

Federal Stimulus Spending Considered Necessary

By: Murrel Bland

The federal government had to take bold action because of the financial hardship that the Coronavirus Pandemic caused.

At least that was the message that U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Third Dist.) when she spoke to the Congressional Forum, via teleconference, at Children's Mercy Park, Friday, Sept. 17. She had originally planned to appear in person but opted for a teleconference because of a family emergency.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which is also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or simply the American Rescue Plan, is estimated to cost \$1.9 trillion.

Part of the stimulus plan was the Paycheck Protection Plan; employers affected by the pandemic could apply for loans which, if conditions were met, could be forgiven. Banks report this as most helpful, particularly for restaurants.

Rep. Davids said she supports a new stimulus funding for restaurants; she said several restaurants, particularly smaller independent operations, were left out.

Rep. Davids was asked about her feelings about

Congressional redistricting. She said there should have been more notice given about public meetings concerning redistricting. There were 14 meetings across the state, including one at Kansas City, Kansas, Community College and another in Johnson County.

Republican political operatives have suggested that Wyandotte County and Johnson County be separated. This would dilute Rep. Davids' Democrat base. She lives in Roeland Park which is in Johnson County.

Rep. Davids already has potential Republican opposition; Amanda Adkins, who lost to Rep. Davids in 2020, has announced she will run again.

Forum members expressed concern about excessive government spending. Joe Vaught, a commercial real estate agent, warned about borrowing more money than the federal government can repay. Bill Schmidt, a certified public accountant, said that government borrowing should be limited to the value of the gross national product.



Paul Bush, a banker with First State Bank, said he was concerned about the proposal that would require banks to report most all banking transactions of account holders. This would be an invasion of personal privacy, he said. Rep. Davids said she would look into the matter.

The Congressional Forum is a function of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Governor Kelly Sending Kansas State Troopers to help in Louisiana

Kansas Highway Patrol Providing Critical Aid to Areas Affected by Hurricane Ida

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced Troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) will be deployed to Louisiana Saturday, September 25th to provide additional support in and around areas affected by Hurricane Ida. KHP Troopers are deploying as part of an Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a multistate agreement that allows states to send government aid to other states in emergency situations.

“In times of crisis, Kansans have always stepped up to help out our fellow Americans – and today is no different,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Today, I deployed Kansas State Troopers to Louisiana to help those struggling in the areas affected by Hurricane Ida. We stand ready to provide relief for the impacted families.”

The KHP will be sending 16 Mobile Field Force Troopers with equipment on a 16-day deployment to areas affected by the hurricane Ida disaster beginning September 25th. The mission will be to augment the Louisiana State Police with additional personnel for law enforcement functions.

“The KHP recognizes the need to provide support and assistance to our partnering agencies, especially when nature strikes, and our services are requested,” Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Colonel Herman Jones said. “As a result of the devastation that came with Hurricane Ida, the Louisiana State Police has formally requested our assistance, along with the assistance of other state police and emergency management agencies – and we stand ready to help.”

Vaccine and Testing Clinics Continue Statewide

Vaccine and Testing events will continue to be held in several counties across the state over the coming weeks following FDA approval of Pfizer vaccination

TOPEKA – With the increased presence of the Delta variant in Kansas, local health departments, providers, and community groups are continuing to hold free COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinics. The emergence of the Delta variant poses a dangerous risk to communities across Kansas. On August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (also known as Comirnaty) for people 16 years of age and older. The Pfizer vaccine continues to be available through emergency use authorization for people 12-15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in moderately or severely immunocompromised people through emergency use authorization.

Additionally, the FDA's emergency use authorization covers patients age 18 and older to receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Moderna began the application for full FDA approval in June, nearly a month after Pfizer/BioNTech. Full approval is anticipated in several weeks. Johnson & Johnson has stated they will begin the approval process later this year.

As of September 22, 2021, 51% of Kansans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The events listed below are part of a sustained effort to mobilize Kansans to get vaccinated and/or tested to stop the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves and loved ones. Free testing is available to everyone in Kansas, regardless of vaccination status and even if you have been tested before.

The vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in the State of

Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Half and half. Half of us wear masks and the other half doesn't. We went out to eat tonight and the customers had masks when they came in, but the staff didn't. Mr. Ed and I don't want to take the chance and get anything weird. I believe a lot of us are confused as to what is right and what is wrong. But for now, we are wearing ours. Seems like the older folks had theirs on and when we began to eat, of course we removed ours. Our third shot is due in October, I believe. That is when we also get our flu and pneumonia shot. Kind of confusing don't you think? By the time we get this figured out, there will be something else hit us.

Hey, where are all the birds? Isn't it kind of early for them to be heading someplace else? I enjoyed watching them in the birdbath and cleaning up the other stuff I throw out for them. Maybe they know more than we do. Guess what I saw wandering around our neighborhood today? It was a gosh darn Coati Mundi. Now, if you don't know what that is, I will tell you. I happened to look outside and there was this weird looking cat. No, a raccoon, no, a fox. What the? It was a Coati Mundi and I don't know if it was someone's pet that got loose or what. The only time I ever saw a Coati, is in North or South Carolina. They run around there like our squirrels do. A pick-up truck even pulled over to the side of the road to look at it. They were probably wondering what that weird looking animal was. Of all the times I didn't get my camera. Maybe, just maybe it might come this way again. So, watch your lost and found in the paper or whatever or on Facebook and see if anyone has lost theirs. Watch your pets and chickens, and etc. Don't know what they eat, so keep on the

lookout for a weird looking cat, raccoon, fox type animal. They have a long tail to hang from trees. Sort of a long nose. Just plain weird. Mr. Ed and I were standing outside of a church in Morris and a bobcat ran about three feet from us. This area sure has some strange animals that live here. We have all kinds of insects that I had never seen before, lizards, chipmunks, squirrels, deer, rabbits, fox, turtles, coyotes, frogs. Those toads or frogs even come in my laundry room. How they get in, I'll never know. I always go outside with my little terrier. Don't want anything to get him. By the way, please keep your eye on your furbabies when you let them out.

Short Stuff: Covid in U.S. deaths are up to 1,900 a day. Don Chilito's is closing after 50 years of service. Many people have dined there for all those years and are sad to see the Mexican Restaurant on Johnson Drive close down. Their last day open will be December 11. There are trees and vines and all kinds of greenery are hanging over the mural on Metropolitan Avenue. Who is responsible for the removal of it? Won't be long, the mural will not be seen because of it. Right on the corner of 73rd street and Holliday Drive, very tall weeds are blocking the view for drivers going North and want to turn East or West. Who is responsible for the removal of those weeds?

Turner Middle school will have an Open House on Friday, Oct. 1st. It will be from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 1312 s. 55th street. Bricks from old Turner school will be sold. A Football game against Atchison will be held at 7 p.m.

Rosedale Development Association - October 10, 9 a.m. Yoga in Whitmore Park. October 20, Rosedale Leade Council 5:30 p.m. 1401 SW Blvd. October 30, Haunted Trail Walk 4. p.m. Rosedale Memorial Arch.

Well, dear readers, friends, family and whomever else please be kind and be careful. Ivya all and always will. Your little ol' gal from Argentine. Sue. At the Heart of Friendship It's wonderful to have someone whom you grow to love for being such a great person and such a good friend.



This wonderful Youth Group, and many others had a fair in the M.I.Christo Te AMA parking lot. There were several booths representing different countries such as: Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, and many more.



FINALLY!! Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Turner.



After "Wolfies" closed, which most of the people of Argentine enjoyed, it became a Mexican food place, then it closed. Another short-lived eating place couldn't survive. Probably because of Covid-19. Now another proprietor, Machetes, is going in now. Hope they can make it.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover



In August I mentioned that the Church of the Resurrection would have a food truck at Bristol Hill United Methodist Church in October with little or no details. The Resurrection Hunger Stoppers Food Mobile truck will be at Bristol Hill UM Church, 4826 County Line, KCK 66106 on the first Tuesday of each month beginning October 5th from 3:00-6:00 pm. Other distribution dates are November 2 and December 7. Participants will be able to choose fresh produce, proteins, dairy, and nonperishables at no cost. Due to covid precautions mandatory masks and social distancing

required. Distribution will continue while supplies last. Check cor.org/hunger for inclement weather and date updates.

I'm not in the market for a job or additional education but from time to time I find something that may be of interest to our readers or someone they know. WYCO WORKS is available to help our residents get the skills they need to obtain the job they want. Requirements to sign up are 1) be at least 18 years of age, 2) live in Wyandotte County 3) eligible to

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Kansas City Community College is also offering evening classes at Wyandotte High School. Classes include Essential Career Skills, Obtaining Employment, Keyboarding, Customer Service, Math Essentials. Elementary Algebra, Business Math, Intermediate Algebra, Microcomputer Business Software. For more info contact Nora

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INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn Construction has been pre-selected to bid the Oak Grove Phase 2 - Elementary Addition and Renovation Project. Addition to the existing elementary school for administrative offices and secure entrance. Includes new building square footage that requires earthwork, concrete footings, concrete foundations, concrete slabs, masonry walls, steel structure, cold formed framing and walls, drywall, roofing new and replacement, sheet metal panel systems, glass and glazing, doors, all finishes, fire protection, new HVAC, new electrical, intercom and audiovisual. MBE/WBE participation is encouraged.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the various plan rooms or via Smart Bid Net (by invitation). Email linda.webb@jedunn.com to receive invitation. Sealed bids are required for all scopes of work. Sealed bid can be mailed or hand delivered to Attn: Trent Smiley/Jeremy Catlett, JE Dunn Construction, 1001 Locust St, Kansas City, MO 64106 no later than October 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

There will be two Pre-bid Conferences:

Number One (1) will be held at located at Oak Grove Elementary, 501 SE 12th St, Oak Grove, MO 64075 at 3:00 PM on 10/01/2021 for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project. Attendance is strongly recommended.

Pre-bid Conference Number two (2) will be held at Oak Grove Elementary School, 501 SE 12th Street, Oak Grove, MO on October 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Attendance is strongly recommended at one of these pre-bid conferences. Please contact Trent Smiley at trent.smiley@jedunn.com at 816-426-8859 or Jeremy Catlett at jeremy.catlett@jedunn.com at 816-283-9093 if there are further questions. Bid Opening will start at 2:00 PM. on October 19, 2021 via Microsoft Teams if you would like to join.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

This week we offer two new recipes, both using a traditional favorite for the Fall season: Popcorn. The first recipe is for the great treat, Popcorn balls. The mixture is formed by hand into ball shapes, using plenty of butter to grease your hands to prevent the mixture from sticking to them.

Next comes the recipe for cinnamon popcorn. This treat is made with a mixture of melted Red Hots candy. For additional spice, add a half teaspoon of cinnamon oil, not extract. This is optional. The cinnamon popcorn is made even better by the addition of white chocolate chips. Use the best brand for the best tasting result.

The Fall, or as my Aunt Coco would call it, pumpkin time, is the best season of all and these treats are so good and so evocative of this time of the year.

Marshmallow Popcorn Balls

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 sticks Butter
- 1 1/2 pkg. Marshmallows, use the large size ones
- 3/4 c Popcorn*, popped and all un-popped kernels removed
- Optional additions, a cup of M&M candy or roasted peanuts. Candy sprinkles and food coloring.

*Jolly Time brand was recommended as it makes bigger popcorn, but any fresh popcorn will work.

Cellophane or plastic treat bags

Directions:

Line the counter with foil or parchment paper. Place the popcorn in a large bowl. Stir in the M&M candy or roasted peanuts, if using.

In a large saucepan over low heat, add the butter to melt then add the marshmallows. Stir to help melt the marshmallows. When melted, stir in the coloring, if using. Pour the hot mixture over the popcorn and stir in well to coat all the popcorn.

Place butter on your hands and once the popcorn has cooled enough to touch, form the popcorn balls. The mixture will still be hot, but not so hot as to be able to burn your hands. Form 8 large balls or about a dozen smaller sized balls.

Wrap each in plastic wrap or cellophane. It's a lot easier to put each in a treat bag with a twist tie. Do this once all the popcorn balls are made.

A great treat for any day and especially one that everyone will enjoy celebrating Fall gatherings and Halloween!

Cinnamon Popcorn

Ingredients:

- 1 stick Butter
- 1/2 c Sugar
- 1/4 c Clear Corn Syrup
- 1 c Red Hots candies or Brach's Imperials*
- 1/4 t Salt
- 1/2 t Baking Soda
- 1/2 to 1 c White Chocolate chips

*The recipe stated that the Brach's Imperials were much easier to melt, both taste good.

Directions:

Set oven to 250°.

Pop the popcorn. Pick over the popcorn and remove all un-popped kernels.

Line a cookie sheet with foil or parchment paper and place the popcorn in a single layer on the cookie sheet.

Melt the stick of butter over medium heat. Stir in the sugar, corn syrup, red hots candies and the salt, use a whisk. Stir mixture and bring it to a boil, whisking the mixture frequently. When it comes to a boil, set a timer, and continue to cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the baking soda.

If using the cinnamon oil, add it in now and look out for sputters or splatters, as the mixture is very hot.

Working carefully and quickly, pour the hot cinnamon mixture over all the popcorn on the cookie sheet. Turn the popcorn lightly to help coat it. Place it into the oven and after 15 minutes, stir again. Bake again for 15 minutes, remove from the oven and stir a last time to coat the popcorn.

Let the candy-coating set and cool.

While warm, but not hot sprinkle the white chocolate chips over the popcorn. Cool completely. Store it in an air-tight container. Delicious! It's not difficult to make, and after you've made once or twice, it will be so easy to prepare. Everyone is sure to love it!

With pumpkin time just around the corner, these very traditional and very homey popcorn treats are just what's called for.

P.S. - Another great way to serve popcorn is to pop it, salt to taste, then place it in a single layer on a lined cookie sheet then pour a cup of melted chocolate over it, let set then gobble it up. Fans of Candy Corn will want those added in as well. Enjoy!



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Pamela Johnson, age 69, passed away September 19, 2021. She lived in Turner all of her life and worked for WYCO Motor Vehicle Department for 33 years.

Thomas Jones, age 77, passed away September 7, 2021. Wyandotte High School graduate.

Willie Garson, age 57, passed away September 21, 2021. He was an actor on TV acting in *Sex and the City*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *The X-Files*, among many others.

Jane Powell, age 92, passed away September 16, 2021. Actress and Singer in many musical movies.

Norm MacDonald, age 61, passed away on September 14, 2021. He was a funnyman on *Saturday Night Live*.

Blaize A. Madird-Evans, age 22, passed September 15, 2021. Blaize was killed in the line of duty as a police officer.

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Brown (yo hablo espanol) at nbrown@kckcc.edu or call 913-601-9092.

The 6th annual Fairfax Festival will be held at Kaw Pint Park, 1403 Fairfax Trafficway, KCK on October 7 from 3:30 -6:30 pm. There will be live music, beer & wine garden, local food, raffles, a lawn game tournament, and historical boat rides. At 4:00 pm a North American B25-D Mitchell bomber (built in Fairfax during WWII) will do a flyover. Tickets are \$10 if a Fairfax employee or company sponsor employee (must list company name) and \$15 for the general public.

The United Government's Public Works Department

has partnered with the WYCO Conservation District in offering Kansas City Kansas residents and business owners a program to improve water quality from stormwater runoff. A free soil test is available, and a cost-sharing program will reimburse participants for a portion of installed stormwater projects on KCK properties. The WYCO Conservation District will administer the program. For more information go to wycokck.org and check on public works department.

Just today, the "Welcome to Turner" sign at the intersection of 55th & Inland Rive has been repainted and mums planted at its base. Hope you enjoy the view!

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

Vaccine and Testing Clinics...

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Kansas are the Delta variant. This variant continues to cause the number of cases to rise at the level that was seen in November 2020.

The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than twice as contagious as previous variants. The greatest concern is for those who are unvaccinated. Data shows that this variant causes more severe illness in people who are unvaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines reduce a person's risk of contracting the virus, including this variant. Additionally, it has been shown to prevent severe disease and death.

Events are listed below by county and then by date. Events marked with a (*) are student focused clinics taking place at schools.

Wyandotte County

Every Monday from September 27 - October 18, 2021

What: Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Vaccine and Testing Event

Vaccines Offered: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson

Where: Cross-Lines, 736 Shawnee Ave, Kansas City, KS

Hours: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday, October 2, 2021
What: Fall Festival, Vaccine and Testing Event

Vaccines Offered: Pfizer
Where: Fall Festival Common Ground, 4105 Gibbs Rd, Kansas City, KS

Hours: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Please note, additional vaccine and testing events may be happening in communities across the state. Please check with your local health department for events that may not be listed.

To find a free testing location in your community, or guidance about who should get tested, visit: knowbeforeyougoKS.com.

To learn more about the vaccines and schedule a vaccination appointment, visit: kansasvaccine.gov/

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INVITATION TO BID:

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: Lift Replacement for Quindaro Elementary. Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104 - "IFB 21-014 - Lift for Quindaro"

Bids will be opened 10/05/21 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office.

Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 5 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted at www.kckps.org/purchasing.

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