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# The Record

## The Art of Playing Cupid

By Kathy Ensley

February 14th is on our calendars again and I'm happy. My history with Valentine's Day brings back wonderful memories of Emerson Grade School parties, pink cupcakes and little paper cards bought at TG and Y for each child in my class.

At Argentine I continued giving out handmade cards to my friends and finding myself playing Cupid. It was so much fun. Mother said I was in love with love. I started playing Cupid in the ninth grade.

My first couple was at church camp. I introduced a friend named Cathy to a boy from Rosedale named Dale. After camp they dated and were married a few years later. They had a very good life together until Dale passed away a few years ago.

My next couple was with a boy named Roger. I had a crush on him and he had a crush on my neighbor, Melinda. One evening when he was walking down our street he stopped and talked to me, but it was obvious where his attention was. I offered to take him over to meet her and that was it. They were a couple in high school and were married after graduation.

I was getting good at this. I introduced couples for years.

My husband, Roger, and I



fixed up a friend of his named Greg Brandt with a lovely friend of mine named Donna White. He was a confirmed bachelor and could not be swayed easily. But once again love prevailed. They were in love at first sight. They have two wonderful sons and we have been friends with Greg and Donna for years. It was a beautiful wedding and my boys were the candle lighters.

My last couple was a sweetheart of a match. She was Nancy Godding and he was Dallas Walmsley from Turner. He was playing his flute for the same patient I was attending for at a hospital. We hit it off right away when we met. I didn't think he was right for Nancy because he was outspoken, outgoing,

smart, funny, and BLIND. Still, they both were very devoted Christians and loved music. They were both single, and no children, just cats. Somehow, I knew I should introduce them.

At first it was awkward. I really admired them for not giving up on the idea of them dating. They really worked things out.

They spent time talking, negotiating, counseling and found out they had so many things in common. Love for Jesus, love of family, love of music, and love for each other was what they discovered. They had a beautiful wedding too and I got to be the pianist.

Don't let the special day get by without telling the ones you love, I Love You.

## Con Job, Again

By Dr. Jim Haas

Another year, another misleading State of the Union address by the Con-Man-in-Chief. If you missed it—or if you didn't—a few of his claims on important topics follow, along with facts provided by nonpartisan investigators FactCheck.org and Politifact.com and by published government data.



**Healthcare.** Trump gave his “ironclad pledge to American families: We will also protect patients with pre-existing conditions.” The fact is that Trump is currently in court to do away with Obamacare and its coverage for pre-existing conditions, for children to age 26, no lifetime limits, no dollar penalty for being female, and other protections. As always with Trump, pay no attention to what he says. Pay close attention to what he does.

He bragged about lowering prescription drug costs, saying that last year, “for the first time in 51 years, the cost of prescription drugs actually went down.” Not true. Prices continue to rise, though a bit more slowly. Trump also claimed that “Our new [insurance] plans are up to 60% less expensive and better.” Less expensive, yes; better, no. Many plans don't cover pre-existing conditions and have less coverage and higher out-of-pocket costs.

**Immigration.** “We have now completed over 100 miles [of wall] and have 500 miles fully completed in a very short time.” That's unclear, but the southern border had 654 miles of barrier before Trump took office. It now has 655 miles, a gain of 1. Most recent work has replaced or repaired old barriers and fences. Mexico has paid for none of it.

**The economy.** Trump took credit for more jobs and a growing economy, and both are true. Also true is that GDP has been growing at about the same steady rate since 2010, so it's still the Obama economy. Job growth has slowed under Trump: Bureau of Labor Statistics data show an average 191,000 new jobs/month in Trump's first 35 months; Obama's last 35 months averaged 227,000.

Wages (adjusted for inflation) for private workers are up only .8% over Trump's 35 months compared to 1.3% over Obama's last 35 months. Some recent increases were in states that raised the minimum wage, but Republicans have blocked those raises in states they control. Meanwhile, corporate profits are up sharply thanks to Republican tax cuts for the rich. More than 85% of tax cuts went to the wealthiest 5% and the gap between the rich and the rest is at historic highs and growing. It's a great economy if you're rich; otherwise, it's not.

Not satisfied with “alternative facts,” Trump awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to his friend Rush Limbaugh, a talk show person who, among other crudities, has mocked actor Michael J. Fox by imitating his Parkinson's disease symptoms, insulted people with Asian accents, said that “Feminism is for unattractive, ugly broads,” and that Native Americans “all have casinos—what's to complain about?” He's a low-life who trades in racism and bullying, and he gets the same medal as Rosa Parks and Mother Teresa? Shameful.

Two days later, at the annual National Prayer Breakfast, Trump followed a talk about Jesus's Sermon on the Mount by disagreeing that we should love our enemies and then criticized the sincerity of politicians whose faith shapes their decisions. Really? A con man questioning others' sincerity? The Rev. James Martin, editor of the Catholic magazine *America*, said Trump's speech was “disgusting, self-serving, and mean-spirited.” And anti-Christian.

The Bible says, “the truth shall make you free.” Untruths make us unfree, so whether on social media or in a president's speech, let's check the facts and vote for the freedom of truth every time.

Jim's columns are online at <http://greatsociety2point0.blogspot.com>

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## Sue's Soapbox

By: Sue Reich



What a super week this has been. I got my delivering all done on Tuesday and we called off dominoes because the **CHIEFS WON THE SUPER BOWL**. The parade was Wednesday, and we really wanted to see it. Can't believe it has been 50 years since they won one.

Remember I told you I tried on a Super Bowl ring that one of the Chiefs won back then? Maybe that was good luck. You can buy replicas of them.

Good ol' Patrick Mahomes. He pulled it through. I was really afraid that he would be hurt to slow him down. But it all went off pretty well. The first half I felt down, so I went upstairs and swept the kitchen and unloaded the dishwasher. Of course I had the TV on and heard all the hoopla and, man, I had to go down with Mr. Ed and watch the rest of it.

The parade was pretty good, but I didn't know half of the people. What got me was in the beginning, those idgets went through the barriers and down the parade route. The police were really on the ball and put that screwball out of commission. Hope they put them where they belong. If he would have done what he intended, that really would have ruined the whole day. Poor Gary Lezak was really shook up when he realized what was happening. He couldn't hardly talk right afterword. I bet he has never had anything happen like that. I used to see Gary at Pierson Park when we would to have those cancer banquets. He would have his dogs there and they would just be loose going around visiting everyone. Everyone got a big kick out of them.

My sister Gayle went with me one time and the accordionist that played at most of those dinners was there.

Gayle remembered being on a show with him years ago and he played a song she suggested, and she sang. It was really neat. I can't think of that gentleman's name, but maybe it will come to me later. He specialized in polkas and those type of songs.

Harmon high school sure has changed. That is good too. More security and I finally found the mailboxes. Haven't seen Mr. Dorr yet. Guess he is in the commons with the lunch time students. If I worked there, I would really get lost. Gary Washington taught me how to get in and out. Speaking of Harmon, I didn't know that they have girls wrestling there. They even went to Olathe to wrestle. Congrats to Jada Escobar of Harmon for being picked for one of the 10 finalists for Linwood Sexton Scholarship of Wichita State University. Alex Martinez made his first solo flight on the 20th of January. Good students come out of Harmon.

Well folks guess I will quit gabbing and wrap this up. It has been a long week so far and tomorrow we have a big day too. Mind your p's and q's and please be kind to your mom, dad, siblings, your classmates and me. Take care of those fur babies too. They need your love and care.

"Adolescence is the age at which children stop asking questions because they know all the answers." *Apples of Gold* from the little gal that loves you all, Sue.



## A Round of Robins

By: Sue Reich

Every morning, after I have my coffee, I fill up my bird feeder and make sure there is water in the birdbath. I sat

down to read the paper and happened to look out and there all over the birdbath were robins. Now, this is still winter and usually I see may one or two, but I gave this "round" a quick count and there was at least 15 or so. Never, in my life have I ever seen this many robins in

one place at the same time. I asked Mr. Ed if they usually do that and he didn't think so. I have a very curious mind, so I googled it. Yes, robins do that, and it is rare that they are in someone's front yard. They were looking for water and I do check it every day, break the ice if it is frozen

or pour water on it. Those little rascals must have been mighty thirsty. Wherever they came from, I am sure glad that they saw my bird bath had water in it. If you have a birdbath, be sure and keep water in it winter or summer. It is well worth what it will attract.



A long, long trailer making its way up to the mobile home park.



Trash truck broke down in front of our house.



A man was selling these shirts, the day "before" the Super Bowl game at 42nd & Metropolitan in Argentine. He was counting his chickens before they hatched. By golly, he was right. They did it, after 50 years.

# Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

Chocolate, always in search for a new cookie with lots of chocolate flavor! This week's tasty treat fills that bill very nicely. Get ready to make and really enjoy:

## Dutch Chocolate Super Cookies

### Ingredients

- 2 1/4 c Flour
- 1/4 c Dutch Process Cocoa
- 1 t Baking Soda
- 1/4 t Salt, omit if using salted butter
- 2 oz. Unsweetened Chocolate, melted and cooled
- 1 1/2 sticks Butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 c Sugar
- 1/2 c Brown Sugar
- 1 lg. Egg, at room temperature
- 2 t Vanilla

- 1/2 c Sour Cream
- 1 c Pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped
- 1 1/2 c Semi-sweet Chocolate Chunks

### Directions

Set oven to 350°. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt. Whisk or sift until well blended. Melt the unsweetened Chocolate, set aside to cool. In a mixer beat the butter until creamy. Add the sugar the brown sugar, and the egg. Beat for 3-4 minutes, until light and fluffy. Add the Vanilla, sour cream, and the melted chocolate. Beat together until well blended. Add one half of the flour mixture and beat until blended. Repeat with other half and beat

just until well combined. Fold in the pecans and the chunks of semi-sweet chocolate.

Drop by tablespoonful onto the cookie sheet, space 2" apart.

Bake at 350° for 9 to 11 minutes, just until the centers are set. Do not overbake.

Place cookies on a wire rack to cool.

Store in an air-tight container, between sheets of waxed paper, at room temperature. Cookies will keep for one week. Makes 3 dozen

These are great with a cold glass of milk or served with a bowl of ice cream.

Thanks go to my friend Sarah for this recipe. She would always bring in treats to enjoy while on break at Halls. Be sure to keep this recipe for all your baking in the future. Enjoy!

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# SENATE NEWS

By Sen. Pat Pettey

## This Week at the Capitol

It's been a busy week. Senate spent more than four hours debating the constitutional amendment on abortion. It ultimately passed on a vote of 28-12.

In a bit of good news, on Wednesday we celebrated Kansas Day, and we honored on the Senate floor the finalists for the Teacher of the Year award. On Thursday, the Senate recognized Dolores Huerta, a social justice activist who fought for farm workers and women everywhere.

Next week, we anticipate more work in committees, especially on the Medicaid expansion bill in Public Health and Welfare. It is also likely the House will debate their constitutional amendment on abortion.

If you want to watch the proceedings of the House or the Senate, a live video feed is available here. A live audio feed is also still available through [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org). You can also listen in to committee meetings here.

I welcome your input on any of these issues. Please feel free to visit or contact me at 785-2966-7375 or [pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov](mailto:pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov), if you should have any questions or concerns. Or stop by my legislative office, located in room 125-E of the Topeka Statehouse.

### ABORTION AMENDMENT PASSES

On a vote of 28-12, the constitutional amendment seeking to eliminate abortion rights in Kansas passed the Senate on Wednesday after more than four hours of debate. I voted no.

Here's what you should know about it:

- The case arose from a challenge to Senate Bill 95, enacted in 2015 to ban and criminalize the most common and safe method of second-trimester abortion, dilation and evacuation (commonly referred to as D&E). Only 1.3% of abortions are done at 21 weeks or beyond. Yet, a ban on D&E limits options to other procedures with known increased risks



to women.

- The Kansas Supreme Court's ruling established that, under the Kansas Constitution's Bill of Rights, women have a fundamental right to personal autonomy and that includes decisions related to pregnancy.

- The Court recognized this right as a fundamental right, which means it can be regulated by the State. However, the State must provide a compelling State interest and the regulations are narrowly tailored to promote that interest.

- The Kansas Supreme Court's ruling did not strike down any law. It upheld the temporary injunction initially imposed by the lower courts on Senate Bill 95. It handed the case back to the lower courts for further scrutiny. The State must now provide evidence that the State has a compelling interest.

- The Kansas Supreme Court did conclude that the providers who challenged the law could show that they were substantially likely to win on the merits, which is why they upheld the temporary injunction.

- The Constitutional Amendment is not necessary for the Legislature to continue passing reasonable regulations related to abortion. If the laws passed are challenged, the courts must review legislation encroaching on a fundamental right with strict scrutiny analysis. Other states with strict scrutiny standards have abortion regulations still in place.

- As it passed, the Constitutional Amendment will appear on the August 4

primary ballot. Historically, primary elections have one-third of the turnout as General Elections. An attempt to amend the Constitutional Amendment to move it to the General Election failed on a vote of 13-27. I voted for this amendment.

- Two attempts were made, once by Senate Democrat Vic Miller and once by Senate Democratic Leader Anthony Hensley, to amend the Constitutional Amendment to add language ensuring rights for women who became pregnant in cases of rape or incest, or for those whose lives were at risk. Both attempts failed. I voted for both amendments.

- Multiple attempts were made to clarify the explanatory statements that will appear on the ballot to more accurately reflect what the Constitutional Amendment does so that voters would have a better understanding when deciding how to vote. All of these attempts failed. I voted in favor of all of them.

- The one amendment that did get added establishes the August 4 election a "special election" to align with Section 14 of the Kansas Constitution. It passed on a voice vote. I did not vote for it.

- The amendment now goes to the House for consideration. The House will likely take up their version next week.

### OTHER BILLS TO WATCH

- **GOLDEN YEARS PROPERTY TAX FREEZE** Introduced by Senator Tom Holland of Baldwin City, SB 104 establishes a property tax freeze for over 76,000 qualifying senior and disabled

veteran households. The homestead would have to be appraised at \$350,000 or less and homeowners would have to have a household income of \$50,000 or less. The bill passed the Senate in 2019 on a vote of 39-0. It is now in the House Committee on Taxation, which had a hearing on it on April 3, 2019. It's awaiting further action.

- **LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES I** introduced SB 312 which amends current statutes to give KDHE more authority to deter illegal childcare operations and increase the number of licensed and inspected childcare facilities in Kansas. This bill is having a hearing on Tuesday, February 4th in Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee.

### WYANDOTTE COUNTY SPELLING BEE

I had the honor of being the head judge for the Wyandotte County Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 1st at Wyandotte High School. There were 40 participants and after multiple rounds the winner was Rachel Malsawhlui, a 5th grader from Claude Huyck Elementary in KCK. In second place was Rebecca Sedgwick a 7th grader from Robert E. Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs. Congratulations to all the participants and their families.

### 2020 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year, Tabatha Rosproy, was recognized on the floor of the Senate on Kansas Day.

### VISITORS TO MY OFFICE

This was definitely a busy week in the Capitol which brought a lot of visitors to my office.

January 27th

- Chris Dally & Dr. Robert Cooper from the Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

- Laurie Klieber & Mike McCabe from the Council of State Governments.

- Kansans for Smart Justice January 28th

- Dr. Sheila Dodson - Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

- Kansas Water Authority & Regional Advisory Committee

- Kansans for Health January 29th

- Dr. Ky Stoltzfus and David Jorgenson from the Kansas Chapter - American College of Physicians.

Swope Health

The mission of Swope Health is to improve the health and wellness of the community by delivering accessible, quality, comprehensive patient care. Mark Miller, Dr. Jeron Ravin, & Jennifer Frost, provided updates on their program.

Caritas Clinics

George Noonan, Dr. Jane Zaudke, Lulu Herrera, and Liz Villalvazo stopped by to talk about Caritas Clinics, which provide primary care to low-income, uninsured adults. While not a free clinic, care is provided to all those who qualify for services, regardless of their ability to pay.

Mercy & Truth Medical Missions

Arthur Smith and Mark Schmid represented Mercy & Truth Medical Missions, whose mission is to provide healthcare to the underserved and uninsured of the community and world through Christian Service.

January 30th

American Academy of Pediatrics

Dr. Dena Hubbard from the American Academy of Pediatrics stopped by on January 30th.

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### Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Joe Pacheco, age 58, passed away January 28, 2020. He was a 1979 JC graduate of Harmon.

Mary Lee Montgomery-Berry, age 80. She was a 1958 graduate of Argentine High School.

Shirley Calhoun, age 85, passed away on February 3, 2020. Wyandotte High school graduate. She worked for KCK Board of Education.

Lois Crabaugh Stewart Lawson, age 91. She was raised in Armourdale and went to Argentine High School.

Kirk Douglas, age 103, passed away February 5, 2020. He was a super star and a Hollywood icon.

## Prominent Member Of The GOP Says Trump "Guilty."

By: Tom Valverde

Senator Mitt Romney of Utah made his judgement in the Impeachment of President Trump and spoke in the well of the US Senate. His speech was, at times, difficult and was filled with emotion, as he spoke before the Senate. Senator Romney said, "I take an Oath before God, as enormously consequential. I knew from the outset, that being tasked with the judging of the President, the head of my own Party, would be the most difficult decision, I have ever faced." The great question that the Constitution tasks Senators to answer is whether the President committed an act, so extreme and egregious, that it rises to the level of a "High Crime and Misdemeanor. "Yes, he did!" "What he did, was not perfect. No, it was a flagrant assault on our electoral rights, our National Security and our fundamental values!" "Corrupting an election, to keep oneself in office, is perhaps, the most abusive and destructive violation of one's oath of office, that I can imagine!"

Republican Senator Mitt Romney, then tells his fellow Senators that he will vote to convict Trump of abuse of power. He told them that, "The House Democrats have proved their case, beyond any shadow of doubt." Many Republicans will consider their vote to not find the President, guilty, as a complete exoneration of his acts to cheat the 2020 election. But they are Wrong to so believe. Trump will forever be Impeached; he is not absolved. And as more investigations look into his campaign contributions, and as Trump continues to be Investigated by both the city and state of New York, and by several agencies of the government, Trump's legal woes will see no end in sight.

# Guest Editorial

## Quotes To Ponder

By: Tom Valverde

"The President will boast that he has been acquitted. There can be no acquittal without a trial, and there is no trial without witnesses, documents, and evidence. By suppressing the evidence and rejecting the most basic elements of a fair judicial process, the Republican Senators have made themselves willing accomplices to the President's cover-up."

Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House

Trump will brag about his being found innocent by the Republican Senate. They had all the evidence needed to oust him for his many acts of obstruction. These Senators have truly forgotten what a high crime is. It is simply any wrongdoing committed by a person in high office. The Presidency is such a high office. No law need be violated,

using the power of the office for personal gain, sending out rogue people as pseudo State Department officials in search of dirt on a political foe, serving as an obstruction to the legal proceedings of the House, these and more illicit actions by Trump, are all justifiable reasons to find Trump, Guilty of committing high crimes! But their actions give credence to the Senators all being complicit. And what does Trump have on these Senators that they should turn themselves inside out to be able to justify their votes to acquit? Trump's ties to Russia are well known, but what isn't much discussed, are the many Republican Senators who have accepted Illegal campaign contributions that is also from foreign sources. So, they keep quiet, in order to stay in Trump's good graces, and not be outed for the traitors which they know they have become. Traitors who have violated the public trust, by not keeping their oaths as jurors in the Impeachment, and when they were sworn in as Senators. There can be nothing that is good, from such a corrupt Senate. The rule of Law is a distant memory!

### LEGAL PUBLICATION

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