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LULAC Senior Center to Show *Dolores* at New Jayhawk Theatre

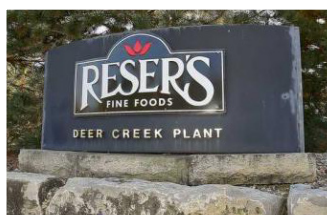


[Topeka LULAC Senior Center](#) will host two showings of the PBS movie *Dolores* at the Jayhawk Theatre this November with all ticket sales benefiting the center! This will be the first event in the newly-renovated Jayhawk Theatre! The showings will be Nov. 11th at 7pm and Nov. 12th at 2pm with a panel discussion immediately following. Sponsorship and booth space are available. Dolores Huerta is an American activist who led the fight for racial and labor justice, becoming one of the most defiant feminist of the twentieth century, and she continues this fight today at 87 years old. The film opened nationwide on September 1st, except in Topeka.

Kansas Manufacturers are Hiring

“Right now we have more than 40,000 manufacturing job openings in Kansas going unfilled because we don’t have the trained workers to fill those jobs.” A good portion of these jobs do require some sort of additional training or industry certification beyond a high school diploma. For this reason, all public schools will be obligated to help students develop individualized plans for careers by the 2018-19 school year. Ideally, this will remind students that they can pursue good jobs without a four-year degree and the burden of serious student debt.

Many manufacturing plants are currently hiring, including [Stevenson Company](#), [BNSF Railway](#), [Mars](#), [Smuckers’ Big Heart Pet Brands](#), [Berry Global](#) plant in Lawrence, and [Orbis](#) plastics plant in Osage City, among others.



Reser’s is also hiring for their existing location, with a new facility expected to open in February. The new facility is an [\\$86.5 million project](#) that will expand food production capabilities, including a 50 percent increase in potato cooking capacity. This project is expected to produce around 180 new jobs for both facilities. Reser’s currently employs about 1,100 people and will be offered incentives for creating new positions by the Joint Economic Development Organization. The new positions are expected to pay an average annual salary of \$24,000-25,000 plus benefits. For hiring information,

contact Damian Brackenbury at 785-817-0251 or by email at damianb@resers.com.

Thank you to Ann Mah for putting together all this amazing information. If you would like information about other job opportunities or community events, feel free to reply to this email directly, or contact [Ann Mah](#) with the Kansas Advisory Committee on Career and Technical Education for the Kansas Department of Education.

Uphold Your Civic Duty

The coming November 7th Shawnee County General Election is a big one! Don’t forget to get out and vote because every vote matters! Here are the positions up for election: Topeka mayor, Topeka City Council (Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9), Auburn mayor, two Auburn Council positions, Rossville mayor, two Rossville Council positions, three Silver Lake Council positions, Willard mayor (although there are no candidates), and five Willard Council positions.

On the right, the final two Topeka mayoral candidates, Spencer Duncan and Michelle De La Isla. De La Isla has a background in politics while Duncan’s is in business.



Left: [Spencer Duncan](#);
Right: [Michelle De La Isla](#)

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