

Adventures in Learning - Friday, August 9, 2024

9:00 - 9:50 am News and Views - Current Events - Get Involved with Kevin McFarland

Kevin McFarland stays abreast of the news and asks for YOUR views. Discussions cover everything from City Council issues to national politics; an exchange of ideas & viewpoints. Comments welcomed.

9:00 - 9:50 am Go! Cashless with KTA by Bruce Meisch, Director of Technology

For nearly 70 years, the Kansas Turnpike has been a reliable and customer-valued transportation option, for both Kansas and the region. The Kansas Turnpike Authority remains focused on its organizational goals to preserve and modernize the roadway. 2024 marks the biggest change since KTA's beginning: cashless tolling. This presentation will take a deeper dive into the decisions and steps KTA is taking to make this historic change while staying true to its values. You'll learn how cashless tolling will work and what the change means for you.

9:00 - 9:50 am Bethany Place: A Hidden Topeka Treasure with Melodie Woerman - In Person and via Zoom

Near the center of Topeka is a 20-acre parcel of land that dates to the earliest days of our city's founding. Known for decades as Bethany Place, this land has served as home to three schools, a church and church hall, a home and offices for Episcopal bishops, and now a space for meditation and education. Come and learn more about how this land has been shaped by Topeka's history and continues to play a role in its life today.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Presbyterian Manor

10:40 - 11:30 am A-Fib and The Watchman Procedure with Dr. Ahmed Souka, Medical Director of the Structural Heart Program

Dr. Souka will help you to understand the Watchman procedure and its role in reducing stroke risk. Learn about the procedure's benefits for atrial fibrillation (A-Fib) patients. Come and ask questions and engage in an insightful discussion.

10:40 - 11:30 am Reverse Reality - The Forward Journey of a Backwards Runner with Aaron Yoder

From humble roots and cowboy boots to a renowned reverse runner. Through adversity and injuries forged an opportunity that God provided to reach many. The simple act of turning it around allowed for a new way to be a testament displaying how our struggles become our strengths.

10:40 - 11:30 am College Hill Nautilus Club with Jenny Bergstrom — In Person & via Zoom

Nautilus Club was organized in 1894 by some of the wives of Washburn professors, in pursuing their own growth in knowledge & a way of establishing a cohesive College Hill neighborhood. Their story is told by 5 current Nautilus members portraying earlier club women & using historical minutes.

Adventures in Learning - Friday, August 16, 2024

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9:00 - 9:50 am What's Happening at the Library with Autumn Friedli, Program Services Coordinator

Autumn will start by talking about the ways you can use the library, move on to all the spaces in the library and finish by discussing the things you can expect from your library in the next five years. Don't worry, Autumn will leave time at the end for questions!

9:00 - 9:50 am Going Down Memory Lane with Nancy Perry (Miss Nancy of Romper Room) - In Person and via Zoom

Nancy will share her personal history of how it all began. Being at the right place at the right time!

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Lexington Park

10:40 - 11:30 am Fighting Fentanyl – KNOW is The New NO with Libby Davis

The introduction of illegally manufactured fentanyl into the drug supply has changed everything. Counterfeit pills are everywhere, and drug cartels are targeting our youth with our technology: smart phones and apps. The only safe pill is one that comes prescribed by a doctor and filled at a pharmacy. This is a topic that EVERY family needs to be talking about at the dinner table...often.

10:40 - 11:30 am Finding Family Stories in Strange Places with Sandi Kassebaum

Have you been searching for stories about your family? Sometimes they are hidden in the strangest places. Mine were right under my nose!

10:40 - 11:30 am Top City Promise – Ukrainian Refugees with Yana Ross, President and Founder - In Person and via Zoom

A grassroots initiative to support Ukrainian refugees, providing essential services such as housing, transportation, and job placement. Since its inception, the organization has empowered over 60 families and 170 refugees to rebuild their lives in Topeka, Kan-

Adventures in Learning - Friday, August 23, 2024

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9:00 - 9:50 am

Driving and Traffic Safety with Technical Trooper Jodi Clary Kansas Highway Patrol

Slow Down and Stay Focused: Addressing Speed and Distracted Driving for Safer Roads

9:00 - 9:50 am

Bright Moon, Dark Water with M. J. Van Buren **In Person and via Zoom**

Topeka author M. J. Van Buren's newest mystery/suspense novel is Book II of her Brooklyn Moon trilogy. In Bright Moon, Dark Water, retired psychologist Kitty Toulkes and her "steady," a not-quite-retired government agent, find themselves once again in the middle of things blowing up and mysterious strangers making threats. MJ (aka Marjorie) looks forward to reading excerpts from the book and sharing experiences with writing and self-publishing. She'll respond to your questions and if time permits will offer an audience participation game that could challenge the "I can't write" label some people have worn since high school.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by McCrite Plaza

10:40 - 11:30 am

Beep Baseball with John Parker

In the world of beep baseball, John Parker has done it all: played at the highest level, coached, managed and fundraised for the sport. Beep baseball, as the name suggests, is a sport where the ball (as well as the bases) emit a sound to signal their location to players. It is designed for players who are blind or have visual impairments, but is inclusive for all.

10:40 - 11:30 am

Topeka Civic Theatre's Senior Class Improv Comedy Company

Improvisation is at the heart of Improv Comedy. The actors on stage do not use props, costumes or scripts. They take suggestions from the audience and create comedy sketches

10:40 - 11:30 am

My Life in Germany with Wolfgang Knipp — **In Person and via Zoom**

Our family flight from the Russian Army to life in Communist East Germany to eventually arriving in the United States.

Adventures in Learning - Friday, August 30, 2024

9:00 - 9:50 am

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9:00 - 9:50 am

Civic Engagement, Voter Education and Advocacy with Mary Lou Davis

The League of Women Voters of Topeka/Shawnee County is a nonpartisan organization to energize informed and active participations citizens government at all levels.

9:00 - 9:50 am

Wednesday's Child with Lori Hutchinson - **In person and via Zoom**

Every week, Lori Hutchinson and photographer Rick Felsburg feature children who need to be adopted on 13 News @10 p.m. on WIBW-TV. They began airing the series in 2002 and have met hundreds of children over the years who are in state care and need to find forever homes. Go behind the scenes of this series and also learn how many of these kids find love and stability through adoption.

10:00 Break - Refreshments provided by Legend at Capital Ridge

10:40 - 11:30 am

A Journey from Hope - the Life and Times of Oscar S. Stauffer with Pete Stauffer — **In Person and via Zoom**

Stauffer started at the "Emporia Gazette" under William Allen White and in a remarkable series of events went on to build a major regional media company with headquarters in Topeka.

Please Register for Adventures in Learning before Friday, July 26 to avoid a \$5 late fee.