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Teaching Civics

By Dr. Jim Haas

Ah, Civics class. We've all been there: the three branches of government, the balance of powers, and the other rules and mechanisms by which we have governed ourselves for 233 years. Understanding government's purposes, how it works, and how it has evolved over those 233 years is the foundation of good citizenship.

We can't have "a more perfect union" without knowing the history behind our founding principles. The men who devised our government were products of the 18th century Enlightenment and so believed that knowledge and logical reasoning would produce the best way to organize society.

They rejected the traditional rule of kings and queens and the traditional role of religion in government, specifically erecting what Jefferson called "a wall of separation between church and state," cited in many Supreme Court cases. They knew the long history of religious bigotry and bloodshed in Europe

and the colonies, including the Salem witch trials. To the Founders, religion was a matter of private conscience in which government had no business; likewise, government couldn't favor any religion or irreligion. The secular world and the religious were legally separated to protect both.

The Founders stood for representative government, the equality of all people, and religious toleration—all Enlightenment principles. Not all of them lived up to all these ideals but recognized the need to struggle toward that more perfect union. We have our children study civics so they can advance that struggle by learning the good and the bad in America's past and how government has responded or failed to respond.

Good civics classes are taught by teachers with solid scholarly backgrounds in history and government and who build their courses around facts supported by evidence, which

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A Look Back

By Rudy Padilla



Natures Beauty

The heavy rains of spring and fall were problems for Mr. Collins and his crew of newspaper delivery boys, which included me. There was a storage building on 9th and Central Ave. where Mr. Collins would drive into. Once inside we each rolled up a newspaper and then covered it with a tan waterproof paper—then secured with a rubber band. These would not be my newspapers; these would be thrown from the back of the truck. This would take us about an hour and not get paid extra for the time—but he did have doughnuts and milk for us.

So instead of being on 7th and Central Ave. at 3:30 a.m. I would be starting at about 4:30 a.m. When I reached the hill leading up to Broadview Ave, it would be about 5:15 a.m. and in some mornings it would have stopped raining. At that time on some mornings, I saw many spectacular sunrises if the clouds had cleared a bit. Those mornings I was feeling bad because I would not get a hour sleep before getting ready for high school—since I was running a hour late. But, looking high up across Lyons Ave. I would see the stirring of clouds high above—I could see Kansas City, Missouri from where I was standing. Lyons Ave. then had no lights and it was a steep hill. I fell a few times going down that dark street and had scattered newspapers to pick up after.

But those great views of the sun rise at times were a bit scary. At times I didn't know if a tornado was forming, or God was about to appear at the top of Central Avenue. I would watch for a few minutes and continue looking up as I still had about two hours to finish my paper route.

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

The weather is changing somewhat. Never can tell from one week to the next what It'll be. So sad about Lenny Dawson. Like I said in his obit, he was a nice guy. He surely will be missed. Loved to watch his segment on TV. I haven't met a lot of celebrities but the few I have met were fairly well known. George Brett, Len Dawson, Fred Broski, Colonel Sanders, Tony Dow, and the Beaver, Evel Knievel, maybe some others way back when. Remember the big fella that was the weatherman on #4 when it first opened? Randall Jessee. My family played for the grand opening of WDAF and he was there and talked to me. He even rode a motorboat thru the flood waters of '51. I was even friends with his daughter on Facebook and we were going to meet for coffee then the pandemic hit. That pandemic messed everything up.

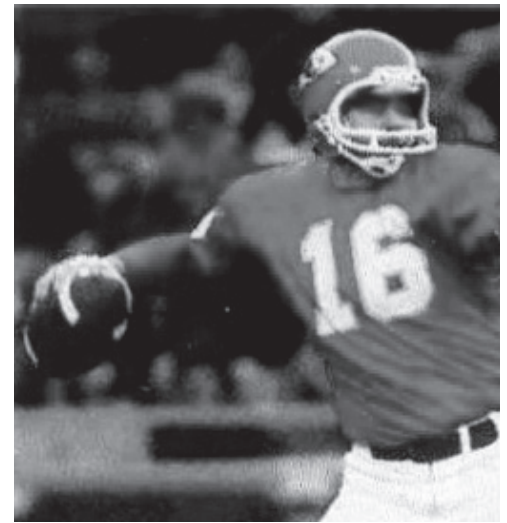
Hope you all are getting through the mess we have been in the past couple of years. Schools are cutting back to 4 days a week. There is a shortage of teachers, a food shortage, gas goes up and down, children are being massacred at school, people are almost afraid to go to church, grocery shopping, even afraid to run in marathons.

Now this so called Monkey pox, polio, what next? All I can say, be kind, but stay alert, mind your p's and q's. Take care, love you all and miss you too. Your little ol' gal from Argentine/Turner, Sue

Lenny the KOOL

by Sue Reich

The legendary Chiefs quarterback, Len Dawson, was 87 when he passed away on August 24, 2022. He was one of the best quarterbacks ever known. My friend Janet and I went to go see him at Save-On when it was at 55th and Kansas Ave. in Turner. We were so excited to see that good looking guy, just sitting there at a table with pen in hand. No one there, just Janet and me. We chatted with him until a crowd started coming in. I took a picture of him and he gave us his autograph. Wow, what a smile. His nickname was Lenny the KOOL because of some of the shenanigans he pulled. After he retired from the Chiefs, he started sportscasting on Channel 9. One guy on TV said he was the nicest guy he had ever met. We will miss you Len, you will always be in our hearts.



Haas...

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brings us to George Orwell: "He who controls the past controls the present. He who controls the present controls the future."

Good teachers don't try to "control" the past but let the facts of the past speak for themselves.

This doesn't fit the ideological agendas of some politicians who *do* want to control the past so they can control the present and the future. The most aggressive of these is Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who is dripping with presidential ambition. He and the Republican-dominated state legislature passed an act strictly limiting how educators can talk about race or gender discrimination. DeSantis claims that discussing those blots in our history "teaches kids to hate their country." Hogwash. Kids deserve more credit than that.

Truthful history is "history warts and all." Likewise, truthful civics courses include government's failures as well as successes. Racial and gender discrimination have been significant features of our society since the beginning, and to deny that knowledge to students is to whitewash curriculum. It's indoctrination not education. Tomorrow's voters and leaders

deserve better.

DeSantis isn't the only one up to no good in the schools. Since early 2021, Republicans in 35 states introduced at least 130 bills to keep students from learning about issues of race, LGBTQ topics, politics, and American history. Extremists in some states are purging books from school libraries. Most are books by or about people of color or LGBTQ people.

Why such blatant disrespect for expert educators and their students? Clearly, some politicians, smelling votes, have chosen to drag schools into the so-called "culture wars" by implying that teachers and librarians are trying to make America look bad presumably to build support for legislation to protect voting rights, gender equality, and other "progressive" goals. More hogwash. If those goals are good, it's because truthful history points that way.

For all of America's great achievements, we still have a long way to go to become the Constitution's "more perfect union." Intimidating teachers and suppressing uncomfortable facts isn't the way. Government exists to protect people, ensure equal justice, and promote the common welfare. Let's get on with it.

Silver City Day

by Sue Reich

This is an early announcement, but just in case we have another pandemic, at least we will be prepared. Previously, everything got cancelled because of COVID. Put this on your calendar just in case. Silver City Day:

Parade and Festival, October 1, 2022. 10 o'clock a.m. Argentine on Strong Avenue.

This parade has been going on 80 years and went from east to west. It was held in early evening. Hope everyone has their shots.



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By Sharon Hoover

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

in the aquaponics hoophouse became infested with aphids and had to be removed. Calvin ordered more caterpillars & two habitat cages. We grow milkweed at our home, so we had a good supply. We now have five that are hanging. They soon will be spinning their cocoons with one already in the chrysalis state. Our target is September 17 for the Monarch Butterfly Tagging. It will be at the garden from 11am-1pm. We recently spotted Swallowtail caterpillars on the parsley that should have metamorphosed for viewing at that time.

Next, the tilapia (back to aquaponics) all died due to equipment failure. The air compressor shorted out, shut down the pump and they all suffocated. It was a real blow as they were getting to be a good size. Jim Jarsulic has volunteered to bring some of his larger goldfish from his

pond to replace them for this year. Those fish will continue to fertilize the water for the plants.

Doors have been installed in the large hoophouse. This year all that was grown there were tomatoes. Next year, the hope is to start planting earlier and have cool weather crops available such as lettuce, broccoli, spinach, and cabbage and curb if not stop insect infestation. Each year we experience disappearing vegetables: most commonly our tomatoes, cantaloupes, and watermelons.

The K-State Garden Hour's topic for September is "Recommended Trees for Kansas." Often, we don't appreciate the shade, beauty, and other benefits that trees give us until years after they are planted. Join Dr. Jason Griffin, Woody Ornamental Horticulture Extension Specialist on Zoom on September 7 at noon.

For anyone who is interested in hunting, the Unified Government has partnered with the KCKPD to hold a Kansas Hunter's Education Class. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must be certified before they can hunt in Kansas (unless they are under the supervision of FOP Lodge #4). It will be held on September 10-11 at Wyandotte County Lake. Those age 11 and older will receive a certificate to hunt in Kansas once they have successfully completed the course. This program has been around for a long time as both of my sons completed this course many eons ago.

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 remain free.

For those who have been asking: **THE MARKET HAS HONEY !!**

I haven't reported on the garden for some time so here is the update. I'll give the bad/sad news first. Monarch caterpillars that were placed on the milkweed in the aquaponics hoophouse vanished (by predators or maybe cannibalism). The milkweed



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Wyandotte County Community Celebrates 913 Day

Kansas City, Ks. - The Wyandotte County community will celebrate 913 Day, in all areas of Kansas City, Kansas, from Strawberry Hill to Basehor and Bonner Springs, from Quindaro to Armourdale, Argentine, and Turner, throughout the day with a 913 Day Festival Celebration from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The family event will include over 30 vendors along with entertainment at the historic Vernon School, 3436 N. 27th Street, KCK, 66104.

“The 913 Day Celebration will bring the community and businesses together through the promotion of entrepreneurship sharing the good

that is taking place in the 913 area code in Wyandotte County with \$9.13 Specials at participating businesses and a celebration with over 30 vendors, entertainment, and family festivities at Vernon School,” remarked Sheyvette Dinkens, 913 Day Planning Chair.

In September 2020, Earnest Jackson, Samuel Lockridge, and Kendon McClaine worked with the UG to create a proclamation to honor 913 Day in Wyandotte County. The community will honor the proclamation and continue to preserve their work and celebrate all things great in Wyandotte County.

913 Day Information:

- The 913 Day festival will be hosted at The Vernon School with vendors and entertainment from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on September 13, 2022, including a Kid’s Zone sponsored by Cross-Lines Community Outreach and Aetna Better Health of Kansas.
- Wyandotte County businesses will offer \$9.13 specials to celebrate 913 Day. Map of locations listed here. <https://bit.ly/913WYCO>
- A Quindaro Ruins tour will take place at 3:00 p.m. in partnership



with Urban Hike KC & the Quindaro Ruins Project. Register online at www.913day.org.

The 913 Day celebration is made possible by the Wyandotte County Economic Development Council, Sunflower Health Plan, Visit Kansas City Kansas, Thula B., E-Ship Rising, Marites Altuna, Kendon McClaine, Wyandotte County District Attorney, Mark DuPree.

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Wikipedia:

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

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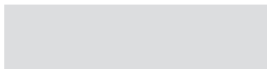
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- Alternative Education Building is a 15,000 SF new ground up pre-engineered metal building School. Building requires all trades. Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained electronically at www.buildingconnected.com. Contact Glen Stach (glen.stach@jedunn.com) to receive an invite to this project via BuildingConnected.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held in-person and virtually via Zoom at 10:00 AM on Thursday September 1, 2022 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project. Attendance is strongly recommended.

The meeting will be held at the following location:

Moberly School District Central Office
 926 Shephard Brothers Blvd.
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The Virtual Meeting will be held using the following Invitation:
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JE Dunn invites M/WBE subcontractors to call if any assistance is required or questions arise. Questions should be directed to Glen Stach (glen.stach@jedunn.com), Project Manager, or by phone at (816) 292-8766.

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1/2 t Vanilla
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 Topping:
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Line an 8" x 8" pan with parchment paper -- bring the paper up the sides of the pan. Cut 3" squares from the corners so paper is flush all around. Place the ingredients in a bowl. Stir together until well blended. If the mixture seems too dry, add a little more sweetened condensed milk. Pour the mixture into the pan and spread evenly. Press it into place with a spatula. Then, tamp down with the bottom of a drinking glass. Place pan, covered with plastic wrap or foil into the freezer. Freeze for one hour.

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Cut the candy into 4" squares, then cut each

square on the diagonal to create 2 Triangle-shaped pieces or cut in half to create 2" x 4" rectangles. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over barely simmering water and stir until smooth.

Dip each piece of candy halfway into the melted chocolate and place on the cookie sheet. Top each candy with the almonds while the chocolate is still melted. It will set up quickly because the candy is cold from the freezer. Keep the sliced almonds in a bowl and dip the candy pieces to coat the chocolate. If someone doesn't like nuts just leave them out. The candy will be just as good!

If it's easier, cut the candy into small squares and place onto a wire rack then coat in the chocolate by pouring it over the candy. Top with the sliced almonds. Yum! Keep in airtight container in the refrigerator. These are special because you took the time to make them.

Enjoy!

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Turner Recreation Commission, Executive Director, Robbie Spencer, will host the blind bid opening Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The location of the bid opening will be the Turner Recreation Commission Building located at 831 S. 55th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner Recreation Commission will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid no later than Friday, October 14, 2022.

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Passings...

By Sue Reich

Gordon Eugene Overton, age 89, passed away on August 14, 2022. 1951 graduate of Argentine High School.

Victor Campbell, age 80, passed away on August 17, 2022. 1960 graduate of Wyandotte High School.

Ann Heche, age 53, passed away on August 12, 2022, a few days after a horrible car wreck, smashing into a house. Ann was an actor on a soap opera on TV, ANOTHER WORLD and many movies.

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