

Public Notices

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**Results of the Market Study
for Jewell County
January 1, 2025**
Pursuant to K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 79-466a

Residential Property
A study of the residential real estate market indicated that the market is in a general upward trend.

Commercial Property
A study of the commercial real estate market indicated that the market is in general upward trend.

Vacant Property
A study of the real estate market for vacant lots indicated that the market is in general upward trend.

Note: Values of certain properties may not follow the above trend because of corrections of property characteristics, changes in the property or market conditions.

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Ordinance No. 752
An ordinance amending Subsection (a) of Article 203 of the Code of the City of Mankato and providing substitute provisions

Be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Mankato, Kansas: Section 1. That Section 203 (a) of the Code of the City of Mankato is hereby amended as follows:

Same: Meetings.
(a) Regular meetings of the governing body shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In the event the regular meeting day shall fall on any legal holiday, or any day observed as a holiday by the city offices, the governing body shall fix the succeeding day not observed as a holiday as a meeting day.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Mankato, Kansas, this 27th day of January 2025.

Justin Schoonover, Mayor

Attest:

Anthony M. Roy, City Clerk

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2025 Legislative Session begins

By Senator Elaine Bowers
Kansas Senate

The 2025 Legislative Session officially began on Monday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m., marking the start of another year of important legislative work. The first week was largely ceremonial, featuring the State of the State, State of the Judiciary and State of the Military addresses delivered before joint sessions of the legislature. These traditions, along with photographs and other formalities, showcased the pomp and circumstance that honor the republican form of government we are privileged to enjoy in both Kansas and America.

Following Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, the second week of the session was shortened but productive. While the Senate floor focused on passing rules and confirming appointments, much of the real work took place in the Senate's 19 standing committees. These committees, governing key topics like education, agriculture, judiciary, budget, and utilities are diligently prioritizing and vetting proposed legislation. Bills that pass through committee hearings and votes then advance to the Senate floor, where the full chamber debates and votes on each measure. This step-by-step process ensures every piece of legislation receives thorough review and thoughtful consideration.

Committee assignments
This session, my committee assignments remain largely the same, with one notable change: the Local Government Committee has merged with the Ethics and Transparency Committee, and I am honored to serve as Chair of this newly combined committee. It is a privilege to serve on the Transportation, Judiciary, and Utilities committees as well as the Historical Preservation Committee and the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight. Additionally, I was recently selected to serve on the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, an exciting opportunity to help commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

Capitol Preservation Committee update
The Capitol Preservation Committee will unveil the Suffragist Memorial Mural on Kansas Day, January 29th, at noon—a meaningful tribute to the brave women who fought for the right to vote. Another historic milestone was achieved last fall when the Ad Astra Indian statue was finally placed on its long-empty pedestal in the northwest

quadrant of the Capitol complex, completing the Ad Astra Plaza after a 20-year delay.

State of the State
In her first State of the State message, Gov. Laura Kelly outlined her priorities to the Legislature using a collaborative tone in her calls to action. A portion of her message focused on investments concerning the youngest Kansans, including fully funding public schools, extending free school lunches to more students and advocating for a one-stop shop for those who interface with early childhood services. Gov. Kelly also prioritized preserving the Ogallala Aquifer and clean water for future generations. Gov. Kelly shared her goal of adding an additional \$30 million annually to support water resources and creating an Office of Natural Resources to combine water-related services currently split over 14 different agencies.

State of the Military
For the first time in history, the Kansas Legislature convened for a joint session to receive information on the State of the Military from Adjutant General Michael Venerdi on the work the Kansas National Guard is doing to make our state and nation safe, secure, and free.

As General Venerdi articulated, "the Kansas National Guard comprises more than 7,000 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians. The National Guard is the primary combat reserve of the Army and Air Force, seamlessly providing forces to fight and win the nation's wars and defend the homeland."

State of the Judiciary
On Wednesday, Chief Justice Marla Luckert delivered the State of the Judiciary address before a joint session of the legislature, highlighting a Russian-based ransomware attack on the Kansas Judicial Branch's computer systems last October. The attack shut down the e-filing system, but the Judicial Branch refused to pay the ransom, instead focusing on recovery and fortifying its infrastructure.

Chief Justice Luckert also emphasized collaboration among the three branches of government to address key issues such as mental health, child welfare, and the attorney shortage. She highlighted the Rural Justice Initiative, led by Justice K.J. Wall, which seeks to address the lack of justice resources in rural areas through a partnership of government, legal and community stakeholders. I am honored to serve on the select committee for this initiative and look forward to working over the next 18 months to develop solutions for this challenge, which affects rural communities nationwide.

New Committees formed
In line with the creation of the Department of Government Efficiency in Washington, D.C., the Kansas Senate has established a Committee on Government Efficiency. This new committee is tasked with identifying ways to save taxpayer dollars and ensure government works for the people. In the coming days, a special email address and online portal will be launched, allowing Kansans to submit their own ideas and suggestions for the committee to review.

Additionally, the Senate has formed a Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs. This committee will convene as needed to study issues and process legislation related to veterans, ensuring we continue to address the needs of those who have served our nation.

Senate floor action - confirmations
The Senate confirmed a number of appointments on January 23, including Taylor Hight as State Banking Board member, Herbert Jans as State Banking Board member, Leonard Wolfe as State Banking Board member, Irvin Mitchell as State Lottery Commission member, Margaret La Rue as Margaret La Rue as

Office of the Child Advocate, Kerrie Leonard as Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission member, David Moses as State Long Term Care Ombudsman, Haely Ordoñez as Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board member, Richard Samaniego as Kansas National Guard member, Paul Schneider as Kansas Human Rights Commission member, Christal Watson as

Helpful Kansas Information

Need assistance finding a lost life insurance policy? Utilize the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Life Insurance Policy Locator, where you can perform a nationwide search for missing life insurance funds by providing the social security number, legal name, date of birth, and date of death of a deceased individual. The Kansas Insurance Department has assisted Kansans with the NAIC Life Insurance Policy Locator, which has found more than \$69.6 million in life insurance policies for Kansans since 2019. Contact the Kansas Insurance Department at 785-296-2461 for assistance.

Following the Kansas Legislature
You can view video streaming of both chambers via the Kansas Legislature YouTube page. In addition, many committees are now audio streamed and can also be viewed on the Kansas Legislature YouTube page. The Kansas Legislature website is easy to use with Senate and House calendars and

journals as well as the rosters of both chambers.

Page Dates
Each year we are assigned dates for students to page for the Senate. The students should be 12 and over and will spend the full day with us, including running errands for all Senators and a tour and trip to the Capitol Dome top. I was a page myself for Representative Bill Fuller from Miltonvale in 1981! Our dates this year are Tuesday, Feb. 4; Tuesday, Feb. 18; Wednesday, Feb. 26; Tuesday, March 11; and Tuesday, March 18. Other dates may be available upon request.

Office Information
My office remains in the same suite, 223E (East wing second floor) next to the cage elevator. Randi Walters, who has worked in the Capitol for 22 years as an assistant and a committee assistant, is in our office.

As session progresses, not every bill introduced will make it to the Governor's desk, but that doesn't mean opinions, facts and testimony wasn't heard. Your participation in the state legislature is vital. As we continue to weed through the different bills, I hope to hear from you. I want to know how legislation will impact you and our district, or the ideas you have to improve a bill. A personal email with your thoughts is the best way to reach us as we sit in committees for most of the day and seldom get to stay at our desks for long periods.

Thank you for the honor of serving you!

Harmony United Methodist Church

Harmony United Methodist Church met Sunday with Wilma Pearson as pianist, Grady and Emily Warner as acolytes, Keith and Bethany Roe as greeters, Cathy Danner as worship leader, and Darrel Coffelt as usher.

Prayers and thanks were given for the ceasefire in the Middle East. Birthday wishes went to Darrel Coffelt, Chase Warner, Linda Crangle and Jessica Shulda. Happy Anniversaries to Brian and Evelyn Warner. Condolences to the family of Wilma Pearson's brother. Prayers were offered for Linda Pierce's upcoming surgery.

Pastor Jim shared with the children the story of how Jesus fed the multitudes and explained how this shows how God is generous and cares for us. Jessica Shulda shared the scripture from Mark 6:30-44: Jesus and the disciples were exhausted and wanted to get away to get some rest, so they took a boat to what was supposed to be a deserted spot.

When they arrived, more than 5,000 people had gathered to hear His message. It would have been understandable if Jesus had told them to go away and let Him rest, but instead He said they were like a sheep without a shepherd. He taught them much, continuing into the evening. The apostles pointed out everyone was getting hungry. Jesus instructed them to go through the crowd and gather up what food there was.

When the disciples returned, they had only five loaves and two fish. Jesus blessed the food and told the disciples to distribute it to the crowd. Even though the disciples couldn't imagine how they would have enough food, they acted in faith and followed Jesus' instruction. There was enough for everyone to eat until with more left over than they had to start.

This miracle shows the crowd (and us) who Jesus is, and how generous God is in blessing us. Jesus would first teach His disciples, show them by example, then send them out into the world.

Long before, when the Jewish people were wandering in the desert, God went manna for them to eat. Prophets foretold about the one to come who would satisfy their spiritual hunger (Jesus). Instead of counting the things we can do, we need to act in faith that God will provide a way.

Rather than being scared of those who are different, we should see people as Jesus did: people hungering to hear God's word. The Jewish leaders became so wrapped up in their human traditions that they lost their compassion. Instead of relying on ourselves, we are called to rely on Jesus, who is the Lord of Abundance. God might not provide for you in the way you expect, but He will always provide.

Jewell Co. Memories

130 Years Ago
January 31, 1895

C.H. Modlin erected a new windmill on his farm. It was the headquarters of the neighborhood for water.

The young people of Otego had a party at Mr. Gordaner's.

Everybody was complaining of bad colds.

J.W. Ward was painting the roof of his house red. It improved the looks of it.

Geo. T. Snow chopped down a cottonwood tree that measured seven feet across the stump.

120 Years Ago
January 26, 1905

Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Wilson took in a new boy to raise.

Some of the farmers of Sinclair Township were becoming so progressive that they built snow plows to clear the snow out of their paths and yards.

Little Edna Peugh fell from a chair breaking both bones of her lower arm. Two months earlier she had one of the bones broken.

Fred Beeler had a gasoline engine to pump water for his cattle when the wind did not blow enough to pump.

Lois of rabbits had been shot and shipped. They brought 20 cents a piece.

110 Years Ago
January 29, 1915

Isaac Nees had the best pile of stove wood ever seen in Brown's Creek Township. It was dry ash, all home grown since 1874.

The members of the Ionia and Mayview Christian churches gave a surprise chicken dinner for their past-

or, the Rev. Eyrick. About 50 were present and a general good time was had.

Mayview had to have a barber, as the productive Brown's Creek valley, the hair and whiskers of inhabitants grew so fast that Albert Applebee put in a chair.

S.T. Robb was getting along fine. Mrs. Robb stayed at the hospital to keep him from running away. They said he was getting homesick.

Arden Hoggland had the misfortune to throw his right arm out of joint while scuffling on the school ground. He was taken home and Dr. Blades of Randall was called to fix him up. The arm swelled badly and gave him considerable pain for a few days.

100 Years Ago
February 6, 1925

Master C.R. Page was another with a combined case of mumps and the whooping cough, but the mumps were on the decline.

Charley Dick drove his Ford off the rock grade north of his place but luckily no one was hurt, just "jimmied" his car up.

Blanche and Emery Solomon attended a "night cap" social at Montrose.

Deputy Sheriff Cecil Smith was kept unusually busy during the illness of his chief, Sheriff M.M. Snyder. To further complicate matters, he was suffering from a badly ulcerated tooth. His swollen face gave the appearance of mumps and an equal amount of discomfort.

A Courtland beer earns a top 10 spot in magazine

Courtland's Irrigation Ales reports its barrel-aged imperial porter with red wine grapes. Grape Expectations, has earned a 96 rating from The Beer Connoisseur, solidifying its status as a world-class beer. This beer ranked No. 9 on Beer Connoisseur Magazine's Top 100 Beers of 2024 list. Each year, hundreds of beers from North America and Europe are submitted for review. Kansas breweries enjoyed recognition in the Winter 2025, Issue 76 — with Tasty IPA by Manhattan Brewing Company also receiving a 93 rating and securing the No. 37 spot.

Judged in the Specialty Wood-Aged Beer category with a Baltic Porter base style, judges praised the beer for its "complex notes of tannin and oak" and "layers of chocolate, roasted malt and peppery fruit," a beer that balances bold and subtle flavors. Aged in wine barrels, Grape Expectations exemplifies the brewery's dedication to crafting unique and unforgettable flavor experiences.

The beer concept was inspired by co-owners Luke and Jennifer Mahin, alongside Luke's father and brewing partner, Bill Mahin. A testament to local collaboration, the Mahins worked with winemaker Dave DeJolia, whose vineyard provided the Frontenac red grapes used in the brew. Freshly crushed grapes were added on harvest day, followed by six months of aging in DeJolia's red wine oak barrels.

"We wanted to take a different approach to this style by using a barrel-aged imperial porter as the base," said Luke Mahin. "This was our first attempt at barrel-aging, and we're thrilled with how the beer and wine flavors unfold in layers with every sip."

The Mahins' commitment to local ingredients is evident, with grapes and barrels sourced just five miles away and Kansas Malt Company's two-row malt used in the grain bill.

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