



Dear Neighbor,

In case you missed last Saturday's 6<sup>th</sup> Council District Fall Clean Up and have unwanted items to dispose of, the **5<sup>th</sup> District Fall Clean Up which is also open to all KCMO residents is coming up in two weeks from 8 to noon Saturday, October 23.**

**Drop off sites are at Center Alternative School, 8434 Paseo; Loma Vista Shopping Center, 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd.; Southeast High School, 3500 E. Meyer Blvd.; and Urban Christian Academy, 2810 E. 80<sup>th</sup> St.**

All services are free, except there are fees for monitors, TVs and items containing Freon that will be accepted at Center Alternative School. See the attached flyer for the specific charges.

These are the items that will be accepted at each drop-off site:

**Center Alternative School** – bulky items, electronics, glass, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash

**Loma Vista Shopping Center** – bulky items and trash

**Southeast High School** – bulky items, glass, leaves & brush, tires with or without rims and trash

**Urban Christian Academy – bulky items, leaves & brush and trash**

Persons may contact Robert Woods at the City Neighborhoods and Community Services Department at 816-513-8442 for more information.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide [Kaylee Bauer](#) is ready to help you.

**Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.**

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,  
*Mark A. Sharp*



**I had a chance to help out the hard working city crews unloading bulky items and trash for a little bit last Saturday at one of the 6<sup>th</sup> Council District Fall Clean Up sites at Ruskin High School that took in tons of bulky items such as old furniture, electronics, leaves & brush, tires and trash and also provided free document shredding.**



## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

Friday, October 8th, 2021

### **DSS GRILLED OVER MISSING FOSTER CHILDREN**

State lawmakers questioned Missouri Department of Social Services leaders

on Oct. 5 over a scathing new federal report finding that nearly 1,000 children in foster care in the state went missing at some point in 2019 and that the agency lacks policies to effectively deal with the problem.

The department had few answers for lawmakers.

The report by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was issued Sept. 30.

**The inspector general's office said it decided to undertake the review based on the concerns of its agents, who in 2019 assisted other federal and local agencies in helping to locate some of the 978 children who went missing from Missouri foster care that year.**

“In cases reviewed in detail, the Missouri foster care agency rarely attempted to reduce children’s risk of going missing,” the report said. “Additionally, it failed to protect children who went missing from foster care and did not effectively use resources to assist in locating them. As a result, these children were exposed to additional risks associated with being missing from care, such as a heightened risk for sex trafficking and poorer outcomes related to health, safety, education and involvement in the criminal justice system.”

**During a hearing of the House Children and Families Committee held just days after the report became public, Social Services Department Director Jennifer Tidball acknowledged problems but offered little indication of what the department plans to do to fix them.**

Lawmakers are expected to continue their inquiries into the matter.

## **HIGH COURT HEARS TICKETING PRACTICES CASE**

The Missouri Supreme Court heard arguments on Oct. 6 in a case to determine whether statutes imposing special limits on fine collection and municipal operations in St. Louis County that the court ruled unconstitutional four years ago should be reinstated because of a subsequent change in the court’s relevant precedent.

**The case involves portions of a 2015 law, Senate Bill 5, imposing**



**sweeping reforms aimed at reducing abusive municipal court and policing practices that allegedly emphasized generating revenue for city governments over public safety.**

Although most of the reforms apply statewide, two key provisions affect only municipalities in St. Louis County.

**One caps the amount of revenue municipal governments in the county can collect from fines and fees at 12.5 percent of a municipality's operating budget. All other Missouri cities are subject to a 20 percent cap. The other provision specific to St. Louis County imposes a variety of minimal standards for municipal operations and requires city police departments to be accredited.**

Normandy and several other St. Louis County cities challenged the provisions for violating a state constitutional prohibition against “special laws” that apply only to certain jurisdictions without justification. Cole County Circuit Judge Jon Beetem blocked enforcement of both provisions in 2016. The state Supreme Court upheld Beetem’s ruling in 2017.

However, the high court subsequently overhauled its standard for reviewing special laws in an unrelated December 2019 case and invalidated much of its precedent on the subject, including its prior ruling involving SB 5. That prompted Attorney General Eric Schmitt to ask Beetem to lift his 2016 injunction barring enforcement of St. Louis County-specific provisions, a request Beetem granted in December 2020. Schmitt sponsored SB 5 while a state senator.

During the latest round of arguments, Supreme Court Judge Patricia Breckenridge noted the court has never before resurrected a statute it previously ruled unconstitutional, even if there was a subsequent change in interpretation. She suggested a more appropriate remedy might be for the legislature to re-enact the relevant provisions.

**On the question of whether a “rational basis” exists for treating St. Louis County differently than Missouri’s other 113 counties, attorneys for the state said the county has a well-known reputation for so-called “taxation by citation” practices. However, the cities said the state offered no evidence that the practice is unique to St. Louis County, and**

**the evidence it did present relating to the county was several years out of date.**

Judge Paul Wilson questioned whether the state can even raise that argument now since it failed to do so the first time the case was before the court.

The Supreme Court will issue a ruling at a later date.

The case is *City of Normandy v. Michael Parson*.

## **JUDGE RULES AGAINST MOVE TO WEAKEN UNION**

A Cole County judge has ordered Gov. Mike Parson's administration to resume withholding union dues from the paychecks of prison guards, ruling the decision to cease doing so was "unconstitutional, arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable."

**The Missouri Office of Administration, which handles payroll for state agencies, informed the Missouri Corrections Officers Association in December 2019 that it would cease withholding dues from the paychecks of the organization's roughly 1,300 members. The move was widely seen as an attempt to weaken the union by making it difficult to collect dues from members.**

The administration originally claimed it could no longer withhold the dues because the union's contract with the state Department of Corrections had expired, although negotiations on a new contract continue. However, since the state routinely withholds fees for other non-union employee organizations, it quickly shifted its rationale to claim the Corrections Officers Association wasn't an employee organization since it included some auxiliary members who weren't active state employees, such as retirees.

However, Circuit Judge Jon Beetem found that, too, was a pretext since the Office of Administration continues to withhold dues and fees at the behest of other employee groups that have non-employee members. It also refused to resume collecting dues from prison guards after their association changed its bylaws to no longer allow auxiliary members. Beetem declared an administrative rule the Office of Administration enacted to justify its position

unconstitutional.

**“The Rule infringes on the constitutional rights of MOCOA and its members,” Beetem wrote. “It penalizes them for exercise of the right to organize and bargain collectively, by denying them payroll deduction authority, while other employee associations, who seek to promote the welfare of employees and to lobby like MOCOA, continue to receive the benefit.”**

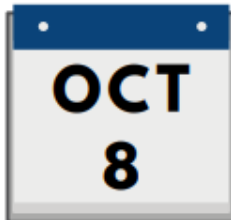
Beetem issued his order on Sept. 27 but stayed enforcement until Nov. 1 to give the Parson administration a chance to appeal. No appeal had yet been filed as of Oct. 5.

The case is *Missouri Corrections Officers Association Inc. v. Missouri Office of Administration*.





KC FAITH LEADERS ARE PARTNERING WITH  
KCPD TO BRING YOU A FUN, PRAYERFUL,  
& RESOURCEFUL WEEKEND OF EVENTS.

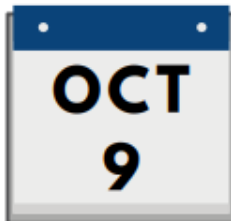


**NF&B PRAYER BREAKFAST** Colonial Presbyterian Church  
7am - 10 am | 9500 Wornall Rd

**NF&B BLOOD DRIVE** Red Cross  
10 am - 3pm | 6425 Wornall Rd

**KCPD FRIDAY FUN NIGHT** Vineyard Park  
6pm - 8pm | 40th & Vineyard

**CRIME PREVENTION NIGHT** Northland Neighborhoods Inc.  
6pm - 8pm | 5340 NE Chouteau Tfwy

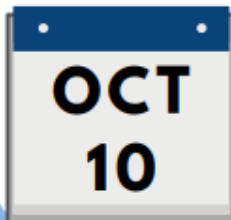


**HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP** Christ Community Church  
9am - 12pm | 400 W. 67th St.

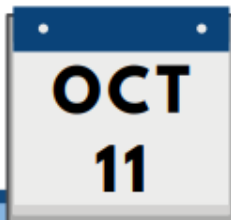
**SOUTH KC BLOCK PARTY** South KC Chamber of Commerce  
10am - 5 pm | 11212 Holmes Rd

**KCPD & HARVESTERS FOOD DISTRIBUTION** Macedonia Baptist Church  
10am | 1700 E. Linwood

**NF&B BREAKFAST** The Rock of KC Church  
8am - 10am | 12750 N Winan Rd.



**KC CHIEFS TAILGATE PARTY**  
Morningstar Baptist Church -  
Community Center  
12pm- 3pm | 2411 E. 27th St.



**SOUTH KC PEACE PARADE**  
Optimist Bingo Hall  
5pm - 8pm | 11154 Blue Ridge Blvd

**FREEDOM HOOPS BASKETBALL GAME**  
East Patrol Community Gym  
6:30pm | 2640 Prospect





**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**  
**10 AM - 5 PM**

**RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER**  
**453 E. RED BRIDGE ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64131**



- **Center School District 5K**
- Local Entertainment
- Local Food Vendors
- **The Strawberry Swing Handmade Indie Crafts**
- Vendor Booths
- Carnival Games
- Baby Costume Contest
- **Beer Garden Sponsored by Harry's Liquor**
- Emergency Vehicles
- **Wayside Waifs**



VISIT [WWW.SOUTHKCCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHKCCHAMBER.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION





COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF KANSAS CITY PRESENTS A SAFE, SOCIALLY-DISTANCED, COMMUNITY EVENT

## Come enjoy a free outdoor concert by musicians of the Kansas City Symphony

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021  
PARKING OPENS AT 5:30 PM, PERFORMANCE BEGINS AT 6 PM  
IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE CBKC OFFICES  
4001 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (formerly Blue Pkwy), Kansas City, MO 64130



NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERTS

*Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! We thank you for social distancing and wearing a facemask, if you have not received the vaccine, at the concert. Your safety is our primary concern!*

# ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS!



**FREE**

# *Thank You Meals* **for Educators**

**Free Breakfast Oct. 11-15th**



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**Visit CAC at SKC Block Party, Oct. 9**

It's the SKC Chamber's Block Party, 10 am - 5 pm, in the Red Bridge Shopping Center. CAC will be there with information to share about our many community services! There will be lots of fun, vendors and resources. Download the flyer [HERE](#).

**Also at Faith and Blue Peace Parade, Oct. 11**

Stop by CAC's table about 5 pm at the Bingo Hall after the Peace Parade.

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**Join CAC for Pastors' Virtual Coffee Oct. 14**

We'd like to hear about the needs and experiences in your communities, share about CAC's services, and how we can work together. We're sending our email with zoom link to SKC faith representatives, but email [rachel.casey@cackc.org](mailto:rachel.casey@cackc.org) if you don't receive an invite and would like to be a part of this discussion. All are welcome. Look for additional dates of Virtual Coffees for visits with other community groups.



### **Looking for a Holiday Project?**

#### **CAC has Bins to Fill!**

Would your organization like a way to help our local seniors and families in time for the holidays? CAC would love to provide donation bins and partner with your group for specific collections, such as hygiene items, holiday foods, socks and slippers, hats and gloves, etc. Contact Julie Reid at 816-763-3277 x 110, [julie.reid@cackc.org](mailto:julie.reid@cackc.org) to talk about needs and work out details!





### **MCPL Food for Fines for CAC**

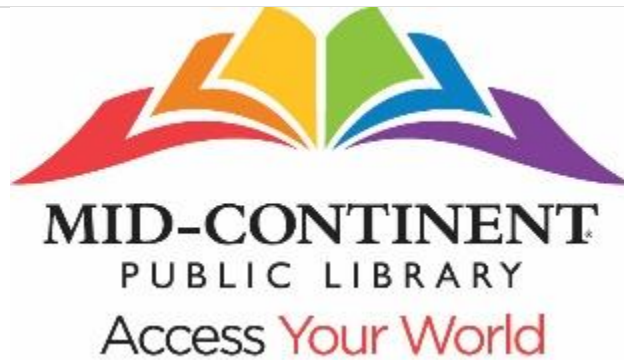
Bring boxed or canned nonperishable food items to any Mid-Continent Public Library location **October 11 through 17** to pay off overdue fines and help the community. Items collected at the Red Bridge Branch (and Blue Ridge when it opens) come to Community Assistance Council. Each food item counts as \$1 off existing overdue fines or replacement card charges, up to \$10. Donations without fines are welcome!

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### **October Food, Diapers Available**

CAC Food Pantry: Appointments (preferred, call 816-763-3277 x 100) or walk-ins **9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**, plus **4 to 6 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 6** and **9 am to noon, Saturday, Oct. 23**.

Happy Bottoms diapers: No appointment needed but call 816-763-3277 x 100 if new, 9 to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



### **Mid-Continent Public Library Trades Food for Fines**

Greater Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library’s biannual Food for Fines program is back! This fall, Food for Fines will be held from **Monday, October 11, through Sunday, October 17**. During the weeklong initiative, MCPL customers will have the chance to donate nonperishable food items in place of money to pay off overdue fines or replacement card charges.

Customers with no fines or fees can also donate to “pay it forward” toward another customer’s fees. Following the completion of the program, the food will be given to charitable organizations across the Kansas City metro.

Traditionally, MCPL offers the Food for Fines program twice a year—leading into the summer to encourage active participation in the annual Summer Library Program and in the fall to alleviate any barriers for students seeking resources at the Library—however, it’s been on pause since 2019 due to COVID-19. **To date, the Library has collected more than 145,000 items for local charities through the program.**

Suggested donations include boxed meals, canned food, peanut

butter, cereal, and pasta. Donations must not be expired, damaged, open, non-nutritious, or in a glass, plastic, or cardboard drink container. Each donated food item will count as \$1 toward a customer's fines and fees (up to \$10).

WEBINAR HOSTED BY  
NAACP KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI BRANCH

# Critical Race Theory

**CRT:** FACTS, LIES AND THE FIGHT OVER  
SCHOOL CURRICULUM

LEARN WHAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT  
YOU TO KNOW ABOUT **CRT**

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 14**

**6:30–8:00 pm**

**VIA ZOOM**

JOIN THE WEBINAR:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86152379653>

Dial: US: +1 646 558 8656 or  
+1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799  
Webinar ID: 861 5237 9653



**NAACP**

**PANELISTS:**



**Jamila Jefferson-Jones**

Professor of Law at Wayne State School  
of Law; Associate Director of Property,  
Equity and Justice for Civil Rights



**Dr. Derald Davis**

Assistant Superintendent of Equity,  
Inclusion and Innovation  
for Kansas City Public Schools



**Rep. Ingrid Burnett**

Missouri House of Representatives



**Sandra Dayse**

Teacher,  
Kansas City Public School District



**MODERATOR:**

**DaRon McGee**

Vice President,  
Hickman Mills School Board



# COFFEE WITH A COP

**Friday, October 15, 2021  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**Villa Ventura Senior Living  
12100 Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64145**

**Coffee and Conversations with the  
Kansas City Police Department**



JOIN US FOR A "LIGHTS ON KC" FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
Friday ~ October 22, 2021 ~ 6:00-10:00pm



*It's not over yet...*



Location: St. Regis Catholic Church (in the Parish Hall)

8941 James A. Reed Road ~ KCMO

Ticket Cost: \$ 5 per Person IN ADVANCE at: <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/heaven/513604>



# *Fifth District*

## FALL CLEAN UP

**October 23, 2021 - 8 AM - NOON**

### LOCATIONS

- Southeast High School, 3500 E Meyer Blvd, KCMO, 64132:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, glass collections
- 2801 E 80TH ST, KCMO, 64132:  
Trash, bulky items, leaf & brush
- 8800 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO, 64138:  
Trash, bulky items
- Center Alternative School, 8434 The Paseo, KCMO, 64131:  
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, glass collection, and electronic collection

### ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

### SPONSORS:



**For more information, contact  
Robert Woods at 816-513-8442**



**All staff will be abiding by social  
distancing policy and masks  
should be worn**

STW CHARITIES INVITES YOU

# HALLOWEEN AT EVANGEL



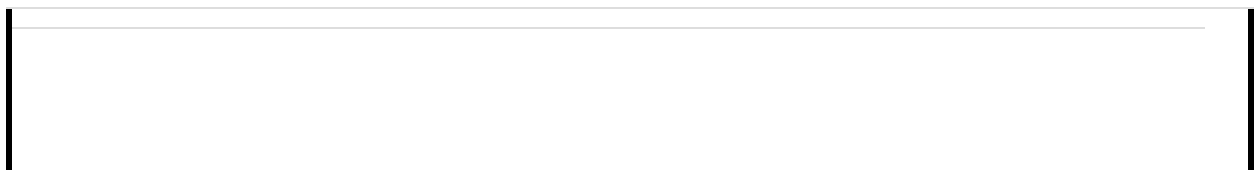
COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN FAMILY-  
FRIENDLY EVENT, WITH INFLATABLES, PONY  
RIDES, PETTING ZOO, GAMES, FOOD,  
COSTUMES, AND EVERYONE'S  
FAVORITE....CANDY!!!!

**OCTOBER 30, 2021, 11-2 PM**

EVANGEL CHURCH 1414 E. 103RD ST, KCMO 64131

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
AT [WWW.SERVETHEWORLDKC.ORG](http://WWW.SERVETHEWORLDKC.ORG)





# Drive Thru

## Trunk ~or~ Treat

**Saturday, October 30**

**2-4<sup>PM</sup>\*\***

- 🍁 Access going South on James A. Reed Road – Enter North Driveway, Exit South Driveway
- 🍁 Please stay in your vehicle
- 🍁 Bring your own container for treats
- 🍁 Masks are encouraged for participants in cars
- 🍁 For safety, walk ups will not be allowed
- 🍁 Candy for the number of children in the car
- 🍁 “Grab & Go Meal” provided
- 🍁 Halloween costumes permitted

**\*\*This Event ends at 4pm or earlier if we run out of candy. We are planning for 250 children.**

**St. Luke's & St. James** United Methodist Church

9420 James A. Reed Rd. (corner of Bannister) Kansas City, MO 64138

St. Luke's: 816.763.8444 [www.stlukeskc.org](http://www.stlukeskc.org)

St. James South Campus: 816.444.5588 [sjumckc.org](http://sjumckc.org)





SUBURBAN BALANCE PRESENTS

# BOYS—TO—MEN Leadership Event

CULTIVATING LEADERS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Advocacy
- Quality Education

## Q & A SESSION & LIGHT SNACKS

Calling all Suburban Balance  
Middle & High School Boys

**SATURDAY, OCT 30, 2021 @2PM**  
**CONCORD FORTRESS OF HOPE**  
**11050 W. LONGVIEW PKWY KCMO 64134**  
**(MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)**



**Shawn Edwards**  
Moderator  
Fox 4 News Film Critic



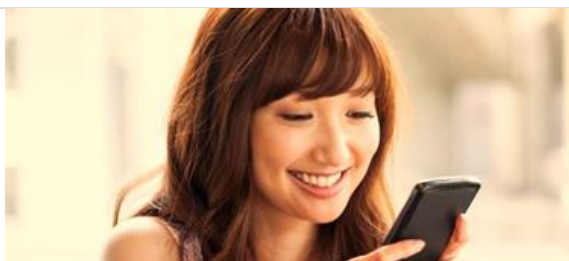
**Kevin Holmes**  
KSHB 41  
News Anchor



**Mark Sharp**  
Missouri State Rep,  
District 36



**Chris Evans**  
Business Owner,  
T-Shirt King, Inc.  
(Morehouse Man)



 **myDSS.mo.gov**

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# FSD Offices Closed on Columbus Day

## Holiday Closure

The Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD) Resource Center locations and the FSD Information Line (855-373-4636) will be closed on Monday, October 11 to observe Columbus Day. They will resume normal hours on Tuesday, October 12.

- **More Information**
- Visit [myDSS.mo.gov](https://myDSS.mo.gov) to start a chat and get immediate answers to basic questions that are not specific to your case 24 hours a day.
- To find an office in your area, go to [dss.mo.gov/dss\\_map/](https://dss.mo.gov/dss_map/) and enter your city, zip code, or address.
- Call the FSD Information Line at **855-FSD-INFO** or (855-373-4636) Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed October 11 to observe Columbus Day).

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### Our Mission:

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

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## South KC Mobile Food Pantries

Many families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites



are:

**Center District Warehouse**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

**Evangel Church**, 1414 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**United Believers Community Church**, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

**Ruskin High School**, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

**Colonial Presbyterian Church**, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

**Center School District**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

**Red Bridge United Methodist Church**, 636 E. 117<sup>th</sup> St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



**REMAIN ANONYMOUS • RECEIVE CASH REWARDS**



**TIPS HOTLINE**

**816-474-8477**



**WEB TIPS**

**KCcrimestoppers.com**



**FREE MOBILE APP**

**P3Tips.com**



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**Please don't hesitate to contact me  
with any feedback, questions or ideas!**