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Summertime. It's been a long time coming. Last year we felt buried under the weight of the pandemic as many of our favorite summer pastimes swimming, farmers' markets, July 4th celebrations, family gatherings and community events — were put on hold or cancelled altogether. This summer feels refreshingly different. Even though we aren't out of the proverbial woods quite yet, it feels great to start to see our lives move in a positive direction and to feel like we can spend time with friends and family again.

And what better way to spend time together during the summer months than enjoying a little ice cream? This issue's cover story highlights Foggi Ice Cream, a unique ice cream and coffee shop in the heart of downtown Mission serving up frozen treats churned with liquid nitrogen. Customers make the trip to Foggi not only for the unique flavors, but for the fun in watching how it's prepared.

Partners Sam Nguyen and Von Mounivong opened the shop in 2019 only to be impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns less than a year later. With the support of their neighbors and loyal customers, Foggi found its way through the pandemic and hopes to be a "happy place" for Mission residents for years to come.

Happiness and long-standing ties to the community are central to the story about metal sculptor Dave Breneman. Creating unique pieces of art in the basement of his home (previously owned by his grandmother) in



#### On the cover:

Jon and Irene Prue enjoy nitrogenchurned ice cream and boba tea with their children outside Foggi Ice Cream on Johnson Drive. Photo by Denise Elam.



Mission's Countryside neighborhood, Dave's attitude and generous spirit come to life in the feature article showcasing how he found his passion. Dave's work celebrates our human relationships. That celebration and a sense of community are reflected in his comments about the small-town, personal appeal of Mission and his decision to stay here to raise his family and create beautiful pieces of art.

And while Dave sculpts with metal. KH Automotive owner Kevin Hinckle tinkers with metal of a different sort. Cars. And lots of them. Offering a full range of services from his garage on Broadmoor, Kevin thrives on reducing the stress that often accompanies car trouble, and focuses his attention on helping people to get back on the road. And when he's not fixing customers' cars, you will find him with his race car. Traveling and racing for over 30 years, Kevin will tell you he's lucky because his vocation is also his vacation — something that's not always easy to find.

Finally, in this summer issue, we introduce you to Mission's newest housing option, The Locale. A five-story, 200-unit luxury apartment building located on Johnson Drive, this award-winning property was designed to impress, The Locale offers a unique living experience in downtown Mission. Attracting a wide demographic of residents, the project affords the opportunity to walk right out the front door into the "perfect neighborhood" with easy access to shops, dining and entertainment.

Whatever your summertime pleasure, I hope you take advantage of the opportunities to get out and explore our City, reconnect with friends and soak up every last drop of summer sunshine.

-Ron Appletoft, Mayor

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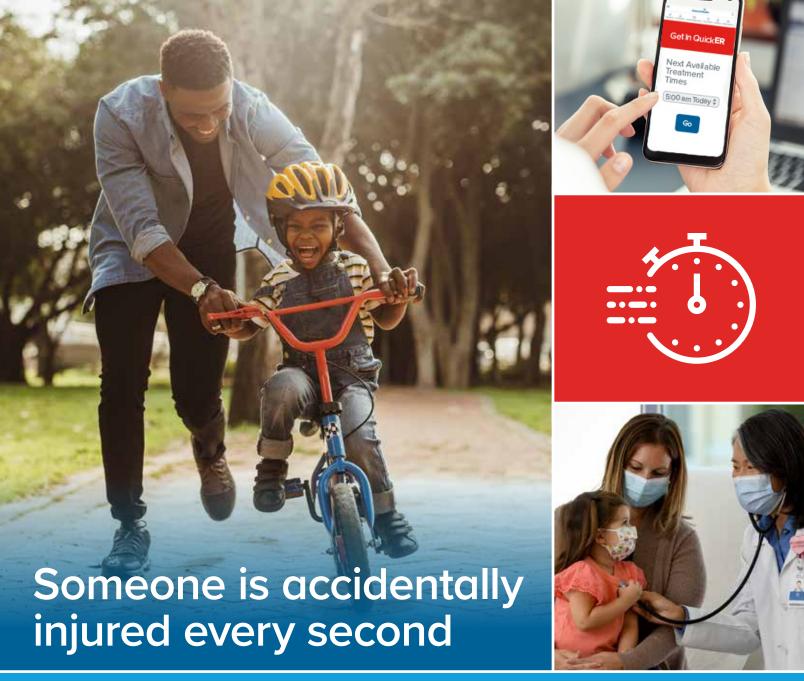


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At 321 degrees below zero, liquid nitrogen is colder than any region on Earth — even the frigid Arctic.

The substance is used to freeze and transport food products, to give a smoky "cauldron" effect to drinks and when making ice cream. That's what Sam Nguyen and her business partner, Von Mounivong do at Foggi Ice Cream on Johnson Drive.

Inspired by the "cool" technique, the team opened the shop in July of 2019.

"We said, 'You know what? Let's just do it,'" Sam said. "We knew nothing about it. We had to take a class to learn about nitrogen and making the ice cream."

The class paid off. The shop soon garnered a large customer base, with many coming in daily to try specialty ice cream flavors like sweet maple bacon, lychee and piña colada. Staples like rocky road and cookie dough also decorate the menu. The shop offers a "create your own" ice cream cup option, with a vanilla or chocolate base and two custom toppings.

"We do a lot of really unique flavors that you'll never see anywhere else," Sam said. "We can customize anything to be dairy free and some sugar free."

The menu doesn't stop at ice cream. Vietnamese coffee and boba tea are popular offerings as well.

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-SAM NGUYEN

"Our boba sales are taking off like crazy," she said. "Our coffee is very good; it's strong and really rich."

The nitrogen ice cream at Foggi is more than a sweet treat — it's a show. Upon ordering from the shop's expansive menu, customers are invited to watch the ice cream being made through a plexiglass screen.

"Really, no one here does it the way we do it," Sam said. "We make it right in front of the customer. They get to see the entire project from start to finish."

The ice cream is made using traditional ice cream bases churned on medium speed. Once mixed, the liquid nitrogen is drizzled into the stand mixer, causing a plume of dense fog to spread around the bowl. A blowtorch is then used on the outside of the bowl to release the frozen scoops of ice cream. Once the cream has reached a desired consistency, it's mixed with the toppings and served.

Sam compares the fresh ice cream to fresh food made at a restaurant.

"When you go to a nice restaurant, you eat the food as soon as it's made," Sam said. "When you reheat it at home the next day, it's not the same (taste). When you make it fresh, it's going to be so much better."

Sam said many customers are used to the traditional, pre-made options to pick and choose from, so their shop challenges a lot of preconceived notions regarding ice cream.

"This one gentleman kind of sticks out in my mind," she recalled. "He came in and said, 'My kids need to be able to see all the flavors.' I told his daughter, 'Let me show you how to make it.' After that, he said, 'Wow, this is really good. We'll be back every Saturday.' And they come back every Saturday now."

Aside from the coffee, tea and ice cream, the shop also boasts a complimentary photo booth. Many customers tape extra copies of their photos to the walls inside the shop.

"We call this a wall of families — the Foggi Family wall," she said. "People love it. It's something fun to do."

Sam said the shop closed for three months last year due to the pandemic. They are still working their way out of that loss in revenue.

"For a while it was touch and go — we had to cut back on our staff and do the work ourselves to keep it afloat," she said. "(But) the business is growing and we continue to get more and more customers. I think we're on a good path."

Sam said they were lucky to come across the spot on Johnson Drive, calling Mission a "hidden gem."

"This place is perfect because there's a lot of traffic and this area is slowly building up; we're in the right place at the right time," she said. "We love our neighbors. We help each other out. It's like family — to me that's so precious. It's very valuable when you have neighbors like that."

She considers the business her





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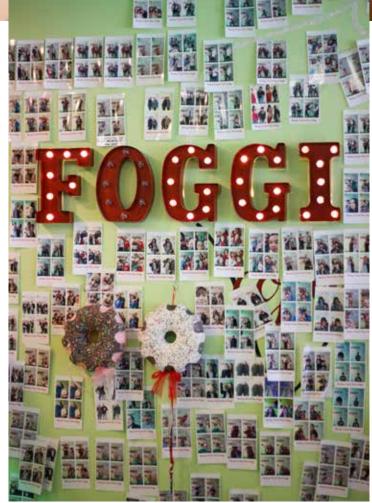
"baby" and doesn't mind putting in the extra work to keep it running.

"We enjoy our job and enjoy making ice cream for people," she said. "We really love when people try it for the first time. When you believe in your product and you see someone else enjoying it, it's a wonderful feeling."

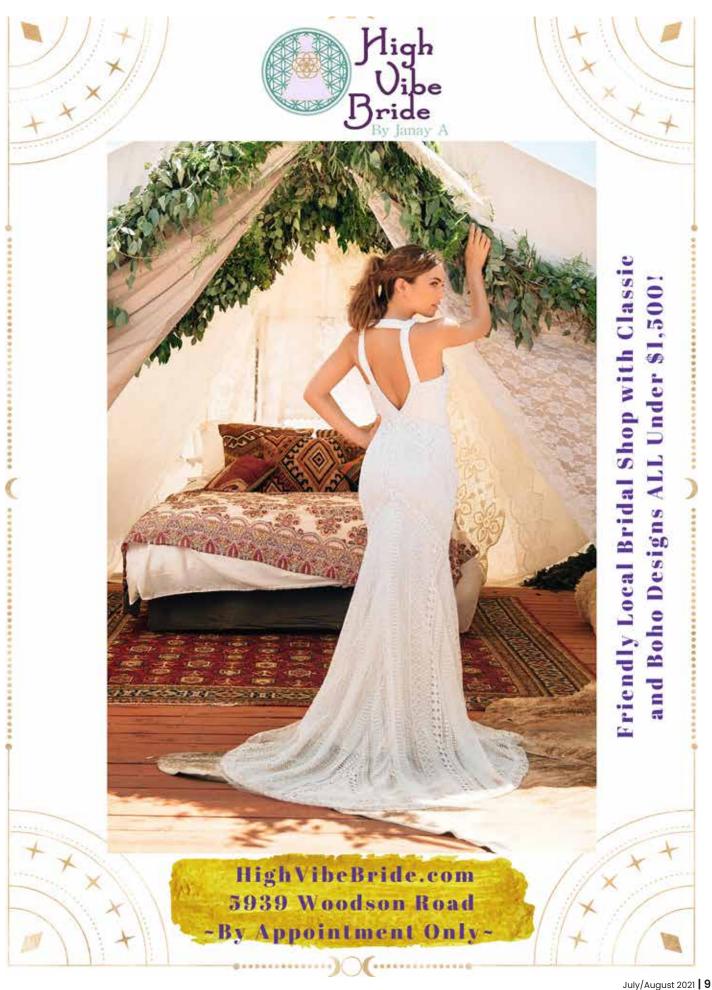
Foggi Ice Cream is open during the summer on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 9 p.m. For more information, visit foggiicecream.com



A Foggi employee mixes the ice cream before serving it in a cup or cone.



Photos taken by customers using the free photobooth line the walls at Foggi. Sam calls this the "Foggi Family Wall."





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## MISSION SCULPTOR DAVE BRENEMAN HIGHLIGHTS MOMENTS WORTH CELEBRATING

#### Story by Denise Elam

Happiness. Community. Connection. Family.

These four themes inspire artist and sculptor David "Dave" Breneman to sculpt, create and keep moving forward.

Dave first began tinkering with sculpting under the instruction of Chuck Crawford in his jewelry-making class at Shawnee Mission East.

"What I loved about it was that I could have a concept and then have a design, and then do the engineering, figure out how to build it — then actually build it and have a finished piece," he said.

In 1996, after graduating from Kansas State with a degree in graphic design, Dave began a career at Huhtamaki, a global food packaging company, as a graphics coordinator, specializing in creating packaging designs.

Eight years soon passed, but his passion

for sculpting never waned; his wife, Heather, encouraged him to continue pursuing his craft by enrolling in a weekend welding class at the Kansas City Art Institute.

"I took that and holy cow, it all came back to me," he said. "I had missed it."

In 2004, Dave enrolled in graduate school at the University of Kansas' School of Design while working his full-time job and starting a family.

"I wanted to pursue building things and pursue the love of art while learning to make metal on a larger scale,' he said.

While in school, he learned to conceptualize, design and build copper, brass and steel sculptures using traditional metalsmithing and blacksmithing techniques.

In 2010, Dave was commissioned by the sixth-grade class at Highlands Elementary

in Mission to build a sculpture of their mascot, a red-tailed hawk.

"They paid for the materials and I donated the time," he said. "I envisioned the bird launching into the sky. I wanted to capture the beauty and power of the first explosion into flight while also describing what the sixth graders will do when they graduate and launch into their own lives."

The nearly 12-foot-tall statue went on to be displayed outside the school.

In 2018, Dave was commissioned on another piece for Highlands, this time a red-tailed hawk flying above the building's entryway. He titled it "Learning To Soar." Hung from the ceiling and painted like a stain-glass window, it spans a massive 17-feet wide and 7-feet long and bathes the school's entryway in red and yellow light.

More recently, Dave sculpted a community art piece for the Atchison Art

Association's Juneteenth celebration on June 19. The piece, titled "Reflections," was his biggest undertaking yet, tied around a theme of celebrating community. He began mapping out the piece in early 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on creating a sculpture that would visually represent a network of people supporting one another.

He first started with a scanned and 3D-printed clay model. Dave then slowly hand-formed and fabricated the sculpture to match the 3D model by shaping bronze rods and rounded metal sheets over a wooden stump before grounding and welding them in place.

"I put 160 hours into it in April 2021 and I did another 150 to 200 hours between May and June," he said. "In April, I worked from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. pretty much every night."

Dave said the sculpture resembles a person holding a child and people holding each other up.

"The idea is that community is one body and everybody has a role in community to make that body," he said. "As you rotate around it, it has two heads and arms holding another head with arms. The idea of it is that you work together, and sometimes there's struggle in community."

As intricate as the sculpture sounds, it brings him back to his days in high school creating jewelry.

"I essentially am taking jewelry-scaled processes and applying them to a larger scale," he said.

Dave works on most of his artwork inside the basement or garage of his house in Mission's Countryside neighborhood. The location has a very special meaning to him.

"I've been coming here since I was born," he said. "This house was my grandmother's. I graduated college in 1996 and moved in here when she moved into a nursing home. In December, it'll be 25 years."

Initially, the move was both extremely convenient and sentimental.

"This is the best location, and I tell everybody that," he said. "In regards to walkability and small-town feel — you get to know the business owners. I walk to Fluffy Fresh Donuts and say 'Hi' to Jim and I go to Mack True Value Hardware and talk to Kelly ... we've had opportunities to move and I keep coming back to the community."

Community plays a huge role in Dave's art. When he was in graduate school, he struggled to land on a common theme or

focus to tie it all together.

"A lot of people in graduate school are wanting to express angst or political views through their designs — things that are kind of dark," he said. "And that's not me."

One of his sculptures created during that time is of a parent throwing a child in the air.

"My son was born while I was in graduate school, and that's what I found that I wanted to celebrate," he said. "There are these memories you have of your children and they go away because they're forgotten in time. I was capturing the moments that were really important to me. So I went with happiness. That's my main theme."

To view more of Dave's art, visit http://brenemancreative.com



Dave with his nearly 12-foot-tall statue, titled "Skyward," outside Highlands Elementary School in Mission. Photo courtesy of Dave Breneman.







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## **Mission Police Department** Offers Interactive Crime Map



Along with the launch of the City's updated website in April, the Mission Police Department took the opportunity to showcase a new interactive crime map. The map defaults to activity of the last 30 days, but can be updated by the user for specific date ranges or other periods of time.

#### The crime map offers a variety of benefits including:

- Provides a visual reference for what crimes are happening in the City.
- Gives residents (current and future) a way to research crime in Mission.
- Gives Police Department staff a visual reference of where to increase patrols or focus crime prevention efforts or education.

The map allows users to filter by crime type, and also provides an opportunity to create a "heatmap" of where crimes, accidents, and traffic stops are occurring the most. The Police Department will often show to be a "hot spot" on the map. Rest assured, it is still a safe place. The concentration is due to warrant arrests made and walk-in reports taken at the station.

You can view the data on the City's website at www.missionks.org by searching "crime map." For more information on the crime map, please contact the Mission Police Department at 913.676.8300.

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The \$5.2 million dollar Rock Creek Channel Improvements Project began in June 2020 and was completed in May 2021. The project included construction of retaining walls, channel modifications and parking lot improvements along Rock Creek from east of Nall Avenue to Roeland Drive to address erosion and flood protection concerns.

Native plantings have been placed on the south side of the channel to protect the slopes and prevent future erosion. The plantings include native oak, walnut and buckeye trees; redbud and dogwood shrubs; and native flowers and grasses. The project successfully removed parcels from the floodplain and floodway along Rock Creek resulting in more developable land and eliminating the need for flood insurance for some along this important stream corridor.

For the status of other projects in Mission, both public and private, please visit the website at www.missionks.org and search "project updates."







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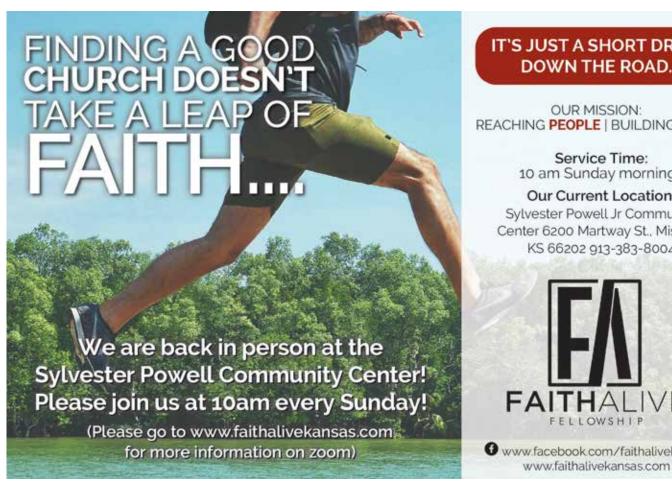
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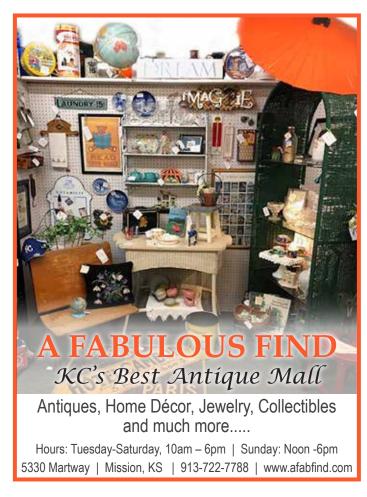
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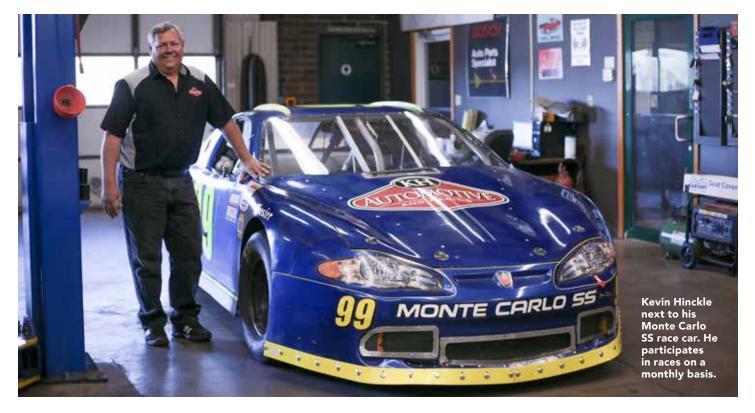
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## HELPING PEOPLE GET BACK ON THE ROAD

## KH Automotive on 22 years of quality, personal service

Story and photos by Denise Elam

It's no exaggeration that at KH Automotive, owner Kevin Hinckle has 'seen it all.'

Specializing in European vehicles such as the Mercedes Benz, Land Rover, Jaguar and Porsche, KH Automotive offers a range of services from a simple oil change up to a complete vintage car restoration.

Kevin first opened the automotive repair shop in 1999 in Merriam before relocating to Mission about 10 years ago. Now in the automotive field for more than 40 years, Kevin can't imagine a career doing anything else.

"It was always a dream to have my own shop," he said. "I finally made that a reality 22 years ago, starting out by myself with one shop big enough for three cars and expanded from there."

He spread the word about his business by direct mailing 100 of his closest friends and family — literally anyone he could think of that might be interested.

"It grew from there, really," he said.
"We have five employees (now), including myself."

Kevin stumbled across his location in Mission by accident.

"Back when Johnny's BBQ was two doors down, I used to go there for lunch on a regular basis," he explained. "I went in for lunch one day, came out and happened to see the real estate sign in front of this place."

Seeking to expand his growing business, Kevin moved to the spot on Broadmoor Street soon afterward. He doesn't regret that decision one bit.

"When people have car trouble, it's a hugely stressful situation at times. I like helping people get back on the road"

-Kevin Hinckle

"It's a cool area," he emphasized. "I really like it. By pure accident we moved up here; I'm glad we did."

The technicians at KH are equipped to handle heating, cooling and electrical systems as well as automatic and manual transmission repair. Diagnostics and scheduled maintenance is also available to customers. All technicians have completed

training and certification for General Motors, Honda, Porsche, Saab, Audi, Jaguar, Mercedes Benz and Land Rover.

The repair shop is a certified National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) AutoCare Center, a nationwide cooperative coverage provider of automotive replacement parts, accessories and service items.

"Let's say you have your water pump replaced on your van (at our shop) and you're traveling in anther city and something happens," he said. "With us being a NAPA AutoCare Center, we give you information where, if something happens like that, you call an 800-number and they will arrange to have your car towed to the nearest facility no matter where you're at."

If still under the warranty period, the car will then be fixed at no cost to the driver. To offer this special warranty coverage, Kevin and his technicians must meet the standards set by NAPA.

"We have to meet a certain level of criteria as far as certification and trainings," he said. "Like myself, I'm an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified master technician."

With this certification, Kevin can provide the personal and reliable service he stands by.

"This industry is about helping people," he said. "When people have car trouble, it's a hugely stressful situation at times. I like helping people get back on the road."

Kevin said people get attached to their cars like they do pets; it can be hard to deliver the bad news.

"It's not an easy job sometimes," he admitted.

When he's not working on his customers' cars, he's working on his own — a race car proudly adorned with KH's logo. Since his early 20s, Kevin has participated in races on an amateur and professional level.

"I've raced in a series called ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America), which is a feeder series to NASCAR," he said. He mainly competes in Oklahoma but has raced at local venues like the Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas. On average, he travels once a month for competitions.

"I like the camaraderie, the family atmosphere; all the drivers are all good friends and our families are good friends," he said "We even camp at the track."

From time to time, he works as an

instructor to teach fellow racing enthusiasts the ropes. As president, board member and track marshal of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, held in Garnett, Kansas, Kevin helps introduce 'average Joes' to the racing world. He also instructs future racers at the Hallet Motor Racing Circuit in Oklahoma.

"I've raced over the last 30 years," he said. "I tell people that I'm lucky because my vocation is also my vacation."

When he retires from the automotive repair business, Kevin plans to pass the baton to his eldest son, Scott, who began working for him nearly 10 years ago and oversees the front end of the shop.

"I'm going to be turning 60 this year; hopefully by 65 I'll be able to retire and pass it on down to him at that point," Kevin said. "His forte and skillset is the customer service side of things, whereas mine's more of the technical side, keeping the shop going and diagnosing the tricky stuff."

For Scott, building relationship with customers is the most rewarding aspect of the job.

"What I've enjoyed the most is building relationships with customers and building a new customer base," he said. "There's been people I met 10 years ago (here); I watched kids grow up and things like that."



Kevin Hinckle in front of his shop at 5925 Broadmoor

The technicians at KH work to complete their mission of providing quality service and clear, honest communication to any service need.

A google review for KH automotive said it best: "These are exactly the people you want to have do an expensive repair," wrote a customer in January of 2021. "Because they won't take your money unless they know your car really needs something."

KH Automotive is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit khautomotive. com.





by Denise Elam

At The Locale, everything is intentional — down to the curved concrete archways in the parking garage.

The 305,688 square-foot apartment complex is new to Mission's downtown scene, opening in April of 2020. The complex includes a commercial kitchen space, a courtyard area, a 24/7 fitness

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-John Geither, EPC

room, a heated saltwater pool, a spa with a tanning room and hydro massage capabilities, a dog wash, a bike-repair space, a complimentary gift-wrapping room and a four-story parking garage — not to mention the 201 rental units, each equipped with balconies.

Nicole Yates, Market Specialist with EPC Real Estate Group, said EPC thought of each small detail while designing the property to simplify and complement its residents' lives.

"We want to always do something that stands apart from competitors," she said. "All these amenities enhance life for our residents. We want to offer the lifestyle of healthier living."

Since 2010, EPC has developed 11 projects in the Kansas City Metro. Nicole said each development is unique, designed with residents in mind.

"Each time we build a new property, we take (former resident) feedback and take away what didn't work and add what did," she said, noting the large windows and increased lighting inside the Mission complex per resident recommendation.

Not only does the complex offer residential amenities like the spa and swimming pool, it also hosts monthly get-togethers for residents to cultivate a friendly, community-centered atmosphere. Those bonding events take place in the Lojo Lounge, a space

equipped with a large-screen TV and a full-service commercial kitchen.

"We recently hosted an intimate, RSVP wine tasting event with charcuterie boards," Nicole said.

The community frequently partners with local businesses to ensure events enrich not only the lives of residents but the local community as a whole. Even the complex's ribbon cutting and grand opening event May 13 featured a variety of local businesses.

"We served mini sliders from RJ's, mini brats from Werners and food from The Bar next door," Nicole said. Attendees were served beer from both Sandhills Brewing and Rockcreek Brewing Company.

"We're really focused on community as a company," she said. "The whole event was catered to Mission."

EPC prefers to have a "boots on the ground" effort in each community they develop in, according to Nicole. John Geither, experience manager with EPC and longtime Mission resident, noted that

COVID-19 created a new challenge for the property and its goal to enrich the community.

"We had to go above and beyond to make sure we nurtured those businesses that were trying to continue and, at the same time, support them, purchase from them, keep them thriving, keep our residents connected to them and find ways for residents to make new connections with those business," he said.

To make and maintain those connections, John created The Resident Perk Program. Through the program, all Locale residents receive a Locale key card that unlocks various discounts citywide, including 10% off Mission Fresh Fashion with a \$100 purchase, a free appetizer with the purchase of an entree at The Bar and so on — partnering with a total of seven Mission businesses.

The partnerships are expected to change and grow throughout the year.

"These 300 people that live within this one-block area should not drive away from Mission; they should stay here (to shop)," he said. "So our residents just show

their key card (to the business partner) and they get a perk from being a part of this community."

Since opening more than a year ago, The Locale hit a targeted 85% occupancy level and is now 98% leased.

"The pandemic was challenging but we were able to hit our numbers," Nicole said, "It's been super successful which shows that there is a high demand for this location and the product."

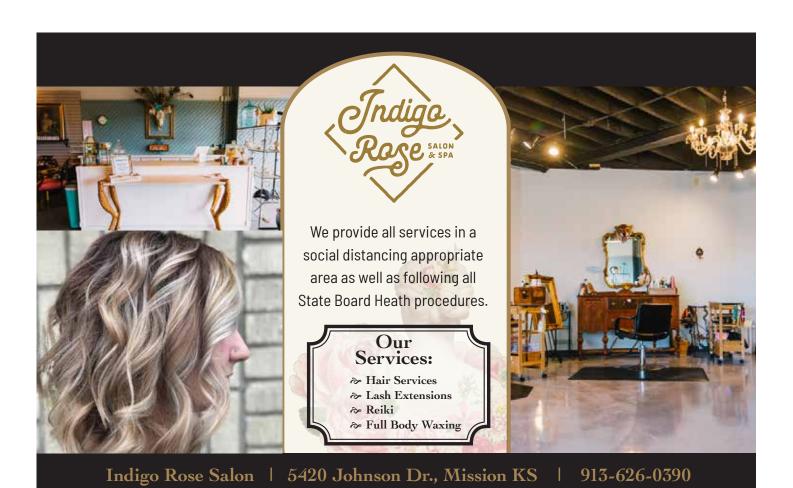
John said he sees the community as "one of the best things Mission has seen" so far, bringing in up to 300 or more people to shop, work and play in the city.

"I've been living in this city for several years," he said. "It's an amazing thing that EPC has brought to Mission ... I think this is the final bearing of the fruit that Mission did going through those years of reconstructing Johnson Drive."

The Apartment Association of Kansas City awarded The Locale with its "Property of the Year" status in 2020.











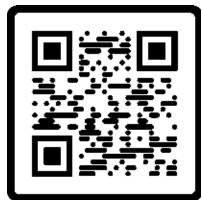
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## A SPLASH DOWN MEMORY LANE: THE MISSION MUNICIPAL POOL

by Kate Deacon

In the summer of 1956, just a few short years after officially incorporating as the City of Mission, the community had a glittering new swimming pool to call its own. Mayor Sylvester Powell, Jr. and the City Council approved funding for the Mission Municipal Pool in 1955 and the town celebrated with a dedication in May of 1956. Boasting a large lap pool, a diving pool and a wading pool, the Mission Municipal Pool would welcome residents for an admission price starting at \$0.25/day, and quickly became the place to be in Mission for 100 glorious days of summer.

#### 1956 Pool By the Numbers

- Original construction cost bid: \$84,209
- Daily Admission prices: \$0.25-\$0.45
- Lifeguard / Cashier wages: \$1.00/hr

For many who grew up in Mission, the swimming pool was the heart and soul of summer. Kathy Lockard, who began working at the pool in 1978, recalls priceless memories of what the Mission pool meant to her through her many

years there.

Kathy's full-time job at the junior high school left summers free, and at the urging of co-workers, Kathy started working at the pool every summer. One benefit: she was able to bring her kids with her to work. They grew up at the pool, and, like many a young Mission resident, they couldn't wait to be old enough to work as lifeguards. "You'd start at concessions, and move up midsummer to train for lifeguard," Kathy explained. Most kids who started in concessions ended up working their

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whole high school careers. And many came back during college.

Lifeguarding was a coveted job, but Lockard remembers it was also like a family. "I was like the mother of the group," she recalled, "but there wasn't a job we asked them to do that we didn't do ourselves."

Kathy said lots of brothers and sisters worked together.

"It really felt like a family and we made it fun," she said. "It was a great place to be in the summers. Everybody respected each other, and I still have friendships with a lot of them."

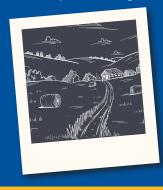
While the original pool has been replaced with the Mission Family Aquatic Center, which opened in 2014, the pool continues to hold a special place in the hearts of Mission residents. From the joy of countless children who have learned to swim in these waters, to the cheers of championship Marlin swim meets, to neighborhood parties and lazy days with friends — it's still the place to soak up the summer and make memories to savor.

#### You might have grown up at the Mission Municipal Pool if you remember:

- Chuckwagon sandwiches, a concession stand favorite!
- Bologna, salami and cheese, hot off the microwave!
- A season admission tag sewn onto your swimsuit.
   No more passing those tags through the gates!
- "Safety Check!" ringing out over the loudspeaker every hour from 12-7 p.m. Can you recite it?
- Showing up early with only a towel and a handful of change for lunch and a snack. What's sunscreen?
   See you at dinner, mom!

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# The-Perfect Summer Refresher

## KEVIN LYNCH'S FAMOUS FRESH LEMONADE RECIPE

On warm summer evenings, the Mission Market comes alive with vendors showcasing locally grown produce, honey, specialty foods, baked goods, and arts and crafts from local makers.

One popular vendor is Kevin Lynch from the Kansas City Popcorn Company. Known for his gourmet popcorn with unique flavors, Kevin also impresses loyal marketgoers with a mean, freshly-squeezed glass of lemonade.

You can find Kevin's lemonade and lots of other great items at the Mission Market, Thursday evenings from 4:30-8 p.m. at 5635 Johnson Drive.

#### The Perfect Summer Lemonade

#### Ingredients

1 lemon (per glass)
½ cup granulated sugar (per glass)
8 oz water

#### Instructions

Wash the lemon and cut in half. Using a hand lemon squeezer, squeeze the lemon half into the cup. If a stronger lemon flavor is desired, squeeze the other half of the lemon into the cup as well.

Measure out a half cup of sugar per 8 ounces of water and mix with the lemon juice. This amount can be adjusted to your liking. Stir until dissolved for about one minute. Add water and stir. Pour over ice and serve.

You can substitute using bottled lemon juice for the real lemon. Start with one tablespoon and add more or less to your liking.



Mission Market vendor

Kevin Lynch.

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