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Michelle R Swanson
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3237 Arnold Ave
Salina, KS 67401

I, Jamie R Doss, County Clerk of Saline County, do hereby certify the valuation and levies per $1000 valuation for the following funds:

Principal & Interest Fund KSA 27-323(a)

		Levy
Valuation	531,447,506	
Valuation - Less TIF & Pending Exemption	520,794,998	5.208

Match Grant Fund KSA 27-322(b)

Valuation	531,447,506	0.982
Valuation - Less TIF and Pending Exemption	520,794,998	
	Total Levy	6.190

Witness my hand and official seal on this 8th day of November 2023.

SALINE COUNTY COUNTY CLERK STATE OF KANSAS

Jamie R Doss
Saline County Clerk

SALINA Airport Authority

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September 20, 2023

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VIA: Email jamie.doss@saline.org and USPS

RE: Salina Airport Authority
Resolution No. 23-14 & Resolution No. 23-15

Dear Mrs. Doss:

Enclosed herewith, please find (1) one fully executed copy of the Salina Airport Authority Resolution No. 23-14 and Resolution No. 23-15 adopted and passed by the Salina Airport Authority Board of Directors on September 20, 2023 approving the authorities' mill levy.

As always, if you have any questions or should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Sincerely,

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Kasey L. Windhorst
Business and Communications Manager

Enclosure(s)

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

A RESOLUTION LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX OF AN ESTIMATED 5.304 MILLS ON ALL TAXABLE TANGIBLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SALINA, KANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE INTEREST ON AND PRINCIPAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO K.S.A. (2016 Supp.) 27-323(a).

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority has prepared a general obligation bond debt service budget for calendar year 2024 relating to general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") issued by the Salina Airport Authority and approved by the governing body of the City of Salina, Kansas, all pursuant to K.S.A. (2016 Supp.) 27-323(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that sufficient funds are not available from operating revenues for such general obligation bond debt service; and

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority is authorized by K.S.A. (2016 Supp.) 27-323(a) to annually levy a tax on all taxable tangible property within the City of Salina, Kansas, in addition to all other levies authorized by law and without the consent of the governing body of the City, in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the Bonds as the same become due;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The Salina Airport Authority levies an ad valorem tax in the amount of $2,712,034 to be derived by an estimated 5.304 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable tangible property within the City of Salina, Kansas, for the year 2023 for the purpose of paying general obligation bond debt service in 2024 and providing funding for the principal and interest fund as detailed below:

	Description	Amount
a.	2015-A General Obligation Bonds (Refunded 2005-A & 2007-A, Fund terminal bldg. and Hangar 959 improvements)	$91,043
b.	2017-A General Obligation Bonds (Refunded portion of 2009-B and 2011-A, helipad construction Rwy 17/35 improvements, airport industrial center improvements)	$1,705,600
c.	2017-B General Obligation Bonds (Refunded 2009-A and 2011-B, matching funds AIP, airfield imp.)	$165,550
d.	2019-A General Obligation Bonds (Rwy. 17/35 imps, ARFF equipment, AIP match)	$77,043
e.	2021-A General Obligation Bonds (Rehabilitation of Hangars 504 and 959)	$175,305
f.	2023-A,B,C General Obligation Bonds (Land acquisition, Terminal Concourse remodel, GA public restrooms, B595 warehouse rehabilitation, Hangar 626 renovation, apron and taxilane improvements, GA box hangars, new aviation fuel facility construction)	$847,993

Less Estimated MV Tax revenue	($265,500)
Less Other Operating Revenues	(85,000)

TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX REQUIRED FOR PRINCIPAL & INTEREST FUND $2,712,034

2. This levy shall be certified to the County Clerk of Saline County, Kansas, by the delivery of a signed copy of this Resolution to the office of the County Clerk of Saline County, Kansas, on or before October 1, 2023.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Salina Airport Authority this 20th day of September 2023.

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Tod Roberg, Chair

ATTEST:

By: Kasey L. Windhorst
Kasey L. Windhorst, Board Clerk

(SEAL)

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-15

A RESOLUTION LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX OF AN ESTIMATED 1 MILL ON ALL TAXABLE TANGIBLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SALINA, KANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS TO QUALIFY FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE GRANT RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF THE SALINA REGIONAL AIRPORT PURSUANT TO K.S.A 27-322(b).

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 27-322(b), if the Authority is required to provide matching funds to qualify for any federal or state grant relating to the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of the public airport, and such funds are not otherwise available from revenues of the airport facility ("Matching Funds"), the Authority may levy a tax not to exceed one mill upon each dollar of the assessed tangible valuation of the property of the city.

WHEREAS, the requirement exists for the Salina Airport Authority to provide Matching Funds to qualify for Federal and State Grants in 2023.

WHEREAS, as required by K.S.A. 27-322(b), the Salina Airport Authority published its notice of its intent to levy up to one mill in the *Salina Journal* on June 28, 2023, and July 2, 2023.

WHEREAS, a petition requesting an election on the question of the Salina Airport Authority levying up to the additional one mill was not filed within 30 days following the last publication of the published Notice of Intent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Salina Airport Authority (the "Authority"):

1. The Salina Airport Authority levies an ad valorem tax in the amount of $511,303 to be derived by an estimated 1 mill on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable tangible property within the City of Salina, Kansas, for the year 2023 for the purpose of providing matching federal and state grant funds.

2. This levy shall be certified to the County Clerk of Saline County, Kansas, by the delivery of a signed copy of this Resolution to the office of the County Clerk of Saline County, Kansas, on or before October 1, 2023.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Salina Airport Authority this 20th day of September 2023.

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Tod Roberg, Chair

ATTEST:

By: Kasey D. Windhorst
Kasey Windhorst, Board Clerk

(SEAL)

Salina Regional SLN Airport

SALINA Airport Authority

SALINA Airport Industrial Center

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 23-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINA AIRORT AUTHORITY, SALINA, KANSAS TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2023.

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for tax year 2023 for the Salina Airport Authority was calculated as 4.724 mills by the Saline County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Salina Airport Authority for budget year 2024 will require the levy of a property tax rate for tax year 2023 exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority is statutorily required to provide notice and hearing prior to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority provided notice of the August 30, 2023 hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate on August 3, 6, and 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority held a hearing on August 30, 2023 allowing all interested taxpayers an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Salina Airport Authority, having heard testimony, has determined that it is in the best interests of the Salina Airport Authority to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY:

The Salina Airport Authority shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 4.724 mills for Tax Year 2023.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Salina Airport Authority.

ADOPTED by roll call vote of the Board of Directors of the Salina Airport Authority this 30th day of August, 2023.

SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

By: _____
Tod Roberg, Board Chair

ATTEST:

By: Kasey L. Windhorst
Kasey L. Windhorst, Board Clerk

(SEAL)

Salina Regional SLN Airport

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Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the Salina Airport Authority To Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on August 30, 2023

Resolution No. 23-13

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Chairman Tod Roberg	✓		
Director Donald Boos	✓		
Director Stephanie Carlin	✓		
Director Kristin Gunn	✓		
Director John O'Brien	✓		
TOTAL	5	0	

Certified:

Stephanie Carlin, Vice-Chair

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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I, Joshua Barnhart, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that I am the Operations Director of Salina311, a publication that is a "legal newspaper" as that phrase is defined for the for the County of Saline, in the state of Kansas, that this affidavit is Page 1 of 2 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and that the attachment hereto contains the correct copy of what was published in said legal newspaper in consecutive issues on the following dates:

PUBLICATION DATES:

7/30/23

Publication Fee: $ 45

Joshua Barnhart

Signature

Verification

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF SALINE

2 day of Aug, A.D. 2023.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
STEPHANIE TINAY
My Appt. Exp. 1-9-24

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"We are excited about working with the Stiefel Theater to showcase the talents of older Kansans on the Stiefel's stage and help us address our funding needs for Friendship Meals and other important services for older Kansans, people living with disabilities and caregivers," said Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director of the NC-FH AAA.

The talent showcase is slated for the day before the September 19, Sunflower Fair, an "information extravaganza" featuring speakers and seminars geared for older Kansans, people living with disabilities and caregivers."

"We are delighted that this fun event will be held the day before our The Sunflower Fair, our Agency's "information extravaganza" featuring speakers and seminars geared for older Kansans, people living with disabilities and caregivers," Walter said. Registration for the Sunflower Fair that happens Tuesday, September 19, from 8 am-4 pm at Salina's Tony's Pizza Events Center is open now. Registration costs $25 before September 11 and includes lunch, exhibits and all presentations. To register for this event, call 1-800-432-2703 or go to the NC-FH AAA's website www.ncfhaaa.com. Registrations may be mailed to the Area Agency on Aging at 401 Houston St., Manhattan, KS 66502.

The Area Agency is accepting sponsors for workshops, exhibitors and donations for



door prizes and the Silent Auction. Those interested should call 1-800-432-2703 or go to www.ncfhaaa.com.

The North Central-Flint Hills Agency on Aging, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that plans, coordinates and provides services in 18 north central Kansas counties to enhance the quality and dignity of life for older Kansans, people living with disabilities and their families. Area Agency on Aging programs and services are partially funded by the Older Americans Act through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and voluntary participant contributions. The Area Agency on Aging works in partnership with local and county governments and senior citizens' groups. All services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Tickets are available at sunflowerseniors.com or may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre's box office or at www.stiefeltheatre.org .

LEGAL

Published in the Salina 311 on Sunday, July 16, 2023

Case No. SA-2023-CV-000113

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS

KYLE TRUITT AND LESLIE A. TRUITT
Plaintiffs,
vs.
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL; AND HEIDI BLACK;
Defendants.

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to Heidi Black, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existent, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such defendants as are minors or are in anyway under legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and made defendants as such herein, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Saline County, Kansas, by Plaintiffs Kyle Truitt and Leslie A. Truitt praying to quiet title to the following described property:

2015 Forest River, VIN 4X4TSMB24F7405866

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before August 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Court of Saline County, 300 W. Ash Street, Salina, Kansas 67401. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Kyle Truitt and Leslie A. Truitt, Plaintiffs

/s/ Parker C. Montgomery
Parker C. Montgomery, #29333 of
HAMPTON & ROYCE, L.C.
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119 W. Iron - P.O. Box 1247
Salina, Kansas 67402-1247
(785) 827-7251
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

LEGAL NOTICE

First published in Salina311 on July 23, 2023

Case No. SA-2023-PR-000144

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID L. NOWAK, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that David L. Nowak died on June 27, 2023. All of his property and assets were titled in The David L. Nowak Trust dated March 29, 2023 ("Trust"). The sole successor trustee of the Trust is Christina S. Nowak. The address of the Trust is 521 E. Beloit Avenue, Salina, Kansas 67401, and all debts of the decedent shall be paid from the Trust.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Trust within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

The David L. Nowak Trust
dated March 29, 2023

By: /s/ Christina S. Nowak, Trustee
SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY:

Jeffrey A. Norris, KS 27036
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Attorneys for The David L. Nowak Trust

NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

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Salina Airport Authority

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Race

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back onto Santa Fe Avenue to finish at the Cancer Center.

Last year, there were right at 500 participants. Craig said organizers are hoping to get that number higher this year back to pre-COVID numbers.

"The race has been down a little bit so we're hoping to get it back up," Craig said. "Prior to COVID, we'd been more around 700 (participants), so we'd definitely like to get our numbers back up again."

How the funds help support patients at Tammy Walker

With sponsors covering the cost of the event, 100% of the race entry fees go to support patients at Tammy Walker Cancer Center. Here are some of the ways those funds work to support patients.

Patient Meal Program

Patients undergoing long chemotherapy infusions are offered a meal Monday through Thursday at no cost.

Appearance Center

Patients are able to get wigs, hats, scarfs and other items at no cost. These items help empower patients to feel more comfortable and confident in addition to providing a sense of normalcy during treatment.

Transportation Assistance

A partnership with OCCK provides transportation services to those who need it at no cost.

Morrison House

The Morrison House is a guest residence for those living outside Salina with a loved one who is a patient at Salina Regional Health Center and outpatients undergoing treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

How to sign up for the race or volunteer



Runners compete in a former Fe for a Cure race. PROVIDED BY TAMMY WALKER CANCER CENTER

"We want to be one of the biggest, most fun and most affordable races in Salina," Craig said.

People can register for the race at www.feforacure-.com. Those wanting to be a volunteer can email Daniel Craig at dacraig@srhc.com for a volunteer form. Volunteers are needed along the course to help block entrances and exits, and help mark turns.

In addition to the 5k, there is a "couch potato" option. If people feel they cannot do the entire 5-kilometers, or maybe they will be out of town during the event, they can still get a t-shirt and help support the race.

The 2023 Fe for a Cure is organized and put on by Salina Regional Health Foundation, Meridian Media, and North Salina Community Development. Those who would like more information about the race or the Tammy Walker Cancer Center can contact Craig at 785-452-4848 or dacraig@srhc.com.

Kendrick Calfee has been a reporter with the Salina Journal since 2022, primarily covering government and education. You can reach him at kcalfee@gannett.com or on Twitter (now known as "X") @calfee_kc.

Indictment

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Trump encouraged a mob on Jan. 6, 2021, to "go to the Capitol as a means to obstruct the certification and pressure the Vice President to fraudulently obstruct the certification" of Biden's victory.

The indictment listed, but did not name, six co-conspirators; they include attorneys, a Justice Department official, and a political consultant.

Trump is due in court Thursday before U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan at a federal courthouse in Washington. In a statement, Trump called the latest indictment "nothing more than the latest corrupt chapter" and asked why it had taken years for the charges to be brought.

Kansas officials respond to Donald Trump indictment

U.S Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kan., blasted the indictment in a statement on social media, saying the U.S. Department of Justice "has become nothing more than an agent of the Biden crime family."

Marshall was one of several GOP senators to object to certifying election results in Arizona on Jan. 6.

"Americans are exhausted and tired of this charade," Marshall said. "What happened to equal justice under the law?"

Spokespeople for U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, U.S. Reps. Jake LaTurner and Tracey Mann, Attorney General Kris Kobach and the Kansas Republican Party didn't return a request for comment.

Speaking with the Kansas City Star last week, Kobach criticized past indictments of Trump and said politicians should not be "considered criminally culpable for merely expressing his or her thoughts about the conduct of an election."

Records from the U.S. House investigation of the Jan. 6 attack show that Kobach was one of several individuals who received an email from attorney John Eastman outlining possible strategies to keep Trump in power.

Kobach's office noted he responded to reject possible strategies of allowing Pence to intervene in the electoral vote counting.

Night Out

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Salina community gets inside look at law enforcement, public services

For the first year, Salina joined more than 38 million neighbors across 17,000 communities from all 50 states and U.S. territories to learn about how various entities operate within their community.

Along with law enforcement, various local entities made an appearance: Saline County Health Department, Central Kansas Mental Health, Mounted Patrol Rescue Squad, Public Works, the County Election Office, Emergency and Disaster Management, Salina Fire Department and Ambulance District, The Salvation Army, Salina League of Women Voters, Be Smart and Kansas Wesleyan University.

These organizations provided engaging activities, demonstrations and educational exhibits as a way to interact and learn about the work that first responders, public health officials, and other public service personnel do.

The Sheriff's Department had a demonstration showing how drugs and alcohol can impair vision, by having participants look through goggles that block out certain colors. Salina Police presented their drones, K-9 units and parts of SWAT gear that help protect officers in action.

"We can set these programs up for anyone in the community," said Saline County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Heinrich. "It's a great way to understand the effects (of drugs and alcohol) from a sober point of view."

Kansas Highway Patrol had a seat belt demonstration that simulated the effects of a 5-mile-per-hour crash. The Fire Department and Ambulance District presented their trucks and gear and talked about fire safety, and Mounted Rescue brought their horses and dive gear showcasing their strategies of search and rescue.

National Night Out is part of a movement for better community relations

Iwatomo's inquisitive demeanor and friendly interactions with Salina Police mirrored the event's purpose — to foster a strong police-community relationship and neighborhood camaraderie.

Weis said that bringing together a variety of departments like this helps showcase the often behind-the-scenes efforts which go into making the community safe and enriching.

"Even with the heat, it has been great to see people come out," Weis said. "We hope it was informative and look forward to next year."

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Planes

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Reserve's 931st Air Refueling Wing out of McConnell Air Force Base near Wichita, followed close behind by the Stratotanker flown by the Air National Guard's 190th Air Refueling Wing out of Forbes Field in Topeka.

According to the Air Force, the flight plan for the aircraft put them over several other landmarks throughout the state, including the University of Kansas in Lawrence, the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka, Kansas State University in Manhattan and Wichita State University and the Keeper of the Plains sculpture in Wichita.

While flying over the designated landmarks, the refuelers dropped to between 2,000 and 2,500 feet above ground level with the refueling booms of each plane lowered as they flew by.

Bringing out family in Salina

It was an exciting day for everyone, including Loren Banninger, who, along with his wife, Sue, brought their grandson Cole Easterday, 9.

"We came out to see the tankers," Easterday said.

This wasn't the first trip the Banningers and Easterday have taken to the airport to see some of the unique planes that fly in, out and around the general aviation airport, which has also served as a base for military and government operations throughout its history, including as Schilling Air Force Base.

"We have been out here occasionally with family," Loren Banninger said. "We enjoy (seeing the planes). Sue's brother is a retired Air Force General."

He said this wasn't the closest he's been to a KC-135, having been able to fly inside one as part of an aerospace class he took through K-State.

"One of the things we got to do was go up in the tanker," Banninger said. "I got to lay in the (back of the plane) and see the boom (while) they were refueling B-52s that were coming through."

Kansas-based units flying over other states

In addition to the two planes flying over Kansas, the 100-year celebration was expected to take place with flights over all 50 states.

The 22nd Air Refueling Wing, also based out of McConnell, took several aircraft over Colorado including landmarks in Pueblo, Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The 22nd also sent one KC-46 to California for that state's celebration, where it participated in a flyover of the base where that first aerial refueling mission happened in 1923, Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

The Air Force said aerial refueling serves as a force multiplier, increasing the speed, range, lethality, flexibility and versatility of combat aircraft. Tankers also carry cargo and passengers, perform aeromedical evacuations and enable strategic deterrence for the United States.

"Air refueling propels our nation's air power across the skies, unleashing its full potential," said Gen. Mike Minihan, Air Mobility Command commander. "It connects our strategic vision with operational reality, ensuring we can reach any corner of the globe with unwavering speed and precision. Air refueling embodies our resolve to defend freedom and project power, leaving an indelible mark on aviation history."



Cole Easterday, 9, of Salina, looks through a viewing hole Tuesday for the KC-46A Pegasus and KC-135R Stratotanker as they fly over the Salina Regional Airport. The two air refuelers flew as low as 2,000 feet above the ground as part of the U.S. Air Force's celebration of 100 years of air refueling. CHARLES RANKIN/THE SALINA JOURNAL

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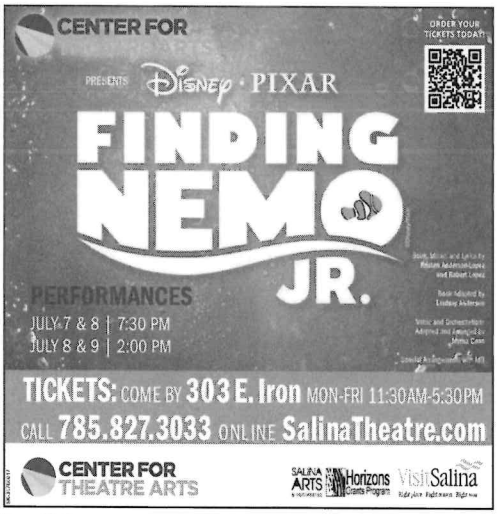



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Salina Airport Authority

Pence says he's met debate qualifications

GOP candidates to face off for first time Aug. 23

Meg Kinnard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Former Vice President Mike Pence announced Tuesday he has qualified for the first Republican debate of the 2024 presidential cycle, securing the required number of donors with just two weeks until candidates gather in Milwaukee.

According to his campaign, Pence has amassed 40,000 unique donors, checking off the final requirement set by the Republican National Committee. His advisers say he did so quickly, nine weeks after launching his campaign.

Pence had long ago met the RNC's polling requirements for the Aug. 23 debate – at least 1% in three high-quality national polls or a mix of national and early-state polls, between July 1 and Aug. 21 – but struggled to notch the mandated number of donors.

Both Pence and his advisers had expressed confidence he would meet that qualification, but his fundraising appeals intensified as the prospect loomed he might not make the stage.

He got a boost in attention last week in the form of a newly unsealed federal indictment outlining the first criminal charges against Donald Trump in connection with the former president's efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

Revealing Pence's central role to the case, the indictment was informed, in part, by notes that the then-vice president kept of his conversations with Trump in the days leading up to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Trump tried to pressure Pence to go along with his attempt to keep the two men in power. In one episode, Trump is alleged to have told Pence that he was "too honest" for rejecting Trump's false claims that Pence had the power to stop congressional certification of Joe Biden's victory.

Marking a notable change in tone for a usually cautious candidate who has struggled to break through in a primary dominated by his former boss, Pence's campaign seized on the opportunity, unveiling new T-shirts and baseball caps for sale featuring the phrase "Too Honest" in big red letters.

Since the release of the indictment, Pence has criticized Trump more aggressively, casting himself as the person who stood up to Trump, averting catastrophe.

Trump attorney John Lauro said on several Sunday news shows the president never asked Pence to overturn the will of the voters in the 2020 election, but only wanted him to "pause" the vote certification to allow states to investigate possible election fraud. Pence denied that claim, saying Trump seemed "convinced" as early as December Pence had the right to reject or return votes.


Pence

Pence becomes the eighth candidate to announce qualification for the first debate and, according to his campaign, was the first to submit donor count verification to the Republican National Committee. Of those eight, Trump has questioned why he should debate his rivals and floated the idea of holding a competing event of his own instead.

The requirements get higher for subsequent debates. According to a person familiar with the markers set by the RNC, candidates will need at least 3% in two national polls or 3% in one national poll as well as two polls from four of the early-voting states – Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina – to qualify for the second debate, scheduled for Sept. 27 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

For the second debate, the White House hopefuls must also have at least 50,000 unique donors, with at least 200 of those coming from 20 states or territories, according to the person, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the qualifications and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

DeSantis campaign replaces top staffer

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James Uthmeier, who will take over as Ron DeSantis' campaign manager, is considered a close and trusted adviser of the Florida governor but doesn't have campaign experience. JOEL KOWSKY/NASA FILE

Gov. Ron DeSantis is replacing his campaign manager as he continues to retool a struggling presidential campaign that trails far behind former President Donald Trump in the polls.

James Uthmeier, who has served as chief of staff in the governor's office, is taking over as campaign manager from Generra Peck, according to the DeSantis campaign. Peck is staying with the campaign as chief strategist.

The shakeup, which was first reported by The Messenger, is the latest in a series of campaign overhauls. DeSantis has cut staff twice to rein in spending that was rapidly depleting the campaign account.

Peck led DeSantis' reelection campaign to a dominating win last year by 19 percentage points, but has come under fire as the governor slides in the polls. Just 15% of GOP primary voters back DeSantis in the Real Clear Politics average of national polls, down from 31% in late March.

Uthmeier is considered a close and trusted adviser of the governor but doesn't have campaign experience.

"James Uthmeier has been one of Governor DeSantis' top advisers for years and he is needed where it matters most: working hand in hand with Generra Peck and the rest of the team to put the governor in the best possible position to win this primary and defeat Joe Biden," said DeSantis communications director Andrew Romeo.

In addition to bringing on Uthmeier to run the campaign, DeSantis hired Iowa GOP operative David Polyansky as deputy campaign manager.

Polyansky has considerable campaign experience, having worked on the 2016 presidential bids of Scott Walker and Ted Cruz. He also worked as Cruz's chief of staff in the Senate and recently as an adviser to the pro-DeSantis super PAC Never Back Down.

"David Polyansky will also be a critical addition to the team given his presidential campaign experience in Iowa and work at Never Back Down," Romeo said. "We are excited about these additions as we continue to spread the governor's message across the country. It's time to reverse our nation's decline and revive America's future."

Uthmeier, 35, has worked for DeSantis since shortly after he first won the governor's office in 2018, first as deputy general counsel and then as general counsel before becoming chief of staff. He has been deeply involved in the governor's aggressive approach to conservative policymaking in Florida.

Alex Kelly, DeSantis' former deputy chief of staff before taking over as Department of Commerce secretary, will become acting chief of staff.

Peck has been in the hot seat for weeks as the campaign's finances and failure to make headway in the polls came under scrutiny. Some donors and other DeSantis allies have been calling for new campaign leadership.

A Morning Consult survey conducted after Trump's latest indictment on charges related to his efforts to overturn the 2020 election has the former president at 59% support among Republicans, compared to 16% for DeSantis.

Rule boosts pay for workers on US jobs


Vice President Kamala Harris said the Labor Department has provided the first update in decades to a law that requires the payment of prevailing local wages on public works. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP FILE

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PHILADELPHIA – Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday announced changes to labor rules that could give higher wages to construction workers on federal projects.

In a speech in Philadelphia, Harris said the Labor Department has provided the first update in decades to the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931, a law that requires the payment of prevailing local wages on public works.

"Many workers are paid much less than they deserve, much less than the value of their work," Harris said. "And not just by a little. In some cases, by thousands of dollars a year. And that is wrong."

The new rule is something of a return to the past in that it will use the definition of prevailing wage that the Labor Department previously used from 1935 to 1983, likely raising the hourly earnings of contractors and subcontractors.

More than 1 million construction workers with jobs on roughly $200 billion worth of federally supported projects will benefit, the Democratic vice president's office said in an emailed statement.

The new rule "will mean thousands of extra dollars per year in workers' pockets to help put a down payment on a home, save for retirement, or simply have more breathing room," the statement said.

While workers would earn more money, critics such as the Associated Builders and Contractors have said the Davis-Bacon requirements make construction projects more expensive for taxpayers.





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Performing arts sees COVID drop-off

Fewer students are participating in band, choir and orchestra

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EMPORIA — It was hot, rainy, and stuffy — Kansas, in all its early August misery — and still, there was no place Cass Samples would have rather been than on the Emporia High School turf football field.

Ever since the junior joined band in sixth grade, she'd fallen in love with music and performing it, and she couldn't get enough. At Emporia High, Samples was on the field as one the marching band's new drum majors, but she'll also be a part of the school's orchestra and choir ensembles, as well as theater.

Performance arts, for Samples, were a lifeline through a few otherwise difficult years of COVID-era schooling.

"Without performing arts, where would we be without music, movies or television?" Samples said, at the start of the marching band's annual pre-semester training camp. "Music, for me, has always been a part of my life, and I don't know where I'd be without it, and I know that's the same for many people."

She just wishes more of her fellow students and others around the state got to experience the same feeling of community she has in Emporia High's ensembles.

While other Kansas high school activities, such as athletics, have mostly rebounded from a pandemic lull in participation rates, performance arts — including band, choir and orchestra — have had a much slower recovery.

Kansas has 25% fewer students in high school performance arts

Between fall 2017 and fall 2022, the number of Kansas high school students participating in band, orchestra and vocal music dropped 24.8% to just under 31,000, according to data collected by the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Choir participation, in particular, dropped nearly 30% to 13,314 students, while band and orchestra participation fell to 13,496 (down 22.2%) and 4,070 (down 16.2%) students respectively.

Music teachers and directors are chalking up much of the decline to a lost class of students that either never got started in music classes in middle school or lost interest when music classes had to be held remotely during that first year of pandemic-era education.

"It seems like it was just one year, but what happens, particularly in a band program, they have that opportunity to start in either fifth or seventh grade," said Jamie Minneman, president of the Kansas Music Educators Association. "If that was the year you were in fifth grade, you didn't get started. You're missing that whole year of students who didn't get started, or in my case, I had some students even in my small school who thought it was too hard to wear a mask and not get to play too much.

"Once you lose them, it's hard to get them to come back," Minneman added. "People feel like they got too far behind and can't catch up, and I feel that's where we lost some kids. That's just now beginning to show up, and we're seeing that drop-off."

COVID policies had unintended effect of making high school music harder

Performance arts classes were some of the first to enact strict social distancing and COVID mitigation measures, said Craig Manteuffel, assistant director of fine arts and spirit for KSHSAA.

One of the biggest and earliest harbingers of the pandemic's deadly toll was in March 2020, when a Washington state adult choir rehearsed not knowing that someone was infected with one of the first cases of COVID in the U.S. Of the 61-person choir, 32 people were later confirmed to have been infected, with three becoming hospitalized and two dying.

That led to a lot of hesitation among music programs in the first few months of COVID-era schooling. The National Federation of High Schools National Music Education Committee, which Manteuffel chairs, used an aerosol study to issue guidelines to help schools reduce or eliminate the spread of the virus. Those included strict limits on the amount of rehearsal time, covers for wind instruments and rehearsing remotely when possible.

"Things could have been worse if that aerosol study had not helped schools as fast as it did," Manteuffel said.

An unintended consequence of the measures, though, was that many students found it difficult or impossible to continue on with their music learning, especially when many of them were barely getting into the basics. Comparatively, other activities, like sports, could continue without as many restrictions.

"We had basically a year and a half of not practicing together, and literally, it was like muscle atrophy for some of the students in not playing their trumpets or saxophones," said Glenn Woolard, head band director at Emporia High School. "It took a bigger toll than we thought it would, and it's been a lot of work to rebuild those 'muscles' in the kids and get their playing chops back up."



The Emporia High School marching band practices movements on its football field without instruments Thursday morning. Fewer students are enrolling in band, orchestra and other performing arts in high schools after the COVID pandemic.
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Out with the classics, and in with Dua Lipa, Lil Nas X and Olivia Rodrigo

Although most COVID restrictions have been relaxed or eliminated, Kansas music programs have still been grappling with what has essentially been a lost generation of high school musicians.

Minneman, the KMEA president, and other music educators expect the dip in participation rates to eventually recover, if more slowly.

"I think you'll see the turnaround in just a few years," she said. "It's an eight-year process (from beginning to graduation), and we're hearing great things out of middle school. The only data we can definitively see right now are for high school participation, but we aren't seeing fifth-grade numbers, which sound like they're better than ever."

In the meantime, band, orchestra and choir directors are focusing their efforts on convincing middle school students that music is something they can start and enjoy throughout their school careers and later on in life.

Grant Perkins, the assistant band director at Emporia High and band teacher at Emporia Middle School, said it's been difficult getting his younger students to engage with school, let alone something more time intensive like band.

"A lot of the students have gotten into mindset that it's OK to just do your homework and not commit to any other organizations," he said. "We lost that (during COVID) — that sense of camaraderie and socialization. A lot of my students, at the middle school level, they have a hard time opening up and talking with each other."

"That's the hardest part," Minneman said. "It's delayed gratification. That's the one thing that today's kids struggle with the most. They can have everything and all answers at their fingertips on the phone. Music doesn't quite work that way. It's a long process. ... But that teaches a valuable life lesson that anything worth doing is worth taking the time and effort to learn and grow."

One strategy that Kansas music directors are taking is emphasizing that while music participation requires a lot of perseverance and hard work, they can also be fun, Minneman said. Many are highlighting the perks of performing, like getting to play fun music and traveling to perform, sometimes to places like Disneyland.

At Emporia High, the marching band is eschewing classics like John Philip Sousa standards in favor of more popular contemporary music, such as songs by Lil Nas X, Olivia Rodrigo and Dua Lip, in its shows this year, said Woolard, the band director.

"When you're trying to rebuild that intrinsic value of performing, you need to go to music the students know," he said. "It's pop music, that the kids can learn pretty quickly but still challenges them, and that the audience will eat right up.

"We keep telling the kids, it's good to have fun, but it's more fun to be good," Woolard continued. "We've been saying that for years, and it's been reminding them that being a part of a large ensemble is such a good feeling, especially when it all comes together. It's so satisfying putting something like that on for an audience, and getting that feeling is so rewarding."

Music ensembles can be community for isolated students post-COVID

The same apathy that has kept some students from joining music groups these past few years is also the same reason why many of them would benefit the most from participation, Minneman said.

"If anything good came from COVID, we learned how our music departments are providing that social-emotional learning on a daily basis, and students really missed that," Minneman said. "As we become more aware of students' needs on social-emotional learning and well-roundedness and community, I think bands, choirs and orchestras are going to become more important."

Among the Emporia High band, one part is creating a fun atmosphere to draw students in, but more importantly, it's about supporting a group of students that can create that fun atmosphere in the first place, Woolard said.

"It's about getting back to family atmosphere of a band," the band director said. "Everyone supporting everyone. It can pretty easily fall into super competitive and super combative between sections, but we've put a big focus on shifting the vibe back to having fun and getting better. We all have to be in this together."

While Cass Samples, the junior student, worries about doing a good job in her first marching season as drum major, she's not as worried about the future of the band.

"I think numbers will continue to rise, as long as we continue pushing for the arts to be recognized, and that we emphasize that we are as important as other subjects," Samples said. "People will realize that performance arts aren't just some geeky, nerdy thing that people only really do in high school movies.

"It's a legitimate activity, and it's pretty cool to be a part of a big group of students."

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