

Community Development News

By Christy Hopkins

After a year away from the field, it was an absolute joy to kick off recreational league softball last week. It was a true pleasure to catch up with old friends, to laugh and enjoy one another's company, and to be back around the other teams after a COVID-enforced year off. Games will be played each Wednesday night, beginning at 7 p.m. and running through roughly 10 p.m. I know practices have begun for youth softball and baseball, too, and it will be great to see the lights brightening the north sky again this year.

I can't wait to see everyone out and about at this weekend's June Jaunt. There are many options:

- go shopping (there are

nearly 20 garage sales),

- go riding (The Trench poker run looks to be a blast, as always),
- go showing (or gawking at the awesome animals and talented kids at the Gavin B. Kleymann Memorial Livestock Show),
- go cannonballing (at the free swim at the Greeley County Pool),
- try Tryathaloning Tribune-style (with bowling, cornhole, and horseshoes)
- go adventuring (without leaving the county on the inaugural Road Rally)
- and go popcorn-eating (at the Star Theater's showing of Cruella).

If you check everything off the list, let me know!

Horace City candidate filings

Janet L. Crittenden has filed as a candidate for the Horace City Council.

Nathaniel Mark Larkin has filed as a candidate for Horace City Mayor.

Cynthia Olson has filed as a candidate for the Horace City Council.

Robert Firmer has filed as a candidate for the Horace City Council.

School Board candidate filing

Sheryl Crottinger has filed for the Regular School

Board Position.

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GREELEY COUNTY ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a City/School General Election will be conducted in Greeley County, State of Kansas, Primary (if needed) August 3, 2021 and General November 2, 2021.

Four year terms:

- USD #200 Board Members
- 3 regular terms
- 1 un-expired term (2-year term)

Candidates shall file for such offices in the County Clerk's office in the Greeley County Courthouse. Each filing shall be made before 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, June 1, 2021.

City/School filings shall be accompanied by a \$20.00 filing fee. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw his candidacy after the last date provided by law for filing such a candidacy.

The names of the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each single position at the Primary Election, if one is held, shall be placed on the ballot for the General Election on November 2, 2021.

Signed this 27th day of May, 2021.

Jerri Young
Greeley County Election Officer

June Jaunt...

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It's rated PG-13 and has a running time of 134 minutes. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. *Please note that the Sunday movie show time has been moved back to 7 p.m. for the summer.

If you have questions,

please contact the organization in charge of the event or Greeley County Community Development at (620) 376-2548. Plan to spend June 4-6 in Greeley County, enjoying activities with your friends and neighbors!

Kansas Common Sense

June 1, 2021
Senator Jerry Moran
Honoring WWII Sgt. Carol Eugene Domer On Memorial Day

Each Memorial Day presents us the opportunity to remember the men and women who had the courage to defend our nation. Yesterday, we honored their bravery and sacrifice, and we paused to properly respect them and their families.

Yesterday, after 16 years of working with the Domer family, I was honored to be at the Nemaha County Veterans Memorial for a memorial service for Sergeant Carol Eugene Domer, a World War II airman who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country when his plane – a B-24 Liberator – went down off the coast of Papua New Guinea in 1943.

The Domer family first contacted me in December of 2003 to help discover the remains of Sgt. Domer and hopefully have him returned to Kansas. Over the course of the next couple of years, I stayed in contact with the family to assist in their efforts to gain information regarding recovery efforts for Sgt. Domer. In 2005, we learned that the Army was able to survey the crash site to determine whether recovery was possible at that time.

After years of working with the Army, Ken Domer and his family, the underwater investigation of the wreckage was finally scheduled for early 2013. However, we were later informed that the water in the surrounding area was not accurately chartered, hindering the boats' ability to investigate for the wreckage. As a result, the investigative team had to forego the planned activity.

In early 2015, I contacted the office of the Secretary of Defense to advocate for Sgt. Domer's case and learned that efforts were being made to coordinate with the Navy regarding the navigability of the waters to assess the mission. During this process, Ken Domer was also working with Pacific Wrecks, a non-governmental organization which had discovered Sgt. Domer's plane in 2000 and completed a dive to the plane in 2002.

Now that we had an exact location, I met with the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)—the agency in charge of recovering our fallen servicemember's remains – to see to it that the investigative mission of Sgt. Domer's crash site would occur as planned in 2016.

The investigative mission took place in January 2016, followed by a recovery mission in November. In 2017, the recovery mission

findings were shared with the Domer family and my office, which included a picture of a signet ring that was found on the ocean floor.

We requested that the ring be returned to Sgt. Domer's family, and I met with the DPAA Director again to submit an official request to return the ring to Kansas. The family was able to locate a photograph of Sgt. Domer wearing the ring right before he was deployed to the Pacific. Following the proper approvals and this evidence connecting Sgt. Domer to the ring, the ring was delivered to the family last year.

During the service yesterday, the family told Sgt. Domer's story and shared their tradition of visiting the Centralia Cemetery each Memorial Day to honor their family member's sacrifice at his empty grave.

As a symbol of Sgt. Domer's remains, I was grateful to have the opportunity to present his family with his ring recovered from the ocean floor at the site of the crash to his three nephews, along with an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol on February 28, 2020, for Sgt. Domer's 100th birthday.

While no one in the living family knew Sgt. Domer, they have demonstrated to us the importance of honoring and remembering those who came before us, working for over a decade to bring peace to their family.

Prioritizing Veterans as Lead Republican on the Senate VA Committee

Recognizing Veterans' Mental Health Month

No matter what mental health challenges you are facing, you are not alone. May was Mental Health Awareness Month, and we all can do our part to help create a conversation about mental health for veterans. To all of our servicemembers and veterans, I want to say thank you for your service. Military service is a high calling and requires great sacrifice.

Military service can take a toll on servicemembers leaving the invisible wounds of war – PTSD, depression, anxiety and more. If you or a loved one are in need of immediate mental health assistance, please call 800-273-8255, then select 1.

Addressing Gaps in Health Care for Rural Veterans
This week, I introduced the *Guaranteeing Healthcare Access to Personnel Who Served (GHAPS) Act* with my Senate VA colleagues. This legislation would address gaps in veteran health care to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is serving veterans in hard-to-reach places.

Marshall-Gillibrand Amendment Calling for Transparency and Further Investigation into COVID Origins Passes Senate

(Washington, D.C., May 26, 2021) – Today, the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan amendment offered by U.S. Senators Roger Marshall M.D. (R-KS) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) calling for a transparent investigation into the COVID-19 outbreak mandated by the World Health Assembly during its current session, which ends on Monday. Additionally, if China continues on its path of cover-up and obfuscation, the Marshall-Gillibrand Amendment demands a full, transparent investigation to include the U.S. and our allies and partners around the world.

Senator Marshall spoke on the Senate floor about the amendment saying, "Over the past year, COVID-19 has spread to all corners of the world killing more than 3 million people in its path, including more than 550,000 Americans. We were originally told it initiated in a fish market or a wet market and that it may have come from a bat that directly infected a human or a pangolin. However, the preponderance of evidence suggests this virus may well have leaked from a lab in Wuhan. With the World Health Assembly meeting this week we must

express full support for a full investigation into the outbreak. It's outrageous that a comprehensive investigation has still not been carried out. If China continues on its path of cover-up, we must begin planning a full investigation, including with partners around the world. It would be utterly irresponsible to suffer through the worst pandemic in a century and not have the origins fully investigated. Our bipartisan amendment will deliver the message that the Chinese must show us the data and be transparent with the world – and if they don't, we will fight to get to the bottom of this outbreak. I thank Senator Gillibrand for introducing this amendment with me and ask that all Senators join me in approving it."

"There must be a thorough and transparent investigation into the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic—obstruction is completely unacceptable. Our amendment makes clear that the US believes that the previous WHO investigation was flawed, that there must be accountability, and all potential origins of this virus, including a lab leak, must be investigated fully," said Senator Gillibrand.

Kansas' Total Tax Receipts Up \$604.6 Million Over Last May

TOPEKA – The month of May marked one year since Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order 20-31 to safely reopen businesses across the state. Since that time, the Kansas economy has rebounding significantly – with May 2021 tax collections totaling \$604.6 million, or 134.7% more than May 2020. For the month of May, the state collected \$1.1 billion in total taxes; an increase of \$509.4 million, or 93.7%, more than the estimate.

"Our May tax receipt numbers are good news and show that our efforts to strengthen Kansas' economy are paying off," said Governor Laura Kelly. "We will continue moving forward by prioritizing pro-growth policies that will support Kansas businesses and Kansas families."

Individual income tax collections were \$708.7 million. That is 154.9%, or \$430.7 million, above the estimate and \$492.8 million, or 228.2%, more than last May. Corporate income tax collections were \$29.8

million. That is \$33.2 million, or 976.8%, more than last May. Those collections are \$24.8 million, or 495.6%, more than the estimate.

"Overall, the economy performed much better during the pandemic than any state had forecasted and the tax receipt trend in Kansas is comparable to that experienced in other states," Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said. "Taxpayers who had meaningful positions in the stock market did extremely well during the pandemic. A significant portion of the individual income tax receipts are due to capital gains transactions."

Retail sales tax collections were up \$53.9 million, or 31.0%, over last May with \$227.8 million collected. Collections were \$32.8 million, or 16.8%, more than the estimate. Compensating use tax collections were \$54.4 million which was \$14.4 million, or 36.0%, more than estimated. That is a \$16.7 million, or 44.5%, gain compared to the same month of the previous fiscal year.

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