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Voting Begins October 22

By Dr. Jim Haas

An election is our opportunity to choose honest, thoughtful people dedicated to the rule of law and to the common good. The well-respected Mainstream Coalition, through its political action arm MainPAC, rates candidates and issues according to how well they share MainPAC's priorities for moderate government including:

- Transparency in government
- Access to healthcare
- Public education
- Separation of government and religion
- Access to voting
- LGBTQ equality
- Reproductive rights

Ratings follow (candidate percentages reflect their support for MainPAC priorities; I=incumbent).

Kansas Supreme Court

MainPAC recommends voting "Yes" to retain all Supreme Court Justices.

Kansas Constitutional Amendments

MainPac recommends voting "No" to both proposed Amendments: (1) to give the Legislature the power to suspend, with a simple majority, regulations of state agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, Department

of Agriculture, and others, and (2) to mandate the election of county sheriffs, preventing local governments from choosing to do differently and transferring power to initiate a sheriff recall from local district attorneys to the state attorney general.

State and Federal Candidates

Governor/Lt. Governor: Laura Kelly/David Tolland (I) 100%

State Treasurer: Lynn Rogers 100%

Secretary of State: Jeanna Repass 100%

U.S. Senate: Mark Holland 100%

U.S. House of Representatives District 1 (part of Wyandotte County): James "Jimmy" Beard 100%

State Board of Education District 1: Jeffrey M. Howards 91%

State Board of Education District 3 (Johnson/part of Wyandotte County): Sheila Albers 100%

Johnson County Candidates

Johnson County Commissioner Chair: Mike Kelly 100%

Johnson County Commission: Dist. 1, Becky Fast (I) 100%, Dist. 4, Janeé Hanzlick (I) 100%

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Looking Back

By Rudy Padilla



In February of the 8th grade, my schoolmate at Holy Family grade school was going to DeLasalle Academy High school to take a entrance exam. He asked me if I wanted to go: his father was driving. I really had no interest in taking the exam nor attending there. The school was too far from home and my family could not afford the costs of their tuition and the military uniforms. What caught my attention was that the school would provide free lunch and the use of the firing range after the test was taken.

I did decide to go that day; I did not prepare nor concern myself with the results of the test, and I would be home in time to deliver my newspapers in time. It had been two years since I had fired a rifle and I looked forward to the time on the firing range. I did not try when taking the test, and it showed. About 3 weeks later, I received a letter from the school. It informed that approximately 200 students had taken the test and they would only accept the top 150 – I was the 151st rated student.

That subject would come up two years later. Bobby Hepler called and wanted us to go walking on a sunny Sunday about 1 in the afternoon. He was getting anxious about school starting soon. He went to DeLasalle military prep school and the Christian Brothers who taught there were hard on him. I was going to start my junior year in high school. We met and started walking north on 6th Street. Soon

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Second Annual Wyco Dumpster Days

The Unified Government's Public Works Department is excited to announce the second WyCo Dumpster Days event of 2022. Dumpster Days is an event to help residents recycle electronics waste for a fee and dispose of unwanted bulky items like old mattresses and furniture for free.

The event will be held at Wyandotte County Park (126th & State Avenue) in Bonner Springs, Kansas, on October 21 & 22 from 8 AM

to Noon.

Visitors will need to show proof of Wyandotte County residency with something displaying their name and address, like a driver's license or utility bill.

Items accepted include electronics recycling, mattresses, furniture, refrigerators, general appliances, fixtures, microwaves, freezers, televisions, and more.

For televisions, computer screens,

flat screens, and monitors, the following fees are charged:

- CRT Computer Screens, \$40
- LCD/Flat Screen TVs, \$20
- CRT TVs, \$40

Cash only. Exact change is required. For the complete list of accepted electronics recycling, visit wycokck.org/DumpsterDays.

Items that cannot be accepted include:

- All household hazardous waste
- Paint
- Yard waste
- Batteries
- Storm debris
- Food waste
- Medical waste
- Glass & plastics recycling
- Tires
- Construction or demolition material
- Any item from businesses, non-profits, or other commercial entities

These items will be turned away at the event, so remember not to bring them!

For yard waste, storm debris, and glass or paper recycling, residents may use the Recycling & Yard Waste Center at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102, at no charge. The Recycling & Yard Waste Center is open from 10 AM to 3 PM Thursday through Sunday to November 20 and every Saturday from December 3 to March 26, 2023. The center is closed on holidays.

For more information, resident can dial 3-1-1 or visit wycokck.org/DumpsterDays.



Looking Back...

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we stopped at a delicatessen at 6th and Sandusky. We both ordered snacks and sodas. He was feeling a bit down and made a comment about his high school.

I unintentionally told him of taking the test at DeSalle Academy to qualify. That they were only accepting the highest 150 scores and I came in at 151. Hepler was halfway through his sandwich and drink when he started to laugh – really hard. Apparently, I had made his day. Soda spurted out of his nose, his eyes suddenly grew very large and he sprayed himself and the table where we were seated. Man, I thought as he laughed and choked at the same time – he thinks this is funny, that I came in 151st place. I didn't think it was that funny, but soon I was also laughing. The owner of the store didn't think it was funny; he was now staring us down.

Soon Bobby was headed for the door. He stood outside next to the window pointing at me and laughing. Then he would start choking and hacking while standing on the sidewalk. Soon we were both walking north to The Avenue. Of course, he laughed about the results of my test for what seemed a long time. He even called me "Number 151" a few times. I learned a lesson that day; don't share all of your past; and if you take a test – be prepared. This is advice from old number 151.

Haas...

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Kansas House of Representatives by District: 8 Pam Shernuk 100%; 15 Allison Houglund 91%; 16 Linda Featherston (I) 100%; 17 Jo Ella Hoye (I) 100% or Michael Kerner 27%; 18 Cindy Neighbor 95%; 19 Stephanie Sawyer Clayton (I) 100%; 20 Mari-Lynn Poskin (I) 100%; 21 Jerry Stogsdill (I) 100%; 22 Lindsay Vaughn (I) 100%; 23 Susan Ruiz (I) 100%; 24 Jarrod Ousley (I) 100%; 25 Rui Xu (I) 100%; 26 Cheron Tiffany 100%; 27 Christi Pribula 100%; 28 Ace Allen 91%; 29 Heather Meyer (I) 100%; 30 Courtney Eiterich 100%; 43 Keith Davenport 100%; 48 Dan Osman (I) 100%; 49 Brad Boyd 100%; 78 W. Michael Shimeall 100%; 108 Brandon Woodard (I) 100%; 117 Courtney Tripp 100%; 121 Mel Pinick 100%

Wyandotte County Candidates

Kansas House of Representa-

tives by District: 31 Louis E. Ruiz (I) 100% or 31 Dennis Grindel 59%; 33 Bill Hutton 91% or 33 Stephanie Barton 73%; 34 Valdenia C. Winn (I) 100%

U.S. House: a Special Case

Kansas Republicans have gerrymandered congressional districts by splitting half of Wyandotte County from Johnson County and making it more difficult for the incumbent, Sharice Davids, to win. Representative Davids meets all the MainPAC priorities as a responsible, moderate legislator. Contrast her with the 199 congresspersons, all Republicans, who still deny the result of the 2020 presidential election. Re-electing Davids in District 3 and electing James Beard in District 1 are keys to preventing extremists who don't accept the vote of the people from controlling the U.S. House.

Vote by mail, vote early in person, or vote on Election Day November 8. Let your voice be heard.



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By Sharon Hoover

This is a friendly reminder to get your flu and covid-19 Omicron booster shots. This year's flu season is supposed to be harsh if it follows Australia's lead. We made an appointment online (CVS) and were seen the same day. You can also call the Health Department to schedule an omicron booster at 913-573-8815.

The Kansas City Public is looking for friendly, helpful, compassionate

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Here are some upcoming events. The Turner Fire Station Ground-breaking in Pierson Park is scheduled for Friday, October 21, at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

K-State Research & Extension is offering "Dining with Diabetes from November 7 - December 3, 2022. This online course is for adults with type 2 diabetes, prediabetes and family members, caregivers, and support persons. Learn strategies to manage diabetes through menu planning, carb counting, portion control, & label reading. Keeler Women's Center is providing a \$15 scholarship reducing the cost to \$10

for the November 7th course. Sign up at bit.ly/3DRdhFL and use the promo code 4SFY2304B.

The Central Avenue Commercial Corridor is sponsoring a "Day of the Dead" celebration on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 11am-9pm at 11th & Central Enjoy face painting, food & arts vending, live music, walking Catrinas. Parade starts at 6pm on Central Avenue from 7th St to 16th St. For more info call 913-281-9222 or www.dayofthedeadweekend.com.

I received an email from Starlight Theater, they are on the hunt for season ticket holders for the 2023 Advent Health Broadway Series. The first show is "Jesus Christ Superstar", the second TBA, next "1776", then "jagged little pill", and finally, "Come From Away". They also have a couple of weekend specials - "Tootsie" and "Rain". I

don't think we have seen any of these shows so I'll have to do a little research before I commit to any of them let alone a season ticket.

I just finished reading a funny little book by James Patterson. He does come up occasionally, with something that does not involve murder or kidnapping. The book is "The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas". It is about a family whose mother passed away five years ago and they quit celebrating Christmas. Twelve days before Christmas this Christmas, they start receiving guests and chaos rules!

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Please pray and help those who have been devastated from the ravages of hurricane Ian. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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Governor Kelly Encourages Kansans to Participate in Upcoming Virtual Job Fair for State Employment

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today encouraged Kansans currently searching for employment or looking to make a career change to participate in the next KANSASWORKS Virtual Job Fair, which takes place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19. The virtual fair will focus on all state agency job openings.

“KANSASWORKS is hard at work every day connecting Kansans with employers looking to hire, and I’m pleased they are fo-

cus on opportunities with state agencies,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “This job fair provides Kansans the opportunity to work in meaningful and good-paying jobs with great benefits, allowing them to provide a prosperous future for their families.”

The state’s 98 government agencies have approximately 900 full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities available across the state. Kansas has conducted 17 virtual job fairs since the beginning of 2020,

showcasing jobs from hundreds of employers across the state. More than 1,500 people have participated in the state’s job fair events this year.

“Recruiting top talent to state agencies is a high priority for the Kelly Administration,” said Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland. “We need dynamic and visionary individuals to join our team and help provide critical services to Kansans across the state.”

The online job fairs allow those looking for work to fill out applications, chat live and interview virtually with participating agencies. To participate

in the virtual job fair, regardless of previous participation, registration is required. Register here.

Jobseekers also can find a training video, a list of participating employers, and channels for attendees to register and log in. Participants are encouraged to dress professionally, as employers might request to engage in a video interview.

Candidates will be able to participate via any digital device, including a computer, tablet, or mobile phone. Any individual with a disability may request accommodations by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

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Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

Wikipedia:

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights organization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.

Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

Join us in monthly Zoom meetings – the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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2023 Medicare Open Enrollment Begins October 15

Free Counseling Available from KDADS SHICK Program

TOPEKA – More than 540,000 Kansas residents receive health coverage through Medicare, and the time to review benefits is only days away. The program's fall open enrollment period, when you can make changes that take effect January 1, starts October 15, 2022 and runs through December 7, 2022.

"It's important that older adults make sure their current providers are still participating in their plan for 2023 and that the cost of any medications they need haven't increased," KDADS Medicare Program Manager Emily Blanch said. "Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to several aspects of their coverage and take the time to weigh all the coverage options available to them from various insurers. We encourage people to always take advantage of this time as all of us have health care needs that change over the course of a year and Medicare plans change as well."

By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2023. The Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

During open enrollment, those currently enrolled may:

- Switch from original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another or from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another

• If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply

If you want to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must meet some basic criteria:

- You must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and B
- You must live in the plan's service area
- If you're already enrolled in a

Medicare Part D prescription plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan and you don't want to make changes to your coverage for 2023, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment, assuming your current plan will still be available in 2023. If your plan is being discontinued and isn't eligible for renewal, you will receive a non-renewal notice from your carrier prior to open enrollment. If you don't, it means you can keep your plan without doing anything during open enrollment.

Be aware that benefits and premiums could be changing for 2023. So even if you're confident you want to keep your current coverage for the coming year, it's important to understand any changes that may apply and check to make sure your current plan is still the best available option. The available plans and what they cover change from one year to the next, so even if the plan you have now was the best option when you shopped last year, it's important to verify that again before you lock yourself in for another year.

Each year, there's a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period from January 1 – March 31. During this time, if you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage or go back to original Medicare and, if needed, also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

Changes to be aware of for 2023 include:

- There are 90 Medicare Advantage plans available in 2023, compared to 88 plans in 2022.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- The average monthly Medicare Advantage plan premium saw a -20.6 percent change, from \$7.77 in 2022 to \$6.17 in 2023.
- 23 Medicare prescription drug plans are available with premiums varying from \$2.80 to \$112.60.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription

drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2022.

• Through the CMS Innovation Center's Value-Based Insurance Design (VID) Model, 20 plans will offer Medicare Advantage enrollees additional options, including reductions in cost sharing for certain covered benefits, such as eliminated Medicare Part D cost sharing; rewards and incentives programs related to healthy behaviors; and customized, innovative benefits that address social determinants of health, such as food insecurity and social isolation, for enrollees who receive low income subsidies and/or chronically ill enrollees.

State-by-State Fact Sheets are available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2023-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-state-state-fact-sheets.pdf> (Kansas' Fact Sheet pgs. 49-51).

For more information on these changes and other Medicare-related issues, please contact KDADS' Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), a free program that offers Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. SHICK has counselors throughout the state that can assist people, so they stay informed on changing conditions in health care insurance. Call 800-860-5260 for this free counseling service.

SHICK counselors receive training on Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Long-Term Care and other health insurance subjects that concern older Kansans. The counselors do not work for any insurance company, their goal is to educate and assist the public to make informed decisions on what's best for each individual situation.

KanDrive App now available on cell phones

TOPEKA - The Kansas Department of Transportation's KanDrive website is now also available to download as an App on Android and iOS (iPhone Operating System) cell phones. KanDrive provides travelers across the state timely details on maintenance and construction activities, winter highway conditions, flooded roadways, incidents and crashes affecting traffic.

The new App includes all account features on the KanDrive website but also includes a hands-free/eye-free feature that announces upcoming traffic events while traveling. Just tap the Tell Me sound icon in the top right corner to get announcements of upcoming events (feature requires location sharing).

"It's important for motorists to have quick, accurate and up-to-date information on highway conditions in Kansas," said Kevin Hennes, KDOT Administrator for KanDrive. "Having the new KanDrive App with your choices set up in advance is a convenient option to help you travel safely and stay informed."

All account features available on the KanDrive website are included on the App. It also offers real time, high-quality streaming of camera views across the state. The truckers' mode for commercial vehicle operators is still an option and now announces rest stop parking availability.

The Kansas 511 phone system also has been updated and simplified for people who prefer to receive real-time highway condition information by calling 511. The voice quality and speech recognition features have been improved, and motorists can ask for reports on a specific route, in a city or between two cities.

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