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STATE OF KANSAS ENDING AUGUST, 2025

FUND BALANCE

GENERAL FUND	6,920,514.17
ARPA/AMERICAN RESC PLAN A	44,114.85
JUDICIAL DISTRICT	5,756.58
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	1,133,825.26
FAIR FUND	860.47
AIRPORT FUND	350,644.56
COUNTY BUILDING FUND	2,777,060.34
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	107,940.37
LIBRARY	69,626.99
AMBULANCE/EMERG MGMT FUND	247,692.24
FIRE DEPT	235,004.93
HOSPITAL MAINT FUND	16,179.81
KEFAA/SMART ADDICTION ACT	22,962.67
ROAD MACHINERY FUND	219,395.04
NOXIOUS WEED EQUIP FUND	192,310.04
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,118,180.32
INSURANCE AGENCY	3,222.00
ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT FUND	131,919.05
DIVERSION	5,354.01
INSURANCE AGENCY-DAMAGES	118,794.28
WELLNESS CENTER REQUEST	20,626.44
AMBULANCE REQUEST FUND	8,714.34
SV CO COMMUNITY HEALTH	1,105.98
GRANTS - COMMUNITY HEALTH	272,916.98
FIRE REQUEST	28,892.77
AIRPORT GRANTS	28,892.77
911 LAND LINE-DO NOT USE	12,741.59
911 E WIRELESS	386,081.04
NEKANDO	51,063.99
SPEC LAW ENFORCEMENT	51,063.99
OMG VALUATION DEP TR FUND	3,453,633.70
EMPLOYEES BENEFIT-LIBRARY	485.64
SHERIFF FUND	721,554.45
BOND AND INT (HOME)	12,650.99
LANDFILL CLOSURE	446,707.26
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	282,482.46
EMS EQUIPMENT FUND	134,344.59
SOLID WASTE EQUIP FUND	10,079.59
GIS EQUIPMENT FUND	40,465.83
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUND	42,214.29
NON SPECIFIC EQUIP FUND	1,698,239.78
TREASURER'S TECH FUND	12,650.99
COUNTY CLERKS TECH FUND	82,266.68
REG OF DEEDS TECH FUND	3,642.25
TREASURER SPEC AUTO FUND	3,972.00
PROSECUTOR TRAINING FUND	191,813.64
DRIVERS LICENSE	2,086.60
KCOVERS	3,763.47
FED W/H TAX FUND	2,899.05
STATE W/H TAX FUND	7,400.81
EMPLOYEE'S P/R MISC W/H	11,515.56
MASA	28.00
AUTO FRINGE	360.00
KPERKS	258,739.02
KPERC 457 - GREAT WEST	39,331.36
SUPERIOR VISION	1,106.13
AFLAC	13,155.10
UNUM-LONG TERM CARE (EMP)	1,183.02
SURENEX-FLEX SPEND ACCT	246,393.54
CURR TAX FUND - BUDGET YR	49,945.61
PROTEST FUND/BUDGET YR	71,331.73
DELINO PERSONAL TAX FUND	177,191.69
DELINO REAL EST TAX FUND	191,813.64
VEHICLE REG TAX	3,049.58
RV TAX	153.97
EXCISE TAX	1,155.96
VEHICLE TAX-BGT YR-16&20M	349.51
WATERCRAFT TAX	832.53
DELINO PERS TX WATERCRAFT	1,235.89
INSUFFICIENT CHECK FUND	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	22,506,430.92

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Jaime Rich
COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SHOWN TO BEFORE ME THIS 1 DAY OF August, 2025

Angela Shaw
COUNTY CLERK/NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1-8-2029



Wednesday night at the Stevens County Fair is Religious night. These talented ladies entertained the audience with some great music.

Governor Kelly proclaims August Kansas Breastfeeding Month

Governor Laura Kelly recently signed a proclamation recognizing August as “Kansas Breastfeeding Month.” This proclamation recognizes the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of Kansans.

“We are extremely pleased with Governor Kelly’s proclamation, which highlights the importance of breastfeeding support for families in Kansas. This proclamation supports their decision and provides a foundation to build a landscape of breast-feeding support in our state,” Brenda Bandy, IBCLC, Executive Director of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC), said.

“Breastfeeding is a public health priority in Kansas,” Dereck Totten, MD, KDHE Chief Medical Officer, said. “Improving breastfeeding rates reflects the strength of our statewide partnerships and community collaboration. Breastfeeding is a vital step in safeguarding the health of both parents and infants that we remain committed to promoting and supporting.”

Nearly 90 percent of families in Kansas choose to breastfeed. Kansas is ranked fourth in the nation for ex-

clusively breastfeeding at three months, and fifth in the nation at six months. However, only around one in three Kansas infants are exclusively breastfed through the critical first six months of life. Lack of support and barriers in the workplace can often be obstacles for parents who choose to breast-feed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) provides guidance on breastfeeding which calls for policy changes to address obstacles for parents who choose to breastfeed, including universal paid maternity leave and insurance coverage for lactation support. Establishing better breastfeeding support will improve both baby and mother’s future health and reduce reliance on infant formula.

Today’s proclamation stresses the role of every Kansan to make breastfeed-ing easier in our state. The KBC State of Breastfeeding in Kansas 2024 report has action items and resources for individuals, employers, child care providers, healthcare professionals, and others to support breastfeeding.



Steve Lewis, Moderator of the museum, and his wife, Kim gave away free ink pens and fans to help cool off during the heat of the day at the Stevens County Fair last week. Come see the many displays and buildings full of exhibits when you visit the Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum.



July 11, Stacey and Laurie from the Stevens County Library joined the Finney County Library, Hamilton County Library, Lane County Library, and the Haskell Township Library at the Western Kansas Community Foundation Non-Profit Fair in Garden City. The librarians were promoting library services such as Craft Events, Kansas Statewide Library Services (CloudLibrary, Vooks, etc), Storytimes, Library Advocacy, and Library of Things. It was a great day full of library advocacy and learning about resources available in Southwest Kansas.



GCCC to host Express Enrollment Event August 13

Garden City Community College will host a one-day Express Enrollment event Wednesday, August 13, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student and Community Services Center (SCSC), located at 801 Campus Drive, Garden City, KS 67846. This event is designed to help new and returning students complete the entire enrollment process in a single, streamlined visit before classes begin Monday, August 18.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Apply for admission
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Complete placement testing (if needed)
- Submit the FAFSA and receive financial aid support
- Register for fall classes
- Learn about GCCC resources

“Express Enrollment is a simple, student-friendly way to help new and returning Busters get everything done in one place,” said Karlie

Purdy, GCCC Director of Admissions. “With fall classes just around the corner, now is the perfect time to take that first step.”

Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure personalized assistance, but walk-ins are welcome. To pre-register, please visit: https://gcccks.formstack.com/forms/express_enrollment.

Garden City Community College offers more than 45 academic and technical programs, including Crop Production Technology, Fire Science, Paramedic, Robotics, and many more. With dedicated faculty, affordable tuition, and small class sizes that support personalized learning, students gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed. From here, you can go anywhere.

For more information or questions, please contact GCCC Admissions by calling 620-276-7611 or emailing admission@gcccks.edu.

Forbes ranks K-State No. 3 among America’s best employers for women

Kansas State University’s commitment to being a top employer in Kansas and higher education was recognized in the national spotlight on July 30 when Forbes ranked the university No. 3 on its list of America’s Best Employers for Women.

Forbes also included a profile on the university as one of its featured companies.

K-State placed third out of 700 U.S. companies and first among 50 universities/colleges ranked nationwide. It is one of only three employers in the state of Kansas to be ranked; AMC Entertainment in Leawood is ranked 626 and Garmin in Olathe is ranked 643.

“This recognition underscores K-State’s ongoing commitment to becoming an employer of choice — one that empowers faculty and staff with the opportunities and resources they need to succeed and thrive,” said Shanna Legleiter, chief human resources officer. “Supporting our people in this way is essential to realizing our vision of becoming the next-generation land-grant university.”

Of K-State’s nearly 4,600 employees, 56% are women. Women also comprise 50% of K-State’s 1,662 supervisors and 40% of the university’s academic deans/interim deans.

“At K-State, we’re committed to fostering growth, creating opportunities and celebrating the contributions of our employees,” Legleiter said. “We’re proud to have an outstanding com-

munity of department heads, supervisors, faculty, staff and student employees, all of whom play a vital role in making K-State an exceptional place to work.”

The ranking is based on a survey of more than 140,000 women working at companies with at least 1,000 employees. Survey respondents were asked how likely they were to recommend their current — and previous employers — and if they would recommend any employers they knew in their industry or through family and friends. Participants were also asked to rate their current employers in areas like working environment, pay equity, parental leave and the company’s handling of incidents related to sexual misconduct and discrimination.

Employees often cite K-State for its people-centered culture and robust benefits. Those include generous vacation and sick leave, tuition assistance, flexible work options, parental and military leave, and remote work opportunities for certain roles. Employees also have access to leadership-development resources, such as the Building Next-Gen Leadership Series and James R. Coffman Leadership Institute.

Earlier this year, Forbes also recognized K-State as one of America’s Best Midsize Employers. Out of the 498 midsize companies recognized, K-State ranked No. 40. The university was one of only 39 educational institutions on the list, and the only one in the state of Kansas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bullying can happen to just about anyone in any school in any town in the country. It is important to realize that bullying can occur in person, online and even through devices.

Rumor-spreading and verbal insults are forms of bullying. Students do not always report behaviors that are indicative of bullying, so bullying instances may be greater than data suggests.

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children says 13 million students will be bullied in the United States this year. Around 160,000 students miss school daily for fear of being bullied.

The U.S. Department of Justice says one in four children are bullied. Bullying

also is a problem in Canada. According to the 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth, the majority of Canadian youth between the ages of 12 and 17 (71 percent) reported experiencing at least one form of bullying in the 12-month period prior to the survey. Eighty-nine percent of Canadian teachers see cyberbullying as a top concern, and 42 percent of bullied youths face it monthly.

Parents, educators and students need to be aware of bullying and treat it with the concern it deserves.

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