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UG Temporarily Expands Food Trucks, Farmers Markets and Mobile Markets Amid COVID-19 Response

Move Gives WyCo Businesses More Space to Operate Safely During COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

As part of the County's ongoing COVID-19 Recovery Plan, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners approved an Emergency Resolution and Ordinance that allows food trucks, farmer's markets, and mobile markets Countywide with certain standards.

Specifically, the Ordinance allows mobile vending (i.e. food trucks, pushcarts, and mobile markets) and farmer's markets in all zone districts with additional and specific standards. In response to business input, the Commissioners also updated the first Emergency Ordinance to allow semi-permanent use of front and side yard setback with an administrative review, as well as semi-permanent use of surplus (i.e. not required) off-street parking.

The Resolution temporarily suspends enforcement of certain sections of existing UG Code of Ordinances in order to provide Wyandotte County businesses trying to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic more locations in which to operate in accordance with guidelines asking them to provide ade-

quate room for proper social distancing between staff and customers. This means maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet between workers, customers, and others while in public.

"Recognizing Wyandotte County businesses would need assistance and flexibility as they worked to get their operations back up and running, I previously directed UG staff to identify opportunities and areas in which we might be able to help and support in that recovery process," stated Mayor David Alvey. "This new Ordinance allows businesses to temporarily create added outdoor space for retail customer sales, utilizing sidewalks, parking lot spaces, and other areas to sell their products and serve their customers, while still maintaining proper social distancing guidelines. It's a win-win situation for residents and business owners, and a common-sense approach to governing in these unique and unprecedented times."

Farmer's markets are allowed Countywide so long as they are wholly within

a parking lot with an administrative review by the Department of Planning and Urban Design. Mobile markets have expanded hours of operation from 8 AM – 7 PM Sunday through Thursday and 8 AM – 8 PM Friday and Saturday. All other mobile vendors can operate from 9 AM – 8 PM in residential and agricultural zones but must be located either within the parking lot of a church, senior center, community center or school, or adjacent to a public park. Mobile vendors can also attend a certified block party up to 10 PM as well. In commercial and industrial zones, mobile vendors need only to feed the parking meter if there is one and NOT park in front of an existing food establishment.

Farmer's markets, mobile vendors, and mobile markets need only to obtain a business license and follow the above standards to operate throughout the County; none need to obtain an annual agreement with the UG while the emergency ordinance is in effect.

The Ordinance is in effect

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Curing Cabin Fever with an End-of-Summer RV Adventure?

Don't Forget to Pack New Driving Skills and Insurance



End-of-summer vacations will look different this year as a result of COVID-19. While there is a pent up demand for travel, many Americans remain cautious as they explore options. As a result, recreational vehicle (RV) purchases are soaring as travelers view this option as providing a safe place to eat, sleep, shower, and relax, as well as enjoy some of the lowest gas prices seen in the past four years. The RV Industry Association estimates 46 million Americans will take an RV trip in the next 12 months with almost 51 percent of those planning to travel via RV because of health concerns.

"If you're not experienced at driving an RV, spend plenty of time practicing before hitting the road," says Kurt Gray, AAA Director of Driver Education. "This will allow you to get used to the vehicle's size and handling characteristics."

AAA RV Driver Safety Tips

- Conduct a pre-drive "walk-around" visual inspection to check for any obvious issues with tires, leaks, tanks, straps, etc. before each drive.
- Large vehicles accelerate slower and take longer to come to a full stop, so increase your following distance to 5 to 6 seconds at highway speeds.
- Always stay to the right to allow faster traffic to pass on the left.
- Be sure to manage your speed properly and stay within the posted speed limit – remember, speed should always match conditions.
- Reduce your speed before turns (while vehicle is going straight) and accelerate out of the turn.
- Avoid distractions and always keep both hands on the steering wheel at 9 and 3.
- Always communicate your intentions by using your turn signals.
- Try to avoid backing up when possible. If you must back up, use a spotter to help guide you. Develop hand signals or use walkie-talkies to communicate.

"Buying or renting an RV can lead to some wonderful vacation memories out on the open road," said Tim Swartz, AAA Insurance Counselor. "Whether you decide to buy or rent an RV, insurance is an important piece of your travel plan and should be considered carefully."

Drivers must remember that an RV is more than a vehicle, it's a home for you and your family while you're traveling.

Insurance Considerations when BUYING an RV

- Insurance coverage differs depending on whether you use the RV as a full-time residence or if you use it for travel purposes.
- RV insurance should provide liability coverage for bodily injury and property. This covers costs if you cause damage another vehicle or cause an injury during a crash.
- RV owners can be liable to claims from guests - make sure your policy covers injuries and property damage that occur in your RV as well as on your campsite.
- Consider how your policy determines replacement value – look for a policy that provides you with a new, comparable RV

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Another day, another dollar. Where does the time go when you're having fun? lol No jokes today. Hey, guess what? I got rid of my big standard organ. Been trying for a long time and finally my daughter-in-law put a picture on Facebook and she got a call. I was sitting in the front room still in my jammies and my son John came to the door. Here it was a Sunday, almost one thirty, I thought, what the? He told me that a couple of fellas from OP were coming over to get it. Man, I rushed in, got on my jeans and a T, and threw on my mask and here they come. In a van, no less. It was for a real nice family and musical too. Their parents are teaching them all kinds of instruments to play. I was really happy. They even sent a video on Facebook showing them playing it already. I have been going through all my "hoardings". Putting stuff in boxes I get from Nigro's. Sent one to my niece in Oregon. A lot of miniatures that my late sister Carolyn and I made. Andrea drove a U-Haul truck loaded to Sparks, NV. Her three daughters live there, and she lives in Canby, a 10-hour drive. Her hubby stays home and takes care of their furbaby. Gotta get rid of a lot of stuff that I didn't even know I had.

When John came over today to mow, I was putting stuff in his car. Some of you might know John. He is an RN and really works his heinie off. Went to Turner high, graduated in '89, went in the Marines immediately, then the National Guard, then to nursing school. Now he is married and has 4 young ones. And 2 older ones from another marriage. These four are something else. Got to see my little girl who will be three next month. Can't see them too much on account of this crazy virus. Sure has slowed

down a lot of things. Still wondering about kids going to school. My grandkids are homeschooled and are used to it. They have never gone to a public school.

I have been taking certain things down to our Community garden in Turner. Had a lot of flowerpots, racks, flats, etc. Jim gave me some green beans, tomatoes, and when I got home, I washed them all, cooked the green beans in the crock pot all day with some taters, that was part of our supper. We have had a heck of a time trying to get him a handicap placard. Have the forms but can't get through to get an appointment for his tag. Drove over to the DMV on 18th street. Wrong place. Have to go to 82nd and State. But when you call, no one answers. Crazy. I don't like when everything talks to you on audio tape. Oh well, that is the "new norm".

Still looking for a house that will fit our needs. We need a place with the laundry facilities on the same level as the rest of the house. Three bedroom 1 1/2 baths preferably, one car garage, kitchen, dining room. We love our house here as I have mentioned before but good grief, we have aged 21 years since we moved here. Too much now. Want to stay in Turner, Argentine, Morris area. We are originally from Argentine, but we are used to a more country type area. Don't have to be in the country but I don't think I want to live where the houses are "scrunched together". Know what I mean.? Definitely in WyCo. I am a Dotte. Through and through. And this side of the ol' Kaw River. Mr. Ed was born and raised in Argentine, lived on Strong and had a business on Strong. He is a Dotte too.

Well peeps, guess I will sign off. I saw where some of our alumni passed that had gone to the Argentine all class reunions. Too bad we couldn't have gotten together this year. But-----that's the way it goes. Oh, by the way, if any of you know of any passings that went to old AHS, try and let me know. Sometimes I read where someone passed away but no details. Would appreciate it bunches, K? Mind your p's and q's, keep them old germs off of your hands and faces. Boy, I sure miss

everyone I use to see. Just take care, we will get through this together. Ivya all, your little ol' gal from Argentine. Sue "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. "Apples of Gold".

Handicap Placard

By: Sue Reich

My doctor filled out a form for Mr. Ed to apply for a handicap placard. I let him out of

the car, he waits, I park. We shop. He waits, I get car, he gets in. Thought we could get placard at DMV. Nope. Gave us a number to call. Went home, called and called. Push #1 for this, push #2 for that, push #3 for the other. Finally got a taped message, "sorry, our lines are messed up, try another day."

Wrong Neighborhood

By: Sue Reich

Wednesday, on Aug. 5th, I received a phone call from BPU. The first part was in Spanish and then English kicked in. It was a taped message. I was told our water

would be cut off from 7:30 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. was told it might be noisy because of the vehicles doing the work. Well, I didn't see anything of the sort in our neighborhood, but I did around Lake Quivira. Anyway, I called my neighbor, Peggy and asked her if she received such call, she hadn't. I filled up four 1-gallon jugs is water. Filled the dogs water dishes, made sure I had plenty of bottled water to drink. Kept checking our water. Still had some. Well, it wasn't us, but was Lake Quivira. Just because we live off of Holliday Dr., I got a call. Come on now, let's get our areas straight. Luckily, I didn't call any other neighbors.



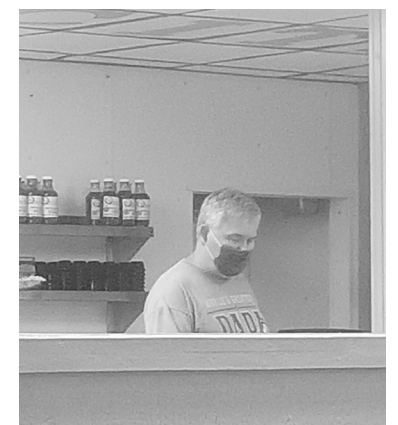
Riekes on Merriam is finished with a wonderful mural of semi trucks. It took just a few days for Kara Spencer and her crew to brighten up the once drab building. Riekes is across the street from Nigro's and Peddler's daughter, down 34th street to Merriam Drive.



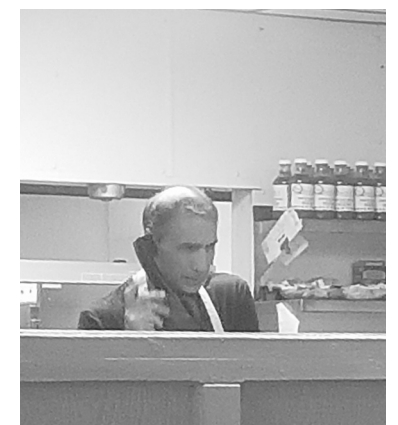
Here is a longshot up the updated Christy's thanks to Senda.



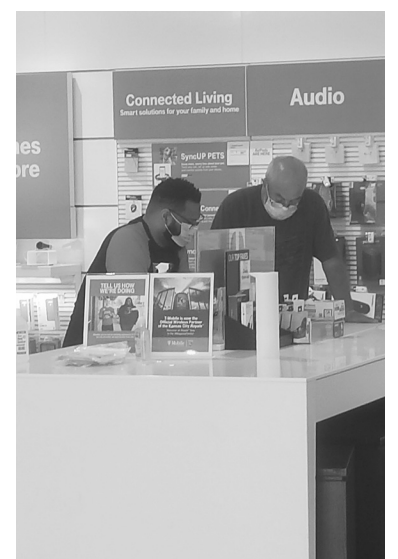
The old Save a Lot in Argentine is now a full-fledged Mexican grocery store. The day Mr. Ed I went there, it was pretty crowded. Wishing you good luck in Argentine.



Rusty at Big Q working on at order.



Gary at Big Q taking an order.



This young man works at T-Mobile. See, he and his customer are wearing their safety masks.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

The latest topic in the K State Garden Hour Webinar was about "Hummingbirds in Kansas" by Chuck Otte, Birdwatcher Extraordinaire, Agricultural & Natural Resources Agent in Geary County. For several years, but not this one, Calvin has hung hummingbird feeders off our back porch. I didn't know much about them but enjoyed watching them. This week I learned a lot!! Hummingbirds are only in the Western Hemisphere with 360 species in North and South America. The one most common in Kansas is the Ruby Throat-

ed Hummingbird - 99% of the time.

There are two migration periods for the birds, Spring migration from April 15 until the end of May and Fall migration from July 15 through the end of September. Feeders should be taken down in June and now is the time to put up them back up until October 15. The average life span of a hummingbird is 3 - 5 years and they weigh only 3.2 grams, a little more than a penny. They are larger than a quarter and their eggs are the size of a jellybean. They are attracted to the color red. Some flowers that attract them are red salvia, trumpet vine, butterfly bush, beebalm, hollyhocks, and rose of Sharon. Mass planting of flowers will attract them; over care the annuals and under care the perennials.

The formula for the nectar is 4 parts water and 1-part sugar. Calvin always boiled our water to dissolve the sugar, but Chuck said that is not necessary, only water

warm enough to dissolve the sugar. Calvin also made a gallon batch and then refrigerated it, but Chuck makes smaller amounts. The solution will last 10 -12 days in the refrigerator, but you must warm it up because it will be too cold for the birds. Chuck recommends not using the red coloring, changes the nectar and cleans the feeders every 2 -3 days unless the temperature is really high - then every day. For cleaning, rinse the feeder with warm water, and if there is black mold or mildew, use a mild solution of bleach. He also recommends more than one feeder, eliminating stress on the birds if more than one bird wants to feed. They happen to get territorial. With all this information, I'm off to dig around the garage for those feeders and spend the rest of year watching the hummingbirds.

Until next time please be kind, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.

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UG COVID-19 Response

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until December 31, 2020. It allows businesses within Wyandotte County to temporarily use the public right-of-way for the sale of goods as long as appropriate access to services can be provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that social distancing is maintained.

Businesses providing alcohol sales are required to go through the normal Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control approvals process. Failing to do so will trigger an automatic review.

Unified Government Health officials caution that it's important to continue to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

"COVID-19 remains a threat in our community," said Dr. Allen Greiner, Chief Medical Officer with the Unified Government Health Department. "While it's exciting to see our businesses reopening, everyone needs to continue to practice safe social distancing, wear a mask when in public, stay home and seek testing if you are sick, and continue with excellent hygiene such as washing your hands frequently with soap and water, covering your cough and not touching your face with your hands. It's the combination of these actions that has been most effective at slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community."

Residents or business owners with questions about this change should contact 3-1-1.

To view the documents, visit wycokck.org/Clerk/Agendas and select the "Planning & Zoning and Full Commission 7/30/20" under the "Agendas & Minutes" section. To view a video of the July 30 Special Meeting, visit the Unified Government's (UG) YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiFi_7T-PsVk.

To learn more about Planning and Urban Design, visit wycokck.org/Planning. To learn more about the County's COVID-19 response, access important resources, and view additional information, visit wycokck.org/COVID-19.

AAA RV Adventure ...from page 1

if yours is totaled within the first few years of ownership.

- Ask if your policy covers emergency expense allowances – if your RV breaks down, AAA has you covered for roadside assistance, but will your policy cover hotel and meals should need a place to stay while your RV is repaired.

Insurance Considerations when RENTING an RV

- Your car insurance will cover you for liability and bodily injury when you rent an RV.

- Comprehensive and collision coverage will be provided by your auto policy provided you have this coverage on your auto policy.

- An umbrella policy will be helpful if you have a crash and the rental company charges you for lost rental value while the RV is being repaired and/or it's depreciation in value.

Insurance Considerations for a Travel Trailer (not a

self-powered vehicle)

- Most homeowners insurance policies provide minimal coverage for trailers.

- Your automobile insurance will provide liability coverage for usage of the trailer while attached to your vehicle.

- If renting a travel trailer, review insurance coverage options with your agent and the rental company.

- If owned, it should be insured with the most comprehensive coverage available and including vacation liability coverage.

- Older trailers and vehicles may not be offered the extensive coverages available to newer trailers and vehicles.

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Guide to School Choice in Kansas Choosing a school? You have options

By: National School Choice Week Team

Kansas parents, like parents everywhere, want to be able to choose a school where their child will learn and thrive. Finding the best school fit starts with knowing your options. There are a variety of school environments (six in total!) available for students in the Sunflower State.

Families in Kansas can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, homeschooling, and learning pods.

COVID-19 Update:

The Kansas State Department of Education released Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations to help support schools as they make plans for the 2020-21 school year. All guidelines were created with two overarching areas in mind: operations and instruction; and all guidance is given across three learning environments: On-site (in school with or without social distancing), Hybrid (part of the time in the classroom and part-time virtual), and

Remote (all students learning from home). The guidance is broken up into grade bands: Pre-K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

These are state-level guidelines and recommendations, check with your local district for specifics regarding how they plan to reopen safely!

Kansas Traditional Public Schools

Most children in Kansas (and in America) attend traditional public schools. Traditional public schools are free to attend, open to all students, operated by school districts, and funded by taxpayers like you. Did you know that Kansas spends an average of \$11,753 per public school student each year?

Some school districts in Kansas may allow open enrollment. Open enrollment refers to whether you can send your child to a public school other than the one assigned to you. Since districts set their own open enrollment policies in Kansas, parents should check with their local school district for more information. When a student participates in open enrollment, the two school districts must work out a

transportation plan to share costs amongst themselves.

If open enrollment is an option for you, take advantage of it by visiting multiple public schools near you and discovering which is the best fit for your family. Traditional public schools aren't all the same: They may differ in learning methods and one may just "feel different" than another to you.

Find out more about public schools in your state here: Kansas Department of Education.

Kansas Charter Schools

Depending on where you live in Kansas, you may also be able to choose a public charter school. Kansas has 10 public charter schools, you can find a list of them on this page.

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools that operate within a district but have extra freedom and independence to innovate. Public charter schools are accountable to their authorizer (which could be a college or school board) for student achievement. Because charter schools are public, there is generally no special require-

ment for admission... anyone can attend! If there are more families seeking admittance to a charter school than there are seats, an old-fashioned lottery system is usually used to determine admittance.

Kansas Magnet Schools

Magnet schools are a third type of free public school. Magnet schools allow kids to focus on specific themes, like science or the performing arts. As the Wichita Public School district describes, "Magnet schools are based on the premise that all students do not learn in the same ways, so if there is a unifying theme or a different organizational structure for students of similar interest, those students will learn more in all areas." In the Wichita district, there are 17 elementary magnet school locations and seven middle, high, and K-8 magnet locations, and there are others throughout the state, such as in Hutchinson, Kansas City, and Topeka. These might be a good option if your child learns best by focusing in on a subject he or she is passionate about.

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Kansas Private Schools

Families in Kansas can also consider private schools, non-public schools that charge tuition. Private schools may offer a unique curriculum, smaller class sizes, or a faith-based tradition. Kansas's more than 150 private schools come in all shapes and forms, from religious schools to schools designed for children with special needs.

The average tuition for private schools in the state is \$7,549 per year, but keep in mind that schools often are more affordable at the elementary level than high school. Kansas' first private school choice program was launched in 2015 and provides scholarships for low-income families in under-performing schools to access another education option. This program is only accessible to students attending the lowest-performing public schools in Kansas, but there may be other private scholarship opportunities available in the state. For instance, ACE Scholarships works to provide scholarships for low-income children in Kansas.

Learn more at Private School Review: Kansas.

Kansas Online Learning

Whether your child wants to accelerate learning or needs a quieter, less stressful environment to focus in, you may be interested in trying virtual school. Kansas offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, such as Kansas Virtual Academy and Kansas Connections Academy. For students in grades 7-12, an additional option is the Insight School of Kansas, which specializes in helping students overcome obstacles to academic success. The Kansas State Department of Education also keeps a list of online learning providers, some of whom may also offer part-time classes, with or without fees.

What is the deadline to enroll in online school in Kansas for 2020-2021?

At Kansas Connections Academy, the deadline to enroll is September 14, 2020. Kansas Virtual Academy's deadline is August 19, 2020. Insight School of Kansas has a rolling enrollment policy until December 11, 2020 for

grades 7-8 and until September 4, 2020 for grades 9-12.

Which online options still have seats available and in what grades for 2020-2021?

Kansas Connections Academy still has seats available for grades K-12. Kansas Virtual Academy still has seats available for grades K-6. Insight School of Kansas has seats available for grades 7-12.

Will families be able to switch mid-school year, if needed?

At Kansas Connections Academy, no new transfer students are accepted after the September 14 enrollment deadline. At Kansas Virtual Academy, transfer students are accepted for the second semester; the deadline for that semester is December 11, 2020. At Insight School of Kansas, students in grades 7-8 can transfer in during the first semester until December 11, 2020. Students in grades 9-12 may apply for open spots for the second semester.

Does the school provide technology and WIFI?

Kansas Connections Academy does not usually provide technology and WIFI. Kansas Virtual Academy does not typically provide technology and WIFI either; but, based on financial need, a loaner computer may be available. Insight School of Kansas provides families with a computer.

Kansas Homeschooling

Homeschooling is another school option in Kansas and all 50 states. As technology and school choices have spread in Kansas, homeschoolers have more support and resources than ever.

In Kansas, notice of your intent to homeschool is required. You must register as a private school before starting to homeschool. It is recommended that you formally withdraw from your public school so your student is not marked truant. In the case that you decide to return to public school in the middle of the school year, the school will test students to deem the appropriate placement and decide what, if any, credits will be accepted.

Check here for resources about homeschooling, the process of parents educating students at home, specific to Kansas. You may also want to check out the Midwest Parent Educators or Christian Home Educators Confederation of Kansas.

Kansas Learning Pods

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demid pods, and learning pods all refer to the same concept: students gathering together in a small group – with adult supervision – to learn, explore, and socialize. Pods themselves can take a variety of legal forms, but in general they can be separated into two categories: self-directed pod (homeschool, homeschool collaborative, or micro-school) and learning support pod. It's important to understand what kind of pod you are signing up for and the requirements that go along with it. Learn more about learning pods here.

Self-Directed Pods:

If your learning pod or micro-school is choosing its own curriculum and each family is directing their own children's schooling, it likely qualifies as a homeschool in Kansas. Read more about the requirements for homeschooling and get tips from HSLDA here.

If your learning pod contains more than two families and will have teachers leading unique classes just for your school, it may qualify as a private school. You can read more about what Kansas classifies as a private school, how they're regulated, and how to start one here.

Learning Support Pods:

If your child is going to be enrolled in remote learning through your local public school and supervised by an adult in your learning pod, you do not need to register as a homeschool or private school. Keep in mind that you have multiple online learning options, including multiple free, full-time online schools that are available to students statewide. You can learn more about those here.

Education Resources for Kansas Parents

For additional information about school choices in Kansas, visit this resource:

- Kansas Department of Education

School Choice Celebrations in Kansas

National School Choice Week 2021 will take place January 24 – 30, 2021. We encourage all schools, homeschool groups, organizations and individuals to join the celebration. Click here for ideas, inspiration, and more information!

Kansas celebrated National School Choice Week 2020 with a record-breaking 413 events and activities across the state. Click the button below to learn more about school choice in Kansas.

Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By: Tom Valverde

Jim Cramer has a variety of financial enforcement programs, with various guests, on CNBC. Last Thursday, House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi was his guest, to discuss the new aid package, that she's had ready for 11 weeks, and has been stalled in the US Senate. The following is taken from their conversation:

Mr Cramer - "Can't you go across the aisle, and say Representative Lewis, civil rights legend, would have loved it, if we could do something for the "Totally Disenfranchised" of this country?" "No matter what, can we give a huge chunk of money to the people who are disenfranchised? To the minorities, who wanted to stay in business and can't, and to people who are trying to go to college, or have student loans, who are minorities--who are most affected, because they have the least chance in our country?" Mr. Cramer is in his studio, and Mrs. Pelosi is at the Capitol, and Cramer then ends by shouting--- "That's got to be something both sides can agree to!"

Mrs. Pelosi, responds as calmly, as he was upset, and said, "Perhaps you mistook them for someone who gives a damn. That's the problem. You see, the thing is, they don't believe in governance and that requires some acts of government to do what you've described." Mrs. Pelosi, "You've described what Senator Chuck Schumer is trying to get through, exactly!" "If we are talking about the HEROES Act, if we're talking about how much, how long, and how targeted? If we're going to juggle some of this money, let's focus it where it's going to do the most good!" "And another thing that we're trying to do, is to help hotels and restaurants, which employ so many, is to lower the threshold for them to qualify for a 2nd loan. We're looking to go to 30%, instead of 50% of loses from the previous year." "They are so important because they provide so many jobs, so many entry-level jobs, and they employ so many persons of color." "We would hope that they, (the US Senate), would consider that."

This has been a topic of conversation between many friends, who can't understand why the Senate is dragging its support for the millions of unemployed the result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. All this talk about people milking the system is ludicrous. This Pandemic has created fear and chaos and has been the cause for many retail and restaurants to declare bankruptcy. House Leader, Nancy Pelosi was able to bring both side of the House to pass a bi-partisan bill, 12 weeks ago. And the US Senate, fully aware of the tens of millions of, "out of work" Americans, has waited until past the end of all Government aid to discuss what to do. Now, millions are expected to be evicted from their homes and apartments, not having the money to pay the rent or the mortgage.

One survey indicated 60% of landlords said that their tenants are unable to pay their rent because of the Coronavirus. The Aspen Institute has estimated that there over 20 million renters at risk of eviction. "Trump and the Republicans do not understand the gravity of the situation, and every time we meet with them, it's reinforced!" House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi. These Senators have only added to the pain and the suffering by creating another crisis, that was very foreseeable and one that that they were in full control of. Maybe it was planned to go like this, from the very start. Now, their disreputable candidate can come in, at the 11th hour, and sign an Executive Order, "giving" that long-awaited aid. This couldn't have anything to do with the election in less than 90 days, could it? Would not bet the farm, as they will stop at nothing to try to make this inept president into a hero. A president who truly cared would not add more suffering, by holding off to become involved in such a serious Crisis for the American people 12 weeks After the US House of Representatives had passed their bill, or until all Government aid had expired. Trump's indifference will be his downfall.

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MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn Construction will be having a REBID on 5 Scopes of Work for the Lee's Summit 2020 Bond Project. Mason Elementary Addition and Renovations is a phased project in Lee's Summit, MO.

1. 07 I – Firestopping
2. 09 H – Resilient Flooring & Carpet
3. 12 C – Blinds & Shades
4. 26 A – Electrical & Communications
5. 32 G – Landscaping & Irrigation

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 PM CST on August 20, 2020. Arrive with sealed Bids between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:59 PM. JE Dunn Construction Headquarters

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Kansas City, MO 64106

There will not be an in person bid opening. A Virtual Bid reading will be conducted. If you would like to view the virtual bid opening notify Tracey.Kraus@jedunn.com

No emailed bids are allowed. Do not mail in Bids to JE Dunn or the School District, this is Not acceptable. Contact Molly Lyons with any questions at molly.lyons@jedunn.com EOE, Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

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Guest Editorial

A Press Conference Goes Haywire for Trump

By: Tom Valverde

President Trump is getting increasingly more impatient, confused, and unable to give a straight answer to reporters. August 8th, Trump was at a resort (tell me when he isn't) at Bedminster, NJ, when he gave the second of two press conferences in two days. Poll numbers are worries, so maybe increased exposure? That Saturday, CBS White House correspondent, Paula Reid asked Trump about his repeatedly taking credit for a policy that had been enacted by former President Obama. Earlier, that day, Trump had said that he signed the Veteran's Choice Act. CBS' Ms. Reid asked, "Why do you keep saying you passed Veteran's Choice?" President Trump ignored her and did not provide an answer. Trump then tried to move on to another reporter, but Ms. Reid continued her questioning and said, "It was passed in 2014"... But, it was a false statement, Sir." Obviously, Trump was hoping to shore up support from the former members of the Military, by taking credit for it.

The Veteran's Choice Act was passed by President Obama and it makes it possible for veterans to access their health care Benefits at the providers of their choice, not only at VA Hospitals. Ms. Reid posed the question several more times, President Trump never gave an answer, he appeared upset, and then turns to signal the end of the press conference. Trump was not in control, and as a candidate, should always be prepared to take questions from the press. Trump wants exposure but is uncomfortable when confronted by the truth. Does this president really believe that American veterans would be fooled by his taking credit for a policy that was put in place by President Obama? Trump is grasping at anything that might work, as his time in office has not been anything stellar. So much for having the Government run like a business. Even a hollowed-out business will eventually fail. Bad theory made even worse by a man with no scruples; no moral compass.

AAA: College-Bound Students – Don't Forget Property Protection and a Car Care Plan

As COVID-19 brings new challenges for college students and their parents, car care and property insurance may get lost in the back-to-school shuffle. AAA Kansas reminds students living away at college and their parents to not overlook these important steps to make sure vehicles and other belongings have adequate protection.

"College students living away from home should know they may have limited coverage under their parents' insurance policies," said Gary Tomes, Regional Insurance Manager for AAA Kansas. "Before leaving for college, students should check to see what risks and liabilities are covered."

Homeowners and renters insurance tips for students:

- If you live in a dorm, some personal possessions may be covered under your parents' homeowners or renter's insurance policies. Expensive items such as computers and other electronics may be subject to coverage limits under a standard homeowner's policy, and some states require a special

student endorsement.

- If you live off-campus, purchase renters insurance. Renters insurance is necessary to protect you and your belongings, and can protect you from liability in the event that someone is accidentally injured on the property.

- Leave valuables at home. While some valuable items, such as laptops, may be needed on campus, items such as expensive jewelry may be best left at home.

- Create a "dorm inventory." Create a detailed inventory of all items you'll be taking with you, including photos and receipts. In the event that you need to file a claim, an up-to-date inventory will help make the process easier.

Safeguard your items from theft. Always lock your dorm room door and never leave belongings unattended on campus. According to the Insurance Information Institute, the library, dining hall and other public places are the primary areas where property theft occurs on campus.

According to Consumer Reports, dorm rooms can be a hot spot for thieves. Two roommates could have \$6,000 or more worth of electronics alone—laptops, tablets, smartphones and gaming systems—as well as other items of value in their small living space.

According to U.S. Department of Education data of crimes reported on college campuses, theft of personal property is the most common crime, followed by motor vehicle theft.

Auto insurance tips for students:



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

James Bruce Eyhme, age 80, passed away August 5, 2020. He taught at Argentine High School, Sociology, World History, Drivers Ed, then went to Harmon High.

Norma Moore, age: 97, passed away August 8, 2020. She was a graduate of Argentine, class of 1939.

- Coverage may depend on whether you leave home or stay in the area. If you bring a car to campus and remain on your parents' policy, coverage likely still applies. If you attend an out-of-state school, make sure your insurance coverage follows you. It gets a little tricky if the student takes classes year-round and does not plan to return home during the summers. Technically, they have relocated to their college location. It gets even more complex if they have on campus or off campus housing.

- Check with your insurance agent. To see what discounts you may qualify for and to ensure you have adequate coverage while away at school, contact your insurance agent.

If you have questions about any or are concerned about gaps in your existing coverage, contact a local insurance agent at 866-AAA-4YOU, or aaa.com/insurance.

Lessons on Car Maintenance for College Students:

In addition to reviewing insurance coverage, students heading to college should also address the important subject of vehicle maintenance and repair.

"Frequently, a teenager's vehicle is maintained by parents while living at home, and lessons on proper car care are only briefly discussed and seldom used," said Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas spokesman. "Before hitting the road, it is vital that your college student fully understands how to independently take care of their vehicle."

Before sending a son or daughter off to college with a car, AAA Kansas encourages parents to sit down with their students and discuss plans for proper vehicle maintenance, as well as how to deal with unexpected problems when parental rescue is more than just a few minutes away.

Take COVID-19 Precautions Inside the Car

With interaction comes the need to regularly clean the inside of the car to protect from COVID-19. For a list of cleaning products that will destroy the COVID-19 virus, visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>. Choose carefully because some cleaning products may damage or discolor your upholstery or dash.

BOTS and Laundering of Money and Misinformation

By: Tom Valverde

"There is also the threat of covert hack acts and international proxies, that are masquerading as legitimate groups in this country." "The American people need to be made aware of this classified, top-secret, information--that really should not be classified." "I'm aware of protection methods and sources has importance, but unnecessary classifying is really a disservice to the Intelligence community because they have gathered this information. It's extremely useful and it ought to be made aware to the American people. "Sounds like 2016 rewind, but with greatly improved social media Disinformation techniques. Until this worrisome Intelligence is released to the American public, be mindful of what Crazy Nonsense you come across online. Never a better time to THINK, before you believe!



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