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## Governor Laura Kelly Honors Kansas Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses For Economic Contributions, Opportunities

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today honored minority- and woman-owned businesses and others who help them achieve success as part of Kansas Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week.

“I am impressed by the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of our state’s minority- and women-owned companies honored today,” Governor Kelly said. “When women and minority-owned businesses succeed, everyone succeeds: our economy, our communities, and our state. This week and every week, my administration will search for opportunities to support them reaching their full potential.”

The Kansas Department of Commerce’s Office of Minority and Women Business Development hosted its 36th Annual Minority and Women Business Awards Luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. The event highlighting Kansas Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week recognized 12 minority- and woman-owned companies, three individuals and one corporation from across the state for their support and efforts to create new opportunities.

“Minority- and woman-owned businesses are an integral part of the Kansas economy,” Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland said. “We greatly value the contributions these businesses and advocates provide to our state, from the jobs they create to the way they enrich communities and lives. We owe them all our sincerest praise and support for keeping our economy strong and vibrant, particularly through the economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

MED Week is celebrated nationally to recognize the more than 9.2 million minority business enterprises that support the U.S. economy and generate over \$1.8 trillion in revenue. The Kansas Department of Commerce’s Office of Minority and Women Business Development holds this annual luncheon to recognize economic contributions of woman- and minority-owned businesses and communities around our state.

Today, minority- and woman-owned businesses have a major economic impact that translates into the creation and maintenance of jobs. These jobs not only sustain the individual worker, but contribute to the economic security of their families, the economic vitality of their communities and of the nation.

“MED Week is a time to spotlight so many outstanding achievements in Kansas, and also showcase the resources available to Kansans who are already in business, or considering a new venture,” Office of Minority and Women Business Development Director Rhonda Harris said. “It’s important that we recognize these efforts during MED Week and every week.”

The Office of Minority and Women Business Development also certifies businesses with designations of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). Companies certified receive preferential selection for public and private contracts and for business-related financial assistance programs. MBE, WBE and DBEs can also participate in business education workshops and seminars through the office. To learn more, visit Office of Minority and Women Business Development.

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## Turner Diagonal Project Named National Finalist for Top Award Community encouraged to show support by voting for the People’s Choice Award!

The Turner Diagonal project in Wyandotte County has been selected as a Top-12 Finalist in the 2021 America’s Transportation Awards competition by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

The Top 12 Finalists include transportation projects from Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Utah.

The Turner Diagonal Interchange Reconstruction in Wyandotte County will represent the state of Kansas and now compete for both the Grand Prize and the People’s Choice Award. The prize for winning includes a \$10,000 cash award for a charity or transportation-related scholarship and the honor of bringing home one of the nation’s top transportation awards for their respective state.

While an independent panel of transportation experts will choose the Grand Prize Winner, the public will select the People’s Choice Award winner through online voting weighted to each competing state’s population.

“Great teams. Great partners. Great community. Great State! This is a wonderful project not just for Wyandotte County but for our State and our communities,” said Dave Reno, Public Works’ Community Engagement Officer/PIO. “If everyone who uses this interchange voted just once, we’d have 65,000 votes in the first 24 hours. Join us in casting your vote for this great project and help bring home another win for Wyandotte County and the State of Kansas!”

Online voting for the People’s Choice Award is open now to October 25 at 10:59 PM. Cast your vote for the Turner Diagonal Interchange today by clicking here. Participants can cast one vote every 24 hours.

Turner Diagonal Interchange Reconstruction Project Quick Facts

Previously named the American Public Works Association’s Project of the year at the local level, the Turner Diagonal Interchange Reconstruction Project:

- \* Is the result of a partnership between the Unified Government, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Turnpike Association, the Federal Highway Administration, and NorthPoint Development

- \* Was supported by a Federal BUILD Grant (Better Utilizing Investments of Leverage Development) grant for \$13-million that funded 46% of all project costs

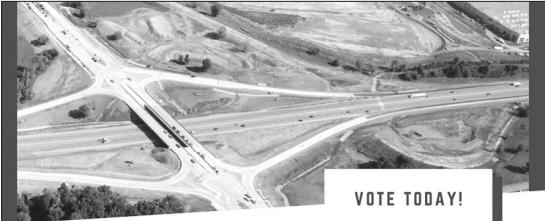
- \* Freed up nearly 300 acres for private development

- \* Was delivered 20 months faster than traditional methods, which got the local economy moving faster by creating nearly 2,000 new jobs at the Turner Logistics Park

- \* Reduced travel times in the area by 5-minutes, day in and day out at improved truck staging areas

- \* Improved safety and allows traffic to move more efficiently through the entire corridor

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# Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



time I go by there, which is often. Who is in charge of its maintenance anyway? The people that live above it, the painters, the county, the city? Let's get that cleaned up so it won't get ruined, k?

Well, the leaves are falling rapidly, the orange is popping out before the leaves all fall. I like to sit and watch the leaves fall but dread what is coming next. Seems like this year went by pretty darn fast. Well, guess I will sign this off and get myself upstairs and hit the sack. Morning comes kinda early, doesn't it? Please get vaccinated, be kind, mind your p's and q's. Love all of you and remember to, to, to, oh heck, I forgot what you are supposed to remember. lol. To all my family, friends and even my enemies. Sue

Friends: One of the secrets of life is keeping your friends within hugging distance. (my ending, But with this darn pandemic, how can we hug anybody?)

**F**irst of all I want to thank everyone who wished my son, John for all the birthday greetings that he received from everyone. He is a hardworking guy and really enjoyed all the best wishes and love.

Turner First Baptist Church of Turner had to close for one Saturday so they could change to the winter outfits, clothes, etc. from the summer and spring clothes. Steve, Laurie, James and all the others are so generous and really put a lot of effort to the people that go or don't go there to their church services. I love to go in and visit them. I believe they are the kindest people that I have known in a long time. They are in need of groceries, money to buy groceries, and probably more volunteers. Go in and see if they can use you or clothes, money, toiletries, kitchen supplies, groceries, coats, blankets, whatever you don't want, they can probably use it. Even dog supplies, dog/cat food, kitty litter, food dishes for pets, pet beds, blankets or towels for pets too.

Has anyone noticed the mural on the corner of Metropolitan and 34th street? Such a pity. That is a great mural and it is being covered up with hanging trees, foliage of sorts, vines or whatever and it is getting to the point where no one will be able to see it. I love to look at it every

## Three Bees Pottery and Coffee Shop

By Sue Reich/info, Erin Stryka

Three Bees is under new ownership by Richard Clifton and his mother, Kitty Jackson, his brother, Daniel Reynolds and friend, Drew Thorson. They wanted to make sure the Three Bees stayed in the neighborhood. The name will stay the same so people will not forget it. Sometimes when a company changes its name, the business drops off but not this one. They will still serve their popular tamales, same coffee, same salsa and gradually expand the menu. Tired of sitting at a computer eight hours a day, tired of butchering meat, they decided to give it a try. Three Bees new hours are 9 .m. to 6. p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. So get on over to the Three Bees and meet the new owners.



Why is this beautiful mural being neglected? Trees , vines and who knows what else is covering the mural on Metropolitan. Who is in charge of the mural on Metropolitan keeping it clear? It is a shame that trees and different foliage is covering the mural on Metropolitan.

# Help stop insurance fraud

Topeka, Kan. – October is Crime Prevention Month, and the Kansas Insurance Department wants to remind Kansans of the importance of stopping insurance fraud.

Purchasing auto insurance minutes after an accident and delaying a claim or having your contracting estimate repair costs to include the deductible are just a few examples of the common types of insurance fraud. Insurance fraud is a crime and can lead to criminal prosecution.

Beyond the criminal implications, insurance fraud has a consequence on Kansas families too. According to the FBI, fraudulent property and casualty claims cost the average household up to \$700 more a year in higher premiums.

“There is a costly trickle-down effect from the actions of individuals willing to commit insurance fraud,” said Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “Financial losses, incurred from fraudulent behavior, are a shared loss between both the insurance company and the consumer.”

Knowing what fraud is, how to identify it and where to report it is incumbent upon all Kansans. Anti-fraud resources, along with the ability to file a report if you suspect fraud, are available at the Kansas Insurance Department’s website: [insurance.kansas.gov](http://insurance.kansas.gov).



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# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

near the pollinator garden to provide better access for those working on the west end of the garden. A couple from Shawnee donated a Tuff shed and that is now situated on the site of the old shed. It needs a little fixing up and a coat of paint but since it is larger, there is more room to organized tools and equipment. Sweet potatoes were harvested this week (397 pounds) and they are now being cured in Calvin's workshop. They should be ready in about two weeks for distribution and will be found in the free garden bin at the First Baptist Church of Turner across the street. Next week, the plan is to harvest the tomato plants and clean the beds. Green tomatoes will also be available at the church.

Donated sedum from the WYCO Master Gardeners project at AG Hall has found a new home at the First Baptist Church on the west side of the building around the cross on 55<sup>th</sup> Street.

Members of the church planted additional flowers and mulched the area last Saturday.

In a normal year I would be writing about the Fall Festival hosted by the Turner Public Library. Of course, with the covid-19 restrictions, nothing could be scheduled for the second year. I hope next year we will again be able to partner with them for this popular event which has attracted over 100 participants every year since 2015.

Turner Recreation Commission is holding its Spooktacular at Swartz Field this year on October 29 from 6-8 pm. I missed going to Turner Days this year, but I understand it was well attended even though there was no parade.

Central Avenue is celebrating "Dia De Los Muertos" Day of the Dead on November 6 from 10<sup>th</sup> St to 15th St. Activities are scheduled from 11 am to 9 pm with live music, face painting, food vendors, high school marching bands at noon and a parade from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Honor those who have passed from this life.

So, until next time, stay safe, and be kind to those around you.

The last program in the winter zoom series of the K-State Garden Hour will be "Winter Interest in the Landscape" on November 3, 2021, at 12pm. Join Wyandotte County Extension Agent Lynn Loughary, as she shares a few of the must have plants that provide year round interest in the landscape. I have watched most of the horticulture classes and they have been very informative.

The activity in the Turner Community Garden is about ready to wind down. We've made some minor changes. The tool shed on the hill was moved

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Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 10:00 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 November 17, 2021.

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Bids will be opened 11/4/21 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office.

Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at <http://www.kckps.org/index.php/invitation-for-bids> .

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## Passings...

By Sue Reich

Colin Powell, age 84, passed away on October 11, 2021. Died from complications of Covid-19. Colin was the Secretary of State and the first black American to serve that post. He was a 4 Star General. Colin also received the Medal of Freedom twice.

Melvin Cansler, age 82 passed away on October 14, 2021. Turner High School graduate 1957. He was a barber for 42 years.

Robert "Robbie" Garner, age 58, passed away on October 13, 2021. Turner High School graduate, 1956

# Medicare Open Enrollment Is Underway

## Free Counseling Available from KDADS SHICK Program

TOPEKA – More than 553,000 Kansas residents receive health coverage through Medicare, and the time to review their benefits is here. The open enrollment period for Medicare coverage in 2022 began October 15, 2021 and runs through December 7, 2021.

"Older adults can use this 7-week period to sign up for Medicare for the first time, and current Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to several aspects of their coverage as well," said Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Laura Howard. "If you're already enrolled, this is an opportunity to review your options for coverage and make adjustments if necessary, so it better meets your needs."

By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2022. The Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

During open enrollment, those currently enrolled may:

- \* Switch from original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa

- \* Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another or from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another

- \* If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply

If you want to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must meet some basic criteria:

- \* You must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and B

- \* You must live in the plan's service area

If you're already enrolled in a Medicare Part D prescription plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan and you don't want to make changes to your coverage for 2022, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment, assuming your current plan will still be available in 2022. If your plan is being discontinued and isn't eligible for renewal, you will receive a non-renewal notice from your carrier prior to open enrollment. If you don't, it means you can keep your plan without doing anything during open enrollment.

Be aware that benefits and premiums could be changing for 2022. So even if you're confident you want to keep your current coverage for the coming year, it's important to understand any changes that may apply and check to make sure your current plan is still the best available option. The available plans and what they cover change from one year to the next, so even if the plan you have now was the best option when you shopped last year, it's important to verify that again before you lock yourself in for another year.

Each year, there's a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period from January 1 – March 31. During this time, if you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage or go back to Original Medicare and, if needed, also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

Changes to be aware of for 2022 include:

- \* Medicare Advantage plans are available in 2022: 88 compared to 79 plans in 2021.

- \* 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.

- \* The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$9.53 in 2021 to \$7.79 in 2022. This represents a -18.19 percent change in average premium.

- \* 29 Medicare prescription drug plans are available with premiums varying from \$6.60 to \$101.40.

- \* 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2021.

- \* Eight stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans and 29 Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage will offer lower out-of-pocket insulin costs through the Part D Senior Savings Model.

- \* Through the CMS Innovation Center's Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model, 16 plans will offer Medicare Advantage enrollees eliminated Part D cost-sharing; rewards and incentives programs related to healthy behaviors; and customized, innovative benefits that address social determinants of health, such as food insecurity and social isolation, for certain underserved and/or chronically ill enrollees.

State-by-State Fact Sheets are available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/92921-state-state-fact-sheets-2022-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-landscape-final.pdf> (Kansas' Fact Sheet pgs. 49-51).

For more information on these changes and other Medicare-related issues, please contact KDADS' Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), a free program that offers Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. SHICK has counselors throughout the state that can assist people, so they stay informed on changing conditions in health care insurance. Call 800-860-5260 for this free counseling service.

SHICK counselors receive training on Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Long-Term Care and other health insurance subjects that concern older Kansans. The counselors do not work for any insurance company, their goal is to educate and assist the public to make informed decisions on what's best for each individual situation.

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