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Governor Kelly Welcomes Dolly Parton to Kansas for the Imagination Library Statewide Celebration

Governor Laura Kelly recently welcomed iconic singer-songwriter and early childhood literacy advocate Dolly Parton to Kansas to celebrate the statewide expansion of her Imagination Library program.

The celebration comes after the announcement last month that every child in Kansas is now eligible to participate in the program to receive one free, high-quality, age-appropriate book per month until their fifth birthday. That's a total of 60 books from birth to age 5! Today, Kansas is one of just 15 states where the program is available statewide, with more coming onboard later this year.

"Well Kansas, we did it! I'm so thankful for Governor Kelly, Representative Waymaster and the countless friends and local partners across Kansas who have made this dream come true," Dolly Parton said. "Let's celebrate by registering

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Charles Weldon Honored for 50 Years of Service

Publisher's Note: I've served as a director at Argentine Federal Savings for over 15 years and have worked alongside Charles Weldon throughout this time. He's been more than a colleague; he's been a friend and mentor with an exceptional banking acumen. His sharp intellect has immensely benefited the institution. His insights have been pivotal to Argentine Federal Savings' ongoing success, emphasizing community banking and lending.

During the recent August board of directors meeting, Weldon was recognized for his impressive 50 years of service. He was elected to the board on May 17, 1973. At that time, he was employed by Centennial State Bank and was given special permission to serve as a director for another institution. Centennial State Bank eventually became Mission Bank. Notably, he was one of the youngest directors at that time, starting his role at just 30 years old.

Although Weldon retired from Mission Bank in 2015, he continues to serve as a

dedicated director at Argentine Federal Savings. His 50-year tenure surpasses that of any other board member in the institution's history, spanning 117 years.

On a personal note, Charles and his wife Sandi recently celebrated their 31st anniversary, a testament to both enduring personal and professional commitments. Weldon's influence extends beyond the bank, shaping our community positively.

We're fortunate to have Charles Weldon as an integral part of our community bank.

Pictured: Charles Weldon (left) receiving a plaque honoring his 50 years of service by the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Jim Kiehl (right) on August 17, 2023. A photo of the plaque appears on page four of this publication.





By Sharon Hoover

Wednesday at the Elderbears luncheon, I learned the Elderbears Field trips are starting up this month and are scheduled to be held on the Fourth Thursday of each month. The first field trip is to the Arabia Steamship Museum on August 31, 2023, from 10:30am -1:00pm. The fee is \$10 which includes transportation and lunch. There are 10 spots open. Call 287-2111 or stop by the office, 831 S 55th St. to sign

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

up. September 's trip will be to the Johnson County Botanical Garden; I'll enclose a reminder around the middle of September.

From September 1 through October 20, an exhibit entitled "Imprinting The West" will be on display at Wyandotte West Library. Forty-eight hand-colored engravings and lithographs that explore the depictions of westward expansion and the influence artists had on the perception of the wild west. An opening reception, at 6:00 pm, September 7, Dr. Eric Anderson, Ph. D Professor of History at Haskell University, will be speaking about the exhibit and this time in history. Refreshments will be served. Learn more at kckpl.org.

The September 6th K-State Garden Hour is entitled "Seed Saving from Your Garden" presented by Jesse Gilmore from KSRE Wildcat District on Zoom from noon to 1:00.

Locally, on September 7, Elizabeth Kraschow, WYCO Master Gardener, Yoga Alliance Registered Yoga Instructor, Anatomy & Physiology Instructor at KKCKCC, will present a program entitled "Weed-


ing Out Aches & Pains". Elizabeth will guide you through a series of exercises that can be done in or out of the garden. The program starts at 11:30am at the WYCO Extension office, 1216 N 79th St KCK.

The Leavenworth Road Association is holding "Community Clean-Up" on September 9th at Hope United KC, 51st & Leavenworth Road. A dumpster will be available all weekend, but the Shredder will only be there on Saturday from 10am-2:00pm. Free and open to all KCK/WYCO residents.

The Turner Community Garden

Market is open in the parking lot of the Community Gardens Building 667 South 55th St. on Saturdays from 9am – 12pm. They have tomatoes, garlic, white & red potatoes, bell peppers, jalapenos, squash, okra, and Asian pears from the garden. One other vendor is selling specially blended fresh ground coffee, and another - Kansas college and Chiefs toss pillows.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Help our Lahaina friends and continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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State surpasses \$400 million in returned unclaimed property

TOPEKA—Kansas State Treasurer Steven Johnson announced that the state has surpassed \$400 million in unclaimed property returned to Kansans, since that program began in 1979.

"This milestone of unclaimed property returned is an important reminder to all Kansans to check to see if they have funds that belong to them or a family member," Johnson said. "I am proud of the work our team does every day to help Kansans claim their money. While the \$400 million-returned mark is significant, we still have more than \$500 million waiting to be claimed."

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Local connection with Marion County Record recalled

By Murrel Bland

Several years ago when the Boss Lady and I still owned *The Wyandotte West*, we visited our friends, Bill and Joan (pronounced Joann) Meyer in the town of Marion, Kansas. It is a city of about 2,000 persons in a county of about 12,000 in the Flint Hills. We were interested in buying a new computer system that would compose newspaper pages. Bill had invited us to check out his system at the *Marion County Record*.

Bill was a professional colleague and a good friend. We served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Press Association and the William Allen White Foundation. Bill, the long-time editor of the *Record*, believed that it was a newspaper's responsibility to have a strong editorial page. He loved the town and served several years on the Marion

School Board. Bill and I served on the Legislative Committee of the Kansas Press Association, successfully lobbying for improved laws favoring open government. He died in 2006.

Fast-forward to the present. Suddenly, Marion and its weekly newspaper were thrust into the international spotlight. The local Police Chief, Gideon Cody, a former captain with the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, led a raid on the *Record's* office armed with a search warrant. The raid also included a search of the home shared by Eric Meyer and his mother Joan, co-owners of the newspaper. The police also raided the home of a member of the Marion City Council. Joan Meyer, 98, upset with the search, died the next day.

Law officers seized computers and cell phones— items that are necessary to produce a newspaper. The

blanket warrant alleged that identity theft had occurred in the process of gathering information for a story that had not been published. It concerned the issuing of a liquor license. The *Record* also did a background investigation on Cody, but did not publish anything about the research.

The Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press, in a letter to Cody, said "there appears to be no justification for the breath and intrusiveness of the search..." Some of the national Committee members include the Associated Press, Cable News Network, CBS News, The New York Times Company and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Tonda Rush (a Wyandotte County native), is a Washington, D.C.-based lawyer who has a long career representing newspapers with First Amendment issues, said she wasn't aware of any other such broad search

and seizure of newspapers. She discussed the 1971 *Stanford Daily* case. Police, looking for specific items, seized photos of protesting students in a 30-hour sit-in. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the police were within their rights to seize the photos. That ruling was the inspiration for a federal legislation that now protects the free-flow of information to journalists.

Joel Ensey, the Marion County Attorney, ruled that the Marion police did not have adequate evidence and needed to return the *Record's* equipment.

This whole experience was very stressful for Eric Meyer. But he was able to look on one brighter aspect. He has added more than 1,000 new online subscribers.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of The Wyandotte West and The Piper Press.



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**BOARD RESOLUTION OF
ARGENTINE FEDERAL SAVINGS**

Honoring the Golden Anniversary of Service by

Charles R. Weldon

WHEREAS, Charles R. Weldon, a Director of Argentine Federal Savings, has been a Board member since May 17, 1973 following Fifty Years of meritorious service to the Association; and

WHEREAS, Charles well served the Association in this capacity as Director since election in 1973 and throughout his distinguished tenure, the Board takes great pleasure in recognizing this fine achievement by adoption of this Board Resolution; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of loyal service, Charles has benefited the Association, staff, and customers with good guidance and direction; and

WHEREAS, Charles' hard work has earned him much respect and has greatly contributed to the mission of the Association, and we are secure in the knowledge that his service and support remains with us; and

WHEREAS, Charles' valued contributions has made long lasting effects to the Association for the years 1973 – 2023, accounting for nearly one-half of its One Hundred Seventeen Year history, and that this recognition is well earned and deserved; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Directors of Argentine Federal Savings do hereby extend and express to Charles R. Weldon our deep appreciation for his many years of service, our congratulations on many well-earned achievements, and our very best wishes for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Board Minutes of the Association, and that same is given to Charles R. Weldon to share with his family, friends, and loved ones.

ADOPTED, in Overland Park, Kansas, this 18th day of May 2023 by the Board.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted unanimously by a vote of those Directors present, appropriately recorded, and is fully in effect this date upon the Association.

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

Join us at the monthly Zoom meetings – the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

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Biscuits & Gravy Fundraiser

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn Construction Company, is bidding a future American Royal Complex - This Bid Package only pertains to the Stadium Sports Lighting, Seating Bowl and Fire Sprinkler scopes for the new American Royal Complex.

Overall project description: The American Royal Complex consists of 2 indoor arenas, 1 outdoor arena, and a large 5 gable barn as well as maintenance and storage buildings. Bid Package 3A specifically includes the fire sprinkler systems, the Arena sports lighting package, and the Arena A grand stand bleachers. Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained electronically at www.smartbidnet.com. Contact Scott Baron (scott.baron@jedunn.com) to receive an invite to this project via SmartBidNet.

A pre-bid Conference will be held at JE Dunn for the purpose of answering any questions from prospective Bidders regarding the Scopes of Work on the Project. Attendance is strongly recommended. No other Pre-Bid Conference will be held. The date and time of the meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 8/30/23. An official time will be established via addenda.

Electronic bids will be received September 19, 2023 before 2:00 PM CST via SmartBidNet.

JE Dunn invites M/WBE subcontractors to call if any assistance is required or questions arise. Questions should be directed to Scott Baron (scott.baron@jedunn.com), Project Manager, or by phone at (816) 426-8856.

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Guest Editorial

Quotes to Ponder

By Tom Valverde

For nearly 3 years, with the evidence of fraud failing to come forward -- and prove anything in a court of law. The 2020 election in Georgia, was not stolen. Our elections are secure, accessible, and fair and will continue to be as long as I am governor.

Brian Kemp,
Republican Governor

On or about the 18th day in December, 2020, Donald J. Trump met with Rudolph Giuliani and Sidney K. Powell... and others at the White House. Those present at the meeting discussed ideas such as "seizing" voting equipment and appointing Ms. Powell as special counsel. (She had been Trump's Campaign secretary). She would have 'broad authority' to investigate allegations of voter fraud in Georgia and elsewhere... with the help of the US military.

Taken from Trump's
Fourth Indictment

The most basic principles of a strong democracy are accountability and respect for the rule of law. You either have it or you don't."

Brad Raffensperger,
Georgia Secretary of State

There were two groups which Trump's political action arms had separately, hired and paid nearly \$1 Million dollars to each. Their illegal goal was to allow former president Trump to seize a term of office beginning on January 20, 2021. It's been the work of 2 1/2 years for District Attorney Fani Willis to prepare the historic indictment of a former president. As these are State crimes, they cannot be pardoned by a future president. All face, if convicted, a minimum sentence of 5 years is expected. Willis' court filing shows 161 overt acts. These range from lying to State legislators, creating a false slate of electors, and severe harassment of election worker, Ruby Freeman.

CBS News, source

Their purpose was to prepare reports on the validity of the 2020 election. After they finished with their investigation the groups were able to tell Trump that his claims and allegations of fraud capable of overturning the election results were not true; that he was spreading dangerous lies.

Ben Meiselas
Meidas Touch Political Vlog

Trump responded online with yet another request to, "Please make a contribution to Donald J. Trump" posted on photo that said, "I've been indicted for the fourth time!"

Indicted four times in less than five months! It took place on a historic August night, this time in Georgia for his alleged interference in the 2020 election.

"So, what are we going to do here, folks? I only need 11,000 votes!" said Trump on a phone call recorded by Georgia Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger.

District Attorney, Fani Willis said that Trump and the 18 co-defendants would be tried together as they were part of Trump's criminal enterprise. A total of 91 felonies were charged. Those persons who were indicted have until the 25th of August to turn themselves in voluntarily. The Fulton county jail is open 24/7 and they can arrive at anytime to be booked - to be searched, have their fingerprints taken, and mugshot photos taken. Trump will also be required to be booked and have his mugshot photo taken.

Willis had the cooperation of 30 unindicted co-conspirator individuals. It was their sworn testimonies that provided the necessary backing to the support the evidence which led the Grand Jury to recommend Indictment in a sprawling RICO case, in Georgia. Former vice-president Mike Pence said, "A gaggle of 'crackpot' lawyers have been indicted in this case." When the former president needed the best of attorneys he, instead, called on the worst.

The trial date has been set to begin in March of 2024.

Dolly Parton

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as many children and families as we can to receive the gift of Imagination Library books right to their home each month. Together, we can inspire children across Kansas to love books and reading, and that's a gift that will last a lifetime."

This statewide expansion of the Imagination Library was made possible through the additional funding that was included in Governor Kelly's budget proposal at the start of the 2023 session and was passed by the bipartisan Kansas legislature.

"I'm honored that Dolly has taken the time to help our state celebrate this exciting milestone of being able to provide the gift of reading for children and families in every part of Kansas," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I urge all eligible families to take advantage of this program and to sign their children up for the Imagination Library of Kansas."?"

This was a closed event to nearly 500 supporters of the program and special guests hosted by the Imagination Library of Kansas. The event featured a sit-down conversation between Dolly Parton and Governor Kelly where Parton also presented the governor with a copy of her book, Coat of Many Colors. Governor Kelly also declared August 14 "Imagination Library of Kansas Day." The celebration was emceed by Representative Troy Waymaster, whose three children are all enrolled in the Imagination Library Program. The evening concluded with Parton signing "Coat of Many Colors" and "Try."

"All children in Kansas should be able to have the same opportunity that my sons have," Representative Troy Waymaster said. "All three of our sons participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, thank you, Dolly Parton, for providing the gift of reading for all children ages zero to five in the state of Kansas."

About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted over 200 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland. This is achieved through funding shared by The Dollywood Foundation and Local Community Partners. The Imagination Library mails more than 2 million high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes each month. Each child enrolled in the program receives one book per month from birth to age five - at no cost to families. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.

The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.

Unclaimed Property...

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The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators estimates that nearly 33 million people in the United States have unclaimed property: financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for a number of years. When that happens, and the company cannot locate the owner, the money or properties are submitted to the state. Common examples include

unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and safe deposit boxes.

Sometimes third-parties contact individuals offering to assist in filing claims for a fee. While some of these third-party "finders" are operating legally, there are also bad actors who use the promise of assistance in claiming property as a hook for scams. Johnson reminded Kansans that it is always free to search and file claims through the State Treasurer's website at <https://KansasCash.ks.gov>.



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