

Community Development News

By Christy Hopkins

As I knew I would, I very much enjoyed last Thursday afternoon's Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge! It was amazing to see the students buzzing with anticipation and excitement ahead of their project presentations, and to hear, even peripherally, about their plans and ideas to add to the Greeley County Business community.

I'm planning to do a series of articles in the newspaper over the next few weeks highlighting the students' various ideas. I guarantee there are plenty to tempt your taste buds and inspire your mind in new directions. Congratulations, Jackrabbits, on a job well done!

We're teaming up with Network Kansas (who sponsored the prize dollars

for the YEC completion) on another project – a virtual Think Like an Entrepreneur/Ice House Program course for aspiring entrepreneurs across western Kansas. It will begin on Wednesday, March 24 and run for 8 Wednesdays, wrapping up May 12. I'll facilitate a couple of sessions, as will three other western Kansas facilitators. If you're interested in taking part, give me a call at (620) 376-2548 for more details. The cost is \$100 for adults and \$50 for students, but we may be able to find sponsorship dollars if cost is a barrier to participation. The deadline to register is Friday, March 19.

Tornado drill test

March 22 or 25

Local emergency personnel will conduct a tornado drill test on March 22nd or March 25th, depending on the weather.

The drill will be at 1:00 p.m. on either day.
— Dustyn Smith

Supervisors...

(Continued from page 1) Tony Burnett, of the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, presented a yearly update and budget request to supervisors. He said they are currently doing advocacy for five children in Greeley County, and work in 34 Kansas counties. The budget request is \$5,000 from Greeley County, which is what it has been in the past few years. He said WKCAC did fewer interviews last year, due to closed schools and covid, but are now seeing an uptick for this year. He explained the process they use. Supervisors thanked the WKCAC for the work they are doing.

Barkley Gentry talked with supervisors about unexpected expensive repair needed on sprayer equipment and what to do about it.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment in the amount of \$73,247.35 for GSD and \$39,712.10 for MSD.

Minutes of the February 22, 2021, meeting were approved.

A building permit was approved unanimously for Octavio Vasquez.

An agreement with

the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks concerning a grant Greeley County got a number of years ago was presented. The agreement requires a sign to be in place about their sponsorship. The agreement was signed.

Sloan said work on K-27 will start Monday, March 15. They will replace three blocks at the north of the highway. This is a C-CLIP grant. He asked for permission to apply for an additional grant for three more blocks on the south end of the highway in the future.

A cash-lease agreement previously approved was signed by Kleymann.

A motion was made for supervisors to enter an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Motion passed.

Supervisors returned to open session.

Supervisors discussed the county mask mandate and passed Resolution 2021-007, lifting the mask mandate in Greeley County.

Official minutes of supervisors' meetings are available at the county clerk's office.

CHS to host drive-thru meal

Thursday, March 11

CHS United Plains Ag will host a Harvest for Hunger Drive-Thru meal this Thursday, March 11. All donations/proceeds will go to our local food pantries.

The meal will be at the Tribune Agronomy Office from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Senate and House Doctors: WHO Must Actually Demonstrate Independence from China

(Washington, D.C. March 3, 2021) – U.S. Senators Roger Marshall, M.D. and John Barrasso, M.D., as well as Representatives Andy Harris, M.D., John Joyce, M.D., and Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M. penned an op-ed highlighting the failures of the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the COVID-19 outbreak as well as the Biden Administration's decision to rejoin the WHO without holding them accountable.

The Senate and House doctors said in part, "The WHO's willful blindness when it comes to the CCP, leads many to remain skeptical of them and the information they provide to the world. And it's another reason we are concerned with the Biden Administration's decision to rejoin the WHO without resolving its major problems and fund it using American taxpayer dollars... We are doctors who happen to serve as U.S. Senators and Congressmen, not U.S. Senators and Congressmen who happen to be doctors. We know that when it comes to legitimate science, we must never tolerate incomplete evidence gathering and political motivations to inform clinical decisions..."

WHO Must Actually Demonstrate Independence from China
Washington Times
March 2, 2021 By: U.S. Senators Roger Marshall, M.D. and John Barrasso, M.D., and Representatives Andy Harris, M.D., John Joyce, M.D., and Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M.

With the stroke of a pen, President Joe Biden rejoined the United States, as a paying member, to the World Health Organization (WHO). President Biden's own National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan stated, "Re-engaging with the WHO also means holding it to the highest standards... We have deep concerns about the way in which the early findings of the COVID-19 investigation were communicated."

Before putting U.S. taxpayers on the hook for the WHO's budget, we should have laid out the standards that must be followed and demanded that reforms be made before agreeing to rejoin the WHO. After all, it's been over a year, and we still have more questions than answers about the WHO's transparency, independence, and ability to address global pandemics.

In the early days of 2020, when the COVID-19 outbreak was primarily contained within China, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) took multiple deceitful actions to hide the morbidity and the rate of transmission of the virus. Instead of sounding the alarm, the CCP silenced journalists and doctors, destroyed early samples of the novel coronavirus, blocked foreign investigations – including by U.S. health officials, and launched a sophisticated misinformation campaign to deflect responsibility as the virus spread across the globe.

Sadly, the WHO amplified these messages and partnered with the CCP to cover up the origins of the virus. On January 14, 2020 after failing to independently verify China's reporting, the official WHO Twitter account repeated

of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities March 15-31.
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3/31/2021: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building, 905 Ingalls Ave.

March is Red Cross Month, and the Red Cross is celebrating blood, platelet and plasma donors for stepping up to meet the constant need for blood amid the pandemic. In thanks for being a vital part of the organization's lifesaving mission, all who come to give March 15-26 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Important COVID-19 information for donors
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More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed now to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and everyday medical treatments. Schedule a blood donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

China's false talking points stating that "preliminary investigations conducted by the CCP authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transition." The very next day, America's first documented coronavirus patient was identified in Washington, a man who recently traveled to the Wuhan region. Two weeks later, the Director-General of the WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – a candidate supported by China to run the WHO – traveled to China to meet with President Xi and lavished the Communist leader with praise for his transparency and handling of the outbreak.

After returning from Beijing, Director Tedros even said that China was "setting a new standard for outbreak response" and while feigning ignorance to China's own intra-country travel ban, lambasted countries issuing travel bans stating they could "have the effect of increasing fear and stigma, with little public health benefit."

As we've begun to pass the one year anniversary for many of the first milestones of the COVID-19 outbreak, the CCP continues their smoke and mirrors, and the WHO continues to throw their hands up in the air. In addition to perpetuating false claims about the virus' origin, CCP authorities also refused information requests from WHO investigators who had recently completed a mission to China between January and February of this year. The WHO investigators were seeking raw data surrounding nearly 200 COVID-19 cases believed to have existed during the earliest phases of the Wuhan outbreak.

Conclusions extolled by China, without the WHO seeing the raw – and hopefully real data – are untrustworthy at best. An investigation based off limited and tampered information is not a real investigation.

Blood donation remains essential amid COVID-19

(March 8, 2021) – A year ago, many things in the world paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But the need for blood never stopped. Today blood donations are just as essential, and the American Red Cross urges individuals who are healthy to make an appointment to donate blood.

For patients in the emergency room, fighting cancer or coping with a life-threatening illness, help can't wait. Their health is reliant on the selfless generosity of blood donors. However, the blood supply continues to face challenges from the ongoing pandemic and extreme winter weather that impacted much of the U.S. last month.

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SUMMER KITCHEN HOURS:

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