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Pancake Day

Congratulations to Hannah Belton for winning the International Pancake Day Race and bringing the trophy back home. It was so nice to see everyone on Pancake Day. The Volunteers that put on Pancake Day do an excellent job. It was nice to see Ronna Stump recognized for her volunteerism . She is such a great person. Everyone in Topeka knows about Pancake Day and were so excited when Liberal beat Olney. It was really a pleasure to set next to the new Miss Liberal, Allyson Nondorf at the Pancake Breakfast. What a wonderful representative of Liberal's young adults. Former Pageant Director, Lu Haynes, and her volunteers have made such a positive influence on so many lives with their work on the Miss Liberal Pageant.



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Visitors

Because of Pancake Day there were not many visitors from home. Dr. Leslie Bissell with Southwest Guidance Center

had mental health meetings. We talked about state legislation that would affect what medicines could be prescribed for mental illness, telemedicine in rural Kansas, Kancare reimbursement issues, staffing issues and other issues that affect her organization. Jack Carlile stopped by to visit about highway funding and economic development in rural Kansas. One of my favorite people “Willie the Wildcat” also made a short visit.



Issues at the Capitol

SB178 Introduced by Senator Jeff Melcher, R-Leawood could raise farm property taxes by an average of 472 percent. I don't think this bill will go anywhere but there is a hunt for revenue going on in Topeka.

The Kansas Press Association, the Kansas Association of Counties and Kansas League of Municipalities are trying to work on a compromise for a bill dealing with public notifications in newspapers versus websites. Hopefully we will do both. Life doesn't have to be an either/or choice.

Another bill getting a lot of attention is one that would make our local elections partisan, moving the election to the fall and allowing straight party line voting with a single button click.

In local government there was a hearing on a bill allowing counties with a population greater than 50,000 to have an election to make the County Treasurer an appointed position by the County Commissioners.

There has been a lot of furor over a bill prohibiting college and school employees from using their job titles when they write letters criticizing elected officials.

There are a lot of resolutions floating around that would change the process for selecting Supreme Court Justices.

Weekly Coffee Meetings

I hope you will take the opportunity to visit with me at my weekly coffee at Spencer Browne's Coffee House every Saturday from 9am – 11am. It's great to visit with you and hear what is important to you.

Contact Info

Thank you for the opportunity to serve during these challenging times. Our rural communities are the backbone of a strong Kansas. During the session please contact me any time. My office is 167-W, my phone number is 785-296-7655 and my email is shannon.francis@house.ks.gov.

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