

City of St. George

The Kansas River City

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KAWnsas Fest

Downtown St. George, KS – KAWnsas Fest rocked the town with unforgettable excitement!

This past Saturday, August 24th, Shaneyfelt Memorial Park was transformed into a hub of excitement and community spirit as KAWnsas Fest took over downtown. The beloved small-town’s big celebration brought residents and visitors together for a day filled with action-packed activities and memorable moments.

The festivities kicked off with a lively parade, showcasing an impressive performance by they extremely talented Topeka High School Drumline, setting the stage for an unforgettable day.

Highlighting the day’s events were thrilling bed races. Onlookers cheered as teams raced down the track in decorated beds, where the City Employees took 1st place. The action didn’t stop there – participants also took part in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, where team 2 Guys and an Old Man took 1st.

The park hosted a vibrant mix of live music, food and craft vendors, and activities for the kids.

A big THANK YOU to all that came out! We look forward to seeing you all next year!



City Pulse: August Council Highlights

In the August 8th Council meeting City Council reviewed and discussed the Camping Resolution and Pool Ordinances. These unfinished/old business items will be on the next meeting agenda.

The city passed an ordinance officially moving council meetings to the first Thursday of each month. The change was made to accommodate the city attorney’s new schedule

Mayor Debby Werth reported packets regarding the easements needed for Safe Routes to School project have been sent out to property owners.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 5th at 7pm, located at the Lighthouse Church. Community involvement is crucial — come join the conversation! All are welcome to participate and contribute to our city's future.

Election Results



Doug Adams won the primary election with 2,553 votes, while Derek Cid received 1,877 votes.

Other local winners from the Tuesday election included Richard L. Weixelman, Merl Page, Bill Drew, Gary Yenzler, and Terry Force.

RESULTS

Wamego City Council: Dale Culbertson - 169; Caleb Ubel - 139; Richard Weixelman - 265; Jesse Figge -145.

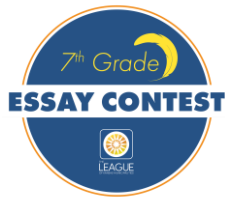
County Sheriff: Derek Cid - 1877; Doug Adams - 2553.

County Commission #2: Merl Page - 506; Nancy McCarter - 362.

County Commission #3: Bill Drew - 921; Greg Riat - 507.

County Commission #4: Gary D. Yenzler - 206, Hans K. Tessmann - 66; Michel Kerwook - 70; Paul Strunk - 205.

County Commion #5: Armon Bosse - 206; Charles Depew - 216; Terry force - 541.



Local Leaders of Tomorrow: 7th Grade Essay Contest

**2024-25 Compelling Question to Answer:
How does local government or your community positively impact your life?**

CONTEST RULES

Open to all Kansas students enrolled in 7th grade during 2024-2025 school year.

Question must be answered in 500 words or less.

Essays must be submitted to the League via Google Form by March 3, 2025.

Criteria

Essays will be evaluated with the CBA Middle School Level Rubric, which can be found at this site.

www.lkm.org/essaycontest

1. Claim/Thesis
2. Evidence
3. Reasoning

Prizes

Five regional winners receive \$125. The sixth regional and overall winner will receive \$250.

Winning essays will be published in the Kansas Government Journal.

Winners and their teacher are invited to attend a special ceremony to be held in Topeka in May 2025.



Neighborly Nudges

- Council Meetings have been moved to the first Thursday of the Month starting in September.
- Harvesters returns on September 12th at 10am in the parking of the United Methodist Church.
- St. George Farmers Market is every Thursday from 3:30 – 6:30 in Shaneyfelt Memorial Park under the Pavilion.
- St. George Elementary School is looking for additional volunteer crossing guards. If interested, please contact Megan Umscheid. umscheid@usd323.org / 785.494.2482
- We kindly ask residents to refrain from spraying grass clippings into the streets. Proper disposal of clippings helps prevent clogs and ensures our drainage systems function effectively. It also keeps our motorcyclist safe.

Mark your Calendars

Events in and around the surrounding area

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| September 14th – Green Chile Festival, A&H Farms – Manhattan, KS | September 26th – September Stroll in the Gardens – Manhattan, KS |
| September 15th – 3 rd Annual Wabash on the Prairie – Manhattan, KS | September 25th – K-State All-University Career Fair – Manhattan, KS |
| September 19th – Third Thursday: Community art project – Manhattan, KS | September 27th – Brew at the Zoo – Sunset Zoo, Manhattan, KS |
| September 21th – Paxico Blues Festival – Paxico, KS | September 29th – Open Hood Sunday, Midwest Dream Car Collection – Manhattan, KS |

National Suicide Prevention Month: Let's Make a Difference

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a crucial time for our community to come together and support mental health awareness. With suicide being a significant issue that affects many lives, it's essential that we work collectively to provide help and hope.

Understanding the Issue Suicide is a leading cause of death and can impact anyone, regardless of age or background. Many who contemplate suicide feel isolated and overwhelmed, which is why recognizing the signs and offering support is so important.

Common risk factors include mental health conditions, substance abuse, trauma, and social isolation.

How We Can Help

1. Start the Conversation: Open and honest discussions about mental health can make a big difference. Encourage friends and family to talk about their feelings and listen without judgment.
2. Share Resources: Make sure everyone knows where to find help. Share contact information for local mental health services and crisis hotlines. In the U.S., the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 at 988.

3. Support One Another: Regularly check in on friends and loved ones. Sometimes, just knowing someone cares can be incredibly comforting.
4. Get Involved: Support local mental health initiatives and consider participating in or organizing events that promote awareness and education.

Suicide is preventable, and there is always hope. By fostering a supportive and caring environment, we can make a significant impact. If you or someone you know is struggling, remember that help is available

Reach out, offer support, and let's work together to build a community where everyone feels valued and heard.

Together, we can make a difference. Let's use this month to reaffirm our commitment to mental health and show that our community stands united in preventing suicide.

Help is Here

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Call or Text: 988

Fort Riley Suicide Prevention Assistance. (785) 239-HELP

Pawnee Crisis Hotline
1 (800) 609-2002

1558 Hayes Dr
Manhattan, KS 66502
pawnee.org