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Governor Kelly Travels to Germany to Promote Investment Opportunities

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly wrapped up a trade mission to Germany to promote Kansas and encourage foreign investment into the state. While there, the governor met with business leaders to discuss the many opportunities currently available because of the unprecedented surge in economic activity in Kansas. She also presented the keynote address at the “Why KC” business recruitment program that was hosted by the Kansas City Area Development Council, SelectUSA, and the U.S. Consulate General’s office in Frankfurt.

“At the start of my administration, I tasked Commerce Secretary and Lieutenant Governor David Toland with rebuilding our state’s economic development engine – including by restoring our International Division,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Thanks to those steps and trips like this trade mission, our strong international partnerships are now driving record-setting private investment into the state.”

The State of Kansas now has a new representative, PM & Partner Marketing Consulting GmbH (PM&P), to attract businesses from German-speaking European markets.

Germany has been a consistent leader when it comes to international job growth in Kansas and is one of the top three source countries for foreign direct investment. Germany is also the sixth-largest export market for goods produced in Kansas. The \$529 million in exports to Germany were part of last year’s record-high \$14 billion export total for the state.

There are several German companies with a strong presence in Kansas, including:

* Millipore Sigma, the American life



science business of Merck KGaA, which just completed a \$25 million expansion of its manufacturing and lab space in Lenexa.

* Reifenhauer, a leading provider of innovative technologies and components for plastics extrusion, opened a new \$20 million manufacturing plant in Maize last year.

* Deutsche Telekom, which employs thousands of people in the Kansas City area through T-Mobile’s campus.

“We are pleased to have strong Kansas representation through Governor Kelly’s participation on the Kansas City Chamber trade mission to Germany,” Laura Lombard, International Director for the Kansas Department of Commerce, said. “Her presence and participation in business recruitment activities will ensure that Kansas is top of mind for German companies interested in expanding into our region.”



By Sharon Hoover

Today I want to thank everyone who worked in the Turner Community Garden this past year, our donors, and those who contributed to it through saving Best Choice Labels. We couldn't have had another successful year without you. The Market's last day was Turner Days and as during the summer the excess vegetables were donated to the Turner Baptist Church. The garden has almost shut down for the winter although next

week garlic will be planted.

Jim Jarsulic and Calvin Hoover along with Alex Vunovich are responsible for keeping our vegetable gardens, and surrounding areas in tip top shape. They were assisted by BPU summer workers and volunteers from KU Medical Center. Occasionally a neighbor or member of the community would stop by and give them a hand.

Several former Girl Scouts returned to repaint the planters they donated several years ago. Junction Elementary school 4th graders planted spring flowers in them beautifying the area.

WYCO Master Gardeners have several projects in the garden. One group is responsible for the

beautiful flowers in the pollinator garden and the shady grove. They rebuilt the flower beds while continuing to expand their size. The Aquaponics project lost all its fish due to ich disease and turned into a hydroponics project to continue to grow plants. The butterfly habitat in the hoop house had been included in that project but will have its own team working to create a better environment. Several Master Gardeners pruned the trees in the orchard. Education is a large part of the MG program. Every year, Janet Winkler has been instrumental in teaching gardening classes to Turner Rec's summer camp kids and introducing good eating habits (fresh vegetables). One of the favorite classes

this year was Don Crim's "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs" presentation. No bugs were eaten.

One special project had been talked about for the past few years, building a wall to control erosion in the vegetable garden. In September, the Turner Girls Volleyball Team stepped up to do the job. Many thanks to that group of girls.

Everyone who donated their time, energy and cooking skills made the Fall Fest a success.

I probably have forgotten those who may have stopped by to help for an hour or two or spent several hours with us. Thank you! All volunteers who work in the garden may share in its bounty. We start up again in February and can use all the help we can get. Many changes will be taking place in the building over the winter. Hope to see you in the Spring.

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

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KCKCC to Host m-pact Vocal Festival in November

Kansas City Kansas Community College will be the site of a November music festival hosted by the Los Angeles based pop-jazz vocal group, m-pact.

The m-pact Vocal Festival is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at the KCKCC Performing Arts Center. A non-competitive festival, 16 guest vocal ensembles from Kansas, Missouri and Iowa will have the opportunity to perform and work hands-on with the award-winning group. The festival will be livestreamed on KCKCC's YouTube as well as on the festival's website.

m-pact will provide a mid-day performance at 12:15 p.m. at KCKCC. The group will also give a performance later in the evening at the Blue Room Jazz Club, as part of the American Jazz Museum. The concert is at 8 p.m., and KCKCC's "Blue Devil Funk Band" will be the

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Make Your Own Luck

By Bryan Golden

What exactly is luck? Why do some people appear to be luckier than others? Is luck a question of chance, fate, or are there things you can do to improve your luck? Actually, being lucky isn't just a matter of luck at all.

Luck is a combination of attitude, mental orientation, preparation, and opportunity. Typically, lucky people have an approach of possibility whereas unlucky people have a mindset of impossibility.

Those with consistent bad luck expect to have bad luck. They advertise their expectations with statements such as, "I know this won't work," "Nothing ever goes right for me," "Why can't I ever catch a break," and "There's a dark cloud that follows me."

People with good luck seek solutions rather than fixating on problems. They understand that every impediment has a resolution. They are flexible in their thinking and not locked into patterns of behavior. Their outlook allows them to find opportunity where others see only roadblocks, failure, and despair.

When a person believes they have only bad luck, they tend to attract more bad luck. This creates a vicious self-fulfilling prophecy. No one is predestined for good or bad luck. If you want more good luck, there are steps you can take to bring it about.

Keep your outlook flexible

Imagine the following scenario. You are standing at one end of a long hallway. Your destination is a door at the other end. As you walk down the hallway, you pass other

doors which are slightly open.

Unlucky people will direct all of their attention on the door at the end. They will walk past the other doors without investigating what is on the other side. Behind the other doors lie potential opportunities. When they are bypassed, there is no chance of benefiting. When they discover what they missed, unlucky people will lament how unlucky they were.

Lucky people will look into each room. They will still have the door at the far end as their destination, but they won't ignore the others. This strategy positions lucky people to take advantage of unexpected and unplanned opportunities along their journey.

To increase your luck, maintain an awareness of what is around you. Don't go through life with blinders that hide opportunities.

Look for the upside

Regardless of the circumstances

you encounter, you have to figure a way to make the best of them. Lucky people consistently look for what they can learn or extract from every situation. This technique enables them to recover faster and get back on track. They always maintain a mental determination to overcome whatever obstacles are encountered. They feel they are lucky because things could have been worse.

Unlucky people wallow in self-pity and become consumed with the negative. They can't see anything positive and feel and act like a victim. They won't take responsibility for their situation and therefore don't believe they have the power of self-determination. Whatever may happen, they get frustrated with how bad things are.

To increase your luck, don't lose sight of the fact that there

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opening act. The event is sponsored by the KCKCC student chapter of the Jazz Education Network.

Admission to both m-pact performances is free.

Described by the San Francisco Chronicle as “one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world,” m-pact is known for its sophisticated sound that has won the group

Vocal Group of the Year at the L.A. Music Awards and an Indie nomination from the Independent Grammys.

The group has been named Grand National Champs of the Harmony Sweepstakes competition and has performed with artists such as Boyz II Men, Sheryl Crow, the Woody Herman Orchestra, the Maynard Ferguson Big Band and Natalie Cole, among many others. Their “signature sound” can also be heard in television theme songs as well as Disney feature films and on radio stations throughout the world.

Started in 1995, m-pact has made five full-length albums, three EP’s and several single releases and continues to receive rave reviews and multiple awards. Billboard Magazine named them the “Best Unsigned Band” and in 2014, the group joined with New York a cappella powerhouse Duwende to produce “I Wish for All Time,” an a cappella tribute to Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson.

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is always a lesson to be learned and invariably a way out that will make you stronger. There is a solution to every problem.

Think and act as if you are lucky. Develop an attitude that no matter what happens, you are lucky. As a lucky person, you have the ability to make the best of every situation. Act like a lucky person. Don’t talk about or dwell on problems. Concentrate on and discuss solutions.

You can become lucky. Luck is when attitude and preparation meet opportunity. Since each day is replete with new opportunities there is more than enough luck for everyone.

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

Yesterday afternoon, we received our first restitution check from Sydney Powell (she was Trump’s former attorney who held multiple press meetings to announce that she had the proof of voter fraud and was ready to release the “Kraken!”) Her guilty plea is vindication for election workers around the country whose lives were turned upside down because of Powell and others false claims of widespread voter fraud.

For years now, we have had people lying about our elections in Georgia. We now have begun to see the accountability of that take place.

Gabe Sterling

Operations officer for the Georgia Secretary of State

Trump insists that Attorney Sidney Powell was never a part of his legal team. Yet, he at one point wanted to appoint Powell as Special Counsel. This, Trump neglects to say.

Yahoo article 10/23

As Mr. Sterling spoke, he held the check for \$2,700, first restitution payment from Trump’s former attorney. She was indicted in the election interference case in Georgia. Trump along with 18 others were charged by Willis after a two year investigation. Trump’s former chief of staff, Mark Meadows, Jenna Ellis, Kenneth Chesbro, Rudy Giuliani, John Eastman and eleven others.

In her 98 page Indictment District Attorney Ellis wrote,:

Trump and the other defendants charged in this indictment, refused to accept that Trump lost, and they knowingly and willfully joined a conspiracy to unlawfully change the outcome of the election.

In Washington, DC Special Counsel Jack Smith proceeds with his Federal case of election interference. Smith charged Trump on charges of conspiracy to defraud the US and trying to prevent the peaceful transfer of presidential power to Joe Biden. Unlike the Federal case, if Trump is found guilty he will not be eligible for a presidential pardon in the Georgia state case Trump is the first former president to be indicted. He faces 91 counts in four jurisdictions, another first. Trump remains as the GOP front-runner. It’s difficult to understand just how such an obviously corrupt man is the only viable GOP candidate for the White House in 2024. Trump often repeats his lament of all of his criminal charges being nothing more than “Election interference.” The sworn testimony of his closest aides and the mountain of evidence produced by years long investigations, indicate otherwise. Who wants a convicted felon to be president?

Last month, Trump was found guilty of rape in a civil lawsuit. He was made to pay ten million to the lady he raped and defamed. He should not be in the race and several States are suing to keep Trump off the ballot in 2024 using Amendment 14 of the US Constitution. We hope that these lawsuits are successful. Leaders should not conspire, lie, or cheat in order to win; not in the United States in the 21st Century.

YOU are invited

Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

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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