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Multilingual Resources Help Families See if They Qualify for Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

Among other multilingual advance child tax credit resources, the IRS now has a Spanish-language version of its Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant. This tool helps families determine whether they qualify for the child tax credit and the special monthly advance payments of the credit. By answering a series of questions about themselves and their family members, a parent or other family member can quickly determine whether they qualify for the credit.

This tool may be particularly useful to families who don't normally file a federal tax return and have not yet filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return. Often, these are people who receive little or no income, including those experiencing homelessness, low-income households and other underserved groups. This tool can help them decide whether they should take the next step and register for the advance child tax credit payments.

The Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant does not request any personally-identifiable information for any family member. For this reason, its results are not an official IRS de-

termination. The results are reliable, though people should consider the results preliminary, even if all their answers are accurate. The IRS does not keep the answers the user supplies, or the tool's results.

To help people understand and receive advance payments of the child tax credit, the IRS has developed materials in several languages. All tools are posted on the Advance Child Tax Credit 2021 page on IRS.gov.

Multilingual resources available on the 2021 Child Tax Credit and Advance Child Tax Credit Payments: Resources and Guidance page include:

- * A step-by-step guide to using the Non-filer Sign-up Tool in Spanish, Chinese Simplified, Korean, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole and Russian.

- * A basic YouTube video on the Advance Child Tax Credit in Spanish and Chinese, as well as English.

- * Several e-posters in various languages.

The IRS has other tax-related tools and resources available in various languages, including information about IRS Free File in seven languages for people

who may still need to file a 2020 tax return

Non-filer Sign-Up Tool
The online Non-filer Sign-up Tool helps eligible families who don't normally file tax returns register for the monthly advance child tax credit payments. It offers a free and easy way for eligible people who don't normally have to file taxes to provide the IRS the basic information needed – name, address, and Social Security numbers – to figure and issue Advance Child Tax Credit Payments.

This tool also helps eligible individuals who don't normally file tax returns register for the \$1,400 third round of Economic Impact Payments, also known as stimulus checks, and claim the recovery rebate credit for any amount of the first two rounds of Economic Impact Payments they may have missed.

Beware of scams
The IRS urges everyone to be on the lookout for scams related to both Advance Child Tax Credit Payments and Economic Impact Payments. Scammers often target non-English speakers and underserved commu-

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Eloquent Judge

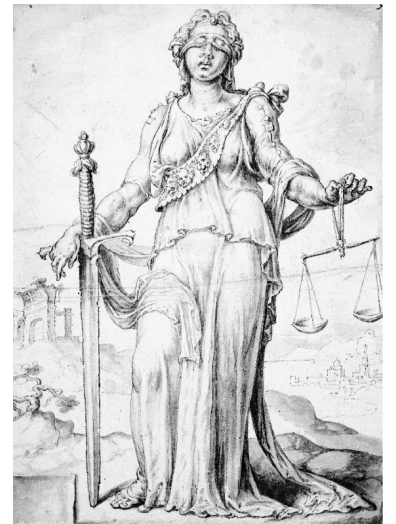
By Dr. Jim Haas

The first convicted felon from the mob that attacked the Capitol January 6 was sentenced last week to eight months in federal prison, two years' probation, and \$2,000 restitution. The criminal, a Florida crane operator who pleaded guilty to obstructing an official proceeding, said he was "truly regretful and remorseful" for his participation in the attempted coup.

In a sentencing statement so eloquent it deserves quoting at length, U.S. District Court Judge Randolph Moss referred to a picture of the guilty man standing in the Senate chamber holding a large Trump flag and said, "The symbolism of that act is unmistakable. He was staking a claim on the floor of the United States Senate not with an American flag, but with a flag declaring his loyalty to a single individual over the nation. In that act, he captured the theft of democracy that we all witnessed that day."

Judge Moss noted that Ronald Reagan called our historic peaceful transfer of power "nothing less than a miracle" and that those who participated in the Capitol attack "at the very least tarnished that happy history." Furthermore, "It will be harder for all of us to convince our children and grandchildren that democracy stands as the immutable foundation of this nation. It means that we are now all fearful about the next attack in a way that we never were. It makes us question whether our democracy is less secure than what we previously believed just seven months ago. Those are all enormous harms that were caused by the events of that day," and the damage the mob caused "will persist in this country for several decades."

The man sentenced is among more than 500 charged with federal crimes connected to the January 6 events. More are being tracked down, and more charges are likely. Judge Moss specified that this first sentence was not as severe as it could have been because the convicted man did no physical damage or violence, played no leadership role, had no prior record, and promptly admitted his guilt. The judge stressed that the sentence was not a precedent for others convicted of felonies.



Don't Trash Your Mask

We're going back to masks in public places because much of the country has not yet reached the 70-80 percent vaccination rate that achieves herd immunity; we're 51 percent fully vaccinated. Not surprisingly, the pandemic is roaring back. New cases have more than tripled during the past two weeks, virtually all of them in the unvaccinated including many in their 20s and 30s. The average age of hospitalized cases in Kansas City last week was 37. Fewer than a third of 12- to 18-year-olds are fully vaccinated, making the opening of middle and high schools problematic.

All this is avoidable. Doctors now call it "a pandemic of the unvaccinated," and it's hitting hardest where vaccination rates are lowest, including Missouri, where its spreading to those unvaccinated nearby, including in Kansas.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the most widespread and is far more contagious and severe than the earlier version. Fortunately, vaccines are highly effective against both. Unfortunately, the longer the virus is among us, the greater the chance that an even deadlier variant will evolve that may require new vaccines. If everyone gets vaccinated—now—we can save lives and avoid a lot of human and economic misery. It's time to think less about "me" and more about "we."

Vaccines are FREE, SAFE, and AVAILABLE. Go to vaccines.gov to make an appointment at a location near you, or call your county health department.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



I was very happy to see all the yellow ribbons all over Turner in memory of Little Olivia. I have had my mailbox decorated quite some time now ever since the little Angel was taken from this earth. She was such a pretty and sweet little girl. This month, July 17th, was the 40 year anniversary of the collapse of the Skywalk that killed over 100 people. My sons thought I went to that because Barb and Marv Diehl and my then husband and I were talking about going to a Tea Dance, but we went to the lake for the weekend to fish instead. In fact, we had just gotten word that one of my in-laws had passed away. To our surprise, we also heard that the Skywalk had fallen. Wow what a weekend. My sons were in a panic because they had been out of town and got pretty much upset. An acquaintance of ours had a neighbor that was widowed and decided to go to that particular Tea Dance. Her name was Anna Terry, age 53 of KCK, and lived just over north of Parallel at 72nd, I believe. Her husband was shot and killed by robbers as he was chasing them down the street where they lived. Anna decided a couple of years was enough time that her tragedy had happened, so she accepted an invitation to the dance. Bless her heart, she was one of the victims on the Skywalk. We watched the video of it on tv. Such a terrible thing to happen to all those people.

Now for some local news. My friend, David Young, whom I call my lil' bro', decided he wanted to take a ride at NASCAR in KCK at the speedway. His wife went with him and a couple of other people. He suited up, put on his helmet, buckled up and zooooom, off they went. I won't go into the details but

when they got to the end of the 135-mph ride, he sorta had a time getting out of the racecar. One of his hearing aids fell out in the car. But they found it. He undid the coveralls, took off his helmet and got as far as some cement where he gingerly laid down. By then there was a small crowd around him and the next thing he knew he sure wasn't feeling too well. Well, he ended up in an ambulance and they got him to the hospital. Ended up, he had more than a heat stroke. He had other problems that were caused by the heat and the speed. They kept him a couple of days to make sure he was going to be alright. Sister Sue got on him when he called me and I told him, "David, you are too old to be doing things like that". They should put an age limit on those rides and make sure they are in relatively good health. The funny part of this whole thing is David and I played Dominoes together, we were in the same Clown troop, we worked in the community garden together, his wife and I played Bunko together, and when I had a heat stroke working in the garden I felt really strange so I sat down. Then a couple of nights later, at a clown skit practice, they called on me and there I was out cold. Guess who took me to the same hospital? Lil' bro, David. I asked him if he had on his clown outfit. What a bunch of characters us Senior Citizens are.

Well all my wonderful people in Argentine, Turner, Rosedale and Armourdale, mine your p's and q's. I luvya all, really. You know there is another virus hitting and it is supposed to be worse. Please get your shots to keep from spreading this stuff around. We don't want another year and a half of this. Mr. Ed kept telling his adult son to get the shot, get the shot, well, he didn't so what did he do? He got the Covid instead. Another acquaintance is in ICU at a local hospital with it. A relative of ours passed away with it. It isn't choosy who it gets. Just be careful. Sanitize and wear a mask. Hope they can get those students back in school, too. Poor kids. Someone said on the news that this quarantine and shots are traumatizing kids.

If you are cleaning out any of your old treasures, be sure to donate to First Baptist church of Turner or Also donate to the Community "Depot" at 55th Street & Klamm. Be kind, Sue. Here

is another prose/poem about sisters. In memory of Gayle, Carolyn and Marilyn (twins) Larson. all of Argentine. Love and miss you.

Forever Friends: For there is no friend like a sister in calm

or stormy weather. to cheer one on the tedious way, to fetch one if one goes astray. To lift one if one totters down, to strengthen whilst one stands. *By: Christina Rossetti 1830-1894*



Remember when BP first put their chicken buffet in? Hope you have tried it, it is delicious.



Be sure and read the "Soapbox". I have a hot story about David. I call him my lil' bro.



This was the last Larson reunion at Amigos. Sure will be glad when we are able to have another one.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Another month has just about flown by and its time to look ahead to August. The K-State Garden is starting their fall webinar series the first and third Wednesday of every month from Noon to 1:00pm CST. The topic on August 4th is "Organic Gardening" and on August 18, "Gardening with Beneficial Insects". You can register for the whole series on https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Au7SDOd1SpEackT-pCJvgQ. If that isn't a mouthful, I don't know what is. Previous classes are available on the K-State YouTube channel. Just use your computer's search engine to find K-State

Garden Hour.

On August 5 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm, a webinar entitled "Transformation of a Superfund Site to A Pollinator Habitat" will be presented by Sami Aaron, Johnson Counter Extension Master Naturalist. It is the unique and inspiring story of the Pollinator Prairie, situated in an older residential neighborhood in Olathe and how it was transformed from a toxic waste Superfund to an Ecological Habitat. Call the WYCO extension office 299-9300 to get the link.

This year, due to covid restrictions, Kansas City Kansas Night Out Against Crime will be a drive thru event. Held every year on August 3rd, the location has changed to the Neighborhood Resource Center at 4953 State Ave., KCK, 66102 from 4pm - 7pm. The first 150 cars will receive a t-shirt, goodie bag, and a "Do Something Good in Your Neighborhood" sign. For more information call 573-8737 or email livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org.

If you're out and about, you might want to check the Wyandotte County Historical Museum to see the exhibit about the 1951 flood. This is

the 70th anniversary of that devastating event. My father helped in the cleanup, and we lived in Armourdale for a few years afterward. I just remember no grass would grow in the yard and it was always dusty. The exhibit runs through September 15, 2021. The Museum is in Wyandotte County Park at 631 N 126 St. Hours are 9am - 4pm, Monday through Saturday Closed on Sunday.

Another BIG event coming up is on August 3. It's election day. It may only be the primary and it is not a national election, but it is still important to vote for the candidate of your choice. You can make a difference in our community. Every vote counts! I urge everyone to make their voice be heard.

I leave you with a book recommendation, "The Perfect Daughter" by D.J. Palmer. It is a psychological thriller dealing with a teenager's multiple personality disorders. What is the truth? Who committed the murder. It is not as clear cut as you might think.

Until next time, stay safe and please be kind to those around you.

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Notice of Hearing 2021-2022 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 500 will meet on the 14th day of September 2021 at 5:00 PM at 2010 N 59th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at district office and will be available at this hearing. The Amount of 2021 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2021-2022 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

| Code 99 Line | 2019-2020 Actual | | 2020-2021 Actual | | 2021-2022 Proposed Budget | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual Expenditures (1) | Actual Tax Rate (2) | Actual Expenditures (3) | Actual Tax Rate* (4) | Expenditures (5) | Amount of 2021 Tax to be Levied (6) | Est. Tax Rate* (7) |
| OPERATING | | | | | | | |
| General | 171,899,240 | 20.000 | 170,591,762 | 20.000 | 180,867,854 | 16,039,164 | 20.000 |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | 51,234,737 | 9.103 | 51,505,900 | 11.469 | 59,242,643 | 11,184,406 | 12.630 |
| SPECIAL REVENUE | | | | | | | |
| Federal Funds | 20,348,906 | | 27,002,325 | | 94,316,344 | | |
| Adult Education | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Preschool-Aged At-Risk | 2,796,011 | | 1,048,656 | | 2,014,618 | | |
| Adult Supplemental Education | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| At Risk (K-12) | 35,704,629 | | 33,777,244 | | 58,688,217 | | |
| Bilingual Education | 6,902,979 | | 7,597,966 | | 8,387,949 | | |
| Virtual Education | 725,670 | | 641,591 | | 2,244,565 | | |
| Capital Outlay | 11,878,423 | 8.000 | 14,690,764 | 8.000 | 15,800,413 | 7,084,171 | 8.000 |
| Driver Training | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Declining Enrollment | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Extraordinary School Program | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Food Service | 13,448,165 | | 7,698,771 | | 21,194,832 | | |
| Professional Development | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Parent Education Program | 1,077,679 | | 1,111,085 | | 1,756,344 | | |
| Summer School | 27,048 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Special Education | 24,102,566 | | 24,126,904 | | 28,630,835 | | |
| Cost of Living | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Career and Postsecondary Education | 2,099,636 | | 2,228,866 | | 3,217,348 | | |
| Gifts and Grants | 4,613,562 | | 6,186,883 | | 24,488,508 | | |
| Special Liability Expense Fund | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 4,920,209 | 0 | 0.000 |
| School Retirement | 3,093 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 6,834 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Extraordinary Growth Facilities | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Special Reserve Fund | 1,200,396 | | 1,671,569 | | 30,213,036 | | |
| KPERS Special Retirement Contribution | 26,995,122 | | 25,431,848 | | 0 | | |
| Contingency Reserve | 340,102 | | 3,250,701 | | 0 | | |
| Textbook & Student Material Revolving | 104,760 | | 42,046 | | 0 | | |
| Activity Fund | 14,933 | | 8,646 | | 0 | | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| Bond and Interest #1 | 21,773,496 | 12.502 | 20,725,099 | 10.181 | 15,670,408 | 7,987,069 | 9.020 |
| Bond and Interest #2 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| No-Fund Warrant | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Special Assessment | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Temporary Note | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| COOPERATIVES | | | | | | | |
| Special Education | 18,086,442 | | 18,098,040 | | 33,162,412 | | |
| TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES | 415,377,595 | 49.605 | 417,436,666 | 49.650 | 584,823,369 | 42,294,810 | 49.650 |
| Less: Transfers | 78,520,034 | | 80,300,480 | | 89,264,930 | | |
| NET USD EXPENDITURES | 336,857,561 | | 337,136,186 | | 495,558,439 | | |
| TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED | 38,790,782 | | 40,992,835 | | 42,294,810 | | |

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| OTHER | | | | | | | |
| Historical Museum | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Public Library Board | 8,824,513 | 9.809 | 8,052,012 | 9.830 | 23,459,283 | 8,704,681 | 9.830 |
| Public Library Board Employee Benefits | 1,169,223 | 1.336 | 1,149,826 | 1.338 | 1,426,229 | 1,184,649 | 1.338 |
| Recreation Commission | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| TOTAL OTHER | 9,993,736 | 11.145 | 9,201,838 | 11.168 | 24,885,512 | 9,889,330 | 11.168 |
| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED | \$47,755,253 | | \$50,462,614 | | \$52,184,140 | | |
| Assessed Valuation - General Fund | \$748,881,676 | | \$792,596,875 | | \$801,958,182 | | |
| Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds | \$831,852,352 | | \$875,771,594 | | \$885,521,342 | | |
| Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay | \$796,459,992 | | \$839,020,496 | | \$885,521,342 | | |
| Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1 | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | |
| General Obligation Bonds | 250,065,000 | | 280,015,000 | | 268,910,000 | | |
| Capital Outlay Bonds | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Temporary Note | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| No-Fund Warrant | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 22,090,000 | | 22,090,000 | | 20,590,000 | | |
| TOTAL USD DEBT | 272,155,000 | | 302,105,000 | | 289,500,000 | | |

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Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2021-2022 School Year

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| | Revenue Neutral Tax Rate | | | 2021-2022 | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | 2020-2021 | | Neutral Tax Rate | Estimated Tax | Est. Tax |
| | Actual Tax Levied | Actual Tax Rate | | | |
| General | \$15,293,860 | 20.000 | 19.724 | \$16,039,164 | 20.000 |
| Capital Outlay | \$6,782,942 | 8.000 | 7.673 | \$7,084,171 | 8.000 |
| Bond and Interest #2 | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| ALL OTHER FUNDS | | | | | |
| Supplemental General (LOB) | \$9,725,030 | 11.469 | | \$11,184,406 | 12.630 |
| Adult Education | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Cost of Living | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Special Liability Expense Fund | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Extraordinary Growth Facilities | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Bond and Interest #1 | \$8,632,925 | 10.181 | | \$7,987,069 | 9.020 |
| No-Fund Warrant | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Special Assessment | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Temporary Note | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Historical Museum | \$0 | 0.000 | | \$0 | 0.000 |
| Public Library Board | \$8,334,628 | 9.830 | | \$8,704,681 | 9.830 |
| Public Library Board Employee Benefits | \$1,135,151 | 1.338 | | \$1,184,649 | 1.338 |
| Sub Total - All Other Funds | \$27,827,734 | 32.818 | 31.480 | \$29,060,805 | 32.818 |

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Traffic Tweeters: 1 in 5 Kansans Use Social Media While Behind The Wheel, Poll Reveals

- Almost 1 in 5 have taken a selfie while driving.
- 18% of drivers are unaware it's illegal to use a cell-phone while driving.
- Infographic showing driving while using social media stats across the country.

We're used to a certain level of distraction while we're driving: listening to a podcast about serial killers or catching up with the sports news on local radio. But these kinds of things require us to be passive, and don't require our hands to leave the wheel. However, due to everyone's increased obsession with social media, it's become more common to find drivers turning to their phones while on the road - and not just at the traffic lights...

Gunther VW Fort Lauderdale commissioned a survey of 3,100 drivers and quite shockingly, found that almost 1 in 5 (19%) drivers in Kansas admit to using social media while behind the wheel (compared to a national average of 26%). More specifically, almost 1 in 5 (16%) of us have taken a selfie while driving.

Drivers in South Dakota and Rhode Island seem to be the most distracted drivers across the country with half (50%) admitting they have used social media while driving. Comparatively, only 11% of those in Arkansas say they've done so.

Infographic illustrating these results across the rest of the country.

And what platforms are we most likely to use while driving? Over half (58%) said Facebook, which often involves reading boring status updates or scrolling through quick new snippets. 12% said Snapchat, where you watch short videos - possibly involving cats and 10% said Twitter, which involves reading a range of tweets, some which can make you laugh, some of which can make you angry. 8% said Instagram, involving scrolling through pretty images and perhaps catching up on celebrity updates. Another 8% watch longer videos on YouTube and just 4% exchange messages on WhatsApp while driving.

This all adds up to a driver's attention being severely distracted from what's going on them, and on the road ahead. And far more seriously, it turns out 1 in 5 (18%) drivers don't know it's actually illegal to use a cellphone while driving. When asked whether people who do this should face the same penalties as drunk drivers, almost half (48%) agreed - but worryingly, 21% of drivers said they didn't think using social media while driving affected their driving capabilities. And if a friend posted a selfie while driving, 1 in 10 (12%) people admit they would probably like the post.

It's deeply concerning if over 1 in 4 of the driving population aren't aware of these rules of the road,' says Joseph Gunther IV from spokesperson from Gunther VW Fort Lauderdale, 'as it can have serious consequences. Being distracted by social media means you're more likely to have an accident; best to keep the updates to when you're parked up.'

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Unified School District No. 500, Wyandotte County, Kansas.

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The board of education of the above-named school district shall be authorized to adopt a local option budget in each school year in an amount not to exceed 33 % of the amount of total foundation aid. The local option budget authorized by this resolution may be adopted, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after publication of this resolution. If a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether adoption of the local option budget shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the school district.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 500, Wyandotte County, Kansas, on the 11th day of May, 2021.

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[Signature]
Clerk of the Board of Education

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nities. The IRS reminds all taxpayers that the only way to get either of these benefits is by filing a tax return with the IRS or registering online through the Non-filer Sign-up Tool on IRS.gov. Any other option is a scam.

People should watch out for scams using email,

phone calls or texts related to the payments. The IRS never sends unsolicited electronic communications asking anyone to open attachments or visit a non-governmental web site.

Share this tip on social media -- #IRSTaxTip: Multilingual resources help families see if they qualify for advance child tax credit payments. <https://go.usa.gov/xFxV4>

Guest Editorial Quotes To Ponder

By: Tom Valverde

Last Sunday as he was recovering from surgery for diverticulitis at Gemelli Hospital, Pope Francis went and greeted staff and other patients. The Pope then went on a balcony to speak to well-wishers that numbered in the hundreds, and to offer prayers. This is taken from the Pope's remarks that day: "I have experienced, once again, how important it is to have a good health service accessible to everyone as there is here in Italy and in other countries. A health service that is free and guarantees good service accessible to all." "This precious good must not be lost. It must be maintained, and everyone should be committed to this because everyone needs it."

Health Care for all as with Obamacare, a Universal Health Care system. Pope Francis criticized Church-run hospitals: "Your vocation as a Church is not to have money but to be of service, and that service should always be free." The Pope denounced economic inequality; the ever-widening wealth gap in the West and what he referred to as the "idolatry of money." Pope Francis sees us all as one and that our love for each other is the basis of creating a just society. In his third encyclical letter the Pope writes, to stand in support for the just treatment of immigrants all across the globe: "Certain populist political regimes, as well as certain liberal economic approaches, maintain that an influx of migrants is to be prevented at all costs." He questioned the propriety of limiting aid to poor countries, so they hit rock bottom, then be forced to take austerity measures. "One fails to realize that behind such statements, abstract and hard to support, great number of lives are at stake. Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression (By forgetting lessons learned from the past, and especially after wars.)"

Pope Francis' Encyclical reads in part: "Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise in some countries...And a national unity, influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of social order exists under the guise of defending National Interests. Once more, we are being reminded that, each generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not advanced, once and for all, they have to be realized each day. It is not possible to settle for what was achieved in the past and complacently enjoying it, as if we could somehow disregard the fact that many of our brothers and sisters still endure situations that cry out for our attention."

For those countries that lack an inclusive plan that benefits everyone, Pope Francis writes: "The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement even under the guise of defending certain values. Today in many countries' hyperbole, extremism, and polarization have become political tools. Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion, fear and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways, denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion."

National Park Month at KCKPL

August is National Park Month, and the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Main Library is featuring several activities to commemorate the occasion. On the first floor of the 625 Minnesota Avenue location will be two interactive displays, including a "Name That Park" game and a "Where Have You Visited" map board. Five Zoom programs will be presented by Main Library Associate Steve Oakes, a former National Park Service (NPS) park ranger and concessions specialist. Titles of the programs include "Alaska National Parks," "Carlsbad Caverns National Park," "Car-free Glacier National Park," and "So You Want to be a Park Ranger." In addition to giving talks, leading walks, and inspecting concession operations, Oakes had the opportunity to fight forest fires. On display is a map of the locations where Oakes was deployed as a member of an inter-agency crew or participated in wildland fire duties. Also, on display are photos from his days on the fires. In wildland fire duties. Also on display are photos from his days on the fires.

Kansas City, Kansas Public Library was formed in 1895. In 1899, it came under the authority of the Kansas City, Kansas Public School District Board of Education and remains there today. It serves a population of approximately 163,227. The mission of Kansas City, Kansas Public Library is to connect members of a dynamic community with information, tools, resources, and welcoming spaces to enrich lives in Wyandotte County. The library can be found online at kckpl.org

TOM'S TASTY TREATS

By Tom Valverde

It's time to make some very special cookies to celebrate Christmas in July and August and...!

These are a twist on the popular Snicker doodle cookies. This week's tasty treat is a very tasty blend of Gingerbread cookies and Snicker doodles. Best of all, these are simple to make all by hand, no need to bring out the mixer.

Our family isn't a big fan of molasses, so instead of the 1/4 c called for, this recipe only uses 1 or 2 tablespoons. And just like Snicker doodles, this soft dough is rolled in cinnamon sugar before baking, so Good! Please treat your loved ones to a special cookie that you will want to add for this year's

Christmas. Bake some love with,
TOM'S GINGER DOODLE COOKIES

Ingredients

2c + 1T Flour

2 t Baking Soda

1 T Corn Starch

1/2 t Salt

1 1/4 t Ginger

1/2 t Cinnamon

1/4 t Cloves

1/4 t Nutmeg

3/4 c Butter at room temperature

1/2 c Sugar

3/4 c Brown Sugar

1-2 T Molasses

1 Lg Egg

1 Yolk

2 t Vanilla

For rolling:

3/4 c Sugar

2 t Cinnamon

Set the oven to 350°.

Line and lightly grease or spray the cookie sheet. Combine and whisk together all the dry ingredients. In another bowl, stir the butter until creamy. Add the two sugars and stir until blended. Add the molasses, egg, egg yolk and Vanilla. Stir together well. Add the flour mixture in by thirds. Use a tablespoon sized scoop to gather the soft dough and drop in the cinnamon sugar to coat evenly.

These cookies will spread so space them at least 2" apart. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. The house will smell like Christmas as the cookies bake! Truly, these cookies are special at any time of the year! They're a great combination of two favorite Christmas cookies, how could you go wrong? These cookies are a new favorite of mine.

Enjoy!

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(888) 428-8436

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(800) 922-5330

Consumer Protection
(800) 432-2310

Crime Tip Hotline
(800) 572-7463

Crime Victim Referral
(800) 828-9745

Department on Aging
(800) 432-3535

Driver's License
Bureau
(785) 296-3963

Fraud Hotline
(800) 432-3919

KPERS
(888) 275-5737

Governor's Office
(877) 579-6757

Highway Conditions
(800) 585-7623

Housing Hotline
(800) 752-4422

KanCare Consumer
Assistance
(866) 305-5147



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Wayne Hollister, age 88, passed away July 8, 2021. He was a Turner resident.

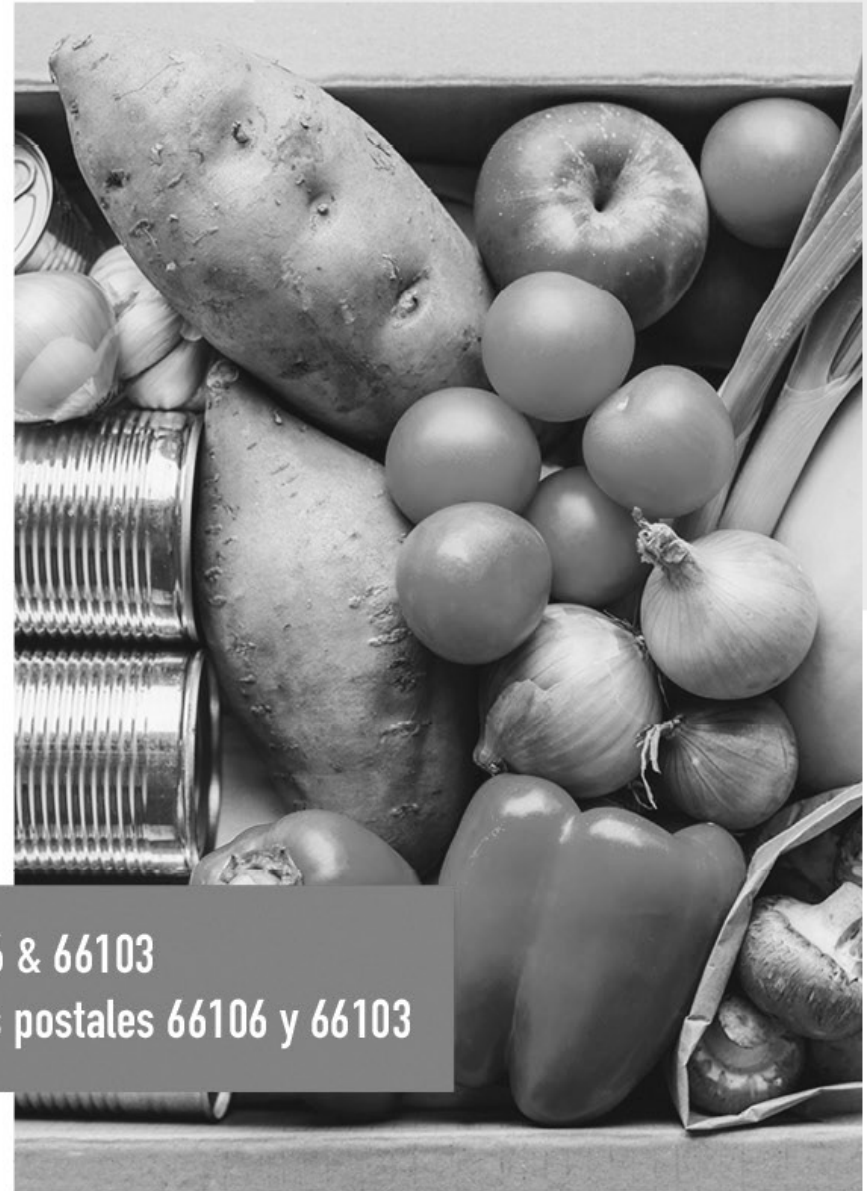
Sam Satterfield, age 69, passed away July 12, 2021. Wyandotte High graduate and founder of Job Power.

Ruth Golubski, age 69, passed away July 15, 2021. Order of Police Lodge on Leavenworth Rd.

Richard "Dick" Fuller, age 87, passed away July 16, 2021. Raised in Argentine and graduated from Argentine high school in 1951. Excelled in all athletics. Went to Korean War. Became Principal of Highland Junior High School. Taught and coached at Turner High School.

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