



# The Record

## Governor Kelly Announces \$4 Million in Grants to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence

TOPEKA – Governor Kelly announced Kansas has been awarded \$3,980,635 through the FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act administered by the Federal Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to support survivors of domestic violence and their children and ex-

pand COVID-19 resources.

The purpose of these supplemental funds is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 with an intentional focus on increasing access to COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units to mitigate the spread of this virus, and increase supports for domestic vio-

lence survivors. Within these parameters, grant recipients have flexibility to determine which services best support the needs of survivors, children, and families experiencing family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

Kansas will receive \$3,233,828 to distribute to Kansas domestic violence programs. The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska will each receive \$194,832. The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence will receive \$357,143.

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) determined grant award amounts using the following allocation plan:

\* \$332,500,000 for states/territories representing 56 grant recipients reaching 1,500 domestic violence programs (subaward grants);

\* \$142,500,000 for tribes representing 144 grant recipients reaching 252 tribes);

\* \$50,000,000 for 56 state/territory domestic violence coalitions, national/culturally specific resource centers, capacity building centers, and hotlines to provide technical assistance; and

\* \$25,000,000 for FVPSA Program administration

# Trouble in Texas

By Dr. Jim Haas



“The Yellow Rose of Texas” is an upbeat tune despite its racist history in 19<sup>th</sup> century blackface minstrel shows. Unfortunately, today’s Texas is more repressive than upbeat. The Republican legislature and governor enacted a vaguely written law that causes teachers to avoid class materials and discussion about race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin because these topics can be “divisive.” It’s an attempt to whitewash white supremacy, racism, and privilege from school curricula.

TV news video showed a Texas school district administrator advising teachers that, because the law is open to broad interpretation, the safe course is, for example, if you use a book about the Holocaust, also use one with “an opposing view.” Really? The “opposing view” is Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*. What if a book describes the evils of slavery? Is that entitled to an opposing view?

The Texas law specifies that teachers in public schools who discuss controversial issues explore “diverse and contending perspectives without giving deference to any one perspective.” No, no, no. A teacher’s job is to show students how to reach conclusions based on credible evidence and to give “deference” to the weight of evidence and to civilized standards of right and wrong. It’s called critical thinking and it’s how we search for Truth.

At least nine other Republican-controlled states have passed similar “divisive concept” laws. You might wonder, What’s up with that? What’s up is that a former Trump official, Russel Vought (who ignored a Congressional subpoena regarding a Trump scandal), runs an organization that publishes models for such laws.

Republicans have apparently decided that votes can be had by scaring people that Critical Race Theory (CRT) is infecting schools. CRT proposes that racism is systemic in our institutions—in the courts, in hiring, in housing, in education, in politics, and more. It’s an advanced concept mostly discussed in law schools, and most K-12 teachers had probably never heard of it until right-wing vote trollers made an issue out of what is not an issue. One thing’s certain: distorting history to help politicians of any stripe stay in power is dishonest and dangerous. Students deserve our best scholarship.

Texas has other troubles. Its recent law prohibiting abortions six weeks after conception defies the Constitution and, in what Republicans no doubt thought a clever legal move, doesn’t involve the state in enforcement. Rather, it empowers citizens to be vigilantes to prosecute anyone involved in an abortion, even an Uber driver. The state will pay a \$10,000 bounty for successful prosecutions. This in the state where 200 people died during a February freeze when the state power grid failed (and failed again in June) because of inadequate state investment. Texas also has a high rate of COVID-19 infections and deaths, partly because of the governor’s no-mask policy. Pro-life it’s not.

Last week, Republicans released their new Congressional district map. Texas’s population is 40% white and 39% Latino, but 23 districts are majority white while only 7 are majority Latino. Many of the 8% of Black Texans were shifted into heavily majority white districts. Can you say “gerrymandered”?

Last week, the NAACP sent a letter to NFL, NBA, WNBA, MLB, and NHL players’ unions urging pro athletes not to sign to play for Texas teams, saying the state has “passed archaic policies, disguised as laws, that directly violate privacy rights and a woman’s freedom to choose, restrict access to free and fair elections for Black and brown voters, and increase the risk of contracting coronavirus.” The NAACP advises working in “states that will protect, honor and serve your families with integrity.”

## KCC Explains Why You Can Expect to Pay More for Heat this Winter

TOPEKA – Kansans have heard the warnings that energy costs are on the rise. As a result, consumers have questions, and some may need assistance to keep pace with the higher costs. The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has launched an online resource to explain the reasons prices are escalating, help consumers minimize the impact, and find financial and weatherization assistance.

Topics covered include tips to reduce energy use, assistance programs available throughout the state, information on the Cold Weather Rule, steps to take if you receive a disconnection notice and who to call for help with utility issues.

The KCC regulates investor-owned utilities in the state; however, the agency does not set fuel prices. The price for natural gas, the predominant heating source used by Kansans, was deregulated by the U.S Congress in the mid 1980’s. As a result, prices are driven by the market. The cost utilities pay for natural gas is a direct pass through to its customers.

More information is available on the KCC’s website at <https://kcc.ks.gov/kcc-consumer-alert>.

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## Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



this might sound crazy, but I heard them squawking first and omgosh, I had never seen such a sight in my life. Mr. Ed and I were just speaking about them the other day. Even my furbaby was watching them too. I was afraid to look up too long with my mouth hanging open (you know why). I was telling Mr. Ed about it. Then seems like out of nowhere, hundreds of them landed in our front yard and were helping themselves to the birdbath, the bird feeder, and whatever else was in the yard and then they went across the street in Peggy's yard and the trees were full of them. You never heard such squawking in your life and as fast as they got there, then they were gone. This has been the year of weird stuff, I'm not kidding.

Also the other night we had another bright orange sunset again. The people on the news never mention things like that. Maybe because they are locked up in their little cubby holes all the time.

So sad about Alex Baldwin and the accident that happened on the lot where they were making a movie. Seems like they should have a few people check those guns to make sure they were "cold".

Another incident was the girl that was strangled by her fiancé. The cops had them both there and she was crying. They should have taken them both in. Now they are both gone. Crazy world anymore, isn't it?

A couple of my family members had Covid. Don't know if they had their shots or not. I really think, (my opinion, nothing political) everyone should get them. Please don't scold me, that is my non-political opinion. K? Everyone be kind, mind your p's and q's and love thy neighbor. Talk atcha later, Ivya all. Your little ol' Argentine gal, Sue

Apples of Gold; There is nothing wrong with this generation that 20 years can't cure.

**H**ave you ever stayed on the phone over two hours waiting for a person to talk to? We sure did, and it was the Social Security. We had to get some business done and finally I got the wireless phone and put it on speaker and waited and waited. Finally after 2 1/2 hours, a person got on to help us. Whew, with this pandemic, most businesses are doing their work by phone or online. They are not having people come into their waiting area, so everything has to be done electronically. Got that part settled then we had to touch base with another party involving the same problem and finally that got taken care of. Wonder what people would do without phones and computers in situations like we had? It sort of wore us out.

It was nice last Saturday when Mr. Ed and I went to the Fiesta in Argentine. He stayed in the van while I walked around and took pictures. The music was good, lots of Mexican food, wonderful displays in each booth. A buckaroo was on the bull. It so festive and the Silver Fox, Ruperto Aguirre, did a good job getting it organized. I worked with him a few years ago at Franklin grade school. He was the president and I was the Vice President. Don't know what they are doing with Franklin now. We were trying to save it. It's still there.

The other day I was outside with my little furbaby and the weirdest thing happened. Thousands, and I mean thousands, of Starlings flew over. Now



Decorative house in Argentine. All ready for Halloween. Good job too!!!



Lots of goodies at the Latino fiesta on Saturday. Such great souvenirs were sold during the fiesta. Everyone did a super job.



A young man was showing off his brawn by riding the Bucking Bull.



The gentleman in the gold shirt and western hat known as the "Silver Fox", Ruperto Aguirre, is a great organizer for his community. This was held on Strong Avenue on the week-end of the 23rd of October. Plenty of music, food, colors galore. Even had a bucking bull.

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

This cold and rainy weather makes me shudder to think of those who need warm clothing this winter which leads me into informing every one of the upcoming Wyandotte County clothing drives occurring now. I am sure there are more but these two have come across my desk.

Wyandot Health Behavior Network is holding a winter coat drive and asking for new or gently used men's, women's and children's winter coats, scarves, gloves, blankets, and new socks. The drive runs thru December 17, 2021. Drop offs will be accepted from 9am-3pm at the following locations:

PACES-7840 Washington Ave KCK 66112, Wyandot Center-1301 N 47th KCK 66102, Wyandot BHN-757 Armstrong Ave KCK 66101. You can make a tax deductible donation online or send a check to Wyandot BHN, 757 Armstrong Ave KCK 66101 (write coat drive in memo). Donated Items will be distributed to families being served by PACES, Wyandot Center, Frank Williams Outreach Center and Kim Wilson Housing.

The Wyandotte County Human Services Department of the Unified Government are holding a new or gently used hat and gloves drive from November 1 thru December 10. Items can be dropped off at 701 N 7th St, Room 346, KCK66101. For more information and hours for drop off, call (913 573-5502).

A Holiday Light and Magic Show in partnership with the Unified Government's Department of Park and Recreation will be held at Wyandotte County Park, 12599 State Ave from 6pm-9pm beginning November 15, 2021, and running nightly through January 2, 2022. Advance Tickets required. Time slots available. For more info call

(816 470 0398) or [info@jolt-lighting.com](mailto:info@jolt-lighting.com). Tickets can be purchased online through the WYCO website. Proceeds to benefit the Parks and Recreation Department and Kansas City, Kansas.

The last few books I received from the Public Library were by James Patterson with a coauthor. I'm wondering if he is contributing to these novels. One book entitled "The Jailhouse Lawyer" actually included a second novel "Power of Attorney" both by Nancy Allen, former attorney and author of the Ozarks Mystery Series. They were fast reads, completely different from each other and each having a surprise twist at the end.

Patterson coauthored another with Caroline Fox, an Australian who wrote "Never, Never" the Australian Harriet Blue Series. This one "2 Sisters Detective Agency" takes place in the U.S. and is a bit of fun with a lot of colorful characters. This is another quick read which led me to another book I've been dying to read and tell you about in the future.

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Local officials with the Unified Government gathered for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting to announce the activation of the Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Plant in Western Kansas City, Kansas.

The plant utilizes new technology, aerobic granular sludge, which eliminates many of the traditional wastewater treatment steps, reduces operational complexity, and decreases maintenance needs while keeping the community and the environment safe from harmful toxins.

"We are pleased to officially bring the new Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Facility online, putting in place cutting-edge technology to better serve current and future residents and businesses in this area, while protecting the water quality of the Missouri River and the environment throughout our community," said David Alvey, Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, KS. "The new Wolcott treatment plant, the first of its kind in Kansas and one of only a few in the nation, will be capable of meeting future growth needs in the area, accommodating up to 18 MGD of flow daily and serving 64,000 rooftops. We appreciate the on-going efforts by the UG Water Pollution Control team, and their partners, on this multi-year project, and want to thank all that work every day to meet the critical wastewater and stormwater management needs of Wyandotte County."

Mayor Alvey was joined by District 5 Commissioner Mike Kane, who represents residents and businesses in the Piper area.

"As Commissioner, I have always been and remain committed to serving the residents of Piper, bettering our neighborhoods, and improving life for our hard-working families," said District 5 Commissioner Mike Kane. "Although wastewater treatment plants aren't always pretty to look at, this one serves a crucial role in the continued growth of our area. Not only does this plant use new technology, but it also lowers maintenance costs and is built to handle future growth for more than 64,000 rooftops."

The Unified Government's Public Works Department began planning for the roughly \$54-million investment in 2015 to accommodate future population growth in the Piper area and safeguard the environment by reducing overflows caused by heavy rainfall.

"Our team is committed to returning value to the community we serve, and this project is an example of what can be accomplished when they trust us to make these investments in our shared future," said Jeff Fisher, Public Works' Executive Director. "We are grateful for the opportunity to deliver this project on the community's behalf."

The investment contains three distinct parts working together: the Wolcott Treatment Facility, which cleans wastewater; the Lower Conner Creek Interceptor, which spans nearly 4-miles and carries wastewater away from homes and businesses; and Pump Station 70, which helps move wastewater up hills.

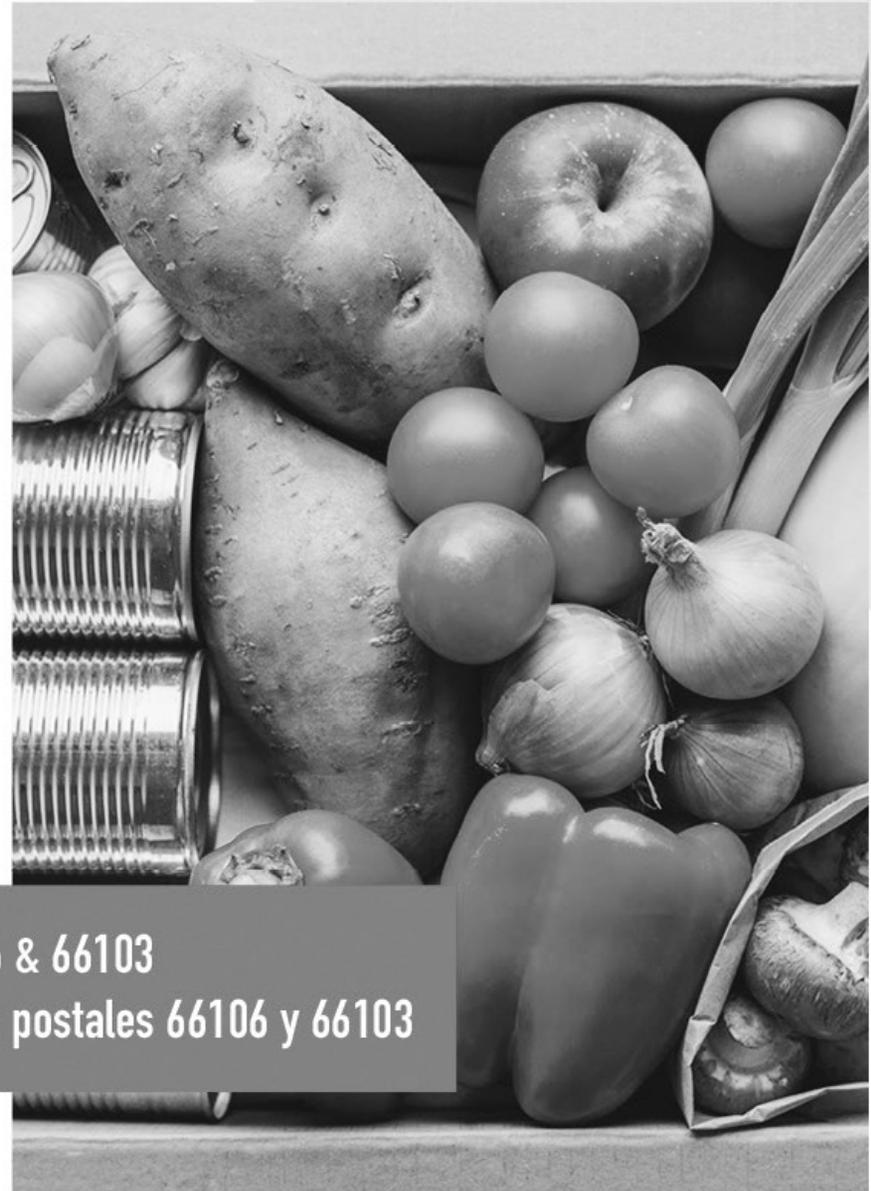
The treatment plant currently processes daily flows of 2-million gallons and was designed to readily accommodate 4-million gallons within the next 10 years. Ultimately, the plant's capacity is expected to handle average daily flows of 18-million gallons or roughly 64,300 rooftops.

The project was delivered with the assistance of HDR Engineering and Garney Construction.

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