



Essential Workers Here! Argentine Federal Savings has been passing out free signs to essential businesses during the coronavirus pandemic as a way to say “thank you” to the many workers putting themselves on the front line. They may have a few left. Give them a call or check out their Facebook page for more information.

Argentine Federal Savings Employee Promotions

Roger McWherter, President & CEO of Argentine Federal Savings, recently announced new promotions and positions at the local community bank.

Jeannie M. Ouder Kirk was elected Senior Vice President & Treasurer. Jeannie began her career in banking in 1984, and came to Argentine Federal in 1995. She serves as the Chief Operations Officer and as manager of the Kansas

City, Kansas location.

Kendra M. Diehl was elected Vice President & Secretary. Kendra began her banking career in banking in 2003, and came to Argentine Federal in 2009. She serves as the Chief Credit & Risk Officer and as the Portfolio Loan Manager for the Institution. Kendra is a graduate of the Kansas/Nebraska School of Banking.

Jack R. VanKirk was elect-

ed Assistant Vice President. Jack began his banking career at Argentine Federal in 2017. He is a cum laude graduate from Emporia State University where he majored in Business Administration. Jack serves as Compliance Officer and Senior Financial Analysis, and is also a graduate of the Kansas/Nebraska School of Banking.

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Help for Wyandotte County Small Businesses Unified Government Announces KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas is contributing \$175,000 in a partnership with financial firm AltCap to launch the KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund.

The funding was approved by the Board of Commissioners and will help support microloans in Wyandotte County for businesses affected by COVID-19. AltCap will begin accepting application Wednesday, May 27.

The contribution of \$175,000 in loan loss reserve from the Unified Government will enable over \$700,000 in loans for mom & pop sized businesses. The Unified Government enhancement will provide microloans of up to \$25,000 for Wyandotte County-based small businesses (20 employees or less; \$750,000 or less annual revenue) in industries experiencing significant loss of business due to COVID-19.

“The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, have stepped forward to not only support local businesses, but also to encourage others to find ways large and small to do the same,” said Mayor David Alvey. “The small businesses that are the backbone of our communities need the lifeline this fund may provide during this difficult time, and every contribution made helps more owners and their employees see a possible path forward.”

The collaboration among local government, civic organizations, community leaders and businesses in Kansas City has uniquely allowed our region to respond to the unprecedented challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has caused.

While federal disaster assistance efforts, including the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), has been able to help many businesses, many of our small businesses have been left out and locally supported efforts are critical.

The KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund is administered by AltCap, a local Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). CDFIs are often at the frontlines of disaster recovery efforts helping communities weather the effects of natural disasters, recessions, and other significant economic events.

Underwriting for the Fund has prioritized sectors like retail, food service, personal services, arts, and hospitality, that were deemed “nonessential” during the pandemic but are vital to the overall health of our communities and economy.

The loan loss reserve provided by the Unified Government (UG) will further target those small businesses that have challenges when trying to take advantage of the State-wide and federal assistance programs.

The first round of funding saw unprecedented application volume from businesses across the region. One Wyandotte County business that has received a loan from the KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund because the federal programs did not fit their specific needs but the flexibility of the AltCap loan will allow them to pay rent and utilities until they open.

Mary Thurber of KC Bowl said, “I want thank [the Unified Government] for helping small businesses in general, and specifically for helping us. We know that there are only so many dollars to give away and we are so grateful that UG had given them to a fund that helps businesses like ours. Everybody needs it right now, and we don’t know what we’d do without it.”

The next round of KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund opens on Wednesday, May 27. Wyandotte County small businesses will be prioritized due to the contribution by the UG. Interested small businesses should visit www.alt-cap.org for more information and to apply. The application and application assistance will be available in English and Spanish.

About the KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund

The KC COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Fund is a community-backed \$5 million small business relief loan fund created to provide a financial lifeline to local small businesses experiencing extreme economic disruption and financial strain as a result of the necessary public health measures to combat the COVID-19 virus. The loan fund is administered by AltCap, and supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the Civic Council of Great Kansas City, Port KC, the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, KCSourcelink, and KC Rise Fund, with very generous donations from local business and civic leaders listed at www.alt-cap.org/covid-relief-fund.

Sue's Soapbox

By: Sue Reich



This "pandemic" has really changed a lot of people. Some are a lot nicer; some are a lot meaner. Oh my, guess which one I am. I never know from day to day what kind of mood I am going to be in. My birthday last year and this year were both horrible. So was Mother's Day. My own Mr. Ed didn't even wish me a Happy Birthday. My beautiful niece in Oregon had a lovely bouquet sent to me on my birthday, my wonderful son, John (a Turner Graduate), had a bouquet sent to me for Mother's day. John, "my RN son" and his family sent cards for each day, that was one week apart.

Guess what? This old silver haired lady that goes out in any kind of weather to deliver *The Record*, got a gosh darn speeding ticket last Tuesday. Mr. Ed has dementia, the whole week was a big pain in the heinie, and there comes ol' Sue trying to get home to Mr. Ed. A motorcycle cop was behind me just as I was going to turn on Key Lane. Now, that is all I need. I lost my sisters around my birthday last year, had a crummy one this year, now that. with all the murders, shootings, and gun fire everywhere, here comes that sweet old lady that doesn't deliberately hurt anyone in her life, she has two chronic diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia all thru her body, gets a ticket, over \$100. No, I don't think so. Why me when all I was doing but trying to get home to my 3 furbabies and an elderly husband. And, I was NOT speeding. I couldn't even see his face. He stood way back, didn't have a radar gun, nothing. I suppose it was just his own little brain that he guessed. He never said. I didn't argue but I was sure ticked off. I was the only car

around. Oh well, that's my luck. I am telling everyone about it because I am not going to pay that big \$\$\$ of an unwarranted ticket. Maybe if I am in jail, I will get some peace and quiet. Yes, I am disgusted.

Where are the killers of those two teenage boys that were murdered? Is this stupid virus making everyone lose their mind? Are we still in the good ol' USA? Please tell me, am I the only one who is going thru their own pandemic? Get off of that Sue. This is hard on 99% of our people but good grief, leave us Senior Citizens alone. I have chased illegal dumpers out of here, I give to the Humane Society, the Shepherd's Center, do what I can for Wyandotte County, then this?

While I was fixing supper this evening, there was a knock at my front door. Another wonderful neighbor. What more can an old lady ask for. He wanted to talk to me about mowing our lawn. Some people ARE THE GREATEST. Then there are "others". Lol. That other "kid" that mowed our lawn use to mow down my flowers and even got paid to do it. Never a word was said. It caused a lot of discourse in this household. How's everyone's garden and flowers doing? I finally, yes finally, have some growing. Yea!! So maybe, just maybe I will have some color in my front yards. I went thru my house like a Tasmanian devil. Dusted, vacuumed, washed throw rugs, put away a lot of dust collectors knick knacks, no more doilies or cutesy little scarves on my tables, etc. We live on a dusty road with all these big semis going down Holliday Drive. Is today my gripe day? Sure sounds like it doesn't it. Naw, I will get over it. I think we are all getting cabin fever. Stir crazy, claustrophobia and antsy.

Guess I will sign off. Sorry for the negativity. Hey, have a good day, hope and pray they do something about this nasty germ that is messing up everyone's lives. I miss all you people. I really do. Tale care. K? Luv ya, Sue. Mind your p's and q's.

"A friend is a present you give yourself". *Treasures of Silver*.

Murder in KCK

By: Sue Reich

You know, this county, state, country and world has really gotten out of hand. I used to have a ball down at 11th and Metropolitan. My cousins, neighborhood kids would play all kinds of outdoor games, have a great time. Mom would whistle and the whole block would run to their house. I lived at 1141 Metropolitan. We played on brick sidewalks, skated,

biked, kids, kids, kids, everywhere. NOW-----a murder of all things at 11th and Metropolitan. That was our play area, our playground, the church that is there now was our softball lot, another era of wonderful memories getting slowly pushed away with violence and time. On our safe, fun, Metropolitan. Can't believe it. I Can't believe a lot of things that are happening. A senior that went to JC Harmon high was murdered at

11th and Metropolitan. Our Metropolitan. Our fun place. A murder?

His name was Jesus Abaraca. A 17 year old senior at Harmon High. Let that ring thru your head. I worked at Harmon for ten years. I was in the Special Education Department. I worked with some of the most wonderful people I have ever known. Why, why, why have things changed so drastically?

Jesus was shot at 11: 15 p.m. in the 1100 block of Metropolitan. He was found with life threatening injuries, but died at the hospital. Another "unsolved murder" I am sure. Argentine was the best place in the whole KCK area, a safe place, a fun place. We could go anywhere and when the streetlights came on there was a sudden quiet. A peaceful quiet with the echoes of our laughter, our screams, of skates, tin cans, bicycles. I can still hear the positives noises of our childish moments that we left. Unsolved murders now. We didn't know what "murder" was. Now it is a daily occurrence anytime, anyplace.

What about the other Harmon student that was murdered on Maple Hill in the laundromat? That is still unsolved. I even gave them some clues. I bet it wasn't even followed through. I still put the WANTED poster in this paper. Sometimes I forget. Just like he has been forgotten. \$8,000, guess that isn't money enough. What in the heck is wrong with our American people nowadays? I just turned 79, live at home (if you call it living) with a husband that has a case of dementia. I deliver papers regardless of the weather. Never miss a delivery day, Never! I was coming home to my Mr. Ed. A motorcycle cop stopped me. Now here I am, 79, a crummy birthday, and I get stopped for speeding. Hey, why aren't they out catching dopers, murderers, REAL speeders? I just don't understand what in the world is going on anymore. Oh, yeah, lets' nab those silver hair old ladies with crippled hands and a body that doesn't work like it used to. I am willing to go to jail because I wasn't out killing anyone with a "legal gun". But please all of you citizens, be sure and "obey the law". Join me in my jail cell. Hey, I love you all , regardless.



This is Denis Bailes. He is one of the most "wonderful" people in our neighborhood. I mean Really! Mr. Ed is unable to mow our yard. I heard a motor running outside earlier. Guess what? There was Denis mowing our yard. He is really going to get a star in his crown.



This is Gary O'Neal and his son, a new graduate. They are another part of our wonderful neighborhood. Again, heard a familiar noise, yep, there he is. Dear Caleb. One of the best teenagers I'll ever know. He was a "bun in the oven", when we first moved here. Love you guys. Thanks Caleb. Little stinker wouldn't even take any money.



All is quiet on the Western front. Walk in lobby only. Two great men, Rusty & Gary who own this business said they have noticed a "big dip" in their business.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

While watching the news last night I learned that Drive-In Theatres are picking up in popularity because of the pandemic. It brought memories of when my family would pile into the car when I was a kid and go to the drive-in on the weekends. I spent my grade school years in Pittsburg, KS with one drive-in located on 69 Highway north of town and another one south. We always went to the one south of town. When we moved to Kansas City, there were a lot more to choose from - Riverside, Lakeside (at Wyandotte County Lake) State Avenue Twin (about

50th & State), Boulevard (on Merriam Lane), and another on 78th street south of State Avenue but north of I-70. I do not remember its name. There were some in Kansas City MO, but we didn't go to those. The Boulevard is the only one in the immediate area now and they show movies on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The only other ones I could find in the area was in Independence, MO, the I-70 and Twin Drive-ins. I think it cost a dollar or two per carload to get in. Once there, we would go to the playground before the movie started, then grab a blanket or lawn chair to sit on in front of the car, eat popcorn and drink pop we brought from home. Sometimes the mosquitoes drove us crazy. My last memory of going to a drive-in with my mom was when I was a teen, we went to Lakeside and saw "South Pacific" with Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza and sat in the car. When our sons were little, Calvin and I took them to drive-ins, it required no babysitters and was cheap fun.

Nosy me, I checked Wiki-

pedia to see when drive-ins actually began and was surprised to find out that the first one was in Comanche, TX in 1921 showing silent movies. About twelve years later (1933) a fellow patented the idea. There was always a sound problem but in 1941 RCA introduced car speakers. In the late 50's and early 60's most of the drive-ins were located in rural areas. At their peak in the 50's about 4600 existed, today only about 300 are in the 50 states. One reason for the decline was runaway inflation and high interest rates in the 80's made large tracts of land expensive and too valuable to continue. Some were turned into industrial complexes, strip malls. By 2015, those who could not afford to convert from the projector presentation to digital went by the wayside. The cost was around \$80,000 - a bit expensive. In today's world with DVD's, DVR's and streaming services, it's refreshing to see something from the past is still surviving.

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Wyandotte County Faces Challenge of Coronavirus

By Murrel Bland

Wyandotte County has moved from a "Stay-at-Home" status caused by the coronavirus pandemic to the "Red Zone." This move was discussed in a teleconference led by Maureen Mahoney, the chief-of-staff for Mayor David Alvey Tuesday afternoon, May 12.

Those participating in the conversation included representatives from the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce, the Unified Government and myself. The document used for the basis of discussion was entitled Re-Start WyCo road to recovery. Members of Business West who helped prepare the document were Melissa Nead of The Dotte Spot Bar and Grill and Bob Davis of Thatcher Funeral Home.

The move to the Red Zone still encourages persons to stay at home as much as possible. Outdoor activities should be limited to no more than 10 persons. Masks should be worn when in public.

Nursing homes are encouraged to maintain social distancing as much as possible. Nursing home

employees are required to report to the Unified Government's Health Department any resident or employee who tests positive for the coronavirus.

Retail stores should encourage shoppers to order items online or by telephone. Elective medical and dental services are discouraged. Office employees are encouraged to work from home if possible. Dine-in and bar services in restaurants are prohibited; carryout and delivery service are allowed. Hotels and motels are allowed to operate at no more than 25 percent capacity.

Child care organizations should keep children in rooms with 10 or less children. Remote or distance learning is encouraged for school students. Personal services, such as those performed by cosmetologists and barbers, are not allowed. Real estate agents will be allowed to show homes by appointment; open houses are not allowed. Only essential construction, including homes, is allowed.

Churches are encouraged to hold services in their parking lots or online. Entertainment venues, community centers and museums are closed. Mass sporting events are allowed, but without fans. Park spaces may remain open, but climbing on equipment is forbidden.

The Unified Government Health Department, with support from law enforcement and the municipal court, can impose fines of \$500 and a jail sentence of up to 30 days.

The plan is to move from the Red Zone to the less restrictive Yellow Zone in about seven days. That movement will take place assuming there is a stable number of deaths and illness caused by the coronavirus.

For more information, see the website www.wyandotte.org/restartwyco.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of *The Wyandotte West* and *The Piper Press*. He is executive director of Business West.

Running A Business And A Household In The Age of Remote Working

The question of where worklife ends and homelife begins took on new meaning when COVID-19 forced people to work from home while simultaneously caring for children whose schools and daycare centers shut down.

But as people struggle to balance the two, they may find there are more similarities between work and home than they realized, says Marsha Friedman, an entrepreneur, wife, mother of four, and founder and president of News & Experts (www.newsandexperts.com), a national PR firm.

"I've always felt that running a business and running a household have a lot in common," says Friedman, who is also the ForbesBooks author of *Gaining the Publicity Edge: An Entrepreneur's Guide to Growing Your Brand Through National Media Coverage*.

"It's become even more apparent now that we are running our businesses from our households. In both situations you have budgeting, planning, and one-on-one sessions to discuss challenges you are facing."

Friedman says being willing to rethink roles is important for working couples raising families under the current situation where the home temporarily has become the office.

"Suddenly, you are managing both your work and your personal life in ways you did not have to before," she says.

Friedman says one way for couples to bring better balance to their lives is to apply some workplace strategies to the home, both during this crisis, and once it's over. She suggests:

* Consider your division of labor. At work, people are assigned specific jobs and responsibilities based on the needs of the business. The same is true in the household, Friedman says. Jobs around the house need to be delegated, just as they are in an office. Prioritize what tasks must be done, she says, and decide who takes on each responsibility, whether it's the wife, the husband or the children.

* Be thoughtful about the way you delegate those jobs. "In business, my philosophy is matching up the interests

and skills of the person to the needs of the company," Friedman says. "You can do the same with household chores." One spouse might enjoy cooking; the other might like shopping. Consider whether one person is better skilled at a certain task or brings more passion to it.

* Understand and appreciate each person's role. In business, you interact with other employees and attend team meetings, which gives you insight into the scope of other people's jobs and an appreciation for what they do. That can happen at home as well. "Even these days, in many families the spouse at work in an office doesn't always see everything that's involved in running a household," Friedman says. "This stay-at-home period has allowed them to see what happens at home when they are away. This can add a lot to the quality of the relationship."

Eventually, most people will ease back into some form of their old life, where once again there's physical separation between work and home. When that happens, don't forfeit the progress you made improving that worklife-homelife balance,

Friedman says.

"If you made this work during the pandemic," she says, "you don't want to lose the ground you gained in your relationship."

About Marsha Friedman
Marsha Friedman, the ForbesBooks author of *Gaining the Publicity Edge: An Entrepreneur's Guide to Growing Your Brand Through National Media Coverage*, is a businesswoman and public relations expert with nearly 30 years' experience developing publicity strategies for celebrities, corporations and professionals in the field of business, health and finance. Using the proprietary system she created as founder and President of News & Experts (www.newsandexperts.com), an award-winning national public relations agency, she secures thousands of top-tier media placements annually for her clients. The former senior vice president for marketing at the American Economic Council, Marsha is a sought-after advisor on PR issues and strategies, who shares her knowledge both as a popular speaker around the country and in her Amazon best-selling book, *Celebritize Yourself*.

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Gary W. Livengood was elected Assistant Vice President. Gary began his banking career in 2009, and came to Argentine Federal in 2019. He is a graduate of Central Missouri University where he majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Business Management. Gary serves as the Secondary Mortgage Market Manager for the Association. He is a former Branch Manager at United Mortgage in Overland Park and at Pro Lending in Liberty, Missouri.

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Business West Update:

Providence to resume non-emergency procedures

Providence Medical Center has begun scheduling elective surgeries and procedures. Dr. Sabato Sisillo, the chief medical officer at Providence, said the hospital is following guidelines established by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses and the American Hospital Association. Dr. Sisillo said the hospital is carefully monitoring the coronavirus's impact on the community and will maintain its ability to respond to the community needs.

Speedway to reschedule May 30-31 race

The Kansas Speedway will reschedule its May 30-31 race because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Speedway announced that it will continue to work closely with NASCAR while monitoring the coronavirus pandemic. Specific dates will be announced later.

BPU urges businesses to flush water lines

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities has asked that businesses who have been closed because of the coronavirus pandemic take precautions to retain water quality. Buildings that have been closed for a week or more should have service lines and internal plumbing completely flushed. Persons with questions should telephone 913-573-9622.

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Guest Editorial

First, "Who Knew?" W.H.O. Never Informed! Now, "We Were Working on a Vaccine, on January 11th!"

By: Tom Valverde

More outlandish claims at a press conference, from President Trump. Recall how Trump threatened to cut off funding to the World Health Organization, (W.H.O.) because "they weren't getting the job done"? Trump most likely has no idea of the fact that the United States has many Government officials who work there in Geneva, Switzerland. For Trump, the W.H.O. is a target, a "they," that he can point to, and blame. Trump most likely is unaware that not only does the U.S. fund its work, but our own CDC, NIH researchers and members from the U.S. Intelligence agencies are there, doing important work on behalf of the American people.

Trump loves to admonish and uses this to deflect attention from his own failings. At the start of this year, Trump had been in office 3 years, but he blames the Obama Administration because, "the cupboards were bare," of the required personal protective equipment. If found bare, Trump should have been the one to order them to be restocked. But he'd rather blame Obama, who's been out of office for over 3 years, for his problems. And sadly, those cupboards are still lacking. So many doctors and nurses go to work, wearing make-shift personal, protective equipment, and some even say that they go online to purchase their own equipment. 5 months into the Coronavirus outbreak, and the situation for medical staff remains the same, unbelievable.

On a recent program of the 11th Hour with Brian Williams, he interviewed Dr. Irwin Redliner, Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP). Returning to how President Trump, a person with no medical training, keeps trying to push certain drugs or medical procedures. Mr. Williams asks: "Doctor Redliner, the president has been actively promoting the Abbott test, he had a box displayed, on a small table along with the Presidential Seal. The Abbott test happens to be the subject of a CDC Advisory Warning that upwards of a 50% False- Positive/False Negative reading. What do you make of that? Dr. Redliner: "I believe that it's preposterous to be pushing this test, that has not been fully tested prior to its release!" "And a 50/50 chance? You may as well flip a coin!" "It's a ridiculous situation that we've been put in here now." "And it's almost 400 test kits* that have been given this Emergency Use authorization by the FDA. *(President Trump asked that the test regulations be loosened by the FDA, to place testing kits on the market, whether they were effective or not). "And we still don't have what we need to have, which is accurate, reliable, ability to test on the spot, and do it rapidly." "Without that, this is a terrible situation for the Governors to be reopening any businesses, until we have accurate tests available at the point of service that can be done rapidly." "We need to hold off on reopening, it's too dangerous. This is a political ploy, and it's very unsettling."

Another doctor of holding off on reopening is the Dean of Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Lloyd Minor. He said, "if we are able to lower the incidence, across the country, and were able to scale up testing, and have contact tracing, we will be able to resume some of our normal activities, that we will be able to be in public places, probably with masking, to be safe." "But, these elements must be in place, before we can move forward." Well, most of the country has moved forward and the lockdown orders have been lifted and some workers in meat processing plants ordered to return to work, with no more safety measures than before. And the result is that thousands have Covid-19. We can only hope that workers in other industries are not also put in risk of being infected, and then taking the Coronavirus back to their homes, to then infect family and neighbors. It is so important to always wear a mask when out in public. Take care!

Last American N-95 Mask Manufacturer Details "Lack of Any Sense of Urgency" By Trump Administration To Prepare For Covid-19 Pandemic

By: Tom Valverde

Mike Bowen is co-owner of Prestige-Ameritech, near Ft. Worth, TX. His company is the last U.S. company that still manufactures N-95 protective masks for doctors and nurses. In mid-January, when he hears of the Coronavirus outbreak, Bowen sends an email to Dr. Rick Bright, "We're in deep shit, the World is, and we need to act." Dr. Bright testified, last week to a House Subcommittee and told lawmakers that, he had, "Pushed it forward to the highest levels of HHS, and got no response." Mike Bowen writes to HHS, and after having no good response from the letter, written in late January regarding the need to begin to stockpile protective face masks. When no orders arrive to supply the pressing need for his companies' masks, he then writes to Dr. Rick Bright, "Please ask your associates to, convey the gravity if this National Health Security issue to the White House." Bowen knew that the existing US stockpile of N-95 masks would be sufficient for only 1% of the country's need, in the event of a category 5 pandemic. But time and again, the Trump administration ignored his offer to provide the Millions of masks that would be needed.

Dr. Bright testified, "Lives were endangered and I believe lost. And we were forced to

procure these supplies from other countries, without the right quality standards." "So, even our doctors and nurses in hospitals today wearing N-95 masks from other countries, that do not provide sufficient protection, which a U.S. standard N-95 mask would provide them." "Some of these masks are Only 30% effective. Therefore, nurses are rushing into hospitals, thinking they're protected, and they're not." CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta was shocked, "I mean that's pretty staggering to hear. I work in a hospital, I wear a N-95 mask, he is suggesting a 30% protection -- that's a false sense of security. I get it that it comes back to the idea of preparedness over - all, but if this is true, should Dr. Bright not have spoken earlier? I mean we're months into this, -- inadequate masks for that long, for health care workers?!"

Attorney for Dr. Bright, Lisa Banks responds, "Dr. Bright was speaking all along. He understood that we had a significant supply chain problem. And, he was beating the drum, early on, at all levels of HHS. He tried to get domestic protection ramped up, and to try to keep from exporting masks, and to do whatever he was capable of doing, to sound the alarm. And, he did that, and unfortunately, the administration delayed

several months, before they put any of those plans in place." It was reported that, HHS Director, Alex Azar had "Dismissed Dr. Bright's Pandemic warnings, as being just a lot of commotion." Dr. Bright warned the lawmakers at the hearing, "The undeniable fact is there will be a resurgence of the Covid-19 this fall, greatly compounding the challenges of seasonal Influenza, and putting an unprecedented strain on our health care system." Dr. Bright added, "Without clear planning and implementation of the steps that I and other experts have outlined, 2020 will be the darkest Winter in modern history."

All we can do is hope and pray for, is that a more concerted and collaborative effort by the Trump administration, will take place. Remember to always follow CDC guidance for preventing being infected with Covid-19, this will be a new way of life, for the foreseeable future, here in the United States. Solemnly remembering those who have died in the pandemic and thanking again all the frontline workers who put their lives at risk, to serve others!

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Benefit event helps suicide prevention

Area businesses contributed \$4,390 to Wyandot Behavioral Network following the Ronni Ward Band event held earlier this year. The money will go toward the agency's effort to prevent suicide. Those who contributed included the Venue at Willow Creek, Olive Events, Carl's Cause, Hello Big Idea, Icon Event Group, Reece Nichols Roberts Realtors, Justin's Liquor, Kelly Farmhouse Cookies, Will Fischer Power Sales, Painting Petunias, Secured Title, Gomer's Liquor Store, Papa Kenos, Wyatt Roberts and Nick and Jake's.

Dairy Farmers buy Dean Foods

Dairy Farmers of America, with headquarters in Village West, has closed on the sale of Dean Foods, the largest milk producer in the United States. Dean had filed for reorganization protection under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law. The purchase price was \$433 Million. DFA said the purchase will secure milk markets for its farmer members and save about 11,000 jobs.

Soccer team works out

Sporting Kansas City, a Major League Soccer team based in Village West, is working out these days in anticipating a return to competition. Players take coronavirus and antibody tests. Coach Peter Vermes was instrumental in getting the MLS to permit workouts.

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Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Ken Osmond, age 76, passed away May 18, 2020. He was the troublemaker "Eddie Haskell" in the TV show, "Leave It to Beaver." He was also a motorcycle cop in his adult life.

Phyllis Ann George, age 70, passed away May 14, 2020. She won Miss Texas in 1970, Miss American 1971, and was a trailblazer for women sports announcers.



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