

Community Development News

By Christy Hopkins

Our community lost a dear friend and supporter earlier this month. Chuck Elliott was a great work neighbor and friend and I'll miss his always complimentary greetings, his enthusiasm for supporting Greeley County School activities, and his dedication to the Greeley County community. He was a big part of the success of the Greeley County Amusement Association and the Greeley County Golf Course and today, as we enjoy the fruits of the labors of the generations before us, I honor Chuck and the others who helped make those visions reality.

The Bayer Fund (previously Monsanto)

is accepting applications from eligible farmers now through November 1, 2021 for the opportunity to direct a donation to a local eligible nonprofit, school or ag program. The award amounts are for \$5,000 this year. If you're a farmer, please go to Americasfarmers.com or call 1-877-267-3332 to submit an application today.

I enjoyed watching the Friday night football jamboree hosted by Greeley County Schools, even if I wasn't exactly sure how it worked. There are some home games this week – both junior high and high school – and I'd encourage you to get out and support the Greeley County Jackrabbits.

Country Fresh Market

This week's Country Fresh Market is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1. The market will take place from 5 – 6 p.m. under Dixon Drug's awning, on the southeast corner of the Broadway and Greeley Avenues.

Vendors will include:
- Ruth Lehman will have peppers, greens, summer squash, bread, cinnamon rolls, and cookies at the market.
- Marilyn Kleymann will have homemade noodles, rhubarb dessert, other baked goods, eggs, jam, and dried herbs.
- Carolyn Waldren will have rag rugs and other

crafts at the market.
- Other vendors may be present, depending on their schedules

Congratulations to Sally Peter, who was the winner of a basket of products from vendors at this summer's Country Fresh Market!

The Country Fresh Market welcomes new vendors and encourages products and goods of all kinds. There is no cost to participate in the market. Please contact Greeley County Community Development at (620) 376-2548 or stop by the office at 510 Broadway in downtown Tribune for more information.

Kansas Common Sense

August 30, 2021
By Senator Jerry Moran
Honoring Those Who Perished Defending and Pursuing Freedom

My heart goes out to the families of the 13 service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the innocent Afghans who have been killed or wounded in their pursuit of freedom. It is our duty to honor the service and sacrifice of all those who responded to the attacks on our country since 9/11 including those who lost their lives last week.

Earlier today, the military announced an end to the evacuation and the departure of all troops. However, the effort should not be over. The Biden administration must make certain they safely evacuate every American and those who served alongside our troops in Afghanistan. We must use every resource available to evacuate all Americans, allies and partners out of Afghanistan. Americans need leadership and strength from its commander-in-chief.

Our government cannot trust the Taliban to carry out our mission. They are an adversary and a terrorist organization. Relying on the Taliban to uphold commitments when they have routinely broken past promises is irresponsible and places lives at risk. President Biden must hold them accountable for any harm inflicted on those seeking to find freedom.

Calling for a Plan of Action from President Biden

I continue to work with the State Department and Department of Defense to get U.S. citizens out of Afghanistan and have joined my Senate and House colleagues in demanding that President Biden provide answers regarding the U.S. strategy for Afghanistan.

Supporting Our Veterans

As the lead Republican on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am also focused on supporting our veterans here at home as they watch the news of Afghanistan. The veterans who answered the call to protect our nation after September 11 deserve our utmost respect and gratitude. These veterans brought justice to Osama bin Laden and served with duty and purpose. They need to know they are not alone and that we will never forget their sacrifice. I encourage each of us to reach out to our friends and loved ones who have served to check-in and make certain they know they are loved and that their service made a difference.

Joining Veterans in Independence

As the lead Republican on the Senate VA Committee, I went to the Veterans Roundup hosted by the local VFW Post #1186 in Independence on Friday. Started in 2018, this event has grown out of a desire by local veterans involved in the VFW to help their peers in the region file VA claims and answer their questions. Each event reaches hundreds of veterans, from near and far, and now includes representatives from state and local organizations.

As the horrific events in Afghanistan continue to unfold, this event had a very different tone this year. It is important for veterans to know that their service helped improve the lives of others and safeguarded our freedoms and for them to know that the situation we are seeing now isn't their fault. Thank you to each veteran for their sacrifices for our country. I encourage all Kansans to reach out to the veterans they know and loved ones who have served to check-in and make certain they know they are loved and that their service made a difference.

Keynote at the 36th Space Symposium

This week, I gave one of the keynote addresses at the 36th Space Symposium. The annual symposium brings together space and defense leaders from around the

world to discuss and plan for the future of space. I had the honor of speaking with my colleagues Gen. Raymond with the U.S. Space Force, NASA Administrator Nelson, Air Force Secretary Kendall, and Gen. Dickinson of U.S. Space Command, among many others. As the lead Republican of the Senate Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over NASA, and a seat on both the Commerce Committee and the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I have the unique opportunity to advocate for and advance our leadership in space through the distinct and multifaceted lens it deserves.

While at the symposium, I also arranged meetings with established and rising space companies to promote our Kansas capabilities and talents. As this industry continues to grow, I am committed to furthering our state's opportunities within the aerospace business, and I was joined by Dr. John Tomblin, Executive Director of the National Institute for Aviation Research, to help convey our abilities. I also had the opportunity to walk the exhibition floor and visit with the local companies in attendance, including Mr. Hess and Ms. Greenberg of Endurlock and Mr. Foerschler, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Kocingsfield of Burns & McDonnell.

The CDC's Eviction Moratorium Ruled Unconstitutional Executive Overreach

On Thursday, the Supreme Court issued a 6-3 decision to block the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) eviction moratorium. The court determined that the CDC's moratorium was unconstitutional executive overreach and a nationwide ban on evictions requires Congressional authorization, just as we made clear to the Biden administration earlier this month. Landlords, the majority of whom are small businesses with just a few properties, have had minimal recourse to recoup billions in lost income due to the moratorium. With nearly \$50 billion in federal funds appropriated for rental assistance, the burden is on state and local governments to combat pandemic-related housing instability by efficiently distributing this funding, not mom-and-pop landlords.

Seeking Update on a Phase IV Provider Relief Fund Distribution

This week, a bipartisan group of my colleagues and I urged Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Becerra to provide an immediate update on plans to distribute unobligated funds remaining in the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). Kansas hospitals, nursing homes, senior living providers, community health centers and other health care providers have needed these funds as a lifeline to weather the financial difficulties created by the pandemic. Over the course of the pandemic, Congress has appropriated \$178 billion for the PRF as well as an additional \$8.5 billion for rural providers; however, the PRF funding distribution process has been uneven due to shifting guidance, difficulties in reconciling tax information, the absence of a formal appeals process and other technical difficulties.

Even now, as Kansas and the country see a significant rise in hospitalizations that are causing a strain on health care facilities, especially those in rural communities, HHS has neglected to release the remaining PRF funding. On July 19, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported about 25 percent of PRF appropriation and all of the rural provider funding remain unobligated as of May 31, 2021. GAO recommended HHS communicate information about, and facilitate oversight of, the department's use of COVID-19 relief funds.

Sens. Marshall and Moran Announce Funding for KDHE to Improve Public Health

(Washington, D.C., August 30, 2021) – U.S. Senators Roger Marshall, M.D. and Jerry Moran announced the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) more than \$1.7 million to address health disparities and ensure access to COVID-19 related services including testing, contract tracing, immunization services, and improve community health resiliency.

"COVID-19 has altered our relationship with health care and exposed existing vulnerabilities in our public health infrastructure. This is a chance not only to help people protect themselves from COVID-19, but also improve the overall health of every individual," said Senator Marshall. "In Kansas, health care organizations and KDHE have found community health workers to be a trusted resource for underserved areas by providing education and other services that improve an individual's health and self-sufficiency. This funding will support health infrastructure for the future."

"Training and deploying community health workers across Kansas will help make vaccines, medical treatment and educational resources more widely available, both during this pandemic and in the future," said Senator Moran. "This grant will help train medical workers to provide patients in underserved areas with preventative services that could save their lives."

Background:
The funding, provided through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), aims to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and its related

health impacts by training and deploying more community health workers (CHWs). Specifically, CHWs will be trained to engage with state and local public health initiatives to manage COVID-19 among underserved patient populations who are at higher risk of severe illness and death. In addition, CHWs will play a role in connecting local people to health care services, thereby increasing access and frequency of health appointments, reducing the need for emergency and specialty services, and improving adherence to health recommendations such as healthier eating habits. While CHWs have demonstrated a positive impact, state and local governments have faced a shortage of trained individuals to meet existing public health needs. The project is scheduled to begin August 31 and will run for three years. In total, KDHE received \$1,765,609 for this budget year.

According to the CDC and other health experts, the our health care heroes throughout the pandemic and improve our public risk of severe illness and possible death from COVID-19 is increased for individuals with underlying health conditions. Some of these conditions (i.e. obesity, substance use disorders, alcohol-related liver disease) are preventable by maintaining healthy habits and following recommendations from a primary care provider.

Funding for this project is authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. Both senators supported the legislation's passage. Dr. Marshall cosponsored the legislation.

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