



# The Record

## Kansas' Tax Receipts Up \$604.6 Million Over Last May

TOPEKA – The month of May marked one year since Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order 20-31 to safely reopen businesses across the state. Since that

time, the Kansas economy has rebounding significantly – with May 2021 tax collections totaling \$604.6 million, or 134.7% more than May 2020. For the month of May,

the state collected \$1.1 billion in total taxes; an increase of \$509.4 million, or 93.7%, more than the estimate.

Individual income tax collections were \$708.7 million. That is 154.9%, or \$430.7 million, above the estimate and \$492.8 million, or 228.2%, more than last May. Corporate income tax collections were \$29.8 million. That is \$33.2 million, or 976.8%, more than last May. Those collections are \$24.8 million, or 495.6%, more than the estimate.

“Overall, the economy performed much better during the pandemic than any state had forecasted and the tax receipt trend in Kansas is comparable to that experienced in other states,” Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said. “Taxpayers who had meaningful positions in the stock market did extremely well during the pandemic.”

Retail sales tax collections were up \$53.9 million, or 31.0%, over last May with \$227.8 million collected. Collections were \$32.8 million, or 16.8%, more than the estimate. Compensating use tax collections were \$54.4 million which was \$14.4 million, or 36.0%, more than estimated. That is a \$16.7 million, or 44.5%, gain compared to the same month of the previous fiscal year.

## Kansas Legislature Completes 2021 Session

By: Murrel Bland

The Kansas Legislature wrapped up its 2021 session earlier this month by approving a \$28.3 billion budget. About 20 members of the Legislative Committee of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce were briefed on legislative action Friday, May 28 via ZOOM.

The budget allows for an across-the-board state 20-mill property tax levy that is estimated to raise about \$750 million for public school districts. In addition, what legislators described as “full funding of education,” would provide \$5.2 billion. The budget also allows \$53 million for higher education.

Legislators passed the “Property tax transparency bill” which eliminates the property tax lid but calls for a public notice and public hearing to account for any increase exceeding a revenue-neutral rate. Certain commercial property owners in Wyandotte County, including those in the Fairfax Industrial Area, have been hit in recent years with substantial tax increases.

The Legislature passed an extension of STAR bond legislation until July 1, 2026. This method of financing uses sales tax money that finances infrastructure such as sewers and streets of major developments such as those in Village West.

Sports book gaming failed to gain approval. Proponents including casinos and convenience stores were at odds.

Gov. Laura Kelly proposed that revenue from medical marijuana legislation be used to pay for expanded Medicare. Neither measure passed.

Legislation now allows liquor stores to open at 9 a.m. on Sunday instead of noon.

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

## The American Rescue Plan Includes Retroactive Tax Benefits That Can Help Taxpayers

*The IRS reminds taxpayers who still haven't filed, that several provisions of the American Rescue Plan affect their 2020 tax returns.*

One provision excludes up to \$10,200 in unemployment compensation from income. Another provision benefits many people who purchased subsidized health coverage through either federal or state Health Insurance Marketplaces. The law also includes a third round of Economic Impact Payments, currently going out to eligible Americans, that are generally equal to \$1,400 per person for most people. The IRS will automatically provide these benefits to eligible filers.

Most taxpayers who have already filed their 2020 returns should not file amended returns, file refund claims, or contact the IRS about obtaining these newly enacted tax benefits. These actions will not speed up a future refund. In fact, they could even slow down an existing refund claim.

Some unemployment compensation not taxed for many years. For tax year 2020 only, the first \$10,200 of unemployment compensation is not taxable for most households. This tax benefit is available only to those whose modified adjusted gross income is below \$150,000 during 2020. The same income cap applies to all filing statuses.

This means that those eligible who haven't yet filed a 2020 return can exclude the first \$10,200 of total unemployment compensation received from their income and pay tax only on the difference. For couples, the \$10,200 exclusion applies to each spouse. Taxpayers can visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) for details.

For any eligible taxpayer who has already filed a tax return and reported their total unemployment compensation as income, the IRS is automatically adjusting their return and providing them this tax benefit. Refunds, based on this adjustment, are being issued in May and will continue through the summer. Refund amounts will vary and not all adjustments will result in a refund.

Repayment of excess advance premium tax credit suspended

Taxpayers who purchased health insurance through a federal or state Health Insurance Marketplace for insurance in 2020 don't need to repay their 2020 excess advance payments of the premium tax credit and will need to attach Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit, when they file their 2020 return only to claim an additional credit. They may use Form 8962 to figure the amount of the premium tax credit they qualify for based on their 2020 tax information and reconcile it with any advance premium tax credit that was paid for them through the Marketplace. If the PTC based on their 2020 tax information is more than the APTC, they can claim a net premium tax credit on Form 8962 and must file Form 8962 when they file their 2020 tax return.

However, if the APTC was more than their allowable PTC based on their 2020 tax information, known as the excess APTC, the new law suspends the requirement to repay excess APTC for 2020. This means that taxpayers with excess APTC for 2020 do not need to report the excess APTC or file Form 8962.

Taxpayers who have already filed should not file an amended tax return. The IRS will automatically reduce the repayment amount to zero for anyone who already reported excess APTC for 2020. In addition, the agency will automatically reimburse anyone who has already repaid their 2020 excess APTC when they filed.

The best way for all taxpayers to keep up with tax law developments is to regularly check [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

# Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Is it true, really really true? The pandemic is (almost) over? A lot of places are having parties, cafes are opening and letting more people in. Swimming pools, movie theaters. The mask mandate has been dropped although some of us will still be wearing them. I have seen a lot of people without them already, but Mr. Ed and I are still going to wear ours. Still don't want to take the chance even if we did have our vaccinations.

Wow, it has been a long 1 1/2 years. I am so used to mine that it is a part of me now. If I quit wearing it, I will have to put make-up on the bottom of my face and wear lipstick. Hey, did you hear too, that lipsticks sales are really going up? We didn't have to wear that stuff, but now we have to. Maybe? I am used to going without it. I got so used to looking frumpy that it means I will have to fix my hair and apply my face a bit better. I figured with that mask I don't have to look so "snazzy."

Maybe, but maybe, our Domino Dottes can start playing again. Boy I sure missed that. We are so used to not playing that hopefully we all remember how we did play. That Steve Neal is such a nice guy and Laurie is a very sweet lady. They were always good to us. Steve is the Pastor at the Turner First Baptist church, where we play. They are a wonderful couple. Lvya twol!

Sure hope with the pandemic coming to an end some of these mass shootings will stop. My gosh, have you ever seen such a time as we are having now? So many people that survived the virus have probably been shot and killed. Children, older people, church people, people at work, kids at school, people just walking down the street. Where is all the love

and kindness that was being stressed during this virus that has already taken hundreds and thousands of people? I don't understand but maybe this will settle everyone down. I know I have been jittery, crying, tired, sad, depressed, but guess what I am finding myself laughing more. If it wasn't for my furbabies, I wouldn't laugh at all. Honestly, I am feeling better and taking care of Mr. Ed keeps me going too. He goes with me when I go anywhere, and he needs to get out more now. But I try to be strong because some of us have been thru a lot and we have to be strong.

Oh yeah, had to get two brand new tires for that van. I drive the heck out of it and the SUV is just sitting. It is deader than a doornail. La Vonne, my doctor's receptionist, told me a year ago that those tires needed replaced. Well, they got me through the Winter, but I was pushing my luck.

Well, everyone out there in Recordland, please take care. It is up to you if you wear your mask or not. Just be careful. I will probably wear one until 2022. lol. Just to make sure. No, just kidding. I am anxious to see what I really look like. Remember this, we all came over here on different ships but now we are all in the same boat. Let's show these other cities and states that we can love each other and get along. Maybe all the tension and stress will go away. K? Love all of you, miss all of you, Sue.

In memory of my three wonderful sisters whom I miss so much. Gayle, Marilyn and Carolyn all of Argentine A sister is a gift of God, sent from above to make life worthwhile here below. From: *Heart to Heart*.

## Short Stuff

By: Sue Reich

Block Party on the 26th of June at 5 o'clock p.m. Argentine Silver City Day Celebration and Argentine Betterment Corporation. Bring your own yard games, chairs and picnic. Food truck available. Emerson Park.

Community Garden Workday, 3730 Metropolitan Avenue. Work in garden 3 p.m., Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Argentine and Turner graduates get in touch with Linda Pendleton about getting together again at Amigos.



This nice guy used to be in our clown group. With Covid, we couldn't meet any more. I heard he is now a Pastor in a church next to the community garden. Hmmm, he sure looks familiar.

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Last Friday, the Turner School District's Early Childhood Staff hosted an activity event for families with toddlers and pre-kindergarteners in the garden. Families signed in at the welcome table, the first of many stations situated throughout the garden. The second was the seed planting table where they planted sunflower seeds in colorful pots while learning about plant needs. Moving on to the Shady Grove, materials to make bumble bees awaited and everyone got busy. Next on tap was a trip to the Aquaponics hoop house to see how plants can grow without soil

using fish waste as fertilizer. A picnic lunch and giveaway free books awaited in the Orchard with time to take a break on the blanket and read. Before leaving, graduation certificates were awarded the families in the Butterfly Garden. Lauren Aiello, Parent & Community Liaison emailed "We had a wonderful time at the event- thank you and your staff helping make it happen. We plan to make this an annual event and are looking forward to next year." This same group will be hosting "Summertime Toddler Tuesday" in Pierson Park from 9:30 to 10:30 beginning

June 8 through July 27 as noted in last week's column. Coming up, the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame at 630 North 126<sup>th</sup> St, Bonner Springs, Ks is beginning a series called Farm Tales for ages 3-8. The first session will start on June 17 at 10:30 am. The book "The Beeman" written by Laurie Krebs will be read to the kids. The children will learn how bees talk to each other and how the kids can help bees and pollinators plus everyone will meet a local Beekeeper, taste some honey, and plant

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# Business West Bulletin

By: Murrel Bland

## Visit KCK chief to speak at Quarterly Meeting

Alan Carr, the Executive Director of Visit KCK, will be the featured speaker at the Summer Quarterly Meeting of Business West at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16 via ZOOM. Carr came to his present position after serving as Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Visit KC. He also was a public relations account executive with the MMGY agency and Communications Manager with Vanguard Airlines. He is a graduate of the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. There will be no charge for the meeting; however, reservations are strongly encouraged. To register, email [murrel@mcbconsultinginc.com](mailto:murrel@mcbconsultinginc.com).

## Business West seeks Executive Director

Business West is seeking an Executive Director. Murrel Bland, who has been Executive Director for the past 15 years, is retiring. An extensive job description is attached. Those wishing to apply should email their resumes and reasons for wanting the position to Pam Rowe, President of Business West, at [marcpamrowe@yahoo.com](mailto:marcpamrowe@yahoo.com).

## Water quality report issued

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities recently issued its 2021 Water Quality Report. BPU's water meets or surpasses all standards for safe and high quality water. It delivers water through nearly 1,000 miles of pipes to its customers. BPU's laboratory annually runs more than 41,800 tests on 8,700 samples to assure quality standards.

## Benefit planned for The Pet Connection

Rowe Ridge Vineyard and Winery will host a benefit "Sip and Shop" for The Pet Connection from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at 11255 Leavenworth Rd. The Pet Connection supports animals in need including administering a pet adoption service. For more information about vendor information or other details, telephone 913-593-9468.

## Federal funds offered to help restaurants

The Small Business Administration recently announced that Congress has authorized \$28.6 billion to help restaurants harmed by the coronavirus pandemic. Eligible businesses include restaurants, food trucks, bakeries, caterers, bakeries, coffee shops, bars, breweries and wineries. For more information, see the website at [restaurants.sba.gov](http://restaurants.sba.gov).

## Congresswoman writes book

U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Third Dist.) has written a children's book entitled Sharice's Big Voice. Free autographed copies will be distributed starting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7 at the Boulevard Drive-in Theater, 1051 Merriam Ln. A free movie will be shown at 9 p.m. This will be the kick-off of the summer reading program at Kansas City, Kansas, Public Libraries. For more information, telephone 913-295-8250.

## Rally House to come to Legends Outlet

Rally House will open a store in the Legends Outlet during July. It will occupy 13,625 square feet of floor space near The Lawn in Suite D-103. The company started in Lenexa and now has more than 50 locations in nine states. It sells licensed apparel from professional and collegiate athletic teams along with novelties and souvenirs.

## Amphitheater has new sponsor

Azura Credit Union is the new name sponsor of the amphitheater in Wyandotte County Park, Bonner Springs. The financial institution is 80 years old and serves Kansas customers in Lenexa, Topeka and Ft. Riley. Providence Medical Center was the named sponsor for the past six years. A Providence spokesperson congratulated Azura and wished them success. The amphitheater opened as Sandstone in 1984.

For questions or comments, telephone 913-766-4300 or 913-406-6266 (cell) or email [murrel@mcbconsultinginc.com](mailto:murrel@mcbconsultinginc.com).

# Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest

TOPEKA—The Kansas Partners in Empowering Youth for Suicide Prevention believes that every young person deserves to be safe from suicide and that the best way to reach youth in Kansas is to provide opportunities for them to reach out to their peers, thus the Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest was created. The contest, which ended April 5, 2021, was open to Kansas youth in grades 6 through 12 and 28 youth from across the state dedicated their time and talents to developing messages to reach other youth with their submissions.

"We are pleased with the incredible quality of submissions for the contest. Every person who entered clearly put great thought and effort into their submission," Steve Devore, President/CEO of Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ said. "We look forward to sharing them across the state to raise awareness of the possibility of hope and healing while working to provide enough support to Kansas youth so that no one ever walks alone in crisis. We anticipate all entries will resonate with youth but there were top prizes awarded for the three grade categories by youth judges."

To view submissions to the Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest, visit the online gallery at [www.ksphq.org/artcontestgallery/](http://www.ksphq.org/artcontestgallery/).

The agencies involved in the Kansas Partners in Empowering Youth for Suicide Prevention include the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, the Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Attorney General's Office, in collaboration with the Kansas Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

There is something each of us can do, follow these tips to help prevent youth suicide.

- If I am a teen, I can...
  - Encourage friends that getting help for life's ups and downs is okay.
  - Share stories about times getting help has worked.
  - Talk to my doctor during my annual well visit.
  - Break the stigma by encouraging discussion of mental wellness.
  - Be an example of kind-

ness and connection to those around me.

- If I am a parent, I can...
  - Be willing to listen without judgement.
  - Be the one to help my child seek mental and physical care when needed.
  - Store my firearms and prescription/over-the-counter medications safely at home to reduce the likelihood they will be used in a suicide crisis.
- If I am a school employee, I can...
  - Be willing to listen without judgement.
  - Download the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale screener tool and champion protocol changes for successful implementation within my school or district.
  - Recognize social emotional learning initiatives that focus on building social skills especially problem-solving skills are effective upstream efforts to reduce suicide and other risky behaviors in students.
  - Implement evidence-based

screening for depression and suicide for the entire student body.

- If I am a community member, I can...
  - Be willing to listen without judgement.
  - Make resources for safe storage or disposal of means for suicide available (e.g. trigger locks, prescription take back initiatives).
  - Enroll in training like Mental Health First Aid or Applied Suicide Intervention Skills.
  - Participate in training like (ASIST) or Question. Persuade. Refer (QPR) to be able to better identify when youth are struggling with thoughts of suicide.
  - Practice good self-care; share my coping mechanisms with those around me, tell stories of seeking help and gaining recovery.
- If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please text KANSAS to 741741 or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

## Turner Style...

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a mini pollinator garden. The event is free, but you must pre-register. To reserve your spot call 913-721-1075 or email [info@aghalloffame.com](mailto:info@aghalloffame.com).

On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, AG Hall is also hosting another Farm Tales event called "Three Scoops of Fun" (sprinkles included) with story times, activities, and demonstrations from 11am -3pm at several areas on Ag Hall grounds. In the theater listen to Tales of a Dairy Godmother - Chuck's Ice Cream Wish" written by Viola Butler and read by a real Dairy Farmer. Go an adventure

with Chuck and discover if Chuck grows up to be an Ice Cream Farmer. Next stop by the Smith farmhouse and learn how milk is separated to make all the different products we use every day. Try making your own butter. The Schoolhouse becomes the community center, see what an old Ice Cream Social was like. Learn how to make your own ice cream, play some games, and meet some extra special guests who make ice cream possible. Step into the General store for some craft and other surprises. No pre-registration. Free with Museum admission.

Until next time, stay safe and please be kind to those around you.



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## Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

Is there anything that can be better than a chocolate brownie? This week's tasty treat has the answer. Yes! A chocolate brownie with a swirl of cream cheese batter, can't be beat. And with a frosting made of chocolate chips, placed on the baked brownies and allowed to melt, so good! Easy and quick, this twist on the standard brownie could fast become a family favorite! Bake a pan of:

### Tom's Chocolate Swirl Brownies

#### Ingredients:

- Brownie batter
- 3/4 c Cocoa Or a 4oz,
- Bittersweet chocolate bar
- 3 T Butter
- 3/4 c Sugar
- 2 Lg. Eggs
- 1/2 c Flour
- 1/2 t Baking Powder
- 1 t Instant Coffee, optional
- 1/4 t Salt
- 1 1/2 t Vanilla

#### White Swirl Batter:

- 1/2 c + 1T Cream cheese,
- Or, 1- 3 oz block of Cream cheese
- 2 T Butter
- 1/4 c Sugar
- 1 Lg. Egg
- 1 T Flour
- 1 t Vanilla

#### Frosting:

- 1 c Chocolate chips

#### Directions:

Set oven to 350°. Grease or spray a 9" square baking pan. Melt butter in a small saucepan. Stir in the cocoa or chips and stir to mix well.

In a mixing bowl beat the eggs and sugar. Stir in the flour, instant coffee, baking powder, salt and vanilla and mix until blended.

Prepare the white swirl batter. Beat the cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Stir in the remaining ingredients and mix together well.

Place 1/2 the brownie batter into the pan. Top with the white swirl batter and spread evenly. Drop spoonfulls of the brownie batter on top, then drag a fork through the batter to create the swirls. Once or twice is enough.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes, or until the brownie has pulled in from the sides of the pan.

While still hot, sprinkle the top with the chocolate chips and spread over the brownie once they have melted. Let cool in the pan. Cut the brownies into squares just before serving. Store in pan covered with plastic wrap or with the cover that some pans are sold with.

These are great to serve on picnics. For a after dinner dessert, serve each brownie topped with your favorite vanilla icecream and a drizzle of chocolate syrup! Everyone will love them. Enjoy!

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# Guest Editorials

## The Manhattan DA Moves into Next Phase of its Investigation of the Trump Organization

By: Tom Valverde

The Washington Post was the first to report that a special grand jury had been convened to decide whether to indict Donald Trump, the Trump organization, or its top executives and CFO on criminal charges. One day after the news of the special grand jury was reported, it was reported that prosecutors had told at least one witness to prepare for grand jury testimony. CNN, source taken together, these details of the investigation represent a crucial next step in the investigation. The special grand jury is tasked with reviewing the millions of pages of financial documents, 10 years of tax returns, and corroborating testimony of Trump orbit insiders. Trump's CFO is the eyes and ears of all of any of the former president's finances he, too, will provide inside information about Trump's business practices.

A normal grand jury is convened for four weeks. But, because of the vast array of evidence that must be reviewed, the special grand jury will operate for six months, working three days a week. The longer term is required for two reasons. First, it is highly likely that the Manhattan DA's prosecutors have decided that they want to press charges against someone, though, it is more likely that they have multiple targets which they have investigated. And second, the prosecutors want to use the grand jury to its fullest potential. A grand jury, as it's been constituted over hundreds of years, is a body of citizens, which is allowed to investigate crime by compelling people to provide them information, cooperate, testify, and provide documentation. The extra time is really needed to accomplish this.

Remarks by CBS News legal analyst, Rikki Klieman. "It is the special grand jury that will determine if there

is sufficient evidence to move forward with criminal charges against Trump, his senior officials, and other people that are associated with the Trump organization. Additionally, it should be noted, that the special grand jury can decide to indict at any time; it does not need to wait until the end of its six month term." *Washington Post* political reporter, David Fahrenthold, noted that "no one has ever had access to this level of data about Donald Trump. No one has ever seen this deeply into Trump's finances, as District Attorney Cy Vance has. I think there is going to be cases that Trump misrepresented himself to lenders or taxing officials. The proof will be in those documents."

The Manhattan DA has spent years looking into white-collar crimes as is suspected in the case of the Trump organization and may use RICO laws to criminally indict. RICO is famous for being effective in bringing down people affiliated with the mob. RICO is short for Racketeer Influenced and Corruption Organization. To violate RICO, a person must engage in a pattern of racketeering, such as money laundering, tax bank, insurance, or wire fraud, obstruction of justice, with there being 20 laws in total. Racketeering is punishable by imprisonment. The Court can also impose a fine of up to twice the defendant's illegal profits. RICO also permits the forfeiture of any assets, either earned or maintained through racketeering. Wikipedia, source.

Special counsel, Robert Mueller, who investigated Russian interference in the 2016 election, was the first to notice the similarities between Trump and mob bosses. A culture of total loyalty. So as the mob is often investigated, Muel-

ler hired attorney Andrew Weissman for his skill in flipping witnesses. It now seems as if Vance is using the same tactics in his Trump white-collar crime investigation. Vance has brought in Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, to provide essential detailed information about Trump's businesses, including insider information about Trump's business practices. Others who have provided testimony and insider information are Trump CFO, Alan Weisselberg and Weisselberg's daughter in law. This accounts for the tense atmosphere in Mar a Lago.

*Politico* had a headline: Cloud of Nerves' Hovers Over Trumpland After Grand Jury Report. There's definitely a cloud of nerves in the air... the Weisselberg involvement, and the wild card of that, makes this situation more real... for the former president. The fact that they are dealing with a numbers guy who has the plain details makes them more nervous. *Politico* reported. Phil Rucker, senior White House Washington



### Passings...

By Sue Reich

"Smokey Joe" Ensley, age 85, passed away May 25, 2021. Played for KU Jayhawks.

Paul Gibbs, age 92, passed away May 5, 2021. Graduate of Wyandotte High school.

Monte Carlyle Johnson, age 85, passed away May 25, 2021. Wyandotte High school class of 1955. Member of Jayhawk basketball, good friend of Wilt Chamberlain.

John (Larry) Worrall Jr., age 92, passed away April 27, 2021. Wyandotte High school class of 1947.

BJ Thomas, age 78, passed away, May 29, 2021. Singer, "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head"

Gavin MacLeod, age 90, passed away, May 29, 2021. Captain on the "Love Boat" TV series.

correspondent said in an interview with Brian Williams, "There's a great deal of concern that the former president has, and those around him. And they have had it for some time. It's only in the last few days that we've learned just how serious these Investigations have reached with the calling of this special grand jury. But it's something that's been preying on the former president since he left Washington, back in January, and headed down to Mar a Lago." Rucker continued, "Trump knew these Investigations were on-going, he knew that his tax returns were going to be scrutinized by prosecutors, by investigators. And he knew he could be in a heap of trouble, when he is no longer the president. He doesn't have the power to hold onto, he can't dangle pardons, he can't force the Attorney General to do something to intervene, he doesn't have a Twitter handle to lead a public relations offensive against the investigators. So, he is in some trouble here. He's not been charged with any crime, but the developments seem to indicate that, that's only a matter of time before that happens. And there's concern in the former president's orbit about how close it could get to him personally."

Former Senator, Claire McCaskill was interviewed by Williams on the same program with Rucker. Brian Williams asks the former Senator, "Claire, that brings us into the world of politics. If that, heap of trouble, Phil mentioned arrives and Donald Trump has the book thrown at him, do you still expect Republicans to predicate their entire political party on this one

guy?" McCaskill responds, "Oh yeah, you know, frankly, when Trump started lying about the election, months before the election occurred, when Trump started conditioning his followers to believe and cable news networks to, parrot his propaganda, to broadcast that if he lost, it was a fraud! And, if you look at what McConnell and McCarthy have done since January 6th. They both came out after January 6th and talked about Trump's responsibility, and what he had done in to cause this unbelievable shock to our system. That these people attacked police officers in our Capitol, they attacked our government, attacked our Democracy, and all these Republicans are still hanging on! Five police officers are dead because of the mob's hate-filled, riot at the United States Capitol, one officer lost an eye, and many police officers are suffering lack of sleep due to PTSD." McCaskill concluded with this, "I think what Trump will say is this is a witch hunt, most of his followers will believe it, and the smart Republicans will try to hide from the media. But the ones who aren't so smart, will be all in."

Indictments can't arrive fast enough for the majority of Americans who have had enough of Trump's open corruption. The Insurrection that Trump incited, was his worst offense as he left office. Trump's criminal problems all stem directly from his personal lack of ethics and morals. He is responsible for his actions and must be held to account. Washington should be a place of laws followed and respected, not a path to find all that can be illegally obtained and gotten away with!

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Turner Unified School District Board of Education is accepting applications to fill a term of office on the Turner Recreation Commission, Position #2; the term of office is July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2025. Recreation Commission members serve in a voluntary capacity.

Application forms may be obtained at the Turner Administrative Service Center, 800 South 55th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106, or online at [www.turnerusd202.org](http://www.turnerusd202.org). Deadline for applications is Thursday, June 10, 2021.

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