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## Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

**H**allelui-ah! I just heard the northbound lane of Turner Diagonal Bridge is open. Some time ago I heard both bridges will be open in May but I'm not holding my breath. They were originally supposed to

be open in December 2024, and we all know how that has gone.

Turner Community Library is holding a craft class for teens and adults entitled "Feather Friend Fortress" on Monday, April 20, 2026 from 1pm-2 pm at the Turner Community Garden. Create your own feathered sanctuary where birds can find happiness and shelter.

Design a whimsical birdhouse that not only looks amazing but provides a cozy home for feathered friends. Just in time for Earth Day! Register at [kckpl.org](http://kckpl.org).

Interested in starting a native garden? The KCK Public Library is presenting a virtual program about "Starting A Native Garden" on April 21, 2026 from 12 pm-1 pm. Join Sharon Ashworth, K-State Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener, for this interactive online workshop. Whether you are interested in lowering your water bill or supporting pollinators, there are alternatives to growing and maintaining typical turfgrass lawns, Sharon will discuss reducing water, pesticides, and fertilizers used on fescue lawns and replacing fescue turfgrass with low growing alternatives or gardens that support our pollinators. Register at [kckpl.org](http://kckpl.org).

The KCKPD is holding its annual Peace Walk on April 25, 2026, starting at 11am on 5<sup>th</sup>

& Washington Blvd. Join friends, neighbors and the KCKPD for a walk to celebrate the success of crime reduction initiatives in KCK and learn about how efforts are being aimed at fostering greater peace in our neighborhoods. For more details contact [KCKPD.org](http://KCKPD.org).

Join "Dotte Talks" on April 28, 2026, at the KCKCC Tech Center, 6565 State Ave. for a community wide conversation about the U.G. budget. The U.G. is asking for your input as they seek to balance their budget and make improvements to support our thriving community. The event starts at 6 pm and runs until 7:30 pm. This is your chance to make your voice heard and enjoy free pizza.

The Wyandotte Historical Society and Museum is hosting a series of headstone cleaning workshops. Classes are free and the supplies are provided courtesy of a Hollywood Casino Grant. The next one is at Woodlawn Cemetery, 628 N 38th St on May 2 at 10 am. If you are interested or need more information call 913 573-5002 or [wycocomuseum@wycokck.com](mailto:wycocomuseum@wycokck.com).

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

## Stock Market Insights

### Markets Surge After U.S.-Iran Ceasefire as Oil Plunges 17% Amid Extreme Volatility

**Dr. Richard Baker, AIF®, is the CEO and executive wealth advisor at Fervent Wealth Management.**

My Dad caught my brother and me having a BB gun war. I hid behind a tractor tire trying to shoot my brother's baseball cap off, and my brother was using his Daisy BB gun to try to give me another cowlick. When Dad came around the corner, there was an immediate ceasefire. Hopefully, the Middle East ceasefire won't be as painful as our BB war.

Shortly after news broke about a two-week ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran, global markets saw huge swings in volatility. Markets fell sharply just before President Trump's April 7th deadline, when he said the U.S. would begin bombing Iranian power plants and bridges. Then,

when news of the ceasefire was announced, they swung crazy high, and oil prices dropped 17%.

The main points of the ceasefire agreement are that the U.S. and Israel will pause bombing on Iran for two weeks, subject to Iran keeping the Strait of Hormuz open. Iran's Supreme National Security Council proposal mentions establishing "a secure transit protocol in the Strait of Hormuz, ensuring Iran's control under the agreed framework," but no one knows yet what that means.

Long-term investors shouldn't overreact to short-term volatility. This investment principle has been proven historically. Since 1980, the S&P 500 has been negative at some point in every single year, and most have had significant intrayear declines. The fact is that markets don't

move in a straight line, and every year will have some kind of correction. This is the normal cycle for investing. In the past 46 years, the market has been negative at some point in the year, yet in 35 of those 46 years, it reversed and ended the year positive.

It is a natural reaction for a worried investor when the market is near its yearly low to wonder whether they should abandon stocks altogether "before they lose everything." The reality is that the market volatility will end, and the investor will be thankful that they didn't cash out at a market low.

The current cause of volatility is the war in Iran and the closure of an important oil waterway.

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So far, markets are responding favorably to the two-week U.S.-Iran ceasefire deal as if it were a permanent solution. In reality, it is just a pause to give both sides time to reach a longer-term peace accord that allows ships to resume sailing through the Strait of Hormuz. Undoubtedly, a demilitarized Iranian regime would make the world safer and lead to more stable markets by removing a geopolitical risk that has persisted for nearly fifty years.

While no one can predict if this military pause will last, it should be comforting to investors that the U.S. economic base and corporate America's earnings power remain strong. When volatility returns, and I guarantee you it will at some point, put your seat belt on and keep your emotions in check. From a market perspective, neither the Iran war nor the ceasefire lessens my confidence in the long-term attractiveness of the U.S. stock market.

Dad, who had been welding something in the shop, had been yelling for us to come hand him a piece of steel, but neither of us heard him. When he came out and found us about to shoot each other's eyes out, he was more than mad. He gave us one of the biggest whippings of our lives, and to be honest, we deserved it. Hopefully, Iran is finally tired of getting the biggest whipping of its life and will become a civilized nation and less of a bully.

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This article was written by humans for humans because AI doesn't have this quality of sarcasm.

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## Tax filing season progressing with timely refund processing and a high use of electronic filing

WASHINGTON— The Internal Revenue Service continues to deliver excellent service to taxpayers during the 2026 filing season with the rise in tax refunds, the smooth pace at which taxpayers are getting their refunds and the high use of electronic filing.

"With less than two weeks left in the filing season, the IRS continues to provide historically outstanding service to taxpayers," said IRS Chief Executive Officer Frank J. Bisignano. "Tens of millions of Americans are getting their refunds direct deposited in their bank accounts and their returns processed promptly without error or delay."

Highlights from the 2026 filing season, through March 20:

- Over 80 percent of refunds were issued in less than 21 days with an average refund amount of \$3,571.

- Over 98 percent of tax refunds have been issued electronically via direct deposit, out of a total of 57 million refunds issued.

- Over 98 percent of returns were filed electronically, out of a total of more than 78 million individual federal income tax returns.

- The average refund is up by more than 10 percent with total refunds now at more than \$202 billion.

Get refunds faster by providing banking information

The IRS encourages all taxpayers who are expecting a refund to include banking information when they file. Taxpayers who did not provide valid bank information when they filed can use online tools on IRS.gov to provide the necessary information to get their

refund faster.

Only about one percent of taxpayers received a CP53E notice informing them that their banking information on the return is missing or invalid. Taxpayers do not have to wait to receive the notice to act. They can check the Where's My Refund? tool for next steps and if this situation applies to them, they can use their IRS Individual Online Account to resolve the issue quickly by providing accurate banking information or the reason they cannot. Once updated, the IRS will issue their refund, usually within seven days. For security purposes, IRS employees cannot update bank account information over the phone or in person.

What taxpayers need to do

After receiving the CP53E notice, they should:

1. Access or create their IRS Individual Online Account.
2. Navigate to:
  - a. "Profile"
  - b. "Banking information"
  - c. "Add bank account"
3. Enter and submit their direct deposit information.
4. If taxpayers already took action through Where's My Refund or IRS Individual Online Account before they received the notice, they can disregard it.

After updating their information, taxpayers can check the status on IRS.gov, with or without signing into their IRS Individual Online Account. Updates typically appear within a few days.

What happens if no action is taken  
Taxpayers who receive a CP53E

notice generally have 30 days from the date on the notice to act. If a taxpayer does not act within the 30-day window, the IRS will issue a paper check six weeks after the date the notice was issued.

Direct deposit remains the fastest and most secure way to receive a refund, helping reduce the risk of lost or stolen payments. Across government, paper instruments (e.g., checks and money orders) are far more likely than electronic payments to be lost, stolen, altered, or delayed.

What the CP53E notice means

Taxpayers may receive a CP53E notice if:

- No direct deposit information was included on the tax return, or
- The bank account information provided was incorrect or rejected by the bank.

The notice does not mean the refund is denied. Instead, it means the refund is on hold until the taxpayer acts.

What happens if a taxpayer does not have a bank account?

Taxpayers who have filed their return without their direct deposit information and qualify for an exception to the direct deposit requirement may review and select the appropriate exception in their IRS Individual Online Account. Limited exceptions to electronic methods are available for specific situations such as those involving hardships, or legal and procedural requirements. Providing exception eligibility information will allow the release of a paper check within one to two weeks.



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# SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

Continued from last week. On the Senate Floor.

• **HB 2601:** HB 2601 would establish a registry for child abuse and neglect, to be maintained by the Secretary of Children and Families. This bill would provide for registration and expungement processes, including administrative hearings and opportunities for appeals. HB 2601 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

• **HB 2444:** HB 2444 would prohibit the application of jail credits – days already spent in jail – to more than one consecutive sentence. This removes judicial discretion on this issue. This bill would also require appearance bonds for certain misdemeanor and felony offenses, removing judicial discretion to release an individual on their own recognizance. HB

2444 passed 35-5, I voted NO.

• **HB 2574:** HB 2574 would remove the expiration of certain cybersecurity requirements and modify the duties of chief information security officers and cybersecurity programs. This bill would establish the Branch Technology Oversight Council for the Legislative and Judicial branches. These councils would be tasked with setting IT standards, establishing policies, evaluating IT and cybersecurity programs, and more. HB 2574 passed 38-2, I voted YES.

• **HB 2727:** HB 2727 would allow for plaintiffs suing for violation of the woman’s right-to-know act to elect to limit recovery for their claims by not having a medical malpractice screening panel convene. This would allow for plaintiffs to allege they were harmed by reproductive care providers – under the Women’s Right to Know Act – without having to prove that those providers committed any medical malpractice. HB 2727 passed 31-9, I voted NO.

• **HB 2639:** HB 2639 would change the name of juvenile crisis intervention centers to juvenile stabilization centers. This bill would also modify the intake criteria and treatment provided at these centers, including the requirement that these centers provide services to the juvenile and their family. HB 2639 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

• **HB 2729:** HB 2729 would require the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment to provide forms and notices to physicians in alignment with the Women’s Right to Know Act. This bill mandates that the KDHE provide forms to physicians with medically inaccurate and misleading information about the safety of abortions. HB 2729 passed 31-9, I voted NO.

• **HB 2470:** HB 2470 would provide that certain municipalities may designate the entire municipality within a neighborhood revitalization area under the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act. HB 2470 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

• **HB 2593:** HB 2593 would

require that a political subdivision hold an open meeting to discuss a contingency fee contract for legal services before approving such a contract. This bill would also require that the Attorney General approve all such contracts. Opponents of this bill testified that it would override local control and decrease the accountability of local officials to their communities. HB 2593 passed 23-17, I voted NO.

• **SB 454:** SB 454 would enhance the criminal penalty for committing certain crimes in the context of transnational repression. This bill would also require the development of transnational repression recognition and response training. SB 454 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

• **SB 393:** SB 393 would allow local municipalities to pass an ordinance permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages 23 hours a day, seven days a week, for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. This bill is not a mandate,

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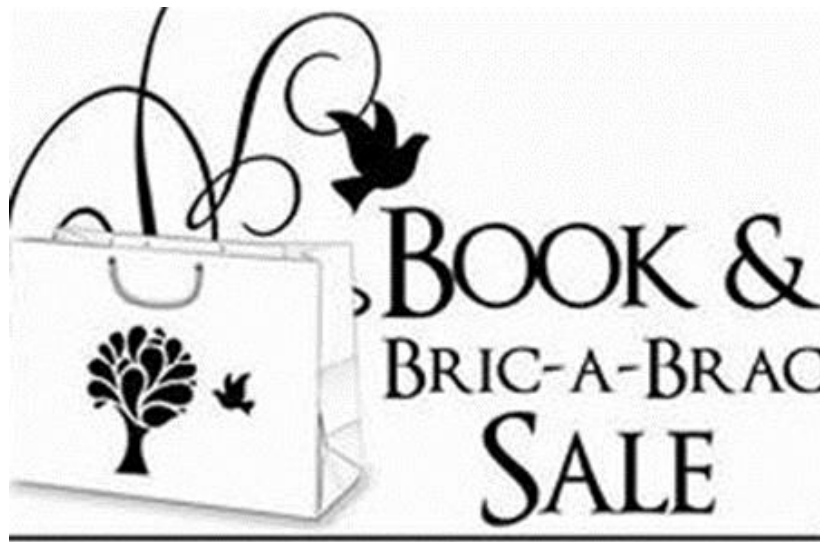
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on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

**No clothing or magazines will be accepted.**

Call 913-281-8908 with questions or to schedule donation  
pick-up. Donations are tax deductible.

*PS: We need volunteer help to organize and run the sale! Can  
you give us an hour or two on Thursday to set up, or Friday and  
Saturday of the sale? Call Melissa at  
the Shepherd's Center office, 913-281-8908 to sign up for a shift!*

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rather it allows local municipalities to determine what may be best for their community as well as their local businesses. SB 393 passed 21-19, I voted YES.

- HB 2591: HB 2591 would allow financial institutions, such as banks, to report suspected financial exploitation of an adult account holder to a designated agency, notify any adult designated as a trusted contact by the account holder, and place a temporary hold on certain transactions or withdrawals. HB 2591 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2515: HB 2515 would enact the Virtual Current Kiosk Consumer Protection Act, as part of the Kansas Money Transmission Act. This bill would outline certain disclosure requirements for virtual currency kiosks – also known as cryptocurrency ATMs – and their operators. Additionally, this bill would require several fraud prevention measures and establish a cap on certain fees. HB 2515 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2700: HB 2700 would establish the Kansas Digital Right-to-Repair Act and create requirements for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). This bill would require that OEMs make replacement parts and tools available to any independent repair provider or owner of the equipment manufactured, sold, or supplied by the OEM. These replacements would be required to be provided at no cost to use or operate the tool or at a cost equivalent to the lowest actual cost that the OEM offers to the tool to an authorized repair provider. HB 2700 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2497: HB 2497 would prohibit the assessment of a prepayment penalty against any party more than six months after a home loan was made for a real estate mortgage. HB 2497 passed 34-6, I voted YES.

- HB 2537: HB 2537 would increase the penalties for the crime of sexual extortion when the offender is 18 years of age or older, and the victim is 18 years of age or younger. This bill also creates the crime of

aggravated sexual extortion causing great bodily harm and aggravated sexual extortion causing death. Additionally, this bill requires the Attorney General to prepare and provide educational materials and information relating to these crimes. HB 2537 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2747: HB 2747 would require that courts consider certain factors in determining whether a prior violation of law is comparable to any act described under DUI crimes when calculating a person's criminal history score. Proponents of this legislation testified that this bill would close a gap in statute to enhance punishment for those who kill or seriously injure others while driving under the influence or who flee the scene of such crashes. HB 2747 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2539: HB 2539 would require that members of the Eudora Community Library District Board of Directors be elected to their positions. Currently, members of this board are appointed. HB 2539 passed 37-3, I voted [YES/NO].

- SB 517: SB 517 would expand the reporting requirements for the Every Child Can Read Act. This bill would also amend the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy to provide certain requirements for the Kansas Board of Education, Kansas Board of Regents, and local school districts as it relates to literacy education and reporting. SB 517 passed 39-1, I voted YES.

- Senate Sub for HB 2346: Sub for HB 2346 would establish the Kansas Sports Tourism Grant Program administered by the Secretary of Commerce to provide matching grants to communities for developing and continuing youth sporting events. Sub for HB 2346 passed 28-12, I voted YES.

- Senate Sub for HB 2018: Sub for HB 2018 creating the crime of interference with the conduct of a religious assembly, providing criminal penalties, and providing for a civil cause of action for damages. This bill duplicates protections already provided under the First Amendment and creates a civil cause of action that could result in

frivolous lawsuits that jam our court systems, delay justice for Kansans, and waste taxpayer dollars. Sub for HB 2018 passed 34-6, I voted NO.

- HB 2769: HB 2769 would require members of governing bodies that levy taxes to all be members of such taxing areas. While this bill technically applies to the entire state, it is really targeted at one taxing district in Wyandotte County. HB 2769 passed 33-7, I voted NO.

- o "This legislation is directed to Edwardsville not wanting to pay a library tax that all of us do for library services. They have been part of the Wyandotte County Library Board, and they do not want to be, so they are taking a legislative approach. Libraries provide free services for all and that can only happen if we all provide support." —PAT PETTEY

- HB 2602: HB 2602 would establish requirements for a portable benefit plan for independent contractors and provide subtraction modifications for Kansas income tax purposes for contributions to such plans. HB 2602 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2440: HB 2440 would exclude owners of oil leases from having to file a request for exemption with the Board of Tax Appeals for property tax exemptions. HB 2440 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

Thursday's bills:

- SB 524: SB 524 would require banks to enter into a written agreement with the state treasurer to be depositories of money. This bill would also increase the market value of security necessary to secure the deposit of public moneys. SB 524 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2767: HB 2767 would establish the Kansas Military Affairs Commission and prescribe the powers and duties thereof. This Commission would be a continuation of the Governor's Military Council. The Commission would be comprised of 16 voting members and 11 non-voting members, including representatives of Kansas municipalities that have a military installation. HB 2767 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2485: HB 2485 would authorize the chief executive officer of the Kansas Board of Regents to

negotiate and settle any repayment obligations under any scholarship, grant, or other financial aid program administered by the board. This bill would also prohibit the payment of any additional or new funds to any student who is subject to repayment obligations under such financial aid programs. HB 2485 passed 25-15, I voted NO.

- HB 2613: HB 2613 would provide for the Crime Victims Compensation Board to establish fees chargeable for conducting exams of individuals who may be victims of sexual assault. This bill would also authorize the board to adopt rules and regulations to administer such fees and to use money in the Crime Victims Compensation Fund for the payment of such fees. HB 2613 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2651: HB 2651 would authorize a challenge to a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity if evidence arises that proves fraud, duress or mistake of fact. This bill would specify that certain genetic testing results should constitute a change of circumstances. HB 2651 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2596: HB 2596 would create a limited exception to the Prison-made Goods Act of Kansas, and authorize the Secretary of Corrections to establish a pilot program at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility to enter into contracts for the production of manufactured or modular homes. The Senate amended this bill on the floor to require participating non-profit organizations to pay property taxes on the retained housing units. HB 2596 passed 36-4, I voted YES.

- HB 2573: HB 2573 would amend Kansas statutes relating to licensure requirements for certified public accountants. HB 2573 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

- HB 2481: HB 2481 would require transient guest taxes to be collected on lodgings with one or more bedrooms between May 15, 2026, and July 25, 2026. This bill would also prohibit city and county governments from limiting the number of permits or authorizations required for the operation of short-term rental or vacation units. HB 2481 passed 33-7, I voted YES.

## Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces PBM reform legislation signed into law

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced that the Kansas Consumer Prescription Protection and Accountability Act has been signed into law. The legislation, written by Schmidt's office, will help rein in pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), which are the middlemen between drug and insurance companies who have been driving up prescription costs for decades.

"As a local pharmacist for over 40 years, I have seen firsthand PBM practices hurt local pharmacists and as Insurance Commissioner, I can attest to the complaints Kansans have about PBMs."

The Kansas Consumer Prescription Protection and Accountability Act requires PBMs to pass all drug rebates to health plans and bans a practice called "spread pricing" where a PBM charges a health plan more than it reimbursed a pharmacy. The bill also aims to protect patient choices and local pharmacies by requiring all pharmacies to be reimbursed the same. Finally, it gives the Department of Insurance tools to ensure transparency and accountability.

"I am proud to have stood with Kansans, local businesses and rural communities to make health care in Kansas more transparent, more accessible and less expensive for all Kansans."

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A 25-2022, of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Turner Unified School District No. 202, Wyandotte County, Kansas, and that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Education for the unexpired term of office June 1, 2026 to January 10, 2028 not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice.

Such vacancy exists by reason of the resignation of Becky Billigmeier effective May 31, 2026.

By order of the Board of Education, Turner Unified School District No. 202, Wyandotte, County Kansas, April 16, 2026. Patrons interested in applying for the vacant Board of Education seat should contact Melissa Pierce, Board Clerk, at (913) 288-4161 or piercem@turnerusd202.org to request an application. All applications are due no later than April 27, 2026, to Turner Administrative Service Center, 800 S. 55th Street, Kansas City, KS, 66106.

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## Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a delicious cake that you might not have heard of, and it's a snap to make. And it's unusual in that it uses whole wheat flour which gives it a toasty brown color. The whole wheat flour along with chopped pecans give the cake a wonderful texture. You'll be glad you tried;

### MOM'S WHOLE WHEAT AND PINEAPPLE CAKE

Ingredients:

2 c Whole Wheat flour

1 1/2 c Sugar

1 t Baking Powder

1 t Baking Soda

3/4 t Salt

1 t Cinnamon

1/2 stick Butter, melted

3 lg. Eggs at roomy temperature

1 t Vanilla

1/4 Butter extract

1 20oz. can of Crushed Pineapple with its liquid

3/4 c chopped Pecans

Set oven to 350°. Butter bottom and sides of two 8" cake pans or a 9" x 13"

baking pan. Cut a round of parchment paper for the round cake pans or line the bottom of the 9" x 13" pan. In a large bowl combine and whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and the cinnamon.

In another bowl beat the eggs. Add the melted butter, pineapple, Vanilla and the butter extract. Finally add the egg mixture to the dry ingredients and fold in the chopped pecans. Pour the batter into the pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes.

Place cakes to cool on a wire rack for twenty minutes.

Prepare the frosting by placing the ingredients in a bowl and beating until smooth in texture. If it seems too thick add a teaspoon of milk until the frosting is the desired texture. Frost the cake, garnish with a few pecan pieces and cover the cake and chill. The flavor improves by chilling for one or two days. If desired, wrap the unfrosted cake and chill.

When ready to serve, then make the frosting.

This cake comes from the South and is a traditional treat there. Whole wheat pineapple cake is one that you'll want to be a tradition too. Whether you choose to make a layer cake or in a 9" x 13" pan, this cake is a show stopper. For your guests, you may want to serve the cake with a scoop of Vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream. This recipe is a keeper.

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