

# THE NEWSROOM

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## Be Prepared for Election Day by Elena Super

All elections are critical; particularly during this time in history. This election (considered an odd year election) includes the seats of local school board and city council members whose terms are coming to an end in the area in which you live. The selection of qualified community members is critical in creating a strong viable and collaborative foundation of governing and guidance for your local communities.

In addition to these positions there may be School District or city questions appearing on the ballot that warrant the attention of the community. Questions that have a direct or indirect impact on you and your family. School Board questions do appear on the Paola and Louisburg ballot this year. Questions that impact the ability to retain qualified teachers and children's physical development. Ultimately, the outcome of the voting on these questions will impact you and your family financially in addition to the extraneous impact to your community.

Don't leave it up to others to decide on your behalf. Preview your ballot before going to the polls. If you find that you don't understand the question, do research, ask questions so you can make an informed decision, and cast your vote. Remember, **your vote is your voice**.

Samples of the questions for USD 416 and USD 368 can be found on the next page.



# REGISTER TO VOTE!



**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> • last day to register to vote.**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> • In person, early voting begins**

**October 28 • Advance ballot application deadline**

**November 3 • Advance voting in person closes (12 noon)**

**November 4 • General Election**

**Voter identification is required for Advance Ballots and in person voting.**



**October 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Paola Community Center**

***Guest Speaker***  
**Chris Courtwright**

***Topic***  
**Kansas Property Taxes – Past, Present and 2026**



## Contacts to add to your speed dial

### Kansas

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**Senator Jerry Moran**

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**Representative Sharice Davids**

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## FALL EVENTS

September 27, 2025 – Saturday

Spring Hill Fall Festival Parade 10: 00 a.m.

October 6, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Chris Courtwright – Understanding property tax

November 10, 2025 – Monday – Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker Rina Khan with Loud Light

December 8, 2025 – Monday – Holiday Meeting

Details to be announced at a later date

### Unified School District 416 Lease-Purchase Agreement Question

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 416, Miami County, Kansas (Louisburg) (the "District") be authorized to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with First Option Bank, with provisions allowing for early payoff with no prepayment penalty, in the amount of \$4,000,000, plus interest, to pay the expenses and fees related to making improvements, renovations and additions to the District's baseball and softball facilities, including improving and expanding usable competition and practice space, with all repayments made from the District's existing Capital Outlay Fund and no increase to the District's mill levy rate, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120 and K.S.A. 10-1116C?

☐ Yes

☐ No

### Unified School District Question

#### Unified School District 368 Ad Valorem Tax Question

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 368, Miami County, Kansas (Paola) (the "District") be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed the amount necessary to finance the costs attributable directly to the assignment of cost-of-living weighting to the enrollment of the District, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5159?

☐ Yes

☐ No