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Back in the "LK"



Congratulations to the Liberal High School Baseball Team winning regionals and heading to State! I am also very proud the LHS Track & Field Team getting 2nd at regionals and the many athletes on that team heading to state. I want to thank Sherrie Hartshorn Harrison and Leshia Brewer Rogers for all their work on putting together the LHS Class Reunion of 78-81.

Memorial Day

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Medicaid Fraud

1-866-551-6328

Welfare Fraud Hotline

800-432-3913



Memorial Day is the day for us to remember our history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for our freedom and democracy. Today we have thousands of young military personnel putting their lives on the line to protect our ideals and us. I would like to honor not only our fallen, who have given the ultimate sacrifice, but also all of you that have served. I also pray for wisdom, strength and safety for those that are currently serving. I also want to thank the American Legion for the honor of being part of their Memorial Day Services.

This Week in Topeka

The “Veto Session” continues. Legislative Leadership and the Governor still have not come to a consensus on a way out of the budget mess. The Governor continues to favor raising consumption taxes, a nice way of saying sales, gas, cigarettes and liquor taxes. Many legislators are concerned about the effects of those increases on businesses in border counties like ours. We need real revenue reform that doesn’t punish farmers and nickel and dime us to death. We need a budget that doesn’t force our local school to raise property taxes. We need a budget that funds highway improvements and doesn’t bond them to fill Topeka’s deficit. Topeka has known this problem was coming for a long time. I am posting on my website (www.shannonfrancis.com) a State General Fund Profile from Legislative Research dated **May 21, 2012** that forecasts a deficit of \$677 million for 2015. Three years later, Topeka is still full of people that don’t understand there

Department On Aging
800-432-3535

Child/Adult Abuse Hotline
800-922-5330

Child & Family Services
888-369-4777

Consumer Protection
800-423-2310

Crime Tip Hotline
800-252-8477

Crime Victim Assistance
800-828-9745

Gov- Brownback
800-748-4408

Highway Road Conditions
511 (in Kansas)

Housing Hotline
800-752-4422

KanCare Assistance
866-305-5147

Kansas Lottery
800-544-9467

Legislative Hotline
800-432-3924

Mental Health Services
888-582-3759

School Safety Hotline
877-626-8203

is a problem. Washington D.C. politics is alive and well in Topeka.

The House passed the following bills this week:

HB 2104 - would move local elections to the fall of odd numbered years starting in 2017. This would include cities, counties, school districts, community colleges, water districts, etc. Local governing bodies would be able to decide how to adjust for current terms and when those positions would be filled, as long as the term is not shortened.

SB 34 - strengthens penalties for voter fraud and would give the Secretary of State the authority to prosecute election crimes.

HB 2055 - counts a previous first conviction of DUI as a nonperson felony and previous subsequent DUI convictions as person felonies for the purpose of criminal history when the current crime of conviction is aggravated battery while DUI.

HB 2170 – creates the Freedom from Unsafe Restraint and Seclusion Act, which specifies the use of seclusion and restrain of students in school settings.

HB2395 – increases the threshold of capital improvement costs to \$1 million before requiring a meeting of the State Building Advisory Commission. The commission was established in 1978.

HB 2025 – amends the current Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training dealing with requirements for officer certification.

HB 2124 – amends the Public indoor smoking ban to allow for medical research facilities to conduct smoking cessation trials without violating the state ban on smoking, which still exempts state-owned casinos.

Quotes

Social Security
800-772-1213

Taxpayer Assistance
785-368-8222

Tax Refund Status
800-894-0318

Unclaimed Property
800-432-0386

Unemployment Insurance
800-292-6333

Vital Statistics
785-296-1400

Voter Registration
800-262-8683

Worker's Comp
800-332-0353

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it." **Mark Twain**

"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened." **Billy Graham**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. During the session please contact me any time at my email: Shannon.francis@house.ks.gov. Our office staff has been laid off for the remainder of the year so our phones are no longer being monitored so emailing me is the best way to get in touch. Also don't forget to sign up for my newsletter at my website, www.shannonfrancis.com. Sometimes there are additional charts, graphs and pictures that don't work well for the newspaper to print.



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