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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Understand the Wyandotte County Property Valuations have been mailed out. I haven't received ours yet but by the time you read this article there are a few things you need to know. The Appraisers Office will be hosting several

informational sessions beginning Monday, March 9 throughout the county to share information on the appraisal process and details regarding the appeal process. The schedule for the events is posted on the U G. website www.wycokck.org/appraiser or call 913 573-8400. The deadline for filing appraisals is Thursday, March 26.

The Kansas City Repertory Theater's tour group KC Rep for All is performing at two of the KCK Public Libraries this month. The comedy is entitled "One of the Good Ones". The "perfect" Latina daughter brings her boyfriend home to meet her parents. It's all about family dynamics. The description of the play reminds me of the old, old movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". The first performance will be at West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N 82nd on March 17 in Conference Room A/B at 5:30pm. No registration is needed. South Branch Library, 3104 Strong will host the play on March 19 in Conference Room A beginning at 2:00pm.

For all my fisherman friends, the U.G. Parks and Recreation Department should have stocked Wyandotte County Lake Park on Thursday, March 5 beginning at 2pm weather permitting. Sorry I missed this last week.

Turner Community Library's program "Food around the World" is featuring Instant Pot Lentil

Soup this month. The Mediterranean culinary tradition is known for its simplicity and robust flavor. Stocked with lentils, aromatic herbs, and fresh vegetables—tomatoes, carrots, and onions. This is a treat for any vegetarian. The adult class meets on March 9 and starts at 4:00pm at the Turner Neighborhood Center next to the Turner Community Garden, 667 S. 55th. Register at kckpl.org.

Get your crochet hook moving at Crafternoon on March 13 at noon at The Windmill KC, 840 S. 55th for Turner Community Library's "Crochet Piggy Card Holder". Crochet your own cute animals card holder. Class is for ages 14+. Register at KCKpl.org.

On Saturday, March 14, children can create their own "Jeweled Floral Crown" using 3D printed material. Choosing a variety of colors, making every petal special, and adding jewels to make those crowns shine. Join the fun at Turner Community Library at 11am. Register at kckpl.org.

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

Stock Market Insights

Oil Traders in the Crosshairs: Geopolitical Risk and Supply Constraints Push Prices Higher

Dr. Richard Baker, AIF®, is the CEO and executive wealth advisor at Fervent Wealth Management.

Once, when my wife and I were first dating, we went to Bass Pro Shops. She was basically a city girl at the time, and when the gun counter guy asked her if she had ever held a gun, she said no. He hands it to her, and to my shock, she points it right at his head. That's about how oil traders feel right now.

The oil markets are in the crosshairs of the potential escalation between the US and Iran. Most of the concern is about transporting oil in the volatile Middle East region, especially if there were to be a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. This 21-mile-wide strait in the Persian Gulf is where 20-30% of the world's oil supply is shipped, and it lies on Iran's shores.

The fact that so much of the world's oil is shipped through that area is raising concern in commodity markets. Analysts are noting a rise in insurance premiums for oil tankers operating in the Persian Gulf, which has also contributed to oil prices rising by more than 13% at the beginning of the year. However, it is not just the risk of war or regime change that is driving up oil prices in recent weeks.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA), an agency of the US Department of Energy, shows US oil inventory levels lower than markets expected at the beginning of the year. The fact that refineries are running at near-maximum capacity to produce gasoline and diesel, while oil inventories are lower than normal, is also driving up oil prices.

The winter weather isn't helping either. The

January polar vortex that hit much of the US, especially the Northeast, increased heating oil demand. It even led to the rare use of oil-fired power generation in parts of New England that are trying hard to remove fossil fuels from their energy production. This has also resulted in a stronger drawdown of crude oil, driving up oil prices.

Despite these current factors driving up oil prices, prices could be held in check. If the Iran tension fades either through an agreement or a quick strike without other nations getting involved, the added regional risk and expense could fade quickly, returning to a supply-and-demand pricing model. We should also never forget Saudi Arabia and the rest of OPEC, which can

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restrict or flood markets with oil, dramatically affecting global oil demand and pricing.

The worst-case scenario would be if the Iran situation were a drawn-out war with multiple Middle Eastern nations involved. I do not see this happening, but the US has gathered more air power in that region since the 2003 Iraq invasion. If a larger war broke out, this could lead to a dramatic rise in oil prices by restricting tankers leaving Iraq. If this unlikely situation were to unfold, I would adjust my portfolios to add more defense stocks and some US government-backed securities in the event of a larger war in the Middle East.

No one knows for sure what President Trump or the crazy Iranian leadership is thinking, but it seems Trump will do something. Most analysts believe that if Trump can't get an agreement, he will try a quick operation similar to the one in Ven-

ezuela. Time will tell, and investors need to be paying attention.

Thirty years later, my former city girl has learned some country ways. She now knows gun safety and could protect herself if she were ever in danger. Oil, on the other hand, can't protect itself and has to ride the waves of politics.

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WM Carts Pilot Phase 2 Begins March 2

Starting Monday, March 2, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG), in partnership with WM, will begin Phase 2 of the Trash and Recycling Carts Program. Households in the Phase 2 area will move from loose bags and open bins to using rolling carts with lids for both trash and recycling.

Cart delivery for Phase 2 began early February and will be completed this weekend. Each participating household receives two 96-gallon carts, one for trash and one for recycling. WM is providing the carts at no charge to the UG or participating residents. Curbside collection using the new carts will begin Monday, March 2, and residents should start using them as soon as their regular collection day arrives.

Phase 2 builds on strong support in the initial pilot area. In the Phase 1 feedback survey, roughly 76 percent of respondents said they would like to see the carts program continue in their neighborhood. That feedback gives Public Works confidence that expanding cart service is consistent with what most participating households want.

"Phase 1 showed that carts make collection day cleaner and more consistent for our neighborhoods," said Solid Waste Manager Diana Miles. "Phase 2 lets us extend those benefits to more homes while we keep listening to residents and fine-tuning how the program works."

In the weeks leading up to Phase 2, Public Works and WM hosted a series of community information sessions to walk residents through what to expect and answer questions about the new collection method. For residents who could not attend, the Carts Program webpage at wycokck.org/carts provides the same key information, including frequently asked questions, a feedback form, and a map that lets households confirm whether their address is included in Phase 2.

For residents hearing about the cart program for the first time, the basic steps are simple. On your regular collection day, place the trash and recycling carts at the curb with the lid opening facing the street. Keep the lids closed, leave space between the carts so the truck's mechanical arm can reach them, and remove the carts from the curb after collecting. All trash must be placed inside the trash cart for pickup. Loose bags and items that are not placed in the carts will not be collected.

Recycling still follows the same "plastic bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard" basics that residents are used to, but now those materials should be placed directly in the recycling cart instead of in a small bin. Items like plastic bags, plastic film, and bulky trash do not belong in the recycling cart. Visit wycokck.org/carts to learn more about what can be recycled.


Residents can also set out up to three bulky items at the curb each week. Bulky items must be scheduled with WM at least 48 hours before a resident's regular collection day. In addition, households may place up to ten paper bags of yard waste at the curb each week.

Residents living in the Phase 2 area who have not received their carts by Monday, March 2, should contact 3-1-1 to report the issue or request assistance. Residents should call WM for damaged carts, missed collections, and scheduling bulky items.

Residents can contact WM through three convenient options:

- * Visit WM.com: Sign up for 24-hour account access.
- * Download the My WM Mobile App: Available on Android and iOS for on-the-go account access.
- * Call WM: (800) 796-9696.

Your Customer ID is needed to register via the app or WM.com. If you do not have your ID, call 3-1-1 and ask to speak with the Solid Waste team.

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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

This has been a very frustrating session. With the leadership in the Senate and the House wide offices the legislature has been on a fast tract. We had the budget ready to go to the Senate floor before turnaround and that has never happened before. This budget disregards the need for Special Education funding, state employee pay, and other services that help our most vulnerable Kansans. These issues particular impact the 6th district. Please remember that your vote determines what happens here in Topeka and I want to make sure that your ability to vote is not hampered. Email me with your thoughts--they are appreciated.

This Week at the Statehouse
We are officially halfway through the 2026 legislative session! This

week marked the Turnaround deadline – the deadline for bills to be passed out of the chamber of origin. Watch a short video by Senate Democratic Leader Dinah Sykes explaining Turnaround here!

The Senate spent all of Tuesday and Wednesday on the floor debating legislation. We are now on a brief break to allow our revisors time to prepare for all passed legislation from the House to come to the Senate, and vice versa. We headed home Wednesday evening and returned to Topeka on Tuesday, February 24, to take up the House’s legislation and any Senate bills that have been ‘blessed’ by the Senate President.

I encourage you to submit testimony (written or in-person) on legislation that is of interest to you. Testimony is due at least 24 hours before the hearing, and you can visit the Kansas Legislature website for information on when hearings are being held and how to submit your testimony.

With Turnaround now behind us,

committees will turn the majority of our attention to bills passed out of the House. Bills passed out of the House have to go through the same committee process on the Senate side as they did on the House, and vice versa.

There are several dangerous pieces of legislation passed out of the House recently that we are keeping our eye on as they begin the committee process in the Senate.

Some additional legislation to keep an eye on:

* Public Funds for Private Schools: Vouchers are back again... The House passed HB 2468 last week, which would increase the amount of public funds diverted toward private schools from \$10 million per year to \$20 million. I stand strongly opposed to voucher programs; our public dollars belong in our public schools. HB 2468 has been referred to the Senate Education Committee, and has a hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 at 1:30 p.m. If you want to provide testimony, you must contact the

Committee Assistant by Sunday to tell her whether you wish to appear in favor, against, or neutral to the testimony. Testimony is due by Monday, February 23, at 12 p.m. There are specific rules for how your testimony must be formatted, find those rules here.

On the Senate Floor

With Turnaround, the Senate spent two full days on the floor. We debated and passed more than 55 bills this week. My votes on these pieces of legislation were as follows:

* Providing a permanent fix to CHIP eligibility: SB 271 seeks to permanently fix the income eligibility requirements for the state children’s health insurance program (CHIP). Over the past few years, the Legislature has passed short-term fixes. SB 271 would ensure that Kansas children who are eligible for CHIP no longer fall through the cracks. SB 271 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

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* Permitted the use of expedited partner therapy: SB 448 would allow for Kansas physicians to use expedited partner therapy (EPT) when treating a sexually transmitted disease. EPT allows an individual to receive medication to treat an STD for themselves and a named sexual partner. If SB 448 passes the House, Kansas will become the 49th state to pass such legislation. SB 448 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Modifying credentialing requirements and the scope of practice for optometry: HB 2223 seeks to permit the use of medical devices in certain situations and allow for optometrists to conduct certain procedures and treatments. This legislation was originally heard by a House committee in March 2025. It then received two hearings in the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare in March 2025 and January 2026. HB 2223 passed 34-6, I voted YES.

* Enacting the Health Care Ministries Tax Deduction Act: SB 368 seeks to provide individuals who choose to join a health care ministry with a tax deduction for qualified health care sharing expenses. Individuals could not subtract more than \$5,000 if filing individually or \$10,000 if filing jointly for their expenses. This legislation was requested by Senator Peck, a member of Samaritan Ministries – a health care ministry. SB 368 passed 33-7, I voted NO.

* Allowing the Dept of Insurance to revoke licenses of non-resident agents without a hearing: SB 422 would allow for a non-resident insurance agent to have their Kansas home state license revoked by the Dept of Insurance without a hearing, instead requiring the Dept to provide 30 days' notice to the agent. This bill does not remove the right to a hearing for any non-resident agent whose license has been revoked. SB 422 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Authorizing the adoption of permanent rules and regulations for hazardous waste monitoring by the

Dept of Health and Environment: SB 407 was introduced at the request of the Dept of Health and Environment to allow the Bureau of Waste Management to keep up with the increasing cost of transporting and disposing of hazardous waste. These costs were previously covered by federal grants from the EPA, but are no longer fully covered by the federal government. SB 407 was passed 38-2, I voted YES.

* Protecting violent, dangerous abusers over Kansas victims: SB 463 bars victims of a crime from collecting damages if the individual they are suing can provide that the victim was engaging in "wrongful conduct" when they were harmed. Under this bill, a survivor of sexual assault could not sue their abuser for damages if the abuser can prove the survivor was engaged in "wrongful conduct." SB 463 places abusers and insurance companies above injured Kansans. SB 463 passed 30-10, I voted NO.

* Allowing expert witnesses to testify in the form of opinion: SB 398 seeks to amend the Kansas Rules of Evidence to allow expert witnesses to testify in the form of opinion if the testimony will help the jury to understand the evidence related to the testimony. This bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce who stated that it would align Kansas statute with recent changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence. SB 398 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Requiring campaign finance treasurers to include products and services provided by consultants: SB 451 would amend the election campaign finance law to require campaign treasurers to report payments to consultants and agencies. This bill would also require the treasurer to report the products and services provided by each vendor, including the date and purpose of each expense. SB 451 was introduced at the request of the Kansas Secretary of State. SB 451 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Removing local authority over nuisance claims: SB 462 would prohibit certain public nuisance claims, require individuals to have "unique" injuries to sue – not an

injury shared by the general public –, and provide an accrual period for the statute of limitations in public nuisance actions. SB 462 increases the burden of proof on victims, requiring that victims prove their injuries were directly caused by the defendant's actions. This bill is not in response to any real issue in Kansas, instead being brought by an out-of-state lobbying firm. SB 462 passed 29-11, I voted NO.

* Requiring state officers to maintain records of all travel and expenses paid for or reimbursed by taxpayer dollars: SB 362 would require state officers, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, to maintain records of all travel and expenses taken by that state officer that were paid for or reimbursed by taxpayer dollars. Additionally, this legislation requires that such information be available to the public through Kansas Open Records Act requests. State legislators are already required to maintain such records. SB 362 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Reviving repealed statutes related to the Kansas Probate Code: SB 480 seeks to revive certain statutes accidentally removed from the state's probate code through legislation passed during the 2025 legislative session. This bill would restore critical statutes that allow a court to appoint a trustee to manage properties owned by an individual who is "unexpectedly absent." SB 480 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Permitting counties to put countywide sales tax increases to a vote: SB 303 seeks to allow Labette, Leavenworth, Lincoln, and Sheridan counties to add countywide sales tax increases to their ballots. These increases would need to be approved by the voters of each county before they could be implemented. SB 303 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Permitting certain pharmacy work be completed remotely: SB 431 would amend the Pharmacy Act to provide for certain actions to be completed remotely. Overall, this legislation would allow pharmacists to contact prescribers, contact patients, and transfer prescriptions remotely. Pharmacists

would be prohibited from handling, packaging, dispensing, or labeling any prescriptions remotely. SB 431 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Updating the duties of a conservator: SB 412 seeks to require a conservator to notify any entities or persons that the conservator has identified as the location of an asset of the conservatee's estate. The Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance amended the bill to clarify who the conservator must notify of such information. SB 412 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Requiring further evaluation and treatment during competency proceedings for individuals charged with the most serious crimes: SB 374 would require individuals who have been charged with a felony offense to receive greater evaluation and treatment if they have been deemed incompetent to stand trial. This law would require that individuals who have not achieved competency within six months of starting treatment undergo involuntary commitment proceedings. This legislation is not likely to be used often, but there have been a few cases in Kansas where the court was required to free individuals who were a danger to themselves or others because they were not competent to stand trial. SB 374 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

* Amending the educational requirements for instructors at nursing schools: SB 334 seeks to amend current requirements that nursing instructors have at least a Master's of Nursing to teach nursing students. The purpose of this legislation is to facilitate nursing workforce development, as the current requirements have allowed for no flexibility in nurse faculty hiring standards. These changes would also have to be approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing before going into effect. SB 334 passed 38-2, I voted YES.

* Permitting licensed physical therapists to perform certain capillary blood tests: SB 430 seeks to allow licensed physical therapists to perform blood lactate and glucose testing, if the PT has received training to conduct such tests. SB 430 passed 40-0, I voted YES.

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Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Switch Gear Repair at Turner High School.

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There are two pre-bid meetings scheduled; first will be virtual on March 12, 2026, at 10:00 am and second will be onsite on March 19, 2026 at 10:00 am. Please contact tpiepergerdes@mccowngordon.com for more information. A Trade Partner Meet & Greet meeting will be held from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm on March 12, 2026. Both will be held at 2010 N 59th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104.

Bids will be accepted by McCownGordon Construction until March 31, 2026, at 2:00 PM via Building Connected. This project is tax exempt.

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Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Roof Coating at the Facilities Warehouse.

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Wyandotte County Property Valuations Mailed Out

Starting Monday, March 9, the Appraiser’s Office will begin hosting several information sessions across the county to share information on the appraisal process and details regarding the appeal process. Property owners with any questions or concerns are encouraged to attend.

“With valuation notices being mailed on February 25th, I would like to encourage anyone who has questions or concerns about your notice to attend one of the scheduled informational meetings,” said County Appraiser Matt Willard. “Staff from the Appraisers Office will be discussing market trends, how appraisals are conducted, as well as how to appeal your valuation.”

The complete list of confirmed info. session locations and dates will be released on Monday, March 2 and will be posted on the UG website.

Don’t agree with the valuation? File an appeal Property owners can also contact the Appraiser’s Office with any questions by calling 913-573-8400.



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