



The Record

Remembering Dr. J.J. Swanson



By Murrel Bland

I remember the first time I met Dr. J.J. Swanson. It was on a Friday afternoon in the late 1960s at Vance Elementary School. We were judges at a pet contest that the school was sponsoring. Boys and girls brought their dogs and cats.

Dr. Swanson said he was

somewhat apprehensive about being a judge because many of the pets were ones he had treated as a veterinarian.

During the next several years, our paths would cross several times. He and his sons, John and Jim, were the veterinarians who took care of our pets.

Dr. Swanson was a charter member and President of the Leavenworth Road Association. I recall cooperating with the LRA when it joined with Business West and the Wyandotte County Fair Association to sponsor Home shows and benefit auctions.

Dr. Swanson served on boards of several organizations including the Wyandotte County Fair Association, the Wyandotte County Board of Health, the Kansas State Ex-

tension Service and what is now the United Way. He was an ambassador for the Kansas Speedway.

In 1997 and in 2001, Dr. Swanson was elected to the Unified Commission from the First District At-Large.

I will always remember Dr. Swanson as a kind and considerate person who was always ready to serve his community. He died May 16. He was 90.

The family has suggested that persons wishing to remember Dr. Swanson may donate to the Wellness Center at Kansas City, Kansas, Community College or the Historical Society of Stanley, Wisc.

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Economic Development Seen As Key

By: Murrel Bland

The solution to providing necessary governmental services is not higher taxes but expanding the tax base.

That was the message that Mayor David Alvey delivered to about 30 members of the Congressional Forum Friday, May 21 via ZOOM. The Forum is a committee of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor, who is running for re-election this year, showed a promotional upbeat video that told of the progress that the city and county has made during the past several months. During 2020, despite the coronavirus pandemic, Wyandotte County saw nearly \$1 billion in new development that will produce an estimated 10,000 jobs.

Mayor Alvey cited the Urban

Outfitters distribution center on property that was sold by the Kansas Speedway; Turner Logistics warehouses in the area of the Turner Diagonal; and Homefield, a sports complex which is proposed to include apartments, a hotel and related retail. It will be on the former Schlitterbahn property.

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A School Year to Remember

By Dr. Jim Haas

Congratulations to high school and college graduates and to all the students who toughed it out through a truly challenging school year. Congratulations as well to the parents and teachers who went far beyond what many thought



possible in giving their time and talents to help students succeed.

An inspiring and useful graduation talk is posted on Facebook by former labor secretary Robert Reich, a popular public policy professor at Cal-Berkeley. The 22-minute video is from his last class of the semester for several hundred mostly seniors and uses four famous 1842 paintings by Thomas Cole as a guide for students to think about themselves and their goals. (On Reich's Facebook page, the video's title is "Into the World of Work.")

In his paintings, Cole illustrated the Voyages of Life titled *Childhood*, *Youth* (pictured), *Manhood*, and *Old Age* by showing a man traveling by boat along a river in the American wilderness (watched over by a guardian angel reflecting the religious tenor of the time). With childhood behind them, graduates (men and women, even though Cole, typical of his time, ignored women) are at the beginning of their youth, hopeful of reaching goals represented in the painting by a glowing castle on a distant hill.

The river is calm until manhood is reached when it turns treacherous with the responsibilities of career and family and the inevitable failures that happen to everyone. The test of manhood and womanhood is resilience and steadiness during trying times. Current grads have certainly been tested by trying times and have passed.

It's a rare young graduate who thinks seriously about old age, but a useful exercise when young is to consider what we'd like to have devoted our one and only precious life to so that in old age we can look back with satisfaction at a life well lived. On Facebook, Professor Reich polls his class (using anonymous clickers) about what they hope to have achieved by old age: be famous and celebrated (6 percent), made the world a better place (45 percent), have a wonderful family and friends (44 percent), be wealthy (3 percent). It was just a quickie poll—there could have been other choices and they're not mutually exclusive—but the overwhelming priorities were clear and encouraging. His students are unselfish and committed to the greater good.

For those of us well beyond graduation, the pandemic has taught us, or reminded us of, some important lessons about schooling:

- While remote learning can be a valuable supplement, for most subjects most of the time, online instruction is a poor substitute for face-to-face interaction among students led by an able teacher.
- Parents matter, especially when they stay in touch with teachers to monitor their students' progress, ensure needed resources are available, and provide encouragement.
- Nearly one in four U.S. students lack reliable high-speed Internet access at home, a "digital divide" that harms many who need help the most (The Biden-Harris Jobs Plan would extend broadband infrastructure to rural areas and other places lacking service much like FDR extended electrification as a public utility in the 1930s.).
- Teachers in every grade and subject have been remarkably creative designing and conducting parallel hybrid and remote classes. Their extra workload has been enormous.

In Kansas, extra credit goes to Governor Laura Kelly, who is living up to her promise to be the "education governor." This will be the third consecutive year that Kansas schools have been fully funded—a dramatic reversal from years of inadequate funding under the Brownback "trickle down" tax cut disaster.

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



do” back at him, but I don’t want the neighbors to think I am a bit wacky. He sure is a beauty. Struts around like Mr. Studley. Who wouldn’t with all those hens around?

Omgosh, did you hear about the murder in Argentine? It was about 29th and Strong. It wasn’t in the paper this morning, just a tad on the news. Why, I wonder why they don’t talk more about that? To us that is important, and this is our area and we should get more information about our local stuff. It is so disappointing that KCK doesn’t have more local news. After all, most of us take the paper and since the Kansan isn’t printed anymore, we sort of get left out. We pay as much as anyone else. We just get brushed under the rug.

Denny the barber on Maple Hill had to go back to the hospital. He had some sort of slip-up and now has an infection. Sure hope he gets better. I figured the trash would be picked up in the turnaround. but not too far from it there were two mattresses on the road. I got to see my friends at Amigos on Tuesday. Glad to see them back in their old familiar booth. Guess what? AHS “might” have their all-class reunion next year.

It’s that time of the night and I had better sign off. It has been a long week so far. I am constantly on the move. Hey y’all, take care, K? Mind your p’s and q’s and keep your hands washed and sanitized. Ivya all and mind your manners, be kind. Your friend, Sue In memory of my three sisters of Argentine, Gayle, Carolyn and Marilyn Larson To say a friend is like a sister is to pay the ultimate compliment.

The sun came out, it went away, came out again, oh what a day. It rained a bit when I was delivering. Sure, is craaaazy weather in this area. I carry an umbrella in the van but don’t use it, by the time I put it up, the rain stops. Well, got the phones all hooked up here and there, I don’t put one in my bedroom anymore. Get calls and wakes me up so I put it in a different room. Having my fubabies wake me up to go outside is bad enough.

So how is everyone handling this pandemic stuff? Hopefully it is easing off. So sorry that so many people have passed from it but Mr. Ed and I are still going to wear our masks as long as possible. Seen a lot of people already not wearing them. Usually when we are out on Tuesday, I go to the store and needed a few things and there were no eggs. No Eggs? Very unusual. The clerk told me the egg delivery person had a wreck and all the eggs were demolished. So right now, I am down to 2 eggs left. Wonder if that will raise the price of them? In the morning when I go out to get the paper, I hear a rooster crow and he always gives me a smile. I would like to “cockadoodle-



James Neal doing some quick work on the laptop.



Steve the Pastor at First Baptist Church in Turner.



Beautiful crosses at a local church.



Pen & paper is set out to write a name and/or message for those who are no longer with us.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Before the internet, encyclopedias were my go-to for information. When I run across something I don't understand or piques my interest, I have to look it up. So, it was with the last book I read, David Baldacci's "Gambling Man.". Set in the early 50's, it follows the adventures of an ex-con traveling from Reno to California with hopes of becoming a P.I. and the folks he encounters once he reaches his destination. This book read like one of those old detective novels – shades of Sam Spade. It's the second of a series, the first being "One Good Deed". I may have even

mentioned the same thing about that novel a few years back. Anyway, the fellow acquired "an eye-popping bloodred 1939 Delahaye convertible". There it is- had to find out more about this car. It was made in France by the Delahaye company who made these roadsters for over 30 years and went out of business in 1954. It is absolutely gorgeous with sweeping lines beyond beautiful. Its price is comparable to a Rolls Royce. There are kits to recreate the model that run about \$500,000. Too rich for my blood. Anyway, I was impressed with the car and enjoyed the flavor of the novel – one of the characters referred himself as a shamus—private investigator for you young folks.

Switching gears, (get it) the noon Wednesday K-State Garden Hour Subjects for this month June 2 – Effective Irrigation and June 16 – Native Plants to Support Native Bees. They are recorded so if you miss any in the series contact ksre-learn.com/kstategardenhour.

Some events you may want to put on your calendar:

Turner Recreation Commis-

sion is hosting Food Truck Thursday beginning July 1 thru August from 5-8 pm. I'm assuming that it will be held at the Rec Center Building.

Argentine Betterment Corporation and Argentine Silver City Celebration is hosting an Argentine Block Party on June 26 beginning at 5 pm at Emerson Park, 2717 Strong Ave. Food trucks will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own picnic, chairs, and yard games.

USD#202 Parents as Teachers and Turner Early Childhood Literacy Program is hosting Summertime Toddler Tuesday at Pierson Park beginning June 8 through July 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Opportunity to meet other parents, snacks, and play-time for the little ones.

One last note for those looking for summer employment or permanent positions – I counted 51 job openings on the United Government website today. I am not a recruiter; however, many are entry level and could provide career opportunities.

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Guest Editorials

In Pennsylvania, Three Cases of Voter Fraud Were Found!

By: Tom Valverde

Yes, and in each of the three cases, voters were attempting to cast extra votes for Donald Trump! So much for the existence of wide-spread voter fraud! 60 court cases have been brought on the behalf of the former president, and All were dismissed for the lack of any supporting evidence. MSNBC'S, Nicolle Wallace had Josh Shapiro, who is the Attorney General of Pennsylvania, as her guest on Deadline: White House. They discussed all the ramifications of the big lie being used in United States courts.

Mr. Shapiro: "It seems to me; we can't allow Trump's lawyers to use the courts of the United States to perpetuate that big lie and to do so without any consequences. They have not only harmed our Democracy, but they've cost taxpayers here in Pennsylvania and across the country, millions and millions of dollars. Pennsylvania spent more than \$3 million dollars on outside attorneys to respond to lawsuits brought by the Trump Campaign. These consequences must not be ignored." Mr. Shapiro continues, "Our elected officials in the state can't come together to condemn the former president's big lie because the Republican party has been

hijacked by Donald Trump--they are afraid of him. They can't win a primary without him and I don't think they can win any general election with him. Trump is toxic, not just to our Democracy, but to the Republican party."

Nicolle Wallace: "And they threatened all of us. There's an intersection between the big lie and the current violent extremism." She then reads from a letter that Mr. Shapiro had written, "Mr. Guiliani peddled false claims, both in and out of Court -- that ex-president Trump had, in fact, won the presidential election, or that Trump was the victim of wide-spread voter fraud, neither of which is true. And although Mr. Guiliani's lies predictably failed to convince any judge to disregard the voters will, his abusive misuse of courts had serious consequences. Pennsylvania election workers have received death threats from individuals convinced of the truth of Guiliani's lies."

Mr. Shapiro replies, "We want to make sure that the lawyers who engaged in these unethical practices and unethical conduct and who tried to undermine our Democracy through the use of the courts, that they are held accountable. That cannot be ignored. We appeal to the

proper disciplinary board in New York State who oversee Rudy Guiliani's license to simply say, "Don't look the other way, make sure that there are consequences for this type of conduct." Mr. Shapiro ends with this: "We will overcome this big lie. The best way to overcome it is to have accountability in our system. For the lawyers who perpetuate the big lie and for the politicians who enable it. We must make sure that there is an honest conversation about what happened in these court rooms in Pennsylvania and what happened on January 6th at the Capitol and the connection between the two. There's a direct causal connection between the two. It must be explored, and people must be held accountable."

For the 4 years that Trump was in office, this is precisely what led to the many breakdowns that are to be found in Politics today. No one was held to account, and many that Trump and his Attorney General Bill Barr were charged with only Trump's Political agenda in mind. Trump misused the power of presidential pardon, to pardon his own criminal associates. Trump lacks an important quality needed in a president; he doesn't have a moral compass. Courts will reveal Corruption in office that has never before existed without anyone being held to account. As former Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill quipped, "At the Trump White House, it's a scandal a minute!" Trump's hold on the former Republican party will soon end as he is Indicted and found guilty, in the many Criminal Court cases that Trump now faces. Trump's undoing is all of his own volition.

Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

A good recipe doesn't have to be complicated or involve many ingredients in order to be tasty. This week's tasty treat is a basic family-style cookie, and best of all, it's made using just one mixing bowl. Hope you will soon try...

Family Cookies

Ingredients:

1 Lg. Egg at room temperature

1/2c Canola oil

1 t Vanilla

1/4 t Salt

1 1/3 c Flour

1/2 t Baking Powder

Topping:

1/2 c Sugar or Cinnamon sugar.

Directions:

Set over to 375°. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Place the egg and oil in a mixing bowl and beat well. Beat in the Vanilla and the salt. Stir in the flour and the baking powder to form the dough. Pinch off tablespoons of the dough and roll into a ball. Dip the tops into the sugar or cinnamon sugar.

Place them on a cookie sheet, spaced 2" apart. Pat gently to flatten just a little. Take a fork, and press, once on top to leave the fork's pattern on each cookie.

Bake at 375°, for 8-10 minutes.

As you see, these cookies are very uncomplicated and have steps that even small children can help with. You can pinch the dough and they can shape the small balls and dip the tops into the sugar. They can even indent the tops with the fork once you have gently flatten each ball. Leave the tops plain, and frost with buttercream or Chocolate frosting. Then use sprinkles to decorate. Or simply dust with powdered sugar. These cookies are ready in no time at all, and if made with your "little helpers" will be so much the better for them to have with a glass of cold milk. And for yourself, a fresh cup of coffee is all they require. Enjoy!

Economic Development ...from page 1

The need to streamline the permitting process for builders and developers was an issue the Mayor noted. He said that Rob Richardson, the former planning director for the Unified Government, is helping in this area. Mayor Alvey said he will meet with members of the Board of Public Utilities to encourage them to waive hookup fees in older areas to encourage residential

development. The Mayor is a former President of the BPU.

The Mayor said the county needs to think long-term—what will the needs be 20 to 25 years from now.

Others who are running for Mayor are Daran Duffy, a truck driver; Tyrone Garner, a former deputy police chief; and Janice Grant Witt, a community activist.

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The governing body of Unified School District 500 will meet on the 22nd day of June, 2021 at 5:00 PM, at 2010 N 59th St for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Central Office and will be available at this hearing.

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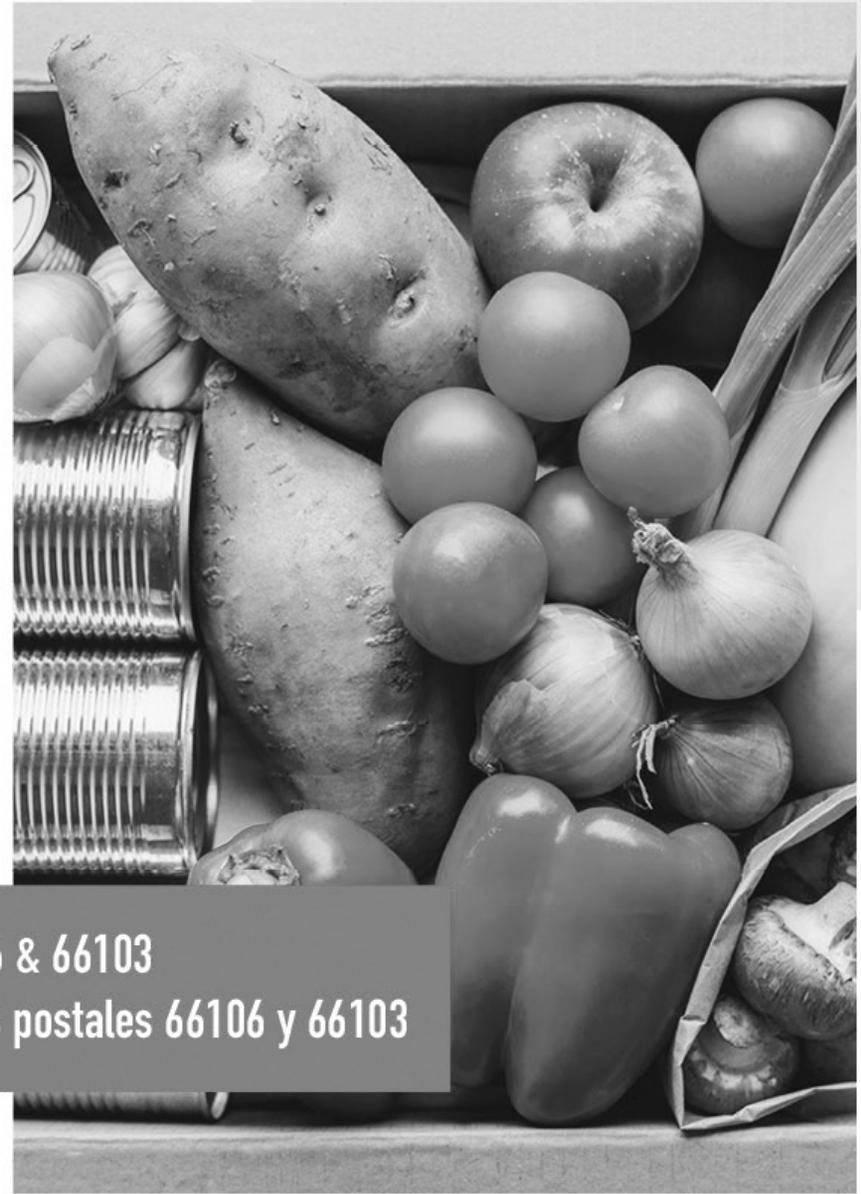
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