



The Record

Governor Laura Kelly Announces Departure of Secretary of Health and Environment Lee Norman

Governor Kelly thanks Dr. Norman for his leadership and his work to protect Kansans from COVID-19



TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced the departure of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary Lee Norman. KDHE Deputy Secretary Ashley Goss will serve as Acting Secretary until a permanent candidate is appointed. Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Ximena Garcia is Acting State Health Officer and Medicaid Medical Director.

“I want to thank Dr. Lee Norman for his service to the people of Kansas these last three years, and particularly for his leadership and his tireless efforts to fight this unprecedented pandemic,” Governor Kelly said. “From the first confirmed case until today, Dr. Norman has played a vital role within this administration to provide guidance and help steer our state’s response to the virus. His and his team’s work to keep Kansans safe during this once-in-a-century public health crisis has cemented his place as the most consequential Secretary of Health and Environment in Kansas history.”

Dr. Lee Norman has served as the KDHE Secretary since Governor Kelly took office in 2019. Under his leadership KDHE has spearheaded Kansas’ response to COVID-19 including the state’s Unified Testing Strategy, the deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine that has been administered to more than 1.7 million Kansans, and a robust, statewide vaccine hesitancy campaign. In addition to leading KDHE’s COVID-19 response, Dr. Norman oversees the agency’s three divisions, including Health, Environment and Healthcare Finance, which includes the Medicaid program (KanCare).

“I want to thank Governor Kelly for the privilege of serving the people of Kansas during this unique, challenging, and important moment in our state’s history,” Dr. Norman said. “I could not be more proud of each and every staff member at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. For the last two years they have gone above and beyond facing unimaginable circumstances to create and execute the framework of the Kansas’ COVID-19 response strategy. While leaving was not an easy decision, I have no doubt that the leadership will maintain a seamless continuity of operations as the agency continues its transition from crisis response to steady state.”

Before joining the Office of Governor Laura Kelly, Norman had a distinguished career in the United States Air Force as a family physician, flight surgeon, and combat medicine instructor. Dr. Norman has served as a chief medical officer for over 26 years, most recently at the University of Kansas Health System and before that the Swedish Health System in Seattle, beginning in 1991.

KCK Mask Mandate Extended to January 6, 2022

On Thursday evening, November 19, the Unified Government Commission voted to extend its previous mask order for Kansas City, Kansas and the unincorporated area of Loring in Wyandotte County through 11:59 pm on January 6, 2022.

The resolution extending the mask order will be signed into effect by the Wyandotte County Clerk later today. The proposed resolution to extend the mask order, as reviewed and adopted by the UG Commission last night, can be viewed [here](#).

See original mask order (Resolution No. R-47-21) [here](#).

The same mask requirements and exemptions from the original order remain in place. Masks will continue to be required in indoor public spaces for people who are vaccinated and people who are unvaccinated. The order excludes public and private schools and also excludes the cities of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville, Kansas. When adopting the original order on August 5, 2021, the UG Commissioners opted to leave the decision of mask requirements to school boards and to Bonner Springs and Edwardsville elected officials, respectively.

Unified Government Commission Meeting Update

At the Unified Government Full Commission meeting last night, representatives from the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) presented a COVID update and recommended a mask order extension until early January. UGPHD representatives noted several considerations for extending the mask mandate:

- Winter weather and the holidays mean more time indoors, where COVID spreads more easily.
- COVID surges are being seen now across the country and in Europe.
- Children under 5 are still ineligible for COVID vaccination.
- Nearly half of people living in Wyandotte County remain unvaccinated.

- Immunity is waning for people vaccinated more than six months ago.
- Hospital resources remain under pressure.

You can view a recording of the meeting on the Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, KS YouTube page (COVID update begins at 50:25): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlnroP5q04o>

What is Covered by the Mask Order

Individuals age five and older must wear masks over the nose and mouth when:

- Inside any public space including businesses and places of worship;
- Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited

to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, vaccination site, COVID-19 testing site, veterinary clinic, or blood bank (unless otherwise directed by an employee or healthcare provider);

- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle; and

All businesses or organizations in Wyandotte County must require all employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a mask or other face covering when:

- Employees are working in any space visited by customers or members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time; or

- Employees are working in an indoor space; or
- Employees are working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or

- distribution to others; or
- In any indoor space where members of the general public are present or may be

periodically present

Free Vaccinations Available for People Ages 5 and Older

The UGPHD continues to offer free COVID-19 vaccines for people who live in Wyandotte County ages 5 and older, at the former Kmart site at 7836 State Avenue. Hours for COVID-19 vaccinations and testing are as follows (NOTE: All of these services are free of charge!):

- COVID Testing: Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm
- COVID Vaccines: Wednesday – Friday 10 am – 6 pm. Holiday hours below:

- Closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving
- Last two weeks of December: Monday–Wednesday, 10am–6pm

COVID vaccinations are now available for people ages 12 and older at the UGPHD building at 619 Ann Ave in downtown KCK, Monday and Tuesday mornings, by appointment only. Call 913-573-8855 to make an appointment.

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Everyone is getting busy in this time of the year. The public is being prompted to get their Christmas shopping done early because there is going to be a great shortage. Of what? I see food, groceries, toys, all kinds of stuff out already. Good grief what is the panic anyway? Of course, the price of gas is up, but we need it so can't do anything about that. Hundreds of thousands of people are coming in the USA, can't do anything about that either. They talk, (whoever they are) talk about the fierce winter that is going to befall us. When I was in grade school and most of my life in the winters of Kansas, I walked in snow 4 feet deep. Talk about fierce, we just did it.

Mr. Ed and I got our booster shots recently. We went to the former K-Mart store at 78th and State Ave. Had to drop by our check at 82nd and State to get our car registered. Then we stopped at the New Captain D's on State and got their wonderful giant fish sandwich. Remember the old location burned down?

This one is good too. I always liked Captain D's. Try the Mason Jar off of State. It is where the water slide used to be by the shopping area where Big Lots is. Boy, that area is really building up. I lived over there for 20 some odd years and it was so country like. Harvest Moon motel had a swimming pool across from K-Mart, Bob's Bicycle shop, a trailer court on the corner, even the shopping center is turned around. I used to own the donut shop on the end of the center called the Flavor Maid (?). I think.

Had it quite a while and really like "donutting". The police station was right behind it and there was the Colonial Cafeteria, Steve's Shoes, can't think of all that

was in there. Just looks so different now. What's that saying, "Everything changes but change itself".

Talk about changes, Turner is sure changing down the street towards Inland Drive. With the big garden, the "DEPOT" that has been worked on for about a year now. Looking good. Everyone that has been working there is doing a great job. Jim, Calvin, Alex, Roger, the kids that helped that are back in school now. Money donations, tools, just everything. Gonna be a pretty darn good place to go when they are all finished. I do most of my stuff for them from home, like the big sign by Digger the bear, Digger himself, just odds and ends. We will probably put our domino club in there somewhere too. Maybe we can get some more members.

Well sis' and bro's, guess I will sign off and get myself ready for beddy bye. Had a big day today believe it or not. Ivya all, be good, be kind and get your shots. Mind your p's and q's, K? Sue, your little ol' gal from Argentine. Although I don't live there now, it was my first home. 11th and Metropolitan. The Larson end of Argentine. lol.

Take care, please be really careful.

Join Rosedale through volunteering, at the polls or in Rozarks trails. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated or shared about our Haunted Halloween trail. Over 200 neighbors and friends showed up, it was a ton of fun. YOGA IN THE PARK: It is moving indoors to our community room at 1401 SW Blvd. Join us November. Save the date for our second annual Luminary Hike in the Rozarks. Fisher Park will be aglow beginning at dusk from Mon., December 13 through Saturday December 18, 2021.

Ten Indian Commandments

1. Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit.
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings.
4. Work together for all the

benefit of all mankind.

5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed.

6. Do what you know to be right.

7. Look after the well-being of mind and body.

8. Dedicate your share of your efforts to the greater good.

9. Be truthful and honest at all times.

10. Take full responsibility for your actions.

Ironic Outcome

by Sue Reich

Talk about things being ironic, this really was something that is ironic. William Shatner, the Captain in Star Trek on TV, went up in space on October 13, 2021 with three other "spacemen". William was really thrilled about his 10 minutes and 17 seconds space flight and was quoted as saying, "It moved me to tears". They went 65.

8 miles up and saw spectacular views of our earth. His crew was Audrey Powers, Chris Boshuizen and Glen de Vries. What is so ironic about this, is they had a safe take off, a safe flight and a safe and gentle landing. But less than a month later, Glen who was 49 years old, died in a crash of a small plane. He was the Medidata Solutions co-founder for Science and Space Travel. All I can say is, it is strange how things work out.



Miniature class in the future.



A miniature class might be coming at Turner Depot

State of Kansas Pays Off Long-Standing Debt Two Years Ahead of Schedule

Kansas 'Economic Outlook Continues to Improve

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly today announced the State of Kansas has paid off the long-standing Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) "Bridge Loan." In 2017 the Legislature took out this loan to fill budget holes due to poor fiscal management of the previous administration.

"Government, just like every Kansan, has to balance its checkbook," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Thanks to three years of fiscal responsibility, we've paid off this debt, con-

tinued to fund our schools and roads, and we can afford good policy - like axing the state's food tax - to provide tax relief to Kansas families."

The Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) is a state board that manages and invests the money available from the State General Fund (SGF) and the hundreds of other state and local funds deposited with the State Treasurer.

In 2017, as a result of poor fiscal policy from the

previous administration, the state was forced to borrow a "bridge loan" - a loan of over \$300 million from the Pooled Money Investment Board to fill budget holes. The budget had to meet cash flow requirements per state law.

"Because of Governor Kelly's leadership and due to her prudent fiscal decisions, the budget has not only stabilized - but reenergized the economy," Budget Director Adam

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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

The holidays are coming up and there is much to do and see. First off, the Turner Community Garden is accepting leaves. The drop off site is on 54th Terrace and Custer. Two large signs are posted at the location.

The Wyandotte County Historical Museum has a new display "More than Memories: Recent Collection & Community Stories" The exhibit runs from November 19, 2021, thru February 15, 2022. The new items have been collected over the past few years. While the themes may vary, they all have significant historical value to Wyandotte County. The display gives a unique connection to

the public while the allegories stand on their own. The Museum is in Wyandotte County Park, 631 N 126th, Bonner Springs, open Monday thru Saturday, and the hours are 9am-4pm.

If you desire fresh air, Powell Gardens is holding its fifth annual "Festival of Lights", November 11- December 30, 2021, Wednesdays thru Saturday with the addition of December 20-21 and December 27-28. Hours are 4pm-10pm. Tickets can be purchased online at powellgardens.org. Be sure to bundle up and enjoy twenty miles of lights as you wander through the outdoor path. There are several new features such as a new warming station that serves spiked and non-alcoholic hot chocolate and Louisburg cider. Visit Santa and see his reindeer. The Gardens are closed on Thanksgiving Eve and Day, Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.

Nearman 4-H Club is hosting a Coat and Non-perishable Food Drive thru December 13 to benefit Vaughn Trent Community Services in Bonner Springs. Vaughn Trent serves families of students in USD#204 (Bonner Springs and

Edwardsville). Items may be dropped off at the Wyandotte County Extension Office, 1216 N 79th St., KCK. Office hours are 9am-4pm. Contact Jessie Carr, 4-H Development Agent at carrjessie@ksu.edu or call 913-299-9300 ext.105 for more information.

Rosedale Development Association (RDA) is holding an open house and annual meeting on December 21, 2021 at 1401 Southwest Blvd, KCK from 6pm-8pm. Celebrate their programs, connect with neighbors and check out the updated Koch Community space. Congrats on the AARP grant for the renovation. Masks required while indoors.

RDA also needs volunteers to read for this year's RISE: Reading Inspiration Stories to Empower. Dates needed are January 18-21,2022. You can volunteer in person or virtually. Call Alissa 913-677-5097.

Book to recommend: D.J. Palmer's "Saving Meghan" will keep you guessing. If you read his latest novel "The Perfect Daughter", you'll like this older one as it is another psychological thriller.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

Something different to have for a sweet treat on Thanksgiving and something that is much simpler than pie is a fruit crumble. And that is this week's tasty treat.

Really only takes a small amount of bringing the necessary ingredients together, and baked for 40-45 minutes, and you will have this treat to end your festive meal.

Remember to tailor this to suit your family's likes and dislikes; change the fruit, omit and add spices, add a handful of raisins to the filling. Change the crumble by using finely chopped pecans or walnuts and the variations are almost endless.

Hope you will try:

TOM'S THANKSGIVING FRUIT CRUMBLE

Ingredients:

Crumble topping

1 c Flour

1/3 c sliced Almonds
finely chopped

3/4 Quick Oats

1 c Brown Sugar

1 t Cinnamon

1/4 t Nutmeg

1/4 t Salt

1 stick Butter, cold but a little soft

Crumble Fruit Filling:

3 Granny Smith Apples And 2 Roma or Golden Apples,
peeled, cored and cut into chunks

2 c Fresh Cranberries, rinsed and picked over

1/2 c Sugar

2 T Flour

1/2 t Cinnamon

1/4 t Salt

Juice of 1 Lemon

Optional, 1/2 c Raisins

Set oven to 350°.

Butter a large casserole or 9x13" pan. Place crumble topping ingredients into a bowl. Cut the butter into large chunks. Add the butter and work it in using your fingers. The crumble is ready once the flour is moistened and the mixture holds when pressed together. In a large bowl, combine the apples, cranberries, sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt. Add the lemon juice and toss until well combined. Place the fruit filling in the buttered pan and dot the top with 2-3 tablespoons of butter. Sprinkle the crumble topping in Clumps, over the fruit filling. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes, until the top is golden brown. Let cool until warm. Serve warm or at room temperature. Make this is the morning and then, reheat in the microwave. Serve plain or with a big scoop of Vanilla ice

cream! Keep any leftovers covered and chilled.

This could start a new tradition for your family.



Passings...

By Sue Reich

James Fisher, MD, age 78, passed away on November 5, 2021. He was a graduate of Wyandotte High School and a member of the US Navy.

Carol Baska-Moroney, age 65, passed away on November 7, 2021. Ward High school graduate, 1974.

Kansas Debt...

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Proffitt said. "Kansas is now in a position to pay off the loan two years ahead of its original schedule – and that's no small task, especially during uncertain economic times."

Even with paying off the loan two years ahead of schedule, Governor Kelly has been able to:

- Fully fund Kansas's schools 3 years in a row;
- Create over 30,000 jobs;
- Bring in over \$7 billion business dollars invested in Kansas;
- Implement a statewide bipartisan infrastructure program that created more than 130 infrastructure projects to improve our roads, bridges, and broadband accessibility.

AG Derek Schmidt Backs Further Efforts to Stop Robocallers

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently wrote the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in support of its efforts to reduce illegal robocallers' access to legitimate phone numbers to make unending robocalls that scam people out of their hard-earned money.

Schmidt joined attorneys general from 49 other states and the District of Columbia in sending a letter to the FCC during its public comments session on proposed changes to application processes for direct access to phone numbers. The changes are designed to reduce the ability of robocallers to conceal their origins in an effort to continue their illegal calls.

Earlier this year, phone companies were required to implement STIR/SHAKEN – caller ID authentication technology to combat spoofing by ensuring that telephone calls originate from verified numbers. Robocallers are now successfully evading caller ID authentication by purchasing access to legitimate phone numbers to conceal their identities. They typically do this by providing false identifying information to, or otherwise shielding their identities from, the companies that have access to legitimate numbers.

In August, the attorneys general asked the FCC to require smaller telecommunications companies to implement the STIR/SHAKEN technology as soon as possible and no later than June 30, 2022. In 2019, Schmidt joined attorneys general from 49 states and the District of Columbia in reaching an agreement with 12 major telecom companies, outlining a set of eight principles to fight illegal robocalls through both prevention and enforcement efforts. The agreement included implementing technologies to authenticate that callers are coming from a valid source. Portions of this agreement were later codified by Congress in the TRACED Act.

In Kansas, the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division works to enforce do-not-call laws and protect Kansas consumers from being harassed and scammed by robocalls. More information is available on the attorney general's consumer protection website at www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

Guest Editorials

Quotes to Ponder

By Tom Valverde

"This is a confusing moment, and it seems to me, that my job as President of the United States is to try to figure out what is needed to put people at ease. And to let them know that there is a way through these times.

The world has never been here before. That sounds like hyperbole, but think about it.

This truly is one of those inflection points in history. All of the pieces on the board are moving at the same time.

In terms of relationships among and within Nations, as well as what employment people may have in the future.

And so, this is a confusing time. But, I promise, I promise that I have but one focus.

How do we get you to the point where we remove the pressure off you, so you can begin to get back to a degree of normality, as we move forward to a different place."

US President Joe Biden

These were his comments on the day that the House of Representatives passed his landmark Infrastructure Bill, November 6, 2021.

President Biden was on hand to answer several questions from reporters. He then ended the press briefing by thanking the Vice-president Kamala Harris, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and all the persons who provided input to this Bi-partisan and historic legislation.

Now, major repairs can finally be made to the country's badly deteriorating highways and bridges, city water systems replacing lead pipes used to deliver safe drinking water, provide a network of electric charging stations as the US moves away from fossil fuels and turns to electric vehicles as one part of helping to reverse climate change.

An improved power grid, one that is better secured against threats from terrorist hackers and provide cleaner energy for the US. With all that this Bill will provide, it sets a new course for the country and steers it into the future of the 21st Century. The President signed the Bill into law in the White House rose garden, surrounded by those who delivered it to the American people, November 15, 2021.

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ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 21-017 2022 Summer Roofing Projects . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 21-017 – "2022 Summer Roofing Projects"

Bids will be opened 12/16/21 @ 1:00 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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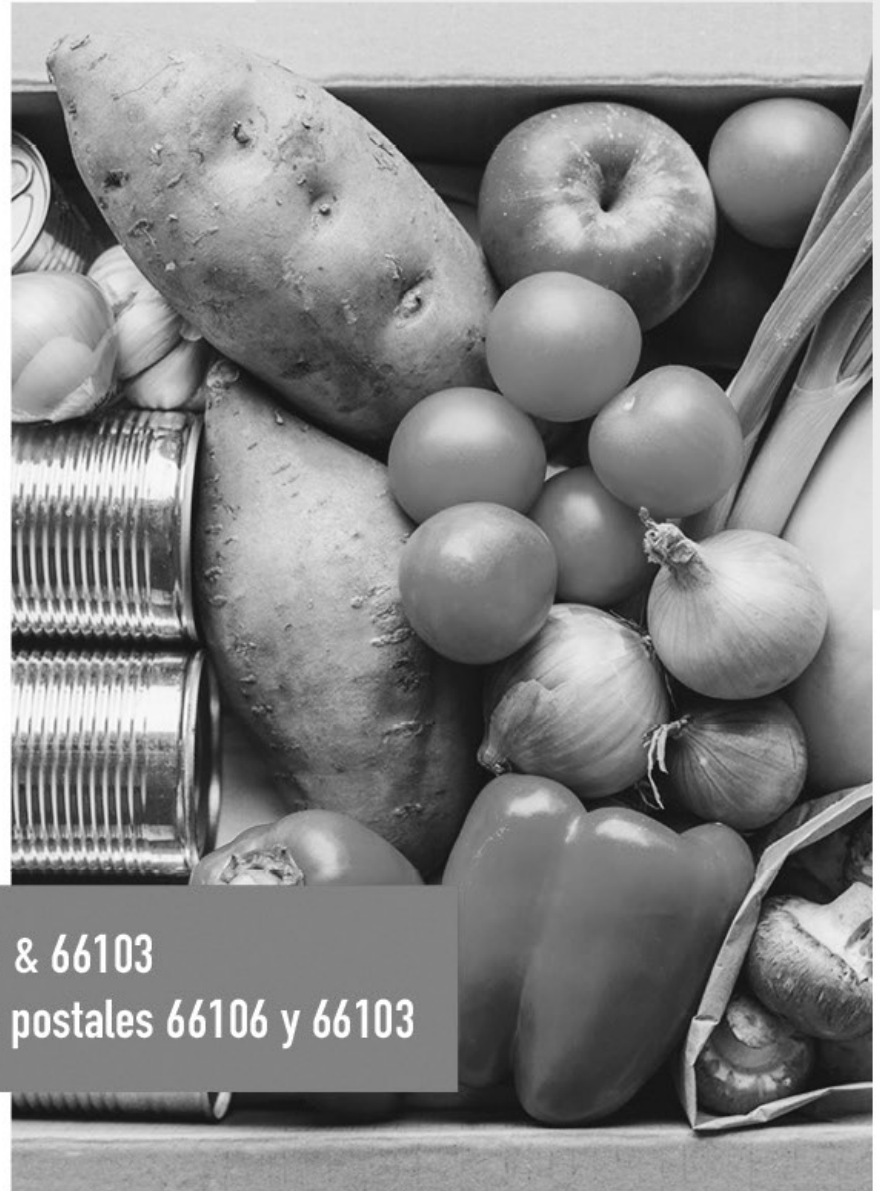
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