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## OBITUARY

### Ed (Mr. Ed) Reich

By Sue Reich

My husband, Mr. Ed Reich, passed away on the 18th of March, 2022. He was one of the pillars of Argentine and he and his brother Jim, operated Reich's club on Strong Ave. in Argentine. Their father built it back in 1934. It was quite a popular spot. Ed worked as a dispatcher at BPU until he retired. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, MaryAnn, his brother Jim. He leaves behind his wife of almost 23 years, Sue, 2 granddaughters, and 2 sons. Sue's son and his wife and three more grandchildren. Ed graduated from Argentine High School in 1952. Funeral arrangements have not been arranged. Possible memorial service later.



County Appraiser Matt Willard and his deputy, Janae Robbins, explained the functions and duties of the Appraiser's office at the spring membership meeting of Business West.

## Real estate values show increase

By Murrel Bland

Residential housing values have increased more than 13 percent during 2021, compared to 2020.

That was the message that County Appraiser Matt Willard and his deputy, Janae Robbins, brought to the spring membership meeting of Business West held Friday, March 16 at The Dotte Spot Bar and Grill.

That increase was due to a high demand for single-family housing here and across the country. Nationally, there is a need for more than 4 million new homes.

Willard explained that the annual notice of appraisal and classification went out March 15 as required by Kansas state law which specifies that real property be valued at fair market

value. If a property owner believes that his or her property is overvalued, he or she has until April 14 to appeal it. Real estate values are used along with the mill rate to determine the amount of tax charged.

Willard said he and his staff closely monitor real estate sales in determining values. There were about 5,400 residential sales during 2021 in Wyandotte County.

Willard joined the County Appraiser's office in 2006 after working as a fee appraiser. The Unified Commission appointed him County Appraiser in 2021 to a four-year term.

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

## Historian tells of Sumner High School

By Murrel Bland

Chester Owens Jr. received a telephone call in about 2005 (he can't recall the exact date) telling him that many artifacts of Sumner High School were about to be destroyed. He quickly rescued these historic items, storing many of them in the basement of his home.

This is one of several stories that Owens told Sunday, March 20 at a quarterly meeting of the Wyandotte County Historical Society at the Wyandotte County Museum in Wyandotte County Park, Bonner Springs. About 50 persons attended.

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## Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Takin' a short break...  
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## Unified Government Land Bank Hosted Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate 1st New Construction Home

### *Restoring vacant lots to affordable homes and commercial properties*

Kansas City, KS- Today the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the first new construction home completed through the Land Bank Program. The recently constructed home is in the historic KCK neighborhood of Armourdale.

“One of our greatest assets is our neighborhoods and the Land Bank is a strategic program we can leverage to grow our community in a sustainable, affordable way,” said CEO/Mayor Tyrone A. Garner. “This project is evidence of how our own community members can work with us to restore and rehabilitate some of our most historic neighborhoods as we look ahead, making Wyandotte County a desirable place to live, work and play.”

The Land Bank Program was created to return blighted and tax delinquent properties into community assets, supporting vibrant neighborhoods across Wyandotte County. With more than 3,500 vacant lots acquired by the Unified Government through the judicial foreclosures and donations, the Department of Economic Development matches interested community members, home builders, community organizations, and developers with affordable property for rehabilitation or construction. Land Bank parcels sell for \$1 to reduce the cost of land acquisition to make building more affordable in an increasingly more competitive and expensive construction sector.

“The Land Bank has been working for years to reduce obstacles in the building process and bolster the market to make it easier to build new homes in every neighborhood

in Wyandotte County,” said Unified Government Economic Development Director, Katherine Carttar. “This is the first of many homes to be built on Land Bank properties to restore vacant parcels into vibrant places.”

The Land Bank program brings multiple benefits to our existing neighborhoods by revitalizing otherwise vacant lots, using existing infrastructure to help maintain affordability, increasing neighborhood density across our community, and growing our tax base. Applicants can benefit from various incentives and savings such as waived utility connection fees by the Board of Public Utilities, no sewer connection or building permit fees. Additionally, the Unified Government offers up to ten years of property tax rebates through its Neighborhood Revitalization Act program.

How the Land Bank Program Works

There are four simple steps to apply for a Land Bank property.

1. Start by identifying a preferred parcel or property via an interactive map found at [wycokck.org/landbank](http://wycokck.org/landbank)

2. Complete a short, seven question form to let the Unified Government know your interest and proposed project scope.

3. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners, the applicant has a year-long option to begin work on the property.

4. Apply for permits and begin construction.

The option process gives the applicant a year to work through preparing a property for construction, including the design and financing of the project. The Unified Government does not trans-

fer the deed to the property until certain requirements are fulfilled, allowing the government to return the property to the Land Bank if the project stalls. To receive the deed, the applicant must submit: an approved building permit; planning approvals (if required); cost estimate to build; and proof of funds to cover building costs. At the end of the option year, the applicant can request an extension if progress can be demonstrated but not all criteria has been met for the deed transfer.

The Land Bank program currently has 221 approved options as of March 2022 creating an estimated \$31 million in value to our community. These options include: 134 single family homes; 12 garages; 56 multi-family homes; and 19 commercial projects.

About the Builder

Christian Garcia was born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico and came to Kansas in 2015 to launch his construction business, Chris Solutions LLC. In 2017, Mr. Garcia began rehabilitating homes in Wyandotte County and started working with the Land Bank program shortly thereafter. “The Land Bank process has worked seamlessly,” said Mr. Garcia, “and I thoroughly enjoy interacting with the Unified Government team throughout this build. This new home is just the first of many I plan to build; I am grateful for their support and look forward to seeing more fruit out of our joint effort.”

About the Land Bank

For more information or questions about the Unified Government Land Bank program, please call 913-573-5472 or visit us online at [wycokck.org/landbank](http://wycokck.org/landbank).



By Sharon Hoover

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

We have a new garden project, one that we hadn't planned. Someone lost control their vehicle and drove into the Sedum Berm in front of the building. They destroyed two benches, damaged the fence, and uprooted many of the plants. This event occurred on the evening of March 22 or the early morning of March 23. We would like to find this person and have their insurance pay for the damage. If you have information call Calvin at 913-522-8228.

is "Climate Change and You". The presenter is Frank Reilly, an environmental scientist who specializes in environmental assessments.

Time is 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. For information to preregister call Lynn

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**T**RC will start taking applications for the Turner Community Garden Plots on April 1 through May 1. Originally all the plots were taken but two plots have yet to be assigned. The cost per plot is \$15. TRC's address is 831 S. 55th St. KCK. Their phone number is 913-287-2111.

The K-State Garden Hour's presentation on April 6 will be "Pollinator Plants for a Continuous Food Source". It is on Zoom from noon until 1:00 pm. If you miss it, you can always go to their Facebook page. The topic of the April 7 WYCO Master Gardeners program



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# SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

Senators stayed busy this week with work in committee and on the floor. Two major pieces of legislation were considered by the Senate as a whole. Tuesday was focused on the budget, and Wednesday brought a debate on state senate redistricting maps.

At the end of March, we hit the deadline for non-exempt bills to be out of their second chamber. As such, the Senate will be meeting earlier in the day next week to ac-

commodate an influx of work on the Senate floor. We will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have a short break beginning Thursday, and return on March 28th for conference committee meetings.

It is truly an honor to serve you in Topeka. If you have any questions, please contact me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov.

## GENERAL ORDERS

The Senate this week approved 11 bills, the majority of which were uncontroversial.

I voted yes on most of these bills, and will expand on my votes on the budget and the state senate redistricting map later on in this newsletter.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1623 prompted some interesting discussion on the Senate floor. The resolution urges President Joe Biden to stop importing oil and gas from Russia. President Biden signed an executive order on March 8th doing just that. My colleague Tom Hawk had an excellent explanation of vote on this resolution, which I concurred with and have included below:

“Mr. President: I vote yes on SCR 1623. The resolution hits on some key points regarding the ceasing of importing oil and gas from Russia and enhancing energy independence for the United States. I support the fact that President Joe Biden on March 8, 2022, signed an Executive Order to ban the import of Russia oil, liquefied natural gas, and coal to the United States—a significant action with bipartisan support that will deprive President Putin of the economic resources he uses to continue his needless war of choice in Ukraine. While this resolution focuses on oil and gas, it does not adequately mention the importance of renewable energy as part of the goal for United States energy independence. The intent of this resolution to condemn a needless war by Russia and to encourage the reduction of our dependence on oil is right on target. The resolution could be stronger if it would take into account our Kansas success with renewable energy over the past ten years and our joint responsibility to support all sources of energy in the near term to reach our common goal of energy independence.”

## INITIAL BUDGET PASSES THE SENATE

The Senate spent Tuesday debating the initial budget. The Legislature is required by law to pass a budget by sine die – our final day in legislative session. The budget passed by a vote of 23 to 14. We will revisit it during Veto Session, which begins at the end of April, so we can make adjustments based on the state’s revenue estimates after Kansans have filed their tax returns.

There is a lot to like about this budget. Some highlights include:

\* FULLY FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND STRENGTHENING HIGHER EDUCATION:

For a fifth straight year, we are fully funding our K-12 schools at constitutionally-required levels, and we are moving closer to having a fully stabilized education system. The budget also includes investments in higher education at every level after years of underfunding. Unfortunately, it does not fund at a level necessary to freeze tuition at our state universities.

\* CLOSING THE BANK OF KDOT: This budget not only fulfills the Governor’s promise to close the Bank of KDOT, it ends other extraordinary transfers out of the State Highway Fund. These transfers for non-infrastructure programs such as Mental Health Grants and debt service on bonds will now be funded out of SGF, returning needed infrastructure dollars to their original purpose.

\* COMPENSATING STATE EMPLOYEES: After failing to give state employees a raise last year, this budget provides a 5% pay raise across the board. An amendment from Senator Caryn Tyson on the Senate floor added a 15% pay increase for legislative staff.

\* INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND I/DD: There are significant investments in behavioral health services and home- and community-based intellectual/developmental disability services, including \$4.8 million for mini-grants to assist Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

\* IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY: The budget includes funding to help recruit and retain State Highway Patrol officers, nurses, corrections officers, public defenders, Community Corrections, home and community-based service providers, child protection specialists, and others.

\* PAYING OFF OUR DEBTS: The budget pays off KPERS layering payments, resulting in \$400 million in savings. It also pays bonds early, improving the state’s structural balance and securing Kansas’ finances in the event of future national or international economic challenges.

Disappointingly, the budget does not include broad tax relief for the

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majority of Kansans, and it unnecessarily spends down our revenues so that providing this relief is not fiscally feasible. Our State General Fund is in its strongest position in over 40 years, thanks in large part to Governor Kelly's commitment to balancing the budget and attracting economic development projects that have brought incredible growth to Kansas. It is well within our means to completely eliminate the state sales tax on groceries, which is the second highest rate in the nation at 6.5%. Taking it to zero will save an average Kansas family over \$500 a year. Those savings, combined with a \$250 rebate for 2021 Kansas tax filers, would allow families to better save and invest in their futures. The Legislature's failure to deliver on these achievable, commonsense policies is a political choice, and it's a disservice to our fellow Kansans.

The budget also does not expand Medicaid, which is both morally unjustifiable and financially foolish. Failing to expand Medicaid this year will cost our State General Fund over \$68 million, without accounting for the financial impact we assume when we ensure hardworking Kansans forgo care because they can't afford medical costs.

The budget we passed establishes the Senate position as we enter negotiations with the House and make adjustments in omnibus. I believe the Senate position should include tax relief for all Kansans, in every corner of the state, and my pass vote reflects the fact that this initial budget falls short.

### NEW STATE SENATE DISTRICTS ARE ALMOST FINAL

Last Thursday, initial state senate redistricting proposals were introduced. Senate Republicans introduced Liberty 2, while Senate Democrats' redistricting team (Senate Democratic Leader Dinah Sykes and Senator Ethan Corson) introduced their Eisenhower map.

Population shifts over the past

decade require a senate district to move out of western Kansas and into the Johnson County area. Both camps agreed on making Senate District 35, currently held by Senate Vice-President Rick Wilborn, the new Johnson County district. Beyond that, the maps are very different. The Eisenhower map faithfully follows the guidelines adopted by the Redistricting Advisory Group in December: all districts are within the +/- 5% deviation, the districts are compact and contiguous, existing political subdivisions remain intact, communities of interest remain whole, and the core of existing districts are preserved.

Perhaps the most striking difference between the Eisenhower map and the Liberty map is that there are no contests between incumbents under the Democratic plan. The Liberty map, however, places incumbent Democratic senator Tom Holland in the same district as Republican senator Beverly Gossage, in a district that looks nothing like the area he currently represents.

As with the congressional redistricting process, the lack of transparency and accountability throughout the state legislative redistricting process is frustrating and disheartening. Leadership scheduled a hearing on the Liberty map before data was released on the maps, making it difficult for Kansans to craft accurate testimony on the map's impact on our communities. Republican leadership also released a second map the day before the hearing — one that would have significantly impacted the partisan balance of the Kansas Senate. By registration, Republicans make up less than 50% of the Kansas electorate. The Freedom map would have ensured Republicans control of over 80% of the Kansas Senate for the next decade. The Liberty map is by no means perfect. But it does not decimate the partisan minority's voice, and it succeeds in keeping the communities I represent together.

The map must now be approved by the House. Traditionally, the House approves whatever passes

the Senate and vice versa, out of respect for the respective chamber's work on its districts. Once it is approved by the House, the governor has 10 days to sign the map, allow the map to become law without her signature, or veto it. If she vetoes it, I expect the Senate would attempt to override her decision, which requires 27 votes. If the map becomes law, the Kansas Supreme Court has 15 days to determine the map's validity.

My current district, District 6, has changed very little under the new map.

The House Redistricting Committee met Friday to discuss and make amendments to the only proposed House map: Free State 3. I expect the full House will debate that map next week.

### COMMITTEE UPDATE

Here are some pieces of legislation that came out of committee last week to keep an eye on as we work bills next week:

\* **HEALTH CARE FOR NEWBORNS:** Each year in the budget, there is a proviso that expands newborn screening services, which helps more families access health care for their babies in the first year of life. SB 155 codifies that policy in statute, and it passed out of the Senate Committee on Public Health & Welfare this week.

\* **CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR CARE:** Senator Ethan Corson's SB 485 allows candidates and officeholders to use campaign funds for caregiving expenses incurred because of their candidacy or official duties. This bill will help break down barriers faced by working parents in our state government.

\* **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON TAXES:** Currently, only constitutional amendments and veto overrides require supermajorities for passage in the Kansas Legislature. SCR 1620 would amend our constitution to require a supermajority for passage of certain bills containing new or increased state taxes.

\* **OPEN BORDERS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** SB 455 would allow K-12 students to transfer to and attend school in

any school district in the state. It would require school districts to accommodate non-resident students without providing any additional funding for them. School districts already have the authority to accept non-resident students and have policies to accommodate capacity. This legislation is another in a series of bills that seeks to undermine our public schools, foster iniquity in the system, and promote vouchers that would exacerbate the problem created by these attacks. This bill will be worked on the senate floor today.

\* **INVITING THE PLAGUE TO KANSAS:** It is mind-boggling that the lesson some of my colleagues have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is that we should make it harder to protect our fellow Kansans from life-threatening contagious diseases. SB 489 strips the Secretary of Health and Environment of her authority to take action to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases. It also only allows local health to recommend actions in a health emergency.

\* **INVITING THE PLAGUE TO KANSAS, ROUND 2:** Leadership is delivering on their promise they exchanged with Senator Mark Steffen for his vote on the congressional redistricting map. S Sub for HB 2280 includes Senator Steffen's language requiring pharmacists to fill prescriptions of off-label medications to "treat" COVID-19; prohibiting the Board of Healing Arts from investigating physicians who prescribe off-label drugs; and requiring child care facilities and schools to grant "philosophical" exemptions from vaccination requirements for all childhood vaccines.

### FOLLOW OUR WORK

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# Guest Editorial

## Quotes to Ponder

By Tom Valverde

Half of American families aged 56 to 61 have less than \$21,000 saved for retirement. 33% of adults, 55 and older have no savings at all. Source: The Washington Post

Most middle-class families only have enough financial reserves to keep them going for 3 weeks. And, families with lower incomes, have much less, with 1 or 2 days at best. The primary reason for this crisis is wage stagnation going back to the 1970s.

Edward Wolff, Professor of Economics At New York University, The Atlantic

Baby Boomers have 100% more debt than the generation born during WWII. Recent, poor economic policy from the federal government, together with the current, post-COVID shaken economy is putting

a comfortable retirement at risk for many public-sector workers. The government shut down decimated State finances with very little tax revenue coming in to state coffers. Many States are Billions behind in their State retirement funds, and may make cuts to provide retirement checks to essential workers; Police, Firemen, Educators, and others.

Half of Americans are at risk of not being able to maintain their standard of living in retirement," a Boston College study revealed. The majority of Americans without a 401(k) plan just do not save anything. We've never saved money because there was none to save. Source: Economic Policy Institute

In 2017, Brookings Metro wrote how the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans had, stymied progress on a common-sense solution to the nation's retirement

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crisis. They actively worked against the Automatic Individual Retirement Account for workers in non-union jobs, at small businesses that offered no retirement savings plans.

Republicans in Congress attempted to sabotage States and local programs on enacting Auto-IRAs with various Lawsuits. Their efforts failed in many States, the crisis of unfunded retirement plans was taken seriously by the Courts. The Courts have ruled in favor of Auto-IRAs and the Biden administration has announced that the Federal government, would no longer support the lawsuits that sought to end the Auto-IRA programs.

President Biden has explicitly committed to Improving worker welfare and has endorsed Auto-IRA enrollment. Through the President's "Unity Task Force," whose goal is to have Congress create laws that will expand worker security a new system to help retired workers and be supported by the Federal government is in the works.

Auto-IRAs will become more and more available. Next, the Congress needs to take the needed measures

to legalize Auto-IRAs all across the US. This would permanently put an end to legal challenges and give States the confidence to move forward with establishing Auto-IRAs.

It makes no sense to brag about the increased number of jobs, when job growth isn't worth much, if the jobs offer poor pay and zero benefits. President Biden is working to help American workers and this is just one of his initiatives to grow a better America. Much due diligence is still required by each person to try their best to provide for their own retirement. Investment and financial advisors recommend having more than one source of readily available funds. If one goes out, there's less worry because of the knowledge that there are other sources to draw from in retirement. Savings must become a strong habit for everyone. And it's best to start when young to save for retirement.

Buy Less, budget well, and. Save More. If you work at a place that offers no retirement plan, ask about the new Auto-IRAs and ask whether one could be established at your place of work.

## Turner Garden...

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Loughary Horticultural Agent at 913-299-9300, or [loughar@ksu.edu](mailto:loughar@ksu.edu).

Is it time to get rid of all that yard waste accumulated over the winter? The KCK Fire Department has designated April 1 to April 30 as dates for Open Burning. Permits



## Attorney General shares views on legislation

By Murrel Bland

Derek Schmidt came to Wyandotte County prepared to comment on two very controversial pieces of legislation.

Schmidt, the Republican Kansas Attorney General who wants to be Governor, was the keynote speaker at the monthly meeting of the Congressional Forum held Friday, March 18 at Children's Mercy Park. The Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Forum.

The first issue Schmidt addressed was the "Safe and Welcoming City Act." The Unified Commission, on a 6-4 vote, recently approved the act for Kansas City, Kansas. The ordinance would authorize the issuances of photo identification cards to undocumented persons to improve the access to public services.

Schmidt favors House Bill 2717 which would prohibit local units of government from passing any legislation that would interfere with

law enforcement cooperation in immigration enforcement. He said that the ordinance would encourage sanctuary cities.

Schmidt said it is up to the federal government to reform immigration policies. Employers are very dependent on immigrant labor, particularly in such areas as food service, construction and landscaping. The present immigration system is long, drawn-out and very cumbersome.

Schmidt also commented on the redistricting issue. The Kansas Legislature, controlled by conservative Republicans, approved a map that would split Wyandotte County into two Congressional Districts. Democrats allege that such a map was blatant gerrymandering, with lines drawn to dilute a Democrat candidate's strength.

Suits were filed in Wyandotte and Douglas counties, challenging the Republican maps. The Attorney General requested that the suits be

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## Passings...

By Sue Reich

Dorothy Elizabeth "Doe" Cook, age 91, passed away on March 17, 2022. She was a graduate of Argentine High School.

Earline Jenkins, age 70, passed away on March 17, 2022. She was a 1969 graduate of Wyandotte High School.

Demetria Bolivar Chaidez, age 54, passed away on March 12, 2022. Member of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Victoria (Vickie) Lee Mathis, age 67, passed away on March 7, 2022.

Richard Wayne Estell, age 58, passed away on February 15, 2022. He was a 1982 graduate of Harmon High School.

Robert Matz, age 70, passed away on March 6, 2022. He was a 1970 graduate of Argentine High School.

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## Historian... ...from page 1

Today, there is a history room at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science displaying many items including the rescued artifacts.

Owens, a dedicated historian of Sumner High School, came to Wyandotte County with his family from Ashdown, Ark., in 1946. He became a sophomore at Sumner.

Owens told of how Sumner became the only segregated high school, by law, in Kansas. On April 12, 1904, a very popular white youth, Roy Martin, was shot and killed in Kerr Park. Charged and convicted was Louis Gregory, a Black youth. Throughout the years, Black historians have argued that Gregory was trying to defend himself. The white community was up in arms. The solution was to segregate schools—all black students would attend Northeast Junior High and Sumner High School.

Kansas Gov. E.W. Hoch was reluctant to sign the bill that made

Sumner a segregated school; he did it only after being assured Sumner would be of the same quality as other buildings in the Kansas City, Kansas, School District. The law also guaranteed that Sumner faculty members would be paid as well as their white counterparts. These factors attracted faculty members from all over the United States.

The name of the high school was chosen honoring U.S. Sen. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, an abolitionist.

Owens told several prominent graduates, faculty members and administrators of Sumner. They included:

\*William Foster, president of the American Bandmasters Association and board member of the John Phillips Sousa Foundation.

\*Fernando J. Gaitan Jr., senior U.S. Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

\*John McClendon, first Black head coach of any professional sport.

\*Leon Brady was band director at Sumner. His jazz band raised \$25,000 from private sources so



Chester Owens Jr.

the band could attend international competition in Paris—they called the event "Sumner in Paris."

\*Col. Vernon Coffey was appointed as the U.S. Army aide to President Richard M. Nixon.

The Historical Society named Owens the "Historian of the Year."

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## Attorney General... ...from page 6

dismissed. The Kansas Supreme Court rejected Schmidt's request, saying that Schmidt should have not short-circuited the judicial process.

It is unfortunate that the ultra-conservative element controls the Legislature; its map shows the worst in partisan politics. A more moderate approach would be to keep the district lines basically the same as it is today. This would keep Wyandotte County and most of Johnson County in the Third Congressional District. The far southern semi-rural area of Johnson County would be in the Fourth Congressional District.

Schmidt also told of improvements he has made in his 11 years as Attorney General. He was able to get legislation passed that places the 150 employees of the attorney general's office under civil service. He also was successful in getting a new crime laboratory for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 22-009 Boiler Replacement . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 22-009 – "Boiler Replacement"

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Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at <http://www.kckcps.org/index.php/invitation-for-bids>.

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