



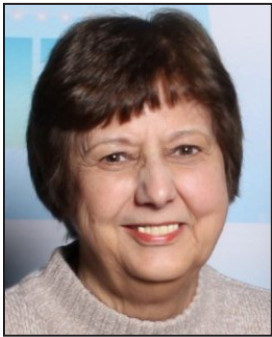
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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Spring is in the air! Just as the trees are leafing out and the flowers are spreading their petals, it's time to enjoy all the events that are popping up on Saturday, April 13. The Healthy Yards Expo, sponsored by K-State Johnson County Research & Extension will be on Saturday, April 13 from 9am-2pm at the Shawnee Civic Center on 13817 Johnson Drive in Shawnee. Discover earth-friendly practices for achieving a nice yard. The Expo features businesses, non-profits, seminars, and tips to help residents become greener in their lawn and gardens, Register

for door prizes, free tree seedlings to the first 100 visitors, visit with Master Gardeners and enjoy much more. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased from the Boy Scouts.

Closer to home, the "Spring Fair" at Bethany Community Center, 1120 Central will be on April 13 from 12pm-2pm. Games, activities, and family resources: free diapers, clothing, shoes for babies, mothers, and the whole family. Enter the raffle to win gift cards and other prizes.

Argentine Betterment Corporation, Argentine Strong and Youthfront are promoting "Serve Day", April 13 from 8:30am-12:30 pm. Snack Shack 3112 Strong Ave. This is your chance to give back to your community. Join them for the annual community cleanup. Lunch will be provided.

The Battle of the Badges continues. On April 12, from 9am-3pm, the KCKFD in partnership with the American Red Cross is holding a blood

drive at the Fire Department Headquarters, 816 N. 6th. If you haven't given in a while, this is your opportunity.

Dotte Talks: Join Turner Community Connection for their quarterly community meeting on April 15 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Bristol Hill Methodist Church, 4826 County Line Rd. Engage in a conversation with city representatives about the UG 2025 budget. Help them set up city and city priorities for spending and voice your interest as we work toward a balanced budget.

The Parks and Recreation Department has announced the park shelters are now open. Make sure you have a space reserved for your upcoming celebration or a family gathering by going online before taking over a shelter. Wycokck.org, select Departments. In-person reservations can also be made at the office, 5033 State Ave. Follow the Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook for lots of upcoming events and information.

That's all for now. Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month: Texting while driving is illegal

The Drive To Zero Coalition, along with the Kansas Department of Transportation, urges drivers to always put safety first and ditch distractions, as inattention is the main cause of motor vehicle crashes.

Preliminary 2023 data for Kansas shows 102 people died and more than 450 people were injured in crashes due to distracted driving.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which takes place in April, focuses on raising awareness and educating motorists to increase safety on roadways. During April, Kansas motorists will hear and see more distracted driving safety messages. Increased law enforcement will remind drivers any distraction, including texting, is unsafe, unnecessary and illegal.

"Distracted driving for any reason is dangerous and puts others at risk," said Gary Herman, KDOT Behavior Safety Manager. "As soon as your eyes leave the road and your hands leave the steering wheel, focus on driving is gone. This results in no time to safely react to traffic hazards."

Herman said distractions include eating, sipping a beverage, turning attention to a child in the backseat and texting.

Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows drivers ages 18-34 represent the most distracted drivers, namely due to cell phone use. In addition, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports mental distractions can last up to 27 seconds after using voice commands on cars, changing music or using phones.

Drivers are encouraged to develop safe driving habits and:

- Put the phone away and out of reach.
- Activate the phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature.
- Avoid adjusting the radio, handling food and other items that take your hands off the wheel.
- Have passengers oversee navigation information and all phones.
- If needed, pull over at a safe location to handle things.

For more information about the distracted driving, go to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures-that-work/distracted-driving>.

Security Administration Announces Decrease in Default Overpayment Withholding Rate

The Social Security Administration announced it will decrease the default overpayment withholding rate for Social Security beneficiaries to ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) from 100 percent, significantly reducing financial hardship on people with overpayments.

“Social Security is taking a critically important step towards our goal of ensuring our overpayment policies are fair, equitable, and do not unduly harm anyone,” said Martin O’Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. “It’s unconscionable that someone would find themselves facing homelessness or unable to pay bills, because Social Security withheld their entire payment for recovery of an overpayment.”

The agency works to pay the right people the right amounts at the right time, and Social Security issues correct payments in most cases. However, there is room to improve, as people count on the

agency to prevent overpayments from happening and make it easier to navigate the recovery and waiver processes when they occur.

When a person has been overpaid, the law requires the agency to seek repayment, which can create financial difficulties for beneficiaries. As of March 25, 2024, the agency will collect ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) of the total monthly Social Security benefit to recover an overpayment, rather than collecting 100 percent as was previous procedure. There will be limited exceptions to this change, such as when an over-

payment resulted from fraud.

There will be a short transition period where people will continue to experience the older policy. People placed in 100 percent withholding during this transition period should call Social Security’s National 800 Number at 1-800-772-1213 to lower their withholding rate.

The change applies to new overpayments. If beneficiaries already have an overpayment with a withholding rate greater than ten percent and would like a lower recovery rate, they too should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or their local

Social Security office to speak with a representative. If a beneficiary requests a rate lower than ten percent, a representative will approve the request if it allows recovery of the overpayment within 60 months – a recent increase to improve how the agency serves its customers from the previous policy of only 36 months. If the beneficiary’s proposed rate would extend recovery of the overpayment beyond 60 months, the Social Security representative will gather income, resource, and expense information from the beneficiary to make a determination.

Social Security launched a comprehensive review in October 2023 of agency overpayment policies and procedures to address payment accuracy systematically. This procedure change is a direct result of the ongoing review. This change and the adjustment to 60-month repayment are part of four recently announced key updates to address improper payments (See Press Release | Press Office | SSA for more information). The agency also is working to reduce wage-related improper payments by establishing information exchanges with payroll data providers that will significantly reduce the number of improper payments, once implemented (See Press Release | Press Office | SSA for more information). The agency will continue examining programmatic policy and making regulatory and sub-regulatory changes to improve the overpayment process.

Additionally, people have the right to appeal the overpayment decision or the amount. They can ask Social Security to waive collection of the overpayment, if they believe it was not their fault and can’t afford to pay it back. The agency does not pursue recoveries while an initial appeal or waiver is pending. Even if people do not want to appeal or request a waiver, they should contact the agency if the planned withholding would cause hardship. Social Security has flexible repayment options, including repayment of as low as \$10 per month.

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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

This Week at the Capitol

We had many visitors at the Capitol this week! On Wednesday we recognized Storytime Village for their work giving young Kansas children the opportunity for a better future through literacy programs, congratulated Kansas City Kansas Community College on its 100th anniversary of serving the educational needs of the Kansas City region, and welcomed former Kansas State Senator Donald Betts and the Kinaway Chamber of Commerce to the Senate chamber.

Thursday, March 28th, is the deadline for non-exempt bills to be passed out of their second chamber. We plan to work Monday through Thursday of next week, meeting at 10:00 am daily. You can watch live on the Kansas Legislature YouTube Channel.

I encourage 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.

Visitors at the Capitol This Week

As a teacher, it is always heart-warming to be recognized by a former student, so I was so happy and proud to see my former 1st grade student, Matt Payne, now a lieutenant in the Kansas Highway Patrol. He was on the Senate floor on Thursday, supporting SB493, a bill concerning ignition interlock devices.

This week I congratulated Kansas City Kansas Community College on their 100th year anniversary with a Senate resolution. Senator Pittman and Senator Haley joined me in recognizing the important work that KCKCC continues to do in Wyandotte County and the greater KCK area. I was honored that President Greg Mosier, Vice-President Scott Balog, and Board of Trustees Chair

Brad Isnard were in attendance to receive the resolution.

I had the privilege of meeting Robert Hull, Consul General of Ireland in Austin.

Earlier this week I visited with First Gen advocates from Washburn University, Ryan Durst and Antonio Martinez. My intern, Chloe Chaffin, also a Washburn student, joined the conversation.

Kansans pack the Capitol for the first Medicaid Expansion hearing in four years!

This week Governor Kelly's 2024 Medicaid Expansion bill was heard in the Kansas Legislature. This is the first time in four years that the legislature has allowed public debate on Medicaid expansion! You can watch the testimony here.

More than 900 written testimonies were made in support of Medicaid expansion, and Kansans packed the Capitol to support expanding care. Their message was clear: a majority of Kansans support Medicaid expansion.

Now we need the full Legislature to debate and vote on expansion. And we need you to use your voice again to make that happen!

Tell Republican leadership to support Medicaid expansion and to demand a full debate and a VOTE in the Kansas House and Senate.

General Orders

The Senate met four days this week to consider seventeen bills and three resolutions. I voted NO on House Bill 2783 because it overrides the authority of local governments. I

also voted NO on a motion to bring Senate Bill 286 out of committee, an extreme bill to ban abortion in Kansas.

* Restricting local control: HB 2783 is a bill to address a non-existent problem in Kansas. The bill prohibits a state agency, city, or county from restricting the sale or use of motor vehicles based on the energy source used for the vehicles. This legislation pushes aside the desire of Kansans to have local governments make these determinations. I voted no because I support local control.

* Extreme abortion ban: Republican Senator Mark Steffen tried to force the Senate to pull an extreme abortion ban bill from committee that would ban abortions except

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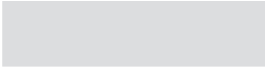
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when necessary to preserve the life of a woman in a medical emergency. Ultimately, the Senate voted the motion down 7-26. I voted no because this bill would go against the will of Kansans who spoke loud and clear that they did not want politicians in their exam rooms.

Below are a couple of bipartisan highlights from debate: expanding the Kansas Silver Alert Plan and the Blind Information Access Act!

* Expanding the Kansas Silver Alert Plan: The Senate voted unanimously to approve Senate Bill 371, a bill to expand the Kansas Silver Alert Plan to provide public notice of missing persons 18 years of age or older who have an intellectual disability. Research indicates that there is a higher prevalence of wandering among individuals with intellectual disabilities, both children and adults. SB 371 would help keep these Kansans safe.

* Blind Information Access Act: Everyone deserves to be connected to the world of news; from schoolwork to current events to entertainment. Senator Mary Ware introduced Senate Bill 284 to provide this critical service for Kansans who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind or print-impaired. The bill would secure funding for much-needed information access services, and equip the Kansas State Library to locate those eligible and educate them about all facets of the service.

The Senate Committee on Utilities recommended SB 284 favorably for passage, and that language was amended into HB 2176 and passed the Senate 36-4.

Kansas Senate Democrats Introduce Legislative Package to Reduce Gun Violence

This month Kansas Senate Democrats also introduced a new package of legislation to encourage gun safety and help prevent acts of violence like the shooting that took place at the Chiefs parade.

Kansas children deserve to learn and go about their lives free from the threat of gun violence. Unfortunately, we have a do-nothing Republican Senate that has delivered no meaningful progress on gun safety legislation. With this legislative package, we're answering Kansans' call for common sense gun safety reform by putting safeguards in place to help keep dangerous weapons from falling into the wrong hands.

The package of bills introduced includes:

* Repealing Permitless Carry and Campus Carry: Senate Bill 548 requires a license to carry a concealed handgun and permanently exempts colleges and universities from the public buildings requirements.

* Universal Background Checks: Senate Bill 549 requires universal background checks for firearm purchases.

* Assault Rifle Ban for Minors: Senate Bill 550 prohibits individuals under 21 from purchasing/possessing high capacity semi-automatic

rifles.

* Secure Gun Storage: Senate Bill 551 requires that a firearm must be securely stored when not under the owner's immediate access and control.

The people of Kansas desperately want an end to the epidemic of gun violence. They want truly universal background checks. They want safe storage laws. These policies will help keep Kansas children safe—we owe it to them to pass this legislation.

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

This month Governor Laura 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. Children's earliest years shape their academic and social outcomes for the rest of their lives. I'm proud to have voted for 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.

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.

Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

Donald Trump's former Vice-president, two of his Defense Secretaries, two of his National Security Advisors, the Secretary of State and a United Nations Ambassador -- all of whom, have worked under, up close and personally with him, have judged him to be 'unfit.' They don't think that the former president should serve again as president of the United States. And, they know better than you or I could begin to know, just how dangerous Donald Trump is for our national security. He has said, repeatedly, that he would not stand by our NATO allies. That he would encourage Putin to have his way. Trump continues to praise dictators from Putin to Kim Jong Un. Trump has done much damage to our national interests and he is promising to do more.

Susan Rice, National Security Advisor under President Obama

Just when he most needs campaign contributions in order to pay for the

\$464 billion appeal bond, Trump's campaign contributions are lagging behind those for President Biden. President Biden has more than \$155 million in campaign contributions to Trump's \$40 million. Large backers have not yet given, as in the last campaign and small donors are not giving to him at this point.

ABC News Forbes reported last week that, "Days after Trump's attorneys claimed that he did not have the almost half of a billion to secure an appeal bond, Trump claimed, last Friday that he, "Currently has about five hundred million in cash. He said that the money was the result of his, "hard work talent, and luck."

He said that he was planning to use a "substantial amount" of that cash to fund his campaign for president. His campaign is cash strapped and has seen donations dwindle.

In addition to paying campaign expenses, his contributions must now be used to cover his legal expenses for the New York fraud case and has paid tens of millions to his defense attorneys that are working at multiple criminal court cases as well

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Request for Proposal Advertisement

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for the replacement of the lockers at the Turner Aquatic Center with Plastic Lockers.

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, April 10, 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 April 17, 2024.

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as civil cases.

Justice Engoron ruled in February that Trump, his sons, Eric and Donald Jr. and other associates were, “liable for falsely inflating the value of Trump’s assets on financial statements -- more than 200 hundred times, over a ten year period, from 2011 to 2021. Judge Engoron noted that the value of Trump’s Seven Springs golf club, “was more than 400% in 2014.” Trump’s financial statement said it was worth \$261 million despite a professional appraisal that valued it at less than \$30 million. The fraudulent statements were used in order to obtain more favorable terms and lower interest rates for the loans During the ten year period, New Yorkers who were in need of bank loans, were not able to secure them as banks only have so much money to lend. And the banks lost revenue because they lowered interest rates due to the fraudulent statements that they received from the Trump organization. Judge Engoron ‘s order includes \$364 million in fines, plus interest. The judgement now is at \$454.2 million with additional interest at \$115 thousand per day.

This past Monday the full amount of the judgement was due. If no bond is secured, Attorney General Letitia James has said that her office would begin to enforce the judgement on Monday - 30 days after Judge Engoron’s ruling was issued.

James office filed the judgements in Westchester county in early March. Trump’s properties there include the golf course and an estate which the Attorney General plans to seize if Trump is unable to post the bond.

Trump will have no mercy because of his presidential campaign schedule and multiple court appearances.

Trump next court case is the obstruction of justice case that goes back to 2016 when Trump ordered his personal lawyer to pay porn star Stormy Daniels hush money. By concealing the payment to her in Trump financial statements, Trump committed obstruction of justice. His lawyer, Michael Cohen, served time in prison. Justice awaits Trump in April.

Thursday, April 4th at 11:30 am
From Seeds to Table: Growing Your Own Food

Presented by Nancy Chapman, Johnson County Extension Master Gardener. In ground, raised beds, containers, trellises and perennials are all ways to fill a pantry! Everyone has a challenge, yet everyone can be successful. Learn the ins and outs of what to grow, growing requirements and pests of our common vegetables. Like raising children, there’s usually more than one way that works. During Q&A share what’s worked for you and we can learn from each other, too. Class will be held in the Sunflower Room at the Wyandotte County Extension Office, 1208 N. 79th Street, Kansas City KS. Pre-registration is not required. A \$10 class fee, payable by cash or check, will be collected at the door.



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