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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Myson and grandson were at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs on June 28 and sent me pictures of the night we had the downpour. Both of my sons were in the Boy Scout program, worked at Naish in the summers, and became Eagle Scouts. It is an excellent program for young boys. The other day I was in The Windmill and picked up a flyer about Cub Scout pack 3140. They meet on Tuesdays evenings from 6pm-7pm at Bristol Hill United Methodist Church, 4826 County Line Rd, KCK. For more information, contact Ashley Gamon, 913-787-1713 or oceanlovers528@gmail.com.

Turner Community Connection is holding this year's second Community Gathering on July 21 at 6pm at the Bristol Hill United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Alyssa Marcy from the Unified Government's Planning and Urban Department. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

The Turner Library is hosting "Foamapalooza" in the TRC gym at 2pm on Wednesday, July 23. Dance among swirling clouds of colorful foam world where every shade of the rainbow comes alive in a dazzling display of light and sound. Grab your brightest attire, get ready to unleash your inner rainbow warrior at the wildest color foam party in town. Color foam may temporarily stain clothes.

I found this post on the internet: The Argentine Betterment Corporation (ABC) is working to restore the Big Mural. The project includes cleaning the mural, touching up the seams, retouching a few scenes, redoing the end scene and resealing with a new UV protective coating.

For more information on how you can help or contribute: Argentine Betterment Corporation, ATTN: Amanda DeVriese-Sebella, P.O. Box 6613, KCK 66106-0035.

South Branch Library is hosting its Summer Reading Wrap-up party entitled "Soak up the Fun" on Monday, July 21 at 2pm. Sound the alarm and get ready for a wet and wild experience as they celebrate summer with a splashing good time! It may be hot outside, but the Fantastic Fire Department will save the day with water games and activities!

I keep forgetting to mention that the Turner Community Garden Market is now open on Saturdays from 9am-12pm and Thursdays from 3pm-6pm. Available for purchase will be garlic, cucumbers, squash, okra, honey, jams and jellies. Joining us this year on Saturdays is "Smokin' Barbeque" which features hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, Cole slaw and bottled water. Tommy's our chef and his hours are 10am to sellout. You can eat there or take it home.

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



Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces bid for Governor

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced her bid to run for Governor of Kansas in 2026.

Schmidt, a Wichita native and lifelong Republican, has worked for over 40 years as a local pharmacist. She served Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties in the Kansas Senate before being elected Kansas Insurance Commissioner. She was elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022 with the largest vote total statewide of any candidate for statewide office.

As Insurance Commissioner, Schmidt has recovered \$145 million and counting for Kansas families and reduced the cost of doing business by over \$75 million. She is best known for her work ethic, scrutiny of government operations and customer service approach to serving Kansans.

"Throughout my personal and professional career, I have a track record of serving Kansans and actually getting things done," said Vicki Schmidt. "If elected governor, my top priority is the people of Kansas and making their lives better."

Schmidt made headlines in recent years when she publicly shared her breast cancer diagnosis with Kansans and encouraged them to get yearly mammograms. She and her husband, Mike, have lived in Topeka for over 40 years where they raised their two sons. They are now proud grandparents of four grandchildren.

The Republican primary election for Governor is Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Kansans can learn more at VickiforGovernor.com.

Kansas nonprofits selected to receive mini grants for launching projects to combat hunger and food insecurity

Eighty-seven nonprofit organizations across Kansas will receive mini grants for as much as \$5,000 to fund their innovative ideas for combating hunger and food insecurity. The grants total \$423,685 and are part of a mass action campaign the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) launched in April to advance the work of its Hunger Free Kansas initiative.

"HungerFree Kansas was created by the Kansas Health Foundation as a way for organizations to collaborate and work toward a shared goal of ending hunger in Kansas. We were blown away by the number of Kansas organizations that applied to get involved in this endeavor and are excited to see their experimental solutions implemented to make progress on food insecurity," said Lindsay Wilke, associate director of network mobilization for the Kansas Health Foundation.

Kansas nonprofits and commu-

nity partners that applied for the Hunger Free Kansas Mass Action Grants were asked to submit innovative ideas that address hunger and food insecurity and fit into one of four categories:

1. Cross-Sector Learning: Increase shared understanding, shared vision and shared momentum between the private, nonprofit and government sectors.

2. School-based Nutrition Programs: Opportunities to work with schools to maximize nutrition programs.

3. Alternative Food Systems: Addressing gaps in access, production, processing, distribution, or food recovery.

4. Social Services Access: The need to connect charitable food efforts to other social services and safety nets in a community.

Now that the projects have been approved, the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is providing support and training to grantees by hosting a one-day "Strategy Lab"—a full-day workshop—designed to strengthen plans and provide hands-on tools for effective collaboration. Participating organizations can receive up to an additional \$1,000 for travel expenses.

"KLC's mass action strategy is built on the belief that progress happens when folks from a variety of backgrounds, each with unique ideas, unite in a shared direction—learning, challenging, supporting and inspiring one another to act. We're thrilled to partner with the Kansas Health Foundation on this critical issue and look forward to sharing what we're learning along the way," said Shaun Rojas, senior director of civic engagement at KLC.

The Kansas organizations selected for the Hunger Free Kansas grants are:

- Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Jesus Christ
- Armourdale Renewal Association
- Avenue of Life Inc.
- Barber County United, Inc.
- Barton County Community

- College
- Bennington Family Center
- Beyond Barriers, KS
- Caney Valley Agape Network, Inc.
- Chase County Care and Compassion (C4 Food Pantry)
- CHWC, Inc.
- Citizens Foundation
- Communities in Action
- Crisis Center of Dodge City
- Dear Neighbor Ministries, Inc.
- Despensas Nueva Cosecha
- Dodge City High School
- Eastside Community Development Center, Inc.
- Ecumenical Campus Ministries, Inc.
- El Centro
- Esol & Diversity
- Feeding Healthy Families
- Finney County Community Health Coalition
- First Presbyterian Church, Salina
- First United Methodist Church, Pittsburg
- First United Methodist Church, Fredonia
- Flint Hills Food Recovery
- Food Equality Initiative
- Fort Hays State University
- Full Circle Tenant Services, Inc.
- Genesis Inc. of Coffeyville
- Grace United Methodist Church, Inc.
- Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
- HealthCore Clinic, Inc.
- Heartland Medical Clinic
- ICT Treehuggers Foundation
- Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Children's Service League
- Kansas Permaculture Institute
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- Kids Can Cook!
- Lucretia Calonder
- Mid-America All-Indian Museum
- Ministerio Nuevos Comienzos-Iglesia de Dios
- Mirror, Inc. – Shawnee
- Mirror, Inc. – Newton
- Mitchell County Hospital
- Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation

- Nado Hunger Free
- Neighbor to Neighbor on Cedar Street
- Nueva Esperanza
- Ogden Community Food Forest
- Omni Circle Group, Inc.
- Pete's Garden
- Prairie Rose Community Garden
- Redemptorist Social Services Center
- Salus Mas Bienestar
- SCK Health Foundation
- Sent, Inc.
- Shepherds Center of Kansas City, Kansas, Inc.
- Sheridan County Hospital
- Stafford County Economic Development, Inc.
- Sue's Safe Haven, Inc.
- The Center, Inc.
- The Climate and Energy Project, Inc.
- The Hub Argentine, Inc.
- The Mirror, Inc. – Wichita
- The Salvation Army
- Tri-Agency Intervention
- United Way of Harvey and Marion Counties
- United Way of Reno County
- University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita
- University United Methodist Church
- Urban League of Kansas
- Urban Produce Push
- USD 368
- USD 445 Coffeyville
- VEGGIE VOYAGE: Discover, Cook and Savor
- Victory Fellowship Church
- Warrior's Ranch
- Whole Truth Tabernacle, Inc.
- Wichita African Union, Inc.
- Wichita Public Library
- Wichita State University Foundation
- Wichita State University Foundation/Health and Wellness Coalition
- Wilson Medical Center Foundation
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church
- WSU Tech Foundation

The projects funded by the mini grants will start following the Strategy Lab training session on July



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25. Learn more about Hunger Free Kansas at hungerfreekansas.org.

About the Kansas Health Foundation

The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is a nonprofit organization based in Wichita but statewide in its focus. At KHF, all our work centers on our mission: to improve the health of all Kansans. As part of a new strategic framework, developed by our staff and board of directors, KHF also strives to accomplish three primary purposes: empower Kansas to lead the nation in health; eliminate the inequities that create health disparities; and, for KHF to become THE model for philanthropic impact. Learn more at kansashealth.org.

About the Kansas Leadership Center

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster leadership for stronger, healthier and more pros-

perous Kansas communities, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

For more than 18 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at www.kansasleadershipcenter.org.

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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Ceremony to honor deploying Kansas Army National Guardsmen

Soldiers of the 130th Field Artillery Brigade, Kansas Army National Guard, will be honored at a deployment ceremony Thursday, July 31, 2025. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the Kansas State University Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Ave., Manhattan. The deploying Soldiers will be under the command of Col. Daniel Ball.

"Kansas soldiers make tremendous sacrifices, and I thank those who choose to serve," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Our state depends on the selfless men and women of the Kansas Army National Guard every day – both when deploying overseas and in service to their mission at home."

"Our soldiers are prepared and ready to execute their mission with professionalism and dedication," said Ball. "This deployment represents a significant opportunity for the 130th FAB Headquarters to demonstrate the expertise and adaptability of our force. As the Force Field Artillery Headquarters, we will play a pivotal role in supporting operations that enhance regional security and stability."

In addition to Ball, the official party for the ceremony will include Brig. Gen. Carlin Williams, assistant adjutant general – Army and commander of the Kansas Army National Guard, Command Sgt. Maj. Chris Hargis, land component command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Gibson, brigade command sergeant major.

The brigade headquarters and Target Acquisition Platoon are deploying in support of Operations Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve. The Soldiers are expected to return to Kansas sometime in the summer of 2026.

The 130th Field Artillery Brigade is based out of Manhattan with subordinate units located in Hutchinson, Hiawatha and Hays.

What taxpayers should do if they get mail from the IRS

IRS sends notices and letters when it needs to ask a question about a taxpayer's federal tax return, let them know about a change to their account or request a payment. Don't panic if mail comes from the IRS – they're here to help.

When a taxpayer receives mail from the IRS, they should:

Read the letter carefully. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. Each notice deals with a specific issue and includes any steps the taxpayer needs to take. A notice may reference changes to a taxpayer's account, taxes owed, a payment request or a specific issue on a tax return. Taking prompt action could minimize additional interest and penalty charges.

Take any requested action, including making a payment. The IRS and authorized private debt collection agencies do send letters by mail. Taxpayers can also view digital copies of select IRS notices by logging into their IRS Online Account. The IRS offers several options to help taxpayers struggling to pay a tax bill.

Reply only if instructed to do so. Taxpayers don't need to reply to a notice unless specifically told to do so. There is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer does need to call the IRS, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice and have a copy of their tax return and letter.

Watch for scams

The IRS will never contact a taxpayer using social media or text message. The first contact from the IRS usually comes in the mail. Taxpayers who are unsure whether they owe money to the IRS can view their tax account information on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

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