

Jan & Dan

Several months ago, I admit I was fairly sure we would be done with the corona virus by now. Certainly by the holidays. It now appears that I was wrong, although for the current moment, Greeley County doesn't officially have many new positive cases.

Since our mask mandate went into effect a week ago, I have seen many more people wearing masks in businesses and around town, when required. Hopefully, this and increased focus on social distancing and hand washing will help keep our numbers where they are, even though cooler weather is coming - actually, is here!

I got an Apple watch to help motivate me to move more - it's pretty easy to become more sedentary as I get older. And the feedback in terms of number of steps per day and activity accomplished is helpful to let me know that I need to get going.

My watch has some motivational messages. Some days it is quite disappointed in my efforts, although at the end of the day it tells me I can still do it! (Close the circle rings, which means I met my goal in various areas for the day.) So far I like it most of the time, and I have increased my number of steps by two or three thousand per day. Feedback is useful.

Early voting begins in Greeley County today, Wednesday, October 21st, at the courthouse. I haven't done this, because it's interesting to go on election day and see what the turn-out is and chat with the poll-workers. This should be a very interesting election, both locally for our supervisors, and nationally for our president. I hope it is only interesting and not chaotic, but I'm not holding my breath.

This has been a difficult year to keep track of sports. On the local level, events have been rescheduled and cancelled and teams have been impacted by Covid. It's even worse at the collegiate and professional levels as seasons have been postponed, rescheduled and cancelled. I find it somewhat strange to watch sporting events without the fans.

I think the local school has done a good job of adjusting. A lot of changes and a lot of work, but most of the events have taken place. Thanks to the administration, staff and students.

The one thing that we can all agree on is that we are divided. In the relational paradigm, I write that the difference between the old and the emergent is the difference between duality and the twofold. In duality we look at the world as two from one point of view. In the twofold we look at the world as one from two points of view.

In the existing environment I find it difficult to convincingly argue both sides. I personally think that the first Q drop was Dwight Eisenhower's farewell address on the military industrial complex, and I do believe in the first amendment.

I also believe in the twofold and that I must understand and respect both views. It's the same reality, but a different perspective. And the perspective will change the reality. I understand duality. I grew up with it. But I think that the twofold offers a better chance of getting through this without war, pestilence and plague.



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The Pumpkin Patch is part of the Halloween decorations at the Library.

Halloween activities planned in Tribune

Although Halloween may seem a little different this year, several events are planned for children and adults.

This coming weekend, October 23rd, 24th and 25th, **Tribune's Star Theater** will show the Disney movie, *Hocus Pocus*, and offer some free snacks, too. This Friday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 24th, the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. MT. On Sunday, October 25th, the movie begins at 4:00 p.m. MT. On all three nights, movie-goers will receive a free small popcorn, courtesy of TBK Bank. On Friday and Sunday, they will also receive a free small pop, courtesy of the Star Theater, and on Saturday, all will receive a free full-

sized candy bar, sponsored by Gooch's Foods.

A 2 mile **Pumpkin Run** will take place Halloween morning, October 31st, beginning at the CYAT Center on Greeley Avenue. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. MT and races will start at 9:00 a.m. MT. Entry is free! Age groups are: 18 and younger; 19-30; 31-50; 51 and older. Wear a costume to win the Costume Contest!

On Halloween, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Greeley County Recreation has planned **Trunk or Treat**, with all activities to be outside the CYAT Center on Greeley Avenue. There will be cash prizes awarded in Costume and Vehicle contests. Free hot dogs, chips, drinks and candy will be provided.

The **Senior Center** is planning a **modified indoor trick or treat** for the kids. They will have the back half of their large room for seniors and spectators, and the front half for trick-or-treaters. "Come in costume and join us for a fun night of spooky songs and sweet treats."

The **Tribune Star Theater** will show **Hocus Pocus on Halloween night**, October 31st, at 8:00 p.m. MT. Those who attend will receive a free small pop sponsored by the theater. "Come dressed in your Halloween costume and be entered into a **drawing** for a free gift bag (3 winners will be drawn)."

Three Greeley County supervisors' races on ballot

Polls will be open on Tuesday, November 3rd, at the Greeley County courthouse for several contested local, state and national races. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. MT to 7:00 p.m. MT that day. In addition, early voting begins at the Greeley County courthouse on Wednesday, October 21st, and can be done Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early voting ends November 2nd at 12:00 noon.

Locally, three Unified Greeley County Supervisor positions are open. Candidates are:

Municipal Service District—
Alena R. Ballinger
Jordan Harney
Justin Phillips
General Service

District—
Kirby Kleymann
Mark Rine
At Large Supervisor—
Monty G. Moritz
Dylan Steele
Uncontested Candidates for other Greeley County offices are:

County Clerk — Jerri Young (R)
Treasurer — Mary D. "Diane" Gentry (R)
Register of Deeds — Lisa K. Robertson (R)
County Attorney — Charles F. Moser (R)
Sheriff — Jessica McDaniel-Brown (R)
Candidates on the ballot for the **United States President and Vice-president** offices are:
Jo Jorgensen/Jeremy "Spike" Cohen — Libertarian

Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence (R)
Joseph R. Biden/ Kamala D. Harris (D)

United States Senate candidates are:
Roger Marshall (R)
Barbara Bollier (D)
Jason Buckley (Libertarian)

United States House of Representatives District 1 candidates are:

Kali Barnett (D)
Tracey Mann (R)
Running unopposed for **Kansas State Senate 39th District:**
John Doll (R)
Running unopposed for **Kansas State House 122nd District:**
J. Russell "Russ" Jennings

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Benefit Soup Supper to be held Oct. 28

The community is invited to attend a Benefit Soup Supper on Wednesday, October 28 at the 4-H building. The menu for the soup supper includes chicken and noodle, chili, ham and beans, potato and vegetarian vegetable along with relishes, cornbread and a brownie with ice cream.

Space for social distancing will be available for those who choose to eat in but we have take out supplies so that you can eat at home. Masks will be needed as you enter the building at the south door with exit through the north door. We encourage you to call after 4:00 p.m. (927-0701 or 927-0296) so we can prepare your order and have it ready when you come to the building. We will deliver to those who do not want to get out.

This Benefit Soup Supper is for Pastor Robert Selvakumar, his wife Elaine and daughter Shannon. The immigration service has declined to grant him a green card and they will return to Malaysia at the end of the fall semester.

The cost will be a donation of your choice - cash - checks made out to Robert Selvakumar.

The weather is cooling down and we're cooking up a storm! Hope to see you on the 28th.

Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15 and goes thru December 7, 2020

During Open Enrollment, people with Medicare have until Dec. 7th to review their health and drug plan options, and make the best decision based on financial and medical needs. Re-enrollment and plan changes will take effect on January 1, 2021. Medicare health and drug plan costs and covered benefits can change from year to year. That's why it is important for people with Medicare to review their health care plan during Open Enrollment to ensure they have the right coverage for their financial and medical needs. People with Medicare are encouraged to review and update their coverage choices before the closing date. Otherwise, they may have to wait another year to make changes.

If you're among the 1 in 3 people with Medicare who has diabetes, here's some more good news: Starting in 2021, many participating drug plans will offer a 30-day supply of insulin for \$35 or less per month. If you take insulin and enroll in one of these plans, you could save an average of \$446 per year on your out-of-pocket costs for insulin next year.

During Open Enrollment you can:

Switch from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another.

If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during open enrollment, although a late

enrollment penalty may apply.

KEEP IN MIND that this enrollment occurs once a year from October 15 through December 7.

Any changes you make during Fall Open Enrollment will **take effect January 1**.

In most cases, this is the only time you can pick a new Part D plan.

If you have Medicare Advantage, you can also switch to Original Medicare and join a Part D plan.

You can find the Medicare Plan Finder by going to Medicare.gov and follow through the steps provided. You will be able to view your plan now and your best options for 2021. You can enroll in a new plan right from there or if you wish to keep your current plan - do nothing at all.

You can also call Greeley County Health Services at 376-4251 Ext. 213 and make an appointment with Connie Rupp (Certified SHICK Counselor) to assist you with the Medicare Plan Finder and your options. Even if you just changed plans last year, come in so we can check the best plan for your current medication list.

Ready to get started? Set a reminder on your phone for October 15- December 7 or jot a note on the top of your calendar, and get ready to compare and save on your Medicare drug plan for 2021.



The Wheatland Electric Drive-In "Cram the Van" was held behind Gooch's at noon on Monday, October 19.