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PROUD TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF PRATT, STAFFORD, BARTON, PAWNEE & RICE COUNTIES

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ABOUT GREG

Greg was raised in Stafford County where he has owned and operated the family farm near St. John-Hudson for more than 35 years.

Greg previously served eight years on the St. John-Hudson School Board.

He and his wife Susan have two children and three grandchildren. They are active members of Calvary Baptist Church. Susan is a former substitute teacher and secretary for USD 350.

Greg was elected in 2015 by the district's Republican precinct committeemen and women to fill a vacancy in the Kansas House when Rep. Basil Dannenbohm stepped down. Greg represents the citizens of Pratt and Stafford counties, as well as portions of Barton, Pawnee and Rice counties.

Getting Kansas Back on Track

Heading into the 2018 session, I was optimistic that we could continue work to get Kansas back on track. Last year, we asked Kansans to help us bring structure back to our budget. This year was about being responsible with those tax dollars and investing them in areas they will work for Kansans. Being a good steward of our tax dollars remains my top priority.

I was proud to support several measures this year that begin the process of planning for new investment in Kansas roads and broadband services. The Legislature also restored critical funding to state agencies, including Larned State Hospital. I supported efforts to pay down our state debt and establish a rainy day fund to help plan for the future. I also voted to establish the Kansas Telemedicine Act to ensure those of us in rural communities have greater access to healthcare.

As you know, last fall the Kansas Supreme Court ruled the state's K-12 education funding formula unconstitutional. While the partisan politics and election year antics made resolving this issue more difficult, the Legislature approved a bill that provides new funding to our schools with additional accountability.

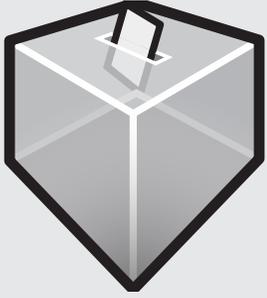
I hope you find this newsletter informative, as it outlines some of the good work done to get Kansas back on track. While there have been some steps in the right direction, there is still much work to be done. Visit www.lewisforkansas.com to sign up for my e-mail list. It is my honor to serve as your representative in Topeka. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help to you and your family.



"The difference between possible and impossible is hard work and commitment."

– Bob Dole

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SEE HOW GREG VOTED:

Concealed Carry

As a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, Lewis voted to allow reciprocity for out-of-state concealed carry license holders.

Broadband Task Force

Lewis voted to establish the Statewide Broadband Expansion Planning task force to collaboratively work to evaluate the broadband needs in Kansas.

Standing up for Law Enforcement

Lewis voted to increase penalties for those who assault a federal law enforcement officer.

Tougher penalties for false alarms

Lewis voted to increase penalties for those who provide false alarms to law enforcement, commonly known as swatting.

Protecting our Seniors

Lewis voted to allow residents or guardians of those in an adult care home to electronically monitor their room.

Lewis Supports Budget Reforms & Tax Proposal

After years of instability, the state has begun restoring some of the devastating cuts to state agencies. This year's budget halted the borrow and spend tactics employed by previous Legislatures and restored funding to KPERS, the state's retirement system as well as to KDOT, which will allow for the final 23 projects in the T-WORKS program to be completed. Lewis also supported much needed pay raises for our uniformed staff at Larned State Hospital.

While education was the main focus of the session, some important reforms took place in the budget and regulatory process. Lewis voted to establish a budget stabilization fund to ensure the state can maintain services during tough economic times.

"Those of us in agriculture know there are ups and downs in the economy," said Lewis. Our families prepare for those down times by having reserves. The state could benefit from doing the same."

Transparency

The legislature has also made great strides in 2018 to make the legislative process more accessible to the public. At the urging of representatives, like Lewis, legislative leadership instituted live-streaming of all committee meetings and established a YouTube channel where House and Senate sessions are live-streamed and archived for the public to view.

"It is important for all Kansans to witness the legislative process," said Lewis. "I hope this helps more people stay informed on what happens in Topeka and encourages our young people get involved in their government."

Tax Adjustments

When Congress passed tax reform, it had unintended consequences on Kansas tax policy, resulting in a higher tax burden for some Kansas businesses and individuals if no action was taken by the state. Lewis voted to pass that federal windfall on to taxpayers rather than keeping the money at the state level. That bill also included an important piece of legislation for the City of Pratt. The bill proposed would have

allowed the City of Pratt to keep the existing taxing ability of the Pratt Airport Authority should the city choose to absorb the Airport Authority. This was a trailer bill to one already passed this session.

"Unfortunately, the all or nothing approach taken by some this session left good bills like this one, for Pratt, incomplete," said Lewis.



Keeping our community safe

Lewis voted to ban guns from domestic violence offenders. The bill mirrors a federal law prohibiting ownership or possession. Making this a state law will allow state prosecutors to take up the cases. Governor Colyer has already signed the bill and it will become law.

Lewis also voted to support HB 2773, which requires the State Board of Education to develop school safety plan guidelines in partnership with public safety, law enforcement and public health agencies.



Finding a Constitutional funding formula for our schools

Establishing a constitutional funding formula for our schools was the primary focus of the session after last fall's ruling from the Kansas Supreme Court in *Gannon v. State*. The ruling established that the formula must be both adequate and equitable, which is key for rural schools like those in the 113th House district.

In mid-March, the Legislature received the results of a study commissioned to look at the finance formula, to help guide the response to the court. One of the key takeaways was the direct correlation between the amount of money spent and the outcomes achieved.

The Legislature moved forward with and Lewis supported Substitute for SB 423, which provides new funding for our schools,

including greater investment in special education. The bill also includes accountability measures and enhanced reporting requirements to ensure student outcomes are monitored.

"This is not a perfect plan," said Lewis. "However, I believe it fulfills our constitutional duty to fund education, it increases accountability and does so with existing funds."

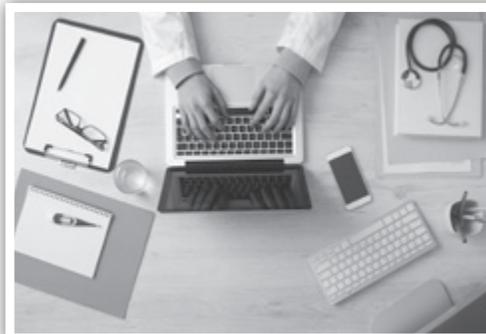
After the bill was passed, it was discovered there was a drafting error in the bill. Lewis was among those lawmakers who voted during the Veto Session to correct the error to ensure the bill before the Kansas Supreme Court was the intention of the legislature as they consider the case before them.

Legislature passes telemedicine act for rural Kansas

The viability of rural communities depends on access to good healthcare. This year, Lewis voted to establish the Kansas telemedicine act. It provides for insurance coverage parity for health care services via telemedicine. Allowing rural communities access to providers hundreds of miles away through the use of real-time two-way interactive technology will help more people get the services they need. Lewis also supported a ban on abortion via telemedicine.

The Legislature passed a bill to update our adoption laws this year to help more Kansas children find a forever home. As the grandfather of adopted children, Lewis is a strong proponent of helping more children find homes.

"I know how important it is for kids to find loving and caring families," said Lewis. "I hope the improvements to our laws greatly reduce the number of kids in Kansas looking for homes."



Fighting for our Ag Economy

Greg Lewis said a series of bills passed by the Legislature this year would help strengthen our rural economy through a lower regulatory burden, and common-sense reforms that will save Kansas businesses money.

Reining in Regulation

Lewis supported a measure to rein in state regulations by requiring state agencies to do a cost analysis of a regulation before it can be considered for implementation.

Poultry Production

Lewis voted to update our laws to reflect modern production practices to allow for the establishment and expansion of animal agriculture.

Commercial Driver's Licenses

Lewis voted to make Commercial Driver's Licenses renewable every five years instead of every four years. The change in renewal will save money for those individuals and businesses that utilize CDL's and the accompanying endorsements.

Noxious Weeds

Lewis voted to streamline the designation of noxious weeds in Kansas by establishing an advisory committee to make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture rather than going through the cumbersome legislative process.



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THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

I value the trust you've placed in me to take our community's concerns to Topeka, and to fight for our rural values. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime I may answer questions or be of service to you and your family. You may reach me on my home phone at (620) 458-3541 or email me personally at LewisGreg113@gmail.com.



Greg's Record AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Worked to establish a Budget Stabilization Fund to help keep our budget balanced
- ✓ Established a constitutional funding formula for our schools, including accountability measures focused on student outcomes
- ✓ Supported efforts to provide telemedicine to rural communities in Kansas
- ✓ Voted for the Ad Astra Rural Jobs Act to help rural communities grow
- ✓ Increased transparency in the legislative process through live-streaming committee and floor action
- ✓ Fought to help the city of Pratt dissolve the Pratt Airport Authority should they so choose