

Community Development News
By Christy Hopkins

Grant applications for non-profit organizations impacted by COVID-19 were sent out to Greeley County non-profit organizations yesterday via email (and by mail to those who prefer that form of contact.) If your organization did not receive the information, please reach out to our office and I'll get an application for you. Grant requests are due back to our office by Monday, November 2, at 4 p.m.

Halloween plans are in the works for the next couple of weekends. This weekend, you can enjoy Hocus Pocus at the theater on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Special thanks to TBK

Bank and Gooch's Foods for sponsoring treats on varying nights this weekend! You can find more information elsewhere in the paper. Watch for more information about next week's festivities, too.

There are a number of job opportunities available in the community right now. Be sure to visit <http://www.greeleycounty.org/housing-jobs/> to learn about open positions.

As a reminder, we've set the date for the Christmas Open House for Friday, November 20. If you'd like to participate, please get in touch. We'll be gathering all information for the flyers on November 2.

Ballot...

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Questions concerning retaining judges in Judicial Offices are:

Shall the following be retained in office? Yes or No:

Justice of Kansas Supreme Court, Position 4: Eric Rosen, Topeka

Judge of Kansas Court of Appeals, Position 4: Sarah E. Warner, Lenexa

Judge of Kansas Court of Appeals, Position 6: David E. Bruns, Topeka

Judge of Kansas Court of Appeals, Position 8: G. Gordon Atcheson, Overland Park

Judge of Kansas Court of Appeals, Position 9: Karen M. Arnold-Burger, Overland Park

Judge of Kansas Court of Appeals, Position 14: Kathryn Gardner, Topeka.

For more information on the election, please contact the Greeley County Election Official in the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

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In compliance with K.S.A. 25-4411 the Automatic Tabulating Equipment for the Greeley County General Election will be tested October 28th, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Unified County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Tribune, Kansas.

Jerri Young
Greeley County Election Officer
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President Trump Signs Sen. Moran's Groundbreaking Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Bill into Law

"This is a significant day for veterans"

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.)—Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee—applauded President Donald Trump's historic signing of their landmark *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act* into law.

In an effort to curb veteran suicide nationwide, Sens. Moran and Tester introduced their bill last Congress to bolster the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) mental health workforce and increase rural veterans' access to care, while expanding veterans' access to alternative and local treatment options like animal therapy, outdoor sports and activities.

"Many of our veterans are suffering from daunting, sometimes overwhelming mental health challenges, that have only been made worse by this pandemic, and lack access to modern, effective and compassionate mental health care and suicide prevention services," said Chairman Moran. "Today, President Trump signed into law the *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act* that will reform mental health care at the VA by hiring and training more professionals in this field, developing innovative methods to reach veterans with care, and establishing a grant program to better collaborate with community organizations across the country already serving veterans. This is a significant day for veterans, and I am grateful to Ranking Member Jon Tester, President Trump and many of my colleagues for working tirelessly this Congress to get this landmark bill signed into law and improve suicide prevention research, services and programs for our nation's veterans."

"This is a historic day for veterans across the country who will now have better access to live-saving mental health services," said Ranking Member Tester. "This new law combines the best ideas from veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, the VA, and mental health care advocates to deliver innovative solutions that'll help heal invisible wounds of war through increased access to care, alternate therapies and local treatment options. I couldn't be prouder to have worked alongside the Hannon family and Chairman Moran to successfully push for this monumental bill to become law. Together, we are following through on our commitment to supporting our nation's heroes, making sure that no veteran falls through the cracks."

This law honors the legacy of Commander John Scott Hannon, a member of the Navy SEALs who served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years. Scott Hannon retired to Montana where he received treatment for his invisible wounds of war while helping other veterans find their own paths to recovery. Scott died by suicide on February 25, 2018.

"This is a very proud moment for my brother and our entire family, as we celebrate the landmark signing of the *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act* into law," said Kim Parrott, John Scott's sister, on behalf of the Hannon family. "This law will provide veterans greater and earlier access to the mental health care they need by requiring the DOD and VA to work together to bridge the transition between military service and civilian

life and conduct research in evidence-based treatments. This has been a long journey shepherded by the shared vision and leadership of both Senators Tester and Moran, and my family thanks them and the many others who worked tirelessly to make this law a reality. Not only will veterans benefit from this work, so will their families and communities."

It is estimated that more than 20 veterans die by suicide every day. Of those, 14 have received no treatment or care from VA. The *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act* will improve outreach to veterans and their mental health care options in six major ways:

- Bolstering VA's mental health workforce to serve more veterans by offering scholarships to mental health professionals to work at Vet Centers and placing at least one Suicide Prevention Coordinator in every VA hospital.

- Improving rural veterans' access to mental health care by increasing the number of locations at which veterans can access VA telehealth services.

- Implementing a pilot program to provide veterans

access to complementary and integrative health programs through animal therapy, agritherapy, sports and recreation therapy, art therapy and post-traumatic growth.

- Establishing a grant program that requires VA to better collaborate with community organizations across the country already serving veterans. This collaboration will result in earlier identification of veterans who are at risk of suicide and will provide the ability to intervene with preventative services.

- Studying the impact of living at high altitude on veterans' suicide risk and diagnostic biomarker research to identify depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and other conditions.

- Holding the VA accountable for its mental health care and suicide prevention efforts by examining how the Department manages its suicide prevention resources.

"We started working on this legislation with Senator Tester and Senator Moran's staff two years ago," said Matt Kuntz, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMI) Montana. "It's been a remarkable journey to get to this point, and I look forward to seeing the critical efforts laid out in this legislation to help our nation's heroes get the right care at the right time for their mental health conditions. NAMI is deeply grateful to Congress and the President for putting this bill into law and in naming it after Commander Hannon, a dear friend and ally."

"On behalf of IAVA, I offer our strongest congratulations to Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Tester on the occasion of President Trump signing into law the *Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act*," said Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America CEO Jeremy Butler. "Battling veteran and military suicide has been, and remains, a very personal priority for our organization, and we greatly appreciate the incredibly bipartisan response to this national crisis. Time and again, we are proud of the work that you do to rise above partisanship on behalf of our community."

Down to Turnout

Insight
Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

There's an old cliché that's become something of an inside joke among people who follow politics a little too closely, me included.

"It all comes down to turnout." On the surface, it's a meaningless tautology, similar to saying the winner of a football game will be the team with the most points.

Dig a little deeper and it captures something reporters know all too well. The number of people voting doesn't determine winners, rather it's the types of voters who cast their ballots. Just as importantly, it also includes those who don't bother to show up. Small shifts in who goes to the polls and who stays home can have lasting impacts.

We're now less than two weeks away from the 2020 election, and turnout is projected to set records. Good campaigns will lose. Bad ones will win. Weak candidates will surprise strong ones. Ballot measures will succeed or fail. And

just like every election you get to play a role in deciding the outcome.

For anyone engaged in agriculture, there's a lot on the line in this election. Issues in federal races range from trade and taxes to the next Farm Bill and even Endangered Species Act reforms. Taxes, water issues and reapportionment will be big items on the docket in Topeka.

While these issues are near and dear to the hearts (and wallets) of farmers and ranchers, they're probably not on the list of matters suburban and urban voters are using to make their voting decisions. There's nothing wrong with that. People living in populated areas have their own issues, their own values.

One need look no further than 2018 to see how a rural-urban divide works when Laura Kelly won the gubernatorial race. She garnered a majority of votes in just six counties and a plurality in three others.

More than 40 percent of registered voters didn't pull a lever in that election.

Boosting turnout just a percentage point or two in the 96 other counties would have easily changed the results of the election. Small shifts would have made a big difference.

The same is going to be true on Nov. 4. It will be easy to look back at who voted, and who didn't, and identify races that could have gone differently.

Voting is the first step, but there's more farmers and ranchers can do to amplify their voices, like boosting turnout. Make those personal phone calls, have those in-person conversations and post to social media. Talk with your friends and neighbors. Talk with your cousins in Kansas City or landlord in Wichita. Talk with anyone else who shares your values and make sure they'll cast a ballot this year.

Like every other election, this one will come down to turnout. Be sure you're included in the outcome. Your voice and your values are on the ballot.

Re-elect Kirby Kleymann

Unified Greeley County General Service District Supervisor

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Thank you!
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