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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Is it spring or summer? Mother Nature sure has me confused; I am sure I am not the only one. Our barber-bushes started growing and then with the last cold snap, the new growth now is all brown. It will get trimmed off shortly. I remember when my folks would prepare peonies to put on the graves on Memorial Day. Now our peonies are blooming around the first of May. There's no way I could keep them refrigerated until the holiday. Let's look ahead and see what is happening in our area.

Turner Community Library is hosting Fun

Field Day in the Turner Rec Gymnasium on June 1 from 2pm-3pm for the kids. Games include challenging your friends on the electrifying lightning cones, racing again the clock on the obstacle course, and seeing who can score the most football goals. No registration is needed.

Another library event for the kiddoes, is STEM: Science of Toys for ages 6 & up at the Turner Community Garden on June 5 from 1pm-1:45pm. Dive into the world of favorite toys and unravel the science that makes them tick. Explore the wonders of potential and kinetic energy and discover the secrets behind every turn, twist and ounce. Registration is needed.

For SpongeBob Square Pants fans of all ages, join in bringing Bikini bottom to the library on June 6 (11am-12pm). Use your imagination to create your own version of Clam Jr. Paint, decorate and personalize your

figurine. Registration is needed.

Something New- The Vogelweid Garen Party Series is presenting "Succulents at Sunset" on June 4 at 6:30pm. This is a creative hands-on series that brings the community together through plant-and-sip style sessions, touring the garden and taking home your succulent and goodie bag. \$8 Registration. 20-person limit. This is at the Ag Hall building, 620 N 126th St., Bonner Springs and advertised through Kansas State University. If interested contact the local extension office at 913 299-9300. There was a QR code in the flyer I saw to register but I can't reproduce that here.

Soccer Nation, 520 S.55th is holding a couple of soccer clinics for kids of all ages, focusing on teamwork, confidence and a love of the game. Dates are June 13 and June 27, 9am-1pm. Free to all Wyandotte Count students, Register at bit.ly/VisitKCKEevents. Sponsored by Marvin Windows, Soccer Nation, Mark One, and the Capital Federal Foundation.

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

Stock Market Insights

Why Investors Should Watch Inflation and Stock Valuations Right Now

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My college-aged son called me upset a few weeks ago. The water pump went out and the head gasket blew on the car he bought himself. He said he saw the temperature gauge go up, and he pulled over as fast as he could, but it was too late; his engine was ruined. I'm starting to watch the market temperature gauge go up, but hopefully it will have better results.

One of my core investment beliefs is that news headlines move markets in the short term, but market fundamentals drive them over the long haul. We have experienced this over the last few years with the Russia/Ukraine war, the tariff policy selloffs, and the current Iran war. Yet after every sell-off, the market rebounded quickly because of the underlying strength in corporate earnings.

Record-setting market highs make everyone feel better, and the S&P 500 is up 17% since March 30, 2026. That's all good, but the forward price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) is getting nervously high, which means that the market might be a little too optimistic.

Here are a couple of topics I'm watching:

Inflation Is Starting to Run Hot

It seems like the stock market has ignored rising oil and gas prices. The effects of the 11-week closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which removed key oil supplies from the global economy, are starting to be felt by consumers.

Inflation showed its ugly head in the April Producer Price Index (PPI), which came in three times higher than the Dow Jones forecast. This was the largest monthly gain since March 2022, when prices rose more dramatically after Russia invaded Ukraine. This was primarily due to higher energy prices, but also due to a

surprise increase in shelter costs, showing that rent hikes and higher mortgage rates are taking a toll. However, the reasons for the current increase in inflation are the same as they were back then: energy, food costs, and core goods.

Moderate inflation is manageable, but higher or unpredictable inflation can put downward pressure on markets. If inflation continues to rise, Fed rates are likely to follow, and regardless of how well companies are doing, higher interest rates lead to lower stock valuations.

"All About That Earnings" (using my Meghan Trainor voice)

Investors are right to be excited about this quarter's earnings. The S&P 500's first-quarter earnings are up about 27%, which is way ahead of the expected 13% growth. Even more importantly, second-quarter earnings estimates have risen.

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Since February 27, the day before the Iran war began, 2026 earnings estimates have increased by almost 7%. Despite recent negative headlines, the jump in oil prices and higher gas prices, analysts have become more optimistic about the health of corporate America. Continued higher earnings could be the catalyst for continued market growth, but it bears watching.

Stay Diversified

When markets are priced for optimism like they are now, it doesn't take bad news to trigger volatility, only less good news. A well-diversified portfolio goes a long way toward risk management.

Investors seem to be assuming that the negative impacts from the Iran war will be reversed once an agreement between the U.S. and Iran is reached. They are hoping that job creation will stay positive, inflation will level off, the economy will continue to grow, and earnings

will remain strong. I hope so, too, but with stocks near all-time highs, I am starting to prepare for some short-term volatility in case these things don't happen soon.

Thankfully, our son had enough money to buy a rebuilt motor, though his finances took a hit. He serves at a steakhouse in town, picking up extra shifts and praying for good tippers this summer, all because of a quick overheating. I don't think the market will do anything like that, but I will be watching closely just in case. A good temperature gauge is always handy.

Have a blessed week.

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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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UG Partners with Community Organizations to Host Huge Juneteenth Celebration on June 13

KANSAS CITY, KS - In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG) is excited to host a huge community Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on Saturday, June 13th.

A great partnership among many UG departments, The Village Initiative, Juneteenth in the Dotte, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is anticipated to bring together hundreds for a family-friendly, jam-packed parade and celebration.

Juneteenth Parade and Celebration

This year's Juneteenth Parade will kick-off at 9AM from 5th and Cleveland Ave. and will proceed to Washington Blvd. in downtown Kansas City, Kansas (KCK). Community members are invited to line up along the route and cheer on the fun as registered parade floats and performers march. Stay tuned to learn who the surprise Parade Grand Marshal will be this year.

After a fun-filled morning at the parade, residents are invited to Kaw Point Park (1403 Fairfax Trafficway, KCK) from 6:00PM - 9:30PM for the FREE Juneteenth community celebration. The UG and Community Partners are excited to have this year's celebration Emcee be KSHB 41 Reporter Rachel Henderson.

Guests can expect tons of family friendly games, great local vendors, drill team performances, FREE

food and food trucks for purchase as well as live entertainment on the main stage from John Hudson, Bri Davis, and J. Foster featuring the Songbird Robin Gant.

Following the celebration festivities guests will also get to enjoy a huge fireworks display beginning at 9PM. Celebration attendees are encouraged to arrive early to receive special Juneteenth giveaways and find the perfect spot with their lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the celebration fun.

Interested in Participating in the Parade or Becoming a Vendor at the Celebration?

Organizations interested in participating in this year's parade and celebration still have time. Parade applications, waiver forms and vendor registrations are available online by visiting: Celebrate Com-

munity and Culture at the Juneteenth Celebration

Whether you are a business interested in sales or a non-profit distributing information, you can register for as a vendor for the Juneteenth Celebration at Kaw Point Park for FREE. Space is limited and will be approved based upon availability. Confirmation notifications will be sent once your registration is submitted.

Interested in Becoming a Sponsor by Providing a Donation?

To help us create a memorable and impactful experience for our community, we would be grateful for a donation that can be used to fund activities, entertainment, door prizes or sponsorships. This support directly helps our community come together to celebrate and embrace the past, present and future.

Contractor Fraud Awareness Week

Severe weather in Kansas often means storm damage and insurance claims and many Kansans will be hiring contractors of different trades to help them recover and rebuild. But not every contractor that knocks on your door after a storm is legitimate. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) reported contractor fraud increased 38% from 2023 to 2025, costing not only the homeowner, but every policyholder in the form of increased premiums.

"Be cautious, ask questions, and always check with trusted resources before signing any contract or handing over money," said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. "Too often fly-by-night contractors prey on people following a catastrophe and profit off their misfortunes."

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Legislation Would Help Small Businesses Maintain Economic Competitiveness With Larger Companies

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, the Main Street Competes Act, bipartisan legislation introduced by U.S. Representatives Derek Schmidt (R-KS-02) and Hillary Scholten (D-MI-03), passed unanimously out of the House Small Business Committee (SBC). The legislation would help protect small businesses from unfair competition by requiring the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to work with the Small Business Administration to submit an annual report to Congress on the impact of anti-trust laws, the agencies' ability to assist small businesses, and relevant policy recommendations.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Kansas communities and our economy, and they deserve a fair opportunity to compete and grow," said Congressman Derek Schmidt. "This bipartisan legisla-

tion will help ensure federal agencies are paying attention to how antitrust laws impact Main Street businesses, not just the largest corporations. Greater transparency and accountability will help protect competition, strengthen entrepreneurship, and support the small businesses that create jobs across Kansas and the country."

"Helping small businesses thrive in the modern economy is exactly the kind of thing I came to Congress to do," said Congresswoman Scholten. "There's currently a major gap in our federal laws that make it easier for larger businesses and corporations to evade accountability for illegal activity. Our Main Street Competes Act would fix that and strengthen federal agencies' muscle to protect small businesses from unfair competition."

"Thousands of independent sellers, from mom-and-pop shops

to multimillion-dollar businesses, have made e-commerce one of the fastest growing, most dynamic sectors of the American economy. However, when major platforms misuse their power over sellers, they can stifle this dynamism and harm both sellers and consumers," said Amanda Lewis, Co-Founder and Director of U.S. Competition

Policy at the Responsible Online Commerce Coalition. "By empowering the Small Business Administration to address anticompetitive conduct, these sellers get another strong cop on the beat to take on monopoly power and ensure a fair and robust online marketplace where sellers of all sizes have an opportunity to grow and thrive."

KCKCC Foundation Hires New Executive Director

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation has hired Michael Crouch as its new executive director. He will start June 16.

"I am excited to welcome Michael Crouch to the KCKCC Foundation," said Dr. Patrick Schulte, Acting President. "Michael brings a depth of experience that will help KCKCC reach new advancement and scholarship goals." Crouch comes to KCKCC from Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia, Kan. where he has served as vice president of advancement for the last 16 years. During that time, he increased the endowment from \$600,000 to more than \$5 million and secured more than \$7 million in capital campaign support.



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Celebration, 6-9:30 PM

Kaw Point Park
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- Great food, FREE hot dogs from the grill, local vendors, live entertainment & family-friendly activities.
- Arrive early to get special Juneteenth giveaways while supplies last!
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Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

“I think it’s stupid on stilts.”

That was Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, criticizing the Trump administration’s newly created \$1.776 billion “anti-weaponization” fund.

Tillis warned that the fund could put taxpayers in the position of compensating someone who assaulted a police officer on Jan. 6, admitted guilt, was convicted, later received a presidential pardon, and could now seek payment from the federal government.

“That’s absurd,” Tillis said. “When you take money from me to give to a purpose that I vehemently disagree with, that’s tyranny.”

The Justice Department created the fund after President Trump and his sons dropped a \$10 billion lawsuit against the government over the leak of Trump’s tax returns by an IRS contractor. Critics, including Democrats and some Republicans, have called the fund a taxpayer-backed slush fund that could reward political allies without proper oversight or accountability.

Sen. Bill Cassidy, Republican of Louisiana, also criticized the fund, saying Americans are worried about paying their rent or mortgage, affording groceries and buying gas, not creating a nearly \$1.8 billion fund for the president and his allies.

There is ample reason for concern. At a time when many families are stretched thin, the idea of using public money to compensate political loyalists deserves public scrutiny, not secrecy.

We should also be thankful for the Kansas City nonprofits that step up every day to feed our neighbors. Their work and compassion help fill the void left when government becomes more interested in protecting power than protecting people.

“Act locally” has never mattered more.

Schmidt...

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Insurance and the NICB recognize Contractor Awareness Week, here are tips for home and business owners to prevent contractor fraud after a natural disaster:

* Research and verify: Before hiring a contractor, research their credentials, reputation, and track record. Check for licenses, certifications, and reviews, and verify their insurance coverage. Roofing contractors in Kansas must register with the Kansas Attorney General,

and a list of registered roofers can be found at <https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/public-protection/resources/roofing-registration-directory>.

* Get multiple quotes: Obtain bids from multiple contractors to compare price. Seek out a licensed, insured, and well-reviewed contractor.

* Beware of red flags: Watch for red flags such as high-pressure sales tactics, vague or evasive answers, or reluctance to provide licensure information or other forms of identification, written estimates or contracts. Be wary of contractors asking for payment in advance.

Tom’s Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week’s tasty treat is a good and quick solution for when a sweet is needed for dessert. It’s a cookie that requires a few pantry staples. And they are so good so please try:

BROWN SUGAR COOKIES

Ingredients:	1 t Vanilla
1 stick Butter	2 c Flour
1/2 c Brown Sugar	1/2 t Salt
1/4 c Sugar	1 t Cinnamon

Set oven to 350°.

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl mix the butter, brown sugar and sugar until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Mix in the Vanilla. In another bowl combine and whisk together the flour, salt, cinnamon. (Note this cookie doesn’t require baking powder.)

Stir in the flour mixture one half cup at a time. Mix until the mixture is well incorporated. Form the dough into 2” balls and place on the cookie sheet and space 2” apart. Gently flatten the top and use a fork to crisscross the top. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Until lightly golden brown. Leave on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes to allow them to firm up.

Transfer to a cooling rack. The raw cookies can be frozen and kept for 3 months and they don’t need to be thawed before they are baked. Just add a little more time in the oven. Store the cookies in an airtight container for us to 5 days.

Variations: Try the cookies with cardamom or nutmeg to replace the cinnamon. Or flavor with either grated orange or lemon rind.

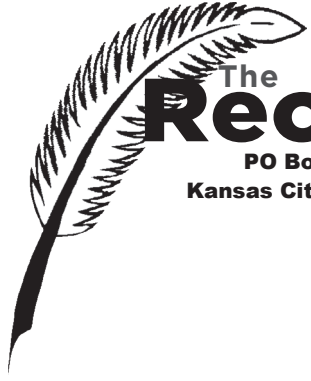
Additions could be chopped pecans or walnuts. Or add a half cup of Chocolate chips or butterscotch chips. There’s something for everyone and they’re so easy to make.

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