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## July 4<sup>th</sup>: Honor the Vision

By Dr. Jim Haas

The Fourth of July invites us to reflect about the purposes of the new nation the Founders declared and to consider how well we're living up to their vision. Calvin Coolidge (pictured), who became president 99 years ago, thought about America's purposes and is often quoted as saying, "The business of America is business."

That's not quite accurate. In a 1925 speech to newspaper editors, Coolidge said, "The chief business of the American people is business," meaning that the largest proportion of people worked in commercial jobs. He went on to say, "Americans make no concealment of the fact that we want wealth, but there are many other things we *want much more*. We want peace and honor, and charity which is so strong an element of all civilization. The chief ideal of the American people is idealism." He saw wealth as a means, not an end, and warned against "even the appearance of the evil of selfishness."

Peace, honor, charity, and unselfishness—worthy purposes for a nation founded on the premise that "all men are created equal." Coolidge was suggesting that the wealth generated by commerce was rightly used to pay for public education, affordable access to higher education, healthcare, housing, and other social purposes.

Coolidge supported the American ideal of equal justice for all citizens. As Massachusetts governor, he had campaigned for women's suffrage and as president signed an Act granting citizenship to Native Americans. The racist Ku Klux Klan had become more active in the early 1920s, and in his first State of the Union address, Coolidge said that the rights of Black Americans were

"just as sacred as those of any other citizen" and that it was "a public and private duty to protect those rights." During the 1924 presidential campaigns, candidates of both parties spoke against the Klan; its membership—and lynchings—soon declined.

On the other hand, Coolidge signed a racist Immigration Act prohibiting Asians and setting low quotas from heavily Catholic and Jewish countries while favoring northern Europeans. The nationalist and religious intolerance that had long bedeviled Europe stained America as well.

Coolidge took office during the Roaring Twenties prosperity brought about partly by dramatic progress in the sciences and technology. From metallurgy to aviation, radio, and medicine, science was making the modern world, and Coolidge admired scientists and supported their research.

How ironic that his term saw the 1925 trial of a Dayton, Tennessee high school biology teacher, John Scopes, for teaching about evolution in violation of a new state law. Scopes had volunteered to break the



law in order to test it in court. The trial drew worldwide attention for pitting modernism against religious fundamentalism. The judge openly favored the latter, not allowing the jury to hear expert scientific evidence. Scopes was found guilty and fined, but the case was later thrown out on a technicality.

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## Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Is it true? Is Gary Lezak really going to leave us? He is like a monument around here. We used to see him every year when we had the program at Pierson Park. He was our host. The program was for cancer and so many women came to the recreation hall. He signed our programs, we had a meal and there was entertainment. Even well-known local celebs and occasionally a movie star would be there. Well Gary, if it is true, we will miss you.

Hope your dreams come true, it was nice knowing you. We would probably still be doing that if it wasn't for Covid. Maybe it will start up again, who knows? Our church in Argentine kept quite busy working on Cancer pads. Jack and Carl would stack and wrap them. The women would put them together, some would sew. Some passed away and our group got smaller and smaller. Then, nothing. Dee Wallace came one time. Her mom started all of that in her garage and Grandma Liz Lar-



This picture is probably the only picture of my ancestry. The woman on the right is my great grandma. I do remember her when I was a child. She is with my two great aunts, great grandma's sisters. They were full blooded Cherokee Indian. Grandad was 1/2, my mother was 1/4, so I am 1/8. I have made copies of this for our future generations. If you have any old pictures, try to save them for your future offspring.

son worked with her. Grandma did everything. Grandma Liz use to put flags on the service peoples graves in Maple Hill Cemetery.. Sister Gayle even sang at one of our programs at Pierson Park. Everyone was busy busy. Most of those ladies are gone.

As it has been said, "Everything changes but change itself." Hopefully all the good things will come back and all the evil will be gone. No more weird diseases, no more

mass murders, no more crazy leadership anywhere, no more idgets anywhere.

Well, anyway, please be careful, be kind. If you was to read the RECORD online, go to recordnews.com. Better yet, buy yourself or someone you love, a shut in, your service person, it is different in looks but still good and informative reading. Lvya all and miss you too. Your little ol' gal from Argentine. Sue

## Haas...

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The freedom to learn is a foundation of informed citizenship. That politicians could deny students the benefits of current scholarship would have appalled most of the Founders, Thomas Jefferson not least, who swore

"eternal hostility against any form of tyranny over the mind of man." Censoring qualified teachers, as politicians in some states are now doing by prohibiting teaching about topics involving race, gender, and other "divisive issues," surely qualifies as tyranny. Banning the freedom to learn is a step backward from

the promise of America.

Vice President Harris spoke about how our history of "expanding freedom" took a blow from the Supreme Court last week when it allowed states to cancel a woman's freedom to make her own health decisions. Another step backward from the promise of America.



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By Sharon Hoover

I am happy to announce Enright Gardens at the Community Gardens Building is holding a BOGO sale on their annuals, veggie plants, and have discounted their hanging baskets. Their prices were reasonable before the sale and now they are really a bargain. Their hours are Monday-Saturday

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

9am -6pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm.

The Turner Community Garden Farmers Market will open on their weekly market on the first Saturday after July 4 in the parking lot of the Community Gardens building. They want to expand and are looking for vendors. If you are interested, contact Mary Greene (541) 324-9341.

A group of Kansas Horticulturists visiting the Kansas City area toured the garden earlier this week. They visited the aquaponics house, pollinator garden, the children's garden, and the Giving Grove Orchard. Of particular interest was the aquaponics demonstration area. Before they left, they enjoyed a few peaches from the Giving Grove.

Every Wednesday throughout the summer the Turner Recreation



Camp kids will walk to the garden and learn how plants grow from seed to ready to eat (the Plant to Plate program). They also learn

how to prepare the soil for planting and getting rid of the pesky weeds. So far, they have planted

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# KCK Public Works Deploys New Spray Pothole Patcher

The Unified Government's Public Works Department is pleased to announce the arrival of a new pothole patching vehicle, and they need your help picking a name for it!

Earlier this month, teams from Public Works' Street and Fleet Services divisions received delivery of a LeeBoy® Spray Pothole Patcher. Unlike Public Works' Hot Patchers, a single crew member can operate the Spray Patcher using a "Patch-on-the-Go" spray injection system. In some cases, the new vehicle can patch potholes in as little as two minutes.

Unique to this model is an extendable hydraulic boom that

allows operators a wide working range for patching from side to side. The boom draws material from an onboard kettle that can heat, mix, and hold up to 11,000 pounds of material.

Potholes are patched by a driver-operated in-cab joystick that performs a four-step injection process via the hydraulic boom:

1. Clean – The operator uses a high-volume blower to clear the pothole of debris and moisture

2. Tack – The operator sprays a tack coat on the pothole's interior

3. Fill – The operator sprays a mixture of emulsion and aggregate into the pothole

4. Finish – The operator sprays a finishing coat of dry aggregate on the surface

In the hands of a skilled operator, the new Spray Patcher can cover large areas and patch up to 200 potholes daily.

"Public Works Street Maintenance team is excited to add the new Spray Patcher to their growing list of advanced street maintenance tools," said Dave Reno, Public Works' Public Information Officer, "The community has said that street maintenance should be the Unified Government's top priority in multiple Community Surveys, and the Spray Patcher will help meet that expectation in a small but important way."

March, April, May, and June are some of the busiest months, accounting for over 50% of all potholes. In May, crews patched 2,049 potholes, bringing this year's



running total to 14,965. With the new Spray Patcher working on local streets, teams will be able to patch more quickly and efficiently during some of the year's busiest months.

To vote for your favorite spray patcher name, visit [wycokck.org/NameThePatcher](http://wycokck.org/NameThePatcher) or dial 3-1-1. Voting will close on July 1 at 5 PM, so don't wait!

Please remember to slow down and give crews plenty of room to operate safely when you see them.

Report potholes by calling 3-1-1 or visiting [mywyco.wycokck.org](http://mywyco.wycokck.org). Learn more about pothole patching operations online at [wycokck.org](http://wycokck.org)/street.

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## Mike Murray remembered

### Mike Murray was concerned about small business.

By Murrel Bland

That was obvious when he was President of Business West in 1990. That year Mike and Business West hosted a luncheon of commercial Realtors from Greater Kansas City at The Woodlands. Mike made it very clear to those who attended that there were considerable development opportunities in Western Wyandotte County with the coming of I-435.

He also stressed that Business West, founded by his neighbors, Joe and Katie Maderak, was as an advocate for small business. A bus tour of potential development sites followed the luncheon.

I recall the Business West Annual Meetings that Mike and his extended family hosted for Business West at the Riverview Garden Center. The fellowship was enjoyable along with delicious barbecue.

Mike studied hydrology at Kansas State University at Manhattan. He also served one term as a member of the elected Board of Public Utilities.

I recall swapping stories about our earlier days when Mike and I worked at The Kansas City Star; he sold classified ads and I took photos and wrote stories.

Mike will be remembered as a jovial and personable fellow. He died June 4. Friends and relatives may share memories of Mike at [www.highlandparkfh.com/obituaries/james-Michael-Murray](http://www.highlandparkfh.com/obituaries/james-Michael-Murray).

Murrel Bland is the former editor of The Wyandotte West and The Piper Press. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Business West.

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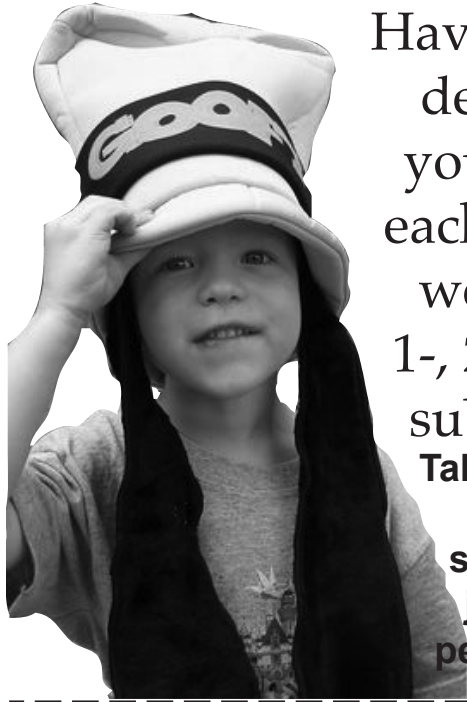


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# Guest Editorial

## Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

I certainly think that the former president is guilty of knowing what he did - seditious conspiracy - being involved in these different segments of pressure, pressuring the DOJ, the vice-president, et cetera.

Obviously, we are not a criminal charges committee but, I think what we're presenting before the American people certainly would rise to a level of criminal involvement by a president and definitely, failure of the Oath.

The Oath has to matter here. Your personal demand to stand for the Constitution has to matter. And if we have people that don't regard that at all, there is no law in the World that we can pass that is going to make a bit of difference.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger  
[R - Illinois]

Member J6 Select Committee  
From ABC This Week

I think that the J6 Committee will work hard to establish that the Trump camp knew that they were engaging in fraud and conspiracy.

David Jolly  
Former Republican  
Congressman

Nicolle Wallace of MSNBC had Mr. Jolly as a guest to expand on the Washington Post article, Trump Campaign Document Show Fake Electors Were A Concerted Strategy"

The Washington Post article reported, "At the time, the gathering seemed slapdash, desperate, attempts to mimic Trump's refusal to concede but, internal campaign emails and memos reveal that the convening of fake electors appear to be a much more concerted strategy. This strategy intended to give Vice President Mike Pence a reason to declare the outcome of the election was somehow in doubt on January 6, 2021, when he was to preside over the Congressional counting of the Electoral votes. Some of

Trump's emissaries said, at some point that, These were not fake electors this was an alternate slate, should Mike Pence decide not to accept the certified ones.

The documents show that Trump's team pushed ahead and urged the electors who would turn in ballots for Trump.

The team then pressured Mike Pence to cite these alternate Trump slates -- even as various Trump lawyers acknowledged privately that these electors did not have legal validity and their gatherings had not been in compliance with State laws.

Congressman Jolly then continued, "What the Committee will demonstrate is that it was Fake, it was Fraudulent, it was in furtherness of a crime... in an effort to undo the election."

I think we are headed into a cliffhanger here in which the January 6 Committee wraps up their hearing and then, the nation waits to hear is Merrick Garland going to indict the former president of the United States.

After what we have seen, through the work of the J6 Committee, I think there will be a lot of Americans that are expecting the Department of Justice to indict the former president.

And if it does not, there will be many Americans to believe that the law does not apply to people who occupy elected office. And certainly the highest office in the land. Because it looks like Donald Trump and his team have broken the law.

I don't think there's a World in which Merrick Garland cannot indict. And, I will tell you all if the Department of Justice does not, it's going to take one hell of a press conference to convince the American people, why not.

But, I do think Merrick Garland is going to ultimately have to wrestle

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with the fact that the J6 Committee has laid out a Crime that rises to criminal culpability by the former president of the United States.

With those somber words, Congressman Jolly ended his thoughts on the article in The Washington Post.

The hearings have had an impact on whether Trump should be indicted. The most recent poll indicated that 58% of Americans believe Trump should be indicted. The ex-president still maintains a hold on many Republicans all across the US and in both houses of Congress. This is to be expected.

Peter Navarro and Steve Bannon's Green Bay Sweep plan to Halt the Certification of the Electoral College ballots on January 6th was fully backed by 100 Republican Congressmen and a Dozen Republican Senators. They know Trump well. And are well aware that the ex-president would name all their names to prevent his going to prison. This is why they voted to acquit at Trump's second Impeachment.

On social media, his fervent supporters say that the Impeachment was a "nothing burger," and believe Trump has done no wrong. They obviously are unaware of Bannon's plan to help the ex-president to remain in office. Most likely it will never a topic discussed on FOX News.

**Turner...**  
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bean seeds, transplanted flowers, harvested garlic and studied wheat berries. This week they sampled

cherry tomatoes and snack peppers. Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to be free.



Trump should have been impeached the first time but, Attorney General Barr white washed the Special Counsel's report by Robert Mueller and that set him free. It's difficult to comprehend how such a corrupt man still is able to maintain support.

Forget about politics, the ex-president has a myriad of Criminal Court cases to face yet and almost as many civil cases. He is no man of integrity and honor, no, quite the opposite. Trump has used politics to grift over a quarter of a Billion from his supporters as he goes all across the country to spew hatred and division.

He must. Trump owes Vladimir Putin over \$470 Million and Deutsche Bank over \$340 million. And many others as well. The New York Attorney General has been looking into the Trump organization's alleged crimes of bank and insurance fraud. It's lying to banks in order to secure loans, by overstating the value of his commercial properties. His mismanagement of the COVID Pandemic is directly linked to the

deaths of tens of thousands of Trump's supporters who believed him when he said at a rally, that the COVID Pandemic was, "A Hoax cooked up by the Democrats to make him lose the election in November!"

What makes this misinformation even more despicable is that Trump was informed the month before of how COVID was highly infectious and lethal with no Vaccine yet developed.

The era of lies and Misinformation that Trump ushered in and the terrible division of friends and family by those who still, unbelievably trust this man will hopefully be at end with the hard work of the January 6 Committee.

Today, nearly 60% of Americans want the ex-president Criminally charged for the January 6 Insurrection. An even higher percentage is seen when Democrats are polled. Many have the opinion that the "United States does not need another, relentless illegal scheme to hold on to power" at the end of four years.

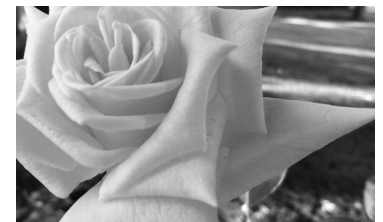
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**Passings...**

By Sue Reich

Alec John Such, age 70, passed away on June 4, 2022. Founder and bassist of Bon Jovi.

Sara Meeker, age 28, passed away on June 12, 2022. Member of First Baptist Church of Turner.

Joyce Dent, age 81, passed away on June 19, 2022. Turner High School, class of 1958.

Delores Darlene Drury, age 86, passed away on June 19, 2022. Retired after 35 years from KCK Public School Central Kitchen.

James Ries, age 89, passed away on June 19, 2022. Ward High School, class of 1940.

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