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## Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I'm going to get a little ahead of myself and write about events coming up during the first few weeks of October. I have discovered that by the time you read this article or any article I have written, the deadline for registration has

passed or the classes are full.

For our friends and neighbors in Argentine Community, Silver City Day is right around the corner. Celebrate Silver City Days on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9:00am-3:30 pm. The parade starts at 10 am, Enjoy live music, games and

activities, crafts and check out the food trucks.

The Turner Community Garden is still selling mums. The price has been reduced to \$10. Hopefully we will be sold out before Turner Days.

Join author Becky Ray and Turner Community Library on October 14 at 5:30 pm in TRC Bear's Den as she explores paranormal phenomena across Kansas City's haunted history in her book "Kansas City, Hauntings: History and Mystery of the Paris of the Plains". She will uncover the secrets behind our local storied landmarks and restless spirits before your eyes. Registration is required. kckpl.org.

I mentioned this last year. Shepherd Center of KCK emailed me the following:

The Kansas City Fire Department offers an annual ambulance membership program. Applications are due back to the KCKFD by October 31, 2025. The KCK Fire Department membership

in the Ambulance Membership program permits the KCK Fire Dept to collect directly from any third-party agency (Medicare, private insurance, etc.) any benefits that may be available to the member. For services covered by the Ambulance Program KCKFD will accept any third-party benefits and will write off any unpaid balances unless a third party agency refuses to pay such benefits because of membership in the Ambulance Program. The Ambulance Program is not insurance; members are legally responsible for paying for KCKFD services. If insurance deems the transport as "non-medically necessary", you will be billed the full amount. program, you can visit http://www.kckfd.org. Click on the EMS tab at the top of the page to download the application or call Shepherd's Center of KCK 913-291 8908 and they will mail you the application. Keep in mind that it is due back to the Fire Department by October 31, 2025, so don't delay.

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

## Homelessness Demands Empathy, Not Judgment



t the heart of compassion is empathy the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. Empathy allows us to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, even when we haven't lived their experiences. As Leo Tolstoy once said, "If you feel pain, you are alive. If you feel other people's pain, you are a human being."

That's why I have been troubled by some of the recent national conversations about homelessness. When public figures suggest that people who are homeless should simply be forced into treatment—or worse, that they should be eliminated altogether—it sends a harmful message. These are human beings we're talking about. People who are someone's child, sibling, parent, or friend.

The truth is that homelessness is complicated, and there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Only about a quarter of people experiencing homelessness live with severe mental illness. Some struggle with substance use. Some are veterans. Many are simply people who have fallen on hard times and lost stable housing.

Here in Kansas, there aren't enough treatment facilities to meet the current need, and there would not be the capacity to institutionalize people because they were homeless. And by

law, people can only be hospitalized against their will if they are at imminent risk of harming themselves or others. That means sweeping policies to force people into institutions aren't realistic—and more importantly, they aren't effective.

Even as it is called into question at the federal level, research continues to show that Housing First works. When people have a safe and stable place to live, they are better able to work on recovery, health, and employment. It is also less costly than jail or emergency care and far more moral than leaving people on the streets without options.

At Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, compassion is at the center of everything we do. As we continue to address homelessness, my hope is that we, as a country, never lose our collective sense of empathy. Because every person deserves dignity, safety, and a place to call home.

Randy Callstrom, CEO Wyandot Behavioral Health Network. Page 2 The Record - October 2, 2025

### Kobach sues Snapchat for deceptive practices that harm children

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach announced that his office filed a lawsuit in Washington County District Court against social media company, Snap, Inc., the creator of the SnapChat platform. The lawsuit alleges that Snap has engaged in deceptive and unconscionable acts that have caused substantial harm to Kansas consumers, particularly teenagers. The suit alleges that Snap falsely represents its Snapchat platform as safe for children, when in reality it is filled with content that is anything but safe. The petition also alleges that Snap's platform is intentionally designed to be addictive, which is harmful to young minds.

"Snapchat has been marketed as a safe place for teens. We allege it is not. The company knowingly designed an app with manipulative features that prey on the mental health of our children. They have prioritized profit over safety, and our lawsuit holds them accountable

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© 2025 by The Record Publications, LLC. Kansas City, Kansas. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without expressed written consent from the publisher. for the devastating harm caused to Kansas families," Kobach said.

The lawsuit alleges that Snap knowingly misrepresented the app's safety to parents and consumers by promoting it with "12+" and "T for Teen" age ratings on app stores, while simultaneously exposing users to dangerous and mature content that includes profanity, sex content, nudity, and drug use. The lawsuit cites that Snap's own internal investigations reveal concerns about the addictive nature of its platform and its potential harm to users.

"Our investigation found that Snap's design encourages addiction and compulsive use with features that are intentionally designed to exploit the vulnerabilities of young minds," Advisor to the Attorney General Joseph Sciarrotta said. "From Snapstreaks that create immense social pressure to an infinite scroll that eliminates natural stopping points, the platform is a digital trap for children. This action alleges that the company made deceptive and misleading claims about safety and parental controls that have contributed to an unacceptable mental health crisis among our youth."

The lawsuit alleges multiple violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. The state remains steadfast to hold social media companies accountable for deceptive and misleading app programming as well as statements that their apps are safe for children.

"Snap has engaged in unconscionable acts by forcing children to agree to a user agreement for an app that is designed to be addictive and psychologically harmful," Assistant Attorney General Paul Shipp said. "They have willfully failed to disclose material facts about the app's inherent dangers, leaving parents and children in the dark about the real risks. Our lawsuit is aimed at putting an end to these predatory practices."

This suit comes in addition to the one filed last spring against TikTok for similar acts and practices.

### Sens. Moran, Warner, Scott, Gallego Reintroduce Bipartisan Legislation to Bolster Entrepreneurship

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) reintroduced the bipartisan Expanding American Entrepreneurship Act, which would increase the permitted size of angel funds to allow for a higher number of investors in start-up companies. By allowing more individual investors per angel fund and raising the fund's cap, more investors will be able to invest at a lower rate. This will allow new investors who have less access to capital to invest in start-ups, expanding the funding base for early-stage startups.

"Entrepreneurship is the bedrock of the American economy and the backbone of communities across our nation," said Sen. Moran. "Expanding access to angel funds gives Main Street more opportunities to invest in startups while supporting the growth of American small businesses. This legislation represents a much needed change that encourages more companies to go public."

"Long before I entered politics, I was in business. I know first-hand how important early investments are for start-ups and small business owners," said Sen. Warner. "This bipartisan legislation will allow entrepreneurs to raise more funds with more contributors, enable small start-ups to expand, and give Act, which was signed into law in individuals with less access to capital more opportunities to invest at lower rates.'

"Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, and every entrepreneur deserves the chance to turn their dreams into reality," said Sen. Scott, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. "Unfortunately, access to capital, especially in early-stage investment, has too often been limited to a select few. By opening the door to more investors, this legislation helps local business owners and entrepreneurs turn ideas into thriving companies, create good-paying jobs, and strengthen communities in South Carolina and across our nation."

"Too many promising start-ups hit a wall because they just can't raise enough money to get their business off the ground," said Sen. Gallego. "By raising the number of investors and the max these funds are able to receive, we can help more start-ups get the money they need to grow, create jobs, and strengthen our economy. I'm proud to help lead this bill to give more entrepreneurs a shot at the American Dream."

This legislation expands on the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection

2018 and included provisions by Sen. Moran to expand investment opportunities.

The Expanding American Entrepreneurship Act would:

- \* Increase the max number of permitted angel investors from 250 to 500
- \* Raise the cap on angel funds from \$10 million to \$50 million

"Entrepreneurship is the driving force of economic growth and job creation in America, and capital is a critical resource entrepreneurs need to turn their innovative ideas into thriving businesses," said John Dearie, President of the Center for American Entrepreneurship. "Many new businesses – particularly those that have the potential to grow very quickly - rely on investors who provide early-stage capital in exchange for an equity stake in the company. The bipartisan Expanding American Entrepreneurship Act addresses this problem by expanding parameters of section 3(c)(1) of the Investment Company Act to permit emerging fund managers to raise larger funds with a higher number of permitted investors. CAE thanks Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS), Tim Scott (R-SC), Mark Warner (D-VA), and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) for their leadership" The Record - October 2, 2025 Page 3

## **KDADS Announces New Aging Services Commissioner**

TOPEKA - Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Laura Howard today announced that Kimberly Reynolds has been appointed Commissioner of Aging Services, effective September 29, 2025. Reynolds succeeds David Anderson, who retired at the end of August.

Reynolds brings more than 30 years of experience in aging, behavioral health, and public service at the state, federal, higher education, and nonprofit levels. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in gerontology as well as a master's in public administration.

"Kim's strong combination of expertise and vision with experience in both aging and behavioral health, paired with proven leadership in state and federal service, makes her exceptionally well-suited to lead this commission," Secretary Howard said. "She understands the challenges older Kansans face and is committed to advancing policies and programs that improve their quality of life."

Her career began as a service provider at a community mental health center in Oklahoma, working with older adults with serious mental illness, before moving into dementia care leadership within a nursing facility. In Kansas, Reynolds held key positions with the former Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, overseeing aging, housing, and homeless programs, and later supervising licensing of Medicaid HCBS waiver and behavioral health service providers. She has also directed aging and behavioral health research and training initiatives at the University of Kansas.

Reynolds previously served at KDADS as the Single State Authority for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Most recently, she worked at the federal level with the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), where she was an Assistant Regional Director, then went on to serve as National Subject Matter Expert for mental health and aging/disability, and Coordinator of the Center for Mental Health Services training and technical assistance programs.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve in this role," Reynolds said. "I look forward to collaborating with KDADS' many partners to continue the great work being done to support older Kansans and their families."

## Home Country Slim Randles

"I think it's disgusting and weird and unnatural and it should be outlawed!" the tall cowboy said, coming to rest at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"Aw Steve," said Doc, "the coffee isn't that bad."

"Coffee? Nay, I say unto you, Doc. It ain't the coffee ... it's them award shows on the television. You see them? All them good-looking women Scotch-taping themselves into those dresses so they almost stay on? Those weird guys they're with who only shave on Tuesdays?"

"And this makes you angry?"

"Sure does, Doc. Those folks make a lot more money than I do and all they have to do is dress up and talk to those red carpet camera guys."

"Well, Steve," said Dud, "we can do just as good as they can. Stand up."

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### Wash for a Cause Weekend to Benefit Special Olympics Kansas

locations across Kansas will host Wash for a Cause Weekend Oct. 3-5, giving customers the chance to support athletes of Special Olympics Kansas while keeping their cars clean.

During the three-day event, every \$5 MVP Wash purchased will generate a \$1 donation to Special Olympics Kansas. All proceeds will help provide yearround training, competition, and health initiatives for individuals with intellectual disabilities across the state.

"This partnership allows the community to do something simple, like washing their car, that has a direct impact on our athletes," said John Lair, President and CEO of Special Olympics Kansas. "Every wash helps us create opportunities for athletes, like the Fall Outdoor Classic happening at the same time."

The Charles E. Watson Fall Outdoor Classic is a state competition in golf and softball happening in Wichita during this fundraiser. After months of hard work, training, and regional competitions, athletes from all over Kansas will be coming to Two Rivers Youth Club to compete for gold in their sport. The fundraiser is across Kansas and benefits athletes all over the state.

With multiple Club Car Wash locations throughout Kansas, customers can participate by visiting any location during regular business hours Oct. 3-5.

For a full list of Kansas Club Car Wash locations, visit https://clubcarwash.com/kansas-locations/.

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 yearround 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 advostate - 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 integ-

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Steve looked around and then stood slowly. Dud picked up a bottle of Tabasco sauce and, using it as a microphone, turned to the breakfast crowd in the Mule Barn.

"Good morning, folks, and we're so happy you could join us here on KRUD this morning to welcome our list of celebrities. Oh, look, it's Steve, the pride of farrier life and heavy anvils. Steve, wherever did you get that outfit?"

"Well," said Steve, grinning, "it's a creation of Levi Strauss, and please note the genuine brass rivets."

"Give us a twirl there, cowboy." And he did, to great applause.

"And your headwear today, Steve, that would be what ... Stetson?"

"Yessir. A genuine John B. Stetson original. Five ex beaver fur felt."

"The sweat stains?"

"Those were added later, actually, Dudley. A genuine cow pen fillip to offset the otherwise stunning look of my entire ensemble."

"So as not to overwhelm the onlookers, I suppose?"

"Precisely. We don't want ordinary people to think they'll never achieve this look, you see."

"An admirable pursuit," Dud said. "Noblesse oblige, I believe," said Steve.

"Not until lunch," said Loretta, topping off the coffee mugs. "Breakfast special is bacon and a short stack."

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