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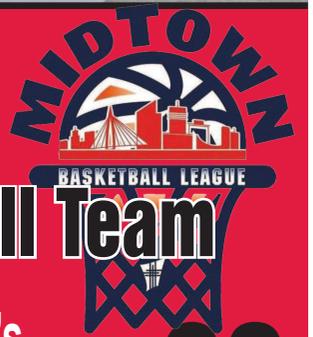
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Justice is on Trial in the George Floyd Murder Case

• Justice is on trial in the United States

The murder trial of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin has begun, ten months after George Floyd died in the street with Chauvin's knee on his neck. Americans, especially Black Americans, are watching closely to see if justice will be done.

The beginning of the trial made me profoundly sad, but also profoundly hopeful.

It made me sad, because Floyd is gone and nothing will bring him back to his family.

It made me hopeful, because Floyd's killing sparked a renewed movement that is challenging police killings of unarmed civilians — a multiracial and multigenerational movement.

The fact that Chauvin has been indicted and is facing trial is itself reason for hope. But my hope is tempered by history. As Black Americans know all too well, our system often fails to hold law enforcement accountable for killing Black people — even when the killing is on video.

Think about Eric Garner. Garner died in 2014 after a New York City police officer put him in a choke hold and wrestled him to the ground.

Before he died, Garner told police officers, "I can't breathe" 11 times. It was all on video. But a local grand jury decided not to indict the officer who killed Garner. And five years later, in 2019, U.S. Attorney General William Barr decided not to bring federal civil rights charges against him.

Last year, Floyd said "I can't breathe" 27 times as he laid on the ground with Chauvin's knee on his neck. Other officers looked on even as people begged

and pleaded with them to spare Floyd's life.

The trial testimony has been brutal. We learned on the first day that Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for nine and a half minutes — even longer than we thought. On the second day, a teenage witness tried to hold back tears on the stand while she described watching a man die and not being able to help him.

I am convinced that the truth about what happened to George Floyd came out only because someone filmed his death. It was only after video was shared widely that the officers were fired, and charges eventually filed. And even now, rumors and disinformation being spread online blame Floyd for his own death.

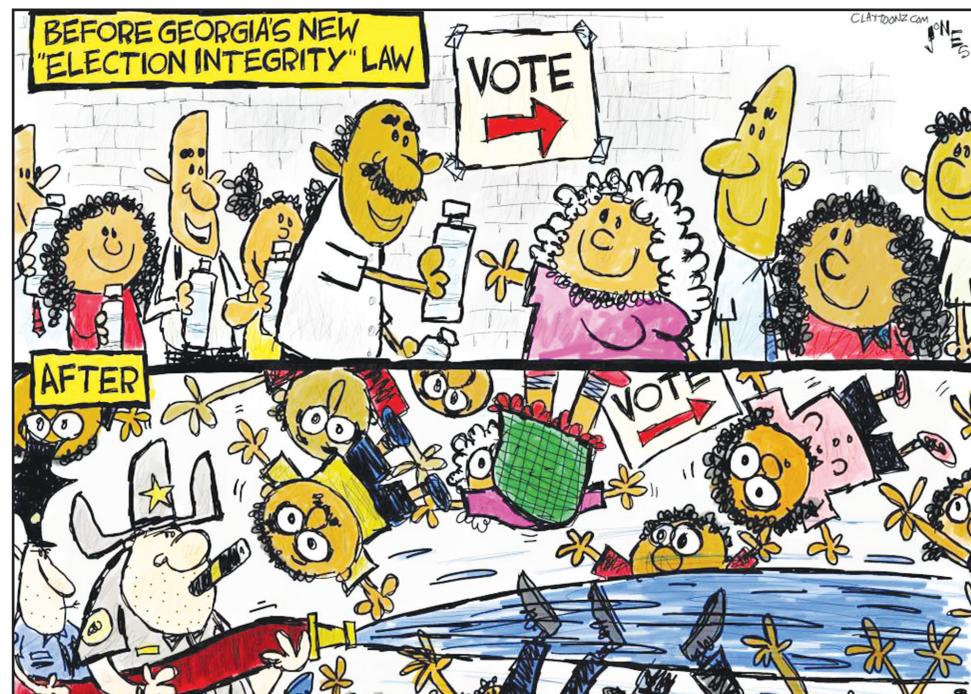
A New York Times investigation published last year found that over the past decade, at least 70 people — more than half of them Black — died in law enforcement custody after saying "I can't breathe." Most of them were stopped or held over nonviolent infractions, 911 calls about "suspicious" behavior, or mental health issues. More than 40 of the "I can't breathe" deaths happened after Garner was killed.

We hope and expect that the trial now under way will bring justice for George Floyd and his family. But obviously the problem in law enforcement is much bigger than individual "bad apples."

We can save lives and prevent future deaths by reimagining public safety and demanding real, institutional change. That is the motivation for measures like the federal George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and a wave of initiatives being proposed and considered at state and local levels.

We must finally have equal justice under the law, and it starts with a criminal justice system that holds law enforcement accountable.

— Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. He is a former president and CEO of the NAACP. ●●


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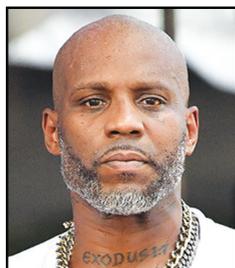
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BRAIN SCAN PERFORMED ON DMX TO ELEGIBILITY DMX IN GRAVE CONDITION AFTER SUFFERING AN OVERDOSE

Doctors performed brain function tests Wednesday on rapper DMX, who remains on life support and in a coma at a New York hospital.



DMX

Murray Richman, his longtime lawyer, said Saturday that the rapper, 50, was placed on life support. Richman said he did not know what caused the heart attack.

According to TMZ, sources close to the "What's My Name" artist claim the artist OD and that the overdose then triggered a heart attack.

While it has not yet been disclosed what Simmons supposedly overdosed on, the MC did check himself into a rehab facility in October 2019. Simmons has been candid throughout his career about his struggles with cocaine addiction.

DMX's first wife and some of his 15 children are at his bedside," said Richman.

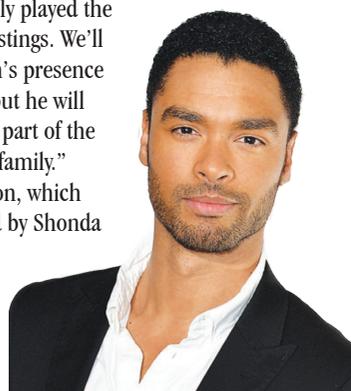
'BRIDGERTON' HEARTTHROB REGÉ-JEAN PAGE NOT RETURNING TO THE HIT NETFLIX SHOW!

"Bridgerton" star Regé-Jean Page is not returning to the London social scene. The heartthrob actor is out for season two of the hit Netflix show.

He stole our hearts as Simon Basset, the Duke of Hastings, in season one of "Bridgerton." It became Netflix's most watched series in the history of the streaming platform, due in part to Page's dashing good looks and smoldering sex appeal. The news that Regé-Jean is not returning was announced by Lady Whistledown on the official "Bridgerton" Instagram account:

"While all eyes turn to Lord Anthony Bridgerton's quest to find a Viscountess, we bid adieu to Regé-Jean Page, who so triumphantly played the Duke of Hastings. We'll miss Simon's presence onscreen, but he will always be a part of the Bridgerton family."

Bridgerton, which is produced by Shonda Rhimes, is based on author Julia Quinn's book



Page

series of the same name. Season one followed book one, "The Duke and I," in that it focused on Daphne Bridgerton's whirlwind relationship with the Duke of Hastings. Season two is set to fall in line with book two, "The Viscount Who Loved Me," and will follow Lord Anthony Bridgerton, played by Jonathan Bailey, as he attempts to find a wife.

HULU TO PRODUCE, RELEASE '1619 PROJECT' DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Hulu, Oprah Winfrey and Lionsgate are partnering with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones to adapt The New York Times' "1619 Project" for film and television. Roger Ross Williams, an Academy Award-winning director will oversee and produce the series.

Hulu will produce a documentary series based on "The 1619 Project," stories in The New York Times that examined the legacy of slavery in America dating from the arrival of the first slave ship from Africa.

The announcement was an outgrowth of a deal announced last summer by the Times, Lionsgate and Winfrey to develop "The 1619 Project" into a portfolio of films, television series and other content. The Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper series began appearing on the 400th anniversary of the first ship's arrival in the then-British colony of Virginia.

The streaming service gave no indication of when the documentary series will appear.

POET AMANDA GORMAN FEATURED ON THE COVER OF VOGUE

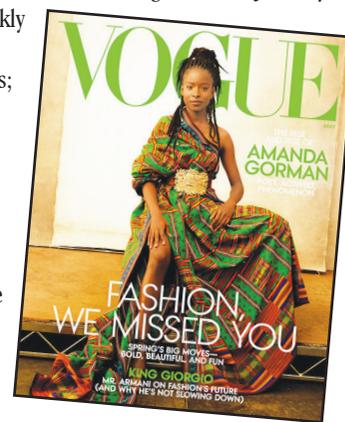
Poet Amanda Gorman has another accolade to her name: She's the first poet to be featured on a cover for Vogue.

The 23-year-old Harvard graduate and youth poet laureate was photographed by Annie Leibovitz for the May issue.

For the cover, she wore a Louis Vuitton blanket, styled as a dress, cinched with a wide and intricate gold belt. The garment's vibrant pattern is inspired by African textiles and was designed by Virgil Abloh -- Louis Vuitton's first Black artistic director.

Gorman shot to fame following her powerful reading of her poem "The Hill We Climb" at President Joe Biden's inauguration in January.

She quickly signed with IMG models; graced the February cover of Time; and made a series of high-profile public appearances.



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10 More House Members Join Lawsuit Accusing Trump of Conspiring to Incite Capital Riot

Ten Democratic members of Congress have joined in a federal lawsuit accusing former President Donald Trump of inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and of conspiring with his lawyer Rudy Giuliani to prevent the Senate from certifying the results of the presidential election he lost to President Joe Biden.

Similar to the case made by the House impeachment managers in Trump's second impeachment trial, the lawsuit bases its claim on the actions made by Trump in the weeks and months leading up to the riot. Trump's defense team said he was exercising his right to political speech, and Trump was acquitted.

The following lawmakers announced April 7 they were joining the suit originally filed in February by the NAACP and Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss:

- Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif.
- Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn.
- Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, D-N.J.
- Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-Texas
- Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga.
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio
- Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif.

- Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.
- Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash.
- Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.

The NAACP said in a statement that the lawmakers seeking to join the suit were personally impacted by the Jan. 6 riot, and the amended lawsuit includes details that each member of Congress experienced on that day at the Capitol.

Lawmakers narrowly escaped the violence at the Capitol, the lawsuit claims, and feared for their lives. The

newly revised suit alleges some lawmakers considered their deaths, and that some were also exposed to a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 as they hid from the rioters.

Extremist groups Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and Warboys LLC are also defendants in the suit. Members of the former two groups are also defendants in cases brought by the government for their involvement in the attack on the Capitol, some accused of conspiracy.



At the Save America March held prior to the insurrection at the capitol, then Pres. Donald Trump told participants to walk down to the capitol and shortly after, "because you will never take back our country with weakness."

The lawsuit is directed at Trump in his personal capacity as an individual, rather than in his capacity as president when the alleged incitement took place. Though Trump was

acquitted in the Senate, lawmakers including some Republicans like Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have voiced support for pursuing action against Trump in a court of law. ●●

What Does the 1871 Ku Klux Klan Act Do?

The suit filed against Trump for inciting a riot is brought under a law known as the Ku Klux Klan Act, which originates from the Reconstruction era and was passed after the Civil War to combat violence by the KKK and allow civil action to be taken against people who use "force, intimidation, or threat" to prevent anyone from upholding the duties of their office. It bans people from engaging in conspiracies and violence to block members of Congress from doing their jobs.

Jon Greenbaum, chief counsel and senior deputy director for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, said that the Ku Klux Klan Act is used when there are specific threats, including

actions that threaten the right to vote and prevent federal officers from doing their jobs. "If you have the right facts it's something that can be a powerful tool," Greenbaum said. While the statute is rarely used, a handful of lawsuits in recent years have cited it.

Last year, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation filed a federal lawsuit against right-wing political operatives Jack Burkman and Jacob Wohl, saying they violated the KKK act when they "conspired to intimidate and threaten many thousands of eligible voters."

Burkman and Wohl were accused of targeting Black voters in 85,000 robocalls that spread false information about voting by mail. ●●

Nation of Islam Responds to Capitol Attacker's Ties to Their Religion

The media has moved quickly to connect Noah R. Green, 25, identified as April 2's Capitol attacker to the Nation of Islam. Based on postings on his Facebook page, Green — who rammed a car into two officers at a barricade outside the U.S. Capitol, killing one of them before he was shot to death by police — made several entries about the Nation of Islam in the days leading up to his death.

The Nation of Islam responded quickly with an official statement in response to the media's attempt to connect Green's actions to their religion.

"We respectfully say to the members of the media and to the American people, Timothy McVeigh confessed that he was a Christian, but nobody blames the church for his misconduct," read the statement. They went on to make an even more timely comparison to the

media's action.

"When thousands of American citizens engaged in an attempted insurrection, attacking the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, resulting in the deaths of five persons and injuring many, the news media did not question what their religion was."

They acknowledged that Green may have attended their Saviours' Day convention in 2020, made a Saviour's Day Gift, and in fall 2020 started the process to begin his study to become a member, but he did not complete the process.

"Mr. Noah Green's alleged use of an automobile as a weapon and the alleged possession of a knife as reported, violates our teachings. We absolutely disavow this act

that resulted in the senseless loss of life. It is shocking for us to learn that someone who was attempting to be a part of our ranks may have been involved in something as tragic as this," the statement continued.

"We are taught 'to never be the aggressor in word or in deed,' for Allah (God) hates aggression and

is not with the aggressor. This is our teaching. In fact, all of us who are members of the Nation of Islam have been instructed not to carry any weapons — not so much as a penknife — not on our persons and not in our homes. We do not rely on weapons of war to defend us. We rely on our belief and our faith in Allah (God).

"We condemn the wicked mischaracterization of some media reports trying to tie this tragic incident to the teachings of the Nation of Islam and the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, and all people of good will should do the same as well."

The statement went on to question what may have driven Green, an obviously intelligent

young man who had completed college, to "do such an act."

They noted that his parents had released a statement saying Green suffered from "depression and potential mental illness" and on his social media, Green posted, "I have suffered multiple home break-ins, food poisoning, assaults, unauthorized operations in the hospital, mind control."

"I am sure," Minister Farrakhan states, "had he been blessed to come through the crisis that he was going through, he would have been a star in the mission of the resurrection of our people. We need to know what happened to our brother."

While the message offered sympathy to the families of the "victims of this tragedy," the statement closed by offering condolences to the family and friends of Green, whom they feel was also a victim. ●●



Farrakhan



Green



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House Votes Down Proposed Bill for Sports Gambling in Kansas

• Sports gambling still may not be dead for this session - with a slim potential, a compromise might be reached.

By Tim Carpenter
The Kansas Reflector

Kansas House Republicans and Democrats banded together to soundly reject a bill viewed as a legal liability by opening Kansas to sports wagering through betting at the state's four casinos, horse racing tracks and through as many as 1,200 lottery retailers.

The House package rolled into Senate Bill 84 and dispatched 40-77 differed in substantive ways from the sports gambling bill passed by the Kansas Senate, which excluded the lottery and racetracks from the action.

For the most part, objections to the bill hinged on individual preferences

for who should operate sports books, but some House members were opposed to all manner of gambling.

Rep. Brad Ralph (R-Dodge City) said expansion of gambling under the House bill would lead to breach-of-contract lawsuits against the state by management companies that since 2007 agreed to build and operate the state's four casinos, including the one in Dodge City, under contracts that didn't allow sports betting.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has twice asserted the state risked breaking contracts with casinos in Pittsburg, Mulvane, Dodge City and Kansas City, KS, if they approved sports betting at locations beyond the casinos.

House Speaker Ron Ryckman (R-Olathe) said the House vote didn't necessarily signal the issue was dead for the 2021 session. There's potential of a compromise bill, he said.

The House version would have allowed wagering at the professional soccer facility in Wyandotte County, while the Senate would also allow sports betting at the Kansas Speedway auto track. The House bill would have enabled Sedgwick County to vote again on whether to accept slot machines at a dog track, but the Senate didn't include that element.

The Senate bill would have captured for the state 8% of casino online revenue and 5.5% of in-person



casino revenue related to sports bets. The House had higher metrics: 20% of online revenue and 14% of casino revenue from sports bets would go to the state. Both House and Senate bills required those placing bets to be 21 years of age and all online bets would have to be done by a person physically in Kansas.

Before the House bill went down to defeat, Rep. John Resman (R-Olathe) gained approval of an amendment eliminating from the bill a provision that would have enabled betting on televised greyhound races in other states. Under his amendment, no legal wagering on dog races would be permitted in Kansas. ●●

New Law Temporarily Eliminates Right to a Speedy Trial in Kansas

By Bonita Gooch
The Community Voice

If you know someone sitting in a jail in Kansas awaiting trial, don't expect their trial to begin anytime soon. Gov. Laura Kelly recently signed a new law eliminating the right to a speedy trial in Kansas through March 1, 2023.

The measure is an attempt to deal with the backlog of trials brought about by COVID-19-related delays.

The 6th Amendment of the United States Constitution, as well as provision in the Kansas constitution, guarantee an accused person the right to a speedy trial. While the federal law does not set an exact timeframe for a speedy trial, Kansas law does.

According to Kansas law, defendants held in custody solely must be brought to trial within 150 days or their case will automatically be dismissed "with prejudice." Out-of-custody defendants must be brought to trial within 180 days or, again, have their case dismissed with prejudice.

In March 2020, when the Legislature began to understand

the potential scope of the pandemic, they passed a bill giving the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court the authority to suspend those deadlines through March 31, 2021.

Without the passage of this new bill, HB2078, the courts would have tried the backlog of cases that built up during the last year within 150 to 180 days.

According to Sedgwick County District Attorney Mark Bennett, Sedgwick County has a backlog of nearly 650 cases that have been filed and arraigned. Bennett checked in

with other courts and found Shawnee County with a similar backlog and Johnson County

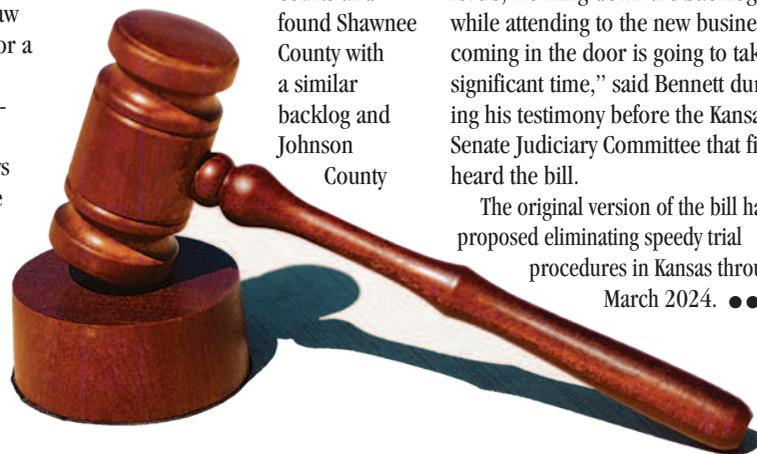
with a 400-to-500-case backlog. He did not report on Wyandotte County's backlog of cases.

Bennett said Sedgwick County's cases include 11 individuals being held for homicide.

"Meanwhile, in Wichita, crime does not stop," said Bennett, noting that the number reflects the backlog to date, and that new cases will continue to add to the backlog.

"Until the vaccine is widely available, social distancing rules are lifted and courts can bring personnel, litigants and jurors back into the courtrooms of this state at pre-COVID levels, working down the backlog while attending to the new business coming in the door is going to take significant time," said Bennett during his testimony before the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee that first heard the bill.

The original version of the bill had proposed eliminating speedy trial procedures in Kansas through March 2024. ●●



Kansas House Requiring Construction Notice of 'Abominable' Utility Poles

By Noah Taborda
The Kansas Reflector

The Kansas House has passed a bill increasing community regulatory oversight for construction of urban electric transmission mega-poles.

The legislation was sparked by a 2018 Westar Energy — now Evergy — project, in which the utility company installed dozens of 105-foot transmission lines in a low-income neighborhood of northeast Wichita. Residents criticized the project for damaging property values and

argued these poles would not have been installed in wealthier neighborhoods.

A measure in response to the construction project would require an electric utility company to provide

at least a six-month notice before beginning construction of these behemoth transmission lines in any city with a population of 300,000 or more. They also would be required to hold an open house with public comment.

However, an amendment to the bill reached in a compromise among stakeholders also would strip municipalities with fewer than 300,000 people of the authority to exercise zoning or siting



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St. Louis Elects First Black Female Mayor, After Pledge to Boost Social Workers Instead of Police

St. Louis Treasurer Tishaura Jones, who has been outspoken in her criticism of the criminal justice system's "arrest and incarcerate" model, won election April 7 and will take over as the first Black female mayor in a city beset by yet another wave of violent crime.

Jones, 49, is a former state representative who has been treasurer since 2013. Jones defeated Alderwoman Cara Spencer in the general election with 51.7% to Spencer's 47.8%. She will be sworn in April 20.

In her new job, Jones faces many challenges. The population that peaked at 856,796 in 1950 is now just above 300,000, and people are still leaving for the



Mayor Tishaura Jones

suburbs. About 48% of St. Louis residents are White, 45% are Black.

But Jones and Spencer agreed that no crisis is as important as curbing violence, especially killings. Police statistics show that

262 people were killed in St. Louis last year — five fewer than the record of 267 set in 1993. But because the city's population has declined sharply since 1993, the per capita homicide rate was much higher in 2020.

Already, 2021 is shaping up to be even worse. The city has recorded 46 killings through Tuesday, about 10 ahead of last year's dangerously high pace. ●●

Associated Press

Missouri House Votes Not to Fund Medicaid Expansion Approved in Missouri Citizen's Vote

By Jason Hancock
The Independent

Republicans in the Missouri House finalized their plan to block funding for voter-approved Medicaid expansion, giving final approval to its version of the state's budget and sending it to the Senate.

What happens next remains unclear.

House Democratic Leader Crystal Quade said she's confident the Senate will restore the \$1.9 billion in Medicaid funding that Missouri Gov. Mike Parson included in his proposed budget.

And indeed, Sen. Lincoln Hough, a Springfield Republican and vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, told

the Springfield News-Leader on March 31 that the Legislature has no other choice but to fund expansion.

"It's in the state constitution," he said, "the voters approved it and we're going to find a way to fund it."

Republicans are playing a "dangerous game" with people's healthcare, said Senate Minority Leader John Rizzo (D-Independence).

"Time will tell if eight reasonable Republicans can be found to work with the Democrats to save the voter-approved Medicaid expansion in the Senate," he said.

The House version of the budget is \$2.2 billion below the proposal made in January by Par-

son, and the biggest difference is the absence of \$1.9 billion for expanded Medicaid eligibility.

Parson's budget estimated that 275,000 Missourians would be added to the Medicaid program after voters in August expanded eligibility to households with incomes below 138% of the federal poverty guideline — or about \$17,775 annual for a single person and \$36,570 per year for a family of four.

Under the American Rescue Plan, which was recently signed by President Joe Biden, states that have not expanded Medicaid get an incentive to do so which is worth around \$1.15 billion for Missouri over the next two years. ●●

Amtrak Line From LA to Chicago Going Daily Again

• Approval of Biden's infrastructure bill could expand Amtrak routes to Wichita

By Chris Neal
Kansas News Service

Amtrak plans to restart daily passenger service on its Southwest Chief route across Kansas and Missouri beginning May 31.

In October, Amtrak cut the line's daily service down to three days a week because of the pandemic. But the company says new federal COVID-19 relief funding will allow it to restore daily service on the Southwest Chief and 11 more of its long-distance routes over the next few months.

The Southwest Chief, the only Amtrak service in Kansas, runs from Chicago to Los Angeles and includes local stops in Kansas at Dodge City, Garden

City, Hutchinson, Newton, Topeka and Lawrence, and in Missouri at Kansas City and LaPlata.

For southwestern Kansas communities like Garden City, the route provides a connection with the rest of the state and the region.

"When you live in an area like this that's very remote," said Lona Duvall, the president and CEO of the Finney County Economic Development Corporation, "it's just too important that people have that freedom of movement."

In 2018 and 2019, the Garden City station served roughly 7,000 passengers annually in a city of just under 27,000 residents. For refer-

ence, Amtrak's Topeka station served between 8,000 and 10,000 passengers those same years in a city of more than 125,000.

Amtrak also announced a long-term plan this week to add a new route that would connect the Southwest Chief to Oklahoma and Texas through the station in Newton, Kansas.

The line is part of Amtrak's vision to add more than 30 new routes nationwide over the next 15 years using money from President Joseph Biden's proposed American Jobs Plan. It would also bring passenger rail service to Wichita for the first time since 1979. Biden has long been an Amtrak booster.



The Southwest Chief makes six stops across Kansas and two in Missouri on its route between Chicago and Los Angeles.

Duvall says that connecting Garden City with Oklahoma and Texas, places where many southwestern Kansans already have family and business connections, opens up new doors for the community.

Nationally, ridership on the South-

west Chief was down 43% in 2020, the largest drop of any of Amtrak's long-distance lines. But even before the pandemic, the Southwest Chief was in danger of being discontinued.

"But each time," Duvall said, "we rallied." ●●

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jurisdiction on the electric transmission line. Rep. John Carmichael (D-Wichita) said the intent of the bill is good, but the amendment renders the measure meaningless.

"The original version of this bill would have protected your constitu-

ents, my constituents, my property rights and your property rights, but that's not the bill we have for us today," Carmichael said. "The utility instead came back with a compromise. The compromise is a milk-and-cookies open house, sponsored by the utility where they will pay for the milk and they will pay for the cookies."

While Carmichael cast doubt on Ever-

gy's intent to listen and be responsive to public comment, Rep. Gail Finney, a Democrat who represents the Wichita neighborhood ravaged by the 2018 project, called compromise efforts an unlikely success.

"Myself and several other community members came together and met with Everygy one-on-one with different executives, and we told them the things

that we would like to see happen," Finney said. "This is a bill that was negotiated between our community and members that were directly impacted. It was a give and take on both ends."

The legislation requires notice of the community forum be provided to all residents within a 660-foot diameter of the planned construction sites. If the House gives final approval to the bill, it would

go to the Senate for consideration.

The bill would only cover transmission lines designed to transfer 69-230 kilovolts of electricity. Any pole above 230 kV is regulated under the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Finney said the bill provides a new and needed opportunity to speak on the issue for landowners and tenants who were not previously able to give input. ●●

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What's Next at Work After the Coronavirus Pandemic?



By Erica Pandey
Axios.com

We've all seen how the pandemic upended the working world, but what's coming next?

The big picture: As vaccinations send people back to work and the world comes out of pandemic hibernation, these are the biggest trends to watch for in the workplace this year, according to experts.

Most workers who have been telecommuting will continue to work from home at least one day a week.

69% of employers expect at least half of their employees to work remotely some of the time even after a full vaccination program is in place, according to new research from Gartner.

"People are going to be demanding the option to work from home," says Richard Reeves of the Brookings Institution's Economic Studies program. And employers who don't offer it may have a hard time recruiting.

Firms are already hiring C-suite and director-level people just to oversee telework, and they'll continue to do so.

We'll see a spike in turnover when the pandemic is behind us: Employees have been reluctant to switch employers during the pandemic," says Brian Kropp, head of Gartner's human resources practice. "They were concerned about being the last person hired if the company started to struggle. Many employees were also hesitant to change employers over fear of joining an all-virtual team."

But now we're almost out of the woods, and "given the pent-up turnover demand and the improving economy, employers should expect to see an increase in turnover," Kropp says.

Offices will change — and shrink: Several companies, such as Target, Nordstrom and Salesforce, are giving up a share of office space to account for increased telework.

And even if we do go back, shared snack areas, office happy hours and

company gyms won't be up and running for a long time.

We'll have shorter and fewer meetings: Pandemic-era telework has resulted in a great deal of digital burnout, with people around the world spending 148% more time in meetings in February 2021 than in February 2020, per an analysis of aggregate Microsoft Teams data.

Look for companies to learn from this burnout and cut down on the number and length of meetings.

Reskilling is the next big frontier of corporate social responsibility: 17 million U.S. workers will need to find new occupations as a result of job displacement during the pandemic, per McKinsey. Teaching these people the skills they need to get new jobs is becoming an essential part of the recovery — and a hot corporate social responsibility initiative for some of America's biggest companies.

Amazon announced an effort to provide free cloud computing skills to 29 million people by 2025. Mi-

crosoft and LinkedIn have provided digital skills training to 30 million people throughout the pandemic.

The return to work will be gendered: Surveys at firms across the country show that men are likely to return to offices sooner and for more days than women, says Kropp.

That could worsen the gender wage gap because "64% of managers believe that office workers are higher performers than remote workers, and in turn are likely to give in-office workers a higher raise than those who work from home," he says.

The bottom line: The pandemic has been an accelerant for every work trend — good and bad.

And while companies should embrace the parts of telecommuting that make work more inclusive for workers with special circumstances, such as disabilities or child care, they should also be aware of the inequities in pay or workplace culture that remote work exacerbates. ●●

On the Move

Pastor Roosevelt DeShazer, Sr. is the recipient of the 2020 Willard Garvey Citizen Activist of the Year Award presented by the Wichita Metro Crime Commission. As senior pastor of Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and president of the Wichita Ministerial League, DeShazer embraced Wichita Police Chief Gordon Ramsay's initiative to improve WPD's relationship with Wichita citizens. Pastor DeShazer agreed to work with Chief Ramsay in bringing together different spiritual leaders, creating the God Squad.



DeShazer

Tangula Taylor, RN, is the new Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Children's Mercy. She comes to Kansas City after spending almost three decades at Texas Children's Hospital in various nursing and leadership roles. Taylor is a Board-Certified Nurse Executive with a Master's in Business Administration degree. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Texas and completed Nursing Leadership Training at the Wharton School of Business.



Taylor

Tyrena Judie, Director of Finance for the Kansas Leadership Center, has been recognized for a second time as a Woman Who Leads in Financial Services by the Wichita Business Journal. Before joining KLC, Judie had many years of experience working in the banking industry. She earned a bachelor's in Management Accounting and a MBA in Accounting from Friends University. She serves on several boards including the Nonprofit Chamber of Service and National Association of Women with MBAs.



Judie

Turnover 'Tsunami' Expected Once Pandemic Ends

• Studies show as many as half of workers intend to look for a new job this year

By Roy Maurer
Shrm.org

More than half of employees surveyed in North America plan to look for a new job in 2021, according to a new report, while separate research shows that a quarter of workers plan to quit their

jobs outright once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and recruiting efforts ramp up.

Employers were experiencing high rates of turnover prior to the economic shutdown triggered by the pandemic last spring, but since then, quit rates reached their low-

est level in nine years. Retention and turnover experts now predict voluntary job-leaving will increase significantly in 2021 as employees resume job searches they put off for the past year.

"There is absolutely pent-up turnover demand in the U.S. workforce," said Danny Nelms, president of The Work Institute, a research and consulting firm in Franklin, TN,

focused on employee engagement and retention. "Just prior to the pandemic, you had about 3.5 million people leaving their jobs monthly, then that dropped to 1.9 million in April 2020. The projected number for December is 3.3 million, so we're already seeing a substantial return of voluntary turnover. It's only going to increase."

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Nelms said that 2021 will see more job openings, which “will lead to the same supply and demand issues we had before the pandemic, putting an emphasis on recruiting and fueling voluntary turnover.”

REASONS FOR JOB HOPPING

Respondents gave a variety of reasons for wanting to move on to new opportunities, including disengagement and burnout, as well as the typical career-oriented contributing factors like wanting a promotion or raise.

Better compensation and benefits (35%) and better work/life balance (25%) are the top two reasons why employees would leave their current job, according to research commissioned by the Achievers Workforce Institute, the research arm of Achievers, an employee recognition software company in Toronto. The institute surveyed 2,000 employed adults in February, finding that 52% are looking for a new job, up from 35% a year earlier. The other top reasons for wanting to change are more development and a career pivot.

The study also found that 46% of

respondents feel less connected to their company, and 42% say company culture has diminished since the start of the pandemic. Just 21% said they are very engaged at work.

“Through the pandemic, some

companies have lost mainstays of employee engagement such as focusing on work/life balance, enacting change following employee feedback, driving recognition and fostering company culture,” said Natalie Baumgartner,

chief workforce scientist at Achievers. “As remote work becomes a more permanent fixture of our lives even beyond the pandemic, it’s important that employers are addressing these areas of concern in an effort to increase

engagement and reduce turnover.”

“Company leaders are still knee-deep dealing with the pandemic, but they have to look ahead to fend off a talent tsunami,” said Melissa Jezior, president and CEO of Eagle Hill Consulting. ●●

Advice for Employers on Managing Turnover

Employers, it’s coming. The big Turnover Tsunami. Employees who were reluctant to change jobs in the midst of a pandemic are expected to start looking for jobs in huge numbers. That’s great for you, if you have openings, but it’s not necessarily great if you have talented employees who are itching for a change.

Melissa Jezior, president and CEO of Eagle Hill Consulting advises companies to embrace the idea that business strategy and workforce planning will look different post-pandemic and to get started on identifying the talent, skills and roles that will be necessary to prosper once the health crisis passes.

“There is a knee-jerk reaction that often happens when managing turnover,” she said. “Companies default to backfilling roles with the same skills. But bouncing forward means identifying and cultivating new skills through upskilling,

reskilling and in hiring practices.”

Other recommendations for stemming the expected tide of turnover include:

Keeping top performers engaged - “Companies should identify and engage high performers for obvious reasons — and because studies show they are the most susceptible to burnout,” Jezior said. “To help A players feel valued and excited about staying with them, companies should focus on their career growth, offer stretch exposure and exclusive training, and be more transparent about career progression and compensation.”

Recognizing employees - The Achievers report found that 74% of employees want more recognition for their work. “Train managers on effective recognition and holding them accountable for recognizing their teams regularly is critical to keeping employees engaged,” Baumgartner said.

Listening to employees - “During this

crisis, companies have had to do a lot of talking to employees about everything from policy changes to the logistics of remote work,” Jezior said. “But it is equally important to listen to them. By conducting employee surveys, encouraging open-door exchanges, and providing career counseling and mentorship opportunities, companies can create a supportive environment.”

Conducting external stay interviews to better understand turnover risk - Nelms explained that conversations

between managers and employees often fail to reveal underlying turnover risk because the employee doesn’t trust

the manager with that information. “Stay interviews conducted by third parties, where the employee feels more able to



be authentic in their responses, express truer risk factors related to why employees would consider leaving,” he said. ●●



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12 50 Job Search Tips for New Grads

Graduation season is approaching, which means job search time has already begun.

Here's a list of 50 Job Search Tips for New Grads from the people at ihire.com. It's a pretty long list, but we figured, with a list this long, it's likely there's something on it that even the most informed grad might benefit from.

GETTING STARTED

1. Consider your job search your new job (for now).
2. Resist the urge to spend your summer relaxing and socializing.
3. But allow yourself some time to decompress after graduation.
4. Set goals for the number of jobs you apply to daily or weekly.
5. Go after what drives your passion (but be realistic).
6. Develop a 30-second elevator pitch for yourself.
7. Clean up your social media accounts.

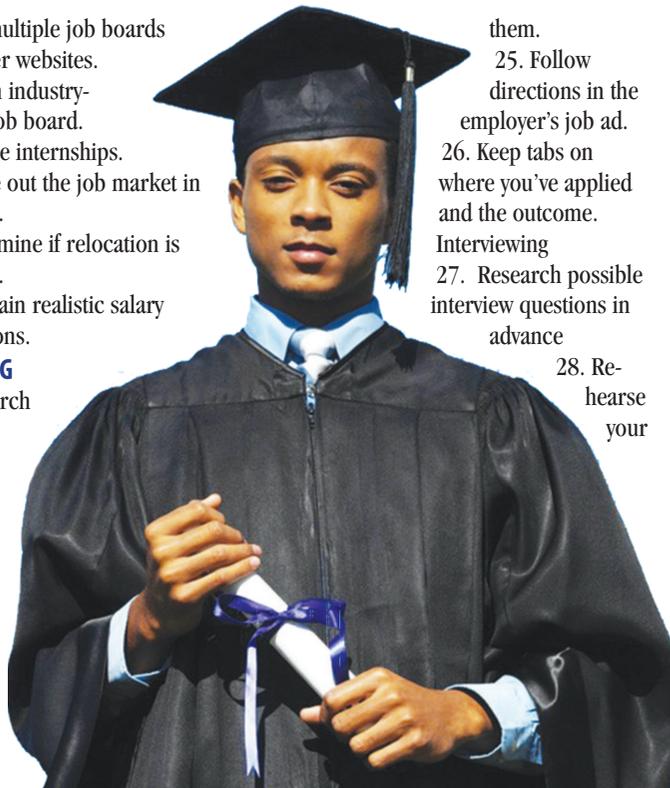
JOB SEARCHING

8. Network and utilize your contacts to find opportunities
9. Check in with old supervisors and coworkers
10. Attend local business networking events and job fairs.
11. Consult your school's alumni network or career center.
12. Proactively reach out to employers even if they aren't hiring.

13. Use multiple job boards and career websites.
14. Try an industry-focused job board.
15. Pursue internships.
16. Scope out the job market in your area.
17. Determine if relocation is an option.
18. Maintain realistic salary expectations.

APPLYING

19. Research each employer before applying
20. Polish your resume.
21. Prepare your list of references.
22. Don't batch blast your resume to every company that is hiring.
23. Spend quality time customizing each application you submit.
24. Proofread your resume and cover letter before submitting



them.

25. Follow directions in the employer's job ad.
 26. Keep tabs on where you've applied and the outcome.
- Interviewing
27. Research possible interview questions in advance

28. Re-hearse your

answers/hold a mock interview.

29. Bring a portfolio of work samples (if applicable.)
30. Have one or two go-to interview outfits ready.
31. Arrive early.
32. Respond to all communications in a timely manner.
33. Follow-up with employers if you don't have back from them.
34. Send a thank you letter or email after all interviews.

BEGINNING YOUR CAREER

35. Get organized.
36. Create daily to-do lists.
37. Volunteer to be a meeting not-taker.
38. Document both short- and long-term goals.
39. Ask questions.
40. Listen more than you talk.

41. Hold yourself ac-

countable – don't make excuses.
42. Treat everyone you meet with respect.

Final Words of Wisdom

43. Don't be afraid to start from the bottom.
44. Strive to learn something new every day.
45. Stay positive. Job searching can be frustrating.
46. Keep an open mind.
47. Get enough sleep.
48. Never compare how you're doing with anyone else.
49. Learn from all the experiences – good and bad.
50. Understand that your degree is not a golden ticket to the workforce, so be prepared to work hard to find and a job. ●●

- By IHire.com

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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and
Jose Carlos Zesati Espinoza (Respondent)
Case No. 19DM8055

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 Annual Action Plan
Public Comment Period

Notice of Public Hearing

The City has developed a 2021 Third Program Year Annual Action Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken during the program year utilizing Federal entitlement grant program funding. Programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The proposed 2021 Annual Action Plan is now available for public review and comment.

The proposed plan will be available April 3, 2021 through May 3, 2021 at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Central Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas,

67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: <http://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/default.aspx>.

Comments regarding the proposed 2021 Third Year Annual Action Plan may be submitted through midnight, May 3, 2021, to: City of Wichita, Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone to 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov.

There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM. Oral comments can be made at the meeting.

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.

Is Your Email Address Among the Millions in a Facebook Leak? Find Out Here

Over the weekend, news broke that a hacker had published online a database containing the personal information of 533 million Facebook users, including email and physical addresses, phone numbers, birthdates and more. While the data was stolen in a 2019 breach and Facebook long ago plugged that hole, it's the first time this huge trove was made available for free.

If you have a Facebook account (or if you had one in 2019 that you've deactivated), you should be concerned. And now you can find out if your private information has been made very public.

Have I Been Pwned?, a site that lets users search databases from dozens of breaches, has added the Facebook dataset to its collection. Go to the site's home page and enter any addresses you use with Facebook to see if they're included. And yes, it's safe to do so. Have I Been Pwned?

is a well-established site and its operator, Troy Hunt, is a regional director for Microsoft in Australia.

Hunt was able to find more than 2.5 million email addresses in the database, according to details on the Have I Been Pwned? home page.

The site also lets you search to see if your password has been found in a data breach. Pwned's passwords include 613

million real-world passwords previously exposed in data breaches. This exposure makes them unsuitable for ongoing use as they're at much greater risk of being used to take over other accounts.

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Dramatic Drop in Common Viruses Raises Question: Masks Forever?

Masks and physical distancing are proving to have major fringe benefits, keeping people from getting all kinds of illnesses — not just COVID-19. But it's unclear whether the protocols will be worth the pain in the long run.

The teachers at New Hope Academy in Franklin, TN, were chatting the other day. The private Christian school has met in person throughout much of the pandemic — requiring masks and trying to keep kids apart, to the degree it is

possible with young children. And Nicole Grayson, who teaches fourth grade, said they realized something peculiar.

"We don't know anybody that has gotten the flu," she said. "I don't know of a student that has gotten strep throat."

IT'S NOT JUST AN ANECDOTE

A study released this month in the Journal of Hospital Medicine, led by researchers from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, found that across 44 children's hospitals the number of pedi-

atric patients hospitalized for respiratory illnesses is down 62%. The number of kids in the US who have died of the flu this season remains in single digits.

Deaths have dropped dramatically, too, compared with the past 10 years: Flu deaths among children is usually between 100 and 200 per year, but so far only one child has died from the disease in the US during the 2020-21 flu season.

Adults aren't getting sick either. US flu deaths this season will be measured

in the hundreds instead of thousands. In 2018-2019, a moderate flu season, an estimated 34,200 Americans died.

EFFECTIVE COMBO

It's not just the masks and physical distancing that are tamping down communicable disease, said Dr. Amy Vehec, a pediatrician at Mercy Community Healthcare in Tennessee clinic. It's become a serious societal faux pas to go anywhere with a fever — so parents don't send sick kids to school, she said.

"They are doing a better job of staying home when they're sick," Vehec said. That includes adults who may feel ill.

It is not what a lot of people want to hear, but without a doubt, fewer people caught the seasonal flu this year because we stayed home and wore masks. Which raises the reasonable question of whether we will keep wearing masks, maybe just during flu season, after the pandemic lifts. ●●

- Kaiser Health News

Poll: Despite Pandemic, Many Older Adults Haven't Set Up 'Living Wills' in Case of Emergency

As the toll of COVID-19 continues to climb, newly released poll data suggest an opportunity to use the pandemic as a prompt for discussing and documenting older adults' wishes for their care, if they get seriously ill or injured for any reason.

Overall, 59% of the 50- to 80-year-olds polled said they had had a conversation with loved ones about their preferences in case they became

severely ill. When it came to documenting their preferences in a legally binding way that can guide families and care teams, 46% of those polled said they had completed at least one of two legal documents that could help their loved ones make decisions for them if they can't do it for themselves.

The two documents are medical durable powers of attorney, and advance directives, often called "living wills."

The new findings come from the National Poll on Healthy Aging, and draws from answers of a national sample 2,000+ adults aged 50 to 80. The poll data was gathered in June 2020, when the higher risk of severe illness and death among older adults who developed COVID-19 was already well known.

"Our study adds to growing body of scholarly research that supports the need for more effective, innovative, and

targeted approaches to ensure increased completion of advance care planning among all older adults. The fact that so few of the respondents cited COVID-19 as motivation to have these critical conversations and update or complete their advance directives is concerning," says Chithra R. Perumalswami, MD, a research fellow at the U-M Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine who worked with the poll team

on the new report.

"It can be difficult for patients, families and providers to navigate these conversations in the hospital setting, especially when visitor restriction policies are in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19," she says. "It is incredibly helpful to have advance care planning completed before a person becomes seriously ill and potentially unable to communicate their preferences." ●●



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16 Black Mental Health Initiative Launches Program to Increase Access to Therapy

By Jazzlyn Johnson
The Community Voice

When therapist Cecil Wattree, founder of the Kansas City Black Mental Health Initiative, launched a program for Black clients to receive free therapy sessions from licensed Black therapists, he conducted a mental health survey of the prospective clients. What he found was almost all of the participants ranked positive for depression, anxiety or trauma.

According to the Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, Black Americans are 20% more likely to experience serious mental health problems than the general population, yet only one in three Black adults who need mental health services actually receives them.

“The Black community struggles with poverty, systemic racism, and violence perpetrated on and within daily living,” Wattree said. “Other barriers of stigmatization and lack of resources for mental health contribute to our disparities.”

This month, the KC Black Mental Health Initiative will again offer their Black Therapy Initiative which will provide 15 Black participants, age 15 and above, a total of four free therapy sessions over nine weeks. All of the sessions will be provided by Black therapists, with the services funded

through donations made through the Black Mental Health Initiative’s financial partner, Uzazi Village.

The group is looking for therapists and interested clients for the program. Once all the client spots are filled, a wait list will be created.

At the end of the cycle, clients will take a treatment survey for the group’s research initiative, which will track if there was any reduction in their depression or anxiety.

With more funding in the future, Wattree hopes the Black Therapy Initiative can give free therapy to more Black clients without a wait list.

The Black Mental Health Initiative, which began in 2019, has an overall goal of mentally liberating the Black community by de-stigmatizing and bringing awareness to Black mental wellness.

According to a study about Black men and women’s attitudes toward mental illness, 63% believe a mental health condition is a sign of personal weakness, which leads to many of them failing to seek out therapy for fear of shame.

“We are so into the ‘what goes on in my house stays in my house,’ so that’s one reason why people don’t want to come to therapy,” said Erica Thompson, a counselor with more than 10 years of experience in the mental health field.

Thompson, who will be a therapist

in this year’s Black Therapy Initiative, says she often hears her Black clients bring up the different stigmas they have toward therapy and mental health. Many assume all therapists are the same – that they’ll document everything you say and repeat it to someone else, or they assume that therapy is only for “crazy people.”

“Everybody can benefit from therapy, especially if you don’t have a support system,” Thompson said. “It’s an outlet and self-care. I’m in your corner and I’m here for you.”

Thompson said many people also think therapy is just a one-sided conversation, where the client does all the talking. In Thompson’s sessions, she lets her clients ask questions about her own background to find common interests.

“I actually have conversations with people. It’s not just you just spilling your guts and then that’s it and I’m just sitting here staring at you. It’s really having a conversation,” she said, adding that it is all about finding the right therapist.

One of the most successful ways Thompson has seen Black clients overcome the stigmas they have toward counseling is through word of mouth. When her clients spread the word about their positive experiences in therapy and how it can truly help, she’s seen it change other people’s perceptions.

Wattree agrees that a culmination of

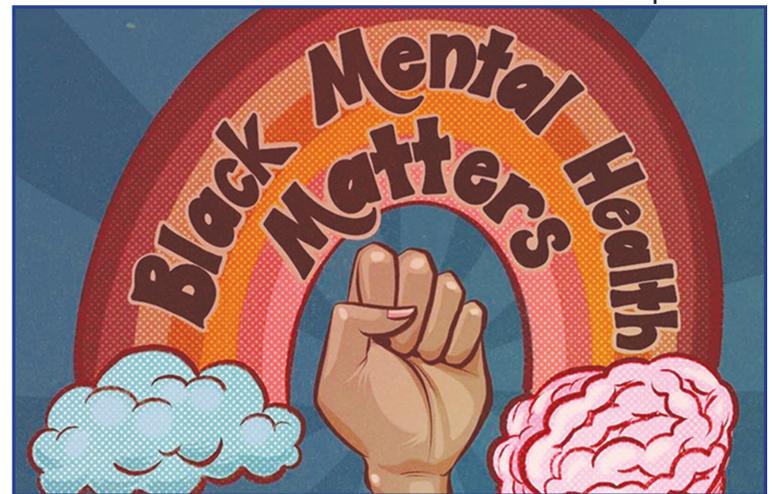
dialogue, engagement and more Black mental health professionals will eventually transform the attitudes the Black community has toward mental health conversations.



Wattree



Thompson



Blacks are 20% more likely to experience serious mental health problems than the general population, yet only 1 in 3 Black adults in need actually receives mental health services.

“I want people to be able to talk and create dialogue about Black mental health because the more we talk about it, the more people mentally get habituated to it,” Wattree said.

Therapists or clients interested in participating in the Black Therapy Initiative should email: KCBMHI@gmail.com.

Donations for the Black Therapy Initiative can be made through Uzazi Village’s website: UzaziVillage.org/donate. Or Venmo: [@Uzazi-Village](https://venmo.com/Uzazi-Village). Or CashApp: [\\$UzaziVillage](https://cash.app/$UzaziVillage).

For a directory of Black therapists in Kansas City, visit: www.PsychologyToday.com/us/therapists/african-american/mo/kansas-city. ●●

‘Our Community is Not Healing’: Mental Health’s Role in Addressing Violence

By Jazzlyn Johnson
The Community Voice

Last year was Kansas City’s worst year for gun violence, and so far this year, Kansas City is on track to beat last year’s record number of homicides.

According to KCPD’s homicide analysis report as of April 6, more than 60% of homicide victims are Black men, and many of the incidents stemmed from an argument, resulting in the use of a firearm.

Experts say some of the biggest factors for last year’s uptick in homicides were the result of the stressors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the racial uprisings. However, local therapists believe the lack of access

to mental health resources is a factor that could play a huge role in reducing gun violence.

“You can reduce everything that plagues our community, if you address mental health and trauma,” said Cecil Wattree, a therapist and founder of the Black Mental Health Initiative. “Of all medical stigmas that face the Black community, the biggest is mental health, which we also use to address trauma. So, the thing we’re the most avoidant of, is also the thing that could possibly save us.”

Licensed Professional Counselor Erica Thompson says much of the violence in the Black community is happening because the community is not healing.

“Healing as a community is important,” Thompson said. “We’re not going to get anywhere without healing.”

She sees it every day in her office. Many of the life problems people come to her office for stem from trauma that happened to them in the past.

“They never dealt with past childhood hurts and issues or parents that abused them,” Thompson said. “And so now, even when I’m dealing with the foster care system, it’s like, part of the reason that they had their own kids taken away, has to do with the fact of how their parents raised them and the things that they did to them. So, it’s a generational trauma.”

Thompson says ignoring those trau-

mas and letting them bottle up until they explode, causes irrational actions like violence, creating more trauma, which happens over and over.

“We see in the community that we don’t know any other way outside of retaliation, but in reality, that’s not the thing to do,” Thompson said. “So, we have to remember that before we get to an irrational point, we need to come in, work that out with

(a therapist) and learn better coping strategies.” ●●



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US Allows 2 More Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Home Tests

By Matthew Perone
Associated Press

U.S. health officials have authorized two more over-the-counter COVID-19 tests that can be used at home to get rapid results.

The move by the Food and Drug Administration is expected to vastly expand the availability of cheap home tests that many experts have advocated since the early days of the outbreak. The announcement late last month comes as U.S. testing numbers continue to slide, even as the number of new coronavirus infections is rising again.

The FDA said Abbott's BinaxNow and Quidel's QuickVue tests can now be sold without a prescription. Both tests were first OK'd last year but came with conditions that limited their use, including prescription requirements and instructions that they only be used in people with symptoms.

The agency authorized an over-the-counter COVID-19 test from an

Australian company in December but it is still not widely available.

Users will only need to perform a minimally invasive nasal swab, not the deeper nasal swaps common in some PCR tests. The sample is then inserted into a test strip with results usually available in 10 to 20 minutes.

Quidel's test is designed for self-collected nasal swabs for people 14 or older and for adult-collected specimens of children 2 years and up.

Rapid antigen tests provide the advantage of lower costs, fewer supplies and speed than molecular PCR tests, which take one to two days for laboratory processing. PCR tests can detect lower levels of replicating virus, but antigen tests are intended to be accurate at detecting virus when a person is actively sick and most likely contagious.

The FDA has discussed the limitations of the accuracy of some rapid antigen tests and noted that they may be subject to false positive results – especially if there is not a lot of active virus in a specific community

or if they are performed incorrectly. Proponents of rapid antigen tests point out the benefit of more people being able to identify when they are most contagious so they know to immediately isolate and not pass on the virus. Confirmation testing is still encouraged.

"The test performs at greater than 95% accuracy, and that's the kind of level that we need to have the confidence to return to all the many things that we love to do," said Mary Rodgers, principal scientist at Abbott.

Abbott said its test would be priced in the "single digits" per test and should be available in "coming weeks" at pharmacies, supermarkets and other chains. The company can produce about 50 million tests per month. Quidel did not disclose pricing for its test.

Both companies said they would sell their tests in two packs. Repeat testing is important to reduce chances of false results. Both tests can be used by adults to test children 2 years and older.

Frequent self-testing is considered key to help reopen schools, universities and offices as vaccinations ramp up.

Dr. Michael Mina of Harvard said the expanded testing options would be critical as new virus variants spread and researchers study how long protection from vaccines lasts.

"Vaccines are incredibly important but they are not the end-all, be-all to this pandemic," Mina said. "We need other tools in our arsenal and the widespread availability and rapid scale up of tests for people to use in the privacy of their homes is going to be an extraordinary gain."



The FDA has approved the BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 test made by Abbott Laboratories, in Tacoma, WA, for sale without a prescription for consumers to test themselves repeatedly at home.

Also last month, federal officials announced a pilot testing program to study use of rapid home testing to slow infections in U.S. communities. The program will provide free home tests to as many as 160,000 people in two counties in North Carolina and Tennessee. ●●

When Can Kids get the COVID-19 Vaccination?

• A pediatrician answers five questions parents are currently asking

By James B. Wood
The Conversation

A big question among parents and teachers as more schools reopen is when their kids will be vaccinated against COVID-19. Some have wondered whether the vaccine is even necessary for children.

Here is the most up to date information based upon what doctors know today about the risk children face of getting and spreading the coronavirus and when vaccines might be available.

• **Do kids really need to get the COVID-19 vaccine?**

The short answer is yes. A lot of studies have shown that COVID-19 isn't as severe in children, particularly younger kids – but that doesn't mean kids aren't at risk of getting infected

and potentially spreading the virus.

Children under 12 who get COVID-19 do tend to have mild illnesses or no symptoms, while teenagers seem to have responses somewhere between what adults and younger kids have experienced. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that teens were about twice as likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19 as children ages 5-11.

It's important to remember that while most children get only mild symptoms, they still face risks. At least 226 U.S. children with COVID-19 have died, and thousands have been hospitalized.

The key to minimizing the risk is to make sure kids eventually get vaccinated, follow social distancing recommendations and wear masks.

• **Are kids spreading the virus?**

In a setting like a school where mask-wearing and social distancing are enforced, young kids seem to not spread the virus very much when the rules and guidelines are being followed. One CDC review found little difference in community cases in counties with elementary schools open and those with remote learning.

If precautions aren't being taken, children infected with the coronavirus very well could spread it to adults. What isn't clear yet is how great that risk is.

To keep schools as safe as possible, continuing schoolwide mask and social distancing policies will be important. With teenagers in particular, mask rules can't hinge on whether the person has been vaccinated or not. Until herd immunity within the whole community is at a good level, social distancing



The key to minimizing COVID-19 risk is to make sure kids eventually get vaccinated, says pediatrician James B. Wood.

and masking is still going to be the recommendation.

• **So, when can kids get vaccinated?**

Right now, the Pfizer vaccine is the only one in the U.S. authorized for teenagers as young as 16. Before kids

under 16 can be vaccinated, clinical trials need to be completed in thousands of young volunteers to assess the vaccines' safety and efficacy, and

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What You Need to Know About Your Vaccination Card 19

Here's everything you need to know about your vaccine record, why it's important and how to keep it safe.

WHAT'S ON A VACCINE CARD?

The vaccine card, given after your first shot and then updated if your vaccine requires a second one, includes the vaccine manufacturer, the dose numbers and the date and location each was administered.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE MY CARD?

Getting a new card should be easy enough. Return to where they were vaccinated or to the organization that was in charge of your vaccination site — possibly your county health department — and they should be able to provide you a replacement card.

Vaccinations are also tracked by state health departments, so you can reach out to your state's agency to get a replacement card, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency lists contact information for the Immunization Information System in each state, which tracks vaccinations, on its website.

HOW SHOULD I SAFEGUARD MY CARD?

Start by taking a picture of it with your phone, so you'll have the information in your photo library, and emailing it to yourself as backup, said Dr. Uchenna Ikediobi, an assistant professor of general internal medicine and infectious diseases at Yale University.

Laminating your card will make it

more durable if you're planning to carry it around in your wallet, though there has been some concern about lamination because it would prevent information from future booster shots from being added. But Dr. Ikediobi said that this "may be a moot point if new cards are issued after a booster shot, as would seem likely."

A number of companies have jumped in to offer free lamination. Staples is offering free lamination of vaccine cards for those who have gotten their doses, according to Jocelyn Moruzzi, a spokeswoman for the office goods retailer. The offer is valid at all of the company's United States locations with the offer code 81450 and does not yet have an end date.

People can also get their completed vaccine cards laminated for free at Office Depot and Office-Max stores nationwide using the code 52516714 through July 25.

Lots of people who have had their cards laminated are finding that the hot lamination process may make some information on the cards unreadable. This may not be true everywhere, so be careful and possibly ask about the amount of heat used in the lamination process.

DO I NEED MY CARD TO TRAVEL?

In some cases, yes. Border entry requirements are set by governments, not by airlines or by the International Air Transport Association, the trade

While all of the uses for your vaccination have still not been solidified, it is still important to safeguard it. A good idea is to take a photo of it with your cell phone and store in on your phone. As an extra precaution, email yourself copy of the photo.

association for the world's airlines. Some destinations and cruise lines have started requiring that travelers be fully vaccinated before they travel. As of March 26, fully vaccinated Americans who can present proof of vaccination can visit Iceland, for example, and avoid border measures such as testing and quarantining, the country's government said.

The cruise line Royal Caribbean is requiring passengers and crew members 18 or older to be vaccinated in order to board its ships, as are a number of cruise lines, with most of them planning to restart cruise operations this spring

and summer.

For the moment, airlines are not requiring vaccinations for travel.

Perry Flint, a spokesman for the I.A.T.A., said that the agency does not

support a mandatory vaccine requirement for air travel because it "risks discriminating against those markets where vaccines may take longer to become widely available" or against those "who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons, or who are unwilling to do so owing to ethical or other concerns."

Despite that position, I.A.T.A. is developing its own vaccine pass called Travel Pass, which travelers can use to share Covid-related health information with governments or airlines that require it, Flint said.

Most likely, the pass will be used predominately for international travel.

ARE THERE OTHER BENEFITS?

Yes. Aside from the health benefits of getting the vaccine, there are also other perks that come with your vaccine card. Businesses across the country, from bars to marijuana dispensaries, have been offering perks to those with a COVID-19 vaccination card. Krispy Kreme, for instance, is offering one free glazed doughnut per day until the end of the year to anyone who presents proof of a COVID-19 vaccination. ●●

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the results must be fully reviewed and then authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.

Pfizer said it expects to submit results from its adolescent trials for review soon. Vaccine manufacturer Moderna also has trials underway with adolescents. If their vaccines are shown to be safe and effective and regulators authorize them, kids 12 and up could be vaccinated before school starts in the fall.

Realistically, young children probably won't be eligible for the vaccine until late fall or winter at the earliest. Moderna announced in mid-March that it had started testing its vaccine

in children ages 6 months to 11 years. Pfizer said it is also starting testing in young children, but these trials take time.

• What's different about the vaccines kids will get?

The composition of the COVID-19 vaccines for children is the same as used in adults — the difference is that children may require a different dose.

The first step in vaccine trials is to figure out the right dose.

A rigorous system for pediatric vaccine trials is well established in the U.S. These trials are key to assessing the safety and efficacy of vaccines in children, which can differ from adults.

• How can parents create safe play-

dates for kids?

When I talk to parents, I explain that it's a risk-versus-benefit question. Each family has a different tolerance.

From a medical standpoint, the mental health of kids and having them play with other kids is an important part of childhood.

I would say that unvaccinated kids playing indoors without masks on is still not a great idea. The risk is just too high at this point. As weather warms up, I would encourage kids to play outside. Ride bikes, play and socialize — just do it in a safe manner. ●●

- James B. Wood, MD is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine

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Winners Announced for 68th Debutante Ball

The Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Ivy Community Service and Education Foundation Inc. rewarded scholarships and book rewards to 12 beautiful, talented young ladies from high schools across the Kansas City Metropolitan area, who were presented to society at their 68th Debutante Ball.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the ball was held virtually on Feb. 26. The theme was “A Celebration of Grandeur and Grace.” The night of the ball included a special greeting from Mid-Western Regional Director, Ms. Twyla Woods-Buford, and a presenter and debutante waltz, choreographed by Mrs. Kimberlyn Jones.

Emily Ervin was crowned Miss Debutante. Taylor Downton and Bria Evans (tied) for Miss Debutante first runner-up. Other winners were Jourdan Dukes (Miss Scholarship) and Morghan Golloher (Miss Scholarship first runner up). Emily Ervin also



Evans



Dukes



Downton



Golloher

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received the Miss Fund-raising title and Morghan Golloher received the additional

title of Miss Congeniality. Each of the remaining Debutantes participants were given book awards.

Since 1951, the Debutante Ball in Kansas City has been a cherished annual tradition. Dr. Cleora Woods-Taylor served as the general chairman.

Mrs. Linda May served as general co-chairman. Dr. Juana Hishaw is president of the Beta Omega Chapter and Dr. Evelyn Williams is President of The Ivy Community Service and Education Foundation. ●●

Activist Groups Demand Former KCKPD Detective Be Indicted

By Jazzlyn Johnson
The Community Voice

A former Kansas City, Kansas Police Department detective is being investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and a civil lawsuit for misconduct allegations has been filed against him, but activist groups in Kansas City are demanding more. They're asking the U.S. Department of Justice to step in and investigate allegations against Roger Golubski, who is accused of raping and exploiting numerous Black women in Wyandotte County during his 35 years at KCKPD.

During what some call his reign of terror in Wyandotte County, Golubski was one of the detectives that investigated the double-homicide that led to the wrongful conviction of Lamonte McIntyre, who spent 23 years in prison before his 2017 exoneration. Golubski retired in 2010.

“The legacy Roger Golubski left at the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department is not one of honor and respect, but is a legacy which perpetuated a culture of abuse of power that still exists within the department today,” said Trina Crawford during a rally organized by Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE2).

They're demanding Wyandotte County leaders hold Golubski accountable.

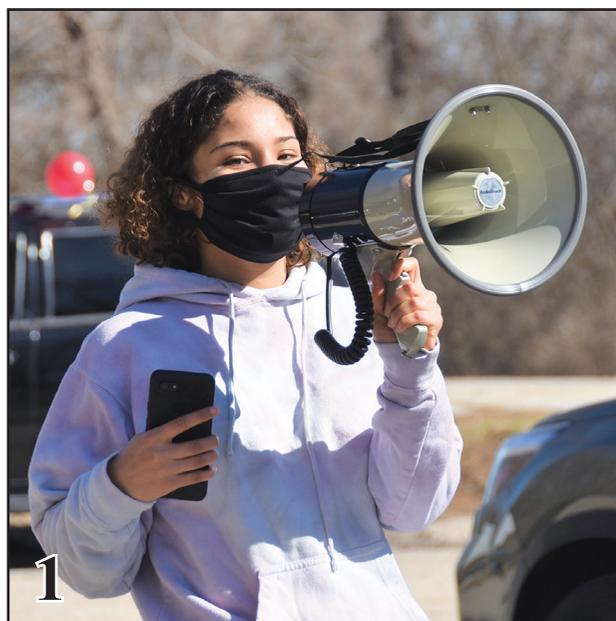
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation opened a probe into Golubski's sexual assault and misconduct allegations. Although the investigation is still ongoing, so far KBI says they have not uncovered any violations dated recently enough to fall within the Kansas statute of limitations.

Golubski is also facing a civil lawsuit filed by McIntyre and his mother, Rose McIntyre, that accuses Golubski of coercing her into having sex. They also accuse Golubski of using his badge to exploit Black women as a way to secure their testimony and close cases.

During testimony in McIntyre's civil case, an anonymous KCK woman also accused Golubski of repeatedly raping her more than two decades ago, after telling her he would get her children, who were under investigation at the time, out of legal trouble.

As a way to keep the pressure on Wyandotte County and the KBI, Justice for Wyandotte, a KCK activist group, is asking for the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct a federal investigation into allegations against Golubski.

At a rally led by Justice for Wyandotte on April 1, Nikki Richardson,



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one of the lead organizers, read off a list of more than ten victims whom they believe are connected to Golubski's misconduct.

One of those names was Stacy Quinn, who was murdered in Wyandotte County in 2000. Richardson was a witness to the 1994 killing of Donald Ewing and Doniel

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TOP: (1) Amaia Cook, More2 organizer rallies the crowd. (2) Khadijah Hardaway and Nikki Richardson organizers of Justice for Wyandotte address the supporters. BOTTOM: (3) Trina Crawford of More2 raises her fist in agreement. (4) Justice for Wyandotte banner is displayed as speakers address the crowd to demand the Dept. of Justice step in to investigate allegations against former KCKPD Detective Roger Golubski.

22 KC Homeless Union Occupying City Hall Say They're Not Leaving Until Demands Are Met

By Jazzlyn Johnson
The Community Voice

KANSAS CITY

Tents have once again shown up on the lawn of Kansas City, Missouri, City Hall. This time the campers are there to bring attention to another social issue: homelessness.

Last fall, the “People’s City” occupied city hall for 21 days demanding accountability from the Kansas City Police Department. They declared a “ceasefire” last October, after conversations for police reform began.

Occupying the lawn since Jan. 31 is the Kansas City Homeless Union, a group of unhoused people demanding homes, jobs, water and a seat at the table.

On Jan. 28, unhoused leaders came together and created the KC Homeless Union, agreeing that they wanted more than the band-aid solutions like warming shelters and blankets made available this winter by the city.

With the millions spent on shelters, Homeless Union members say the city could house every unhoused person in the city by converting vacant and city-owned properties into permanent homes. To work on those renovations, the union says the city should employ the unhoused.

The union is also demanding the

city guarantee showers, bathrooms and handwashing stations for unhoused people, especially during the pandemic.

Finally, the group demands the city consult them about policies that impact the houseless and follow their leadership, with an understanding that those closest to the problem are closest to the solution.

“If the city is serious about addressing homelessness, this is what it’ll take,” a statement from the KC Homeless Union said. “If the city is not serious about ending homelessness, the powers that be will continue doing what they’re doing: money to hotels, warming centers, handouts. Someone benefits from those incremental proposals. And it’s not us.”

Last year, Kansas City received more than \$8 million in CARES Act funding to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

KC Homeless Union leader James Shelby, who goes by Qadhafi, said the city’s homeless issue could be solved with that funding. “Instead, the homeless problem is getting worse and people are dying in the street,” he said.

“Every day out here is an act of terror,” Qadhafi said. “Every day, we don’t know when we’re going to eat, where we’re going to use the

bathroom or when we’ll be attacked next. We’re standing up and we found our voice. We are who we’ve been waiting on.”

KC Homeless Union leaders believe the city may try to force the occupation to leave, but Qadhafi said they are not going anywhere until their demands are met.

KC Tenants, a grassroots organization of renters working to ensure that everyone in KC has a safe, accessible, and truly affordable home, is standing in solidarity with the group.

Tiana Caldwell, a leader with KC

Tenants, said her family were once homeless for six months after they fell behind in their rent after she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer for the second time.

“I felt hopeless and helpless. I felt like a failure. We are here to increase the rights

and visibility of homeless people and all people who have experienced housing injustice,” Caldwell said at an April 1 solidarity rally at city hall. “We want to stop evictions and cancel rent and bring housing to people



who are houseless and bring an end to unhoused camp sweeps in KC.” ●●

Top: “People’s City” (tent city) is again on the lawn of KCMO City hall, this time to bring attention to homelessness. Bottom: (L) KC Homeless Union Leader Qadhafi says “We’re standing up and we found our voice. (R) Advocates from KC Tenants, a grass roots organization of renters, stand in solidarity with the group.

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Missouri Program Now Accepting Applications for Rental Assistance

The State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) for Renters program is now accepting applications for rent and utility assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the program, individuals can receive assistance for up to 12 months of rent and utility bill dating back to April 2020 and for up to three months in the future. You are likely eligible if your income is less than 80% of your area’s median income, and you’re at risk of losing your housing due to a financial hardship brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Don’t make the mistake of

thinking your income is too high to qualify for this program. In Jackson and Clay Counties, individuals living alone qualify with an annual income up to \$48,200. The maximum qualifying income for those counties is \$55,050 for a family of two, \$61,950 for a family of three and \$68,800 for a family of four.

Estimated household income should be based on the average income for the most recent 30 days, or the household’s 2020 annual income if a tenant is not income eligible based on the most recent 30 day estimated income.

Other eligibility requirements include being a Missouri resident and having one or more members of your household receiving

unemployment benefits, and/or experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You must also attest to your risk of losing your residence or becoming homeless as a result of the financial hardship.

If you’re approved, all of the funding is paid directly to your landlord or mortgage company and the utility companies.

Additional information, including the online application are at Applications are accepted online at MOHousingResources.com/safhr. If you cannot apply online or need help with your application, call (833) 541-1599 or email: mo.safhr@mhd.com. ●●

Additional Missouri Housing Assistance Programs

If you are currently unhoused or are at-risk of housing instability, check out these resources:

Kansas City Rent and Utility Relief now taking applications for those that are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Find out if you’re eligible here: [KCMO.gov/RentHelp](https://kcmo.gov/RentHelp). Apply for assistance here: communitycarelink.com/cares-act-assistance-sign-up.

The United Way: Call 211 for assistance with housing and shelter, utilities and transportation.

Jackson County Rent, Utility,

& Mortgage Assistance: Those experiencing hardship from COVID-19 may qualify for rent, utility and mortgage assistance. Apply here: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/203036397788164>.

KC Tenants Hotline: Call 816-533-5435 to get help with legal questions, homelessness and immediate crises.

Missouri Housing Development Commission’s State Assistance for Housing Relief program is expected to run through September 2022. See story this page.

Kansas Housing Rental Assistance

The Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which functions similar to the Missouri State Assistance for Housing Relief Program is also accepting applications. To apply for For KERA, go to KSHousingCorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance. Wichita residents must apply through the Wichita Emergency Rent Assistance Program at www.wichita.gov/housing. ●●

Local Black Chefs Host Dining Experience to Address Domestic Violence 23

By **Jazzlyn Johnson**
The Community Voice

Chef Polly Smith of Necessary Catering had rarely worked with another Black female chef in a Kansas City-area restaurant. However, after Chef Natasha Ellington of Café Jo'el contacted her about joining other Black women chefs in a fundraiser supporting victims of domestic violence, Smith says she not only found a way to support others, she found a support group for herself. She now has a network of other Black female chefs who all have similar experiences in the food industry.

"We have the Black experience, we have the woman experience, and we also have the Black woman chef experience," said Ellington. "We all have the same story of being isolated in a workplace, misunderstood, looked over, working hard for someone else, getting passed up for opportunities."

"I never knew any of (the other Black women chefs) until (Ellington) called me," said Smith. "I will tell you now, I will push someone out of the way for any one of them."

Ellington, who has more than 20 years of experience in the food industry is also on the board of directors for Giving Yourself Real Love (GYRL), a nonprofit dedicated to bring awareness to domestic violence and mentoring survivors of domestic violence.

It was her idea to combine her support for Black female chefs and victims of domestic violence into a unique fundraising event that would

benefit both.

She created the "What About Me? She Blazes Dining Experience" highlighting eight local Black women chefs, each cooking a dish for the eight-course meal taking place Wed., April 28, at 7 p.m. at Soiree Steak and Oyster House in the 18th and Vine Jazz District.

The event will also have wine from Black women-owned businesses Jenny Dawn Cellars and Godly Fine Wines, live music, cocktails and a silent

showcase our talent and our skill, but we get to present ourselves first," said Ellington. "We get to put ourselves in the front and not hide behind these corporate names."

Many of the chefs participating in the fundraiser work or have worked in a corporate restaurant setting, but also have their own catering businesses.

Before, she began planning

to unseen Black women and girls affected by domestic violence and mental health issues, which GYRL is working to address.

According to the Institute of Women's Policy Research's Status of Black Women in the United States, more than 40% of Black women will experience domestic violence in their

can support each other, lean on each other and do something for a good cause."

Chef Robyn Buckley of She Kan Cook, who is cooking course three for the dining experience, said she sees this as a great opportunity to support GYRL and give back to the community.

"Now's the time to start giving



(L-R) Chefs Robyn Buckley of She Kan Cook, Natasha Ellington of Cafe Jo'el and Polly Smith of Necessary Catering will join other Black women chefs in a fundraiser supporting victims of domestic violence.

auction featuring products from local businesses and chef services.

Tickets for She Blazes are \$150 each and available for purchase on the gyrlplease.org website.

While many of the chefs are receiving donated ingredients, each chef will be reimbursed up to \$150 for their dish ingredients with the rest of the proceeds benefitting GYRL.

"Not only are we allowed to finally

"She Blazes," Ellington also said she only knew of a few Black women chefs. Through her research for the fundraiser, she found a total of ten in Kansas City.

"There are not very many of us," said Ellington. "You can get deterred in this industry, and it's not for the faint of heart."

The topic of the dining experience, "What About Me?" brings awareness

lifetime and Black women are 2.5 times more likely to be murdered by men than White women.

"Domestic violence plagues our community and we need to stand up and have our voices heard," said Ellington. "Women are always excluded and in the food industry, we get left out of that conversation too. It's just time that we did something like this, collectively, as Black women who

back and be a positive inspiration to other women," she said.

To see the menu and the other Black women chefs participating, visit: www.gyrlplease.org, click on GYRL What About Me on the site's toolbar. ●●

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Quinn, the murders McIntyre was wrongly convicted of.

Golubski, who was a detective on the case, never interviewed Stacy and she never testified at the trial. Golubski instead interviewed another witness who was farther away from the shooting, Stacy's sister, Niko Quinn. She said Golubski pressured her to identify McIntyre as the shooter.

In a statement two years after the

trial, Stacy said McIntyre was not the shooter.

In McIntyre's civil case against Golubski, his lawyers revealed through witness interviews that Golubski had been paying Stacy for sex since she was a teenager, a likely reason he never interviewed her.

Golubski and former police chief Terry Zeigler, who was Golubski's detective partner at the time, investigated Stacy's death. Marcus Washington Jr. was later convicted of her murder.

Richardson created a project called

the 7th Street Podcast to give voices to the families of victims of police misconduct like Stacy and Niko Quinn.

"It became painfully obvious to me as I started to learn more about the series of women who've been victims of the misconduct and the corruption of KCKPD and Golubski, that their pain was still very much real to this day," Richardson said.

Niko Quinn who spoke at the rally told her story about being coerced into giving false testimony.

"For the 23 years Lamonte spent

in jail, I spent them in there with him and I'm still spending it in there with him," she said.

"Having to hear these stories, it brings tears to my eyes," Richardson said. "I can't walk the street the same. I can't drive down the familiar streets that were known as my home the same. I look at everything differently now. The sad part is that this just happened for me this year, but for these families -- it's been like this for decades and that is unacceptable."

Justice for Wyandotte created a

community hotline for victims of Golubski and KCKPD to come forward.

The hotline number is (816) 883-9364. In addition, individuals with information can contact "Reach the District Attorney" - Mark Dupree's Community Integrity Unit hotline at (913) 573-8100

Listen to Richardson's podcast at <https://the7thstreet.com>. ●●

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24 KC Voters Approve Earnings Tax Renewal and Other Election Results

KANSAS CITY

In the Tues., April 6 election, voters approved the renewal of the 1% earnings tax that community leaders say is an important tax that funds critical city services.

"After a year of COVID-19 pandemic closings and loss of revenue to the city, the earnings tax is one of the most crucial taxes that voters will be asked to renew," said Rodney Bland, president of Freedom Inc., in a statement before the polls opened.

The ballot question passed with more than 70% 'yes' votes. The vote renews the tax for five more years.

The earnings tax is a 1% tax on an individual's earned income that pays for city services like road repairs, trash pickup, police and firefighter salaries, ambulances, snow removal and historic preservation.

"The earnings tax helps us take

care of our neighborhoods and keep our community working," said Mayor Quinton Lucas.

Anyone who lives or works in Kansas City pays the tax, including businesses and non-residents who work in the city. The tax generates almost \$300 million annually.

"(I'm) ecstatic about tonight's result, which protects city jobs and delivery of key services," said Lucas. "I'm grateful that after one of the most challenging years in our history, Kansas Citians showed confidence in their leaders and our efforts to build a healthier and stronger Kansas City."

Park Hill District Elects First Black School Board Member, Lee's Summit Elects Another

On Tuesday, voters in the Park Hill District elected their first African-American school board member and Lee's Summit elected the second African-American member of their school board.

"Being the first African American to serve on the Park Hill District Board is history," said newly-elected and first-time candidate **Brandy Maltbia Woodley**. "But my main goal was to make a difference in the schools for every single family, student and teacher

in the district."

Woodley works in the department of military history at Fort Leavenworth's Command and General Staff College and has three daughters in the Park Hill district. The district is located in North Kansas City, south of the Kansas City International Airport, with the western edge running along the Missouri River.

Winning one of two open board seats, Woodley said she's committed to ensuring excellence in the district through equity and, ensuring that all unheard voices are heard.

"The board should be reflective of our diverse community and I will help move our district in that direction," Woodley said.

Park Hill voters also re-elected incumbent school board president Kimberlee Ried.

Lee's Summit elected its first African-American woman, Megan Marshall, to the school board last year. Newly elected **Rodrick King Sparks**, who was the only Black candidate in this year's race, will join Marshall on the school board.

Some of Sparks' plans for the school board include enhancing the district's COVID-19 protocols to safely keep students and teachers in the classroom,



Buckner

expanding mental health services for students and working with the board to create policies that assist students whose academic performance was negatively impacted by virtual learning.

"It's been a tough year for all our families," Sparks said. "We have sacrificed a lot. Our time, our health, even our freedom, but I still see plenty of opportunities to help our kids be the best if we work together."

Voters also re-elected Ryan Murdoch, incumbent Lee's Summit school board president.

Newcomers Win KCPS School Board Seats Backed By Nonprofit Blaque KC

Voters elected two new members to the Kansas City school board, thanks in part to successful campaigns backed by the nonprofit Black Leaders Advancing Quality Urban Education (Blaque KC).

Tanisha Ford, executive director of Kauffman Scholars, a college access and scholarship program to help low-income students prepare for college, won the at-large seat occupied by board chairman Pattie Mansur, with just over 56% of votes.

In an especially tight race between two newcomers, **Kandise Buckner**, continuum coach and instructor for Kansas City Teacher Residency, eked out a victory for the Sub-District 5 seat that covers the southeast part of the school district. Buckner, who is African American, defeated Bruce Beatty, who is also Black.

Blaque KC, which has the primary



Ford



Greene



Sparks



Woodley

goal of improving the academic performance of Black public-school students in KC, spent more than \$100,000 in support of Ford and Buckner's campaigns. According to their filing with the Missouri Ethics Commission, the funding was spent on advertising and political consultants.

Cokethea Hill, founder of Blaque KC, has not revealed where the funding originated, which raised questions for competitor Mansur.

"This election cycle has been unlike anything the Kansas City metro has seen before," said Mansur in a statement. She expressed her concern about the large amount of unidentified funding being poured into the race for unpaid public service roles.

"I stepped into this race with pure intentions and a heart of just wanting to serve kids and families in this community," said Ford after results were announced. "I stepped into this with a mindset and with a mantra of our children being our priority. I just want everyone to know that is more than a mantra to me. It's real life."

Some of Ford's plans include pushing the district to achieve full accreditation, addressing inequities in the school district and recruiting and retaining more educators of color.

Raytown school district voters re-elected board member Alonzo Burton and elected new board member Donna Peyton.

Hickman Hill school district voters re-elected board member Carol Graves and elected new board member Ann Coleman.

Grandview school district voters re-elected board president Leonard Greene. ●●



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Wichita Links Present Beautillion XLVI: 'Hamilton to Harris, We Rise Up'

The Wichita (KS) Chapter of The Links, Inc., an affiliate of the national Links, Inc. organization, is the sponsor of Beautillion XLVI: "Hamilton to Harris, We Rise Up." The 2021 event will be held Sat., April 10, at 6 p.m. The virtual presentation can be viewed on Cox Cable channel 20.

The 2021 Beautillion presentation will feature 10 outstanding African-American male high school seniors from the Wichita area. The event is a culmination of six months of activities and workshops, while the participants raise money for college. The "Beau" who raises the most money for college is named "Mr. Beautillion." Awards are also given for academics, artistic talent and other achievements.

The Links, Inc. is an international, not-for-profit corporation. ●●

WHEN: 6 p.m. Sat., April 10, 2021
WHY: College Scholarships for Local Students
VIEW VIRTUAL EVENT: Educational Access Cox Cable channel 20, The Community Voice newspaper Facebook page; and a rebroadcast on KSCW Cox Cable channel 5 & over-the-air channel 33 at 9:35 p.m.



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'Dignity And Grace': New Historical Marker Showcases the Life & Legacy of Hattie McDaniel

By Suzanne Perez
Kansas News Service

Hattie McDaniel made history as the first Black actor to win an Academy Award, for her role as Mammy in "Gone with the Wind."

Now, visitors passing her childhood home near 9th St. and Waco in Wichita can read all about her.

A colorful new memorial showcasing the actor's life and career was dedicated March 31 at 925 N. Wichita, across the street from where McDaniel once lived. It replaces a trail marker dedicated there by The Kansas African American Museum in 2011, which was removed after the sign's sponsor went out of business.

About 100 people gathered near the new marker on a sunny afternoon to remember McDaniel and honor her life. Among them was Ebony Clemons-Ajibolade, who read an original poem, "Black Not Accepted," by Kevin John Goff, a descendant of McDaniel's.

"But Wichita accepts her," Clemons-Ajibolade read. "All of you

here today accept her. You understand. You try to hold back the tears, for you were born in that everyday kind of pain that she knew all too well."

The new marker relates McDaniel's remarkable history: Her father, Henry McDaniel, was a former slave who fought in the Civil War. He moved his family to Manhattan, Kansas, and then to a portion of Wichita previously known as the "Black District," where Hattie was born.

The youngest of 13 children, McDaniel moved with her family to Colorado when she was 5. She began her career in vaudeville and was a talented singer, songwriter, playwright, dancer, radio show host and



comedienne.

When "Gone with the Wind" was set to be released in 1939, the producer scheduled a gala premiere in Atlanta, the hometown of author Margaret Mitchell. Because of Jim



(L) Hattie McDaniel and husband James Lloyd Crawford arrive at the 1939 Oscars. (Above) Denise Sherman, executive director of The Kansas African American Museum, and Carla Eckels, KMUW's director of cultural diversity, news and engagement, stand at the site of the Hattie McDaniel marker at 925 N. Wichita, across the street from where McDaniel once lived.

Crow laws in effect at the time, McDaniel and other Black actors were denied entrance to the premiere, and their photos were removed from a souvenir program.

Denise Sherman, executive director of the Kansas African American Museum, choked up toward the end of the dedication ceremony as she

reflected on McDaniel's career and its impact on Black history.

"I want to really share with you how blessed we are today," Sherman said. "That we can come together and recognize an awesome African-American woman who endured so much but left a positive legacy for all of us."

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GraceMed, Healthcore Offer Trusted Places to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination

As Kansas opens up COVID vaccinations to everyone 18 and older, two trusted community health centers are teaming up to make sure communities of color in Wichita have equal access to shots.

GraceMed and HealthCore have found common cause in the effort to reach out to minority and low-income neighborhoods they have historically served, with administering vaccines and providing trusted information about the vaccines.

"Both of our organizations have known for some time that there would be a reluctance to accept the vaccine once it was available," said GraceMed CEO, Venus Lee. "Our initial focus was on testing, but now that the vaccine is available, it's time to get the word out that it's available, safe and effective."

GraceMed began vaccinating by appointment starting March 10, working under state guidelines as part of a group of 250 community

health centers nationwide who were authorized by the federal government as vaccination sites.

"We worked together with HealthCore to ensure they were able to provide vaccinations as well," Lee noted. "But it wasn't very long at all before they also received authorization, significantly increasing access to underserved populations in the area," said Lee.

Healthcore & GraceMed Vaccinations

- To sign up for a vaccine at Healthcore, 2707 E. 21st St. N, Wichita, go to HealthCoreClinic.org/covid-19 or call (316) 691-0249.

- To sign up for a vaccine at GraceMed Wichita, 1150 N. Broadway, call (316) 866-2000.

- To sign up for a vaccine at GraceMed Capitol Family Clinic, Topeka, call (785)861-8800.

The two Federally Qualified Health Centers are planning to continue sharing resources to get shots in arms at various pop-up locations and shared events.

"It's really an all-hands-on-deck situation as we confront this virus together," said Teresa Lovelady, president and CEO of HealthCore. "Venus and I are fortunate to be a part of two organizations that are laser focused on our missions to serve the underserved, and that gives everyone involved a common bond in a crisis like this."

The priority now for GraceMed and HealthCore is to wage a public information campaign to help the public make a well-informed decision to get the shot.

"We're both moving forward with multimedia messages that not only say we're here and ready to vaccinate, but that you can trust us when we say this shot is saving lives," Lee explained. "These are two organiza-

tions that have built strong relationships of trust with minority populations, so we're hopeful that will make a difference as we go out and recruit arms to inoculate."

GraceMed continues to operate its drive-through testing at its Administration Center, 1150 N. Broadway, with appointments on Mon., Wed. and Thurs. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Vaccination appointments are available throughout the week at the same facility. GraceMed also provides vaccinations at its

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We're both moving forward with multimedia messages that not only say we're here and ready to vaccinate, but that you can trust us when we say this shot is saving lives.

Venus Lee, GraceMed CEO ”

Topeka and McPherson clinics. More information is available by calling (316) 866-2000 or visiting www.GraceMed.org/covid-crisis. ●●



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New Pro Basketball team to Debut in Wichita This Weekend

By Bonita Gooch
The Community Voice

Wichita has a new professional basketball team, the Midtown Prestige and they kick off their season this weekend at their home court Charles Koch Arena on Wichita State University campus.

The Prestige, with Tyler O'Quinn, team market owner, are part of The Basketball League, which is considered a third-tier professional basketball league. The league, which was formed in 2018, has grown from eight teams in its inaugural season to 25 teams this year spread across the United States. The Prestige are a part of the league's Southern region, which includes Texas teams from Houston, Waco, Lewisville, and Dallas. Other teams in the region include Shreveport, LA; Little Rock, AR; and Enid, OK.

"We are thrilled to have the great city of Wichita in TBL family," says Evelyn Magley, TBL CEO. "The love for basketball is strong and Tyler's passion for his community is powerful. That combination will make for an entertaining & impactful experience for all"

THIS IS PRO BALL

This is not semi-pro team; this is

professional basketball says O'Quinn.

"No longer will we stand by and let Wichita call professional basketball 'semi-pro,'" he said.

He says being called "semi-pro" has a negative connotation that takes the well-deserved attention away from hard-working athletes.

League players are former college players, some of them from Division I schools, with some players having overseas professional ball experience and some with time in the NBA.

"It's a good opportunity for everyone," says forward Mike Zeno. "These last few weeks we've been getting a lot of skill work in."

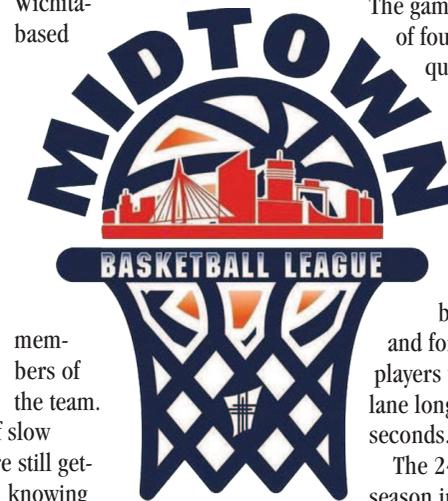
Zeno, of Beaumont, TX, says that the team is extremely focused on the first games scheduled for this weekend.

The 12-man roster of players, consist of five out-of-town players with the rest of the players having local ties. They've been practicing as a team during the last three weeks. In those few weeks, they've really jelled



Tyler O'Quinn is the team market owner of the Midtown Prestige

as a team, says player Lee Anthony McLeroy, one of the Wichita-based



members of the team.

"It started off slow because we were still getting acclimated, knowing who we are," says McLeroy. "Now, we feel locked in. We feel like a team and we feel like we can trust each other."

With quality play, the team members are hoping to earn the community's support.

"If we go out there and show that we're not professional or we're not good enough ... and we don't give them a show, who's gonna come back to watch us, who's going to be a fan?" McLeroy said. "So if we give out that show, then it's going to bring more people."

EXPECT A SHOW

So, it seems the message is, expect a show from this high-energy league.

The games consist of four 12-minute quarters and they follow FIBA rules, which according to the rule book allows players to take the ball off the rim and for defensive players to stay in the lane longer than three seconds.

The 24-game season includes 12 home games and 12 away. The teams first four games are at home. They play on the road the whole month of May, but they're back in town for most of June. Following the team's premiere game against the Omaha Finest on Sat., April 10 at 3 p.m., they're back the next day, Sun., April 11, for a 7 p.m. game against the Houston Push.

The next weekend, the team have another Saturday/Sunday combo. With their Sat., April 17 game against the Lewisville Leopards and the Sun., April 18, game against the Dallas

Skyline.

Individual tickets to the game are \$15 each, with tickets for students, senior and military \$7 each. Tickets for groups of 10 or more can be purchased for \$50 each. Tickets can be purchased in advance through the WSU ticket box or at the door. For online tickets go to <https://goshockers.com/sports/tickets> click on tickets on the toolbar and then Midtown basketball.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PLAYERS

O'Quinn sees the league as an opportunity for advancement for these players.

"The league is not meant for players to stay here and live here and be here for years to come. It's made almost like, a junior college and you get your film, you get your stats, and let's go find you guys better opportunities," said O'Quinn. "We give them a three-month season in the middle of the summer and ... they can continue to do the work that the Lord put on their heart which is playing the game of basketball.

O'Quinn and the players are excited about their upcoming season.

"Our players are overly excited about the opportunity to play pro basketball," says O'Quinn. "I hope the city takes us as serious as we do." ●●

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New Generation Being Introduced to KC Monarchs' Legend and Gear

The Kansas City Monarchs will take the field again on May 18. No, not the historic KC Monarchs, the stars of the Negro Baseball Leagues, but the newly renamed KC Monarchs, a name change announced for the former Kansas City T-Bones baseball team in Kansas City, KS.

In an unprecedented agreement, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum entered into a licensing partnership with the team. The museum owns the rights to the KC Monarchs brand as well as the rights to all of the former Negro Leagues Teams. Proceeds from licensing of these rights has been a reliable source of income for the museum since it opened in 1990.

However, this licensing agreement could prove much more lucrative. While the terms of the licensing agreement have not been released, it appears the agreement includes not only a fee from KC Monarchs-branded items, but also from ticket sales.

In addition to an increase in revenue, the licensing agreement also increases the museum's exposure and helps to bring the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues to an even broader audience. The museum will have a display on the history of the leagues at all Monarchs games and will also set up the display at Monarchs away games.

Even before the new Monarchs

take the field, a KC Monarchs pop-up shops has opened at the Legends Outlet Mall. Team apparel, all kinds of accessories and game tickets will be available for purchase.

The original KC Monarchs, formed in 1920, was one of the longest-running teams in the Negro Leagues, with well-known players like Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige.

On Thursday, April 15, which is Jackie Robinson Day, the baseball club will release new uniforms to commemorate Robinson, who was the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. The new home and away jerseys will be available for purchase in all sizes at the

KC Monarchs pop-up shop beginning April 16.

"We are thrilled that the proud legacy of the great Kansas City Monarchs will take the field again and look forward to sharing our story through a myriad of opportunities made possible through this historic alliance," said Bob Kendrick, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum president in a press release.

Visit the KC Monarchs website for more information about the team, game schedules and tickets: MonarchsBaseball.com. The pop-up store at the Legends will close May 31. ●●



KC Monarch gear is available through May 31 at a pop-up shop in the Legends, KCK.

Wichita Honors Local Heroes at 1st Annual Neighborhood Awards

More than a dozen deserving Northeast Wichita residents were recognized at the Wichita Neighborhood Awards, a night of fun and celebration recognizing community heroes held Sat., March 27 at Rouch of Class Event Center, Wichita.

Individuals recognized were Bernia Williams, Felicia Rolfe, Rickey Hoy, Injoy Fountain, Tracey Mason, Pastor T.W. Wade, Greg "The Hitman" Williams, Rep. Gail Finney, Dr. Charles Cole-

man, Twanda Hamilton, Theo Cribbs, Jr. Charles Knox, and Azebe Telele.

Light hors d'oeuvres were served and music was provided by D.J. Ricky. It was great to attend a live, but socially distanced event. Bring on the vaccine and more great community events.

This event was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Don Thompson, Azeb Telele, Charles Knox, Diane Webb and LaWanda DeShazer. ●●



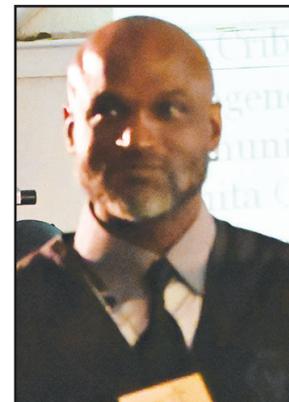
Twanda Hamilton



Felicia Rolfe, Injoy Fountain, Rep. Gail Finney



Rickey Hoy



Tracey Mason



Pastor T. L. Wade



(L-R) Anthony Miller, Charles Knox, "Coach" Theo Cribbs, Jr., Ulyesses "Coach" DeShazer, and Jerrold Finney. The four were among a group who joined Cribbs on stage when he asked all former Bulldogs to come forward.



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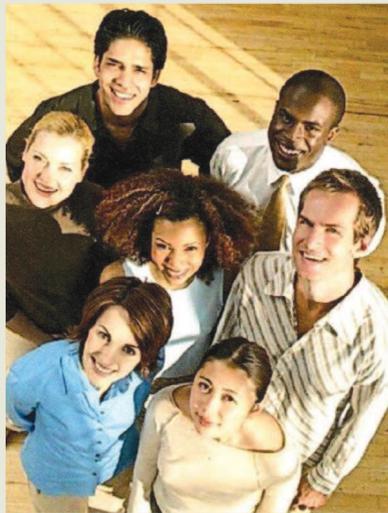
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National Juneteenth Activist Opal Lee to Speak in Topeka

The City of Topeka, KS Topeka Family & Friends Juneteenth Celebration Inc. will welcome social justice activist Opal Lee to their city on Fri., April 23. Lee, a founding member of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, has worked for more than 40 years to keep and expand the celebration of “Our Freedom Day, June 19, 1865. This is the day all enslaved people were free.

Everyone is welcome to come hear from the 94-year-old dynamic trailblazer, 5:30 p.m. at the Big Shelter House in Gage Park, 635 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS. You will get to speak with Ms. Opal, get an

autograph, take pictures and purchase books.

On Sat., April 24, 10 a.m. the Topeka Juneteenth committee will sponsor a Unity Walk at the Kansas State Capitol, 300 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka. The walk will start from the south steps of the capitol.

In addition



to Lee, attendees will hear from Topeka Mayor Michelle De La Isla.

Plans for the Topeka Family and Friends Juneteenth Celebration 2021 are coming together. The Juneteenth celebration will kick off with a parade on June 12. Consult their website, tffc.org for the start time and the parade route. The grand day celebration will be on 19, at Hillcrest Community Center and Park, 1800 S.E. 21st St, Topeka. The program will begin with the historical significance of Juneteenth and continue with music, swimming, poetry spoken word, singers, dancers, food and vendors. ●●

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The historical marker is part of an initiative among The Kansas African American Museum, the city of Wichita and KMW Radio.

Carla Eckels, KMW’s director of cultural diversity, news and engagement, helped raise interest and funds for the historical marker after interviewing

fellow Wichitan Karla Burns at the site in 2019. Burns, a Broadway performer who portrayed McDaniel in a musical called “Hi-Hat Hattie,” was distressed that the marker noting the actor’s birthplace had been removed.

“You never know where a story will take you,” Eckels said at the dedication. “After the interview aired, there was an outpouring of calls and emails from KMW listeners ... And she now has a

historic marker in her birthplace — Wichita, Kansas.

“As you will read on her historic marker, she lived her life with dignity and grace, proudly and bravely serving as an inspiration and shining example to all who knew her and for the generations to follow.”

You can view the new historical marker from a walking and biking path just east of Waco, between north 8th and 9th streets. ●●

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Jackson Mortuary Wichita

Dean, Regina, 60, died 03/30/21. Service was held 04/09/21. She is survived by: Husband; KeLvin Dean, Mother: Bennie Reagans, Children: Tisalie Jones, Herbert Jones, Kama-ron D. Latonio T. Dean, Latara Dean, Whitney Dean & Marquel Dean, Sister: Rena Wilson, Brothers: Don C. Reagans Haywood L. Thompson, Sharon Henley.

Henley, Raleigh R., 77, died 03/26/21. Service was held 04/05/21. He is survived by: Wife; Betty Henley, Children: Tynice Henley & Marquis Henley, Brother & Sister Wanda Scott & Doncella White

Hutton, MarcKasha "KK" R., 21, died 03/15/21. Service was held 03/26/21. She is survived by: Parents; Marcus Hutton & Shoneka Dickson-Banfield, Sisters & brothers; Shawn-driaira & Shallisa Gasper, LaShonta Glass, JasMariah Carter, Brianna, Kristian & Byron, Jr. Dickson.

Mackey, Linda K., 64, died 03/17/21. No service details. She is survived by: Mother; Theosia L. Wesley, Son; Londrey Mackey, Daughter; Jessica Ikerionwu, Sister & Brothers; Betty J. Mackey, Edward E. Mackey, Edward O. Mackey & Lafayette Mackey.

Martin, Jerry D., 69, died 03/29/21. Private memorial service held. She is survived by: Brothers & sisters; Eddie Martin, W. D. Martin, Jr., Nora Johnson, Peggy Williams, Troy Martin, Sr., Cynthia Martin & Keith Martin.

Reddins, Virginia, 98, died

03/28/21. Service was held 04/09/21. She is survived by: Son; Mark Edward Reddins.

Reed, Nasir, infant, died 03/21/21. Service was held 04/02/21. Survived by: Parents; Arlando Reed, Sr. & Nastssia Menefee

Smart, Leroy, 81, died 03/22/21. Service was held 04/03/21. He is survived by: Wife; Anna, Daughters; Trina, Tori, Dione. Trinete Mitchell, Son; Leroy M., Brothers; Earl, Vernon, Wendell, Richard, John, & Sister; Lawanda Patton.

Trotter- Shokayev, Demetria, 42, died 03/21/21. Service was held 04/10/21. She is survived by: Parents; Anthony C. Trotter, Sr. & Sharon A. Johnson-Trotter, Children; Nikolay, Alexander & Gavriil Shokaryev, Siblings; Sophia Trotter, Dominique Trotter & Anthony Trotter, Jr.

Biglow Funeral Wichita

Ingram, Willie J., 66, died 03/24/21. Service was held 03/30/21

Johnson, Helen V., 66, died 03/29/21. Service is pending.

Leis, Linda S., 70, died 03/24/21. Service was held 03/31/21.

Simpson, Johnny R., 57, died 03/26/21. Service is pending.

Old Mission Wichita

Cornell, Jerolene M., 84, died 03/16/21. Service was held 03/22/21.

Corp, Stephen E., 76, died 03/17/21. No service details.

Sherffius, Margaret, 91, died 04/02/21. No further details.

Central Avenue Wichita

Piyarat, Norvella, 72, died 03/25/21. Memorial service will be held 04/11/21 at 2pm at 13th St Sports Park Community Centre, 1008 E. 13th Andover, KS.

Witt, Keshia S., 35, died 03/24/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Thatcher Funeral KCMO

Burton, Ruthie B. (Scott), 85, died 03/28/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Harris, James E., 87, died 03/23/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Mitchell Sr., Carnest "Sarge", 87, died 03/23/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

Owens Jr., Lance E., 28, died 03/21/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

Sykes, Alvin L., 64, died 03/19/21. Service was held 04/01/21.

Duane E. Harvey KCMO

Boswell-Wash, Patricia E., 72, died 03/22/21. Service was held 03/29/21.

Jackson, Lillie V., 72, died 04/01/21. Service was held 04/09/21.

Pettus, Terry E., 65, died 01/14/21. Service was held 03/20/21.

Thomas, Eddie J., 75 died 03/31/21. Service was held 04/10/21.

Whyte, Deacon Terah C., 73, died 03/07/21. Service was held 03/27/21.

E. S. Eley & Sons KCMO

Baugh, William M., 76, died 03/17/21. Service was held 03/29/21.

Brown, Jr., William, 70, died 03/09/21. Service was held 03/20/21.

Graves-McCallop, Karen M., 69, died 03/15/21. Service was held 03/27/21.

Jordan-Thurston, Sandra E., 78, died 03/09/21. Service was held 03/19/21.

Snead, Larry S., 61, died 03/27/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Wyrick, Judy M., 68, died 03/13/21. Service was held 03/21/21.

Lawrence A. Jones & Sons KCMO

Brooks, Marvin L., 72, died 03/28/21. Service was held 04/05/21.

Colbert, Michael L., 69, died 03/27/21. Service was held 04/08/21.

Cruse, Rhett, infant, died 03/22/21. Private service held.

Dickerson, Helen, 76, died 03/15/21. Service was held 03/26/21.

Hammond, Roy L., 85, died 02/12/21. Service was held 04/10/21.

Hunter, Inell, 77, died 03/29/21. Service was held 04/09/21.

Hurley, Ronald L., 68, died 03/25/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

Jefferson, Bobbie J., 70, died 02/28/21. Service was held 03/27/21.

Jones, Eric, 57, died 03/29/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

King, Lezley, 54, died 03/24/21. Service was held 04/10/21.

Locke, Bernice, 102, died 03/13/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

McDowell, Lance, 62, died 03/20/21. Service was held 04/05/21.

Mills, Melba, 86, died 03/15/21. Service was held 03/27/21.

Morton, Ah-Ponah, infant, died 03/28/21. No service details.

Peters, Bennie J., 82, died 03/17/21. Service was held 03/23/21.

Potts, Robert, 49, died 03/23/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Scott, Merrill E., 57, died 03/19/21. Service was held 03/27/21.

Reynolds, Maurice J., 38, died 03/10/21. Service was held 03/26/21.

Taffe, Wilma L., 88, died 03/30/21. Service was held 04/03/21.

Taylor, Jr., Jordan L., newborn, died 03/25/21. Service was held 04/02/21.

Watkins, Elisabeth, 90, died 03/25/21. Service will be held at 11 a.m. on 04/17/21 at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 2411 E. 27th, KCMO.

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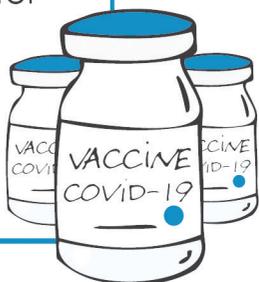
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