

☞ - Today, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day. Thank you to all veterans and their families for their service to our nation!

☞ - Greeley County can be very proud of the 74.25% voter turnout for the 2020 fall election. We had some contested races locally and nationally, which always helps turnout. But also helping I think is the opportunity for early voting – to go when it's convenient for the voters.

Thanks to Jerri Young, the county election official, and the poll workers for working those extra early-voting days.

☞ - CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Melissa Walk and their daughters, Payton and Mallory, on the purchase and opening of Rocket Tire and Auto! We welcome them and wish them the very best!

☞ - Greeley County's covid case numbers are creeping up, one or two every few days. We are now up to 56 cases as of Monday, November 9. We have much lower numbers than many other counties, but our population is smaller, too.

They say social distance, stay home when possible especially if sick, wear masks, sanitize.....and think positive, calming thoughts and pray.

☞ - We had many, many pine siskins at our finch feeder this weekend. We have never had these birds in our yard before. They like nyjer/thistle seeds and lined up at the feeder perches all day. It was fun to have them there.

A couple neighborhood cats also thought it was fun, but didn't stay long once we discovered them.

☞ - It's rather unusual to have two Greeley County businesses change owners in the same week. It's good that there are willing buyers. We wish both Rocket Tire & Auto and Skyland Grain the best.

☞ - What a strange time. Everything seems to be in a state of flux. I always revert back to my relational paradigm to try and make sense of the world.

We have entered a many-to-many world. In the old world there were clear hierarchies, clear sources of authority and truth. When I got out of school in 1966 I bought a set of Encyclopedia Britannica. It was the source of scientific truth. Now I go online.

In 1966 this local newspaper was the one source that communicated to the whole community. Now everyone can communicate. It's online, instantaneous and in color. It's many-to-many.

The problem with the many-to-many is that there is no one source for the truth and we seem to have split into two camps. The President says it's fake news. The news anchor cuts away from the President's speech saying that he is not telling the truth.

The online media has tried to put the genie back in the bottle by censoring entries that don't conform to their "truth." But it's too late. We can try but we cannot eliminate the individual voice.

Another path is to learn how the one and the many can work together. To identify the two sides is only the first step. The real work is not to eliminate one view, but to learn how the two can work together.

I am in the process of trying to figure out how to change the paper to take advantage of the new reality and to integrate the old and the new. I will keep you posted.



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### Tribune's Christmas Open House, Friday, November 20

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Join your friends and neighbors this Friday, November 20, for Tribune's Christmas Open House. A full slate of festive, free activities is scheduled, sure to delight children and adults alike. Downtown stores will be open late for holiday shopping, the first clue for the Christmas Medallion hunt will be posted, and Christmas cheer will fill the air as community members enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides, virtual visits with Santa, a free children's movie, and much more.

There are a few adjustments due to COVID, including the pre-scheduling of carriage rides and virtual visits with Santa. Bookings can be made on [www.greeleycounty.org](http://www.greeleycounty.org) or by calling the Greeley County Community Development office at (620) 376-2548. The traditional soup and pie supper at the VFW has been cancelled.

#### Activities include:

**Book Sale.** The Greeley County Library will host a book sale from 5-6:30 p.m. The book sale will then run through the month of December.

**Free Horse-drawn Carriage Rides.** The free carriage rides will run from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. departing from First Farm Bank, which is graciously sponsoring the carriage rides. Reserve your ride online at [www.greeleycounty.org](http://www.greeleycounty.org).

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**Free Virtual Visits with Santa.** Santa will visit with children virtually from 5-7 p.m. Children will go to the Greeley County Community Development office to have their meeting. Reserve your time with Santa online at [www.greeleycounty.org](http://www.greeleycounty.org)

**Free Children's Movie** – The Santa Clause. Tribune's Star Theater will show The Santa Clause at 6:30 p.m. TBK Bank is graciously sponsoring the free movie.

**A Take Home Craft & Pre-Packaged Snacks** will be available at the CYAT Center from 4-6 p.m. This activity is being sponsored by Greeley County Recreation. The CYAT Center will also host the Angel Tree.

**Craft Fair.** The Christmas Fair invites crafters, merchants, and other displays to set up booths in a convenient downtown location. Booths are available and can be arranged by contacting the Greeley County Community Development office at (620) 376-2548. The Craft Fair will open its doors at 4 p.m.

**Christmas Tree Lighting.** At 6:15, gather around the tree between City Hall and Elliott Insurance for the official lighting of the Christmas Tree. Students from Greeley County Schools will perform a couple of Christmas songs.

**I Know a Guy** will host Thanks, Man which will include a gingerbread man and a thank you note to pay-

it-forward to someone you appreciate. The event will run from 5-7 p.m.

**The Community Angel Tree** will be set up at the CYAT Center.

**Business Specials.** Downtown businesses will be running specials, some throughout the day and some in the evening.

**Ashley's Graphics** will have specials from 4-8 p.m., offering 20% off on fall tees and 50% on everyday tees. New Christmas apparel and accessories will be available and customers will be entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate with every purchase.

**Dixon Drug** will offer 20% off with free gift wrapping from 4-8 p.m. (some exclusions will apply.) Fine jewelry will be 25-50% off.

**Farm Boys Tire & Service** will host an open house from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. and have refreshments and a drawing for those who attend.

**Farm Bureau Financial & Greeley County Farm Bureau** will host an open house from 5-7 p.m. at their new location at 107 and 109 Greeley Avenue. They will have snacks, drawings, and giveaways.

**Farmer's Daughter Mercantile** will have their mobile boutique open downtown from 4-8 p.m.

**Gooch's Foods** will be open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and shoppers can enter to win \$100 in free groceries.

They can also enter the drawing for a free roaster. They will host a Sip & Shop from 5-6 p.m. The winners will be drawn on November 20, 2020 and entrants do not have to be present to win.

**Rocket Tire & Auto** will have in-house sales all week long.

**Saks on Broadway** will be open extended hours, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**TBK Bank** will have their Coloring Contest Winner posted in their windows. Winners will be announced at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

**Shop Locally for Christmas Program:** The Shop Locally for Christmas program will begin Friday, November 20, with the first drawing scheduled for Wednesday, November 25.

**Medallion Hunt.** The first clue for the annual medallion hunt will be posted on Friday, November 20. Clues will come out weekly after that. Once found, the medallion must be turned in immediately to claim the \$100 Greeley County Bucks prize.

If you have questions about an event or activity, please contact the organization in charge or Greeley County Community Development at (620) 376-2548. For a printable schedule of events, please visit [www.greeleycounty.org](http://www.greeleycounty.org).

### Skyland Grain, LLC, purchases Chem-Till Spray Co.

Skyland Grain, LLC is pleased to announce they have entered into a contract to purchase Chem-Till Spray Co. in Horace, Kansas. Anticipated effective date will be December 1.

Chem-Till is a full service agronomy operation serving Greeley County and the surrounding areas. With this new addition, Skyland looks forward to continuing to serve the area with chemical and fertilizer application as well as chemicals, dry and liquid fertilizers.

Jon Bjorklund, who will continue to manage and oversee its operation, was also the previous owner. "He has done a great job taking care of the producers in this area and we look forward to continuing the same service that Skyland customers have come to know," says Justin Ochs Director of Agronomy for Skyland.

With this purchase, Skyland will be able to continue growing their customer base as well as better serving their current customers in that area. Please contact Justin Ochs (620)492-6210 or Jon Bjorklund (620) 376-8052 at for more information.

### 4-H Christmas Tree Sales

It is hard to believe, but that time of the year is fast approaching! The 4-H Clubs of Greeley County will once again be selling Christmas Trees for the community. We will have a variety of trees in various heights. We can also special order a "Flocked" tree for you or a tree of special height. We will also have available the Green and Flocked Holiday Wreaths. If you would like to special order a Flocked Tree or need a special size of tree, please call the Extension Office at (620) 376-4284 by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

4-H Clubs will begin selling trees the weekend after Thanksgiving (Saturday from 10am to 2 pm and Sunday from 1 to 3 pm) and the first weekend of December (Same times). Trees will be located at the Ross Kuttler Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. We purchase our trees from Delp Christmas Tree Farm in St. John, KS. Please visit their website at [www.delptreefarm.com](http://www.delptreefarm.com) for further information about the trees they offer. Happy Holidays!

—Todd Schmidt, Extension Agent

### USD 200 Board of Education Special Meeting

- Nov. 6th, 2020 7:30 a.m.
- I. Call to Order
  1. Swearing in of new board member
  - II. Approval of the Agenda
  - III. New Business
    1. Resignation
    2. Used activity bus bids
  - IV. Adjournment



The former and new owners are l-to-r Lesa Nolan, Dale Nolan, Paul Walk, Payton Walk, Melissa Walk, Mallory Walk, Ryker and Felisha Moritz, and Travis Hoffman.

### Walks Purchase Crosswire, Will Operate as Rocket Tire & Auto

Paul and Melissa Walk sat down at the dining room table near the front counter at their new business, Rocket Tire & Auto, while their oldest daughter Payton brushed a fresh coat of paint on the inside trim on the front windows. Younger daughter Mallory hangs out in the office nearby, and today, near the end of their first week in business, the Walks are seeing long-held dreams come to life.

For the Walks, Rocket Tire & Auto is many things – an opportunity to have their own shop, a venture to utilize Paul's long-held maintenance and mechanic talents, a chance to be a part of the Greeley County business community, a way to spend more time together as a family.

"I wanted to be home more," said Paul, "and when this opportunity opened up, it seemed like a good fit."

Melissa appreciates that it allows Paul more time to be a part of Payton and Mallory's lives.

"I like that we can work together and make it a family business," Melissa

says. "Payton helps with filing and bookwork and Mallory helps stock shelves. We all have our jobs."

Paul and Melissa will take that team approach and apply it to operations at Rocket Tire & Auto. Paul will spend his days mostly in the shop, completing service jobs, oil changes, tire repair, tire sales, and small service jobs alongside Travis Hoffman, who will continue working for Rocket Tire & Auto. Melissa will manage the front of the shop, answering the phone, helping customers with parts, scheduling appointments, and managing the billing. Melissa looks forward to expanding her knowledge of parts and supplies and hopes that her presence at the front counter will help people, especially other women, to feel more empowered to take on repair and maintenance projects.

Both Paul and Melissa are excited to dig into the business.

Their first priorities, aside from providing high-quality, reliable service to area residents, is to make some

cosmetic adjustments in the front of the store, create a comfortable waiting area for customers, and to add some additional items including aftermarket auto parts and accessories and some Kansas products including honey. Yoder Meats' snack sticks already line the front counter.

They've also opted to add Saturday hours, planning to be open from 7 a.m. - 12 noon.

Paul and Melissa both expressed their gratitude to Dale and Lesa Nolan, who owned Crosswire Tire & Auto.

"They have been so welcoming, so open, so friendly, as we explored this opportunity," said Melissa. "It has been an easy transition, working with people we know, people who want us to succeed."

The Walks have long been connected to Greeley County. Paul grew up and graduated from high school here and Melissa was raised in nearby Leoti. Yet, both say this step feels significant.

"We have always felt

tied to Greeley County," Melissa said, recalling times when it wasn't technically home. "Owning a downtown business here feels like it solidifies that. We are so grateful for all the other business owners and community members who have stopped by to congratulate us. We really appreciate the support."

Customers are encouraged to stop in anytime and Rocket Tire & Auto will be running sales and specials throughout the week of November 16. Working with a parts store warehouse and five tire distributors, the Walks have access to a wide array of parts and tires, which can be delivered to our community quickly if the items are not already in stock.

Rocket Tire & Auto is located at 304 Broadway in Tribune and is open Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. The phone number is (620) 376-4356 and Rocket Tire & Auto can also be found on Facebook.