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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

ot your fishing gearready? Remember Harold Endsley who always was "Gone fishing instead of just a wishing". Opening Day at WYCO Lake was March 2. For persons 15 years old and under or per-

sons 75 years and older, you do not have to have a KS State License or WYCO fishing permit. For all other age groups, here is the following: 16-64 years old need both the KS State License & the WYCO fishing permit; 65-74 years old need only the KS State License. The WYCO fishing permit and the KS State License can be

purchased at Cabela's (Bass Pro), Minnesota Bait, Walmart (Legends & Bonner Springs locations). The Parks & Recreation Main Office, 5033 State Ave and the WYCO Lake Marina will sell ONLY WYCO fishing and boating permits. (The Marina is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.) This applies only to Kansas residents. For non-resident permits call 913-573-8327.

Beginning March 8, the WYCO Public Health Department, 619 Ann Ave., will be offering walk-ins for select health services each Friday from 8:30 am -3:30 pm. Services include birth control, well-women exams, STI testing, immunizations, treatment for skin conditions, treatment for ear, nose, & throat symptoms, preemployment physicals and more. Additionally, they offer free condoms and free Narcan (naloxone) every day in the lobby.

The Better Together Monthly Clinic, 1501

S 40th, KCK is every second Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. They offer free health screenings (blood pressure screening, blood sugar checks and physical exams). Walkins are welcome, no appointment needed. This month – March 14, 2024.

Argentine Betterment Corporation is hosting community meetings on the third Tuesday of each month (March 19) at 6:00 pm at the KCK South Branch Library. ABC is dedicated to bettering the Argentine community in terms of health, social, and economic development, and wellness through providing assistance and education to its residents and businesses.

Turner Recreation Commission is hosting a family free Easter Egg Fest on March 23 from 10am-12pm. Bring your Easter basket or bucket. The egg hunts will be by age category: 8-10 year olds at 10:30 am; 5-7 year olds at 10:55 am; 0-4 year olds at 11:20 am. Enjoy games, snacks and more. 831 S 55th St., KCK.

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

2024 Annual Notice for All Real Estate to be Mailed County Appraised Value Info. Sessions to Kick-off

Kansas City, KS-The 2024 Annual Notice of Appraisal and Classification for all real estate parcels in Wyandotte County were mailed on Friday, March 1, 2024, and have an appeal deadline of Saturday March 30, 2024.

The Appraiser's Office is required to value property at a fair market value as of January 1 of each year. Valuing at a fair market value means that value should reflect what's happening in the real estate market.

Real Estate in Wyandotte County has continued to experience price appreciation. This due to supply constraints, and continued strong demand among other factors, most property owners should expect to see an increase in their valuation.

Don't Agree with the Valuation? File an Appeal

Once a property owner receives their valu-

ation, if the appraised value is more than they feel they could reasonably get if the property was sold, they should consider an appeal.

Property owners who wish to file an appeal, can do so using the online submission available at https://www.wycokck.org/AYPVO, paper forms can hand delivered, or mailed to the Appraiser's Office at 8200 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66112. In addition, appeal filings will be accepted via email at wycoappraiser@wycokck.org.

"With valuation notices being mailed on March 1st, I would like to encourage anyone who has questions or concerns about your notice to attend one of the eight scheduled informational meetings," said County Appraiser Matt Willard. "Staff from the Appraisers Office where will be discussing market trends, how appraisals are conducted, as well as how

to appeal your valuation."

What Happens After Property Owners Submit an Appeal?

Upon receipt of a timely appeal, the Appraiser's Office will schedule an informal appeal meeting. This meeting can be either by in person, by phone, or virtually. It is important to submit documentation to support the appeal. Documentation can include such items as a recent fee appraisal, pictures of the condition that cannot be seen from the exterior of the property, comparable properties that have sold that the property owner feels more closely represent the value of the property, etc.

LEARN MORE: Upcoming Property Appraisal Information Sessions

Kicking off this Saturday, the Appraiser's

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Office will be hosting community information sessions across the county, to provide property owners with information on the appraisal process and details regarding the appeal process. Property owners with any questions or concerns are encouraged to attend.

In addition to the seven information sessions, the Appraiser's Office in partnership with other Unified Government departments will be hosting a homeowner's resource fair in the Municipal Building lobby on Monday, March 25th from 5PM to 8PM. Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the appraisal and appeal process, find programs and services such as home repair and lead abatement, and discover other rebate and savings programs available to Wyandotte County homeowners.



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UG Launches Flexible, On-Demand Transportation Service to Improve Connectivity and Access

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS (UG) Transportation Department has launched an innovative new microtransit and paratransit service to provide passengers with more efficient, responsive public transportation in our community. The IRIS application, provided by RideCo, is a cloud-based service that enables riders to improve their overall experience in planning, reserving, and paying for their rides in a single application. Both services operate under the RideKC brand.

Paratransit is an auxiliary ser-

vice that provides an equitable origin-to-destination alternative to fixed-route public transportation services. Eligibility is determined by a person's functional inability to travel to or from a bus stop, get on or off a ramp-equipped bus, or safely travel to and from a destination due to a disability. Microtransit is an on-demand shuttle service that operates within specified zones, connecting fixed route transit lines to large employers and other key destinations in Wyandotte County and is available to any community member.

"IRIS allows us to improve per-

formance and service, identify driver trends, increase shared rides, and ensure on-time performance," said Transportation Director Deasiray Bush. "We are encouraged by the initial feedback on the quality of these services as more equitable transportation options in our community."

With the IRIS app, riders can now request same-day service for rides with either paratransit or microtransit services. Paratransit services are available throughout Wyandotte County. Microtransit services have been launched in Midtown KCK and Southwest Edwardsville with plans to introduce an additional service area in the Northeast/Fairfax area later this year.

"Teaming up with the Unified Government, we're enthusiastic about our role in modernizing the paratransit service," stated Prem Gururajan, Co-Founder and CEO of RideCo. "Our partnership ensures riders receive the high-quality service they've come to expect, now with the added convenience of on-demand accessibility. RideCo's cutting-edge technology has streamlined operations behind the scenes, enhancing overall efficiency."

Microtransit services are \$3.00/ride and can be paid through the IRIS mobile application, IRIS booking website, or by calling UG Transportation Dispatch at 913-573-8351. Riders can apply to be pre-qualified for paratransit service by calling 816-842-9070 or submitting the online form to the UG Transportation Department and KCA-TA. Paratransit services are currently FREE. More information about both services can be found wycokck.org/Transportation.

About UG Transportation: The Unified Government Transportation Department offers multimodal transit services such as fixed routes, microtransit services, and paratransit. We operate under the RideKC regional brand as we collaborate and contract with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) for additional services and coordinate with other regional transit providers to make the transit experience user-friendly for everyone.

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Carla Schubert, Section 504 Coordinator Young Management Corporation 22602 State Line Road Bucyrus, KS. 66013 913-947-3131 - TTY: 711 The Record - March 7, 2024 Page 3

SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

It's Turnaround Time!

This Week at the Capitol: Half-way Through

We are halfway through the regular legislative session. The Senate spent four days on the floor this past week working almost 50 pieces of legislation. These bills now move on to the House for consideration.

Moving forward, the Senate can only consider legislation that has either been passed by the House, or has already been introduced in—or re-referred to—an exempt Senate committee. These committees are Assessment & Taxation, Federal & State Affairs, and Ways & Means. Legislators will take a short break and return to work on Wednesday, February 28, when we will begin working on House bills in committees.

With little time left in the session, I encourage you to contact me with any concerns or questions you have about bills or committee meetings. You can reach me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov

I was pleased to welcome pages from Argentine Middle School in Kansas City Kansas Public Schools on February 21. Pictured with me are Nataly Mencia, Jessenia Carreon, Jasmine Rodriguez, Pierre Mitchell, Adan Rodriguez, and Bryan Contreras, all 8th graders at AMS.

General Orders

The majority of the legislation we passed this week was non-controversial and good public policy. That said, there were two especially dangerous bills that I opposed which endanger public health.

Two of the bills that I was proud to support include:

SB430: This bill would reform our worker's compensation system, which is currently the least generous in the country to injured workers. Notable, it would increase the lifetime cap on benefits from \$110,000 to \$400,000 and index that amount to inflation. The law also streamlines the system so workers can progress through the system quicker, changes the way the law interacts with Social Security so injured workers don't see their benefits drop as significantly if they earn a Social Security check, and increases the death benefit from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

SB172: Increasing the KPERS lump sum death benefit from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

There were, however, two troubling public health related bills that passed the Senate.

SB391: This bill greatly weakens a core function of public health,

which is to prevent the spread of diseases. It would eliminate the ability of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and county health officers to issue quarantine and isolation orders, so that state and local health officials would not be able to respond as quickly or as effectively to disease outbreaks.

SB352: This bill endangers the health and safety of patients in Kansas hospitals by prohibiting hospitals from limiting visitor access even during an infectious disease outbreak. This creates obvious dangers in trying to maintain safety standards and puts the health of other patients and hospital staff at risk.

Turnaround Update: The Good

and the Bad

We hit a key legislative deadline this week. While this is not a comprehensive list, here are a few of the best--and worst--bills advancing at the State Capitol.

More Work to Be Done Flat Tax Failure

This entire legislative session, Republican leadership has been holding tax relief for Kansas families hostage to their unpopular flat tax plan. The Senate Tax chair has repeatedly stated that she will not work any tax relief bills until a veto override is attempted.

Last week, the Republican-led Kansas House failed to override Governor Kelly's veto of the flat

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The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 24-009 Summer Painting Projects . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 24-009- "Summer Painting Projects)"

Bids will be opened 03/15/24 @ 10:00 AM in the Purchasing Office.

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tax proposal. Now that the flat tax has failed for the second year in a row, it's time to have honest conversations about providing tax relief for all Kansans.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass responsible tax cuts that support working families!

A Better Path Forward for Kansas

Since the legislative session began last month, it feels like we've spent a majority of the time focusing on the most controversial bills – like the flat tax proposal.

This week I wanted to re-highlight the good bills that I support, some of which are now considered dead after Republican leadership failed to advance them before the turnaround deadline. The following list isn't comprehensive, but gives a good sense of the positive change that is possible for our state.

- * Making childcare more affordable: SB 264 would increase the existing income tax credit amount for household and dependent care expenses. SB 436 creates a state child tax credit. Under this bill. families making \$25,000 or less annually would receive a \$600 refundable credit per qualifying child, and the credit amount would decrease as adjusted gross income increases. Kansas thrives when our families thrive. These two bills help to ensure that all Kansas children have their basic needs met.
- * Stopping book bans: Books help young people understand themselves and make sense of their world. That's why I'm proud to support SB 358, which would curb book challenges in school and public libraries. The bill prohibits books from being removed based on partisan or doctrinal beliefs.
- *Food Sales Tax: SB 429 would reduce the state sales tax on groceries. This bill will save Kansans money and support our economy.
- *Tampon Tax: SB 435, provides a sales tax exemption for period

products, diapers and incontinence products. These products are essential and should be recognized as material basic needs rather than luxury goods.

- * Expand Newborn Screening Services: Every parent and every newborn Kansan deserves high-quality care and a healthy start to life. SB 139expands newborn screening services, allowing parents the opportunity to protect their babies from the preventable complications of undiagnosed disorders.
- * Supporting our minority, disadvantaged, disabled veterans: SB 464, creates the Kansas minority, woman, disadvantaged and service-disabled veteran small business enterprise development act. These veterans sacrificed to protect our country and our values. Supporting them is the right thing to do.

Blessed Bills

Any Senate Bills introduced in committee that have not passed out of the Senate at this point are considered dead. The exception is bills introduced in or referred to the Assessment & Taxation, Federal & State Affairs, and Ways & Means committees. On the final day of session this week, leadership "blessed" – referred from their original committees to one of those exempt committees – 20 bills, including the following:

- * Kobach Targets Food Assistance: SB 488 would give Attorney General Kris Kobach more power in auditing food and health assistance programs. I oppose this bill, because increasing bureaucracy within Kansas's food assistance programs for families in need is wrong.
- *Private School Vouchers: Once again, a private school voucher proposal is moving through the legislature. Senate Bill 469 would divert state funding from public schools and the vast majority of Kansas students who attend them. Pouring taxpayer dollars into private schools will not help Kansas kids, but it will hurt our public schools and communities.

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder By Tom Valverde

We were warned at the time that we received this document, that the credibility of this individual was not known. And yet, people, my colleagues, went out and talked to the public about how credible, how it was damning and how it proved, Vice-president Biden's complicity in receiving bribes. It appears to be absolutely false and to undercut the nature of these charges. We've always been looking for a link between what Hunter Biden received in terms of money and Joe Biden receiving money. This, clearly, is not a credible link at this point.

Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO)*

What Representatives James Comer and Jim Jordan have been doing for the past two years, is a page taken right out of a Trump political playbook! Just accuse and slander without factual evidence to back up any allegations and FOX News will, repeat these lies, time and again! Their behavior demonstrates just how out of control the Republican party has become. Nothing is too low or shameful, as long as it "works" to keep their gullible base energized and believing their nonsense.

It's so obvious why Rep. Comer had insisted that Hunter Biden's testimony to his House committee had to be conducted behind closed doors! President Biden has been knowingly slandered by both Comer and Jordan! House Democrats are now telling Republicans to end their investigation and to halt impeachment proceedings — it was all a Lie from the start.

Rep. Buck:

That's as it appears, I certainly did not have any evidence outside of the FBI statement, that the 1023 was credible. And I was a prosecutor for 25 years and I never went to the public until I could prove the reliability of a statement. And even then, the only public statement that a prosecutor makes are the charging documents. Before going forward, let's see what other evidence

there is in this impeachment.

More reason to doubt the validity of the House impeachment arrived last week, in a statement from the Special Counsel, David Weiss, investigating Hunter Biden:

Smirnov admitted that officials associated with Russia intelligence were involved in passing about business person one, (Hunter Biden). And from Ryan Goodman, former Special Counsel for the Department of Defense: The misinformation he is spreading is not confined to the 2020 election.

Smirnov is actively peddling new lies that could impact US elections; 2024. Smirnov met with Russian intelligence officials in November of 2023.

Republicans had been the most anti-Russian party in the past, but it seems that they no longer are, as they so easily assimilate the poisonous intelligence for use against President Biden. We are in the midst of an ongoing Cold War, but now, it's not from a foreign Communist country and instead, the worry starts here in the US Congress with the majority of the Republicans. Until the ex-president is no longer calling their next steps, this danger of the internal collapse of the US is very real. He owes the Russian president

more than a billion dollars,* he has always been Putin's puppet.

A direct loan of more than \$764 million from Putin and the Deutsch Bank loan of \$340 million with Putin as the loan co-signer. Trump is a dilettante; he is play-acting at president, pretending to understand and grasp things he knows nothing about.

In 1956 Soviet Premier Khrushchev warned the United States:

"We will take America without firing a shot. We do not have to invade the US. We will destroy you from within." We still have the power to make sure that this doesn't happen; vote for President Biden to keep our democracy safe from Russia.

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DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MEAL SERVED at 12:00

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