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Student Funny Business

By Dr. Jim Haas

One of the many joys of a school career is that students are often funny. During the first week of a new school year, I was a principal walking the halls just after the bell that started classes when I noticed two freshman girls hanging around a drinking fountain. I didn't know them well but knew they weren't troublesome but also weren't stellar students, so I smiled and said, "Let's go to class, ladies." One of them said, "It's only art class," so I said, "Only art class? You get to learn about what's beautiful!" The other instantly replied, "That's cosmetology."

Clever! Her quick wit left me speechless for a few heartbeats then I cracked up laughing so hard that tears ran down my face. She was pleased and they went to class. For the rest of the year, every time we passed in the halls, we couldn't help but laugh, and we soon began chatting regularly. I told the story to her teachers who thought it as funny as I did. Whether they saw her in a new light, or she saw herself differently, or likely both, by year's end, her grades had improved markedly.

Another year, a group of freshman boys declared their lunch table an independent country. They had a flag they put on the table every day and elected officers including a secretary of state who conducted relations with foreigners like me. To speak with any of them, I had to arrange a summit meeting through the secretary. They kept this up for the whole year.

When a guinea pig died after years as a science classroom mascot, bereaved

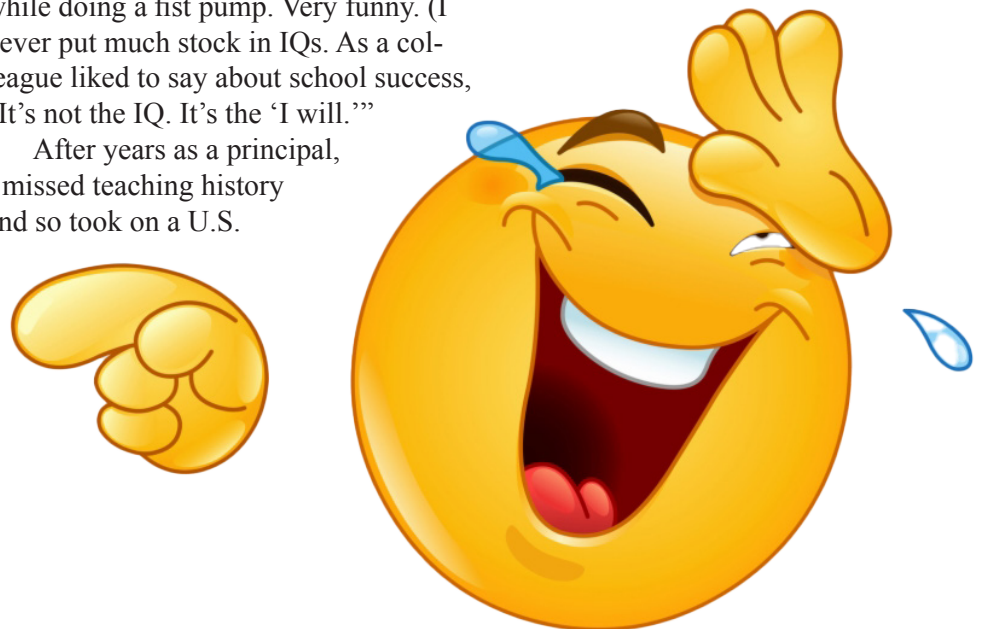
students organized a funeral service in an enclosed courtyard. Wearing choir robes, thirty students walked slowly to the gravesite humming a good imitation of a Gregorian chant, the remains wrapped in a shroud and carried on a board. The guinea pig was laid to rest after a solemn ceremony recognizing its years of friendship. The whole thing was done to be funny but was also oddly touching.

It was customary for football players to wear their jerseys to school on the first day of the season. Walking through a crowded hall between classes, a player came toward me wearing his number 82. I knew he was a good student with a sense of humor, so I pointed at him and cheerfully said, "I see they've issued those IQ shirts." He stopped, looked down at his 82 for a moment then broke into a big grin and exclaimed "Yes!" while doing a fist pump. Very funny. (I never put much stock in IQs. As a colleague liked to say about school success, "It's not the IQ. It's the 'I will.'")

After years as a principal, I missed teaching history and so took on a U.S.

History night class at the Kansas City campus of DeVry Institute of Technology (now DeVry University). Arriving one night, I headed for the wide and graceful stairway that led directly to our second-floor classroom when I saw one of my students waiting for the elevator located next to the stairway. I waved to her saying, "Come on and take the stairs. It's good for you and faster, too." She stayed put and said, "This is an institute of technology and I plan to use all of it." Good one, but I got to class first.

For graduates heading to college or those already there, consider a career in education. You can help make a better world, help students reach their potential, and have some fun along the way. It's hard work but never routine and always worthwhile. Good teachers are in high demand. Be one. Change the world.





By Sharon Hoover

Still feel like celebrating Cinco de Mayo, join TRC's 50+ club (the Elderbearies) at The Windmill, 840 S. 55th on Wednesday, May 15 at noon.

Later in the day, K-State Research & Extension is holding their third in a series of "Nourish Your Health" at West Wyandotte Library, 5:30pm-6:30pm. The topic is Cooking with Herbs and Spices. Learn to make flavorful meals without added salt. Register at lwullner@ksu.edu.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

The Downtown KCK Third Friday Art Walk is coming May 17. Be sure to visit "stART the conversation" art exhibition. This exhibit highlights the healing impact of art, recognizing its ability to help people express and process emotions. The goal is to create a supportive space where everyone can engage in meaningful discussions, embrace creativity, and walk away knowing you are not alone in your experiences. 613 N 6th from 5pm-9 pm.

Turner Community Connection and New Story Church are sponsoring "Donuts & A Dumpster" Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 18 from 8am-12pm at New Story Church, 55th & Woodend. Help keep Turner clean. Drive through, drop

off your trash, and grab a donut on your way out.

The monthly Hazardous Waste Deposal Day is also Saturday, May 18 starting at 8:30 am. Available to Wyandotte County residents only. Visitors must show proof of residency with a document showing their current name and address. The Center, 2443 S 88th St, will not accept hazardous waste from businesses, non-profits, or other commercial entities. For a full list of accepted and nonaccepted items go to www.wycokck.org/waste.

On Sunday, May 19, the quarterly meeting of the Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum is featuring "Explore our History: A Father's Poder". Inspired by Saturnino Alvarado, a KCK resident in

the early 20th century who advocated for the integration of our schools. Originally a shoemaker from Michoacan, Mexico, he believed his children had the right to be educated like any other student in Argentine and is often credited with the integration of Hispanics into our local schools. The presentation begins at 2:00pm. 631 N. 126 St. Bonner Springs.

Commissioner Davis will be hosting an 8th District Parks & Rec Town Hall on Tuesday, May 21, from 6pm-8pm at the Eisenhower Community Center, 2901 N 72nd. Dinner will be provided. Activities for the kids.

That's all for now. Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

Consumer Connection: Life Insurance Awareness

May 2nd was Life Insurance Awareness Day, and it was a great time to evaluate your life insurance needs. Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt wants to remind Kansans of the helpful resources available through the Kansas Department of Insurance.

"Life insurance can be an important tool for financial security and peace of mind to families in the unfortunate event of an untimely death," said Schmidt. "Whether you are shopping for life insurance, have an issue with an existing policy, or believe you have an unclaimed life insurance benefit the Department can help."

Life insurance policies pay a benefit upon death. However, not all policies are the same. Selecting the right policy for you is about finding the balance between your goals and your budget. Some common types of life insurance include:

- Term life insurance — Provides coverage for a set period of time. Benefits will be paid upon death during that time period. Some term insurance can be renewed at the end of the term, but premium rates usually increase with age at each renewal.
- Whole life insurance — Also referred to as "straight life," "ordinary life," or "permanent insurance," gives lifelong protection if premiums are paid. Whole life insurance plans have level premiums — meaning the premiums do not increase as you age. These policies are designed and priced for you to keep over a long period of time. Whole life insurance policies develop cash values. The cash value is one of the guaranteed provisions of your policy.
- Universal life insurance — A variation of whole life insurance that allows you, after your initial payment, to pay premiums at any time in virtually any amount, subject to certain minimums and maximums. You also can reduce or increase the amount of the death benefit more easily than under a traditional whole life policy.

The Department has helped Kansans claim over \$69 million in life insurance benefits since 2019 through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Life Insurance Policy Locator (LIPL). If you think you may be due a benefit but can't locate the life insurance policy, you can check the LIPL at <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/> or contact the Department for assistance.

If you are considering purchasing a life insurance policy, consult the Department's Life, Annuities, and Long-Term Care Shopper's Guide at insurance.ks.gov. If you have an issue with an existing life insurance policy, contact the Department at 785-296-3071 or by email at KDOI.complaints@ks.gov.

The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.



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Keep Water Safety Top of Mind this Boating Season

Safe Kids Kansas, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks provide tips for families during National Safe Boating Week

TOPEKA – With almost 100 different kinds of boats – from kayaks to canoes to motorboats – many Kansans will be having a great time on the water this year. Governor Laura Kelly has declared May 18-24 Safe Boating Week in Kansas, and Safe Kids Kansas, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks want to remind families to take extra steps to keep kids safe out on the water.

Safe Boating Week is an annual educational campaign, coordinated by the National Safe Boating Council (safeboatingcouncil.org) that runs the week prior to Memorial Day.

Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among Kansas children. Wearing a life jacket improves your odds of surviving a boating accident by 80 percent. In 2022, 75 percent of all fatal boating accident victims in the U.S. drowned, and of those who drowned, 85 percent were not wearing a life jacket. During National Safe Boating Week, we want to remind all parents of a few simple things they can do to keep their kids safe on a boat and that starts with wearing life jackets.

“Drowning can happen quickly and silently,” said Cherie Sage, State Coordinator for Safe Kids Kansas. “It’s important for children to wear life jackets when they are in or around open water and for adults to actively supervise children, giving them your full attention.”

Follow these safety tips to keep your family safe while boating:

2. Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters. Visit cgaux.org/boating/.

3. Always wear a life jacket. Adults and children should always wear a properly fitted life jacket

approved by the U.S. Coast Guard while on boats or around open bodies of water. Children ages 12 and under are required by law to wear a life jacket at all times on any watercraft, including paddleboats and kayaks. Older children and adults should set a good safety example for everyone and wear their life jackets, too.

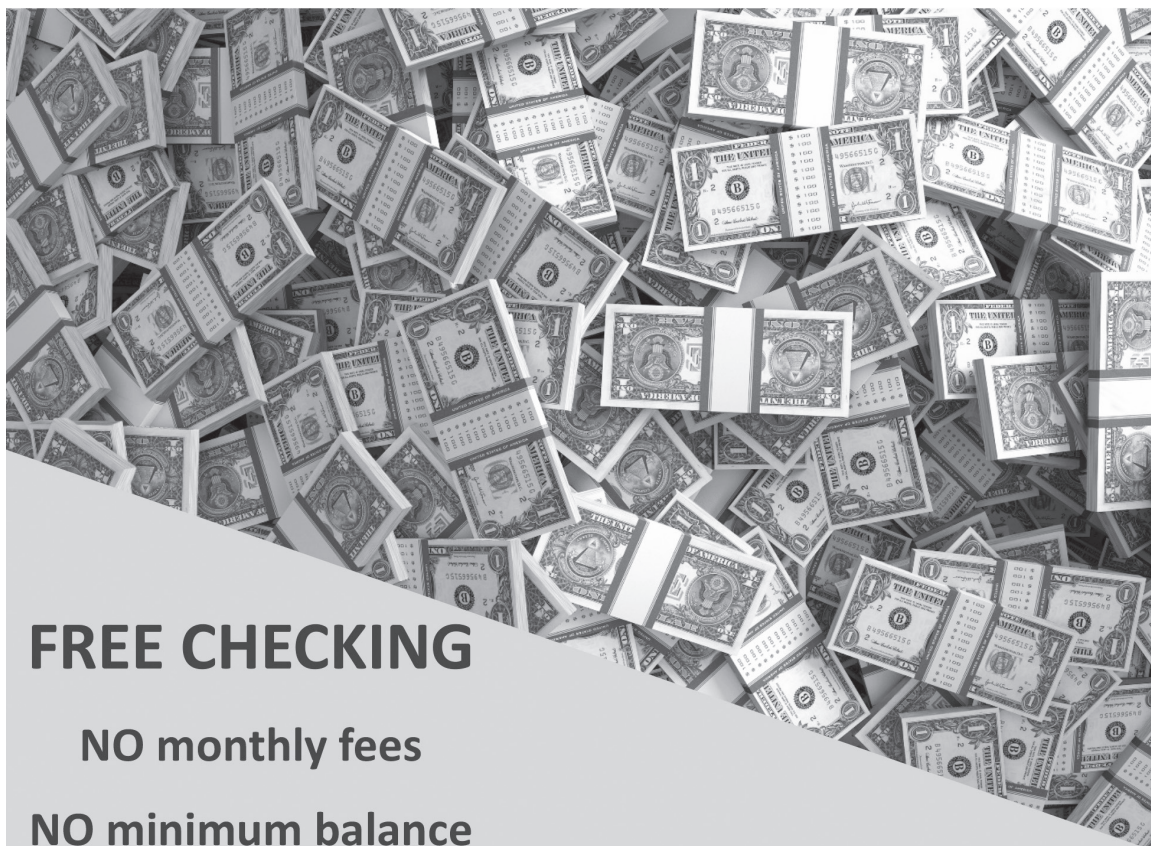
4. Supervise kids in and around water. When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use a Water Watcher card to designate an adult as the Water Watcher for a certain amount of time (such as 15-minute periods)

to prevent lapses in supervision. Download a Water Watcher card [here](#).

5. Educate your children about swimming. Every child is different, so enroll children in swimming lessons when you feel they are ready. Teach children skills such as how to tread water and float. Kids should only swim in areas designated for swimming. Teach children that swimming in open bodies of water is different than a swimming pool. They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, undertow and changing weather.

6. Learn Water Rescue Skills. We know you have a million things to do but learning CPR should be at the top of the list. Knowing CPR and other water rescue skills will give you tremendous peace of mind. Contact the Red Cross or your local hospital for information about classes.

7. Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before heading out on the water. Know that weather can change quickly, so have a weather radio or weather app that you can check. If the weather starts to change, head to shore immediately.



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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

Donald Trump continues to have outstanding loans in the tens of millions or even hundreds of millions of dollars with respect to the very same properties that are at issue in the New York civil law trial. (Trump and others at his organization were adjudicated, "guilty" of business fraud practices that went on for years.)

Lisa Rubin, MSNBC
Legal correspondent
Juris Doctor degree from Yale

Ms. Alex Wagner, MSNBC host: If Attorney General, Tish James starts calling in the debts, is that going then, to scare other creditors? Maybe, Trump won't be solvent for that much longer. Could there be a domino effect?

Rubin: Not only that, but if she obtains a "judgement lien," which is basically a legal piece of paper that allows her to start seizing properly

and effectively, prevent him from selling things. That, in and of itself might be an "event of default," under the terms of some of his outstanding loans which will allow a particular lender to go out to seize and keep the collateral of his loans. The former president always bragged how he was able to over-step the laws and get away with whatever. He built a real estate business employing fraud. Now he's on trial for the so called "hush money" trial in New York. Trump has received several gag orders from Judge Merchan and has violated them at least 10 times. Judge Merchan fined him \$10,000. A paltry sum!

Trump is deliberately going against the gag orders to test just how much he can get away with. He never thought that he would ever be caught. He caused many of his building contractors to either lose their businesses or declare bankruptcy. His attitude has not changed and he is always insisting that he's "done nothing," wrong. He either truly believes that or he's living in

an alternative reality that allows him to commit fraud and believe that he is entitled to do so, with zero effects to himself or his businesses. Trump is wrong about that and justice has finally caught up to him.

When Trump is reprimanded in court, he instantly shrinks. He isn't the boss and he doesn't get to endlessly play by his own rules. The fraud trial reveals that explicitly. The man is corrupt and always was! The American people now get to see that on full display.

From The Lincoln Project:

Judge Merchan told Trump that any other violations in the future could lead to incarceration. And it could be for as long as 30 days! Additionally, Trump was instructed by the two other Justices in his criminal court cases that his bond was with the condition that "he not break the law" in any way - not even a violation of a gag order. Of Trump faces being arrested and having his bail revoked. He truly is incorrigible.

Judge Merchan also ordered Trump to remove 8 posts from truth

social which he ruled 'take aim' at Stormy Daniels and Michael Cohen. Merchan had to remind Trump that he, "can't disparage jurors, witnesses, their family and court staffers."

Now, a statement from the ex-president: "so we're here, this is a judge who is badly, badly conflicted. I've never seen a judge who is as conflicted... the whole thing is a hoax - including the civil cases. It's controlled by the White House and Democratic judges and specifically, they hate Trump...the trial is a scam, it's a scam. The judge should recuse himself, the judge should terminate the case today because they have no case.

Prosecutors don't bring a case unless they have sufficient evidence and witnesses to support an indictment. And it must be proven, "beyond a reasonable doubt" by the evidence. Once again, Trump is wrong by referring to his trial as being a "hoax." He is playing the victim; he has legal bills to pay. Great way to grift from his gullible base and pay nothing from out of pocket. A Con-man all the way!

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Turner Unified School District No. 202 is seeking Bid Proposals for the replacement of Food Service Equipment throughout the district.

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The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 24-014 Produce Vendor (2024-2025 School Year) . Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66109 - "IFB No. 24-014- "Produce Vendor (2024 - 2025 School Year"

Bids will be opened 05/16/24 @ 2:00 PM in the Purchasing Office.

Bid Documents are available at the Purchasing Department Office, at the above-address between 8 AM and 4 PM, M-F. Bid Documents are posted

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Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights organization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.



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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