

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

ave you gone stir

crazy yet?

I haven't but my

cat has, she's not

used to being in-

side. We were doing

pretty well until

the last few days.

She seemed to be

content nosing into

new places to hide in



By Sharon Hoover

the house and staked out her claim in one of the recliners. We made a big mistake and let her out on the days it was in the 20's. We have a lever handle on the door going out to the porch and she has learned if you pull it down the door opens. Lucky for us, she hasn't the strength to pull it down all the way, but she definitely lets us know when she wants out.

If you were 65 years old or older on January 1, 2024, OR disabled with an annual income of \$40,500 or less you may be eligible for a tax rebate - BPU pilot relief, property tax rebate, Utility Tax Rebate, \$200 Sales Tax Rebate. You will need receipts from various agencies. Call 913-573-5311 for more information. The Clerk's office is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 701 N 7<sup>th</sup>, Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Did you miss Eagle Days at F.L. Schlagle Library? You can still enjoy a photographic exhibit by Kelly Umberger until the end of February. Kelly photographs birds of prey around the Kansas City Metro and northwest Missouri.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is sponsoring several workshops with the "Focus on Food Safety" for event planners, food truck operators and food tent operators. The emphasis will be on reducing the risk for foodborne illnesses, like holding food at the correct temperature, improving safety in food preparation, date marking, avoiding cross contamination and maintaining a safe and clean facility. The classes will be held at The Merc Co+Op, 501 Minnesota Ave. Dates & times - February 5, 10:00am - Event Planners; February 19, 6:30pm – Food Truck Operators; March 4, 10:00am-Food Truck Operators; and March 18, 6:30pm - Food Truck Operators SPANISH.

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department is hosting Docu-Fest 2024 -LGBTO+. This is an opportunity to learn what you wanted to know but were afraid to ask. On February 3, 10, & 17, 2024, view films documenting LGBTO+ and life challenges. A panel discussion will follow each film. The programs will be held from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Wyandotte County Public Health, 619 Ann Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium. To register bit.ly/vrnwc\_docufest.

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

# Kansas Talking Books and National Federation of the Blind Partner to Provide Free Audio News Service for Blind and Print-Disabled Kansans

TOPEKA – The State Library of Kansas and the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), the transformative membership organization of blind Americans, announced today that the Kansas Talking Books program will sponsor and administer the NFB-NEWSLINE® service in Kansas.

NFB-NEWSLINE® is a free audio and Braille service that provides access to over 500 publications including national, state, and international newspapers. The service also includes magazines, TV listings, retail ads, job listings, and breaking news sources. The service is designed to make printed information accessible to blind and print-disabled individuals.

The Kansas Talking Books program, which is part of the State Library of Kansas, provides free library services to Kansans who cannot read standard print due to a visual or physical disability. The program offers a wide range of books and magazines in audio and Braille formats, as well as playback equipment and accessories.

By adding NFB-NEWSLINE® to its portfolio of services, the Kansas Talking Books program will enable its patrons to access current and reliable information from local and national sources, using a variety of methods, including touch-tone telephone, website, iOS mobile app, and Amazon Alexa smart speakers. NFB-NEWSLINE® subscribers can also download publications to a digital talking-book player or a compatible device.

Ray C. Walling, the State Librarian of Kansas, said: "We are delighted to partner with the National Federation of the Blind to offer NFB- NEWSLINE® to our Kansas Talking Books patrons. This service will enhance their access to information and entertainment, and empower them to live the lives they want."

Mark A. Riccobono, President of the National Federation of the Blind, said: "Over the past thirty years, NFB-NEWSLINE® has become an indispensable resource for tens of thousands of blind and print-disabled Americans who want to stay informed and connected with their communities and the world. We are proud to partner with the State Library of Kansas and the Kansas Talking Books program to expand the availability of this service, created by and for blind people, throughout the Sunflower State."

To learn more about NFB-NEWSLINE®,

# **Insurance Department recovers over** \$16 million for Kansas policyholders

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced the Kansas Insurance Department recovered more than \$16 million for Kansans in 2023, the largest single-year recovery in Department history. This new record goes beyond the previous year's recovery total of \$7.6 million. The Department's Consumer Assistance Division has recovered over \$35 million for Kansans since Commissioner Schmidt first took office in 2019.

"The insurance claims process can be complicated for many - if you are having an issue. I want to hear from you," said Schmidt. "I amproud of the work the Consumer Assistance Division has done to ensure that Kansans are getting the full benefits from their policies."

Funds considered "recovered" are calculated when Department staff assists individuals in need



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Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance of support during their insurance claims process. If a dispute arises between a policyholder and an insurance company, regardless of the type of insurance, the Kansas Insurance Department investigates the complaint. Department staff work with the consumer and the company to ensure the insurance policy is followed and benefits are paid accordingly.

> A county-by-county breakdown of the recoveries can be found here: https://bit.ly/3SIWCB9.

If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance

claim, please contact the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Division toll-free at 1-800-432-2484, email KID. webcomplaints@ks.gov or visit the Department online at insurance. kansas.gov for any claims-related auestions or concerns.

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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visit http://www.nfb.org/nfbnewsline. To sign up for the service, contact the Kansas Talking Books program at (800) 362-0699 or ktb@ks.gov, or visit http:// www.kslib.info/talking.About the National Federation of the Blind The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), headquartered in Baltimore, defends the rights of blind people of all ages and provides information and support to families with blind children, older Americans who are losing vision, and more. Founded in 1940, the NFB is the transformative membership and advocacy organization of blind Americans with affiliates, chapters, and divisions in the fifty states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico. We believe in the hopes and dreams of blind people and work together to transform them into reality. Learn more about our many programs and initiatives at nfb.org.

About the State Library of Kansas The State Library of Kansas is a department within the state government of Kansas, with locations in Topeka and Emporia. Ray Walling was appointed State Librarian in June 2023. The mission of the State Library is to improve the lives of Kansas residents by providing resources that will deliver 21st Century library services and resources to all Kansans and help all Kansans be successful in a global market, increase reading readiness and on-grade reading acuity, improve chances for academic success, help start and grow businesses, assist individuals with employment opportunities, and provide lifelong educational services. The State Library provides services for libraries, schools from K-12 and beyond, and communities across the Sunflower State. One of those services, the Kansas Talking Books program, is specifically geared to support Kansans with temporary or permanent disabilities that impair their ability to read. Learn more at https://kslib.info.



#### By Sen. Pat Pettey

On Monday, the statehouse was closed to commemorate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committees continued meeting this week to review proposed legislation and to hear presentations from associated agencies on topics related to issues the Legislature faces.

I currently serve on three standing committees, including Ways and Means, Public Health and Welfare, and Education. I am also serving on Assessment and Taxation Committee for a short term.

Committee hearings and legislative proceedings are live-streamed from the Kansas Legislature's website and Youtube channel.

You can also track bills on the Legislature's website by clicking on the Bills & Lawslink. You are welcome to testify before a committee – in person or remotely via WebEx – on any issue important to you. A written copy of your testimony is required at least 24 hours prior to the committee hearing.

I welcome your input on any of these issues. Please feel free to contact me at 785-296-7375 or pat. pettey@senate.ks.gov.

I was excited to welcome my daughter, Andrea Watson, to the capitol on Thursday of this week. Andrea was advocating at the statehouse in her professional role for the Masonic Cancer Alliance of the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Tell Us What You Think About the Flat Tax

Republican leadership rammed their flat tax bill through the legislature this week, using an array of political maneuvers and parliamentary tricks to pass it through the Legislature as quickly as possible.

This is a regressive tax that hurts the middle class to keep money in the pockets of millionaires. I oppose this bill, because I believe that any tax relief should be targeted at those Kansans who need it most: low-to-middle income families and fixed-income seniors. The final Senate vote was 25-11, with one Republican and one Independent joining nine Democrats in opposition. The final House vote was 81-37. Now, the bill will head to the Governor's desk, where she will have the option to veto it.

This week represents a disappointing start to the 2024 legislative session, but the fight isn't over yet. I will continue working to defeat this extreme and costly scheme to weaken our schools, infrastructure, and economy.

You can help. Please take our 3-question survey to let us know how you feel about a flat tax: https://secure.ngpvan.com/EGK-Shj6JLEmxzIYnJUdKqw2

Sustainable, Fiscally Responsible Relief

Unlike the Republican flat tax

scheme, Governor Kelly's bipartisan tax package will cut taxes for ALL Kansans – not just the super wealthy. The plan:

• Completely eliminates state Social Security taxes;

• Provides essential property tax relief, exempting the first \$100,000 in state property taxes for all homeowners;

• Axes the grocery tax once and for all – and eliminates state sales taxes on diapers and feminine hygiene products;

• Creates a back-to-school state sales tax holiday every fall;

• Increases the standard deduction for personal income taxes;

• Doubles the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit that parents can claim to help pay for child and dependent care while they work or

rti- attend school.

I support this bill, and I will always stand for passing tax cuts that help our working families and seniors.

Democrats want to Cut Healthcare Costs for All Kansans

This week, I introduced the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act into committee. By expanding Medicaid to 150,000 additional Kansans, we can support our hospitals, grow our nurses and doctors, and provide relief for Kansans shouldering the burden of rising healthcare costs.

Now, it's up to Kansas legislators to hold a hearing on Governor Kelly's Medicaid expansion proposal. Kansans can't afford to wait any

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# Governor Kelly's Medicaid Expansion Proposal Introduced in Both Chambers of State Legislature

Governor Kelly's commonsense proposal to expand Medicaid to 150,000 additional Kansans, the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act, was introduced into both chambers of the Kansas legislature. Governor Kelly then called for hearings on the bill in both chambers by Kansas Day, January 29.

"It's easy to sum up the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act: health care coverage for 150,000 Kansans, cost savings for everyone else. We protect our rural hospitals, and Kansas taxpayers pay nothing extra," said Governor Laura Kelly. "The legislature should listen to the over 70% of Kansans who support Medicaid Expansion and give this bill a hearing by Kansas Day."

The bill was introduced in the House Appropriations Committee by Representative Vic Miller and in the Senate Ways and Means Committee by Senator Pat Pettey. "Medicaid expansion is not only popular, but it saves lives, creates jobs, and saves our rural hospitals. Hardworking Kansans shouldn't die because of legislative inaction," said House Minority Leader Vic Miller. "I'm happy to introduce this bill – again – and encourage my colleagues across the aisle to finally join us. Expanding Medicaid is the definition of a win for Kansas."

"Introduced the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act into committee today because, by expanding Medicaid to 150,000 additional Kansans, we can support our hospitals, grow our nurses and doctors, and provide relief for Kansans shouldering the burden of rising healthcare costs," said Senator Pat Pettey, Kansas Senate District 6. "My fellow legislators should hold a hearing on the bill by Kansas Day so we can get one step closer to expanding Medicaid once and for all."

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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENT**

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Restoration of (2) Sections of Roof at Turner Recreation Center.

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, February 8, 2024, 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 February 21, 2024.

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"I appreciate that this bill has been introduced and it makes sense to give legislators the opportunity to debate this bill," said Senator Brenda Dietrich, Kansas Senate District 20. "Medicaid Expansion has been a significant issue for our hospitals and workforce – we should debate its pros and cons in a hearing as soon as possible."

"When a bipartisan approach was taken on a Medicaid Expansion bill in 2020, we held a hearing. It's been 4 years and many of our newest

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legislators don't know where they stand because they've never heard an actual debate," said Representative Susan Concannon, Kansas House District 107. "I believe it's time to hear from all sides to make an informed decision for the people of Kansas."

"It's abundantly clear that my fellow legislators want to debate Medicaid Expansion," said Senator Carolyn McGinn, Kansas Senate District 31."Instead of litigating the issue in an unrelated budget briefing, we should hold a hearing on the Cutting Healthcare Costs for All Kansans Act so all sides can present their point of view."

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#### MBE/WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn Construction Company, is bidding a future American Royal Complex - This Bid Package only pertains to the exterior enclosure (waterproofing, sealants, air barrier, TPO roofing, and glazing), fireproofing, firestopping, overhead doors, operable partitions, drywall (framing and sheathing) elevators, conveying equipment, and asphalt for the new American Royal Complex.

Overall project description: The future American Royal Complex will include nearly one million square feet of programmed space, including the following: 300,000+ square feet of climate-controlled barn/exhibition space; (2) climate-controlled show arenas, one outdoor arena with roof and associated warm-up spaces; Food and Agricultural Center and exploration space; Administrative offices/meeting facilities; Integrated educational walkways show-casing events and separating pedestrians from animals providing direct views into the other components of the complex; Adequate parking and infrastructure; and Site preparation and infrastructure. Construction of 500-1,500 RV/trailer parking spaces and Outdoor festival space may be added as a subsequent phase to the Project at a later date.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained electronically at www.smartbidnet.com. Contact Garrett Crane (garrett.crane@ jedunn.com) to receive an invite to this project via SmartBidNet.

APre-Bid Conference will be held at JE Dunn Construction, 1001 Locust Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 at 1:00 pm on February 1, 2024 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project.

Electronic bids will be received February 15, 2024 before 3:00 PM CST via SmartBidNet. JE Dunn invites M/WBE subcontractors to call if any assistance is required or questions arise. Questions should be directed to Garrett Crane (garrett.crane@jedunn.com), Project Manager, or by phone at (816) 426-8851.

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# Senator Pat Pettey...

longer:

• 8 rural hospitals have closed while we've waited for expansion, devastating surrounding businesses and costing communities thousands of jobs.

• Too many Kansans now have to drive hours to receive basic care, and our doctors, nurses, and hospital staff are leaving for higher pay in neighboring states, exacerbating our health care workforce shortage.

• Kansans are paying federal taxes to provide health care in other states but not our own. Kansas has already lost out on nearly \$7 billion in federal funds—we shouldn't miss out on any more.

This is not a partisan issue. Over 70% of Kansans – regardless of party – support Medicaid expansion. Only a few extremists in the legislature stand in the way of expansion.

You can help by making your voice heard: please contact your state legislators and tell them to demand legislative leadership and committee chairs allow a hearing on Medicaid expansion!

Standing up for Survivors of Childhood Sex Abuse

Last year, Governor Laura Kelly signed S.B. 2127 into law, which made it easier for victims of childhood sexual assault to pursue justice. Specifically, the legislation removed a statute of limitations for criminal prosecution of these crimes and extended the time frame for civil lawsuits involving child sex crimes.

S.B. 2127 was a powerful step in the right direction, but there is more to do to protect our kids from sex abuse. On Wednesday morning, Senate Democrats were proud to join survivors in support of a bill that reforms the statute of limitations and holds ALL perpetrators accountable.

Kansas child sex abuse survivors deserve justice – no matter what their age is.

2024 Legislative Session Intern

This week I welcomed Chloe Chaffin as my intern. Chloe, originally from Olathe, is a senior at Washburn University studying political science, with minors in English and poverty studies.

Visit your State Library

One of my favorite parts of the Capitol is the beautiful State Library!

The State Library is located on the 3rd floor of the Kansas Statehouse in the north wing. The library offers resources and assistance to help constituents and legislators with many topics that may come up during session.

• Research and Reference Support: Reference librarians can assist you in the library, by phone, or by

chat at kslib.info/ask. You can also access information at kslib.info/ agencies. There you will find digital resources, including HeinOnline for Kansas session laws, and NewsBank for Kansas newspapers, including an image version of the Kansas City Star, Topeka Capital Journal, and Wichita Eagle.

• Legislative Hotline: The State Library maintains a hotline so constituents may ask questions about legislation or legislative procedure by calling 1-800-432-3924. Calls are answered by experienced reference librarians. Callers can also leave brief messages for legislators. • Pocket-Sized Kansas Constitutions: Head to the State Library's website to download and print your own Kansas Constitution!

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