



Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Ha p p y Belated Mother's Day to all those I forgot to wish last week. This is only the second week of May and Mother Nature is throwing us another curve. Time to roll with the punches. I have a little bit of something for everyone this week.

West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd, is hosting "Know Your Rights! The ADA, Section 504, IDEA & the ABA" on Monday, May 18 at 6pm. Join the experts from Independence Inc for an engaging and practical learning experience for youth and young adults developing self-advocacy skills, while also supporting families, caregivers, employers, business owners, and community members in building

more inclusive information. Participants will receive focused training on key areas of disability rights including the legal definition of disability, reasonable accommodations in employment and housing, accessibility in everyday environments, education supports, including IEPs and 504 plans, service animals and emotional support animals. Register at kckpl.org.

Keeler Women's Center's craft topic this month is "Upcycling Crafts: Tabletop Organizers" taught by Lisa Merry and Stephany Taylor on Monday, May 18 at 10am-12pm. Register for this free program at (913) 689-9375 or www.keelerwomenscenter.org. The address is 739 Vermont Ave. Suite 100B.

South Branch Library, 3104 Strong, is hosting "Three Trails Taiko Performance" on Thursday, May 21 at 6pm. Taiko, meaning drum in Japanese, is a centuries old tradition -once used to set village boundaries - intimidate on the battlefield and in Kabuki Theatre- has grown into a powerful art form. Taiko ensembles use massive drums and choreograph

movement to create rhythms you don't hear but feel. Register at kckpl.org

The KCK Public Library is holding a virtual presentation entitled "Bugs in Your Garden" on Thursday, May 21 at 12pm. Join Dylan Paisley, K-State Horticulture Agent, for this interactive workshop where you will learn to identify common pests and diseases and the proper use of organic and chemical control methods. Register at kckpl.org.

Join Turner Community Library at the Turner Community Garden for a fun filled afternoon beginning at 2pm on Friday, May 22. Create a one-of-a kind Cat Enamel Magnet. Paws and paint brushes at the Ready! Dive into their purr-fectly delightful workshop where you will craft a Cat Enamel Magnet that the cat's meow. No artist prowess? No worries! You'll strut your stuff with one of a kind masterpiece and a heart brimming with joy. The best part? It won't cost you one of your nine lives. I usually sign up for these workshops and have a great time. Register at kckpl.org.

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

Stock Market Insights

Revisiting Small Caps in a Changing Market

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Last weekend, I had one of those rounds of golf that didn't make much sense on paper. Typically, my strength is putting, the part of my game I rely on to save strokes and stay consistent. But this time, it was the opposite. My driver was dialed in, my irons were sharp, and I was giving myself great looks all day. The problem? I couldn't make a putt.

It was a good reminder that performance doesn't always come from the places you expect. The parts of your game you rely on most take a step back, while other areas quietly step forward and carry the load. Investing works

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much the same way.

For much of the past several years, the stock market has been dominated by a narrow group of large, well-known companies. Their size, stability, and consistent earnings growth made them the clear choice for investors navigating uncertainty. Meanwhile, smaller companies, often more sensitive to economic cycles and borrowing costs, were largely left behind. That dynamic may now be shifting.

This week, we made a small increase in exposure to both small cap growth and small cap value. The move reflects a broader change in the investment landscape, one that could make smaller companies more attractive as we move through the rest of 2026. One of the most compelling reasons is valuation. Small caps continue to trade at a noticeable discount compared to their large cap counterparts, both relative to history and on a forward-looking

basis. For years, that gap persisted as investors favored the perceived safety of larger firms. However, as interest rates have remained elevated and capital is no longer as cheap as it once was, markets have begun to reassess what they are willing to pay for growth. In environments like this, valuation tends to matter more, and that has historically worked in favor of smaller companies.

There are also signs that market leadership is beginning to broaden. Rather than relying on a concentrated group of stocks to drive returns, participation has started to widen across sectors and company sizes. This type of shift is often viewed as a healthy development, suggesting a more balanced and durable market. Small caps have typically performed well during these periods, as investors look beyond the largest names for opportunities.

The economic backdrop also plays a role. Despite ongoing concerns about a potential slowdown, the U.S. economy has shown resilience. Consumer spending has held up better than expected, and overall growth has remained steady. This matters because small cap companies tend to be more domestically focused. When the U.S. economy continues to expand, even modestly, these businesses are often positioned to benefit more directly than their multinational peers.

Interest rates, which were a significant headwind for small caps in recent years, may also become less of a drag. While rates remain higher than they were in the previous decade, the pace of increases has slowed, and markets have had time to adjust. Smaller companies, which often rely more on external financing, are particularly sensitive to changes in borrowing costs. Stability in rates, even without sharp declines, can help ease that pressure and create a more supportive environment.

Importantly, the opportunity is not limited to a single segment of the small cap market. Small cap value stocks offer relatively attractive pricing and can perform well in steady economic conditions. At the same time, small cap growth companies provide exposure to

innovation and may benefit if financial conditions improve or investor sentiment shifts toward risk-taking. A balanced approach allows investors to participate in multiple potential outcomes.

Of course, small caps are not without risk. They tend to be more volatile and can be more vulnerable during periods of economic stress or tighter credit conditions. Earnings can be less predictable, and access to capital can become more constrained if conditions deteriorate.

I didn't leave that round of golf thinking I needed to completely reinvent my game. My putter will probably come around again, it usually does. It was a reminder that success often comes from being adaptable and recognizing where your strengths are right now, not where they've been historically. The same principle applies to investing; sometimes better results don't come from making drastic changes, but from small shifts at the right time. And in both golf and investing, those adjustments can make all the difference.

Have a blessed week!

Joe Shearrer

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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

With First Adjournment recently, the House and Senate are rushing to finish business deemed important by Republican leadership. More than 50 bills have been conferenced on between the two chambers.

• HB 2739 - "Relating to housing code requirements, removing the definition of apartment houses from chapter 31 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, providing requirements for adoption of the national fire protection association standards, 2024 edition, and providing that certain state accessibility standards are not applicable to moderate income housing program and Kansas investor tax credit housing act projects." Motion to adopt the

Conference Committee Report on HB 2739 in the Senate prevailed, 38-1. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

BATHROOM & DRIVERS' LICENSE BILL GOES INTO EFFECT

Sub. for SB 244, which prohibits Kansans from using the bathroom that aligns with their identity, went into effect. This poorly written legislation also bans parents from bringing their children, if they are nine or older, into the restroom with them if their child is the opposite sex. Sub. for SB 244 also immediately invalidates any driver's license that does not reflect a person's sex assigned at birth.

If you have questions about navigating this legislation and how it may affect you, contact the ACLU of Kansas. The ACLU has announced that it is suing Kansas over this legislation.

Community Input Wanted for Library Improvement Projects

If you could improve the Main Library, what would your vision include? If you could convert the former Parker Elementary School into a small library, what would you do? The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library (KCKPL) is hosting two community workshops to gather ideas.

Community Workshops
Parker Revitalization Project
 Tuesday, June 2, 2026
 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 West Park Elementary School
 2600 N. 44th Street
 Kansas City, KS 66104
Main Library
Improvement Project
 Thursday, June 4, 2026
 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 Main Library
 625 Minnesota Avenue
 Kansas City, KS 66101

Community members are invited to attend both meetings. Online commenting is also available via publicinput.com/kckpl through June

18. Voice comments can be provided by calling 855-925-2801 and entering code 3038. Text comments can be shared by dialing 73224 and entering “kckpl” for English or “kckplespanol” for Spanish.

During the workshops, the public will be able to listen to a short presentation and then discuss their visions for the library improvement projects. Staff from KCKPL and the consultant team will be present to discuss the projects, answer questions, and gather feedback to inform the next steps of the improvement process.

Parker Elementary School (3334 Haskell Avenue) was built in 1941 and closed at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Working in coordination with the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, KCKPL intends to renovate the former school into a small library and space to house the library’s administration offices and support services.

KCKPL also plans to rebuild the



Main Library. Opened in 1966, its plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and layout need significant improvement. Findings from the 2025 needs assessment indicate that a rebuilt Main Library could become a community hub offering greater computer and internet access, spaces for public events, adult education opportunities, youth programming, and expanded collections space.

To ensure both projects reflect

Wyandotte County needs and interests, KCKPL is seeking community input. The design team will blend public feedback, technical findings, and design expertise to develop improvement concepts for both projects. Additionally, the concepts will build upon previous planning efforts, such as the Structural Assessment and Feasibility Report for the Main Library. The outcome will be a phased approach to improving the buildings.



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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a delicious pound cake that's made even more scrumptious, when fresh blueberries are added to the batter. They're placed into the batter just before the loaf pan is placed into the oven to bake. And the flavor of tart lemons is in the batter with both the juice and the zest incorporated.

The glaze also has lemon in it.

Your friends and family will love:

LEMON POUND CAKE WITH BLUEBERRIES

Ingredients:

3/4 stick of Butter

1 1/4 c Sugar

5 lg. Eggs

1 T Vanilla

2 T Lemon juice

2 t Lemon zest

1/4 t Salt

1 1/4 c Flour

1 pint fresh Blueberries

1/4 c Flour for dusting the blueberries

Glaze:

3/4 Powdered Sugar

1/2 t Lemon zest

1 1/2 T Lemon juice

Set oven to 325°.

Grease and flour a 9x5" loaf pan.

In the bowl of a mixer, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy; about 4-5 minutes. Beat in eggs one at a time. Important to beat in each egg before adding the next egg. Scrape the bowl as needed. Add the Vanilla, lemon juice and zest. Mix in well. Add the salt and beat in. Gradually add the flour and beat just until combined. Do not over beat or the cake will be dry and dense. In a separate bowl place the blueberries and dust them with the 1/4 c flour and toss them to coat evenly. Gently fold in the blueberries take care not to break them. Place the batter into the pan and bake at 325° for 1-1 hour and 10 minutes. Test with a wooden skewer or toothpick. Leave it to cool for 10 minutes, then invert it on to the serving plate. Prepare the glaze by mixing the ingredients and stirring until smooth and no lumps of the powdered sugar remain. Pour the glaze on top of the cooled cake.

This recipe is good even without the blueberries. It will become a favorite cake. Enjoy!

Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces KCEE students receive financial literacy scholarships

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, announced three participants in Kansas Council for Economic Education (KCEE) programs as winners of a financial literacy essay scholarship contest sponsored by the Securities Division of the Kansas Department of Insurance.

The Department granted \$10,000 to KCEE designated for a financial literacy essay contest in which the top three KCEE student essays split a share of the grant in scholarship funds.

The scholarship winners are:

1st Place, \$5,000 – Alexis Licklider, Goddard High School

2nd Place, \$3,000 – Alisa Saycocie, Olathe South High School

3rd Place, \$2,000 – Karrington Crenshaw, Andover Central High School

"We're proud to recognize students who are already thinking critically about money management and consumer protection," said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. "These essays highlight that KCEE students are developing practical skills that will empower them to make sound financial decisions and support lifelong financial well-being."

"We are grateful for the partnership of the Kansas Department of Insurance and echo Commissioner Vicki Schmidt in recognizing these outstanding students and educators," said Charlene Nichols, Executive Director of KCEE. "Learning how to spot and avoid fraud and scams is an essential skill for life. Resources such as SmartInvestKS.gov help us equip teachers with the tools they need to prepare Kansas students for these ever-changing risks."

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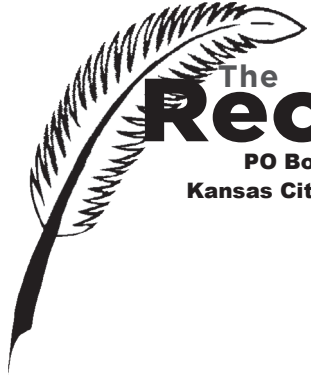
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