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News vs. "News"

By Dr. Jim Haas

Congratulations! You're reading an example of America's free press, media where you can find hard news—provable facts—and informed opinion about the implications of facts. Contrast this precious freedom with the unfree press in Putin's Russia where even the word "war" related to the invasion of Ukraine is prohibited and punishable. Putin calls it a "special operation," so the state press and TV must parrot the government line. A retired Russian colonel calls it "informational sedatives."

George Orwell wrote about the twisted logic of such doublespeak in 1984 where a fictional authoritarian government flooded people with pronouncements that "War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength." And people believed it, having no choice because books were banned except for a government publication, and the only "news" came through government TV (where they also knew who you were and could hear what you said and speak to you—science fiction when Orwell wrote seven decades ago but commonplace with today's technology).

Now we find ourselves in a time when *our* "news" may require quotation marks because some of it is and some of it isn't. Real news, reliable news, comes from media where facts are rigorously checked, double-checked, and often triple-checked for accuracy before publication or broadcast. As one journalist put it, news we can trust comes from media where reporters will lose their job if their facts are wrong.

"Alternative facts" isn't news; it's lies. It's fake news, and there's plenty of it around, especially on social media where anyone can post opinions no matter how twisted or goofy (as Russians did in 2016 and are doing again), and on some TV and radio networks whose owners have political agendas. Rupert Murdoch's Fox News is an example whose opinion programs often promote conspiracy theories with no basis in facts. Murdoch is especially fond of promoting partisan public policies that benefit the very rich like himself. In 2012, a committee



of the U.K. Parliament concluded that Murdoch "is not a fit person to exercise the stewardship of a major international company." He has also been investigated by the FBI.

Still, we have a free press in America, so Murdoch is free to promote what he wants, but it's often not truthful news. It's "news" aimed at an audience gullible enough to believe it.

Journalists should be non-partisan but not neutral, always biased in favor of truth and facts; biased in favor of democracy. Some media make the mistake of trying to achieve "balance" by presenting the facts then giving an opposing view equal time. But there aren't two sides to a truth. Reputable media are careful when they mention misinformation to say it is "without evidence" or something similar.

Case in point: the "Stop the Steal" criticism of the 2020 Presidential election which was, by any measure, the freest, most trustworthy election in any of our lifetimes. Thirty-eight state audits and 60 court decisions verified there was no meaningful election fraud. Those officials who won't accept the result are guilty not just of "The Big Lie" but of a criminal conspiracy to override the will of voters.

Televised January 6th Committee hearings that begin in early June should reveal the

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Sumner Academy Receives #1 Rating

By Tom Valverde

US News and World Report rated high schools in every state, nearly 18,000 public high schools, and Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences was the number one high school in Kansas. US News assessed and ranked the schools on 6 factors of the school's performance on state assessments. These assessments tested students in math, science, and English language. Each high school was also examined for how well they prepare students for college. Sumner's college readiness score is 94.9, so, very close to a perfect 100.

Mr. Rick Malone serves as principal at Summer Academy, and he remarked, "This means a lot to the Staff and to the students and this is the 4th year that this high school was ranked in the top 100 high schools in the nation. Our students persevered through the pandemic. Kudos to the staff, they motivated and encouraged our students."

Congratulations to Summer Academy for this wonderful achievement! Sumner Academy students have an impressive 98% graduation rate as well. Principal Malone said that the graduates had received a total of over \$93 million in college scholarships.

"Several had college tuitions paid in full for the four years." One is for Stanford University, a private, non-profit university with a tuition of \$78,218. Other students have an all-expenses paid scholarship via the Rudd Scholarship Foundation for all four years," Principal Malone said.

"And there are students with scholarships who will attend the University of Kansas and others at K-State."

The top three high schools in Kansas are:

- 1. Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences, on North 8th Street.
 - 2. Blue Valley North, on Lamar Ave.
 - 3. Shawnee Mission East, on Mission Rd.

Students interested in attending Summer Academy of Arts and Sciences can visit District 500s website. A good GPA, good behavior, and good attendance is required. This ranking by US News and World Report is Great News here, and it is something everyone can take pride in.

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<u>Sue's Sudsy</u> <u>Soapbox</u>



By Sue Reich

i everybody, what a great day it was today. After those storms, sure glad we were granted some sunshine. My daughter-in-law and I worked our tushes off today. She sure is a go-getter. She has been my godsend.

Can't help thinking about Naomi Judd. I can't believe how many famous people have taken their lives. My niece, when she was in the Army, met Robin Williams, he gave her a big ol' hug and a few years later, he "offed" himself. A great uncle of mine did the same thing. My sons friend who went in the Marines with John got discharged from the Corp and several months later, he did the same thing. Just out of curiosity, I Googled some celebrities just to see how many did that.

Naomi Judd: singer, Robin Williams: comedian/actor, Curt Cobain: singer/guitarist, Fidel Castro: dictator, Ernest Hemmingway: writer, Margaux Hemmingway: actress, Dave Garroway: tv talk show host, Don Harman: local TV (weatherman, he was quite a character,) Dana Plato: actress, Marilyn Monroe: actress, blonde bombshell in her time, Freddie Prinze: started as a comedian, became a tv actor, another one, Adolph Hitler, another dictator. There are many many more. A lot of high school students take

their own lives. I have had some very low times growing up, being married, losing my baby daughter, parents passing and my three sisters passing. Losing best friends, widowed twice, losing my furbabies, being poor, brain surgery, I could go on and on. There is help. Whatever made these people do this, I don't know. If you feel depressed, call that help hotline, Preacher or priest, your doctor, a parent, a close friend, God, or me (lol). These past three years have been terrible. We are still here, right? Glad you are still with us. I would really miss you, why??? Cause I lvya.! Be kind, K? Your little gal from ARGENTINE, SUE

Unsolved Case in KCK

by Sue Reich

It has been over 4 years since this Harmon student was shot and killed in a laundromat on Maple Hill. I try to put him in this paper, especially on holidays. I have even written our DA asking about him several times and the same answer, "we're working on it", he tells me. December, (victims name) was a great sportsman, a good student. Hs loved his family, was eager to help his mother. I went to his vigil up by the laundromat. Now, finally it has been on tv along with Vinny who was shot and killed in Berkshire Village a few years back. Glad they are getting on these cases..

Mr. J.C. Harmon

by Sue Reich.

Mr. Harmon was a very much admired when he was the Principal of Argentine High school. He knew every student by their name. One male student was asked by Harmon if he was going to the prom. The student said no because he didn't have a car. "You are going, I will lend you my car," he said. JC Harmon was one heckofa great man.

Haas...

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extent of the conspiracy and the people and organizations responsible. The bipartisan committee has texts, emails, sworn testimony of witnesses, and other evidence that promises to shed light on the Capitol attack and on a coordinated attempt

to overthrow the election.

When we learn who's responsible—and I'm confident we will—the solution is clear: vote out everyone who ignored the facts, supported the conspirators in any way, and came dangerously close to ending the rule of law that is the foundation of our freedoms. Including a free press.

Fraudulent Charity Banned

KANSAS CITY, Kansas – A Kansas City, Kansas, man and his bogus charity that falsely claimed to be raising funds to support law enforcement have been banned from doing business in the state and have agreed to turn over \$10,000 they illegally raised to a legitimate Wyandotte County organization, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

William Storms III and his organization called Kansas City FOP #1 Fund are now banned from operating as a charity in Kansas. The organization was not associated with the actual Fraternal Order of Police or any other law enforcement organization. Storms agreed to turn over \$10,000 he had raised to the Bonner Springs Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 65, a legitimately operating Kansas FOP. Investigators with Schmidt's Consumer Protection Division determined that Storms operated an unregistered charity from November 15, 2020, until February 8, 2021, soliciting and collecting donations for supposed charitable purposes. Storms also used the Fraternal Order of Police name without authority, which misled or confused donors as to the intended recipient of the contributions. Most charities soliciting donations in Kansas are required to register with the attorney general under the Kansas Charitable Organization and Solicitation Act.

Schmidt urged Kansans to do their homework when donating to charities and offered the following tips to keep in mind when making charitable contributions:

- * Ask for written information, including how much of the money raised is actually used for charitable purposes and how much will end up in the hands of the professional fundraiser.
- * Be careful with telemarketers requesting contributions oftentimes the telemarketer keeps a substantial portion of the donation.
- *Do not be pressured into making a contribution or pledge.
- * Do not feel obligated to send a donation to charities that send token gifts such as key chains, greeting cards, mailing labels, etc.
- * Make certain the charitable organization actually serves the need it claims to serve.
- * Make a personal giving plan and support well established charities on your terms, not in response to marketing solicitations.
- * Check out the charity at www. kscharitycheck.org to assess whether it is registered to solicit in Kansas.



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By Sharon Hoover

he month of May has almost passed by in a flash. I've missed reporting some events this month that slipped by me. Therefore, I will list some June events and programs you or someone you know may have some interest.

For my gardening friends, the

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K-State Garden Hour's topic is "Organic Pest Management for Vegetables Gardens" presented by Zac Hoppenstedt, Johnson County Horticulture Extension Agent. It will be on Zoom June 1, 2022, from 12 pm -1 pm. With the price of groceries going up maybe investing in a few veggie plants will save some dough.

Also, the WYCO Master Gardeners monthly program will be June 2, 2022, on Zoom from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The topic is "How to Prepare Your Flowers & Vegetables for the Fair" presented by Nancy Chapman, Johnson Country EMG. Both the Johnson County Fair and Wyandotte County Fair will be held later this summer. There are many open classes for

the individual to enter. Many of our EMG's have taken home ribbons in the past. Presentation is the key.

The KCKPD is sponsoring a Blood Drive on June 1 from 11 am-3 pm in the meeting room at 4953 State Ave. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or redcrossblood. org and enter KCKPD.

On June 9, the WYCO Human Services Dept. of the UG is hosting a Free Community Resource Fair at 701 N 7th Room 646 from 11 am -2 pm. For more info call 913-573-5502.

The KCKPD is hosting a Community Gathering at Matney Park on Shawnee Drive on June 11, 2022, from 10 am to 1 pm. Games for the kids, food, and drink for all. You also might want to save

the date for "Night Out Against Crime" August 2, 2022.

If you missed last Saturday's Hazardous Waste Disposal day, the next one is June 18, 2022, from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Location: 2442 South 88th St. KCK, 66111. The WYCO Recycling & Yard Waste Center at 3241 Park Drive, KCK 66102 is open on Thursday- Sunday from 10am to -3 pm (weather permitting) until November 22, 2022. Saturday & Sunday from December 3, 2022 to March 26, 2023. That's all I have this week so...

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Feel lucky to live in America and say a prayer for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to be free.



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Governor Kelly Signs Bill Making Key Investments to Improve State Services for Vulnerable Kansans

Legislation Enables State Universities to Hold Tuition Flat

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced she has signed bipartisan House Bill 2510, which makes key investments in education, economic development, mental health, senior services, and our veterans. HB 2510 also makes historic levels of funding to state universities, enabling them to freeze tuition and knock down barriers to higher education.

"This budget delivers on commitments I made in January to improve access to services for and expands mental health servulnerable Kansans," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I am proud of our continued bipartisan work to restore and enhance vital state services - responsibly paid for through our strong economic growth."

HB 2510 ensures funding for mental health initiatives like 9-8-8, the state's new suicide prevention hotline; increases funding to grow and enhance the care provided by community mental health centers; vices in regions like South-Central Kansas.

It also includes many initiatives that build upon the Kelly Administration's strong record of improving the child welfare system and fully funds a veterans' home in Northeast Kansas – making it possible for those who have served their country to receive long-term care closer to home.

"This budget will improve services for Kansans in a responsible way, building a sustainable foundation for years to come," Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, District 29, said. "I'm especially proud of the provision that requires the Department of Children and Families to use performance-based contracts, which will ensure that our child advocates are focused on providing satisfactory care for children and families in need, rather than increasing their intake loads. Because of this policy, Kansas children will receive the care they need and deserve, and our state will be able to hold providers accountable for their work."

This bill also directs a portion of federal money to state universities, community colleges, and technical colleges, enabling them to freeze tuition and make higher education more affordable for students from a range of backgrounds.

"Our historic, \$1 billion investment in higher education will make it possible for universities to freeze tuition, continuing the streak of low-to-no tuition growth under my Administration," Governor Kelly said.

"Due to our state's recent economic growth, we had a unique opportunity to make historic onetime investments to modernize our higher education system and this budget does that," Senator Tom Hawk, Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said. "Funding for our whole education system, including higher education, should send a message to all prospective students, faculty, and the business community that Kansas stands ready to provide the educated workforce that our economy needs."

"By investing in our community colleges, technical colleges, and universities, this budget will expand our workforce and economic development potential as a state." Representative Kathy Wolfe-Moore, Ranking Minority on House Appropriations, said. "From Kansas City and Pittsburg to Garden City and Hays, we are updating our campuses and expanding our capacity to make sure our students are ready to step up to the plate when they graduate."

Another portion will direct one-time funding toward housing and economic development projects.

"This budget not only provides funding for key economic development initiatives, it will also jumpstart housing development in communities that are ready to grow like my hometown of Salina." Senator J.R. Claeys, Vice Chair of Senate Ways and Means, said. "As company after company announces expansions and new investment, it's clear that Kansas is a great place to do business and raise a family, and our private housing developers and local stakeholders are ready to get to work to make sure communities across the state have the quality housing needed to attract young workers and their families."

In addition, HB 2510 ensures all state public employees enjoy at least a 5% pay increase this year, following a previous recommendation from the Governor. It also restores multiple

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agencies to the across-the-board pay increase, including the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Board of Indigent Defense Services, and all employees at 24/7 facilities.

"As they do every year, Kansas state employees work hard to deliver exceptional service to the people of Kansas in some of the toughest jobs in the state," Sarah LaFrenz, President of the Kansas Organization of State Employees, said. "We appreciate the Governor's leadership and the Legislature's bipartisan support of the base pay, differential, and market rate increases included in the budget this year for state employees. Funding these pay increases is such an essential step in helping curb the staffing crises at state facilities, compensating these workers for their hard and necessary work, and making our communities safer."

Below please find the message from the Governor regarding House Bill 2510:

House Bill 2510 represents additional progress toward fulfilling many of the priorities that I set forth in January and that have been made possible only through our bipartisan work together over the past four years. Building on House Substitute for Substitute for Senate Bill 267, this bill provides additional investments in higher education, economic development, mental health, senior services, and veterans while leaving sufficient funding to provide over \$1 billion in tax relief to Kansans through the legislation that I have signed to cut property taxes and axe the state's sales tax on groceries.

Some of the key investments in this legislation include improved access to mental healthcare, increased funding for senior nutrition, expanded training opportunities to prevent child abuse, and measures that build on our successful work to reduce the number of children who enter the foster care system. This bill includes additional investments in our regional universities and community and technical colleges, which are critical to our efforts to expand our workforce in the state of Kansas. And this budget ensures that all state employees will receive a pay increase of at least 5% this year in recognition of their service to the state.

Finally, due to our strong economic growth and unprecedented ending balances, this budget will allow us to pay off over \$1 billion in debt over the next year.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 2, Section 14(b) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby return House Bill 2510 with my signature, except for the item enumerated below.

State Board of Regents—Proviso Allowing Universities to Raise Tuition

Section 36(b) has been vetoed in its entirety.

In my initial budget, I recommended \$45.7 million in operating grant funding to higher education with the understanding that universities would freeze tuition. In addition to that, I allocated \$23.9 million in funding for salaries. While the original operating grant funding has been reduced to an increase of \$37.5 million in the final passed budget, overall, higher education in the state of Kansas is set to receive \$1 billion this fiscal year. This is a historic investment that I am proud to support by approving the additional higher education funding included in HB 2510.

As a result of this significant infusion of new funding, I believe that the Regents institutions will be able to continue to hold tuition flat, making college more affordable for Kansans of all backgrounds. This is especially important if we, as a state, are going to provide the workforce needed to fully actualize the benefits and opportunities of our recent economic growth.

Consumer Alert: AG Schmidt urges caution in wake of baby formula shortages

TOPEKA—Attorney General Derek Schmidt urged all Kansas parents to be cautious when shopping for and purchasing baby formula in the midst of extreme shortages occurring across the nation. Kansans are facing shortages of baby formula following pandemic-related disruptions in the global supply chain and a recall of significant amounts of baby formula by the Food and Drug Administration due to bacteria concerns.

"Any time there is a shortage of an essential product, like baby formula, scammers will try to take advantage of Kansans in need," Schmidt said. "It is important that consumers keep their guard up and use caution to avoid falling victim to scams."

The attorney general's office offers the following guidance to help parents make informed decisions:

Stick with trusted vendors. When purchasing formula, stick with trusted vendors that are well known and well established. This reduces your chances of falling for a scam, and gives you a real entity you can return to if there is a problem with the product you purchase.

Know the seller. When shopping online, take the time to ensure you know who is trying to sell the baby formula. If it is an individual, see if the individual has publicly available information you can use to verify the person is who they say they are. If it is a business, check for reviews of the business to ensure they actually deliver the products people purchase.

Beware of social media. Scammers use easy-to-access platforms like Instagram and Facebook Marketplace to target young parents who are more likely to need formula. They design advertisements to make it appear that they have formula on hand, when in reality they are using stock or old images. Scammers often appear as real people, impersonating someone else by using familiar names or believable profiles. Scammers also may join parenting online groups to target specific audiences through direct messages and group messages.

Beware of fake websites. Any scammer can setup a seemingly believable website to appear as a legitimate baby formula vendor. Before you purchase from an unknown vendor, do your research on the vendor. If you cannot find anything on the vendor, or only find negative reviews, do not purchase from the vendor.

Shop with a credit card. In case of a fraudulent transaction, a credit card provides additional protections; it is easier to dispute charges that you did not approve or to get your money back if there is a problem. Debit cards, prepaid cards or gift cards do not have the same protections as a credit card.

Be aware of common scam tactics. If someone contacts you that you do not know offering to sell you baby formula, do not engage. This is most likely a scam. Scammers also use high-pressure tactics to get you to purchase now. They will warn you that their inventory is low, product is selling quickly, other buyers are waiting in line, or place extreme time deadlines on purchasing the product. If you feel pressured or feel suspicious, do not purchase from the person.

Safety check the product. If you purchase baby formula from an individual, an unknown vendor, or a third party, make sure the product is genuine and safe. Due to the recent FDA recall, scammers may attempt to sell unsafe or expired products to unsuspecting parents. Check the FDA website to determine if the formula you have purchased is subject to a recall. Ensure the brand on the label matches the brand you believe you purchased. Confirm the expiration date and be certain the product will not expire before you are able to use it all. Examine the packaging for signs of tampering or damage. If the packaging includes a sealed lid, ensure the seal remains intact.

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Governor Kelly Announces Actions to Assist Kansans Affected by Infant Formula Shortage

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced actions her administration has taken to ease the burden on Kansas families affected by the nationwide infant formula shortage. Since February, the Kelly Administration has been working with state agencies and federal partners to address the issue.

"I have directed all state agencies to do everything in their power to

Go Outdoors Kansas

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) is proud to announce the launch of Go Outdoors Kansas—KDWP's allnew licensing and boat registration system designed to provide outdoor recreationalist with an improved customer service experience. More than 500 license and boat vendor locations are now processing transactions through the online system.

Outdoor-goers can access the new system at GoOutdoorsKansas. com and download the mobile app for IOS and Android devices. Some customers may need to first delete the HuntFishKS mobile app, as it is no longer operational; customer information will not be deleted when removing the mobile app.

KDWP's new mobile app – Go Outdoors KS – allows users to quickly view all purchased licenses on-the-go, regulations and sunrise/sunset times in the field, and report harvests immediately after hunting. Customers may also conveniently register and renew water vessels through the new system.

In addition to traditional and electronic licenses, hunters, anglers and boaters will also have the option to purchase collectible, durable hard cards. The front side of KDWP's all-new hard cards feature handcrafted artwork by Kansas artist Dustin Teasley, while the back side lists a customer's current license information. Find out more at GoOutdoorsKansas. com or ksoutdoors.com today.

help Kansans access vital infant formula," Governor Laura Kelly said. "From increasing flexibility to helping eliminate barriers at check-out, my Administration is doing what is within our power to ease the impact of the national infant formula shortage on Kansas Families."

Governor Kelly has instructed agencies to work with their federal counterparts to expedite relief. To that end, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has taken a leading role in working with the White House, the National Governors Association, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Association, and private industry to help coordinate efforts and eliminate red tape.

KDHE has implemented a series of waivers to provide the maximum flexibility in making more infant formula products – including Ready to Feed (RTF) formulas – available to Kansans and has approved additional formula products

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for use by Kansas WIC families. The agency is also working with the Kansas Department for Children and Families on increased communication efforts to inform the public of possible alternatives.

The Kelly Administration, including KDHE, recommends the following to families struggling to find the formula they need to feed their child:

- * Call your OBGYN or pediatrician to see if they can provide any resources to access formula or for suggestions on an alternative formula to meet their infant's health needs.
- * Switch to another brand or type of formula that is available if recommended by the infant's physician.
- *Contact their local WIC agency to see if the infant is eligible for WIC benefits.
- * Contact smaller stores and drugstores that carry formula to see if they have products in stock.
- * Kansas WIC families should contact their local health department or health agency for assistance

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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 22-020 Ten Passenger Vans.

Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104 - IFB No. 22-020 Ten Passenger Vans.

Bids will be opened: 05/24/2022 @ 10AM in the Purchasing Office. Bid Documents are available online at https://vrapp.vendorreg-istry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=c00af89d-f6af-4f0e-b823-f145c898cc06

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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 #3; the term of office is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026. 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. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

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"KDHE is committed to ensuring infants in Kansas have access to formula," Secretary Janet Stanek said. "Since February, we have been working to do what is possible, within our authority, to provide relief for Kansans. We urge all impacted families to follow these recommendations and stay up-to-date with information to care for their family's needs."

Families are strongly encouraged not to unnecessarily stockpile formula in such a way that would cause further strain on the supply chain.

KDHE strongly discourages the use of toddler formula to feed infants or watering down formula or trying to make infant formula at home.

The Kelly Administration will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates as they become available.



Passings... By Sue Reich

Patrick Francis Dunn, age 74, passed away on May 16, 2022. Patrick was well known in the Argentine area. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam war on a destroyer.

Henry O. Medina, age 92, passed away on May 13, 2022. He was born and raised in Argentine. Henry served in the US Army.

Mary Lou Rodriquez, age 86, passed away on May 13, 2022. She graduated from Ward High School. She helped her brother when he opened Manny's Mexican Restaurant. From that point on, Mary solely focused on her family and their happiness.



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