

June 2019

2019 Shawnee County Fair

Hope everyone is excited for the [2019 Shawnee County Fair](#) that is right around the corner! Going from July 25th - July 28th, there will be animals, activities, exhibits, and entertainment each day. The Kansas ExpoCentre fair buildings are open Thursday, Friday, & Saturday from 8am - 10pm, and Sunday from 9am - 4pm. There are various events that will be taking place throughout the week. This includes a Hot Air Balloon Glow, the 4-H Horse Show, and a free concert. Remember, it is not only 4-H participants that can enter items into the fair, residents of Shawnee County can enter the open class categories by Thursday, July 25th between 1-6pm. New this year is also the bread sculpture contest where winners can receive \$25. The [full schedule](#) for all of the events is out, but it may change so be sure to check their [facebook](#) page for updates.



Kansas Conference On Poverty

Registration is now open for the [2019 Kansas Conference On Poverty: Working Toward Prosperity](#). Kansas Association of Community Action Programs is hosting this event on Wednesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 18. These two full days of discussions, from 8:30am - 5pm, will be about pathways out of poverty that we can work towards in our community and businesses. The purpose of having this conference is to bring together direct service worker, agency/department management, agency Boards of Directors, volunteers and anti-poverty advocates from the non-profit organizations, faith-based agencies, and government offices around Kansas. There are workshops covering a wide variety of topics that discuss the community's role in poverty alleviation, TANF policies, Social Security disability, etc. In addition to these workshops, there are also plenary speakers Mark Popovich, Alan Curtis, and Mike Matson. You can also have breakfast with legislators to discuss how developments in the 2019 legislative session affected the state's efforts to reduce poverty and what to expect in the 2020 session on Thursday, July 18. To attend both days it is \$160. If you would like to be a part of this informational event or to see a full agenda then register [online](#).



Habitat's New Tool Bus

[Topeka Habitat for Humanity](#) is celebrating their 35th year by adding a new addition to their resources, the [Tool Bus](#). This is a mobile tool lending library and neighborhood resource. The tool bus was created in direct response to community needs as identified by Shawnee County residents. The lack of access to proper tools and equipment, to perform routine maintenance and have repairs is a growing need in many neighborhoods. The bus is stocked with lawn equipment, power tools, hand tools, ladders, etc., which can be checked-out for free of charge during a neighborhood event. The Tool Bus can be requested for neighborhood improvement projects and community volunteer projects. To learn more click [here](#) or print out the [request form](#). For more questions about the Tool Bus contact Nikki MacMillan at 785-234-4322 or at



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