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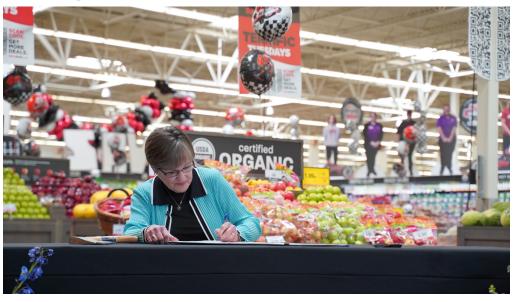
Governor Laura Kelly Signs "Axe the Food Tax" Bill, Providing Relief for Kansans

"Axe the Food Tax"
Bill Will Completely
Eliminate the State's
Sales Tax on Groceries
by 2025, Putting Money
Back into Kansans' Wallets

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly signed bipartisan legislation, House Bill 2106, that will "Axe the Food Tax," eliminating the state sales tax on groceries. Cutting the food tax will provide Kansans with much-needed fiscal relief, especially as costs continue to rise. House Bill 2106 will completely eliminate the food sales tax by 2025.

"When Kansans needed it most, we were able to bring Democrats and Republicans together to eliminate our state's tax on groceries," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Because we saved for our collective future, we can now responsibly axe the food tax — all while boosting funding to Kansas schools, roads, and law enforcement."

Passing HB 2106 will help Kansans save money, keep Kansas dollars in Kansas, and make the state more competitive with its neighbors.



Currently, Kansans pay more for groceries than people in almost every other state due to the 6.5% state sales tax on groceries. Governor Kelly has called on the Kansas Legislature to fully implement the elimination of the state sales tax on July 1 of this year, so that the benefits of the state's strong economic growth under

Governor Kelly can be passed on to the people of Kansas immediately.

Kansas uses the same definitions for groceries as 23 other states. Since many of the stores in Kansas have checkout systems used by vendors in other states with lower state sales taxes on groceries, immediate relief is possible.

AG Derek Schmidt Urges Federal Agency to Implement Rules to Help Trafficking Victims Repair Damaged Credit

TOPEKA – Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is urging the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to implement the provisions of the Debt Bondage Repair Act to provide a path for victims of human trafficking to repair credit histories that were harmed through no fault of their own.

The Debt Bondage Repair Act was signed into law in December 2021. It prohibits credit rating agencies from providing consumer reports that contain negative items about human trafficking survivors from any period during which the individual was being trafficked. Schmidt and a coalition of 40 other state and

territorial attorneys general this week wrote the CFPB in support of implementing the changes in federal law into Section 605C of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Schmidt said it is a common tactic of traffickers to strip their victims of their financial independence or stability in order to keep them trapped. Even after they escape their trafficking, these survivors are often left with a wrecked credit history that leaves them unable to rent an apartment, purchase a car, or find employment. More than one in four survivors of human trafficking reported that a bank account or credit card that was opened in their name was then

used or controlled by their trafficker.

"Restoring financial independence is a crucial component of a survivor's recovery," the attorneys general wrote. "By regaining control over their finances, survivors reclaim and reassert their personhood in defiance of their traffickers. This takes bravery and time. Without some mechanism to help them, negative consumer reports that resulted from their trafficking become an almost insurmountable obstacle to simple tasks, like opening a bank account, renting an apartment, and applying for a job – all foundational steps as they try to get back on their feet."

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox

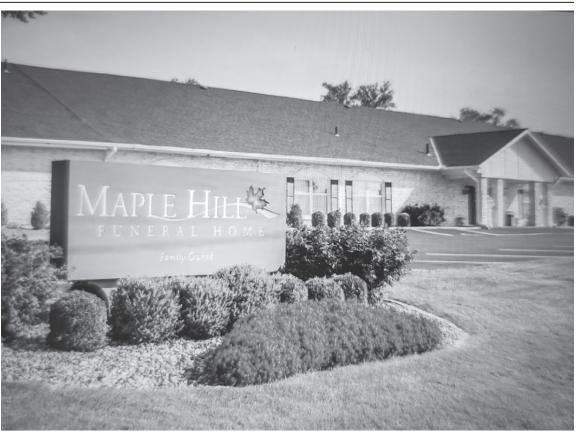


By Sue Reich

■inally we have some decent weather trying to break through. Don't know whether to use the AC or the heat half the time. You know it's a shame what we have to do anymore to protect ourselves and our property. Take Maple Hill Cemetery for instance. Many years ago it was an Indian Reservation. All over that hill. Where the shopping center sits, the houses, the streets, it was a very huge one. It's a long story, but eventually it changed hands, and the reservation left. There were Civil War soldiers buried there. Still are I believe. I used to live on the cor-

How Safe are Our Schools? By Sue Reich

A student of Wyandotte High School student was shot when he started home from school. He had non-life threatening injuries. It was a drive-by shooting on Monday. Seems as though a lot of our high schools are having problems. We have metal detectors, security guards, cops around in their cars, codes, bullet proof glass, places to hide if a person does get in with weapon. Olathe, KCMO, now KCK. Our times have really changed. Something has to be done. But what? What happened to our safe and carefree days? Even school buses have extra precautions. Keep your ears and eyes open, stay alert.



ner across the street, on Gibbs Rd. It really is a beautiful place. Quite a few years ago, there would be ceremonies there. My sister Gayle would sing there to the crowd that gathered there for Memorial Day. It was always lovely and peaceful. Let's go forward. A few years ago some thieves went to several cemeteries and stole quite a few vases. My mom's and pop's got stolen at

Maple Hill. My dad's at Chapel Hill, his was taken too, plus many others. So here we are in 2022. The funeral home is really updated. The cemetery is still nicely kept. But, things have changed again. Surely you noticed the posts that surround it now. It is to protect our sacred ground. They will open at sunrise and close at sunset. The posts are set so cars can't drive through. Devious

people were going in at night and doing dastardly deeds. Let's hope this keeps the evil out of our old historical cemetery.

Well dear readers, guess I will sign off. I lvya all. Do me a favor, be kind, be careful.

Your ol' gal from Argentine, Sue

Governor Laura Kelly Legalizes Sports Wagering in Kansas

Kelly Signs Bill Allowing Kansans to Place Sports Bets on Mobile Apps, at Casinos, and Other Specific Venues

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly signed bipartisan legislation, Senate Bill 84, allowing Kansans to legally participate in sports wagering in the state. SB 84 also allows state casinos to use digital platforms and create sportsbooks.

"Legalizing sports betting will bring more revenue to our state and grow our economy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This is another mechanism that casinos, restaurants, and other entertainment venues can now utilize to attract Kansans to their establishments."

"I was excited to pass sports wagering in Kansas, it's something that Kansans are already doing, and it will bring additional tax revenue to our state to help with our needs," Senator Rob Olson, Chair of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee, said. "My constituents have

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By Sharon Hoover

on't you just love May weather? First, it's two cold, then it's too hot and now it is raining. What a perfect day for Friday the 13th.

Calvin managed to get several annuals planted in the front yard over Mother's Day weekend and with this rain they are looking

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exceptional. My peonies are blooming like crazy but will be gone by Memorial Day. When I was a kid, my parents used to cut them, store in the refrigerator, and place them on the graves. They seem to bloom earlier than they did 70 years ago. For years, Calvin and I tried saving them for the holiday, but the blooms never looked any good, so we gave up.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned Chris Bohjalian, author of "The Fight Attendant" whose new book "The Lioness" about events that occur on a safari. I had never read any of his other works but I enjoyed "The Light Attendant" and decided to pick up another at the library. I am

midway through "Hour of the Witch" set in 1662 in Boston. It is a timely and terrifying novel of socially sanctioned brutality (spousal abuse) and the original American witch hunt. There are a lot of thee's, thy's, and thou's. I have my American Heritage Dictionary at the ready because I am learning words no longer in our vocabulary and different meanings for common words we use today.

I am getting tired of reading the same old authors over and over, Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series is getting a little stale with the same old characters. She does have a new book "The Recovery Agent" starring Gabriela Rose, a woman who looks for

stolen or lost goods. It features a lot of banter between colorful characters as in her other books. At least it is fresh.

When I was at the library, I noticed anther novel that caught my attention, "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles that follows ten days in the lives of three boys escaping from a juvenile work farm in the 1950's. His last novel was "A Gentleman in Moscow" about a Count sentenced to house arrest during the Bolshevik revolution in the 1920's. I'verun out of room so...

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Feel lucky to live in America and say a prayer for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to be free.



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Warm Weather Pet Safety



With the weather beginning to warm up and the temperature mer months, it's important for pet owners to remember the Humane Society of Missouri's life-saving

70 & Over, Don't Take Rover! HSMO shares the following tips for keeping pets safe on hot, sunny days:

- Never leave a pet unattended in a parked car when the temperature is near or above 70 degrees. The temperature inside a car can soar past 100 degrees very quickly and temperatures above 110 degrees can be fatal in minutes.
 - · Act immediately if you see a

steadily rising going into the sum- distressed animal in an unattended car. Call the police and the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Hotline at (314) 647-4400 as soon as possible. A pet showing signs of distress such as heavy panting, unresponsive behavior. seizure or collapse, needs immediate attention.

- Apply cool water to your pet's extremities if they show signs of heat exhaustion. If your pet is displaying symptoms, place a cool, wet towel around their neck or pour cool water over their body, especially the abdomen and between the hind legs. Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as possible.
- Make sure outdoor pets always have access to shade and fresh clean water. Do not use bowls made of metal as they will become extremely hot if left out in the sun. Take frequent water breaks if walking or jogging with your dog. If you leave

your pet outdoors for an extended period, check to make sure they will have shaded areas all day. Asphalt and concrete heat up quickly. If it's too hot to keep your hand on the pavement for 10 seconds, it is too hot for a dog's paws.

· Keep pets inside when temperatures exceed 90 degrees. There will be days when the temperature skyrockets and it becomes too hot for pets to remain outside. Bring them indoors and keep them in a safe and secure place such as the basement, especially if your home is not air conditioned. Rising temperatures inside the home can be just as deadly as the outdoor heat.

Find all of these tips at hsmo.org/ donttakerover.

To report an animal in heat-related jeopardy, call the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Hotline at (314) 647-4400 and your local police immediately.

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Governor Signs Bill Paying Off 1 Billion of KPERS Debts

TOPEKA-Governor Laura Kelly signed bipartisan legislation, Senate Bill 421, that transfers more than \$1 billion from the State General Fund to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS). Senate Bill 421 will provide immediate and long-term benefits to the state by eliminating debt from the state's balance sheets and reducing future employer contributions.

"Balancing the budget, paying off debt, and providing financial relief for Kansans has always been my top priority – and today we delivered on that promise, "Governor Laura Kelly said. "We're fixing the damage done to KPERS because our public service employees and retirees deserve their retirement fund to be replenished after the previous administration skipped payments to cover reckless tax policy."

SB 421 will provide immediate and long-term benefits to the state by reducing the debt owed to the fund and further enhancing the state's historic financial strength.

Payment of this debt builds on Governor Kelly's exceptional record of reducing debt obligations that the previous administration was content to pass on to future generations of Kansans to pay for reckless tax policy.

"This legislation repays all the delayed KPERS contributions, which is a great relief to KPERS members and their beneficiaries," State Treasurer Lynn Rogers said. "Governor Kelly's record of paying off significant debt allows us to have the capacity to better serve the people of Kansas and focus on investing in our future."

In addition to funding KPERS, the state is set to pay off hundreds of millions of dollars in bonded debt as recommended by the Governor in January. The Governor also paid off a loan from the Pooled Money Investment Board two years ahead schedule.

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Healthcare Literacy: Over 1 in 4 Kansans are health insurance illiterate

- Wyomingites came in first place (77%) when it came to having the highest healthcare insurance literacy score.
- · South Carolinians emerged in last place with a score of just 43%.
 - Interactive quiz included.

Some companies describe them as Terms and Conditions, while others call them Privacy Policy, User Agreements, or Terms of Service - whatever the description, the average consumer can attest to simply scrolling through the fine print to download a new app, sign up to a new streaming service, or even purchasing health insurance. In rare cases, these companies emphasize the importance of reading legal text carefully by having a bit of fun at their customers' expense. A few years ago, F-Secure managed to get some of their customers to inadvertently give away their first born child in exchange for free Wifi. And as an April'Fools Joke, 7,500 online shoppers accidentally sold their 'immortal souls' to GameStation. However, jokes aside, if people are not careful, there are often legalized texts buried in agreements which could prove costly in a number of ways...

This is certainly the case when it comes to purchasing health insurance. Oftentimes, phrases and acronyms such as UCR, POS, or HMO can be complex, and it's easy to get confused if you're not certain what you're covered for. Of course, reading the fine print is one part of the challenge, but understanding it is crucial. Duffy & Duffy, a New York-based medical malpractice law firm, conducted a survey (3,251 respondents) to establish where people are the most and least literate when it comes to health insurance. The survey discovered that overall, over 1 in 4 (27%) Kansans cannot correctly identify common acronyms or terminology linked to health insurance. This compares to a national average of 41%.

Respondents were presented with various acronyms and given a choice of 4 answers. When it came to identifying the meaning of 'UCR', concerningly, just 42% of Kansans got this answer correct:

UCR stands for Usual, Customary and Reasonable. Some thought it stood for Urgent Care and Rehabilitation, while others assumed it meant Urgent Claims Receipt. A minority understood it to mean Ultimate Co-Insurance Rejection. It is described as the amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what providers in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service.

Kansans were also guizzed on the correct interpretation of the 'POS' acronym. 78% knew straight away that POS stands for Point of Service (Plan) – it is a managed-care health insurance plan that provides different benefits for using in-network or

out-of-network providers. However, some incorrectly thought it meant Primary Out-of-Network Service, or identified it as Patient Opt-In Self-Insurance. Lastly, a few assumed it meant Policy Opt-Out Solution.

The third question, in which respondents scored highest overall, was to describe the meaning of HMO. 100% of Kansans surveyed knew that HMO stands for Health Maintenance Organization - a medical insurance group that provides health services for a fixed annual fee.

'It's important to stay informed and up-to-date when it comes to terminology used in healthcare insurance,' says a spokesperson for Duffy & Duffy. 'Always read the fine print when signing a new contract or looking up new information to do with your healthcare insurance. Regulations and guidelines often change over time, so make sure your resources are credible and updated in terms of validity for the best possible understanding.'

Sports Wagering...

pushed for this legislation for years, and now, the next time we have a significant sporting event in our state, Kansans will be able to bet on their hometown team."

"We have heard from our constituents for years about the need for a sports wagering program here in Kansas, both for the value it will bring to their lives and for the revenues it will generate for our state," Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Ranking Member of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee, said. "I'm proud to have contributed to this package that will do just that and revitalize my community by creating jobs in Wichita."

In addition, SB 84 allows venues such as restaurants and nonprofit fraternal or veterans organizations to hold sports wagering.

SB 84 preserves tribal sovereignty, allowing the negotiation of a new or existing gaming compact regarding sports wagering.

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Passings...

By Sue Reich

Mickey Gilley, age 86, passed away on May 7, 2022. Country/ Western singer

David Birney, age 83, passed away on April 27, 2022. Actor, TV and movies

Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treats are so simple to make and so delicious! They are ready in no time, but they have the appearance of a bakery purchase treat. I hope you will try:

COCONUT MACAROONS

Ingredients:

2/3 c Sweetened Condensed Milk* 1 pkg. Sweetened Coconut, 14 oz.

1/4 t Coconut extract

1 1/2 t Vanilla

1/4 t Salt

2 lg. Egg Whites at room temperature

6 oz. Semisweet Chocolate chips

Set oven to 325°. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. Into a one cup measure pour in 2/3 c Sweetened Condensed Milk. *Do not use the entire can or they will spread out and not keep their shape. Stir in the Vanilla and the salt.

Separate the eggs when cold and leave the whites to come to room temperature for twenty minutes. In a stand mixer, beat the whites until stiff, about 3 or 4 minutes. Gently fold in half of the beaten whites into the coconut mixture. Then fold in the other half. With a tablespoon scoop or using a tablespoon, scoop and drop onto the lined cookie sheet spacing them 1" apart. Bake one sheet at a time for 20 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Leave to cool on pan. Bake second sheet. Once both sheets are cooled, melt the semisweet chocolate.

The macaroons may be dipped, sideways about half way up the cookie. Or the bottoms may be dipped going up only 1/4" or less deep. Let any excess chocolate drip off or scrape off, then return to the cookie sheet to let set. Or, place the chocolate in a piping bag and just drizzle the chocolate over the top of the macaroons.

Variations: Use 1/4 t almond extract instead of the Vanilla. Add 1/2 c sliced almonds to the coconut mixture; original or almond flavored. Add 1/3 c semisweet mini chocolate chips best in the original version. Lastly, 1/3 c golden sultana raisins may be added to the original version. Store the macaroons in an air-tight container. Keep in a cool place. These are great for sharing. Put several in a cellophane bag and tie off the top with either ribbon or string.

Enjoy!

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Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for foodservice equipment.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal will be provided to any qualified contractor free of charge by email request sent to crockettc@turnerusd202.org

Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening Friday May 27, 2022 at 11:00 am. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid Wednesday June 8, 2022.

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