

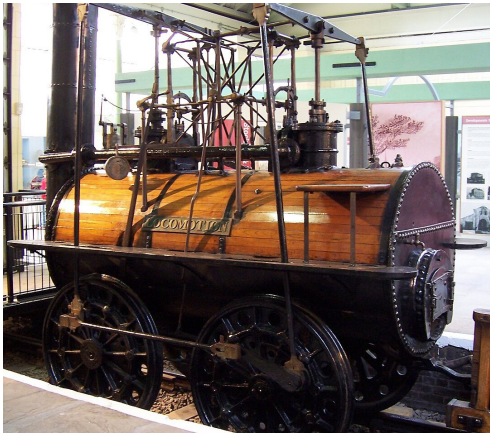
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Railroads Changed the World



By Dr. Jim Haas

Two hundred years ago, on September 27, 1825, the Stockton & Darlington Railway, a 26-mile line in northeast England, opened for public business. Built to haul coal from mines to a river port near Newcastle, trains consisted of wagons with flanged wheels rolling on wrought iron rails and pulled by animals or a newfangled steam engine called *Locomotion* (pictured). The steam trains allowed passengers and could travel at the stately speed of 7 mph. It was the beginning of the Railway Age.

Five years later, regular scheduled steam passenger service began on the dual-track Liverpool & Manchester Railway. Opening day was a national event with Prime Minister the Duke of Wellington among thousands of passengers. The L&M used enclosed coaches rather than open wagons, and improved locomotive technology allowed speeds near 40 mph, faster than humans had ever traveled. Railways soon linked nearly every British city. Their construction, and the accelerated commerce, added to the GDP, reduced produce prices making a better diet widely available, and gave most people personal mobility that added a new dimension of choice to their lives. Those choices eventually led to beneficial social changes.

Railway building booms swept Europe and North America. The first U.S. all-steam common carrier, the Baltimore and Ohio, began operation in 1830 and is today part of CSX Transportation. U.S. rail mileage grew from 13 in 1830 to 254,000 in 1916, including the first transcontinental line completed in 1869. That year also saw the opening of Kansas City's Hannibal Bridge, the first rail bridge over the Missouri, that led to KC becoming a national rail center. (The Union Pacific's transcontinental line crossed the river by ferry at Council Bluffs, Iowa, until 1872.)

To cope with rapid freight and passenger growth, technology produced safe automatic couplers, luxurious Pullman sleeper cars, refrigerator cars allowing long-distance transport of perishable foods, Westinghouse air brakes, safer signal systems, the Bessemer steel-making process allowing a transition to more durable steel rails, and more powerful and faster steam locomotives. Britain's *Mallard* set a steam record that still stands of 126 mph in 1938.

Meanwhile, Europe developed electric locomotives for tram systems and London's Underground. After World War II, France and others moved to electrify much of their national rail systems. In the 1920s, German and Swiss companies built diesel-electric switching locomotives, followed in the 1930s by Westinghouse and GE/Baldwin in the U.S. In 1939, GM began selling the 1350 horsepower FT road diesel, four of which, coupled together, equaled the power of a large steam engine and were cleaner, more reliable, and required less maintenance. Eager rail officials lined up to buy them, but most were disappointed when World War II limited diesel production because copper and other vital materials were directed to war production.

Peace brought a flood of new diesels, and the last U.S. mainline steam ran in 1960. Railroads adopted new technologies: welded rail, better signaling and communications, more powerful diesels, and intermodal freights.

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By Sharon Hoover

Summer has returned for the foreseeable future, but that doesn't mean you can't start getting ready for Fall. The Turner Community Garden is now selling mums. The prices are \$15 for one or Two for \$25. Our supplier is Enright Gardens, who sells flowers and vegetables at our location in the Spring.

Turner Community Library has three activities scheduled for the week of September 22.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

Tuesday, September 23, Artful Antics at 4:30pm at the Turner Community Garden. This class introduces children to some of the Great Masters in the Art world while creating an art project inspired by the artist of the month. Registration Required. www.kckpl.org

Wednesday, September 24, at 10am at the Windmill KC, "Story-time and Sips". Children can enjoy a story while adults can enjoy a beverage.

Thursday, September 25, at 5:30-6:30 at Turner Community Garden "Jose Faus: They Changed My Name" "Cambiaron Mi Nombre". Registration Required.

The Kansas City Symphony Mobile Music Box will perform at

the South Branch Library at 6pm on September 23. The concert will take place outdoors on the grassy area in front of the library. Come early to grab your spot with a blanket or lawn chair and feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy.

The Main Library is hosting the program "Beyond Brown: Mexican Struggles for Equality Before and after Brown V Board" on Saturday, September 27 at 11am. This presentation looks at the ways the Latino communities bonded together to fight discrimination and demand equal protection under the law.

Join the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging for their "Senior Impact Series" featuring Nik Moreno from BPU,

Jeff Miles from Environmental Services/Public Works, and Alexandria Ortega from Oak Street Health on September 25 at noon. Seating is limited. Please reserve your seat by calling 913-573-8531 or by email at 60plus@wycokck.org. Located at 849 N 47th St Suite B, KCK.

WYCO 4-H club "Hoppin Dottes" is holding a fundraiser with Double Good Popcorn on September 22-26 starting at 5pm. Funds they receive will go toward educational activities and county fair awards. <https://tinyurl.com/ya7b2ye5>.

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

Social Security Commissioner Visits Kansas Field Office to Discuss Customer Service Improvements



Wichita, KS—Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner Frank J. Bisignano today visited the Social Security field office in Wichita, Kansas with Representative Ron Estes, Chair of the House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, to discuss how SSA is deploying technology and streamlining processes to improve the customer experience.

"Social Security field offices across the country are the front lines for customer service at SSA, and it is critical that our field office employees are equipped with the tools and technology they need to provide the world-class customer experience Americans deserve," said Commissioner Bisignano. "At our Wichita field office today, I talked with Representative Estes about opportunities for Congress and SSA to work together so that SSA can continue serving the American people for generations to come. We also took the opportunity to speak with the team there to understand what they need to better meet the needs of our customers."

"It was great to welcome Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano to Wichita, where we had a productive discussion on the efforts made by the Social Security Administration concerning customer service and decreasing wait times on the phone and in field offices around the country. Together, we reaffirmed our shared commitment to further enhancing services and protecting benefits for Kansans and all Americans, while ensuring Social Security is solvent in the years ahead. I look forward to our continued partnership to strengthen this vital program," Representative Estes said.

[To see a picture of Commissioner Bisignano with Representative Ron Estes, [click here.](#)]

Commissioner Bisignano's vision for the future of SSA is straightforward: a Social Security Administration that is easier to access, faster to respond, and better prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Commissioner Bisignano's strategic transformation of SSA is already making an impact across the nation: the average speed of answer for the National 800 Number has dropped from 30 minutes last year to single digits; the disability backlog dropped to the lowest level in four years; the SSA website now enables Americans with 24/7 access and management of their benefits after the elimination of 29 hours of previously scheduled weekly downtime; and 3.1 million Social Security Fairness Act payments totaling \$17 billion were sent five months early.



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Railroads...

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Still, they lost business to the new interstate highways and to airlines. In 1971, Amtrak was created to operate nearly all passenger trains.

European and East Asian countries developed high-speed rail (HSR) as the most efficient public transport. HSR features speeds of 125 to 240 mph, dedicated tracks with gentle curves, and no road or rail crossings. Japan led the way in the 1960s with its famous Shinkansen "bullet" trains followed by the U.K. and most of Europe, Taiwan, South Korea, Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and China (pictured). Amtrak operates 125 mph trains on part of its Northeast Corridor, and California is building a 220 mph HSR line from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Now let's build one from Chicago through St. Louis and KC to Denver.

Together We Play: Sporting KC Unified Team Travels to Face Real Salt Lake Unified Team

The spirit of inclusion and competition will hit the road as the Special Olympics Sporting KC Unified Team travels to Sandy, Utah, to face Real Salt Lake's Unified Team. The matchup will take place on Saturday, September 13th at America First Field, immediately following the Major League Soccer match between Real Salt Lake and Sporting Kansas City.

This away game marks the second leg of a home-and-away series between the two Unified teams. Earlier this summer, Sporting KC proudly hosted Real Salt Lake's Unified Team in Kansas City, and now the teams will come together again to showcase talent, teamwork, and the power of inclusion on a national stage.

"We are thrilled to see our athletes travel and represent both Special Olympics Kansas and Sporting KC," says Caitlin Pierce, Schools Programs Manager at Special Olympics Kansas. "These matches give athletes and Unified partners the chance to experience the excitement of competition while building lifelong friendships and memories."

The Sporting KC Unified Team consists of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 16 to 21, who were selected through a tryout process and signed to official player contracts. This program gives Unified athletes the unique experience of traveling, competing alongside professional clubs, and being honored during MLS match days.

Unified Sports, a model created by Special Olympics, joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team, promoting acceptance, inclusion, and respect. For the players traveling to Utah, this matchup represents more than just a game—it's an opportunity to grow as leaders, celebrate diversity, and inspire others through sport.

ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS KANSAS: Special Olympics Kansas is dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports competitions, health and nutrition programs and leadership development. Offering year-round initiatives to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics Kansas is a platform for acceptance and inclusion as well as one of the largest advocates for healthy lifestyles in the state - regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or cultural differences. It is our belief that participation in sports enables challenges and opportunities to be introduced to the participants, teaching them teamwork, decision making, leadership, goal-setting, perseverance, commitment and sportsmanship, while developing self-confidence, self-esteem, character, and integrity.



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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a great cookie that is made even better with the cream cheese frosting that the cookies are topped with. They are easy to decorate with colorful nonpareils, or chopped pecans. Please give these a try:

CREAM CHEESE VANILLA ICED COOKIES

1 c Butter
4 oz. Cream cheese
1 c Sugar
1/2 t Salt
1 lg. Egg at room temperature
1 t Vanilla
2 1/2 c Flour
Cream cheese frosting:
3 C Powdered sugar
4 oz. Cream cheese
1/2 c Butter, soft
1 t Vanilla
1 or 2t milk
Nonpareils or chopped pecans

In a mixer beat together the butter and cream cheese. Add the sugar gradually. Add the egg and beat until

the mixture is light and fluffy. Add the Vanilla. Beat in the flour gradually. Chill the dough until firm, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Preheat the oven to 375°. Lightly flour counter surface. Roll dough to just under 1/4" thickness. Flour a 3" round cookie cutter and cut out cookies. Space 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake until light brown, about 7 minutes. These cookies are tender and need time to set up, so leave them on the cookie sheet for 2 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to finish cooling. Prepare the cream cheese frosting. Beat the powdered sugar, butter and Vanilla. Add milk as needed for the desired consistency. Add food coloring if desired. Nonpareils really look best on a white frosting. Top each cookie with the nonpareils, color sprinkles or the chopped pecans.

Yield 6 or 7 dozen cookies.

These cookies are really delectable for those of us with a sweet tooth. Keep this recipe for the holidays. The dough doesn't lose its shape, so they are good for cut out cookies. Pumpkin time is just around the

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces over \$26 million in life insurance policies recovered

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Vicki Schmidt, today, announced over \$26 million recovered for Kansans in 2024 through the Life Insurance Policy Locator (LIPL). The Kansas Department of Insurance has helped Kansas consumers find and collect more than \$97 million from lost or unclaimed life insurance policies using the LIPL since 2019.

"The Department has a great track record of helping Kansans claim life insurance policies," said Commissioner Schmidt. "If you or someone you know has an issue with an existing life insurance policy, please give us a call so we can assist."

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, and the LIPL is a great tool to help you search for a lost policy. The LIPL is provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and is available at <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/>. All requests are free and confidential.

Individuals who believe they are beneficiaries and executors, or legal representatives of a deceased person may submit a search request. Insurance companies receive the request, search their records, and directly contact the requester if there is a match, typically within 90 business days.

corner, if making the cookies for Halloween color the dough orange and cut into pumpkin shapes. You can find Halloween sprinkles and black sugar crystals to decorate the cookies. With the cream cheese frosting that makes these cookies so good, you will find many occasions to bake a batch. And because they make so many, they are perfect for sharing with neighbors and friends.

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