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Local Students Paint Snowplow in Kansas City, Kansas

Public Works is excited to “clear our path” with students from Kansas State School for the Blind

The Unified Government’s Public Works Department is excited to announce the continuation of the popular Snowplow Painting program!

Public Works teamed up with local students from Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) this year. The program allows local students to engage in the arts, learn about winter weather operations, and create a sense of community pride.

Established in 1867, KSSB is constantly evolving and growing to meet the needs of students who are blind/visually impaired in Kansas. They see themselves as a “network of services” that includes a robust Field Services (outreach) team to serve students across the state and a campus that offers intensive, short-term student services.

Led by KSSB’s Makerspace Coordinator, Lydia Knopp, the process was a collaborative effort between students of multiple ages and teachers from various areas within the school. The artwork was designed so students at any level of vision could participate.

Students used a variety of techniques, including hands-on painting, brushwork, and tactile tape, to bring their design to life.

“Our students and teachers had a blast designing and painting the snowplow,” said Lydia Knopp, Makerspace Coordinator. “This was an excellent opportunity for KSSB’s Makerspace to demonstrate our continued support of students’ personal growth through creativity, collaboration, and design.”

KSSB prides itself on offering students and their families a nurturing environment that challenges their children to do their very best work and learn and practice the importance of being a responsible and respectful person.

“The Public Works team extends our thanks to the students and teachers at Kansas State School for the Blind,” said Dave Reno, Public Works Public Information Officer. “The students did an amazing job, and we can hardly wait to get this plow out on the street and pushing snow



this winter!”

KSSB’s snowplow will be on display during the 2022 Downtown Holiday Lighting Festival

on November 18 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall (701 North 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101).

Disposed nearly 4 tons of unused medicines

Kansans safely disposed of nearly four tons of unused and unwanted medicines during last month’s National Drug Take-Back Day, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

Kansas law enforcement officers collected 7,966 pounds of medicines at 137 locations throughout the state during the October 29 event, according to a report from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

“Safe storage and proper disposal are the keys to preventing the accidental or intentional misuse of prescription medications,” Schmidt said. “Kansans continue to recognize the importance of safely disposing of their unused medicines during these Drug Take-Back events. I appreciate the leadership of the DEA and local law enforcement agencies in providing this service for Kansans.”

Kansans have safely destroyed more than 122 tons of medications in the 23 collection days that have been held since 2010. That is the equivalent of nearly five semitrailer loads of unused medication. Law enforcement agencies turn the drugs they collect over to the DEA, which safely destroys the medications.

Unused prescriptions can be turned in year-round at many local law enforcement locations as well as a limited number of other locations. Kansans should contact their local sheriff’s office or police department for more information.

Governor Kelly Announces \$850,000 for Kansas Entrepreneurs

TOPEKA – Governor Kelly announced today the first round of recipients of funding from the GROWKS Loan and Equity programs, which help small businesses, particularly those in underserved areas, access capital in the early stages of growth. In the first round, four companies – three of which are woman-led – received a total of \$850,000 in companion financing to bank loans (also known as matching capital).

“The GROWKS Loan and Equity programs break down the barriers entrepreneurs face when trying to start a business,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “My administration is committed to ensuring small businesses – including those in underserved communities – have the opportunity and resources needed to be successful, create jobs, and drive economic growth.”

Earlier this year, Governor Kelly announced the creation of the Kansas Framework for Growth GROWKS Loan Fund and the GROWKS Equity Programs, run

through the Kansas Department of Commerce, to distribute \$69 million in funding awarded to Kansas through the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). Together, the two programs represent the most expansive set of small business funding programs ever offered by the State of Kansas.

The programs engage Kansas’ extensive network of community and business support partners through NetWork Kansas to provide companion financing to bank loans. The approved \$850,000 has already leveraged more than \$4 million in private capital. Ultimately, more than \$1 billion in funding will be invested by the private sector over the life of the programs, which can be used for common small business expenses such as inventory, equipment, supplies, and working capital.

“Connecting Kansas small businesses to capital that will help them grow and prosper will strengthen the entire state economy,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of

Commerce David Toland said. “I am excited to have this first round of GROWKS funding reach the entrepreneurs it is intended to help.”

“The GROWKS program is providing much-needed investment funds to support private investment capital into these innovative businesses,” said Trish Brasted, President of Entrepreneurial Growth Ventures, an organizational unit of NetWork Kansas. “The early-stage capital markets have become more challenging in the last six months, which have increased the importance of this program.”

The first round of GROWKS Loan and Equity programs recipients include:

* QuickHire, Inc., a Wichita-based technology platform that connects jobseekers with service-based work opportunities. The funding will be used to support marketing, market research, and commercialization.

* Celerity Enterprises, Inc., a Kansas City-based technology platform that focuses on settling

special pricing agreements between suppliers and distributors. Funding will be used for hiring staff, sales development, and platform upgrades.

* ELIAS Animal Health, LLC, an Olathe-based medical biotechnology company advancing novel therapies for treating cancer in pets. Funding will be used to expand manufacturing capacity, sales and marketing, and customer service.

* SoHome Kids Foundation, a Neodesha-based startup company that aims to provide residential facilities to children ages 0-18 in the Kansas foster care system. Funding will be used to renovate a group home.

“Raising capital is one of the greatest challenges that small companies face, and we were thrilled to receive this funding,” said Tammie Wahaus, CEO, ELIAS Animal Health, LLC. “This exciting program comes at a time when the capital markets are tightening, and regional support for local companies is critical.”

Ike, Interstates and Insurance: Tips for the Holiday Travel Season

Topeka, Kan. – Grab an “I Like Ike” pin and wear it with pride, because you, like many Kansans, will likely be traveling this holiday season on one of the roads President Dwight D. Eisenhower developed as part of the Interstate Highway System. The “Father of the Interstate System” is responsible for 874 miles of interstate highway here in Kansas, and come next week, many of us will be road-tripping our way to Thanksgiving dinner. Before you hit the road, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt would like to drive home a few travel tips:

1. Roadside Service – Most auto insurance policies offer roadside services. Knowing which, if any, services you chose is crucial when emergency assistance is needed. When a tow is required, it is typically your decision where to tow the vehicle. Making a financially wise towing decision involves understanding where and how far your coverage allows you to tow.

2. Additional drivers – What happens when a road trip passenger becomes the driver? Auto insurance follows the car, not the driver. The policy insuring a car will cover most licensed individuals behind the wheel. There are exceptions, though, and knowing them is important. If someone is a frequent driver of a vehicle, they may need to be listed as a driver on the policy.

3. Collision vs. Comprehensive – Collision coverage pays for damage incurred to your car as a result of a crash (i.e. crashing into a car, tree, or ditch). Comprehensive coverage pays for damage to vehicles caused by factors such as natural disasters, fire, theft, animals, and fallen objects.

“With so many folks on the road this holiday season, it is important to understand your auto insurance policy, and what is covered in the event of an accident,” said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt.

For assistance and insurance-related educational resources, visit insurance.kansas.gov/auto-insurance or contact our Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071.



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By Sharon Hoover

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

I would like to recognize the Kansas City Kansas Public Library system. I have lived in KCK and have visited every branch. In my teens, I went to the old Carnegie Library (Main) on Minnesota Ave and spent many an hour researching papers (remember Microfiche, does it still exist?).

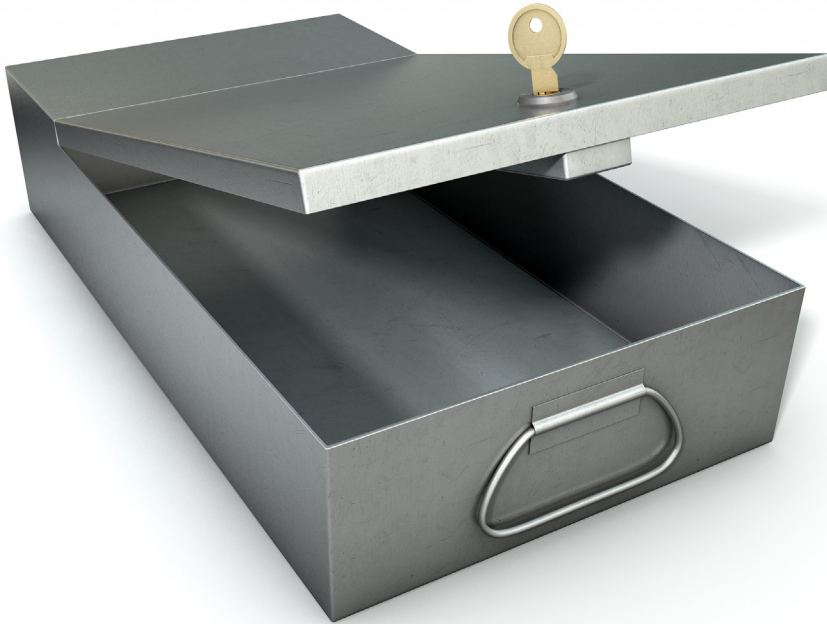
After I married and lived off Parallel, I went to the first Wyandotte West Library. It was in a house that was east and behind Wyandotte Plaza. When we moved to Turner, the Argentine Branch was my go to place, but I still ventured out to the new Wyandotte West Library occasionally. My husband and I supported the building of South Branch. My dreams came true when the Turner Community Library was opened. Yes, they know me by my first name. I don't do audiobooks, DVD's, eBooks, just plain old hard back or paperbacks. Since covid, I have been interested in Zoom sessions. I have attended Board meetings, learning activities such the K-State Garden Hour, Master Gardener's advanced training, the library's internet classes

and most recently, the library's "Talks with the Author". Which brings me to this. Last evening, I spent a most enjoyable hour while Carol Levers (I hope I spelled her name correctly) interviewed Qian Julie Wang, author of "Beautiful Country". The memoir is about Qian Julie's childhood as an undocumented child living in poverty in the richest country in the world. I finished reading the book yesterday morning so it would be fresh in my mind. Anyway, KUDOS to our library for presenting such an interesting program. I hope they schedule more soon. Great program. Copies of this book are available at the Main library, Wyandotte West library, and South Branch for check out.

The Library's Winter Reading Program begins December 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. Adults 18 and over can read 6 books or 1050 pages to earn a Bag, Journal, and Pen. Any reading counts – books, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, and more. Prizes available through March 7 while supplies last. Sign up at kckpl.beanstack.com or pick up a reading log at any branch. I've participated in several of these reading programs over the years and received some neat stuff.

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Please pray and help those who have been devastated from the ravages of hurricane Ian. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.

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AG Derek Schmidt: Kansas to receive at least \$15 million in settlement with Walmart over opioid epidemic allegations

TOPEKA – (November 15, 2022) – Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today announced that his office has secured at least \$15 million for Kansas as part of a settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that the company contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the dispensing of opioids at its stores.

As details are finalized, the Kansas share is likely to increase, perhaps substantially.

Schmidt said the settlement will provide more than \$3 billion nationally and will require significant

improvements in how Walmart's pharmacies handle opioids. The proceeds from the settlement must be used to provide treatment and recovery services for people struggling with opioid use disorder, while Walmart must provide broad, court-ordered requirements to its pharmacy practices, including robust oversight to prevent fraudulent prescriptions and flag suspicious prescriptions.

The settlement requires acceptance from the 43 participating states by the end of 2022, allowing for certain additional parties to join during the first quarter of 2023.

With this settlement, Schmidt's office has now recovered more than \$200 million related to unlawful opioid manufacturing, marketing and distribution. Additional national settlements have been reached with CVS Pharmacy for \$5 billion and Walgreens Pharmacy for \$3 billion. Terms for the state shares of the CVS and Walgreens settlements have not been finalized.

"We have worked tirelessly to hold these companies accountable for the addiction and human suffering caused by years of their unlawful business practices," Schmidt said. "These settlements have been complex, but they are the fruits of the efforts of many to provide justice for the harm of past actions. The money Kansas receives will help

repair broken lives."

Schmidt said Kansas also is engaged in ongoing investigations and negotiations with other companies the state believes played a role in illegally fueling opioid addiction.

Under the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, proposed by Schmidt and enacted last year by the Legislature, money recovered by the attorney general pursuant to opioid litigation will be used to address substance abuse and help ensure addiction services are provided throughout the state. Funding will be available through a grant review board created by the statute. State agencies, local governments and not-for-profit entities may apply for funding for addiction treatment and abatement through the board.

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Wikipedia:

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights organization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.

Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

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Governor Kelly and KDHE Ask Kansans to Use Antibiotics Wisely

TOPEKA – Governor Kelly proclaimed Nov. 18-24 as Use Antibiotics Wisely Week in Kansas. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is asking health care providers and Kansans to use antibiotics wisely to help protect them from the growing threat of antibiotic resistance (AR). This weeklong observance led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) promotes awareness of AR and the importance of appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use across the United States.

“Overuse and misuse of antibiotics has resulted in some bacteria developing resistance to these important medications. We all have a part to play in ensuring the proper use of antibiotics,” said Dr. Joan Duwve, State Health Officer at KDHE. “Using antibiotics only when appropriate and as they are prescribed will

help prevent the development of new antibiotic-resistant bacteria, further protecting all Kansans.”

Antibiotic awareness does not mean stopping the use of antibiotics; it means improving the way antibiotics are prescribed and used — only when necessary and appropriate.

Since the 1940s, antibiotics have been used to treat patients with bacterial infections, significantly reducing the number of related illnesses and deaths. But now, more than 75 years later, antibiotics have been overused and misused to the point that the bacteria the antibiotics are designed to kill have adapted to them, making the drugs less effective, according to the CDC. In fact, some organisms have become so resistant that there are almost no medications that can successfully treat the infections.

The CDC finds that more than one-third of all antibiotics prescribed or otherwise used in the U. S. are either not needed or do not match the germ. Antibiotics are not effective for viruses, such as colds, most sore throats and many sinus infections.

Duwve adds, “Antibiotic resistance is a major threat to both individual and public health because it reduces our options for effective treatments for bacterial infections and limits the tools healthcare providers have to fight life-threatening infectious diseases.”

Each year, more than 2.8 million people in the United States contract AR infections and more than 35,000 of those people die. Kansas is the 10th highest antibiotic prescribing state with 882 antibiotic prescriptions per 1,000 population, and the 11th worst in the nation for implementing antibiotic stewardship programs in our hospitals. Antibiotic stewardship (AS) is the effort to improve prescription and use of antibiotics. It is critical that health care providers include AS in their practice and that everyone becomes stewards of appropriate use.

Here are ways Kansans can help:

- * Wash your hands. This is one of the best ways to prevent or stop the spread of infections.

- * Do not request that your doctor prescribe antibiotics.

- * Antibiotics may have side effects. When your doctor says you do not need an antibiotic,

taking one may do more harm than good.

- * Only take antibiotics that are prescribed for you and take the whole course as described. Do not share or use leftover antibiotics. Antibiotics treat specific types of infections. Taking the wrong medicine may delay correct treatment and allow bacteria to multiply.

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Request for Proposal Advertisement

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Water Source Heat Pump Replacements and Dedicated Outside Air Unit Replacements at Turner High School.

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 December 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm. 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 January 18, 2022.

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Poetry Corner

By Mark Eklund

Life is short, sometimes it can be very short,
So it's a waste to ever be unhappy.
Appreciate all that you have, family, friends, a place to come home to and give thanks should they be gone.
Live by the "Golden Rule," and always treat others as you would want to be treated.
Try to be there when others need you.
Life can be hard; it's teaching you a lesson and many others have it far worse.
Life can be easy so remember to be thankful, humble and kind.
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