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## Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I hope everyone is enjoying the Olympics. Our favorites are ice skating and ice dancing events. We originally got hooked many years ago when Torvill and Dean from England won the gold. During the last Olympics, I saw the Ice Curling events for the first time but have missed seeing them this year. My timing must be bad. I heard on the news last night that Blue Springs has an Ice Curling organization. It might be worth visiting.

Tickets are going fast to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turner Garden. Dinner consists of

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Sausage, Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, and Corn Bread; Dessert is Mint Chocolate Chip Brownies and Ice Cream. Mark your calendars for March 14, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Turner Neighbor Center, 667 S. 55<sup>th</sup> St. KCK Entertainment will follow with bingo and cards. Tickets are \$25 each and may be bought from Debbie at the Center. Proceeds will go to Community Gardens Inc. to enhance the building for senior activities, recovery, and continuing education.

Seats are still available for the program "Ssssake Ssssaturday" at Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library, 4051 West Drive, WyCo Lake on Saturday, February 21 at 10am. This program is for ages 3-18+. Come meet the veterinary technician who has helped care for the animals at the Schlagle library. Join in on an engaging discussion all about snakes- their care, behavior, and what it's like working with

these amazing reptiles up close. Registration is needed. [Kckpl.org](http://Kckpl.org). Anyone attending with a child under the age of 8 must also register and remain with the child.

West Wyandotte Library, as part of Black History month, is hosting the Esoke Cultural Arts Center on Monday, February 23 at 6pm. Join them for an evening of wonderful dancing and music. Center Dancers will be demonstrating and teaching traditional West African dances with drum accompaniment. This program is for children and registration is not needed.

The KCK South Branch Library is hosting a KC2-Step presentation with The Steppers of KC on Thursday, February 26, from 6pm-7pm. Join The Steppers of KC to learn more about the history of KC style 2-stepping, followed by a brief dance lesson. The Steppers of KC are an organization that has a mission to keep the art of KC style 2-stepping alive. Registration is not needed.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

### Stock Market Insights

## The Case Against Jumping into Hot Consumer Staples Stocks

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I can't remember the movie's name, but I can relate to the opening scene. The guy is on an eight-lane highway in bumper-to-bumper traffic and keeps picking the wrong lane. Every time he changes lanes, the lane he just left starts passing him. Investors might be tempted to jump on the hot Consumer Staples trend right now, but like the guy in traffic, they might get passed by the sector they just left.

The Consumer Staples sector is up over 12% year-to-date, ranking third after energy (20%) and materials (15%) among the eleven S&P 500 sectors. It's tempting to overweight one's portfolio in that direction, but it might not be the best strategy.

Stocks in the Consumer Staples sector are known for stability. They sell products essential to daily life, such as food, beverages, toilet paper,

and other hygiene items. Another way to describe them is that they are everything stores run out of before a big snowstorm. These products are considered non-cyclical, meaning they stay in demand regardless of economic fluctuations.

We are seeing several sectors benefit as portfolio managers continue to rotate funds out of technology, which had gotten overweighted by strong growth. Consumer Staples have received renewed attention from investors who are looking for defensive and/or income-oriented opportunities, along with Energy (after the Venezuela drama a few weeks ago), Real Estate, and Utilities.

The technical analysis trends for Consumer Staples have improved, making it a tempting tactical buy opportunity. Still, I'm not chasing that trend because they trade at a 10% premium to the rest of the market.

Consumer Staples are known as slow growers. We saw something like this as the COVID

shutdowns began when toilet paper and other essentials flew off the shelves, pushing profits up only to fall soon afterwards because, as it turns out, people continue to use the same amount of toilet paper. When consumers have a surplus, they don't buy any more toilet paper until they've used it up. As hot as Consumer Staples look now, earnings reports are expected to show no earnings growth last year. Analysts estimate its 2026 growth at 7%, and the sector is already up nearly twice that currently. (Did I mention people typically use the same amount of toilet paper as they usually do?)

When most stocks are overvalued, as they are now, investors need a sniper-like mentality when seeking opportunities. The bottom line is that I think other non-tech, neutral-rated sectors look more appealing, such as healthcare and industrials. I am staying neutral on Consumer

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Staples and leaning in on Healthcare and Industrials.

I manage a lot of company retirement plans. Something I see every January is employees looking at their statements and moving their entire account to the mutual fund with the highest return the previous year. When they do this, they are almost always buying at the top, and that fund has only one way to go: down. Just like the guy in the traffic jam, while the intentions are good, it can lead to you missing opportunities had you just stayed in the middle. A diversified portfolio might not be as exciting as others, but it rarely disappoints.

Have a blessed week!

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## Congressman Derek Schmidt Secures \$2.06 Million for the Union Pacific Bridge Underpass Project in Wyandotte County, Kansas

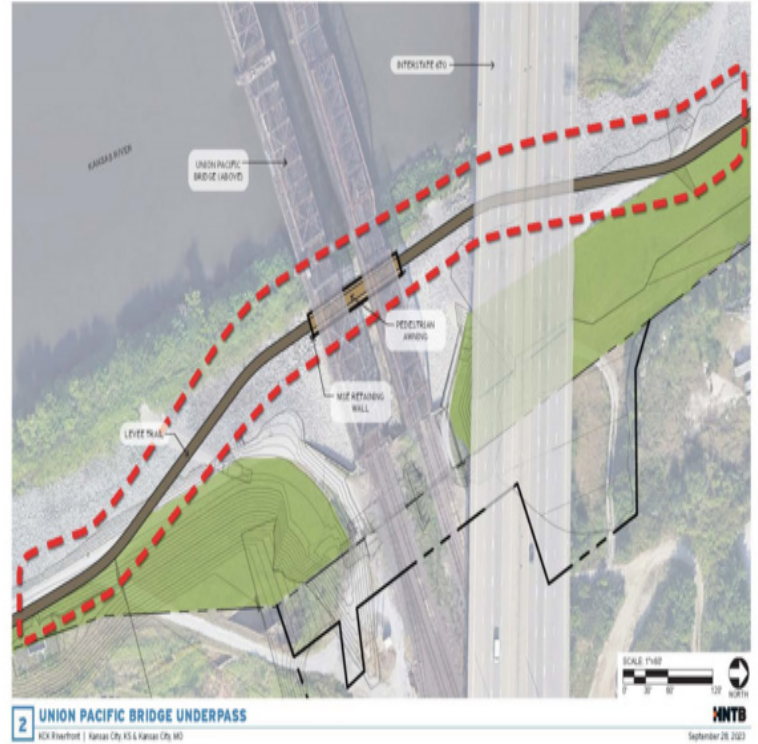
KANSAS CITY, KS - Congressman Derek Schmidt announced an appropriation of \$2.06 million for the Union Pacific Bridge Underpass project in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The location of this project will be on the eastern bank of the Kansas River, downstream of the Rock Island Bridge and upstream of the Central Avenue Bridge.


The secured funds will address the most significant need of the 17-mile KCK Levee Trail System by creating a bypass caused by the railroad and linking the northern and western legs of the Trail System. The current 17-mile KCK Levee Trail System is not contiguous because of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge barrier. The bypass would make the trail contiguous, allowing trail users to avoid the current safety hazard.

Without the underpass, pedestrians may attempt to cross the railroad tracks at the surface, which is a major safety hazard. The project also provides access to multiple trails and neighborhoods in KCK and KCMO, including the Greenline, KC Riverfront Heritage Trail, Armourdale Neighborhood, Strawberry Hill, and the Historic West Bottoms.

“I want to thank Congressman Schmidt for securing \$2.06 million in federal funding for the Union Pacific Underpass,” said Mayor/ CEO Christal E. Watson. “This important project for the people of Wyandotte County will connect our riverfront walking trails and help create more economic development activity in this vibrant area of our community.”

Once project funding is received, design and coordination with the Railroad will begin. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2027, and the project will be completed with a public opening by 2028.



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## 2026 UG Community Survey Launches, Taking a data-driven approach to understanding priorities

KANSAS CITY, KS - The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS (UG) has announced that the 2026 Community Survey has officially launched. Wyandotte County residents should begin receiving the survey arriving in select mailboxes starting this

week. Administered by Olathe-based ETC Institute, the 2026 Community Survey is mailed to a random sample of Wyandotte County residents for their input on overall quality of life, services and programs, as well as neighborhood priorities. The data collected will

be presented to the UG Board of Commissioners as part of the 2027 Budget Process, which will kick off in March.

“We hope all households receiving the survey will do their part and complete the survey,”

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# SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

From the Desk of Senator Pat Pettey

It was a relatively quiet week on the Senate floor as the Republican leadership prepares their next stunt to bolster their 2026 campaigns and earn the President's approval. Senate Democrats continue to focus on the real issues facing Kansans: property taxes, transparency in government, and more. I encourage you to use your voice to advocate for legislation you feel will support your friends, neighbors, and family. Please don't hesitate to email or call my office to share your thoughts or concerns.

This Week at the Statehouse

With Week 4 now complete, the 2026 legislative session is in full swing. This week was jam-packed with budget hearings as Republican

leadership pushes to have a budget passed out of each chamber (House and Senate) by the end of the next week.

This is the second year that the Legislature has not used the Governor's Budget as a starting point, instead we have started from scratch. This is often leading to shortened debate times, and even being unable to have our questions answered before being forced to vote on an agency's budget.

I strongly support the Legislature having a bigger role in the budget-making process and each of us understanding where taxpayer dollars are going; however, the way that we are doing it this year is leading to more confusion.

Committee meetings continued this week, with several holding hearings on proposed legislation and receiving presentations from various agencies.

I encourage you to submit testimony (written or in-person) on legislation that is of interest to you. Testimony is due at least 24

hours before the hearing, and you can visit the Kansas Legislature website for information on when hearings are being held and how to submit your testimony.

Some additional legislation to keep an eye on:

\* The Big, Beautiful Bill: Kansas Edition: It seems that some of our most extreme colleagues feel that the Big, Beautiful Bill didn't wreak enough havoc on Kansas that Kansas needs its own version. On Thursday, SB 363 which would further restrict access to food, child care, and medical assistance for our most vulnerable Kansans was introduced. Punitive legislation like this only harms Kansans, and we must work together to defeat this bill. A two-day hearing is scheduled for this bill, with proponents being heard on Tuesday and opponents on Wednesday. If you are interested in submitting testimony, visit the Senate Committee on Government Efficiency page.

While Republican politicians use their supermajority to attempt

to distract us with political power plays that fail to address the real needs of Kansans, I am excited to highlight a bill introduced by my colleague, Senator Dinah Sykes, that has a hearing next week:

\* Ensuring price transparency from landlords on rental properties: Skyrocketing housing prices are not just impacting our homeowners, they are also affecting our renters through higher prices and hidden fees. That is why Senator Sykes introduced SB 369 which will require landlords to disclose all costs and fees related to the property before a tenant signs their lease. This bill will also ensure a grace period for renters who need a few extra days to pay their rent without fears of eviction or exorbitant fees. Senator Sykes's bill will have a hearing in Senate Commerce on Tuesday, February 10, visit the Kansas Legislature website if you are interested in submitting testimony.

Some other Democratic bills

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received action this past week, including legislation by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau and Senator Ethan Corson.

\* Senator Faust-Goudeau's legislation would allow veterans experiencing homelessness to receive an ID card without having to prove a place of residence. Her legislation was added to HB 2274 which addresses several issues facing veterans in Kansas. The Senator's portion of the bill addresses a real issue that is harming our veterans and restricting their access to voting, social services, and more.

\* Senator Ethan Corson's legislation, SB 378, would provide Kansans with a one-time, non-refundable tax credit of \$250 to be applied to vehicle registration or renewal property tax costs. This bill had a hearing in Senate Tax this past week, and should be further debated in the committee this upcoming week.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CAPITOL**  
Higher Ed Day at the Statehouse  
On Wednesday, students representing student government at our six regent institutions came to the Statehouse to advocate for various issues impacting our universities. It was great to meet with students and learn about the various programs that our universities offer. Students from Wichita State visited my office and shared the importance of preserving higher education funding.

Moms Demand Action on Gun Violence advocates speak with Senate Democrats.

On Thursday, members of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action traveled to Topeka for an advocacy day. Gun violence prevention is vital to ensuring the safety of our students, families, and communities. Thank you to everyone who came out and made your voices heard.

I was fortunate to have 4 eighth graders from Holy Name Elementary School join me for the day and get to experience the hustle and bustle of the legislature. I feel hopeful for the future of our state when I see

our young people show interest in their government.

I met with advocates from the Alzheimer's Association to discuss the importance of research and keeping a focus on finding ways to treat those with Alzheimer's.

Students in leadership at Turner High School visited the capital and attended the Senate Education Committee. They were joined by Superintendent Jason Dandoy. Thank you all for coming and advocating for your classmates!

Pharmacists and students from across Kansas came to the capitol to share their input on SB360. It was great to be able to hear input from real people in the field that would be affected by this legislation.

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## Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

Today's tasty treat is a wonderful version of a chocolate Bundt cake. If you want to bake a cake for a family birthday celebration - this is the one to bake. It is full of chocolate flavor. Please bake one soon:

### TRIPLE CHOCOLATE CAKE

Ingredients:

2 1/2 c Sugar

4 oz. Baker's Chocolate -Unsweetened

2 sticks, Butter

1 c Water

1 1/2 T Vanilla

3 1/2 c Flour

2 t Baking Powder

2 t Baking Soda

1 t Salt

4 lg. Eggs

2 c Buttermilk

Glaze:

1 c Heavy Cream

1 1/2 c Semi-sweet Chocolate chips

Set oven to 350°. Butter a large Bundt pan and dust with cocoa powder. In a bowl of a mixer, sift the flour, baking powder baking soda, salt, and the cocoa powder. In a pan, over low heat, melt the sugar, and the unsweetened chocolate with two sticks of butter. Remove from the heat and add the Vanilla. Use the mixture when it is just warm.

Add it gradually to the flour mixture on low speed first, then on medium. Add the cold buttermilk, then the eggs one at a time. Mix just until well blended; try not to over mix.

Place the batter into the Bundt pan. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Cool in the pan for 12 minutes before inverting onto a plate. Leave to cool for 20 minutes.

Prepare the glaze by heating the heavy cream to almost a simmer. Remove from the heat and add the semi-sweet chocolate. Leave to melt stir after 5 minutes until completely melted and smooth. Use glaze to pour over the cake. This cake is a delight, with deep chocolate flavor that comes from the three types of chocolate in the recipe; semi sweet and unsweetened chocolate and the cocoa powder. Always bake using the best of ingredients for the best results.

Triple chocolate cake is a keeper of a recipe. It is delicious just plain and I like it with a scoop of Vanilla ice cream. Enjoy!

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Proposals of Qualifications will be held at the Administrative Services Center on March 5, 2026, no later than 3:00pm.

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Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, McCownGordon Construction and LM2 Construction will be accepting sealed bids for a 118,318 sq ft new construction of Central Middle School at N. 11th Street and Riverview Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102. Project scopes include, but are not limited to: final cleaning, building concrete, site concrete, polished concrete, precast concrete, masonry, structural steel, general trades, roofing, waterproofing/joint sealants, overhead doors, glass/glazing, drywall & acoustical, flooring, painting, signage, food service equipment, theatrical equipment, window treatments, seating, elevator, fire suppression, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, earthwork, asphalt paving, landscaping, and site utilities.

There are two pre-bid meetings scheduled; first will be onsite March 10, 2026, at 10:30 am and second will be virtual on March 17, 2026 at 3:00 pm. Please contact [tpiepergerdes@mccowngordon.com](mailto:tpiepergerdes@mccowngordon.com) for more information. Two Trade Partner Meet & Greet meetings will be held; first will be from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm on February 25, 2026 and second will from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm on March 12, 2026. Both will be held at 2510 N 59th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104.

Bids will be accepted by McCownGordon Construction on March 24, 2026, at 2:00 PM via Building Connected. The bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at Kansas City Kansas Schools central office and via Zoom. Bids received after said time will not be opened and returned. This project is tax exempt.

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**Survey...**

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said UG Research Manager Mike Grim. "Hearing directly from our residents will assist the UG Commission during the budget season this summer. It's important to stress that this survey is anonymous, and answers to questions will not be revealed, but compiled with all the other surveys received."

This year's survey is divided into two versions: one for Kansas City, Kansas residents about city services, and a second version for Wyandotte County residents (including Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and Lake Quivira) on county services. The ETC Institute develops a randomized sample and verifies that it reflects our community as reported in the 2020 US Census.

The ETC Institute will ensure that each Commission District is equally represented and that the sampled population reflects

the neighborhoods within the district. Residents may receive one of the two versions and are asked to fill it out and send it back as soon as possible. Residents can also enter to win a gift card for their participation. All responses will remain anonymous.

"This community survey will give us a clear and honest picture of what our residents are experiencing and what they value most," said County Administrator David W. Johnston, ICMA-CM. "Results from the survey will ensure that our decisions are guided by data and real voices, and will help strengthen relationships between the UG and the community we serve."

Wyandotte County residents are encouraged to watch their mailboxes to see if they are one of the lucky residents selected as part of the random sample.

The survey will remain open for several weeks, and the results will be presented in early May 2026.



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