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Welcome to the KDP Weekly Rundown – the Kansas Democratic Party’s update of the biggest things going on in the state party and the state capital. What are we focused on this week? A landmark truce with Missouri, presidential debate watch parties, and more!

## 'BORDER WAR' TRUCE

- **What's happening?**

Gov. Laura Kelly has unveiled an executive order ending economic incentives for companies who move to Kansas from Missouri. Missouri Gov. Mike Parsons also recently signed a bill ending a similar incentives package. This bilateral disarmament is the latest step ending the economic cold war in the Kansas City Metro area. “Missouri had to do it legislatively, and we can do it through executive order, and we’re looking at putting something like that together,” Kelly told [reporters last Friday](#). “I talked to folks, business leaders over in Johnson County, Wyandotte County, during the campaign and that was one of their major concerns, was that border war.” This executive order is expected to free up tens of millions of dollars a year.

- **Where can I learn more?**

- [Missouri governor signs ‘Border War’ truce. But the deal is not done without Kansas](#). *Kansas City Star*. June 11, 2019.
- [Kelly plans action to end Kansas-Missouri border war, after Parson signed truce bill](#). *Wichita Eagle*. June 15, 2019.

## TUITION INCREASES SCRAPPED

- **What's happening?**

After pressure from students and the Kelly administration, several universities have abandoned efforts to raise tuition for the upcoming school year. The University of Kansas, Wichita State, and Emporia State have revised their requests with the Kansas Board of Regents to maintain tuition rates at 2018 levels. Kansas State University has changed their request from a 3.1% increase to a more modest 1.5% change.

- **Where can I learn more?**

- [Political pressure forces downsizing of Kansas university tuition proposals](#). *Topeka Capital-Journal*. June 19, 2019.
- [No tuition increase for many students at KU, K-State, Wichita State next year](#). *Kansas City Star*. June 19, 2019.
- [State universities won’t hike tuition for Kansas undergrads](#). *Associated Press*. June 20, 2019.

## RURAL PROSPERITY TOUR

- **What's happening?**

Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers visited Nickerson on Monday, the first stop on his rural prosperity tour. The Lt. Governor spent the day touring Reno and Stafford counties before hosting a listening session in Nickerson that evening. The next event will be in Colby on the 24th. Details for each town hall can be found online at <https://www.ruralkanprosper.ks.gov/>.

- ***Where can I learn more?***

- [Nickerson turnout impresses Kansas Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers](#). *Hutchinson News*, June 18, 2019.

## 2019 KFDW CONVENTION

- ***What's happening?***

The Kansas Federation of Democratic Women will host their 66th annual convention in Olathe this weekend. There will be workshops, networking opportunities, and so much more! The luncheon will feature several speakers, including Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers, while Rep. Sharice Davids will keynote the dinner. More information and tickets can be found on the [KFDW website](#).

## KANSAN TO KANSAN TOWN HALL

- ***What's happening?***

Gov. Kelly is hosting a community town hall in Seneca on Monday. This effort is a continuation of her popular Kansan to Kansan tour. The event will be held at the Nemaha County Community Building and starts at 6 pm.

## 2020 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE WATCH PARTIES

- ***What's happening?***

We're hosting watch parties for the first 2020 Democratic Presidential Debates! Come enjoy the company of your fellow Democrats and hear from party leaders about the new Kansas primary process. Join us in [Wichita](#) on June 26 and in [Lawrence](#) on June 27. Snacks will be provided. The Shawnee County Democrats will also host [watch parties](#) for both debates at The Celtic Fox in Topeka.

## SAVE THE DATE - DEMOFEST

- ***What's happening?***

Join us in Wichita on Aug. 9 - 10 for Demofest, our annual summer convention! [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Onward,  
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