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Saying Goodbye to Sue Reich

By Jon Males

Sadly, I must report that my friend and colleague, Sue Reich, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022, after a short illness.

Readers of *The Record* knew her well, as her weekly column usually described events going on in her life, both past and present. She would recount stories from her childhood while growing up in Argentine. Her stories were both personal and entertaining. Until recently, she loved to attend events in the Turner and Argentine area so that she could write about them in her column. She told me many times how much she loved to write for the newspaper. She considered it her mission.

Behind the scenes I would call her “Lois” and she would call me “Perry”. It was a fun call back to the old Superman comics and TV show. It made her laugh.

Sue was fun and energetic, but she also had a few rough edges. She didn’t try to hide them, she just marched to her own drum. We didn’t always agree on things, but I’m guessing that was nothing new to her.

Later in life Sue experienced the deaths of many friends and family members. They seemed to happen over a short period of time, and in fairly rapid succession. She was quite close to her sisters, who all passed before her. Sue’s most recent lost was that of her husband Mr. Ed. She wrote about Mr. Ed quite a bit in her column. He was a good sport about it, and took it all in stride.

Sue loved her furbabies (as she called them). She was known to take in a stray dog or two... or many. She loved her animals and held them dear to her life. They loved her just as much.

Sue was adamant on not wanting a funeral or obituary or any fanfare about her death. Ironically, she was responsible for reporting most of the obituaries in *The Record* over the last decade. She would pick and choose that ones that she wanted published. Most of them included her personal take on that persons achievements and accomplishments in life. They were short and to the point.

Sue had written for *The Record*, in various degrees, for over thirty years. She started out writing a column about clowns, then church news, then eventually her own column. It wasn’t really intended to be a weekly column, but she just kept writing week after week until it became a regular thing. Her writing style was definitely unique. She wrote in the same manner that she would

speak. I used to try to edit her writing but finally gave up. After I was finished, it sounded nothing like her, or there was nothing left to print. So, for the most part, what appeared in the paper is exactly what she wrote.

I realize that this little tribute to Sue Reich goes against her final wishes. And, even though she wouldn’t shy away from a disagreement, this time I know I can win the argument. We will all miss her interesting take on life.

So, I’m going to let “Lois” have the say. It’s one of her many signature tag lines that appeared with every column:

Well dear readers, friends, relatives and others, guess I will sign off and go upstairs. Talk at ‘cha all later. Lvya all. Be kind, mind your p’s and q’s. Your little friend from Argentine, Sue



Election Priorities

By Dr. Jim Haas

At election time, we need to identify candidates most likely to make our world a better place for everyone. In my view, at least, four issues are paramount: preserving our democracy threatened by those who don’t respect the vote of the people, the economy and global inflation, global warming that threatens life as we’ve known it, and the right of women to control their own bodies.

Let’s begin with the economy which, since the pandemic, is more robust than that of nearly any other country. Since early 2021, the U.S. has added 10 million jobs and unemployment is at a 50-year low at 3.5% and below 3% in 17 states. We’ve added nearly 700,000 manufacturing jobs, and the rebuilding of roads, bridges, ports, and airports is beginning to add millions more well-paying jobs thanks to the infrastructure legislation passed by Congress.

Private business investment is up with the giant new battery factory in DeSoto just one local example. Third quarter GDP, announced last week, was up a healthy 2.6%. The downside is inflation driven by Putin’s war, global oil market prices (with Shell and others making record profits), high auto prices because of supply chains that haven’t yet recovered from pandemic disruptions, and higher food prices caused in the U.S. partly by severe drought in

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Looking Back

By Rudy Padilla

I was born in Bonner Springs KS and attended McDaniel grade school there until I was told that we were moving. We moved to a small farm off highway 32, a few miles from the Wyandotte County line. Although we had no electricity there for the first 3 years, I was 8 years of age, and I really loved living there. I loved all the many places to explore in the countryside, and I loved the farm animals.

Since we used kerosene lanterns for light and not much to do, I went to bed early each evening. Our first fall there in the country was great. One Saturday morning, I saw a puppy on a lease right outside the back door. I had never saw a dog like him. He had a mottled (or 'ticked') black and blue coat with droopy ears. I was having fun petting him when brother Rueben walked up. Rueben was about 4 years older than I, and I believed all he told me. "That is a raccoon

dog" he knowingly said. They are used for hunting. I had never heard of a raccoon. But I was getting interested.

Before the sun went down, I started trying to convince Rueben to take me and go raccoon hunting as soon as it was dark. I had no idea what we would do with the raccoon if we caught one. I pleaded long, and soon Rueben told me to get my coat. He picked up the family 22-rifle and we were off into the moonlit night. We took the lease off of the puppy, and he was happily leading us off. Soon he was baying like a hound and heading south. I was having trouble keeping up and was constantly tripping on the uneven ground. Rueben was ahead of me



and ran into some tree branches that whipped back into my face and lifted my stocking hat off and away – to be lost forever.

Now the puppy was loudly baying and running north toward a dirt road. He was now into our neighbor's farm, so we climbed under the wire fence to follow. Soon I al-

most tripped over a sleeping cow. She was among a group of cows who were sleeping under a tree. I will always remember that disappointing look the cow gave me.

After about 20 minutes of running with no results, we gave up. We realized the puppy was not ready to hunt anything. We walked home from our hunt with the puppy now on a lease. Only my older sister saw us when we entered our home. She did not ask us how our hunt went; it was apparent on our faces. I went into the bathroom to check out my face. I used a red-colored medicine called mercurochrome to cover the scratches that made me look like I had been in a terrible accident. But many years later, I still remember that Saturday night. Some nights I still am chasing that puppy in my dreams. He was not prepared, but he did his best and never complained.

Haas...

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the West and Midwest affecting produce and livestock feed supplies and by Hurricane Ian's damage to Florida's citrus crops.

Inflation here is 8.4% and dropping while the European Union rate is 10.9% and rising. American wages are rising and the federal deficit is falling—by \$350 billion last year and \$1.4 trillion this year (the largest reduction ever) made possible, in part, by the booming economy producing high tax revenues and by higher taxes on the wealthy. The new corporate minimum tax will help beginning next year.

Democracy is on the ballot, too, and the way to save it is to vote against those who refuse to accept election results, against those who try to suppress votes, against those who promote violence, and against those who supported—in any way—the January 6th attack on Congress and the vice-president. As presidential historian John Meacham said last week, "The good news is, it's up to us. The bad news is, it's up to us."

Kansas made history in the August election with the overwhelming

vote to preserve a woman's right to make her own childbearing decisions as guaranteed by the Kansas Constitution and Supreme Court. Even so, some candidates on the current ballot are committed to removing that right. Why they think it's any of their business is beyond me. Women who believe abortion is wrong have the right to not have one; those who believe differently have an equal right to choose differently. Supreme Court Justices on the ballot protected this right and should be retained in office.

Limiting global warming is, in the long run, the most important issue if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy a livable world. The clock is running. It's a

race against time and a battle we can't win unless we start winning it now. Congress made a good start this year by passing the Inflation Reduction Act that includes the most comprehensive pro-climate provisions in our history to boost clean energy sources for ten years and reduce our carbon emissions by 40% by 2030. Included are tax credits for electric vehicles and rebates for energy-saving home improvements. (The Act also reduces prescription drug costs for millions of Americans and raises taxes on large corporations, many of which pay little or no federal taxes.) All "yes" votes were by Democrats.

Vote as if our future depends upon it because it does. It's up to us.

Kansas Legislature predicted to be even more conservative

By Murrel Bland

It appears that the Kansas Legislature will be even more conservative next year.

That was the opinion of John Federico, a lobbyist who spoke Friday, Oct. 21 at a meeting of the Congressional Forum at Children's Mercy Park in Village West. About

50 persons attended. The Forum is a division of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce. Federico represents the Chamber in Topeka.

Federico said his organization will have as many 12 persons moni-

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By Sharon Hoover

Sadly, word has reached me that Sue Reich (Sue's Sudsy Soapbox) has passed away. Sue was one of the original members of TRC's 50+ Club that started the Turner Community Garden. She painted the Welcome Turner Garden sign, designed our logo, and donated Digger the Bear. She was very creative and orchestrated

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two talent shows as fund raising events in our early years. Although no longer active in the garden, she supported our mission and still visited from time to time. She will be missed.

I think Fall has finally arrived; we have some pretty maple trees in the neighborhood that have changed colors. The oak trees have been dropping their acorns for the past several weeks. I can hardly wait of the leaves to take their turn. On that note, as you are cleaning up your yard waste, be sure to keep those leaves out of the sewer system. Any yard debris can be picked up with your weekly trash pickup if bagged or tied in bundles of branches that are 4" in width and 4 feet or less in length. (No heavier than 50 pounds.) Yard waste can also be disposed at the Recycling Center,

3241 Park Drive from 10am to 4pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from March 31 to November 20.

Early voting for the upcoming November 8th election has begun. To see a sample ballot, go to www.wycovotes.org. On the home page, go to Quick Links, scroll down to What's on my ballot? Click. Fill out the Registration questionnaire and click on Look up. The sample ballot will appear. I was interested in reading the amendments because I heard they were lengthy. I attempted to print out the ballot but since I only have 8X11 paper I missed part of the bottom of the front page but the back page with the amendments came out fine. I will be voting no on both amendments. Both amendments would give more power to the legislature to enact laws and take it out of the

hands of the people.

Open Medicare enrollment began on October 15, and we are being deluged in the mail by Medicare Advantage providers daily. Either they want you to send for information or are holding a meeting in some part of the city. If you do not have a Medicare Advantage plan or are not happy with your current provider, you have ample time to investigate different plans. We have been happy with our provider, our health is relatively good and we have no intention of changing at this time.

Until next time stay safe and be kind to those around you. Please pray and help those who have been devastated from the ravages of hurricane Ian. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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Unified Government Holds UG 25/25th Anniversary Summit

Event Celebrated 25 Years of Unification, Focuses on Forward-Looking Strategy

(Kansas City, KS) – Leaders and employees of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS converged at Memorial Hall in Kansas City, KS, on Tuesday, October 25 for the UG 25/25th Anniversary Summit. The focus of the event was to celebrate 25 years of unification of the city and county government in Wyandotte County, and to begin brainstorming an over-arching strategy for the next 25 years.

In his welcoming remarks, Unified Government Mayor Tyrone Garner encouraged participants to take advantage of the opportunity

the event represented to help craft the path forward for the next 25 years, and help Wyandotte County reach its full potential.

“No matter what you do within the Unified Government or what department or division you serve, we are all unwavering in our commitment to make Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS a great place to live, work and raise a family,” he said. “We have heard the public’s desire for real change. Communication and collaboration are essential to bring about the change that we all would like to see in our community. And by working together and using

events like this to form solid strategies, we can make positive change happen for everyone in Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS.”

Interim County Administrator Cheryl Harrison-Lee agreed, saying while the past serves up important lessons, the real focus is the future.

“It’s important for Unified Government employees to understand the tremendous effort it took to make unification happen back in 1997,” she pointed out. “Our focus is on the future—and the opportunities that lie ahead. We need to provide strategic



economic development and long-term sustainability for current and prospective residents in Wyandotte County, creating a vibrant community full of opportunity.

Some of the highlights of the event included:

- A welcome by Unified Government Mayor Tyrone Garner
- UG Forward: Navigating Change: This was an inter-

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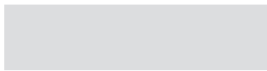
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toring the efforts of the Legislature once it begins its 2023 session next January.

The Chamber is developing its 2023 Legislative Agenda. As it does, it celebrates its victories from the 2022 session.

Those victories include food sales tax reduction, tax credits for the restoration and preservation of commercial abandoned structures, tax credits for child care,

sportsbook gaming, property tax reduction for the elderly and storefront property tax relief because of COVID-19.

One of the major issues which did not pass was Medicaid expansion. Federico said a couple weeks ago, he would not have predicted the expansion would not pass; however recently he said there may be hope of it in 2023.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of The Wyandotte West and The Piper Press. He is the recording secretary of Business West.

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view-based segment between David Warm, Executive Director of the Mid-America Regional Council and Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Interim County Administrator for the Unified Government. This segment focused on the fluid, dynamic environment facing today's Unified Government, and Harrison-Lee's plan for helping the organization and employees take advantages of the opportunities that change offers.

- A brief presentation by UG Director of Planning & Urban Design, Gunnar Hand

- A panel discussion about the history of the move to unify the governments of Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County. Participants on the panel included moderator Tom Roberts, a former County Clerk, Reverend C.L. Bachus, Commissioner Melissa Bynum, Former County Administrator Dennis Hayes, Michael Jacobi, a private citizen who co-founded the movement to unify the city and county government, and Carol Marinovich, who was Kansas City, KS Mayor at the time of unification and a key advocate for unification.

- Brief presentations from representatives of various UG Departments which highlighted successes and best practices. This included presentations from the Budget department, the Wyandotte County Museum, Public Works, Public Health, Economic Development, KCK Fire Department and Office

of the Clerk.

Wyandotte County Commissioners were also involved throughout the day's events, participating in various presentations and panels, and hosting a "lunch with the Commissioners," one of several lunch options for event participants.

The afternoon session focused on dividing participants into three working groups to identify top issues facing the Unified Government and building out strategies and action items for how participants suggest the Unified Government address them. Some key issues identified in these sessions included:

- The need for more cross-departmental communication and interaction, especially when dealing with "community wide" issues such as drug misuse, public safety and homelessness
- Recruiting and retaining employees
- Developing more resources for potential residents (such as resources and activities for parents and children)

Next Steps

According to UG Strategic Communications Director Ashley Hand, the data and information from Tuesday's session will be compiled into a master summary document, which will be shared with UG leadership, Commissioners and department heads. There will be a follow up meeting with leadership to determine the action items and timeline for moving forward with the over-arching Unified Government strategy.

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