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Youth Vote Matters

By Dr. Jim Haas

“The right of citizens of the United States, who are 18 years of age or older, to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of age.” So says the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, adopted in 1971, establishing 18 as the legal voting age in federal, state, and local elections. The Amendment responded to a public belief that had been growing since World War II that young people old enough to be drafted deserved a say in government policies. By the late sixties, resistance to the war in Vietnam pressured Congress to act.

While the draft is not currently in effect, the climate crisis, the record rate of gun deaths, the issue of women’s reproductive choice, and other matters where government policies directly affect the young cry for their voices to be heard. Climate change alone will affect the lives of every one of them and that of their children and later generations.

Thirty or so years ago, many schools, including where I was principal, conducted mock elections at regular polling places to help students nearing voting age be comfortable with registration and voting procedures. During the early 2000s, the League of Women Voters launched a nationwide project to register 18-year-olds in schools. There was talk of having registration be part of high school graduation: “Congratulations! Here’s your diploma and here’s your voter registration.” What a great way to energize democracy.

Sadly, some Republican politicians have found that younger people tend to vote for

their opponents, so rather than adopt policies appealing to the young, they are choosing to make voting harder for them. Bloomberg News reports that Ohio no longer allows tuition or college housing receipts as voter ID while Idaho “specifically bars the use of student identification cards to vote.” Similar GOP legislation is pending in 11 other states. A Texas bill would bar polling places on college campuses.

Last November, voters between 18-29 chose Democratic House candidates by 28 percent, the most by any age group, and turnout among that group hit a 30-year high at 27 percent. After a recent Democratic victory in Wisconsin, former Republican Governor Scott Walker tweeted that “younger voters are the issue” because of “years of radical indoctrination” in schools and social media. He called for conservatives to work to “counter liberal indoctrination to save America.”

During 26 years as a public school teacher and principal, I saw only two instances of what could fairly be called “indoctrination”: one a student teacher of mine with a clearly radical leftist agenda whose small Missouri university removed her at my request, and the other a science teacher on an equally radical conservative crusade against teaching evolu-



tion and who left my school after I told him that was unacceptable. And in ten years as a university history and government student and another 15 as a professor and administrator, I saw no “liberal indoctrination” from faculty—unless you consider advocating equal rights for all and celebrating the value of every individual to be “liberal.” I consider them “American.” Maybe Governor Walker and others don’t.

Legislators trying to suppress the youth vote in colleges should read part of the Fourteenth Amendment: “No State shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” It must be as easy for students to vote as it is for you and me. Those legislators should be as devoted to the Fourteenth Amendment as they are to the Second.

Given the importance of their having a voice in future policies, the youth vote is not just a legal question, but a moral one. Every official in America should be working overtime to encourage young people to vote, to speak for the future because the future will be theirs.



By Sharon Hoover

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

Earth Day! April 22, 2023! Happy Birthday! Begun in 1970 in the United States to bring attention to the environment and promote conservation and sustainability, it went global in 1990. Turner Community Garden has done its share of promoting Earth Day but one year stands out above the rest. In 2015, Girl Scout Troop 3528 planted four redbud trees along the service road. Calvin constructed two wheelchair accessible beds for

people in wheelchairs or those with limited mobility out of reclaimed wood and repurposed plastic barrels split in half. The girls drilled drainage holes and filled the beds with soil. Next, they planted vegetable seeds in one bed and flower starts and herbs in the other. The beds flanked the old garden entrance. Last year, the garden entrance gate and fencing were removed, and the beds were moved along the building.

Coincidentally, fellow WYCO Extension Master Gardener Marty Lynch was interested in getting some wheelchair beds for Delaware Heights Assisted Living and contacted Calvin. She and Lynn Wild are co-chairs of the DHAL Horticulture Therapy Master Garden Project that engages residents with gardening and horticulture-themed activities to improve the quality of their lives. Although a little well-worn, we decided to donate our beds to their project. After receiving them, they were refurbished and painted with wooden stain. On April 26, 2023, six DHAL residents attended the activity planting radish and lettuce seeds with the assistance of the Master Gardeners.

It is only fitting that we were able to be of service to others while sus-

taining and recycling items from the past. For anyone interested in building the Sit'N Grow Barrel Planter assisted beds, we originally got the plans from the Sedgwick County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners in 2015. I spoke with their Horticulture Agent this morning and those plans are still available. Their website is <https://sedgwick.k-state.edu/gardening-lawncare>. Look for Gardening

Resources and Wheelchair Accessible Gardening. In addition, they also have a plan for a Salad Table in PDF form.

I have included a picture from both the 2015 and 2023 events. Enjoy!

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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Governor Calls for \$450 Tax Rebate to Kansas Resident Taxpayers Vetoes Irresponsible Flat Tax that would Lead to School Funding Cuts

TOPEKA –Governor Laura Kelly visited Elmont Elementary School in Seaman School District to announce her veto of House Substitute for Senate Bill 169. The bill, which would overhaul the state’s tax structure to establish a flat tax rate, would cost the state \$1.3 billion over the next three years and put public education funding at risk. Governor Kelly also announced her proposal to spend the one-time budget surplus on a tax rebate of \$450 for individuals and \$900 for married taxpayers filing jointly.

“Our public schools were one of the biggest victims in the legislature’s last tax experiment and are one of the many services that would take

a hit should this bill become law,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “In my first term, I made a commitment to getting our state back on track. I’m proud of how far we have come, but we can’t risk turning back now. I’m calling on legislators to put this one-time surplus back in the hands of taxpayers -- without risking our ability to continue fully funding schools and investing in roads, bridges, and essential services.”

Included in H Sub SB 169 is a 5.15 percent flat income tax – or a single tax rate applied to all taxpayers. Just like with the “tax experiment” under Governor Brownback, the flat tax poses risks to funding for public education, roads and bridges, and other essential



services. Middle-class taxpayers would see less than \$100 in annual savings from the flat tax, but it would cost Kansans their public schools. Already, legislators are pro-

posing cutting money from public schools in this year’s K-12 Education budget in order to pay for this tax cut.

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UG to Host In-Person Career Expo May 11

Kansas City, KS – On Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 4-7PM, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas will host its first in-person career expo since the Covid-19 pandemic at Memorial Hall at 600 N. 7th Street, KCK, KS 66101.

“Over 25 years ago I made a public service career decision to serve as a professional manager with a local government,” said County Administrator David Johnston. “I have found this decision as very rewarding as the work we do touches our citizens’ lives and our business’ operations daily. I have seen our staff serving the Unified

Government having a spirit that is driven by this same value.”

With a diverse range of open positions, from seasonal and part-time jobs to full-time field work, administrative support, and professional services. Potential applicants can meet with departments such as public safety, parks and recreation, public health, and more to learn more about what it is like to serve your community. Job seekers of all skill levels are encouraged to attend for on-site interviews with prospective managers and directors.

“The Unified Government offers a wide array of opportunities in customer service, public safety,

utilities and various social services where all the work we do focuses on improving the lives of those who call Wyandotte County home,” Johnston continued. “I invite you to attend our career fair to investigate the opportunities we have.”

The 2023 Career Expo, Meet the Faces Behind the UG Badge, will feature several resources for perspective applicants from the Unified Government and community partners that can help you with your career development. Wyandotte County residents and interested applicants are encouraged to explore your first or next career move.

A New Day in Public Sector Hiring

This month, the Unified Government launched an online job application portal to simplify the process

of identifying opportunities and applying, tracking applications, and connecting with the departments that are hiring.

This is part of a broader roll-out of a new enterprise resource planning system, Workday, which offers automated online services relating to financial management processing and reporting, and just recently launched the deployment for recruiting and benefits enrollment.

During the career expo, the Unified Government will have on-site laptops available for attendees to apply for positions and ask any questions regarding the online application and hiring process. For more information about open positions and the UG hiring process, please visit our website at www.wycokck.org/careers.

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Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

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Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

[Trump] also has to clean up the people who surrounded him in the final days of the administration and who are crowding him now at Mar a Lago... So many problems, like tens of millions left in the campaign that weren't spent in time to challenge the election issues - and that was criminal.

Trump aide, Peter Navarro

And, what happened to all that money?

Former FOX producer,
Amy Grossberg

Well, now I'm going to name names here, Justin Clark, Trump lawyer, Brad Parscale, Campaign manager, and Bill Stepein; they all will go on the payroll, and they'll spend that money, and it will go right into their pockets!

Peter Navarro

Special Counsel Jack Smith is now looking into possible charges of wire fraud. Loyalists donated to support an "Election defense fund" when no such fund had ever been set up! The Special Counsel won't have to look very hard to find the wire fraud. The first quotes are taken from a pre-interview at FOX and all of his incriminating remarks were recorded and, in these remarks, there is Peter Navarro basically admitting to wire fraud! Soon they all will be in Court to be held accountable for their misdeeds in and out of office.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENT

Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for Irrigation Installation at Midland Trail Elementary

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Turner USD 202 Facility Supervisor, Chris Crockett will host the blind bid opening May 11, 2023 at 10:30 am. The location of the bid opening will be the Facility and Grounds Building located at 5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Turner USD 202 will announce the vendor that is awarded the bid Wednesday May 17, 2023.

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\$450 Tax Rebate

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Governor Kelly's proposal for a one-time tax rebate provides relief to all Kansas resident taxpayers without breaking the bank or jeopardizing funds for our public schools.

Governor Kelly's remarks as prepared for delivery are available here.

The following veto message is from Governor Kelly regarding her veto of House Substitute for Senate Bill 169:

"Kansans know all too well where irresponsible, costly tax experiments lead: to underfunded schools, to deteriorating roads and bridges, and to essential services being cut.

"This bill would upend our tax system and throw our state's budget out of balance long-term. There is no question: Just like under my predecessor, this tax plan would

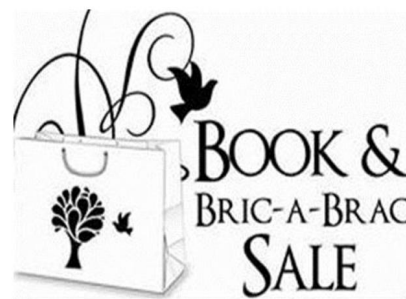
be paid for by cutting funds from our public schools. Already, those same legislators have proposed cutting millions of dollars from public schools, and particularly rural schools. I won't stand for cuts to our public schools, period.

"To be very clear, I want to cut taxes for everyday Kansans. That's why I've proposed targeted, responsible tax cuts on groceries and Social Security, and it's why I'm proposing a tax rebate, this year, of \$450 for individual taxpayers and \$900 for married couples filing jointly.

"Legislators should put this one-time surplus back in the hands of taxpayers - without risking our ability to continue fully funding schools and investing in roads, bridges, and essential services.

"Therefore, under Article 2, Section 14(a) of the Constitution, I hereby veto House Substitute for Senate Bill 169."

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