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Walk a Mile in My Shoes: Embrace Empathy *by Elena Super*

The other day I was checking out flowers at Wal-Mart when I couldn't help but admire a precious toddler that was strapped securely in her grandmothers shopping cart. I asked the little girl, "Are you enjoying your day with grandma?" knowing all too well that she wasn't old enough to respond. Her grandmother turned and quietly stated, "If only she was spending the day." I must have looked a bit perplexed, when the grandmother proceeded to tell me how she was providing care for her granddaughter and grandson five days a week for up to 12 hours a day. Their mother who lives in the La Cygne area works up close to I-435 and sometimes travel alone can take longer than an hour each way. Her daughter's husband is an over-the road truck driver and gone for weeks at a time. Daycare options were limited and her daughter couldn't afford the ones that she could find. She longed for the day when she could enjoy her grandchildren when they came for a visit.

The story went on from there, as she shared how she had lost both of her parents in their 90's and her oldest daughter had also passed. She obviously hadn't had enough time to grieve or replenish her own spirit. She eventually apologized and stated, "I'm sorry – you're just a stranger and I'm sharing all of this with you." I didn't mind. She needed a listening ear. Someone who would just listen with understanding. I offered what consolation I could, gave her a hug, and we parted ways.

On the way home I reflected on my position in life and counted my blessings. I got to thinking that there are probably hundreds of people that frequent Wal-Mart in a day. How many people have stories to share? How many are struggling to make ends meet or are one paycheck away from bankruptcy. How many are caring for aging parents while working full-time? How many appear to be capable of working, because their medical conditions are disguised, and they worry that they will lose their Medicaid?

It's unlikely that these folks will contact their legislator to share their story. Some are too proud, some think it's a waste of time, some just don't know how to go about the process. So, if our Miami County legislators don't hold or attend town hall meetings and restrict the narrative when they do grace us with an appearance at the spring legislative sessions, how will they ever hear the stories? How will they ever understand the plight that everyday Americans are facing. How can they gain an understanding of the depths of one's hardship?

The answer is clear. It's time for change. It's time for us to say enough is enough. It's time to vote them out!



Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
Paola Community Center



Guest Speaker,
Brenna Visocky – Justice Campaign Director



*To all of our wonderful
Democratic Mothers!*



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SUMMER EVENTS

May 20, 2025 - Tuesday

Miami County Democratic Social

K&M BBQ, Spring Hill, KS, 6:00 p.m.

RSVP REQUIRED

Call or text

913-259-4455

June 19, 2025 - Thursday

John Brown Jamboree Parade

Osawatomie – (Main Street) 7:00 p.m.

July 16, 2025 - Wednesday

Advance Voting Begins

July 23, 2025 - Wednesday

Miami County Fair Parade

Paola – 7:00 p.m.

August 5, 2025 - Tuesday

Election Day

September 1, 2025 - Monday

Louisburg Labor Day Parade

Louisburg (Broadway) 10:00 a.m.

September 13, 2025 - Saturday

Miami County Democrats Fundraiser – Stay tuned!

Virtual Town Hall

Senator Ethan Corson cordially invites everyone to attend his monthly town hall meetings.

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There is plenty to talk about with the actions of the current administration. Consider writing an article regarding a matter that you are passionate about. Up to 6 letters can be submitted by any one person over the course of a year. The length of the letter cannot exceed 600 words and must be signed with your name. Letters submitted anonymously will not be published. Letters can be emailed to bmccauley@cherryroad.com or republic@miconews.com.

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- Be relatable
- Be accurate
- Be professional

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get the facts on Canada's trade deal with China

Canada has been no real debate in Parliament, no vote and no experts on the table. There's a whole lot of people who don't know what they're talking about. If this is such a good deal, why don't they want to sign it?

■ If the deal is so good, why don't they want to sign it? They would let foreign corporations use Canada if we lost their profits. We will be at the mercy of the world.

■ There's only one guarantee we will find out how many millions of dollars we'll have to fork over to foreign corporations.

■ Please go to ethanforkansas.com to learn more and send a message to stop this secret and extreme trade deal.

Ken Rose
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A veteran's salute to local cadets

As a veteran with more than 30 years service, I have attended many Nov. 11

four at the corners of the country. They earn their credit for their control and

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