

**Community Development News**  
By Christy Hopkins

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.” – Larry J. Sabato

By the time you read this, we’ll likely know the results of our local and hopefully state elections. (I’d say the timeline for the presidential results could be anyone’s guess.) Regardless of the outcome, I think most will be happy to free their mailboxes from the barrage of mailers, the incessant television ads, and the general air of finger-pointing and insults that has accompanied campaign season 2020.

I’ve been especially struck by the political ad put out by the candidates for Governor of Utah where both the Democratic and Republican candidates appear, promising to keep the campaign civil and pointing out that their goals are relatively similar...

it’s just their strategies and thoughts on how to achieve success that differ.

I’d like to share my thanks with our local candidates for running for office. Being an elected official is not an easy role and it’s so refreshing and encouraging to experience civil political races – where the candidates are more interested in sharing why they are the right choice for the job, rather than beating up on their opponents and their strategies. Thanks to each of you who stepped forward to serve our community. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

Here’s to moving forward as a community, as a state, and as a nation. Regardless of what Tuesday’s election brings, I’m proud and grateful to call Greeley County home.

**2020 Kansas Speaks survey provides insights into Kansans’ thoughts on major issues**

HAYS, Kan. – The Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University today released its annual survey report on the significant issues facing our state and nation. The survey is usually published in the fall, and Institute leaders are pleased to publish this year’s survey in advance of the 2020 election. The report offers insights into how Kansans view the quality of life in the state, taxes, funding priorities, the performance of state and national political leadership, and public policy issues. The public policy issues covered in this year’s report include who voters plan to back in this year’s presidential election, the impact of COVID-19, and the handling of the pandemic by public officials, the security of mail-in voting, the death of Justice Ginsberg, and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Brett Zollinger, Docking Institute’s director and report co-author, believes the timing of this year’s report may be helpful to voters.

“We hope that findings released ahead of the election are particularly interesting to Kansans now when so many of the public affairs issues covered in the survey are on Kansans’ minds as they solidify their voting intentions,” Zollinger said.

This year’s report provides extensive insight into how Kansans perceive the current political, economic and social conditions in our state and the nation. Dr. Jian Sun, report co-author and assistant director of the institute, noticed that Kansans remain optimistic amid the coronavirus pandemic: “Although we see substantial increases as compared with last year in the percentage of respondents feeling the Kansas economy is getting worse and the percentage of respondents being concerned that the Kansas economy would seriously threaten their own or their family’s welfare, a large majority of people still believe that Kansas is at least a ‘good’ place to live, and that Kansas is on the right track.” Other key findings from the study include:

- Nearly 25 percent of respondents report that an adult in their household has lost a job since the start of the coronavirus outbreak.

- This year, the 44 percent who are moderately or very concerned about the economy threatening their own or their family’s welfare is substantially higher than the 28 percent who felt the same way about one year ago in the 2019 Kansas Speaks survey.

- More than 70 percent agreed that “wearing masks/face coverings helps reduce the spread of coronavirus,” and that it is their “responsibility to protect other people from coronavirus by wearing a mask/face covering,” with less than 15 percent disagreeing with those statements.

- Like last year’s Kansas Speaks survey findings, more than 60 percent of respondents support expanding Medicaid in Kansas.

- When asked if the November presidential

election winner should name the successor to Justice Ginsburg, 42.7 percent of respondents said yes, 33.9 percent said no, and 23.5 percent said they don’t know.

- President Trump leads Vice-President Biden by 14.4 percent among registered voters who plan to vote.

The 2020 Kansas Speaks Survey is available online at [http://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/kansas-speaks-report\\_v6](http://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/kansas-speaks-report_v6)

FHSU’s report authors are Dr. Jian Sun, Docking institute assistant director and professor of political science; Dr. Brett Zollinger, institute director and professor of sociology; and Luis Montelongo, institute research coordinator. Docking Institute policy fellows who collaborated on question content for this year’s Kansas Speaks Survey were Dr. Patrick Miller, associate professor of political science at the University of Kansas, and Dr. Michael Smith, professor of political science at Emporia State University. Dr. Miller contributed a major portion of the questions relating to perceptions of mail-in voting, reducing the spread of coronavirus, public confidence in the safety of our election during the pandemic, and perceived impacts of Black Lives Matter protests. Dr. Smith contributed items rating public officials’ handling of the coronavirus, as well as items rating how protests around high profile police behaviors this year have been handled by various actors involved in the protests and by political actors.

**Sen. Moran Statement on the Passing of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) released the following statement regarding the passing of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh:

“Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh was an icon of agricultural policy in Kansas and throughout the nation. Dr. Flinchbaugh was well known for his involvement in helping craft farm bills for nearly five decades, and his authority on agriculture issues made him a trusted advisor to me and many prominent federal officials of both parties throughout his lifetime.

“More importantly Dr. Flinchbaugh was my friend. We met when I called him more than 30 years ago to ask a question about Kansas tax policy. Ever since, I’ve admired and respected (loved) him. He spoke his mind, told me what he thought and made me a better senator and person. His death is a huge loss

to me and all of his many friends, and it is hard to find the words to capture a man revered by so many. There may be no Kansan whose company I enjoyed more.

“Each year I would make a surprise visit to his ag policy class at K-State. His trademark sarcasm, wit and quips that made him a talented professor and a sought-after speaker was always on full display at the front of the classroom. I saw he loved and cared about his students and these feelings were mutual.

“There is no doubt Dr. Flinchbaugh’s presence in ag policy will be felt for generations to come through the thousands of students he taught and mentored during his decades-long career as a professor at K-State. His loss will be felt deeply within the ag community, and Robba and I will be praying for Dr. Flinchbaugh’s family and loved ones during this time.”

**Senator Pat Roberts’ statement on the passing of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) released the below statement following the passing of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh:

“Franki and I are deeply saddened by the news of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh’s passing earlier today. Dr. Flinchbaugh was nothing short of a legend in his field. His expertise made him one of the most coveted and trusted advisors for agricultural policy for decades. Dr. Flinchbaugh’s legacy as an educator and advocate will

live on through his work at Kansas State University and his lifetime of dedication to agriculture. I will not only miss his guidance, but I will also miss his friendship, wit and humor. I have many special memories of Barry, in particular our times together on the “Pat and Dan Show,” where he moderated lively discussions between former Congressman Dan Glickman, our state agriculture groups and myself. Our prayers are with the Flinchbaugh family during this difficult time.”

**Upcoming Activities for Greeley County Schools**

A huge THANK YOU to all the fans and patrons that are following the mask requirements in the gym. I would like the patrons to work on the NO FOOD or DRINK in the gym policy.

**Wednesday - Nov. 4th**

FFA to Garden City

**Thursday - Nov. 5th**

JH BB @ Sharon Springs

3:30 MT Start - MASK ARE REQUIRED

**Monday - Nov. 9th**

JH QB @ Dighton 2:00 pm MT

**Tuesday - Nov. 10th**

JH BB vs Quinter at Home

- 3:00 pm MT

HS SB @ Syracuse - 3:00 pm MT

Once again, to keep up on the times and regulations of communities we are

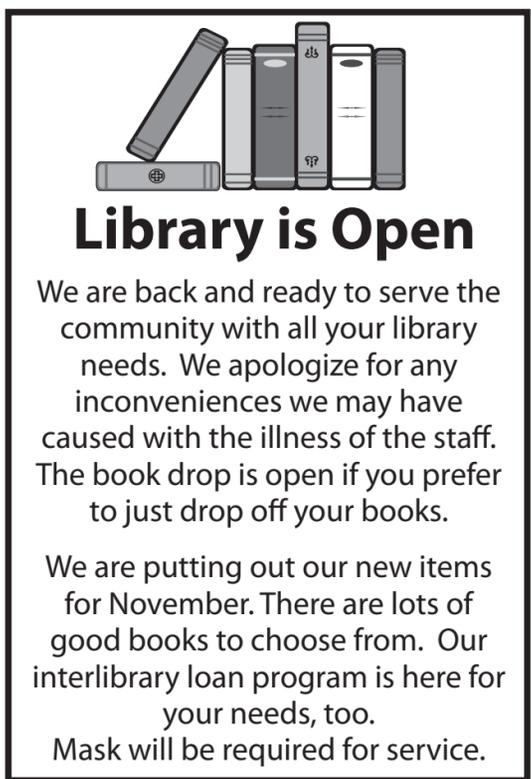
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click on the “Athletics” tab. THANK YOU to all

that attend, support, and help with all the activities

Greeley County School participates in and support

all the athletes of Greeley County Schools.



**Library is Open**

We are back and ready to serve the community with all your library needs. We apologize for any inconveniences we may have caused with the illness of the staff. The book drop is open if you prefer to just drop off your books.

We are putting out our new items for November. There are lots of good books to choose from. Our interlibrary loan program is here for your needs, too. Mask will be required for service.

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**Phase 2 of Street Construction starts Monday, Nov. 2nd.**

**Emergency Entrance:**  
Access ER from Greeley Ave. The South door of Ambulance Garage will be open to ambulances.

**COVID Testing:**  
The Decon Entrance remains the same, patients will need to walk around the ambulance garage to the North side to the Decon Door.

**Physical Therapy:**  
Physical Therapy patients will need to drive from Greeley Ave. and park South of the Emergency Entrance. P.T. patients can enter from the Emergency Room entrance to get to the Physical Therapy department.

**We apologize for any inconvenience!**

**Due to the street construction, there will be no MRI services November 4th and 11th. Nuc Med will also be cancelled on November 6th.**

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**For questions, please contact Greeley County Clinic at 620-376-4251.**