



Media Release

For Immediate Release

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Physician Musical Talent to Benefit Low-Income Uninsured for 20th Year Anniversary

“Music, Just What the Doctor Ordered”, a benefit concert to assist low-income uninsured residents of Shawnee County served by HealthAccess is returning after a two year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The concert and 20th Anniversary celebration will be held at 3 PM on Sunday, April 24, at First United Methodist Church, 600 Topeka Blvd. The benefit concert has no admission fee, but a free will offering will help raise funds, along with corporate sponsors of our event.

The event will feature the musical talents of the Dr. Grace Morrison, Dr. Scott Teeter, Dr. Steve Crouch, and Dr. Mary Franz. The event celebrates the Shawnee County medical community’s volunteer response to assisting low-income uninsured residents of our community in accessing health care. Corporate sponsors of the event are Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Federal Home Loan Bank, the Shawnee County Medical Society, Minor Med, CoreFirst Bank and Trust, Cosmopolitan International, and Security Benefit Group.

‘We are proud to have worked together to enhance the safety net health system for needy people in our community not eligible for other programs.’ says Scott Teeter, MD, Board President, ‘HealthAccess has created synergy from volunteers in the physician, nursing, dental, eye care, hospital, and ambulatory care communities. Industry leaders in the health insurance, pharmacy, corporate and local government, along with individual charitable donations help provide funding for HealthAccess to continue to provide Shawnee County residents access to care and medications on a short-term basis in times of need to those in our community who need is most. This benefits us all.’

The Shawnee County Medical Society HealthAccess program exemplifies the power of local collaboration to provide for individuals falling through the cracks in our healthcare delivery system. Local physicians, hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies generously provide charity care. Although the volunteers receive no reimbursement, claims are submitted to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas who donates processing to track the care. Since the program began, 16,749

low-income patients have received care and over \$212 million in donated care has been recorded.

Approximately 1,550 patients are enrolled each month. Both local hospitals and over 300 Shawnee County medical providers volunteer. Additional program partners include the Kansas Optometric Association and the Prescription Network. The HealthAccess program compliments and enhances the work done by our local safety net by increasing access to specialty care and assisting with funding for prescriptions. The Shawnee County Commission and the City of Topeka provide financial support for generic medications. Administrative funding for the program comes from the Topeka Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Topeka, and private donations. **For more information about HealthAccess or the benefit concert, please contact Megan Skaggs, Executive Director at 235-0996 or muskaggs@stormontvail.org.**

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Music,

Just What the Doctor Ordered

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 3pm

First United Methodist Church

600 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas

Free Will Donations Accepted

Celebrating 20 years of the

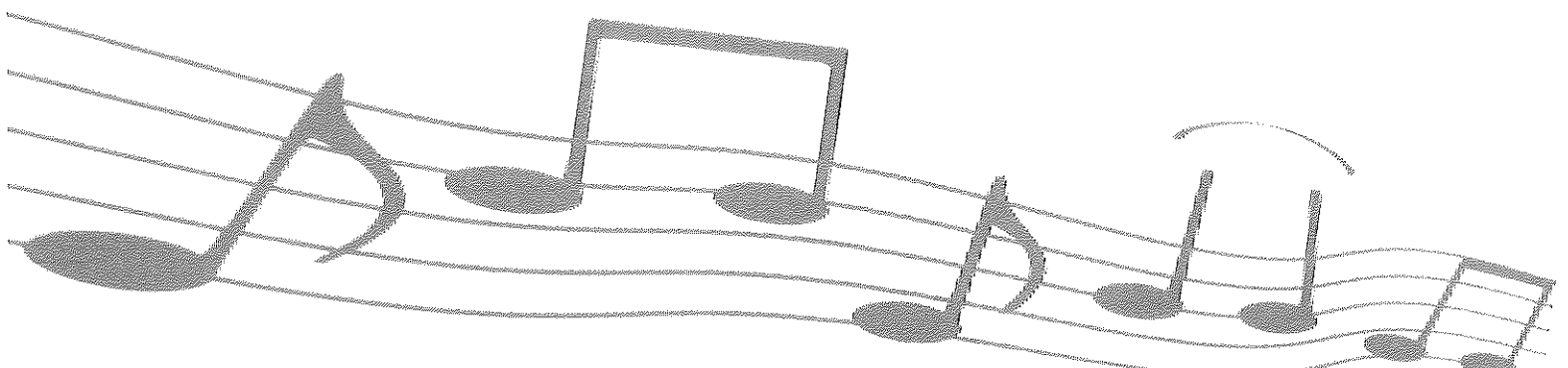
Shawnee County Medical Society

HealthAccess program!

THANK YOU to our sponsors!



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Years





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1155 SW Seabrook Ave
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SHELDON HEAD START • SCOTT DUAL LANGUAGE • PINE RIDGE PREP
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TUITION BASED AT SHANER (OPEN TO ALL SHAWNEE COUNTY RESIDENTS)

PLEASE PROVIDE THESE DOCUMENTS

- Child's immunization records
- Child's legal birth certificate
- Current physical exam
- 2021 tax return / W-2

*In general, please provide 12 full months of income documents including
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Por favor, suba los documentos solicitados durante
el proceso de inscripción, o envíelos por:

EMAIL A:
preschool@tps501.org

CORREO AL:
Coordinador de la Inscripción de Preescolar
1155 SW Seabrook Ave
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PROGRAMA CON MATRÍCULA DE SHANER (ABIERTO A TODOS LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO)

POR FAVOR, PROVEA ESTOS DOCUMENTOS

- Registro de Inmunizaciones del niño
- Certificado de nacimiento del niño
- Examen físico actual
- Impuestos 2021 / W-2

*En general, proporcione 12 meses completos de documentos de ingresos,
incluyendo la manutención de los hijos, becas, subvenciones, TANF, SSI, W-2s/
todos los empleadores, declaración de impuestos de 2021.*



Se notificará a las familias de la ubicación en julio de 2022.

Estas instituciones brindan igualdad de oportunidades.



Don't miss the Hi-Crest Market on Saturday, April 9th! Join us from 9:00 am-11:00 at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd, inside!

🍎🥕 FOOD BUNDLES 🥩🥕

Pre-bundled packages of Meat and produce will be available for \$30 each - Thanks to Leonard's Meat and Topeka Grower's Group!

VENDORS & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ✓ SENT Prep Academy Info Table
- ✓ SENT Merch for sale!
- ✓ More vendors TBD!

ABOUT THE HI-CREST MARKET

- The Hi-Crest Market is every month on the 2nd Saturday
 - Vendor fee is \$15 // Community Resource Table = Free
 - Use your SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) benefits EBT Card to purchase food bundles.
 - Questions? 📞 785.783.2535 or ✉ info@sentopeka.com
- Community Wellness: <https://bit.ly/3liv4EE>
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Nikki Ramirez-Jennings, Executive Director

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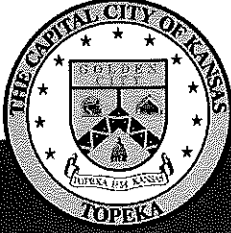
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April 5, 2022

City aims to close the digital divide with new e-cycle event

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka and PC's for People, an area technology refurbishing company, are partnering together to host a free digital e-cycle event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Stormont Vail Events Center, in Parking Lot #1.

During the event, area residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unused household electronic devices, while making a difference in the community.

Devices that are being accepted include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, and tablets. The devices can be in working or non-working condition. After collection, PC's for People will reset and repair the devices. They will then be provided to individuals in Topeka who are in need of digital devices.

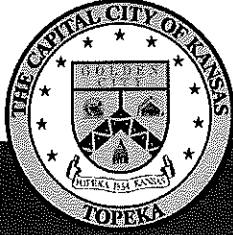
"This event is a terrific opportunity to help connect our low to moderate income neighbors, and work towards the City's digital equity goals," said Monique Glaude', Director of Community Engagement and Ombudsman.

This event is a part of the City's new digital equity program, TSC – Get Digital. TSC – Get Digital is a coalition made up of community members and stakeholders who want to help close the digital divide in Topeka.

"Recycling, refurbishing and getting quality unused computers into the homes of our lower income neighborhoods, is clearly one of the most effective ways of increasing internet adoption and bridging the digital divide," said Lazone Grays, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. "This event highlights the continued commitment by the TSC – Get Digital Coalition to our Topeka community, and I look forward to even greater accomplishments ahead."

"TSC – Get Digital is collecting as many laptops and desktops as possible in order for these to be refurbished and provided to qualifying members of our community," said Scott Gowan, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. "Digital Equity is a necessary tool for success in learning, socializing, and seeking support in today's digital world. Our neighbors who do not have these resources need your support to help them bridge that digital divide."

The TSC – Get Digital Coalition was made possible through a \$250,000 grant the City received from the Kansas Health Foundation.



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Other electronic items can be disposed of at the Shawnee County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 131 NE 46th St. There is no charge for disposal with the exception of CRT TVs and monitors. For additional information, please contact the County at 785-286-4381.

DIGITAL **E-CYCLE** EVENT



CITY OF
TOPEKA

YSC Get
Digital
CONNECT OUR NEIGHBORS



pcsforpeople

April 16th

8am - noon

Stormont Vail Events Center
1 Expocentre Dr.
Parking Lot #1



DEVICES ACCEPTED:

- **Laptops**
- **Desktops**
- **Tablets**
- **Monitors**

FREE EVENT


After collection, PC's for People will reset and repair devices that will then be provided to individuals in need of digital devices in our community.

For more information, contact
Monique Glaudé at 785-368-4470 or
mglaude@topeka.org







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Mobile Clinic Hours
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

 **Stormont Vail Health**
MOBILE CLINIC
in Your Neighborhood
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Location Color Key

-  SW Topeka
-  East Topeka
-  Hi-Crest
-  Central Topeka
-  Oakland
-  North Topeka


To schedule an appointment
 call: (785) 270-4440.

We'll Come to You!







MAY 2022

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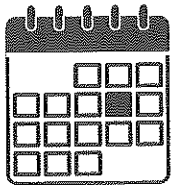
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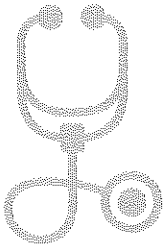
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The Mobile Clinic is ADA accessible and staffed by an APP and a Registered Nurse, both bi-lingual.



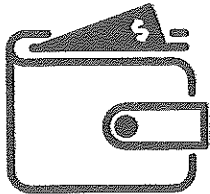
Make Your Appointment

If you do not have a primary doctor, please call (785) 270-4440 to reserve your appointment. Walk-in appointments only available if there are openings in the schedule.



Services Provided

- Blood pressure check
- Annual screenings
- Diabetes screening
- Immunizations *(including flu shots)*
- Routine lab work
- Care for on-going chronic conditions



Payment Options

We accept insurance and offer free or reduced pricing for uninsured and low-income patients.





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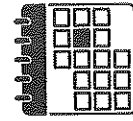
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LA CLÍNICA MÓVIL
en su comunidad

La clínica móvil cumple las reglas de accesibilidad de la ADA y cuenta con un proveedor de prácticas avanzadas y una enfermera registrada bilingües.



Haga su cita

Si no tiene un médico de atención primaria, llame al (785) 270-4440 para reservar su cita. Se aceptarán consultas sin cita previa dependiendo de la disponibilidad.



Servicios Ofrecidos

- Control de la presión
- Exámenes anuales
- Prueba de diabetes
- Vacunas (incluyendo vacunas contra la influenza)
- Análisis de laboratorio de rutina
- Atención para las condiciones crónicas

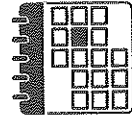


Opciones de pago

Aceptamos seguros y ofrecemos precios gratuitos o reducidos para pacientes sin seguro y de bajos ingresos.

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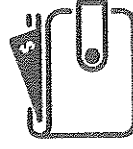
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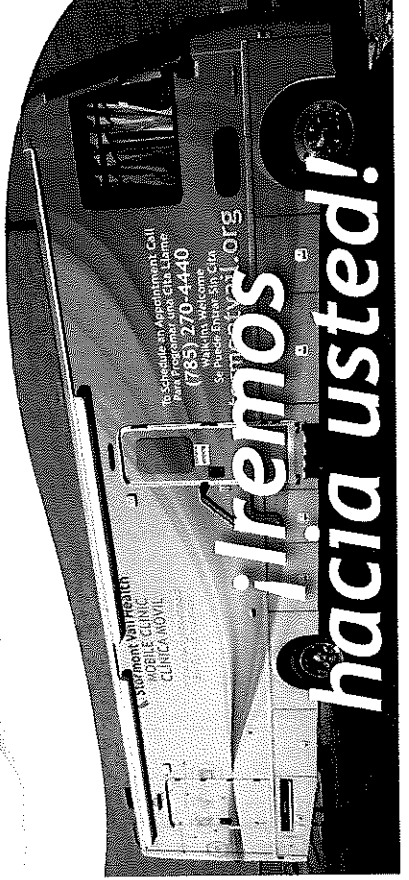
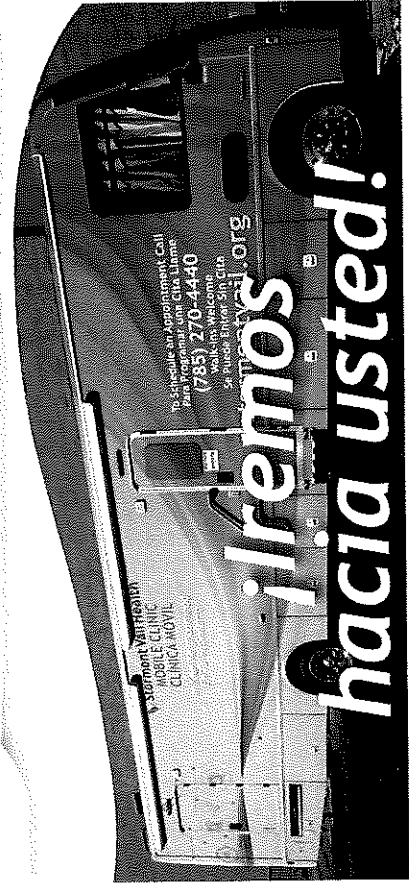
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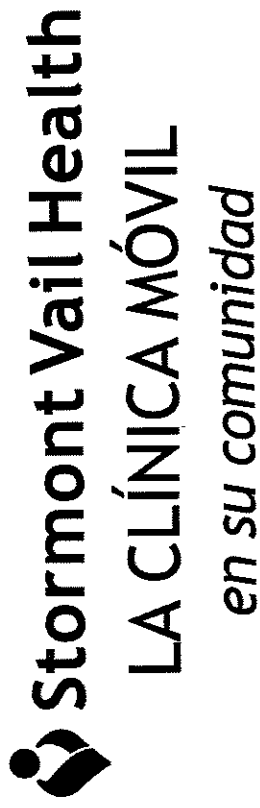
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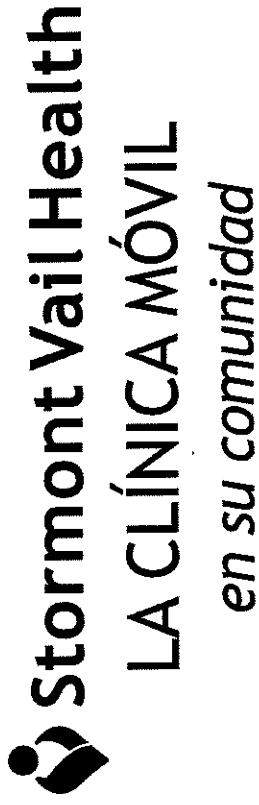
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Notas adicionales para mi cita:

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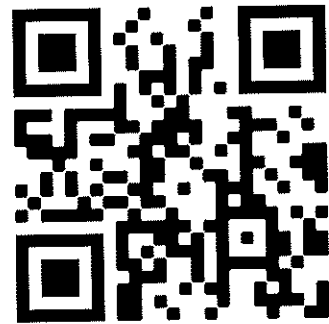
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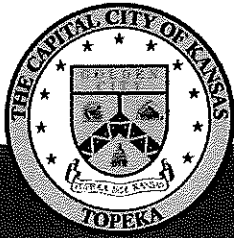
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April 1, 2022

Topeka water had a minor cloudiness violation in March, officials say it remains safe to drink

TOPEKA, Kan. – During the month of March, the City of Topeka temporarily had higher-than-normal cloudiness in its water.

The cloudiness, officially referred to as turbidity, was caused by conditions of the Kansas River due to recent rainfall.

City staff self-reported the information to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KDHE considered the turbidity levels a minor violation. KDHE and City staff were in regular communication, and agreed the water remained safe to drink throughout the period of turbidity.

“We are alerting the public to this information to be transparent, and to also assure them that the water in Topeka is safe to drink,” said Braxton Copley, Director of Utilities. “While turbidity temporarily exceeded normal levels, cloudiness does often occur after the first heavy rainfall of the year. I am very proud of our Utilities staff who worked tirelessly to resolve this situation.”

The City’s turbidity levels were out of compliance with KDHE regulations for approximately 13 hours.

The City’s water remains in compliance with KDHE standards in all aspects.



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MEDIA RELEASE

Sewage Release into Lake Sherwood

Topeka, Kan. – The Shawnee County Department of Public Works is advising residents to avoid contact with Lake Sherwood, especially in the area of the southeast cove located between SW Aylesbury Road and SW Chelmsford Road.

Late yesterday evening, a call from the public was received concerning the effluence of wastewater from manholes located on the west side of the cove. City of Topeka, Water Pollution Control staff responded to the call and, after some investigation, discovered a large blockage in the gravity line under the southeast cove which feeds the pump station on the east side of the cove. The collection system to the west of the blockage filled and, after some unknown period of time, overflowed from the manholes. The sewage then flowed downslope into the cove. The total volume of the discharges into the lake are unknown at this time.

Samples of the lake are being collected. City of Topeka staff have successfully removed the blockage, which consist of “disposable wipes/towelettes”. A notice has been pushed out to the users of the Sherwood Treatment system advising them to avoid disposing of the wipes by flushing.

As a precaution, residents as well as pets are advised to avoid contact with the lake until further notice.

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) is being notified.

The gravity line presently blocked is being lined as part of a series of upcoming projects within the Lake Sherwood Sanitary Sewer Treatment System, which are being funded by a \$7,000,000



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KDHE loan. The loan repayments will be paid for over the next 20 years by users of the Sherwood Treatment System. The likelihood of a blockage of this type in the line under the cove would not be appreciably reduced by the upcoming loan projects.

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Drug Trends Training

Wednesday April 20, 2022 | 8 30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shawnee County Health Department, 2600 SW East Circle Drive

\$99 | Advance Registration Required

6.5 hours toward CEUs for attending

- Current drug trends and rates of use
- Widely used and designer drugs, marketing and paraphernalia
- ◆ Risk factors, social norms and availability
- ◆ Prevention of substance use and associated behaviors

Ideal Training for:

- ◆ Adults looking for a better understanding of drug trends pertaining to youth

DRUG TRENDS TRAINING REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Business _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Cost is \$99 per person, only lunch and bottled water provided Amount Enclosed _____

Dietary restrictions _____

Registration due by Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Send registration to PARS, 2209 SW 29th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66611-1908.
Questions? Call 266.4606 or email jwilson@safeststreets.org

Registration will not be refunded if cancelled 5 or fewer days before program.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you need accommodations, please call 266.4606 for arrangements.

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Are you interested in becoming a better parent?
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We offer an exciting opportunity for unemployed or underemployed families in need.

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Employment Skills Training

- Dressing for success
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- Completing job applications



Healthy Relationships

- Communication enhancement
- Stress management
- Effective co-parenting
- Conflict resolution
- Emotional intelligence inventory



Community Resources

- Help obtaining Kansas ID's and driver's licenses
- Housing and employment referrals
- Transportation assistance and bus passes
- Referrals to community agencies
- Housing assistance for sober living housing



Parenting Education

- Child development
- Parenting confidence
- Parental rights and responsibilities
- Peer support



The next 4-week
training session
starts
April 11th
Call 785-246-5737
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