



The Record

Business West learns of Development at Annual Meeting

By Murrel Bland

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, Wyandotte County continues to attract new and expanded development. That was the message that Katherine Carttar and Greg Kindle brought to the Annual Meeting of Business West via ZOOM Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Carttar is Director of Economic Development for the Unified Government and Kindle is President of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council. They said that so far this year Wyandotte County has attracted \$849 million in development. They told of the following projects:

***Old Dominion Freight Line.** This truck terminal will be at K-7 and Speaker Road in Bonner Springs and will have 300 employees with more than 154,000 square feet of floor space. It will be a \$45-million project and include cross-dock and office space. There will also be space on the 11 acres for related retail and commercial development.

***Urban Outfitters.** This will be on the southeast corner of 118th Street and State Avenue on Kansas Speedway property that NASCAR will sell. The company will have 880,000 square feet of floor space and employ 2,000 persons. Childcare and internships will be available. This will

be a \$403 million project.

***Homefield.** This will be at the Schlitterbahn site and offer a youth softball and baseball complex and a synthetic turf training field. Retail and a hotel are planned. The estimated cost would be \$330 million.

***Woodlands Redevelopment.** This former horse and dog track will become a development of Scannell Properties. The initial project is estimated to cost \$110 million and employ 1,000 persons. It will be a warehouse and fulfillment center. Amazon is committed as the first tenant.

***Turner Logistics Center.** This company expects to have two of five buildings operational by the end of the year; the cost of the project will be \$32 million. It will have more than 590,000 square feet of floor space. Space will be used for warehouse and fulfillment purposes. Construction on the divergent diamond interchange on the Turner Diagonal is also expected to be completed by the end of the year.

***Community College Housing.** Kansas City, Kansas, Community College will build 100,000 square feet of student housing which will be part of a larger college master plan. The estimated cost will be \$20 million.

***Scavuzzo's Food Service.**

This is to be built in four phases and will include 266,000 square feet of floor space. Other retail and commercial development is planned. This will be a \$115-million project and be built on the former Indian Springs Shopping Center site.

***American Royal.** This is to include 164,000 square feet of floor space for a livestock expo arena, 250,000 square feet of floor space for a livestock exhibition hall, 5,000 square feet of office floor space and 6,500 square feet of floor space for an Agriculture Education Center. This would be a \$200 million investment. This would be in Village West, just west of Legends Outlet.

***Bonner Crossing.** This would include an esports stadium, an amphitheater and retail and residential development. The estimated cost would be \$500 million; it would be at the southwest corner of 118th Street and State Avenue.

Kindle said all of this development does not include anything from two traditional sources—General Motors and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

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

Finish Line

By Dr. Jim Haas

The last votes in the 2020 election will be cast next Tuesday, and while the Presidential contest gets most of the attention, the U.S. Senate race in Kansas has been featured by multiple news sources in print, on TV, and online. The race is close with



Republican Roger Marshall currently polling slightly ahead of Democrat Barbara Bollier. Because the Kansas seat could decide control of the Senate, and because Kansas hasn't elected a Democratic senator since 1932, it's a hot national topic.

An old practice with some voters is to split the ballot by choosing one party for the Presidency and the other for Congressional candidates in the belief this will drive both parties toward compromise and moderation. This sometimes worked in olden days before Newt Gingrich, in the 1990s, steered the GOP away from compromises on the grounds that doing so, by definition, compromised Party principles. Inevitably, refusing to respect compromise drove the Republican Party toward extremism.

Now, under the thumb of Mitch McConnell, the Republican Senate won't even consider more than 400 bills passed by the Democratic-led House—many of them bipartisan and concerning urgent issues like healthcare, pandemic economic relief, and voter protections—and routinely breaks its own rules on court appointments because, well, because it can. For the GOP, it's Party before the People.

Facing declining support among younger generations, Republicans are counting on control of federal courts, especially the Supreme Court, to lock in minority rule. It's a simple strategy that depends on having a Republican Senate. Therefore, let's not have one. The Kansas seat could make the difference, so if you've not yet voted, please consider voting for Barbara Bollier for Senate and Sharice Davids for the House to help save majority rule. Plus—a critical plus—should Biden win, he won't be able to face issues effectively unless he has a Democratic Congress. Without that, as one wit put it, it would be like having a smart phone without a charger.

If you've already voted, no matter for whom, thank you. Majority rule works best when every eligible voter votes.

Life works best when we get a flu shot, especially this year when flu and coronavirus would be a dangerous combination. And wear a mask. It's so easy. Finally, I regret to say that we return to standard time on Sunday. Fall back.

Advance Voting: Safe and Sure

If you have an advance ballot but haven't yet voted, it's now best to use a drop box. **In JoCo**, boxes are at the Blue Valley, DeSoto, Gardner, Shawnee, Spring Hill, and Central (9875 W 87th St.) libraries and at Election Offices at 2101 E Kansas City Rd in Olathe or 6000 Lamar in Mission. **In WyCo**, boxes are at KCK City Hall, Election Office at 850 State Ave., KCK West Branch Library, Bonner Springs Library, and Edwardsville City Hall.

If you didn't request an advance ballot, vote in advance in person at these locations through October 31:

Johnson County, M-F 10 am-7 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm: Arts & Heritage Center, 8788 Metcalf; Hilltop Conference Center, 7700 W 143rd St.; JoCo Election Office, 2101 E Kansas City Rd, Olathe (also 8-noon Nov. 2); JoCo Northeast Offices, 6000 Lamar; JoCo Sunset Building, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe; New Century Fieldhouse, 551 New Century Pkwy, Gardner; Oak Park Mall, north side lower level; Okun Fieldhouse, 20200 Johnson Dr, Shawnee; Olathe Indian Creek Library, 16100 W 135th St.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Okay, do I wear my flannel jammies, my short jammies, my nightgown, put on an extra blanket, kick it off, wear my flip-flops or my regular house shoes or WHAT? Some-days we turn our furnace up, somedays down. Hang up my robe or wear it. I have three robes, one for spring, one for fall, one for winter. Wore my Harmon sweat shirt for a couple of days. Love that sweat shirt. Purple with HARMON in gold across the front.

John, my son, and Matilda are coming over today. Going to do a couple of chores for me. I was down sorta sick for about a week. Feel a lot better though now.

Well, Halloween is just around the corner. We don't get any trick or treaters here. Not any kids, no sidewalk, too dark, too dangerous too. We usually just come downstairs anyway and watch whatever on TV. Halloween is going to be a lot different this year. Very few events, no one out on the streets, don't even know if they are going to do Trunk or Treat. Did you see all the candy that is out in the stores? Good grief, have never seen that much in ages. They will save it for the next holiday I guess, lol.

Well, our hunt for our little house is over. Sure hated to drop the deal after all the trouble that our agent went through. Bless her heart. She is a wonderful woman and worked so hard for us. But at our age, a big move would have been too much for me. Mr. Ed isn't able to do much, and I was really starting to dread such a move. It was a good house, a good location, just what we wanted, but the stress it was starting to cause wasn't worth it. So, 21 years here, will just be suffice with what we have and still have to make some changes here.

Know what? Deep in my

heart, I hated to leave my neighbors. This is still a fairly safe neighborhood and they are wonderful people.

Voting is on its way and boy this has been a wild one. So many views, the virus, the riots, the murders, the Black Lives Matter situation, the tearing down the statues, painting the roads, the women situation, children being shot and killed. What a heckofa situation. People being stubborn and not wearing masks, young people going to large gatherings, the schools open, close, open and close. I just want to stay in and take care of Mr. Ed and my furbabies.

Stay safe people, don't know what else to say, but take care of yourselves and your family. Try not to lose your temper. I realize it is hard to do. So anyway, lvy a all, really I do. Mind your p's and q's, be kind. K?

Your lil' ol gal from Argentine. Sue.

"The only thing I can't draw straight is a circle". "I'm in my own little Press and Seal world". This is a song I wrote back in 1990. I was a clown for about 30 years and really enjoyed it.

A Clown
by Sarabell

I'm so glad that I'm a clown, wear a funny hat upon my head. I can turn a frown upsidedown, paint my nose a rosy red. Do magic tricks and silly things with magic cards and magic rings. I can act like a dingaling, because I am a clown.

I really enjoy being a clown and wear big floppy shoes, I can be tall or short or skinny or round, I can chase away the blues, with silly songs and corny jokes, havin' a ball with all the folks. I can be a silly dope, because I am a clown,

I really love being a clown, with my goofy face, runnin' around all over town, causing laughter everyplace. I love the comedy and the fun, having good times with everyone. For I'm a happy son of a gun, because I am a clown.

Yes, I like being a clown and wear big baggy clothes, I really enjoy being a clown, as everybody knows, makin' animals out of balloons acting like a big buffoon. I am straight out of a Looney Tune, because I am a clown.

"This is dedicated to my

clown buddies that I worked with at Crown Center, parades, etc. especially, Butch, whom we lost to cancer. To Dewey, a wonderful teacher/clown and Tatters. Love you all." Sarabell



Remember when Turner Days had parades? Well, not now for a while. This is "Tatters" one of our out of work clowns. Lvy a you crazy clown!



Remember when Reich's was Reich's?



Remember when toddlers could be safe from their own parents? Not like they use to be.



Remember the veterans that fought in the Viet Nam war? Love you fellas, they are so nice.

Remember my wonderful neighbors that really helped me when I needed them?

I Remember When

by Sue Reich

I remember when I grew up in the East end of Argentine. Went all through Franklin, K-6. Walked home every day for lunch, no matter what the weather was. Got rolled in the snow. By the time I got home, I was wet, cold and crying. Sister Gayle and I would walk to the Park picture show. Then run home after watching a scary movie. Went to the quaint little stores that were there during the day. Went to Finkemeier bakery. I remember all my cousins that were all over the East end. Played on the vacant lot at 12th street. I remember a couple of ornery neighbors that didnt care much for all of us kids. I remember rolling a discarded tire from the alley trying to hit an old grumpy neighbor lady. She was bending over in her yard, boy did she ever jump when it skinned her heinie. It crossed Metropolitan, down the hill and over the railroad tracks to the river. I remember the Frames, Crows, Byrds, Briscoes, Baileys, Masons, Duckworths.,etc. Right next door were the Eads, then the Ramaizes, the Marbutts. Some nice, some not so nice. We went through the '51 flood, walked over the 12th street bridge to Armourdale, went to the tiny store on 12t. Street. Yep, I remember those days. All gone now. Only the memories. Now there are murders, robberies, empty stores, people wearing masks, people out of work, kids out of school, very few churches have services, looks like a ghost town. What are your memories? Do you reminisce?



Remember when we could go to Amigos and sit anywhere we wanted? Keep your distance and where your masks now.



Remember when Nigro's had an October Breast Cancer event? Well, not this year, but, gift baskets are being sold this year in lieu of the event. Proceeds are donated to breast cancer. Take your \$\$ and go to Nigro's to show you care.



Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Yesterday I picked all my tomatoes from the driveway plant. Sadly, they were all green. I have never eaten green tomatoes and hope some of them will ripen. I looked up recipes for green tomatoes and found a gazillion on Fried Green Tomatoes and a few for pickle relish. I am usually not in favor of making pickle relish or fried anything. Though recently, we fixed a cheesy eggplant casserole that was really tasty. I say we because I am not known for my culinary expertise.

(Calvin's the cook.) On to a new experience.

James Patterson is the most prolific author of fiction only because he writes many books with different co-authors. I counted the number of adult fiction books that have crossed my desk this year as thirteen and I know many are coming down the pipeline. A lot of the books are written in the first person but the last one I received was "The Coast to Coast Murders" co-authored by J.D. Barker. Barker is an international best seller who has written numerous books that have been translated into seven languages and optioned for television and movies. This particular novel was one of psychological suspense and a cut above of normal Patterson fare. It also ran to over five hundred pages and was full of twists and turns. A good read for a cold winter night.

I've started reading a new book, recommend-

ed by GPS program host Faheed Zakaria, entitled "Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World" by H.R. McMaster, former national security advisor. Told from his perspective as a retired U.S. soldier, it tells of America's foreign polices across many administrations since the end of the Cold War. McMaster devotes two chapters to each of the following countries: Russia, South Asia, China, the Middle East, Iran, and North Korea ending with a conclusion. It is enlightening, not the easiest to read because I am learning the history of the various countries as to why and how each operate in today's world. I like to read for pleasure most of the time. Current events normally shape my views, but this book delves into a more challenging environment.

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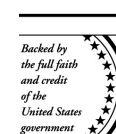
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- The Fall 2020 EMG training will be offered virtually through Zoom.
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Guest Editorial

Giuliani Fed Bogus "Dirt" by Russian Intel Operation

By Tom Valverde

The Washington Post has reported that President Trump was warned that his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, was a Target of a Russian Intelligence operation, set up for the purpose of "feeding their 'Misinformation' about the Biden's, to President Trump."

Shane Harris, Senior National Security reporter for the Washington Post, broke the story, late on October 14th. "The warnings were based on multiple sources, including intercepted communications, that showed Giuliani was interacting with people tied to Russian Intelligence, during a December 2019 trip to Ukraine, where

he was gathering information that he thought would expose corrupt acts by former Vice-president Joe Biden and his son, Hunter."

It should be noted that earlier that same day, the Post also ran a story about Rudy Giuliani and Trump's former Top Adviser, Steve Bannon. The article tells of how, "US Authorities were scrutinizing them for, 'their political dealing, in recent months, and how they helped to make private materials, purported to belong to Democratic Presidential nominee Joe Biden's son, Hunter, in an attempt to swing support to the struggling incumbent president.'" This by Matt Viser.

With so much past history, so easily forgotten, Rudy Giuliani often said that he began working on Ukraine because he viewed it as a way to "defend President Trump from the Mueller investigation."

Harris appeared as a guest with CNN's Anderson Cooper. These are Mr. Harris' opening remarks: "When Rudy Giuliani went to Ukraine in early December 2019, as President Trump is facing down the barrel of impeachment, Rudy was over there and speaking with Ukrainians, trying to dig up dirt on the Biden's and speaking with persons known to the Russian government and US Intelligence, determined that that they were likely feeding disinformation, false information to Rudy Giuliani, hoping he would take it back to President Trump, and inject it into the blood stream of the United States."

"This set off a collective panic, our sources said, 'at the top reaches of the National Security Community and the Administration, when leaders realized that Rudy was coming back to in essence, hand Russian propaganda to the president. The decision was made to try to intervene and tell the president, 'You can't listen to what Rudy Giuliani is

telling you, he is feeding you Russian disinformation, so don't listen to what he says.

Anderson Cooper: "Who had the task of actually doing that with the president, and how did it go?"

Mr. Harris: "That fell to the National Security Adviser, Robert O'Brian after some consultation with some senior officials, which would be appropriate in this case."

"For the National Security Adviser to take this Intelligence, that had been collected and assessed to the president and speak truthfully to him."

"It did Not go well. We understand that the National Security Adviser made his case and the president sort of shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Well, that's just Rudy!'"

Trump making light of it, dismissing the idea that this was some kind of Russian set-up or disinformation coming to the president."

"And we know the president has frequently listened to the many kinds of lies and disinformation that Rudy Giuliani has told him and has said publicly. And Trump doesn't keep Giuliani at arm's length!

Trump in fact, repeats many of the things, particularly about the Biden's, that

come from Rudy Giuliani."

Anderson Cooper: It's obvious that Rudy Giuliani is not the person he once was, he certainly feels he's living his best life and feels really relevant. But, is it really possible that Rudy Giuliani wouldn't know that these people were Russian assets? I mean, in a prior life, he was the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York."

Mr. Harris: "Right, I can't tell what is in Rudy Giuliani's mind, or not. I think that you could reasonably suggest that these people would be. And, of course, some of these individuals were known to have a long track record, in some circles as being, if not Russian assets, they were known to be Pro-Russia Lawmakers.

You would imagine that the former US Attorney might suspect when engaging with such people, his communications might be incidentally collected by US Intelligence."

"There's a lot of Rudy Giuliani's behavior that is very difficult to understand and explain. Particularly why he continues to peddle this information when he knows it's not true!"

A guess would be that it's Giuliani's way of remaining "relevant," of staying close to power."

It's interesting that a noted political blogger, David Packman, said of the Hunter Biden "Bombshell," that he believed it to be totally fake. He said, "The red flag for me were the re-created e-mail PDFs, rather than a screenshot.

The Post article points to that as well."

It is such a shame that this president has to engage in the practice of political "Hit jobs," instead of relying on his own accomplishments, to try to win the Election in November.

It's so unbecoming of a US president, to send out his allies to search for Dirt to damage his Democratic opponent. Trump is a man of little or no scruples, a man lacking a Moral Compass! Trump knows nothing of law and order.

He instead, creates rifts and divisions and is a big instigator of violence and insurrection; he thrives in creating chaos. We would do well to be rid of such a low man. Trump doesn't reflect our American values, and he is more self-serving, than a man dedicated to working for the good of the people.

Tom's Tasty Treats

A good friend of mine gave me this week's tasty treat recipe. It's a great side for Summer time picnics, and anytime you serve Ribs or any sort of Bar B Que.

Best of all, the recipe makes enough for everyone to get second helpings.

I have made a few changes, and so can you to suit your own personal tastes. Hope you will try:

TOM'S SPICY BAKED BEANS

Ingredients:

- 1/2-pound Ground Beef
- 4 slices Bacon cut into dice
- 1 medium Onion cut into large dice
- 1/2 c Brown Sugar
- 1c Tomato Sauce
- 1/2 can diced Tomatoes
- 1 lg. Jalapeno pepper diced
- 1 t Chili Powder
- 1 t Salt
- 1 t Black Pepper
- 2 t Mustard
- 3 T Molasses
- 1 T Maple Syrup
- 1 t Soy Sauce
- 2 16 oz, cans of Pork & Beans, drained
- 2 16 oz. Cans Red Kidney Beans, drained
- 1 1/2 c Smokey Bar B Que Sauce

Spray a 4-quart baking dish, and set oven to 350°. Cook the ground beef, bacon and onion, in a large skillet. Stir the mixture often until the meat has browned. Drain excess fat. Add the tomato sauce, tomatoes and the Jalapeno pepper. Cook for another 3 minutes.

Add all the remaining ingredients to the pan, and stir well to combine. Bake for 50 minutes. Ready to serve!

Garnish with more diced Jalapeno peppers, diced onion, or grated Cheddar Cheese, if desired. This recipe is truly a "Keeper."

Enjoy!

Tom Valverde

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FDA requirement for graphic warnings on cigarette packages is constitutional

With smoking still the number one preventable killer in the United States, the Food and Drug Administration may lawfully require cigarette packages to contain graphic warnings about the health consequences of tobacco use, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has told a federal court.

Schmidt joined attorneys general from 27 states and the District of Columbia in filing a brief last week supporting the requirement. In March, the FDA issued the requirements to increase the public's awareness of the serious health consequences of cigarette smoking. Philip Morris, Inc., sued the FDA in May to block implementation of the new rules, claiming the requirements violate the company's First Amendment free speech rights.

"Kansas long has fought against deceptive marketing and sale of cigarettes to protect the health of our residents, in particular our youth," Schmidt said. "We believe the government has a compelling interest and responsibility to effectively inform the public of the dangers of potential long-term and deadly health risks of using these products."

More than 400,000 Americans die from tobacco-related diseases annually, and more than 40 million Americans continue to smoke. Congress passed the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act in 2009, tasking the FDA with replacing text-only surgeon general warnings with images depicting the dangers of smoking. Philip Morris and other cigarette makers won an earlier lawsuit in 2013 to block the initial FDA plan.

In the new filing, the states urge the court to uphold the graphic images warnings, citing the government's substantial interest in reinforcing consumer understanding of the dangers of smoking.



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