expression, Vulnerability & Connection

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Network



Last month, I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Ashley Smith speak at the Mental Health KC Conference. Her message about authentic connection really stayed with me — especially in today's world.

We live in a time where we are

more connected than ever. Social media, texts, and video calls make it easy to stay connected and reach out to friends and family, no matter where they are. Yet, despite this digital closeness, many of us feel lonelier than ever before.

Why is that?

Dr. Smith reminded us that social media isn't a replacement for authentic connection. Likes and comments don't carry the same weight as a deep conversation with a friend. One where you can be yourself and be vulnerable.

When was the last time you had a real conversation with someone online?

A conversation where you went below the surface, to talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly? Those types of conversations are much easier and more gratifying to have in person or over a phone call, where you can be present with the other person. Authentic connection is about recognizing each other's humanity and listening to understand, not to respond.

We're living in a time where many things feel uncertain, and that is contributing to rising levels of anxiety and depression. One way to combat that is through authentic connection. Authentic connection means slowing down and making

time to be with someone — not just physically, but emotionally. Having real, authentic interactions with those close to us help to keep us grounded and provide us with a sense of emotional safety. They can serve as a buffer against the stress and worry that so many of us are feeling right now. It doesn't matter if it's a phone call, a front porch chat or a deep dive conversation with a close friend. These types of interactions can replenish us.

This month, be brave and seek out at least one opportunity for authentic connection. Start small if that feels more comfortable for you. But do something.

Social Security Applauds Passage of Legislation Providing Historic Tax Relief for Seniors

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is celebrating the passage of the One Big, Beautiful Bill, a landmark piece of legislation that delivers long-awaited tax relief to millions of older Americans.

The bill ensures that nearly 90% of Social Security beneficiaries will no longer pay federal income taxes on their benefits, providing meaningful and immediate relief to seniors who have spent a lifetime contributing to our nation's economy.

"This is a historic step forward for America's seniors," said Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano. "For nearly 90 years, Social Security has been a cornerstone of economic security for older Americans. By significantly reducing the tax burden on benefits, this legislation reaffirms President Trump's promise to protect Social Security and helps ensure that seniors can better enjoy the retirement they've earned."

The new law includes a provision that eliminates federal income taxes on Social Security benefits for most beneficiaries, providing relief to individuals and couples. Additionally, it provides an enhanced deduction for taxpayers aged 65 and older, ensuring that retirees can keep more of what they have earned.

Social Security remains committed to providing timely, accurate information to the public and will continue working closely with federal partners to ensure beneficiaries understand how this legislation may affect them.

Commissioner Schmidt names new Assistant

Topeka, Kan. — Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, announced the appointment of Clay Johnson as the new Assistant Commissioner of Insurance for the Kansas Department of Insurance (KDOI). Johnson succeeds Barb Rankin, who retired earlier this month.

"Clay is a bright legal mind," said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. "But it was his work ethic and sensible approach to regulation that made him a natural fit for this new role."

Johnson currently serves as the Assistant General Counsel for the KDOI. He started with the KDOI as a Staff Attorney in 2016. In 2019, he became the Chief Regulatory Counsel and later became the Assistant General Counsel for KDOI Legal Division in 2020.

The Department's Lead Regulatory Counsel Philip Michael will be replacing Johnson as Assistant General Counsel. Michael has worked for the State of Kansas for 11 years, including the Department of Administration Legal Services as a Staff Attorney and in the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General. He started working for the KDOI as the Lead Regulatory Counsel in 2022.

"I pride myself in building a team at the Department of Insurance that best serves Kansans and responsibly regulates the industries we govern," said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. "Both Philip and Clay bring incredible knowledge, experience and professionalism to these new roles."

The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.



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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a chocolate lovers dream! It's a Bundt cake made with Jell-O instant pudding mix and sour cream and chocolate chips. And it's served with Cool Whip* topping and a chocolate sauce. *Or Vanilla ice cream. You are sure to love this cake! Please give it a try:

CHOCOLATE PUDDING CAKE

Ingredients:

1 Duncan Hines Chocolate Cake mix

1- 3.2oz. box

Jell-O instant pudding Chocolate flavor

1 c Canola oil

3/4c strong coffee, cold

1 t Vanilla

4 eggs

1c Sour Cream

1/2c Chocolate chips

Chocolate Sauce:

1 1/2c Chocolate chips

1/2c Heavy Cream

3 T Light

Corn Syrup

1 1/2 t Vanilla

Set oven to 350°. Spray the Bundt pan with nonstick spray until well coated. Place the cake mix and the pudding mix in the bowl of a mixer. Stir to blend together well with a spatula. Add the oil, cold coffee, Vanilla, eggs and the sour cream. Beat mixture to form the batter and scrape the bowl as needed. Stir in the Chocolate chips, then pour the batter into the Bundt pan.

Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes. Test with a wooden skewer. Let cool for twenty minutes, then invert onto a cooling rack.

Prepare the Chocolate sauce:

In a medium pot place the Chocolate chips, heavy cream and three tablespoons of light corn syrup. Cook mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly until the Chocolate has melted and is smooth. Remove from heat and add the Vanilla. Put into a glass measuring cup for ease of pouring and to re-

heat in the microwave for fifteen seconds until warm. Chocolate cake keeps for 4 days in an airtight container at room temperature. To serve, add a dollop of Cool Whip or a scoop of Vanilla ice cream and pour Chocolate sauce over the top.

What a treat!

Bursting with warm Chocolate

flavor, this cake will please your Chocolate lovers. And it's really a dump cake; put ingredients in the mixing bowl and just beat together to form the batter. And if you want to "gild the lily" you can top each serving with some chopped pecans.

Enjoy!

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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2025/2026

NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Turner Recreation Commission
will meet on at at for the purpose of
hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.
Detailed budget information is available at and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Wyandotte (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2023/2024	Current Year Estimated 2024/2025	Proposed Budget Year 2025/2026
General	1,639,726	1,666,105	2,518,394
Employee Benefits	159,025	174,673	229,500
Totals	1,798,751	1,840,778	2,747,894

Lease Purchases:

July 1,

2022	2023	2024
0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate

4.722
5.000

0

Recreation Commission Secretary

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New text
scam alert:
Don't fall for fake KDOT
traffic ticket demands

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is warning about a new scam circulating via text message. The texts falsely claim to be from KDOT and demand payment for outstanding traffic tickets. KDOT does not collect money for traffic tickets and will never request or collect payments through text messages. These messages are not legitimate. Do not click or open any links within these scam texts. Clicking on these links could expose your personal and financial information to scammers. Never share sensitive personal or financial details via text message or by clicking unknown links. If you've received a scam message, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov and/or the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. Delete the text and report it as junk. If you've provided payment information at a fraudulent web site, contact your bank or credit card company immediately. Stay informed about official KDOT information by visiting our official website at ksdot.gov and our verified social media channels.

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