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Unified Government Launches National Search for Permanent County Administrator



The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG) announced the beginning of a national search for its next County Administrator, initiating

a recruitment process designed to identify experienced candidates to lead the organization's day-to-day operations and support the Mayor/CEO and the Board of Commissioners' priorities for Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas.

The County Administrator serves as the organization's chief administrative officer, overseeing county and city departments and staff, implementing policies established by the UG Board of Commissioners, managing organizational and financial operations, and working with residents, employees, community organizations, and other governmental partners.

The Unified Government has selected Strategic Government Resources to partner in recruiting for the next County Administrator position.

"This search is an opportunity to bring experienced, collaborative leadership to the Unified Government, leadership that turns our shared priorities into measurable results," said Mayor/CEO Christal E. Watson. "We are seeking a County Administrator who will work closely with the Mayor and Commission, support our employees, and earn our residents' trust through accountability, clear communication, and depend-

able service. Together, we can reset, renew, and rebuild a stronger Wyandotte County."

The County Administrator recruitment process is intended to be inclusive but disciplined. It will include a full application review; structured evaluation of semi-finalists with written and video responses; background and reference checks; and an intensive finalist process with opportunities for appropriate stakeholder and community participation.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate experience in public administration, organizational leadership, financial management, and strategic planning. The Unified Government will also evaluate candidates on their proven ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and provide responsive and accountable public service.

Mayor/CEO Christal Watson, along with the UG Board of Commissioners, will make the final appointment in January 2027.

All applications must be submitted by the deadline of Sunday, November 8th at 12:00 AM. Additional information about the position, the recruitment process, and how to apply is available at Unified Government of Wyandotte County - Kansas City, KS - County Administrator - Strategic Government Resources.

The Unified Government will continue to



provide updates as the search progresses.

About Strategic Government Resources (SGR)

Strategic Government Resources specializes in executive recruitment and working with public sector organizations and has recruited thousands of leaders across the country. SGR has more than 30 years of experience in local government management, including service, and now conducts executive searches for communities across the country. SGR's role is to work closely with the UG to understand both the organization and the leadership opportunity, to develop the recruitment profile, actively recruit nationally, and evaluate candidates.

Stock Market Insights

Why U.S. Stock Markets Weathered the Global Sell-Off

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When we were kids cutting wood, my brother and I had to roll the big pieces down the hill so we could split them on level ground. Once we had a large one rolling fast, it looked like it would go all the way to the bottom until it hit a cedar tree and stopped dead in its tracks. That's kind of what happened last Tuesday when the South Korean market crashed, then European markets started falling, but the tech-stock slide stopped when it slammed into the strong U.S. stock market.

One of the first things I do when I wake up is check the overnight stock exchanges. This past Tuesday, October 13, 2026, I saw South Korea's stock market fall so quickly that the exchange

activated its Sell Side Sidecar mechanism, which temporarily suspends trading. Then I saw that the European markets, halfway through their trading day, were down as well. I started preparing myself for a difficult market day...but it never came.

On Tuesday not only was the South Korea Stock Exchange negative, but so were the Japanese exchange, the Hong Kong exchange, the German exchange, and the European Union exchange. The U.S. Nasdaq Composite ended the day negative 0.2%, which is considered flat. So why did the chaos stop when it hit the U.S. markets? The answer: We have a more spread-out index.

Half of the South Korean index is made up of two stocks, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, both under heavy pressure from China's chipmaker ChangXin Memory Technologies (CXMT). Over the weekend, CXMT announced it had developed a new smaller chip that could hold even more memory than its competition. When competition threatens half of your stock exchange, the whole system feels it.

In comparison, the Nasdaq Composite has over 3,300 stocks. While 2/3 of the Nasdaq is in the Information Technology sector, it includes 424 stocks, not just a handful like many foreign exchanges. When two semiconductor chip stocks make up nearly half your index, regional news about memory chip pricing and Chinese competition can severely rock the boat. U.S. indexes aren't just bigger; they are stronger because they are more diversified across technology, finance, and health, making them less susceptible to a single competitor stock in one sector.

It is worth watching the Chinese memory makers to see whether they become a bigger threat to the global supply-demand balance over time, but in the short run, they are just rattling their competition's cages.

The U.S. markets are a lot like that tree on Poppy's farm. It'll withstand most things thrown at it. That cedar tree frustrated me that day because I had to walk halfway down the hillside to roll it the rest of the way down the hill. The strength of the U.S. stock ex-

changes, which can also withstand most things thrown at them, gives me peace. I am also glad someone eventually invented a wood splitter, but that's another story.

Have a blessed week.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

When the Fall arrives, or as my Aunt Coco used to refer to this wonderful time of year, as "Pumpkin time" I know that it's when I need to search for the best recipes that incorporate pumpkin into them. So for this week's tasty treat it's a pumpkin bar recipe that is easy to make and great to enjoy, please won't you try:

EASY PUMPKIN SPICE BARS

Ingredients:

Crust:

1 1/2 c Flour

1 t Salt

1/2 c Brown Sugar

1/4 Sugar

1 c Butter, cut into cubes

1 c Old fashioned Oats

1/2 chopped Pecans

Filling:

1 8oz. Pkg. of Cream cheese

1/2 c Brown Sugar

1/4 c Sugar

1/2 t Salt

1 t Cinnamon

1/2 t Allspice

1/4 t Nutmeg

1/4 t Ginger

1-15 oz. can of Pumpkin

1 t Vanilla .

3 lg. Eggs, well beaten

Set oven to 350° and grease a 9x13" pan.

Combine the flour, brown sugar, sugar and salt and mix well. With a pastry blender, cut in the butter until crumbly. Stir in the oats and the chopped pecans. Measure one cup of the mixture to use as a topping.* Place the rest into the pan, evenly and press down lightly. Bake for 15 minutes.

Prepare the Filling: Beat the cream cheese, brown sugar, sugar, salt, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg and ginger, continue until smooth. Beat in the pumpkin and Vanilla until well blended. Set the mixer speed to low. Add the eggs and beat just until blended. Place the filling in the warm crust. Sprinkle the top with the topping.*

Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until the filling is set. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut into bars and serve with

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Quotes to Ponder

By Tom Valverde

In 2010, the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision opened the door to enormous political spending. According to Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund, 170 billionaire families spent over \$1.7 billion influencing the 2026 midterms through August 28. That's 53 times the billionaire spending in 2010. Insane!

Senator Bernie Sanders has condemned this influence and called for overturning Citizens United. Following the October 12 raid on Minnesota Representative Ilhan Omar's Washington, D.C., home, Sanders called Trump an authoritarian and accused him of using the federal government to intimidate his political opponents.

The raid came just 22 days before the election, despite the Justice Department's longstanding practice of avoiding investigative actions that could influence elections. Trump had repeatedly attacked Omar and publicly suggested his administration was investigating her. Trump

denies directing the raid, but are we supposed to believe politics had nothing to do with it?

Trump loves to ruin reputations.

President Trump is in a bad place, but he has no one to blame but himself. Americans are paying higher prices, especially for fuel, amid the war in Iran. Trump promised no new wars and lower inflation. Now he wants to be a hero by announcing an agreement to release Russian diesel fuel onto world markets!

This, he hopes, will make Americans forget about the war and high prices. And now he's blaming our poor economy on the Ukraine war. Really?!

It's not going to work. The initial amount of diesel discussed isn't even enough for one day's use by America's transportation sector. Even Republican lawmakers have questioned the agreement. On October 16, Trump waived Russia-related sanctions under legislation he signed just weeks earlier.

Trump is really desperate, and he talks about how dumb the Democrats are. Please!

People are understandably mad about his broken promises. The

national debt continues to grow, and where is that promised new and improved Republican health care plan? Nowhere to be found!

Now Trump is promising \$5,000 to every adult American citizen if Republicans win both chambers of Congress. It's just another sad promise that he will never deliver. Where is the money coming from? Does he really think Americans will fall for this?

The Republicans have nothing to sell to the American people. What successes can they point to? Nothing!

Trump is historically unpopular and is trying anything to regain

support. Meanwhile, a Reuters investigation found that his family's cryptocurrency ventures generated at least \$2.3 billion in profits after he returned to office. People have every reason to question whether he is using the presidency to enrich himself.

And he is not to be trusted. His constant threats against Iran make him a danger to the US and the world at large. Such threats can give terrorists more reasons to seek revenge against the United States.

Who knows, this may be Trump's last hurrah! We can only hope and pray.

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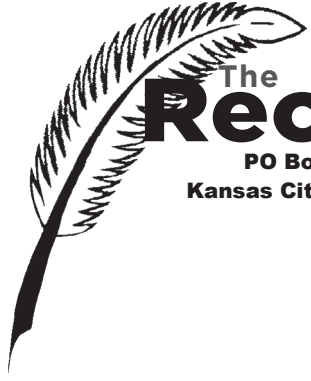
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