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WyCo Dumpster Days April 5 & 6

The event helps residents recycle electronics waste for a fee and dispose of unwanted bulky items like old mattresses and furniture for free

The Unified Government's Public Works Department is excited to announce the first WyCo Dumpster Days event of 2024! Dumpster Days is an event to help residents recycle electronics waste for a fee and dispose of unwanted bulky items like old mattresses and furniture for free.

The event occurs on April 5 & 6 from 8 AM to 12 PM at Indian Springs, 47th & Orville, Kansas City, KS 66102.

Visitors need to show proof of Wyandotte County residency with something displaying their name and address, like a driver's license or utility bill.

Items accepted include electronics recycling, mattresses, furniture, general appliances, fixtures, microwaves, freezers, televisions, and more.

For televisions, computer screens, flat screens, and monitors, the following fees are charged:

- * CRT Computer Screens, \$40
- * LCD/Flat Screen TVs, \$20
- * CRT TVs, \$40

Cash only. Exact change is required. For the complete list of accepted electronics recycling, visit wycokck.org/DumpsterDays.

Items that cannot be accepted include:

- * All household hazardous waste
- * Paint
- * Refrigerators
- * Yard & storm debris waste
- * Batteries
- * Food waste
- * Medical waste
- * Glass & plastics recycling
- * Tires
- * Construction or demolition material
- * Any item from businesses, non-profits, or other commercial entities

These items will be turned away at the event, so remember not to bring them!

For yard waste, storm debris, and glass or



paper recycling, residents may use the Recycling & Yard Waste Center at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102, at no charge. The Recycling & Yard Waste Center is open from 10 AM to 3 PM, Thursday through Saturday, until December 21. The center is closed on holidays.

For more information, dial 3-1-1 or visit wycokck.org/DumpsterDays.

Governor Kelly Signs Bipartisan Bill Allowing Private Funds to Support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



Governor Kelly signed Senate Bill 195, authorizing the Kansas Children's Cabinet to establish a nonprofit corporation to receive donations, gifts, grants, and engage in fundraising activities for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

"Strengthening children's literacy skills and ensuring parents can access these resources is crucial to early childhood development," Governor Laura Kelly said. "We know that children's earliest years shape their academic and social outcomes for the rest of their lives. I'm proud to sign this bill to expand the reach of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and equip more Kansas families with books."

Governor Kelly announced in July that every child aged 0-5 in Kansas is now eligible to participate in the program to receive one free, high-quality, age-appropriate book per month until their fifth birthday. In August, Governor Kelly welcomed Dolly Parton to Kansas to celebrate the statewide expansion of her Imagination Library program.

"Well Kansas, we did it! Let's celebrate by registering as many children and families as we can to receive the gift of Imagination Library books right to their home each month," said Dolly Parton. "Together, we can inspire children across Kansas to love books and reading, and that's a gift that will last a lifetime."

The statewide expansion was made possible through increased funding provided to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund by Governor Kelly and the Kansas Legislature last year. Allowing private donations to the book gifting program will expand its reach to promote reading in Kansas and positively impact early childhood development and literacy skills.

"The Kansas Children's Cabinet has been delighted to serve as statewide lead for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. To date, our focus has been on ensuring full statewide coverage

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By Sharon Hoover

ave you started your Spring cleaning yet? Maybe you need a little incentive.

Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association has scheduled "Neighborhood Cleanup Day" on March 23, 2024, from 10am-noon. Meet up at 6th & Tauromee at 9:45, bring garden or work gloves (may have a small supply for those who forget). SHNA will supply trash bags. Wear a Strawberry Hill t-shirt or something red. Rain date is April 6th. For more info contact SHNA-



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On March 30, 2024, there will be "Community Cleanup Along State Ave" from 9am-noon. The area to be cleaned is from 75th-78th on State. Meet at the old Kmart parking lot. Bring gloves and trash pickers. For more info contact Florine S at 913 506-3687.

Now for the fun stuff! Hoppin' down the bunny trail, I found a few more Easter Egg Hunts in the city sponsored by U.G.'s Parks & Recreation Dept:

An "Easter Egg Extravaganza" at Armourdale Community Center, 730 Osage Ave on March 28 Lee Community Center. from 5pm-7pm. Prepare for Easter by decorating your own eggs and showing off your creations. For more info contact Ethan or Lizbeth at 913 551-0408.

Join the Easter Bunny at the "11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt" at Big Eleven Lake Park, 1310 N 10th on March 30 from 10am-2pm. Free food, prizes, and games (for the whole family while supplies last). Free bicycle raffle. The hunt is for kids 10 and under and must be accompanied by an adult. If it rains, the event will be at the Beatrice L

Discover sweet surprises at Kensington Park's "Easter Egg Hunt" also on March 30 from 10am-1pm. Located at 2900 State Ave. for more info contact Ed at 913 551-0407.

The last several days have been windy and the weather forecaster have recommended no burning. It's time to remind all that the KCK Residential Burn Period starts April1 through April 30 this year. Permits can be obtained at KCK Fire Stations or the KCKFD website. Residents are limited to one 3-day burn permit per burn period. Hours are limited from 7am-6pm in a 10ft by 10ft pile of naturally occurring residential yard waste generated on site.

After reading about those former Presidents, their trials, and tribulations in office and after leaving office they achieved some modicum of success, it was time to find some lighthearted fare. I picked up "Holmes, Marple, and Poe" by James Patterson. They are three private detectives who use their contacts to solve crimes - art theft, murder, abduction, extortion, without going into a lot of detail. Just a fun read- I guess it could be classified as a "cozy mystery".

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

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Dolly Parton...

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for all Kansas families," said Melissa Rooker. Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. "We are excited to take the next step so that we can fully engage with the private sector and fundraise to ensure the longevity and sustainability of this worthwhile program."

As of March 1, 2024, 74,720 Kansas children are enrolled in the program. Since Governor Kelly announced the statewide expansion of the program last July, nearly 26,000 more children have been enrolled. Parents can enroll children in the Imagination Library of Kansas here.

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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

This Week at the Capitol

We have returned to a slower pace in the Capitol, with the bulk of the work happening in committees, where we are considering legislation passed out of the House during the first half of the session.

On Wednesday and Thursday the Senate met to approve three appointments made by Governor Kelly. Two appointments to the Board of Tax Appeals were approved unanimously. Congratulations to Devin Specker and Virginia Powell. Jon Rolph was reappointed to the Board of Regents by a vote of 31-3. During his time on the Board of Regents, Jon Rolph has shown that he has a real understanding of how to position Kansas' higher education system to meet the needs of students, families and businesses. I was proud to vote in support of him! It is unfortunate, however, that the Republican leadership held off on his confirmation for three months, due to his stance on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Iencourage you to contact me with any concerns or questions you have about bills or committee meetings. As you know, I serve on Education, Public Health and Welfare, and Ways and Means. You can reach me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov.

Medicaid Expansion Rally

This week the statehouse was full of Kansans advocating for Medicaid Expansion!

Giving 150,000 Kansans access to affordable health care would save lives and lower health care costs for everyone. It would also be good for the bottom line: 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. And it's extremely popular: over 70% of Kansans—regardless of party—support Medicaid expansion. My office alone has received over

1300 emails in support of Medicaid expansion.

It's past time to do the right thing and expand Medicaid!

A Major Attack on Voting Rights On Tuesday, Kansas Senate Democrats blocked a major attack on voting rights. Extremist Republicans in the Senate wanted to eliminate the three-day grace period for returning mail-in ballots and instead require all ballots to be received by 7 pm on Election Day.

Kansans heavily relied on vote by mail during the 2020 election, and eliminating the three-day grace period would lead to major voter disenfranchisement. My colleague Senator Mary Ware explained during debate how removing the three-day grace period would create an unnecessary barrier for disabled voters who require more time to complete and submit their ballots.

During debate, Republicans amended their bill to make it even worse. These amendments include banning voting machines, blocking the use of secure ballot drop boxes, and requiring costly and inaccurate hand-counting.

Our Secretary of State cannot make it clearer: Kansas elections are safe and secure as they are. There are real problems facing this state, and election security isn't one of them. I voted no on this bill, and I'll continue voting no on attacks to Kansans' fundamental right to vote. This bill failed on a vote of 15-17 with many legislators "passing" instead of voting for or against the bill.

Sunflower Showdown

Although I am a Jayhawk, my grandson William Watson, a sophomore at K-State, would be happy that KSU President Richard Linton taught me the Powercat sign.

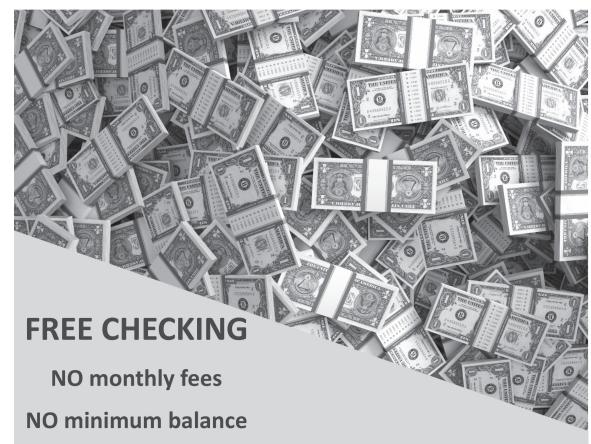
Thanks for the win, Jayhawks. Rock Chalk!

Committee Update

Some committee work to keep an eye on:

Rehashing the Flat Tax: On Tuesday Senate Tax is holding a hearing on Senate Bill 539, Republicans' latest tax proposal. SB 539 includes a flat tax and is a rehash of the proposal that failed last month. Starting in 2024 the individual income tax rate would be 5.7%, and decrease

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in following years until it would reach and remain at 5.45% for the year 2029. This proposal also has less tax relief for seniors than Governor Laura Kelly's proposal and Republicans' previous proposal: it does not completely eliminate state Social Security taxes. We should be passing tax cuts that support working families and our seniors. Kansans don't want to see another reckless tax experiment.

GOP leadership is going in the opposite direction on property tax reduction: House Tax on Wednesday at 3:30 is looking at eliminating the Ad Valorum Tax revenue transfer back to local entities with their hearing on HB2815 — Abolishing the local ad valorem tax reduction fund and the county and city revenue sharing fund, discontinuing certain transfers to the special city and county highway funds.

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2023 24/measures/hb2815/

The state continues to cost local units of government, thus our property tax dollars, hundreds of thousands of dollars with revenue-neutral notices. Thursday House Tax looks at HB2795—Requiring notices required to exceed the revenue neutral rate to be sent on forms provided by the director of accounts and reports, granting taxing subdivisions the option to hold hearings on the same day and at the same location as other taxing subdivisions within a county

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More Voter Suppression: On Tuesday Senate Federal and State Affairs will hold a hearing on HB 2512, a bill that reduces mandatory early voting hours. The bill replaces a guaranteed early voting time with a theoretical additional day some counties may utilize, but many are unlikely to. We should be making it easier to vote, not harder. This proposal to reduce early voting hours would take Kansas in the wrong direction.

Governor Kelly Announces

More than \$930M in Highway Projects Added to IKE Development Pipeline

Governor Laura Kelly announced the addition of 17 highway modernization and expansion projects – a total investment of \$932 million—to the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program's (IKE) Development Pipeline. IKE is the Kelly administration's bipartisan 10-year, \$10 billion transportation program.

The announcement clears the way for preliminary engineering work to begin on these projects, which are in every region of the state. The projects result from the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) fall 2023 statewide Local Consult listening tour. More than 1,400 Kansans from across the state participated in these public meetings. Two projects close to home include modernization of both K-5 from U.S. 73 southeast to I-435 in Wyandotte/Leavenworth Counties and I-35/U.S. 56 interchange in Johnson County.

These highway projects tackle long-standing transportation needs across the state – improving safety, expanding economic development opportunities, and strengthening our communities. Governor Kelly's administration is committed to making short- and long-term infrastructure improvements to benefit future generations of Kansans.

From the House Democrats

This week the House Democrats fought hard against HB 2749, a bill requiring medically unnecessary and burdensome abortion reporting requirements. This bill would require providers to ask and report each patients' "reasons" for seeking care from a legislatively defined list of 16 available "reasons" along with other invasive, personal questions.

Rep. Melissa Oropeza offered an amendment that was defeated to require vasectomy patients to answer the same questions as women seeking abortions. Rep. Lindsay Vaughn pointed out that this bill singles out women for intrusive questions that aren't asked of men seeking health care. HB 2749 stands in direct opposition to the will of Kansans who spoke loud and clear that they did not want politicians in their exam rooms. It's simple: Republican leadership is not listening to Kansans.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and today is International Women's Day! Today I'm especially inspired by my colleagues, our strong, amazing Senate Democratic women who are working hard to empower women and girls across Kansas.

From making sure women have access to the resources they need to enter and remain in the workforce (including high-quality, affordable child care), to fighting to protect women's reproductive freedom, Senate Democrats are committed to creating a more equitable Kansas.

Happy Women's History Month from our majority female caucus!

Update on Women's Reproductive Health Legislation

In a House debate on Wednesday, legislators discussed the merits of HB 2749. The bill requires abortion providers to survey women seeking abortions and report information on any abortions performed to the state legislature.

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"We just want to have more information. Make sure we're making the right decision for these women," the GOP chairwomen said during the debate. The August 2, 2022, vote on the anti-abortion constitutional amendment made it very clear: Kansans do not want the government making in their most intimate healthcare choices for them. This includes the government throwing obstacles in place and forcing them to tell the government why they were thinking of terminating their pregnancy from a pre-selected list of options.

Governor Laura Kelly echoed the sentiments this week when she said, "Quite honestly, I don't understand it, you know, because I think Kansans made it very, very clear how they want Kansas to operate in this arena. Why would an elected official who's facing an election in November go against the wishes of their constituents?"

Abortion bills continue: In the House Fed & State committee on Tuesday: HB2809 — Creating the Every Mom Matters Act to require the state treasurer to contract with eligible organizations to provide information and support services to pregnant women and parents considering adoption.

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HB2813 — Creating the crime of coercion to obtain an abortion and providing enhanced criminal penalties for offenses committed with the intent to coerce a woman to obtain an abortion.

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Biden beaten in effigy at Kansas GOP fundraiser

If you haven't heard, the NE KS GOP recently had a distasteful fundraiser where they dressed up a mannequin as Joe Biden and proceeded to pummel him with a baseball bat for a fee. The Biden-bashing antics were part of a Kansas GOP event in Johnson County, where rocker Ted Nugent and disgraced former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline were the main attractions. Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes told the Kansas Reflector, "Political violence of any kind is vile and wrong, and we cannot afford to brush it under the rug when others encourage it. The focus now has to be on Republican leadership of the Kansas Senate and House. If my colleagues in the Legislature agree that this conduct is shameful and dangerous, they cannot turn a blind eye to this behavior. Their silence is consent." No matter your view of our president past or present, this is an example of the degradation of decency in our nation's political discourse and I condemn this sort of activity. https:// kansasreflector.com/2024/03/10/ biden-beaten-in-effigy-at-kansas-gop-fundraiser-drawing-condemnation-from-fellow-republiThe Record - March 21, 2024 Page 7

Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder By Tom Valverde

This speech was a masterclass of how you defend your values. President Biden told the American people, "because of you, we're stronger, because of you we're fighting harder!" It was quintessential Joe Biden.

Here, the President was speaking directly to the American people; he was speaking truth to power. He was looking directly at the Supreme court justices when he discussed Roe v. Wade.

Donna Brazile, Political contributor ABC News

This is a tough crowd, but the President had them every step of the way. The speech had everything they wanted to hear. It had surprises in it and it had a high energy level... It was just astonishing!

Lawrence O 'Donnell MSNBC Political Correspondent

It was a dream campaign speech because of his energy. It was a legacy speech. Joe Biden laid down the hammer tonight about what he believes and what he feels about this country.

> Martha Raddatz, chief Global Affairs Correspondent ABC News

Quotes from the State of the Union by President Biden:

It's because of you that we say that the State of our Union is strong and getting stronger. The future is filled with possibilities. You can't love your country only when you win! Americans know how to turn setbacks to come backs! Unemployment is at 50 year low. There's a record 15 million new businesses, 800,000 new manufacturing jobs, wages are up and inflation is down from 9% to 4% and still on the

way down.

Unions built the middle class and I'm proud to be the first president to join a picket line. The national debt has been cut by\$160 billion now that Medicare can negotiate lower prices with pharmaceutical companies.

My predecessor failed the most basic duty any president owes the American people: the duty to care. That is unforgivable. He said that in reference to Trump's handling of the COVID pandemic. He reminded that all Americans should have good pay and asked for a hike to the minimum wage for American workers. As the speech was the start of his reelection campaign he affirmed,

It's not about how old we are, it's about how old our ideas are. President Biden laid out his vision for the future of the US and he was successful in upholding democratic

values and not the nationalistic values that Trump is in favor of.

President Biden views the US as the leader of the democratic world and he works effectively to focus the nations of the world to stand united against the tyranny of dictator led countries. He is not an isolationist that seeks close the US from its leadership position as Trump is.

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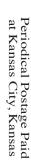
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