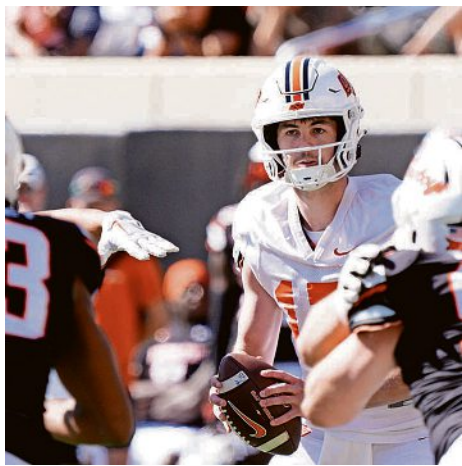
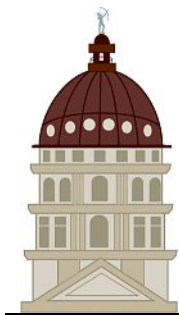




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Politicians disclose financial interests

What KS candidates revealed in substantial interest reports

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Most of the politicians running for state offices have disclosed their financial interests. Under state law, K.S.A. 46-247, state politicians must file annual written statements of substantial interest. Failure to file a true statement is a misdemeanor crime. The statements are filed

with and publicly available from the Kansas Secretary of State’s Office. Candidates for statewide office must disclose, for both themselves and their spouse:

- Owning any legal or equitable interest worth more than \$5,000 or greater than a 5% of a business. This includes stocks, retirement accounts, rental properties, farm land and other holdings.
- Receiving any compensation of \$2,000 or more that is taxable income.
- Receiving any gifts or honoraria with a value of \$500 or more, with certain exceptions.
- Holding a position as officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor of

any business. This includes nonprofit organizations.

- Receiving any compensation of \$2,000 or more as a fee or commission paid by a client or customer to a business.

Following is what 2026 reports show.

Governor

Senate President Ty Masterson, of Andover, is the Republican nominee for governor. Masterson reported employment or businesses compensation from Wichita State University and Springboard LLC. (Masterson has announced he is taking a leave of absence as director of Go-

Create at Wichita State.) Springboard is a consulting and property management business. Masterson reported 100% ownership and being the sole member of Springboard, and he also reported receiving fees or commissions from Springboard. Masterson also reported being the managing member and having a 51% ownership interest in 622 VanBuren Place LLC, which is in the property ownership business. Sen. Cindy Holscher, of Overland Park, is the Democratic nominee for governor. Holscher reported employment or

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A large swimming pool was renovated from the original to accompany guests staying at East Bank on Mill Creek. PHOTOS BY EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

‘HIDDEN GEM’ Retreat offers cozy getaway near Topeka

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The opportunity to get away for a family or business retreat doesn’t have to be outside of Kansas. In fact, it’s about 25 miles from Topeka. Eastbank on Mill Creek at 121356A Bouchey Road in Maple Hill is a renovated 84-acre retreat property along Mill Creek. The retreat is owned by Topeka-based Aim Strategies, an equity firm founded and owned by Cody Foster. Aim Strategies also oversees West Ridge Mall, Cyrus Hotel, The Pennant, Iron Rail Brewing and Ta Co. Seth Wagoner, CEO of AIM Strategies, said the retreat opened its doors in early 2019 and has been a “hidden gem.” “It was called the Prairie Fire Ranch before then and there were a lot of small weddings and things that happened out here,” Wagoner told The Capital-Journal. “You’ll get a lot of people that have



A view inside the main space of The Lodge within East Bank on Mill Creek on Aug. 18.

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Medicaid expansion still an issue

Holscher campaigns on promise after feds cut incentive

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Cindy Holscher is campaigning on promises of expanding Medicaid, despite a federal cut to the incentive that makes expansion more difficult financially and politically. At an Aug. 25 gubernatorial forum in Wichita, Holscher said Medicaid expansion would help rural hospital survive in Kansas. “States around us have expanded,” she said. “We have forfeited over \$7 billion of our taxpayer funds that go to other states because we haven’t expanded here. Hospitals will tell you and our rural hospitals will tell you and chambers of commerce will say this is the thing we should do to help our rural hospitals and our people all across the state.” Holscher, a current state senator, criticized her fellow lawmakers for not expanding already. Republican candidate Ty Masterson, the Senate president, said rural health care challenges are “not unique to Kansas” as “there’s a general depopulation of the Great Plains.” “Medicaid expansion doesn’t make any sense,” Masterson said. Like Holscher, Masterson acknowledged that other states expanded Medicaid. “It is not saving rural hospitals ... that’s not an answer to save a rural hospital,” Masterson said. “It’s been proven not to do that. But what it has done, it’s displaced the disabled and the frail and elderly because you dump this massive group of able-bodied adults without dependents.” Masterson said what the Republican-led Legislature has done is “we helped with provider tax assessment,

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