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This country loses two outstanding leaders

By Murrel Bland

Two outstanding political leaders died earlier this year. They were Bob Dole, a Republican, and Dennis Moore, a Democrat. Those serving in Congress today could take a lesson from these men when it comes to leadership and true public service.

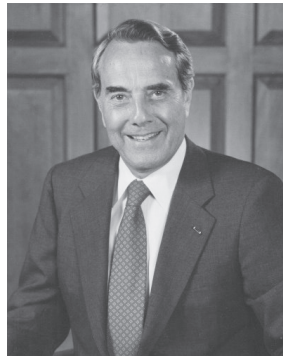
I was privileged to know both of these men. Dennis Moore, who was U.S. Representative from the Third District in Kansas, often said that 90 percent of what is done in Congress doesn't have anything to do with partisan politics.

I recall the first time I met Moore; it was at a fund-raiser when he was running for Kansas Attorney General; he was serving as Johnson County District Attorney. He lost that race but went on to be elected to Congress defeating the incumbent, U.S. Rep. Vince Snowbarger, an ultra-conservative Republican. Moore would go on to serve six terms.

As Johnson County Attorney, he was considered a "tough, but fair prosecutor"; he was elected three times serving 12 years.

While serving in Congress, he was a member of the U.S. House Budget and Financial Services and Small Business committees. He was also a member of the "Blue Dog Coalition," a group of moderate and conservative Democrats who favored fiscal responsibility.

I met with Moore in the spring of 2004. I was part of a Kansas Delegation who was calling on Congressional members in Washington on behalf of the National Newspaper Association. It was a Friday afternoon and Moore was preparing to catch a flight to Kansas City. He admitted that there was a serious strain he had to endure, because he wasn't from a "safe district" where re-election would be relatively easy.



Dennis Moore died Nov. 2, 2021 after suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. He was 75 years old.

I first met Bob Dole in the summer of 1968 when the Congressman from the First District of Kansas was running for the U.S. Senate, hoping to succeed U.S. Sen. Frank Carlson. The League of Women Voters was sponsoring

a "Meet the Candidates" event at what was then Trinity United Methodist Church. Dole won in the Primary and General elections that year.

The next time I met Dole was early one morning in the spring of 1986. I was a delegate to the Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C. Dole spotted me when I was leaving the Washington Hilton hotel. We visited briefly and he said, "Welcome to Washington." An aide was with him, holding a long list of appointments for the day.

Later that year, Dole visited Republican headquarters in Wyandotte County, a sparse Minnesota Avenue storefront downtown. A young political science student from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, was among a crowd anx-

Doug Bach to step down January 6

With more than 30 years of public service, the UG County Administrator announces his retirement

Kansas City, KS - Doug Bach has announced his retirement as County Administrator of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. He has served as County Administrator since March 8, 2014 and spent his career in service to our community.

Mr. Bach has worked for our community in various capacities over the past three decades. Before his appointment to the role County Administrator, Mr. Bach served as Deputy County Administrator from 2003-2014 and previously served in leadership roles across multiple departments, including the Departments of Finance, Community Development, and Procurement, as well as the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and County Administration.

"I am honored to have served with the many hardworking, talented individuals across the Unified Government," said Mr. Bach. "Together, we have tackled many challenges and are now well-positioned to rebound from this pandemic stronger than ever."

During his tenure, Mr. Bach directed multiple major economic development projects that have brought in hundreds of millions of dollars into the area, stabilizing the local economy during a downturn while creating new jobs. He has worked to eliminate debt obligations as an organization to ensure future fiscal sustainability and guided the Unified Government through its COVID-19 response.

Mr. Bach's retirement is effective January 6, 2022.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Well, here it is. It is gone. The year of 2021. What a year, what a year. Sure hope the new 2022 is a lot better. Slowly but surely, our normal way of life will come back again. Mr. Ed and I were going to go to Turner First Baptist Church to see the Lester Family perform. Also the Jayhawks were going to play Nevada at the same time. But, we did neither. For some reason we were sort of worn out and just laid down and watched TV. I don't care to drive at night and the game was on ESPN+.

I personally don't think it is fair that our wonderful Jayhawks can't be watched by their loyal fans unless you pay extra for it on your own TV in your own home. But money, money, money, is what life is all about.

Everything is going up in price, and there's always some kind of shortage of food. What in the world is going on anyway?

Christmas day was weird for me. All of our TV's were out, Mr. Ed was at a relative's home where I was to go over later. So I just mopped the floors in the whole house, did some laundry, and just piddled around. Then went to the relatives house the next day. Hey, I got to see my wonderful nephews, their ladies, my son, my daughter-in-law, my grandchildren and Mr. Ed. So later we came back home and I crashed. Didn't get to see ol' Santy Claus. I still like to see him. Then today, my daughter-in-law came over and Mr. Ed's sons came over to see him. She is helping me switch TV companies. Because Google is phasing out their traditional TV broadcasting. I called each of my surrounding neighbors here and asked them what they all had. Asked them if they had any problems with that particular one. So we'll see what we end up with.

Hope you all enjoyed your Christmas. We actually celebrated the day after so we could all gather together. It was really nice to be with them. I truly hope 2022 will be safer, saner, and happier for everyone. This has been one heckofa year. Take care all of you. Be kind, keep safe and mind your p's and q's. Lvya, K?

Sue from dear ol' Argentine. Learn from the mistakes of others, you won't live long enough to make them all yourself. Apples of Gold

The Best is Yet to Come!

Info: Erin Stryka

Next year, 2022. Rosedale will celebrate its 150th anniversary. Through good and bad times it shows Rosedale has endurance. Volunteers, over 400, cleaned graffiti and litter. There were Halloween Trails events,. We have come together to help families in need. Big plans for 2022 such as rebuilding youth programming. Offering more opportunities for neighbors to connect with youth programming, offering opportunities for neighbors to connect with large and small events. All kinds of plans to provide resources, connections and accesses and assistance. The best is yet to come. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



Fred Broski & his wife Jane & friends



This is the Lester Family. They are really good.



The new middle school in Turner.



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By Sharon Hoover

Another year has come to a close. At times it seemed like it would never end and then poof. I had a lot of plans for projects that I wanted to accomplish that didn't get done. Maybe I'll get motivated in 2022.

Now that Christmas is over

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

those of you that would like to recycle your old tree, the Yard Waste & Recycling Center (3241 Park Drive) will reopen the weekend of January 8-9, 2022. All tinsel, lights and ornaments must be removed. Trees may also be recycled at several Parks & Recreation locations before January 30, 2022: Stony Point Park (527 N. 86th St) NE corner of the parking lot; Alvey Park (4834 Metropolitan) North side of the South parking lot; City Park (2601 Park Drive) just inside the park to the right; Wyandotte County Park (631 N 126th) ball field parking area.

Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County Seniors are encouraged to apply for two Tax Rebates. If you meet the criteria,

you may receive a portion of your BPU, Gas, or AT&T utility bill. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2022. To qualify, (1) you must be a resident of KCK, (2) gross income does not exceed \$25,000, (3) 65 years of age or older. You will need to provide the last four digits of Social Security Number, address, Date of birth, telephone number, a copy of 2021 gas, BPU and phone bills and proof of income (including spouse). You can mail or fax information or apply in person at City Hall, 701 N 7th Room 323, KCK, 66101.

The Homestead/Safe Senior's Property Tax refund is open to Wyandotte County Seniors who owned and occupied property this past year. The deadline for

application is April 15, 2022. Total household income must be \$36,000 or less for a refund of up to \$700. Criteria – Born before January 1, 1966 OR be totally & permanently disabled for the entire year of 2021 OR have a dependent child born before January 1, 2021 under the age of 18 OR disabled veteran (50% or more) or surviving spouse of disabled veteran who has not remarried. You would need to file a K-40H or K-40PT. This can be a little tricky, the clerks in the above office can help fill out the forms. If you have your federal & state taxes prepared by a professional, I think they will apply for you.

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Leaders...

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iously awaited the senator's arrival. He asked me what to expect.

"Well, I tell you what will happen," I said. "Sen. Dole will arrive about five to ten minutes late with a sizeable group of well-wishers. He will step into the room and all eyes will be on the Senator."

That was exactly what happened. He cracked one of his signature jokes.

"Do you know what the difference between New York and North Dakota is,"

the Senator asked. "In New York, 100,000 dollars will get you 20 TV spots," he said. "In North Dakota, 100,000 dollars will buy you the TV station." He also praised all those running for public office.

Bob Dole was a hero who nearly lost his life while serving in Italy during World War II. The support he received from his hometown of Russell, Kan., was legendary. A cigar box at Dawson's drugstore collected funds to help pay for his medical expenses during his long rehabilitation road. Later on, that same cigar box was used to collect

\$100,000 for Dole's run for the presidency.

Although a conservative, Dole understood the art of the compromise when it was necessary to get legislation passed. One of the Washington legends tells of how Sen. Dole would promote partisan views during the day, but then would go to The White House to meet at night for

dinner with President Ronald Reagan and U.S. Rep. Tip O'Neill (a Democrat) to get things done.

Bob Dole, 98, died Dec. 5, 2021. He suffered from lung cancer.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

The Holiday season goes on until the Epiphany on January 6th, 2022 and this week's tasty treat is great to have on hand for your family and friends as they come to visit. It's an easy to prepare, quick bread that keeps the flavor of Christmas going (some of us would like it to go on for another month or so!) with the great taste combination of orange and cranberries

Hope you will bake a load or two of:

TOM'S ORANGE CRANBERRY BREAD

Ingredients:

2 1/4 c Flour

3/4 c Sugar

1/4 c Brown Sugar

2 t Baking Powder

1/2 t Baking Soda

1/2 t Cinnamon

1/2 t Salt

1/2 c Milk

1/4 c Orange juice, freshly squeezed

2 t grated Orange zest

1/4 c Canola oil

2 Lg. Eggs

12 oz. Fresh Cranberries, rinsed, picked over, dried, then coarsely chopped.

Glaze:

1/2 c Powdered Sugar

2 t Orange juice

Topping:

1/2 c chopped Pecans, optional

Set oven to 350°. Spray or butter a loaf pan.

In a large bowl combine and whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. In a four cup measuring cup combine the milk, canola oil, eggs, orange juice and orange zest. Stir with a fork to break up the eggs and to blend together. Form a well in the bowl of dry ingredients and pour in the egg mixture. Mix together until smooth and just combined.

Dust the cranberries with a tablespoon of flour and fold into the batter. Pour the batter into the loaf pan and bake at 350° for an hour to an hour and ten minutes. Place on rack to cool completely, then prepare the glaze. Mix glaze ingredients until smooth and easy to pour. Add more juice if needed; make it as thick as you desire. Drizzle glaze over the cake once it is completely cooled. Top with the pecans, if using. Store loaf in an air-tight container 2 days at room temperature or 1 week, refrigerated.

So tasty and good! And with the flavors of the Holidays--how many slices would you like?

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