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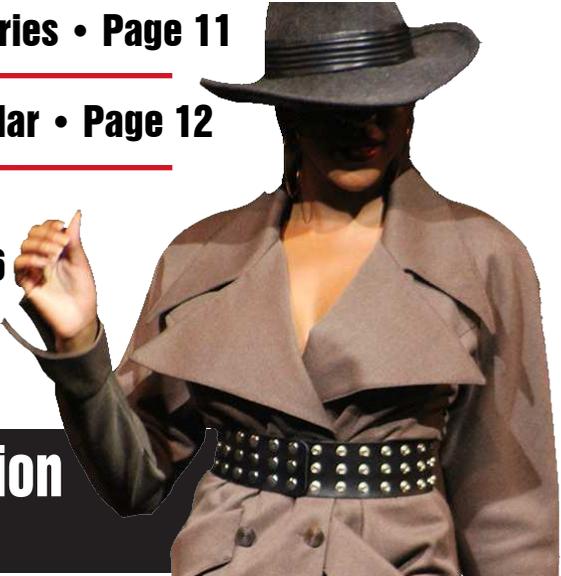
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The Praise Was On

Wichita, and people from around the state, showed up to enjoy the biggest Gospel Concert of the year. The Festival of Praise Tour arrived in Wichita on Oct 1, on just the second day of the 50+ City tour. The four main headliners shared the stage throughout the three hour plus concert. Artist Fred Hammond, Donnie McClurkin, Kim Burrell and Hezekiah Walker showed why they're at the top of the Gospel Music charts. They were backed up by a VIP supporting chorus that featured Isaac Carree, Jessica Reedy and Zacardi Cortez. ●●

PHOTOS:

1. The all-star team of Gospel singers included Donnie McClurkin and Hezekiah Walker
2. During the second half of the show, the performers invited people to come down for prayer, and the people poured down to the front of the stage.
3. Although the singers shared the stage, something about Fred Hammond made him stand out.
4. Kim Burrell, wow what a voice.
5. Some of those in attendance included: Bill Bell and Dennis "Bones" Woods and
6. Adrian McClough and Aleshia Mitchell,
7. Dwight Rolfe, pictured with his wife, produced the local concert. It was his influence from years and years in the industry, that earned Wichita the second night of the tour.
8. Clanitae and Elder Leon Jigets enjoyed their Gospel and spirit-filled evening.
9. Also enjoying the concert were Patricia Snipes and Randall Jones and
10. Alissa Mack.



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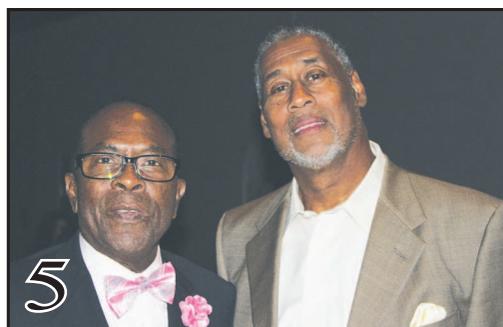
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Help end breast cancer

Be a Part of Our Pink Sisters Celebration

•Submit your photo, and tell us about your mammogram

The Community Voice and Witness Project of Kansas want to celebrate your wise decision to have a mammogram. Yes, for some of you, the decision to have a mammogram is a no-brainer. You recognize it saves lives and you wouldn't miss a year getting "the girls" checked out. However, far too many women, for far too many reasons, don't get their regular mammograms. We hope our celebration, which will share the mammogram stories of women in our community, will help encourage other women to do likewise.

October is Breast Health Awareness month, and we're asking ladies 40 and over who have had a mammogram in the past two years to be a part of our Pink Sisters Celebration. Participating is easy, just submit your photo and share a sentence or two about your mammogram experience. The submitted photos will be used in our October Pink Sisters celebration campaign that will include ads in *The Community Voice*, posts on Facebook and features on *The Community Voice* website.

Submit your photo and mammogram "story" online at www.voiceitwichita.com. If you can't submit your photo online, you

can print out the form and mail (or bring) it along with your photo to TCv Publishing, Inc., 2918 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS. 67214.

Our goal is to get the photos of 100 ladies in each of the full page ads we'll run supporting breast health awareness. **No, this isn't a celebration just for women who survived breast cancer. This is for anyone who understands the importance of and had a mammogram.**

The deadline for participating is Sept. 30.

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- Submit by Sept. 30

Voice Officially Launches Expanded State Coverage

As Kansas' only African-American newspaper, earlier this year we made a decision to expand the reach and coverage of *The Community Voice* across the state. We'd been asked to expand our coverage in the past, but this year, when we were approached with the idea, we agreed – the time was right – and there definitely was a need.

As issues and concerns of the state become ever more challenging, our team recognized the need to get important and helpful information across the state.

Our expansion effort began this summer with the establishment of distribution channels in four major Kansas communities: Hutchinson, Salina, Junction City and Topeka. Since then, we've worked to expand our contacts in these cities and are now prepared to include even more news from these areas in our bi-weekly issues. So readers can expect to see more news from across the state in each issue. However, just like in Wichita, we will continue to depend heavily on our readers as our eyes in these communities. So, if you know of a story idea, please email us at press@tcvpub.com.

Our plan is to continue our expansion across the state. We will begin distribution in Lawrence and Manhattan this fall. Early next year, our plan is to expand into the Kansas City, KS metropolitan area with distribution in Leavenworth, KCK and Johnson County.

So far, this expansion has been totally self-funded. However, we expect our expanded coverage will attract even more advertisers excited about reaching our readers. So if you represent a company, or organization that wants to reach a growing, diverse and progressive audience across the state of Kansas, *The Community Voice* should be a part of marketing mix.

Welcome new readers, we're glad to have you in *The Community Voice* family. ••

Bonita Gooch

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Plans Coming Together for Million Man March Sequel

Twenty years after a sea of Black men filled the National Mall in Washington and together pledged to do right for themselves and their families, activists will gather on the National Mall Oct. 10 for a 20th-anniversary observance of the Million Man March, for the fall.

This summer, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan announced plans to hold a Millions for Justice March, 20 years after the Million Man March. This march is planned as a more diverse and inclusive event than the one in 1995 said Farrakhan, 82. The 1995 was billed as a men-only event. This march is open to people of all races, ethnic backgrounds and sexual preferences.

Farrakhan said the rally is intended to galvanize a more strategic movement for equality as supporters unite under the social media hashtag JusticeOrElse.

"Twenty years ago, those who gathered did so for the dignity of our Black men," read a joint statement issued by Rev. Jamal Bryant of Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore, also an organizer, and fellow organizer Tamika Mallory, former executive director of the New York-based National Action Network. "Today, we see that the need for justice and equity is far-reaching, and requires systematic and deliberate change for people of many backgrounds."

Former NAACP executive direc-



Actor and Philadelphia native Will Smith and his wife, Jada, donated \$150,000 to offset the cost of hosting the Oct. 10 march for justice. Even with the Smiths' significant contribution, officials say the Justice...Or Else! March needs to raise nearly \$2 million to function properly.

tor Benjamin Chavis, who helped organize the original Million Man March, said he is optimistic that this year's turnout will be "in excess of a million." He said the event's success would be measured more by the political and socioeconomical impact it has on communities.

"What ultimately will be a success is seeing improvements in the communities where these people are going to come from," Chavis said.

The Million Man March was held in Washington on Oct. 16, 1995. Its goal, organizers said, was to encourage Black men to make firmer commitments to family values and community uplift. It is among the largest political gatherings in American history. ●●

Wichita MMM Viewing Planned

If you can't make it to Washington D.C. for the Justice for All March, then gather in the spirit of the march for a live "Watch Party" on Sat., Oct. 10. This free event is open to the public and will be held at the Fairmount Park Community Center, 1647 N. Yale. The doors open at 9:30 a.m. Farrakhan is scheduled to speak at 10 a.m.

Inside seating is limited to 60 people, but there will also be additional outside seating and viewing. For outside seating, you need to bring your own chair.

The goal of this event is to raise awareness and education without our local communities.

A free lunch will be served, but it is only available with an RSVP. No alcohol is allowed at this public event.

For additional information, sponsorship, donations, partnering or to RSVP for lunch, Tye McEwen, 655-3712 or email tyshema72@gmail.com. ●●

Democrats Demand More Debate Time As Intra-Party Rift Reaches Boiling Point



Democratic presidential candidates Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Jim Webb.

When the chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee Debbie Wasserman Schultz took the stage at a party convention in New Hampshire last weekend, her speech was drowned out with a resounding chant of "we want debates".

Just days before, Democratic activists brought the issue to the DNC's front door with dozens of protesters gathered outside — some from the Martin O'Malley campaign and others waving #FeeltheBern signs — demonstrated outside DNC headquarters in Washington DC, to demand that their party allow more presidential debates.

As demand for more debates become increasingly louder, the issue has gone from being an embarrassing sideshow to one that the DNC — and Hillary Clinton — may no longer be able to ignore. But on Saturday, Wasserman Schultz, a US representative from Florida, showed no signs of backing down.

"What's more important?" Wasserman Schultz, said raising her voice to be heard over the chanting. "Drawing a contrast with Republicans or arguing about debates. Let's focus on our mission and the task at hand."

Earlier this year, the DNC announced that it had authorized six debates in the party's 2016 primary, significantly fewer than in past elections cycles. A growing number of activists are criticizing the relatively light debate schedule, accusing the DNC of designing a format that benefits the party's frontrunner, former secretary of state Hillary Clinton.

Only four debates are slated to take place before the first primary contest, the Iowa caucus, on 1 February.

Three of those are scheduled on weekends, with the December one falling between Hanukkah and Christmas.

"I mean seriously," asked Efe Brock, a political activist and a Sanders supporter who joined the protest at DNC headquarters on Wednesday, "Do they even want people to watch the debates?"

'Exclusivity is not a Democratic principle'

The intent of the shortened debate schedule was not to restrict debate, but rather to control the debate process, which in 2008 grew to more than two dozen debates. In 2004 and 2008, Democratic candidates participated in many more presidential primary debates, a majority of which were not sanctioned by the DNC; they also began earlier in the cycle. But this time around candidates risk being banned from official debates if they appear in ones not sponsored by the DNC.

Democratic contender O'Malley, who is struggling to gain traction in

the race, even as Clinton falters in the polls, has led an aggressive charge demanding more debates. During his speech at the DNC's summer meeting in Minneapolis he stood before the committee's leaders and called the process "rigged" and challenged them to redraw the schedule, receiving loud applause for his lines.

And as the debate over the debate escalates, Democratic candidates have been asked to take sides. Recently, Clinton said in an interview that she is willing to participate in more DNC-sanctioned debates, but declined to call for more.

Though Sanders hasn't officially joined forces with O'Malley, he has stated that the DNC was "dead wrong" to restrict the primary debates and agrees there should be more. Democratic contenders former Virginia senator James Webb and Harvard professor Lawrence Lessig also agreed the DNC should remove the barriers to debate.

'Why not have a few more showtimes'

On the other side, Republicans have also taken steps to limit the sprawl of the party's primary, and the GOP candidates have agreed to debates sanctioned by the Republican National Committee (RNC). This year, there are 12 Republican National Committee-sanctioned debates, though three have not been scheduled.

Meanwhile, the RNC is taking advantage of their lead time, having sponsored two records-smashing debates of their own, thanks to their party's frontrunner, bombastic billionaire Donald Trump. Before the second debate began, the RNC made sure their followers were aware of the protest outside DNC headquarters. ●●

Scheduled Democratic Presidential Debates

- October 13 – CNN – Nevada
- November 14 – CBS/KCCI/Des Moines Register – Des Moines, IA
- December 19 – ABC/WMUR – Manchester, NH
- January 17 – NBC/Congressional Black Caucus Institute – Charleston, SC
- February or March – Univision/Washington Post – Miami, FL
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Baby Shower Offering Training And Gifts for Pregnant Women

If you're pregnant, there's a baby shower with gifts scheduled for you on Sat., Oct. 3, 11 a.m., at Saint Mark United Methodist church gym. This community-wide baby shower is sponsored by the Wichita Black Nurses Association, Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network and the March of Dimes.

The purpose of the shower is to teach women about safe sleeping habits for their new bundles of joy. However for attending, participants receive some pretty nice gifts. Pregnant women who complete the training will receive a safety-approved pack-n-play crib and Sleepsack wearable blanket.

The presentation is presented in both English and Spanish. SIDS is the third leading cause of infant death. According to data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, SIDS kills about four babies out of every 10,000 live births throughout the country. The numbers have come down from about 130 in 10,000 in 1990. ●●



September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Early, Aggressive Treatment is The Key With Sickle Cell Disease

An estimated 100,000 Americans are living with sickle cell disease, a disease that one in 400 African Americans is born with. Thanks to new and aggressive treatment, the life expectancy and quality of life for people with sickle cell disease has improved immensely. In 1976, the life expectancy for patients with sickle cell disease was 18; now it's 44, and that number is improving rapidly.

"Sickle cell disease is caused by a series of genetic mutations to the hemoglobin gene, the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen to tissues around the body," says Dr. Jeffrey Glassberg, assistant professor of emergency medicine, hematology and medical oncology at Mount Sinai. "Everyone with sickle cell disease has received a genetic mutation from both the mother and the father, and people with sickle cell anemia have received the most severe mutation from both parents. If you inherit the mutation from only one parent, then you won't have the disease, but you could pass on that mutation to your children."

Patients with sickle cell disease can present with a range of symptoms. "Because the blood travels to every part of the body, patients can experience symptoms everywhere — things like lung infections, bone damage, and even stroke," says Glassberg. "The main symptom is excruciating pain attacks, or pain episodes. Treatment for sickle cell pain hasn't changed in decades. Funding for research is desperately needed."

Signs and symptoms:

One of the greatest developments in the fight against sickle cell disease is newborn screening. "For people born in the U.S., you find out when you're born, which is one of the biggest factors helping Americans live so much better and longer with this disease," says Glassberg. "Getting a proper diagnosis and treatment from day one really helps."

Sickle cell patients usually have no symptoms for the first six months of life, because at that point the body is

still making fetal hemoglobin. "Then around 9 months, the body has switched over to adult hemoglobin, and babies can start to get attacks of pain in random parts of the body," says Glassberg. "Their hands will swell up, and they are very prone to infections."

Adults can have a range of symptoms. "Many people experience pain as their main symptom — sometimes it's pain that comes and goes and comes and goes, while other times it follows a trigger, like stress, hot or cold, or dehydration," says Glassberg. "People often rate the pain of sickle cell disease as worse than labor, or worse than having your bones broken — in severe cases, it can be excruciating."

Traditional treatment:

The mainstay of sickle cell disease is a medication called hydroxyurea. "This is the one FDA-approved drug for sickle cell disease," says Glassberg. "It works in many ways, including by tricking people's bodies into making fetal hemoglobin instead of adult hemoglobin."

In the past, hydroxyurea was reserved for patients with very severe disease. "Since then, studies have found that hydroxyurea helps patients live longer and have fewer pain crises," says Glassberg. "The big children's hospitals like St. Jude's are now putting babies on hydroxyurea starting at nine months — the thinking is that the body will suffer less damage if we can start kids early on this medicine."

"Hydroxyurea is really for everybody with sickle cell disease," says Glassberg. "We think there will be another jump in life expectancy, now that we're starting kids on this medicine in early life."

Historically, some patients have been hesitant to try hydroxyurea. "There's still some stigma with the drug because it started out as a chemotherapy and some of the side affects you can read online sound frightening," says Glassberg. "But now that we have 40 years of experience prescribing the drug, we know that it has tremendous benefits

and low risk."

There is also the possibility of curing sickle cell disease with bone-marrow transplant. "Most bone marrow transplants are done in kids, and you need to find a match," says Glassberg. "Many people can't find matches, or aren't eligible for other reasons. There's lots of research being done to come up with alternatives for patients who don't have a bone-marrow match."

Another angle of sickle cell disease treatment is treating any other health conditions. "Really good sickle cell care is all about going through every part of the body and optimizing care," says Glassberg. "For instance, sleep apnea is very common in people with sickle cell disease, and we've found that treating sleep apnea brings other benefits like improving heart function and decreasing pain episodes"

Research breakthroughs:

Doctors are working hard to develop better and better treatments for sickle cell disease. "There's some really promising work being done in gene therapy, which changes the sickle cell mutation in your bone marrow and then puts the cells back into your body," says Glassberg. "This work is in the very early phases of human testing, so it's not quite a breakthrough as yet." ●●

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Supreme Court Hears Testimony On Wichita's Marijuana Ballot Initiative

• Finally there is some movement on the Wichita Ballot Issue Passed in April.

For those of you have been wondering what's been going on with the Marijuana Penalty Reform Measure passed by the citizens of Wichita in April, well there's finally some movement. Immediately after the ballot initiative passed with the support of 54% of Wichita's voting citizens, the Kansas Secretary of State filed an injunction to keep the City of Wichita from enforcing the new policy.

Since then, the issue has been tied of in the judicial pre-trial process, but finally, the case was heard by the Kansas Supreme Court today in Topeka. The hearing dealt very little with marijuana and its legality and more with the technical process of the ballot initiative and the ability of the City of Wichita to pass a law that is in conflict with the State.

The "technicality" of the ballot process dealt with the fact that the complete question, as it appeared on the ballot, was not on the petitions individuals signed. There was also concern that the complete ordinance wasn't attached to the signed petitions when they were turned in to the City Clerk.

After the initial petition drive failed to have an adequate number of signatures, the City Attorney and representatives from the ballot initiative group – MRI-ICT -- worked together on the wording of the new petition and the City Clerk had access to the complete initiative wording. Still, there is some concern that all of the technicalities of the ballot initiative law were not followed to the exact letter. MRI-ICT representatives say they complied with all of the instructions they were given.

Beyond concerns about the petition process, a large portion of the hearing dealt with the fact that the passed ordinance conflicts with State law. The ordinance reduces the penalty for first-time possession of less than 32 grams of marijuana by a person 21 years old and older, to a \$50 fine. Instead of being a misdemeanor, the penalty is considered an infraction, and would not appear on the person's record.

Assistant Kansas Attorney General Jeff Chaney argued the City can't permit what the state prohibits.

However Justice Caleb Stegall did not see much of a conflict. The state law doesn't set a mandatory minimum sentence, only a maximum sentence, and judges always has the right to sentence someone to less than



the maximum, said Stegall. Several cities currently have ordinances that instruct judges to set penalties at a level less than specified by the state.

Sharon Dickgrafe, the attorney representing the City of Wichita, continued to drive home the point that the City of Wichita ordinance does not legalize marijuana, it just sets a lower penalty for marijuana possession in certain circumstances.

Of course, all of the judges didn't see the issue the same way. Justice Eric Rosen questioned, where is the limit? Can Cities make exceptions to state law on any policy?

Esau Freeman, one of the lead activists in the MRI-ICT group, said he felt favorably about today's hearing.

"Perhaps I'm being optimistic, but I have a good feeling about this and I predict a win," wrote Freeman on his Facebook page. "Quite honestly no matter what happens, we really win even if we lose. If we lose we have an opportunity to ask the City Council to submit a charter ordinance themselves or to run another petition following the procedures more closely. If we win, we win the opportunity to run ballot initiatives in every city in the State of Kansas and one by one change the law within municipalities willing to do so."

A ruling in the case is expected within a month. ●●

Next Steps on Case

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8 316 Music Festival Shines Light on Local Talent

With a goal of bridging the connecting the community with its area musical talent, the 3rd Annual 316 Music Unity Festival took to the stage at McAdams Park, Sept 12. The event featured more than 20 performers with a mix of Hip-Hop, Jazz, R&B and comedians. The family friendly event included activities for children including bouncy houses and arts and crafts.

The event is sponsored by Strongwill Enterprises. ●●

PHOTOS: 1. Rapper Iam Tiezy keeps it real with his girls minutes before his performance. 2. Lady performers were a part of the mix, including Mama Hustle. 3. Dinero, a mature rapper, spit his song, "If I Knew Then, What I Know Now." 4. Rapper Dirty UA and 5. Icebreaker perform.



City Reopens Search for Chief of Police

City Manager Robert Layton is reopening the search for the Wichita Chief of Police.

Layton, said he decided to extend the search after finalist Joel Fitzgerald declined to accept the job. Fitzgerald, who had publicly said he would take the Wichita job if offered, is the Chief of Police in Allentown, PA. He is a finalist for the Fort Worth Police Chief opening.

"During our recent conversations, Fitzgerald expressed a stronger commitment to the Fort Worth police

chief search than to the Wichita position," Layton said, adding that he was "disappointed."

The second finalist was Terri Moses, the current Executive Director of Safety Services for Wichita Public Schools and a former WPD Deputy Chief with more than 32 years in the department.

Layton praised Moses' service to the community but said stakeholders in the community and the department expressed a strong desire for an "a new and different perspective."

"I firmly believe that we need new eyes and a fresh outlook for the department, its policies and its processes," Layton added.

The search for a new Chief of Police included an extensive community engagement process following an organizational assessment conducted by Wichita State University's Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs.

Layton said he expects to fill the position before the end of the year and that the process will not delay the implementation of body cameras. ●●

Advance Kansas Recruiting Participants for 2016 Class

Advance Kansas, a prestigious and innovative diversity program for business and community leaders, is currently accepting nominations for their 2016 class. The program brings together leaders to examine and pursue solutions to the challenges and opportunities most pressing in the community.

Advance Kansas is not a race and gender sensitivity program; it's a leadership development program that builds skills applicable to all types of diversity issues, including race and gender. The skills are as relevant for addressing intra-group tension as they are for tension across groups.

Advance Kansas is for leaders

and decision makers who have the capacity to influence direction within their own organizations and in the community at large. Participants represent a dynamic group who are engaged in the community and committed to progress.

As part of the program, leaders work on existing community issues and develop and carry out initiatives to address those issues.

Advance Kansas begins with a three-hour orientation session, followed by four full-day workshops spread over a four-month period. Workshops include classroom discussions, lectures, scenario analysis and other experiential learning tools

designed to maximize interactions between participants and facilitate the development of productive relationships. Between workshop days, participants are encouraged to meet in teams to complete assignments and develop a community-action project. The program culminates with each team's comprehensive presentation of their community-action project.

Nominate yourself or someone online at <https://www.butlercc.edu/advance-kansas-nomination-form>. Nominations should be submitted by Oct. 1 and individuals will be invited to a Nov. 2 briefing to learn more about the program. ●●

Community Briefs

TRANSIT SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT

Wichita Transit officials have scheduled public meetings and other opportunities to collect input on a series of proposed changes to routes and fares as part of an ongoing effort to improve service.

The proposed changes stem from an ongoing assessment of the existing routes' strengths and weaknesses. Public input will be used to refine the proposed changes before they are presented to the City Council in October. Following are scheduled meetings and other opportunities for public input. Residents can attend:

If you're a transit rider, you can find information boards about the changes at the Transit Center. Remaining scheduled community meetings are:

Mon., Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Library, 3447 S. Meridian.

Tues., Oct. 20, 9 a.m., a public hearing will be held during the City Council meeting in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

Comments can also be shared by completing a comment card and returning to the Transit Center. Residents can also weigh in online by emailing their questions or comments to wichitatransit@wichita.gov through Sept. 25. You can also visit the Wichita Transit Facebook page and send a message with questions or comments or complete an online survey at www.wichitatransit.org.

SEDGWICK COUNTY BULK WASTE COUPON AVAILABLE

Sedgwick County is once again offering residents a coupon for free disposal of bulky waste up to 1,000 pounds. You have to haul it, but with the coupon there will be no charge for disposing of it.

Bulky waste includes furniture, mattresses, appliances, electronics and other items that haulers aren't able to pick up, but NOT tires, items with Freon or hazardous materials. Loads exceeding the 1,000 pound limit are accepted, but will be subject to fees.

Only residents of Sedgwick County are eligible for the coupons. Businesses are not eligible.

An online request form is available at www.sedgwickcounty.org. Residents must be prepared to present their name and address online or over the phone. Last year the coupons were mailed within one week of request.

The bulky waste coupon will expire on December 2, 2015.

The following locations will accept the coupons:

Waste Connections Transfer Station, 4300 W. 37th St. N., 941-4320.

Waste Disposal LLC Transfer Station, 5550 W. 55th St. S., 522-3633.

For additional information, see the ad on page 3 of this issue. ●●

The Bail Trap:

What Can Be Done?

Kalief Browder, has become the unwanted poster person for bail reform in the United States. Browder was arrested in spring 2010, at age 16, on the suspicion of stealing a back pack. Unable to make the \$3,000 bond set by the court, Browder spent more than three years on Rikers Island before

his case was dismissed. Sadly, Browder has become the poster person for bail reform because after finally being released, he committed suicide. Browder's situation and his death made national attention, but there are so many other Kalief Browders in jail simply because they're too poor to pay bail.

"Criminal justice," President Obama said in a speech to the N.A.A.C.P. this summer, "is not as fair as it should be. Mass incarceration makes our country worse off, and we need to do something about it." Two days after the speech, Obama became the first sitting president to visit a federal prison, meeting with convicts in a corrections institution in El Reno, Okla.

The setting was dramatic, but mass incarceration isn't actually a federal problem. Of the 2.2 million people currently locked up in this country, fewer than one in 10 is being held in a federal prison. Far more are serving time in state prisons, and nearly three-quarters of a million aren't in prison at all but in local city and county jails. Of those in jails, 60% haven't been convicted of anything. They're innocent in the eyes of the law, awaiting resolution in their cases. Some of these inmates are being held because they're considered dangerous or unlikely to return to court for their hearings. But many of them simply cannot afford to pay the bail that has been set.

The federal government doesn't track the number of people locked up because they can't make bail. What we do know is that at any given time, close to 450,000 people are in pretrial detention in the United States — a figure that includes both those denied bail and those unable to pay the bail that has been set. Even that figure fails to capture the churn of local incarceration: In a given year, city and county jails across the country admit between 11 million and 13 million people.

Bail hasn't always been a mechanism for locking people up. When the concept first took shape in England during the Middle Ages, rather than detaining people indefinitely without trial, magistrates were required to let defendants go free before seeing a judge, guaranteeing their return to court with a bond. If the defendant

failed to return, he would forfeit the amount of the bond.

But as bail has evolved in America, it has become less and less a tool for keeping people out of jail, and more and more a trap door for those who cannot afford to pay it. Unsecured bond has become vanishingly rare, and in most jurisdictions, there are only two ways to make bail: post the entire amount yourself up front — what's called "money bail" or "cash bail" — or pay a commercial bail bondsman to do so.

With national attention suddenly focused on the criminal-justice system, bail has been cited as an easy target for reformers. The open secret is that in most jurisdictions, bail is the grease that keeps the gears of the overburdened system turning. Faced with the prospect of going to jail for want of bail, many defendants accept plea deals instead, sometimes at their arraignments. Across the criminal-justice system, bail acts as a tool of compulsion, forcing people who would not otherwise plead guilty to do so.

A 2012 report by the New York City Criminal Justice Agency, based on 10 years' worth of criminal statistics, bears this out. In nonfelony cases in which defendants were not detained before their trials, either because no bail was set or because they were able to pay it, only half were eventually convicted. When defendants were locked up until their cases were resolved, the conviction rate jumped to 92%. This isn't just anecdotal; a multivariate analysis found that even controlling for other factors, pretrial detention was the single greatest predictor of conviction.

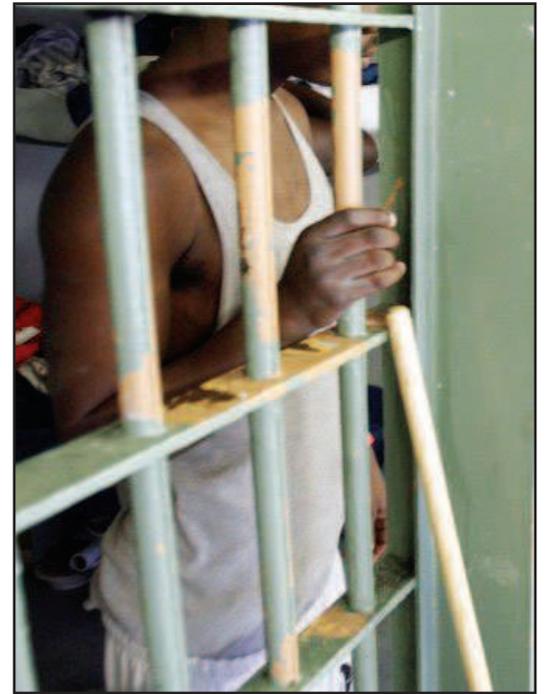
Another report finds defendants detained pre-trial are four times more likely to ultimately receive a jail sentence and three times more likely to ultimately receive a prison sentence compared with otherwise similar defendants who are

released prior to trial. Significantly, the effect is even more pronounced among those assessed as low-risk. The terms of incarceration are also two or three times longer for those kept behind bars until their case is resolved. Reasons for these disparities could include: it is harder to coordinate a legal defense while behind bars, prosecutors have more leverage to secure a plea to their liking while the defendant is jailed, and once someone is successful on pretrial supervision it may make the judge more likely to find them a suitable candidate for probation.

Making the case for conservatives:

The cost to taxpayers of incarcerating individuals up until their trial amounts to approximately \$9 billion a year. Perhaps most importantly, research has found that, when held two to three days, low-risk defendants have a nearly 40% greater likelihood of committing new crimes than comparable defendants held no more than 24 hours. This could be due to the loss of employment, housing, and even family during lengthy periods of pretrial incarceration.

The long-term damage that bail inflicts on vulnerable defendants extends well beyond incarceration. Disappearing into the machinery of the justice system separates family members, interrupts work and jeopardizes housing. "Most of our clients are people who have crawled their way up from poverty or are in the throes of poverty," says Scott Hechinger, a senior trial attorney with Brooklyn Defender Services. "Our clients work in service-level positions where if you're gone for a day, you lose your job. People in need of caretaking — the elderly, the young — are left without caretakers. People who live in shelters, where if they miss their curfews, they lose their housing. Folks with immigration concerns are quicker to be put on the immigration radar. So when our clients have bail set, they suffer on the inside, they worry about what's



“Bail makes poor people who would otherwise win their cases plead guilty.”

happening on the outside, and when they get out, they come back to a world that's more difficult than the already difficult situation that they were in before.”

Suggestions for reform The only truly meaningful reform, many observers agree, is to take money out of the bail process entirely. Lippman has been championing this idea for several years. "You have to eliminate cash bail," he says. The ramifications of such a move are far-reaching. Without bail — and the quick guilty pleas that it produces — courts would come under significant strain. "The system would shut down," Goldberg says. "A lot of the 250 people who were waiting to be arraigned in Brooklyn last night would all be coming back to court soon to go forward with a trial for a misdemeanor or that no one has any interest in pursuing." This crisis, Peter Goldberg, executive director of the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund believes, would be a good thing. "You want pressure on the system. You want everyone involved to be reconsidering. Because of how much it could clog the system, you might have people on high telling cops to stop picking people up for an open-container violation, because 'I don't want

See **BAIL**, page 15

10 Community Authors to be Featured at Local Literary Festival

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Two community standouts are among a group of 10 standout local authors who will be featured at the Fall Local Literary Festival at Watermark Books on Sat., Oct. 10, from 2-4 p.m.

Gretchen Eick, first came to our attention with her 2001 book "Dissent in Wichita: The Civil Rights Movement in the Midwest, 1954-72." In this book, Eick — a history professor — explore race relations and Black activism in Wichita, revealing how much the movement was national, not just a Southern phenomenon.

This time, Eick tries her hand at a novel, albeit a similar theme. In "Maybe Crossing," she explores how the civil rights movement of the 1960's affected those who participated, Black and White. The first portion of the books follows young college students swept up in the Movement working in Mississippi to register voters and form an inclusive Mississippi Democratic Political Party. Years later in 2003 old secrets become known and the adult children of the Movement generation must face them and work out their own understandings of race, sexuality, family, and commitment.

Alveno McPhaul grew up in Wichita, living a life of duality. He was traished with Christian values. Growing older, those values battled the streets for McPhaul's attention. Faced with the temptation of fast women and even faster money, McPhaul began wrestling with the conflicting lifestyles all while battling physical challenges which included loss of sight and loss of limbs.

After seeing others fall to the temptation of the streets, McPhaul decided to chronicle his journey in his debut memoir, "Was Blind and Still Cannot See: A True Test of Resilience." The book, which is now available for purchase online at Iamalvenomcphaul.com, takes readers on a vivid account of the wrestling match between McPhaul's Christian upbringing versus his street life saga. The battle almost led him to an early grave. Add his physical limitations to the storyline and be prepared for stories with powerful life lessons of hope for all ages as well as character-building and compelling cautionary tales for young people about the dangers — and consequences — of chasing street dreams.

Watermark Books & Cafe will host 10 authors for a signing on Saturday,



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McPhaul

Oct. 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Other participating authors are: J.R. Boles, June Dirks, K.T. Hanna, Mike Klaassen, Dennis, Maley, Stephen McCue, Ronda Welsby, and A.C. Williams. The authors will discuss their writing processes and their books in a reader-friendly environment. Their books will be available for purchase as well. Watermark is located at 4701 E. Douglas (Douglas and Oliver). ●●

Teacher's Contest Winners Receive Prizes Over Dinner

Winners of the Back-to-School Teacher's Contest sponsored by Wil-Ken Enterprises, the Wichita-based Popeyes Chicken franchisee, were the company's guest for dinner earlier this month. The teachers entered an online contest, promoted on The Community Voice Facebook page that gave the winners money to use in their classroom.

Willie Kendrick, the company owner, recognizes that teacher spend lots of their own money on school supplies and items for students and their classroom. He wanted to help.

To enter the contest, teachers simply

had to submit a photo of themselves in front of their back-to-school bulletin board. We shared the photos on our Facebook page and the winners were selected based on a random drawing, not on the quality of their work.

Originally, the contest was set up to award three prizes, a \$100 top prize and two \$50 prizes. Mr. Kendrick Kendrick decided to make all of the participants winners. The top prize winner — by random drawing --- received \$100 to use in their classroom. The other participant received \$50 each, all in the form of gift cards to Office Depot. ●●



Back-to-School Contest winners were (Front Row: L-R) Sharon Moose, Jasmine Henry and Sunny Walker, (Back Row L-R) Popeye's 13th and Hillside Manager Dennis, Muriel Love, Tiffany Roberts, Sheila Kinnard, Community Voice Editor-in-Chief Bonita Gooch and Popeyes 13th Street Asst. Manager Karl Collins.

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Jackson Mortuary Wichita

Bell, Charles Daniel, 96, died 9/19/15. He was a retired Excel Packing Company employee. Service will be held 9/26/15, 11 a.m., St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church. He is survived by: wife; Mary Elizabeth Bell, daughters; Charlesetta Wedgeworth, Beverly Jackson and Marleen Elliott.

Dunn, Alfonso Lee "Bubba Bigman", 79, died 9/8/15. He was a Retired Excel Packing Company employee. Service was held 9/12/15 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. He is survived by: spouse; Marilyn Dunn, daughters; Cheryl Dunn, Kimberly Dunn, Schuyler Dunn, Cynthia Dunn, Laurie Goines, sons; Arthur Marks, David Dunn, Allen Dunn, Ricky Bell, sisters; Betty Dunn, Lauana Clark, Rochelle Dunn, brothers; Bill Dunn and Michael Dunn.

Freeman, Dorothy, 72, died 9/3/15. She was a beloved housewife. Service was held 9/10/15 at Calvary Assembly of God Church. She is survived by: spouse; Robert Freeman Sr., daughters; Karen Freeman, Erika Butler, sons; Robert Freeman Jr., Michael Freeman, sisters; Shirley Bryant, Roberta Brown, Violet Holmes, Zella Johnson, Alicia Martin-Whighams and brother; Mamon Leon Martin.

Irving Jr., Ernest "June" Roy, 59, died 9/13/15. He was an Elliotts Hardware District Manager. Service was held 9/19/15 at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. He is survived by: spouse; Kim Caldwell, daughters, Latrice Bennett, Kemetra Harper, sons; James Caldwell, Eddie Caldwell, sister; Ruby Harris, brothers; James Caldwell and Johnny Nash.

Jenkins, Charlie, 76, died 9/20/15. He was a retired USD 259 teacher. Service will be held 09/26/15, 1 p.m., Saint Mark UMC. He is survived by: wife; Marcia K. Jenkins, daughters; Brooke Ludwick, Vergie Barron, and son; George Jamerson, Jr.

Lewis, Traci L., 52, died 9/5/15. She was a Braums Cook. Service was held 9/17/15 at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. She is survived by: companion; Wendell Hutton Sr., aunts; Peggy

Powell, Monta Taylor, Anna Littlejohn, Carolyn Lewis-Moore and uncle; Edgar Lewis.

Marshall Jr., Sylvester, 59, died 9/6/15. He was a retired USPS mail handler. Service was held 9/15/15 at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. He is survived by: spouse; Diane Marshall, daughter; Jessica Marshall, son; Sylvester Marshall III, sisters; Charlene Patterson and Deborah Scott.

McNeal, Bryan Jerome, 43, died 9/20/15. He was a former machinist Aerospace Systems. Service will be held 10/01/15, 11 a.m., New Jerusalem Baptist Church. He is survived by: mother; Wanda McNeal, sons; Tryon McNeal, Orion McNeal, brothers; Michael McNeal, Gregory McNeal, Kevin McNeal, sisters; Shemekia McNeal and Sherry McNeal.

Phillips, Ernestine, 82, died 9/20/15. Service is pending. Poindexter, Belvia Jean, 83, died 9/8/15. She was a retired St. Francis cook. Service was held 9/14/15 at Saint. Mark UMC. She is survived by: daughters; Willophene Woodard, Joanne Norwood, Joyce Jacques, Beverly Underwood, son; James Lewis Smith, and sister; Melvia Mathis.

Randall, I.J., 73, died 9/22/15. He was a retired Cessna Aircraft employee. Service will be 9/28/15, Noon at Tabernacle Bible Church. He is survived by: spouses; Gwen Randall, sons; Marcus Randall, Irvin Richardson, daughter; Mia Coleman; mother; Joyful Jackson; and sister; Earnestine McCoy.

Smallwood, Rosa, 86, died 9.23.15. Service is pending.

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RJ Bethea Funeral Wichita

Martin, Addison Grace, newborn, passed 9/9/15. Service is pending.

Martinez. Maria Juana, 66, passed 9/4/15. Service was held 9/11/15 at Iglesia Cristina Casa de Dios.

Mashburn, Tamera Lynn, 46, passed 9/5/15. Service was held 9/15/15 at Freewill Baptist Church, Wellington, KS.

May, Christy Ann, 43, passed 9/9/15. Service was held 9/19/15 at 1st Salem Church.

Profit, Alva Jean, 65, passed 9/20/15. Service is pending.

Thomas, George W., 57, passed 9/7/15. Service was held 9/12/15 at Berean Assembly Church.

Williams, Princell Teyonia, 12 months, passed 9/9/15. Service was held 9/18/15 at Greater New Testament Baptist Church.

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Woods, Joel Ray, 54, passed 9/21/15. Service is pending.

Biglow Funeral Wichita

Cato, Brenda M, 61, passed 9/15/15. Service will be held 9/24/15, 11 a.m., Tabernacle Bible Church.

Hockett, Ralph, 80, passed 9/12/15. Service was held 9/19/15 at Biglow Funeral Home Chapel.

Martinez-Lopez, Felicitas, 66, passed 9/12/15. Service was held 9/18/15 at Saint Anne Catholic Church.

Peaceful Rest Topeka

Harris, Michael "Spence" Spencer, 41, passed 8/30/15. Service was held 9/11/15 at True Vine MBC.

Maxwell, Larry Robert, 66, passed 9/8/15. Service was held 9/17/15 at Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel.

Milewski, Ronald Stanley, 72, passed 9/9/15. Service was held 9/15/15 at Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel.

Triplett Jr., Plumie Lee, 65, passed 8/27/15. Service was held 9/15/15 at Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

Turner, Margaret Alice, 99, passed 9/11/15. Service was held 9/17/15 at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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WICHITA CALENDAR

SEPT 24-26 **Smokey Joe's Cafe** Wichita State University's School of Performing Arts presents this musical revue featuring legendary 1950's and 1960's music. The show is in Wilner Auditorium on the WSU campus. General admission is \$16, with \$14 discount tickets available for seniors or \$6 tickets for faculty/staff, military, children and students. For ticket information, call the WSU Box Office at (316)-978-3233 or online at www.wichita.fineartsboxoffice.com.

24 **Wagonmasters Chili Cook-off** With the more than 70 vendors expected and 9,000 guests strong, plan on arriving early for the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. Tasting begins at Noon and everything is located downtown on Douglas between St. Francis and the railroad. Tasting kits are \$5.

26 **Art Garden Opening** After nine months of construction and a complete re-imagining of the museum grounds, the Wichita Art Museum is ready to welcome the public to their new Art Garden. There will be StoneLion Puppet Theatre, food trucks and games to delight visitors during the day and at night, jam with live music and dancing from Wichita's favorite party & R&B band Lotus, starting at 7 p.m. The day begins at Noon with a dedication ceremony at 12:45 p.m. The Muse Café will be open for Tapas Night from 5 to 10 p.m.

26 **Concert in the Vineyard** Concert at Prairie Hill Vineyard at Stockemer Farm, from 5-9 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Youth Horizons and will feature music by "ARISE" with special guest performance by Earnest Alexander. Hors d'oeuvre, silent auction, and vineyard tours are from 5-7 p.m. The concert by ARISE is from 7-8 p.m., then mingle with your new friends from 8-9 p.m. RSVP to Youth Horizons 744-3247. A contribution of an amount of your choice is welcome and will be received as you enter the event. Stockemer Farm is located at 21421 W. 37th St. N., Colwich.

27 **Fall Blues Crawl** Listen to some of the best Blues in Kansas, including Lady D, at seven Old Town Clubs from 5-8 p.m. Finish the evening at the after party from 8-10 p.m. at the Brickyard. \$10 gets you in to every club. Sponsored by the Wichita Blues Society. For a complete listing of artists and clubs go to ww.voiceitwichita.com.

OCT 3 **Community Baby Shower** for Safe Sleep, begins at 11 a.m. at Saint Mark UMC Church. See story page 6 for more details.

3 **A Tribute to Trailblazers Gala** See story this page.

3 **Birthday Party for Clarence Wesley** Pay tribute to this community legend with a celebration of his 75th birthday. See story this page.

3 **The Black and White Ball** American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring this semiformal/dress attire event. There will be prizes for the best dressed, door prizes, dinner available from 5-10 p.m. and two djs. All for just a \$5 admission.

14-18 **The 13th Annual Tallgrass Film Festival** takes place in and around downtown Wichita. For a complete listing of movies and to purchase tickets, go to www.tallgrassfilmfest.com. This October 14-18th.

15 **Double Digits: The Story of a Neighborhood Movie Star** A special showing at the Tallgrass Film Festival with a Wichita and N.E. community connection. This 2014 documentary is about Wichita filmmaker Richard "R.G." Miller who directs this cast of dolls and action figures in the weirdest "blockbuster"-style feature films you've never seen. This 2015 documentary will be shown along with the world premiere of Miller's newest short film commissioned for the Tallgrass Film Festival. Showing is at Wichita State University. More details in our Oct., 8 issue.

16-17 **NAACP State Conference** Two-days of workshops for individuals interested in winning the fight for justice. Fri., Oct. 17, 1-4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. A \$15 Soul Food Dinner will be held on Friday, 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$15. RSVP for dinner by Oct., 12. All Conference events will be held at the Urban Preparatory Academy, 2821 E. 24th St., N. More conference details in our Oct 8 issue.

17 **NAACP 96th Freedom Fund Awards Banquet at the Wichita Marriott.** The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 each. More details in our Oct. 8 issue.

Community Invited to 75th Birthday Celebration for Clarence Wesley

Who among us hasn't heard this meaningful catch phrase, "Give them their roses while they're living?" Well that's the motivation behind the 75th birthday celebration planned by friends and admirers of Clarence Wesley. Mr. Wesley, a 50 plus-year resident of Wichita, has played role(s) of importance in the lives of thousands.

"We should let him know what he means to us," says Gizelle Ridge, who is the force behind the birthday celebration planned for Sat., Oct. 3, 4 p.m. on the lower level of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 1525 N. Lorraine.

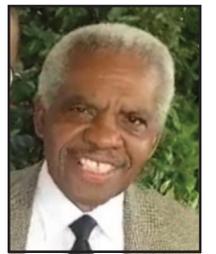
Clarence grew up in Coffeyville, KS and his star was already shining bright before he graduated Coffeyville high school. After graduating from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, he moved to Wichita and began his career as a teacher at Fairmount Elementary School and moved on to Mathewson Elementary School.

For 16 years, he served as Vice-president of Community Development with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce. In this position, Wesley changed the future of Wichita and thousands of its residents. He was the innovator of two city-wide youth employment programs that secured more than 6,000 jobs for Wichita Youth over a five-year period. He was the innovator of the Community

Learning Center Concept, an education learning program for under-educated Wichita citizens that utilized school buildings that were no longer being used by the local school district. He was also the innovator of United Neighborhood Organization, a city-wide service delivery system for 37,000 disadvantaged citizens. He also designed and implemented creative programs to help veterans and athletes and served on the board of directors of more than a dozen non-profit organizations. Still many others remember him as their YMCA coach or as their chaperone at the Friday night TARP dances. No matter how you remember Clarence, you're invited to come share your memories and honor this great man.

There will be limited opportunities on the program for people to speak. Since everyone won't be able to make a statement, Ridge is asking people to write down and bring some brief memories of Clarence that can be compiled into a memory book of the occasion.

This event is free. Cake and punch will be served. ●●



Wesley

Trailblazer Awards to Highlight Museum's Annual Gala

Wichita native and Civil Rights legend Donald Hollowell is among the Trailblazers who will be honored by The Kansas African American museum during this year's Tribute to Trailblazer Gala, on Oct 3, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Wichita. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception and silent auction. The formal program and dinner beginning at 7 p.m.

Hollowell, who is being honored posthumously, is known as Mr. Civil Rights in his adopted home of Atlanta, GA. Hollowell earned that name as a courageous civil rights lawyer who traveled the rural roads of Georgia defending Black clients in front of all-White juries – and winning. He served as King's lawyer, helping to free King from Reidsville Prison. He bailed young John Lewis out of jail numerous times, before Lewis was the Congressman John Lewis we know today.

Other members of the 2015 Trailblazer class are: **Judith Wencel, Arts and Culture Trailblazer** Wencel is a retired educator and founder of the volunteer middle school program "Success in the Middle." Wencel assisted TKAAM's Education Director at Christyn Breathett during her first "Legacy" summer camp in 2014. This Year Wencel has offered to fund all of TKAAM's Museum on Wheels efforts and the "Legacy" Club for Colemon

Middle School.

Robert Brogden, Business and Entrepreneurship Trailblazer

Robert Brogden is a native of Nicodemus and has carried that pioneering spirit into a stellar career as one of the nation's handful of African American automobile dealership owners. Robert Brogden Buick GMC in Olathe serves the greater Kansas City area.

Willie Jefferies, Sports and Athletics Trailblazer

Willie Jefferies became the nation's first African American Division 1 head football coach when he accepted the job at Wichita State University in 1979, paving the way for African American coaches in college football and in the National Football League. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

Tickets to the gala are \$100 per person and can be purchased from the museum by call 262-7651. ●●



Brogden



Jefferies

Meetings Planned to Receive Citizen Input on Location of SE Topeka Turnpike Exchange

The City of Topeka has scheduled two public meetings to gather citizen input regarding four options for a Kansas Turnpike Authority Interstate/470 Interchange in southeast Topeka.

•The first meeting will take place on Mon., Sept. 28, 6-7:30 p.m., in the Highland Park High School cafeteria, 2424 S.E. California.

•The second meeting will take place on Thurs., Oct. 1, 10 - 11:30 a.m., at the American Legion, 3800 S.E. Michigan.

At the meetings, city staff will provide a brief presentation of the four options and allow public input. If time remains, will be standing by the maps of the options to answer additional questions.

The four options laid out by the Kansas Turnpike Authority includes two options that put the interchange at the point where the turnpike meets

S.E. California Ave. One would put it at the Turnpike's crossing with S.E. 29th Street. The other would arrange for it to be built along the Turnpike between those streets.

Topeka's governing body is being asked to decide next month which option it prefers and whether it is willing to earmark nearly \$20,000 to finance a feasibility study for the project. According to Deputy city manager Doug Gerber, if the governing body picks one option and agrees to pay

\$20,000, half the costs of the study, the state would proceed with studying whichever option that body picked. The governing body's approval of the proposed options also would put the project on KTA's long-term needs plan, which would leave it likely to be carried out, Gerber said.

It is unclear how much it would cost to build the interchange, although a 2006 study indicated the cost would be about \$7 million. Costs may have doubled by now. ●●



According to the Topeka Capital Journal, Option 2, shown here, is favored by Councilman Jonathan Schumm, who represents the area where the interchange would be built.

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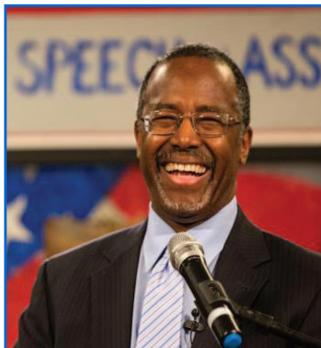
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BEN CARSON TO MAKE SECOND TRIP TO TOPEKA

In case you didn't have \$500, the price of admission to see Ben Carson when he visited Topeka this week, you have another change. Carson, a Republican presidential candidate Ben, will appear at the Topeka Barnes Nobles, 6130 S.W. 17th for a book signing on Fri., Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

Carson will be signing his book, "A More Perfect Union: What We the People Can Do to Reclaim Our Constitutional Liberties." The book will

be out Oct. 6. In the book Carson takes a conservative look at the Constitution and perceived threats to freedom to speak, the right to bear arms, religious freedom and much more.

On Thursday, Carson spoke at a private reception for which donors paid \$500 per person or \$750 per couple to attend. The early evening reception was scheduled for the Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas.



Carson

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM RECRUITING MEMBERS

Heavenly Visions Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is currently recruiting new students to participate in their youth photography program. The program is open to youth ages 8-18 in and around the Topeka area.

The program offers youth an opportunity to explore their creative abilities and to learn about the world they live in through photography.

Students learn to capture images that visualize a story or event. Both creative and technical skills are taught to help the students create a quality photograph. This includes learning the procedures to manipulate lighting, lenses,

and/or subject environments to achieve the desired aspect. Students who stick with the program develop skills and abilities neces-

sary to become an apprentice in the field of photography - with the potential to become a professional photographer

To get your youth involved in the HVF Youth Photography Program, email Yolanda Taylor at yyotytr@hotmail.com or call 785 608-3291. Their next meeting is Mon. Oct 5, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., at Central Park Community Center, Topeka.

Federal Grants Buying Body Cameras For Three Cities in Kansas

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded federal grants to buy law enforcement body cameras in Wyandotte County, Wichita and Dodge City, announced U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said today.

The grants awarded through the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance are designed to support body cameras as a law enforcement strategy aimed at improving public safety, reducing crime, and improving trust between police and the public.

The agencies receiving the grants are:

- Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan., \$352,500.
- City of Wichita, \$250,000.
- Dodge City Police Department, \$45,205.

"Body cameras are a big step forward in our efforts to protect officers and the public - and to build trust between police and the communities

they protect," said U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom.

The grants are part of President Obama's proposal to purchase 50,000 body worn cameras for law enforcement agencies within three years.

The grants, which require a 50/50 local match, can be used to purchase equipment and require that applicants establish a strong implementation plan and a robust training policy before purchasing cameras. The long term costs associated with storing information from body cameras will be the financial responsibility of each local agency.

In the 2015 Kansas legislative session, KS Rep Gail Finney (D-Wich) introduced a bill requiring all law enforcement agencies in Kansas to supply their officers with body cameras. That bill gained little if any traction during the session. Finney says she plans to introduce the bill again in the 2016 session. ●●



AT ISSUE

Police Body Cameras: The Devil is in the Details

Good news, Wichita, KCK and Dodge City are equipping their police officers with body cameras. However, the not so good news is in the details of implementation. This week, City of Wichita Interim Police Chief Nelson Mosley announced the arrival of 106 new body cameras. He assured us the police officers will be thoroughly trained in their use, but went on to announce that a policy controlling the use of the cameras still hasn't been finalized.

The details of the camera use policy that should grab the community's attention. The benefits derived from the use of body cameras is almost directly related to the policy controlling their use.

Don't believe us, check out this story online at www.voiceitwichita.ks. "A Fight Over Access to Police Video: Is This What We Can Expect." Dig a little, there are other "use" issues the community needs to be aware of. ●●

The article originally ran in the Feb. 12, 2015 issue of The Community Voice.

Kansas Black Republicans Host Guests at 6th Annual Turkey Shoot

The Kansas Black Republican Council held their Sixth Annual Freedom Shoot Sat., Sept. 19 at Ravenwood Lodge, southwest of Topeka. No, they don't shoot real turkeys. During this marksman competition; participants shoot clay turkeys launched from several shooting stops. Atty. Eliehue Brunson, chairman of the KBRC, says the outing offers the council members a great opportunity to get to know and mix with members of the party around something they all enjoy. ●●



PHOTOS: 1. (L) Delbert Selectman, chairman of the Wyandotte County Black Republican Council and Eliehue Brunson, Chairman of the Kansas Black Republican Council, present a winner's plaque to John Clynsmith for being one of the most accurate shooters of the day. 2. The shoot is supported by Republican elected officials (L-R) KS Rep Charles McCheers, 39th District; KS Rep Willie Dove, 38th District, Kansas Insurance Commis-

sioner Ken Seltzer and Secretary of State Kris Kobach. 3. Council member James Bolden, Topeka (R) visits with Arthur "Sonny" Selectman, Kansas City. 4. Nancy Brunson, handles the after shoot "bucket" prize drawings, assisted by Regan Kobach and Treatha Brown-Foster. 5. Bob and JB Hodgson of Hodgson Powder are big supporters of the shoot. They visit with Brown-Foster,



Annual Aaron Douglas Art Fair Welcomes Fall and Art to Topeka

This is a special year for the Aaron Douglas Art Fair. The festival was inspired by the Aaron Douglas Celebration Mural, which turned 10 years-old this year. After the completion of the mural, the group of volunteers reconvened where the idea for the festival was born. Their intent was to create a one-day classic art fair environment as a way to showcase diverse and emerging artist, to celebrate community and to continue the legacy of world-renowned Topeka-born artist Aaron Douglas. Celebrating its 10th year, the festival has more than lived up to all of its goals.

The Aaron Douglas Celebration Mural serves as the backdrop for the festival, which is held in the park developed around the mural at 12th and Lane. Always in early



Jordan Brooks, a Topeka native, is the featured artist at this year's Aaron Douglas Art Fair, Sat., Sept. 26 at Aaron Douglas Art Park.

fall, this year the festival will be held on Sat., Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Look for 30-50 artist booths, main-stage music, a second stage for acoustic music and other performing arts, a Kids Zone with a wide variety of art activities, an interactive art activity for all fairgoers, and a variety of food booths hosted by neighborhood groups.

A large part of the art fair is the juried art exhibit. Artist compete in three categories: Student: which includes artist K-12 and college.

Emerging: Artist who are self-taught and have little experience showing their art, and

Professional: defined in many ways, and not just income; people who have art degrees are in this category as well as artist who have a lot of experience showing their art.

Festival organizers take pride in being the one of the first

fair experiences for the emerging artists with many previous artists moving on to bigger and brighter opportunities.

Each year a featured artist is selected from previous Aaron Douglas Art Fair Entries. This year's featured artist is Jordan Brooks. A Kansas native like Aaron Douglas, Brooks grew up in Topeka and Lawrence and like Aaron Douglas his art explores aspects of modern African-American life. Indeed like Aaron Douglas, his path found him walking the streets of Harlem when,

in 1913, he had his first New York Exhibition with 100 other emerging artists.

Fair organizers say they chose his piece, "Social Networking" as this years featured art because "of the powerful statement it makes on life and the modern world and because it pays a fitting tribute to a style of art that Aaron Douglas himself pioneered."

A native of Topeka, Kansas, Aaron Douglas is regarded by many as the "Dean of African-American painters." He was born in 1899, raised in North Topeka and graduated from Topeka High in 1917. After graduating from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a short teaching stint at Lincoln High in Kansas City, Aaron Douglas went to New York in the 1920's where he became a leading visual artist in the "Harlem Renaissance." In 1937, he joined the faculty at Fisk University in Nashville where he became the first dean of the art department, a post he held, until his retirement in 1966 and after then until his death in 1975. ●●

Fall Full of Fun Festivals In Kansas

Fall is by far the best weather in Kansas. Not too hot, Not too cold, and you don't have to worry about those dreadful tornadoes. So that must be why the weekends in September and October are packed full of outdoor festivals, fairs, football and other fun things to do.

If you're looking for something to do, you won't have to look far. Check out www.travelks.com. Put in your preferred date and how far you want to drive, then push search. You'll be surprised what comes up.

In addition to the Aaron Douglass Art Fair, here are a couple of other events we plan on checking out this weekend.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Family Fun Day, Sept 25-26 at Hillcrest Community Center, 1800 SE 21st St., Topeka. Hours are 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday. There will be lots of fun for the whole family: games for the kids, live on stage entertainment, a disc jockey, live bands, speeches and vendors. Just good old community fun and a way to welcome in fall. It's all free, except for what you buy from the vendors.

5th Annual Jammin in JC Blues and BBQ Festival, Sept 25-26. Jammin' in Historic Downtown Junction City features Texas Style Blues and a four category BBQ contest. Hours are 5-10 on Friday and 1-10 on Saturday. Eight bands are scheduled with the closing at, Mr. Sipp, the Mississippi Blue's Child. The concerts are free. Exit I-70 at Washington and go north to 6th Street and you're there. Bring your lawn chair or blanker, but don't bring your coolers or pets. Vendors will set food and drinks.

Ministers and Police Partner to Offer Church Safety Training

In response to the shooting deaths inside a Southern Baptist Church this summer, the Baptist Minister's Union and the Topeka Police Department are partnering on a church safety and security training class this Sun. Sept 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m., at New Beginning Baptist Church, 1329 SW 37th St., Topeka.

Officers from the Police Department will cover two main topics: Intruder response and environmental design. During Intruder Response training, participants will learn the main characteristics, behaviors and habits of shooters and killers who plan attacks. This section will cover what to do in case

of and attack. Environmental Design will look at changes churches may need to make around their facilities to discourage criminal activity. Many of the suggestions apply to things that can be done in homes and businesses.

The training will take approximately two hours including questions and answer. ●●

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to deal with it in my courtroom.”

The idea of eliminating cash bail is hardly unprecedented. Washington D.C. overhauled its bail system in the 1980s and '90s, it instituted a supervised-release program and other measures designed to reduce the number of people held on bail. But judges continued to set bail until the law was rewritten to effectively forbid the imprisonment of people on financial grounds. The number of people locked up on bail plummeted. “D.C. had all the tools in place,” says Cherise Fanno Burdeen, executive director of the Pretrial Justice Institute. “They just needed a way to change the court culture.” Kentucky, Colorado and, last year, New Jersey have joined Washington in adopting legislation severely curtailing bail's use.

The Washinton D.C. Model

The statute adopted in D.C. includes a list of thirteen possible conditions of release that courts may impose in appropriate cases; it also empowers courts to impose “any other condition that is reasonably necessary” to ensure appearance and protect the community. In addition, release conditions must be relevant to the purposes of ensuring appearance and safety.

Conditions that district courts have imposed under the catchall provision of the statute include drug testing, house arrest, submission to warrantless searches, telephone monitoring, residence in a halfway house, electronic bracelet monitoring, freezing of defendant's assets, limiting access to the Internet and computers, and submission to random, unannounced visits by pretrial services officers. ●●

Ninth Street Baptist Church Lawrence 15 Installing New Pastor Oct. 11

After almost two years without permanent leadership, the members of the Historic Ninth Street Baptist Church in Lawrence are happy to celebrate the installation, on Oct. 11, of their new Pastor Eric A. Galbreath.

Although Pastor Galbreath is the Ninth Street's new pastor, he's not new to the church. A former University of Kansas football player, while he attended KU, Eric was an active member of Ninth Street, and served as a junior deacon. In fact, Ninth Street is where Pastor Galbreath met his beautiful wife. At the time, she was the church's Minister of Music.

A Midwesterner by birth, Galbreath was born and grew up in Columbia, MO. He's from a family of ministers and has been active in ministry all of his life.

Eric and Renita married in 1998 and continued their work at Ninth Street until 2000 when they relocated to

Montgomery AL and joined Hall Street Baptist Church, where the late Dr. Frank R. Johnson, Renita's father, was the pastor. In 2008, Eric became the 17th Pastor of Hall Street Baptist.



Galbreath

Now, 15 years later, the Galbreaths and their three children -- Eric II, Kayla and Joshua. -- are returning to the church where their family formed. It's only fitting that Pastor Rene' E. Brown, who was the minister of Ninth Street when the Galbreaths met and served, is returning to perform the installation service. Pastor Brown is currently the pastor of Mount Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

The installation service will

begin at 3 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont, Lawrence. Light refreshments will be served. The community of Kansas and beyond are invited to attend.

For those who want to hear Pastor Galbreath, that day, he will deliver the morning message at Ninth Street. The morning worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. September 13, 2015 was Pastor Galbreath's first official Sunday in the pulpit of Ninth Street. ●●

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More than Just No Bail

More than just the elimination of bail, Washington D.C. implemented a complete overhaul of its pre-trial system. Several components of PSA's bail system qualify as “best practices” in a system of effective pretrial justice, including:

1. A bail statute that emphasizes least restrictive release for eligible defendants, statutory-based detention for those who would pose an unacceptable risk to the community, and an absolute prohibition on money-based detention.
2. Progressive use of “cite-and-release” procedures by the Metropolitan Police Department for low risk defendants charged with misdemeanors. Citation release has helped increase the proportion (about 20% of persons securing release) of lower-risk defendants released on personal recognition without supervision.
3. Quick assignment of defense counsel prior to initial appearance. This affords defendants an effective advocate to support appropriate conditions of supervision.
4. Prosecutorial charging decisions made within 24 hours of arrest. By statute, the United States Attorney must decide whether to charge arrestees or dispose of (“no paper”) the complaint. Quick charging decisions ensure that release/detention decisions are based on the most accurate charges and that defendants are not detained on charges that eventually are dismissed days or sometimes weeks later.
5. A high-functioning pretrial services agency that helps courts make informed pretrial release and detention decisions and provides appropriate levels of supervision and treatment for released defendants. This has been a critical component of the court's ability to move away from the money-driven system we had in 1970s and even the 1980s (in addition to the critical statutory language).

PUBLIC HEARING

Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2016 Second Program Year Action Plan

The City of Wichita is recognized as an “entitlement” city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an “entitlement” city, Wichita receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding. The City is required to develop a five-year consolidated plan, and to submit one-year action plans for each of the five years. The City of Wichita has prepared the Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2016 Second Program Year Action Plan to program recaptured and/or unallocated funds, to revise certain language in the 2015-16 Plan to incorporate updated federal regulations and to clarify program process related to the planned use of federal funds.



On September 2, 2015 citizens were provided 30 days to review and comment on the Substantial Amendment which is available online, and at City Hall in the City Council Office; all Neighborhood Resource Centers; Central Library; Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, and Westlink branch libraries; and the Housing and Community Service Department.

Comments can be made in writing to Community Investments, Housing & Community Service Department, 455 N. Riverview, Wichita, KS 67203, or via email to llank@wichita.gov.

Comments can also be made in person at the Public Hearing during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event or appearance. A summary of comments received will be submitted with the Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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