

## Upcoming Event Calendar :

January 21 and 28, Wichita  
**Sedgwick County Saturday Morning Breakfast with Democrats**

January 21, Kansas City  
**WyCo Dems Third Saturday Breakfast, WyCo Black Caucus Meeting**

January 21, Independence  
**Montgomery County Dems Meeting**

January 23, Wichita  
**South Sedgwick County Democratic Club Meeting**

January 25, Hutchinson  
**Reno County Democrats Meeting**

January 25, Junction City  
**Geary County Democrats 9th Annual Kansas Day Banquet**

January 28, Topeka  
**Shawnee County Democrats Annual Bean Feed**

January 31, Overland Park  
**Johnson County Dems 5th Tuesday Dinner**

For more information on these and other events, visit our web site: [www.ksdp.org](http://www.ksdp.org)

## Next Month:

Look for our new and improved quarterly newspaper "**The Democrat**" in your mailboxes.

If you are interested in submitting a letter to the editor, column, news story or photo to be considered for publication, please contact Frances Gorman at [fgorman@ksdp.org](mailto:fgorman@ksdp.org), or (785) 234-0425

It is still not too late to place your ad in our **2006 KDP Directory**. Please contact the State Party for more information about rates and sizes. Advertising deadline is January 31!

## Sebelius Continues to Promote Kansas' Economic Growth

The Kansas economy had a banner year in 2005, and Governor Kathleen Sebelius is pressing for continued growth in 2006. Following Kansas' 21 straight months of job growth and recognition by Forbes magazine as the top state for business, Governor Sebelius has turned her attention to helping small businesses prepare for competition in the global marketplace. Her proposal to roll back property taxes on new business equipment and machinery will also give new businesses another incentive to create jobs in Kansas.

"I think we need to encourage businesses to invest in the future to make sure that they stay in Kansas and to invest in technology to keep pace with the rapid change in the marketplace," Sebelius said.

Governor Sebelius has already begun working with the business community on a timetable for expanding tax relief to more businesses, attracting new jobs without shifting the burden onto homeowners or jeopardizing state and local investments in schools, roads and safety.

In addition to the tax relief proposal, Governor Sebelius and Democratic legislators stand ready to work during the

session on a bipartisan plan for long term investment in education.

Kansas know that investing in our schools today means continued economic growth and better opportunities for jobs into the future.

Governor Sebelius continues to reinforce Kansas' economic anchors, fighting to create new markets for beef, grain, technology and native agricultural products like ethanol. Earlier this month, Governor Sebelius was named chair of the 32-member Governor's Ethanol Coalition, a national group that educates policymakers of the environmental and economic benefits of ethanol and other biofuels. Last month, Japanese officials re-opened their market to U.S. beef, something Governor Sebelius has been lobbying for since the market was closed, including during her trip to Japan in 2004.



Governor Sebelius tours an ethanol and gluten plant in Russell

## National Republicans Swimming in Corruption

In the wake of former House Speaker Tom DeLay's resignation and Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff's guilty plea, Republicans are acknowledging that the GOP represents the status quo and has abused its majority. Republicans - including those vying to succeed DeLay - are making the case that the only way to end the Culture of Corruption is to vote for Democrats this November.

Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake told USA Today "We simply have too much

power," adding, "We Republicans have abused that power badly over the past several years." In another interview, Flake said, "We don't just need new leaders; we need a major course correction."

Acting Majority Leader and Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt acknowledged to CNN, "Unfortunately, the recent scandals have caused some to question whether we have lost our vision and whether the faith they have placed in us is justified."

## Kansas Democrats Aim for Early Bipartisan Action on School Finance

The Kansas Legislature received the results of its cost study concerning education last week and Democratic house and senate members have renewed their pledge to work with the governor in finding a long term vision for funding our schools.

“For a decade now, Kansas Democrats have fought to fairly and adequately fund our schools. Time and time again, the Republican majority has failed to join us in this fight,” Kansas Democratic Party Chairman Larry Gates said. “I hope now that Republican legislative leaders have seen the results of their own study, we can work together to get results.”

Last year, during the Special Session for Kansas Schools, Doug Mays and Republican leaders in the legislature repeatedly stood in the way of a bipartisan group of legislators and the

governor who came together in the best interests of Kansas kids.

Democrats have already begun working to find a long term solution for our schools. Recently, Governor Sebelius released the results of her audits of school spending, determining the best practices to eliminate waste and put money into classrooms and programs children need to succeed. These audits will help ensure Kansans get the best return on our investment, but the legislature will still need to provide our schools with increased funds to meet requirements of state law.

“I continue to believe what I hear from CEOs and parents and others, that funding our schools is the most important job that we have,” Sebelius said.

## Support the Kansas Democratic Party!

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- \$250 - \$407 *Silver Club*
- \$408 - \$500 *New Star 34 Club* (\$34/month)
- \$500 - \$1,000 *Gold Club*
- \$1,000 - \$2,000 *Platinum Club*

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