



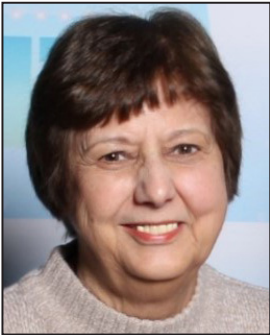
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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

If you have ever been to the Turner Community Garden, you know we are on hilly ground. One terraced area has plagued us for several years. It was

difficult to walk up and down and unusable for planting. Our big challenge was lack of labor. I am pleased to announce this year we found the labor with the help of the Turner School District.

In September, Luke Lee, Parents & Com-

munity Liaison, contacted the Turner High School Girls Volleyball team who volunteered to build a wall along that terrace. We ordered wall stones from Lowe's, but Lowe's could only fill 2/3 of the order so the girls couldn't finish the job. We were able to order more wall stones and Luke came to our rescue again. Today (12/8/2023), the Turner Boys Powerlifting Club finished the project. Thanks to both these groups of fine young people, we will be able to use the area to plant bush beans next year and expand our garden.

I picked up the Kansas City Ks Public Library's December issue recently. I noted the closing dates for each of the Libraries. For

those who use the Turner Library, they will be closed December 22-January 2. Schlagle's Library will be closed December 23- January 1. The Main Library, West Wyandotte Library, and South Branch Library will be closed December 24-26, and December 31-January 1. Turner Library patrons should check out what they want to read over the holidays, I'm already set. The various libraries have holiday activities throughout the month. If you can't pick up a copy of their December issue, go to kckpl.org and look for calendars, you'll be able to see the programs for the month.

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



Discussion and planning are core to Older Drivers Safety

As the population of drivers aged 65 and older continues to grow, maintaining safe mobility is important. Older Driver Safety Awareness encourages seniors and their families to assess age-related changes and how best to remain safe on the road or choose other kinds of transportation.

Older drivers are considered more susceptible to serious injury and death in a crash. In Kansas, 72 drivers aged 65-99 were involved in a fatal crash in 2022. Another 3,694 were involved in a serious injury or injury crash. According to the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA), more older drivers are in fatal crashes on rural roads versus urban roads.

"If you have an older driver in your family, consider having a positive and engaging conversation about driving," said Chris Bortz, Transportation Safety Assistant Bureau Chief for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

"These conversations should focus on their current driving behaviors and the resources that are available if they need to stop driving."

KDOT and NHTSA recommend older drivers and their families work together to:

- Promote awareness of the impact aging has on driving.
- Understand how medical conditions and prescribed medications can impact physical fitness, reflexes and vision when driving.
- Discuss knowledge on new road designs such as roundabouts, diverging diamonds or other traffic flow changes along

route.

- Plan trips during the day and when traffic is light.
 - Work with older drivers to understand new vehicle technology such as lane departure, back up cameras and blind-spot detection.
 - Make sure they correctly use headlights at night, and buckle up every trip, every time.
 - Assist older drivers who may no longer be able to drive and help them plan for safe mobility by family, friends or public transport.
- For more information and resources on senior driving and transportation, visit www.nhsta.gov/road-safety/older-drivers

Insurance Department issues guidance on surplus lines tax reduction

Kansas Commissioner Vicki Schmidt released guidance to insurance companies on how the reduced surplus lines tax rate will be implemented after the 2023 legislature passed a law lowering the surplus lines tax rate from 6% to 3% for tax years 2024 and after.

The new rate of 3% will apply to policies effective on or after January 1, 2024, and to any endorsements to those policies. All new and renewal policies effective prior to January 1, 2024, and any subsequent endorsements on those policies will still be taxed at the original rate of 6%.

Examples include:

Example One: The tax rate for a policy with an effective date of 10/01/2023 is 6% of the total gross premium. An additional premium endorsement to this policy with an endorsement effective date of 06/01/2024 is also 6%. If a cancellation takes place with an effective date of 08/01/2024, the credit is 6% of the returned premium.

Example Two: The tax for a policy with an effective date of 01/01/2024 is 3% of the total gross premium. An additional premium endorsement to the policy with an endorsement effective date of 06/01/2024 is also 3%. If a cancellation takes place with an effective date of 08/01/2024, the credit is 3%.

The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Insurance Department in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.

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Virtual Job Fair Offers Hundreds of Employment Opportunities

TOPEKA—Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland encourages jobseekers and employers searching for talent to take part in the final Virtual Statewide Job Fair of the year, hosted by KANSASWORKS, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13.

“The thousands of jobs being created in our state require thousands of Kansans to fill them,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “There is a growing number of opportunities in core industries for all levels of experience, and our workforce centers are committed to helping Kansans take the next

step in their professional journeys.” The Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers and channels for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as employers may request to engage in a video interview.

Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodations by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

Registration is required to participate in virtual job fairs, regardless of previous participation. To regis-

ter, click here.

About KANSASWORKS:

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About the Kansas Department of Commerce:

As the state’s lead economic development agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives

to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas. Commerce accomplishes its mission by developing relationships with corporations, site location consultants and stakeholders in Kansas, the nation and world. Our strong partnerships allow us to help create an environment for existing Kansas businesses to grow and foster an innovative, competitive landscape for new businesses. Through Commerce’s project successes, Kansas was awarded Area Development Magazine’s prestigious Gold Shovel award in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and was awarded the 2021 and 2022 Governor’s Cup by Site Selection Magazine.

Providing Race And Ethnicity Data Helps All Customers

We are continuously working to better understand how Social Security’s programs serve the public. Collecting race and ethnicity data for research and statistical purposes is one way for us to determine whether we are equitably serving the public. Applicants and customers may voluntarily provide this information. It does not affect decisions on benefit applications.

Why does it matter if people provide race and ethnicity data?

When customers choose to provide race and ethnicity information, it lets us know:

- Who our benefit payments and programs are helping and who may be left out.
- What unintended barriers may impact benefits and services.
- Where to expand outreach efforts.
- How to increase awareness of eligibility for programs and benefits.

In other words, race and ethnicity data can help expand access to our programs, which is one of the objectives in our Equity Action Plan at blog.ssa.gov/social-secu



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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

From MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell: That is the mission of an accessory after the fact. An accessory after the fact is trying to prevent the apprehension of criminals; to prevent the punishment of criminals.

Republican House Speaker, Mike Johnson told reporters, last week about his efforts to obscure the faces of the insurrectionists who attacked the US Capitol on January 6, prior to releasing any of the videos which were taken that day.

Mike Johnson wants to stop everyone of those arrests that can still be made, because of an alert citizen makes a call to the FBI. He wants to stop, possibly, hundreds of arrests which could still be made. Mike Johnson has no legal authority to blur the faces of criminals in that video. That video does not belong to Mike Johnson, that video does not belong to the Republican party. That video was created by and paid by the United States Congress. It is owned by the Federal government.

The MSNBC program in which O'Donnell made his remarks, told of the specific law that House Speaker Johnson had violated; 18 US code § 3 - Accessory after the fact that states:

Whosoever, knowing that an offense against the United States, has been committed receives, relieves, comforts, or assists the offender, in order to hinder as to prevent his apprehension, trial, or punishment, is an accessory after the fact."

The Republican House Speaker has hired new workers to blur the faces of the January 6 attackers in order to prevent future arrests by the Department of Justice. Johnson is now an accessory after the fact.

O'Donnell: That is the first time in history that a Speaker of the House has said that he doesn't want

people who committed Federal crimes to be charged by the DOJ.

In the Federal case against the former president, Special Counsel, Jack Smith wrote the following in a Court filing: The defendant has chosen to publicly and vocally support the "January 6 choir," a group of defendants, held at the DC jail, many of whose criminal history and/or crimes on January 6 were so violent that their pretrial release would pose danger to the public. The defendant, Trump, has nevertheless, supported, and celebrated the offenders - many of whom assaulted law enforcement on January 6 - by promoting and playing their recording of the National Anthem at his political rallies and calling these charged inmates at the DC jail "hostages."

Perhaps most importantly, the defendant's embrace of January 6 rioters is evidence of his intent during the charged conspiracies because it shows that these individuals acted as he directed to act, indeed, the evidence shows that the rioters disruption of the certification of the government proceeding is exactly what the defendant intended on January 6.

And finally, evidence of the defendant's statements regarding possible pardons for January 6 offenders, is admissible to help the jury assess the credibility and motives of trial witnesses because through such comments, the defendant is publicly signaling that the law does not apply to those who act at his urging regardless of the legality of their actions."

The defendant's false claims about the 2012 and 2016 elections are admissible because they demonstrate the defendant's common plan of falsely blaming, "Fraud," for election results he does not like, as well as motive, intent and plan to obstruct the certification of the 2020 election results and illegitimately retain power.

"Well, we're going to have

to see what happens." Trump said when asked in 2020 before the election whether he would commit to making sure there is a peaceful transfer of power after the election. We now know what he had plans for after his losing. Trump's inner circle at the White House, January 6 rally organizers, Republican House members and Republican Senators were all in support of doing, whatever in order for Trump to remain as president. They announced Trump's "Big lie" about a rigged or stolen election, whenever they'd appear on news shows. Trump continues to falsely claim that he is the true winner of the 2020 election with zero push back from anyone in Congress.

Everything points to Trump being the one who tried to steal the election victory away from Joe Biden. And his followers still believe Trump! They support a Felon convicted of rape and defamation of character and fined \$10 Million dollars. Trump is under indictment in four jurisdictions with 91 Felony charges. The damage done to US government and to the entire voting system by Trump and his inner circle can't be fully assessed until he has gone through the criminal trials. Even then, the really far gone Trump crazies will never believe anything coming from the US government.

The good news is that our young people in their twenties and thirties are not supporting Trump, nor any of the corrupt, self-serving men

and women of the Republican party. We have a reason for hope, still.

P.S. Former president Donald Trump is not immune from civil lawsuits that blame him for the violent Capitol Hill attack on January 6. That is the ruling handed down from an Appeals Court. Trump's false claims of election fraud are, "outside of his official duties as president," so ruled the judge. It's been more than a year for the plaintiffs to hear whether their pending lawsuits would be allowed to go forward.

New lawsuits will now be filed by persons who suffered physical and mental injuries with the former president's words at the rally on January 6 being alleged as the cause of their harm. Trump riled his supporters and told them to fight like hell. Those rioters have said that they were following his directions in order to halt the certification of the Electoral College ballots to prevent Joe Biden from assuming the presidency.

The three DC Court justices were unanimous in the decision, there was nothing in the US Constitution or case law that points to the former president from having immunity.

CNN reported that, the opinion stated that a president running for a second term was acting "As an office seeker not an office holder" when he was campaigning."

Other plaintiffs are now sure to join to file their claims of injury against the former president. A first in US history of the presidency.

Social Security...

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rities-equity-action-plan. Examples of how we use this information can be found on our Racial Equity Resources webpage at www.ssa.gov/policy/about/racial-equity-resources.html.

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- At one of our local offices or card centers.

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