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April

- 2nd - Skyler Arb
- 3rd - Stan Stewart III
- 4th - Hailey Westcott
- 5th - Preston Patton
- 6th - Emily Elbert
- 8th - Kelli Elbert
 - Avery Patton
 - Justin Tarver
 - Ryan Kellison
- 9th - Britney Hinrichs
- 11th - Brian Hultgren
 - Charley Wilson
- 12th - Kaitlin Centlivre
- 15th - Maylea Hamlin
- 17th - Alec Short
- 18th - Jackie Leffler
- 23rd - Caleb Klaus
- 25th - Jessie Ciero
- 28th - Connor Arb
- 30th - Ronnie Crane

Mike & Vicki Ross

April 5th

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

USD 251 Cafeteria

3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

City Hall

2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FIRE BOARD MEETING

Library

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

Library

4th Monday @ 5:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT

City Hall

2nd Wednesday @ 3:00 p. m.

AMERICUS TOWNSHIP

Library

Last Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

Trash pick up has changed to Fridays!

Residential trash rates increase \$1.00 from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per month. Dumpsters increase \$5.00 per cubic yard.



AMERICUS
Community Center

516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835
For reservations call City Hall at 620-443-5655

For more information on renting the
Americus Community Center
call Americus City Hall at
620-443-5655.



Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served



Stop signs save lives.
Come to a complete stop and look both ways.

KNOW YOUR SPEED

The city has purchased a speed indicator sign. The sign will be moved to different location around town.



From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the March 14th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HAMLIN, and BURTON. HARMON and HINRICHS were absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14 th business meeting. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the February 14 th business meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the accounts payable for March 2023 in the amount of \$12,146.78. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: BURTON reported that Nick had the sewer lines at College Block televised, all lines look good and are functioning. The sewer line that runs down the middle of the block does not go all the way through. We will probably need to tie that to the other line before we sell. Nick will work on getting bids to attach the sewer line.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: No report

CLERK: Bryan Fisher has petitioned to vacate portions of Hickory and East Streets. There will be a public hearing with Planning & Zoning on April 3 rd , 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

HARMON arrived at 7:13 p.m.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

1. 2022 AUDIT: Audit engagement letter The council received the letter of understanding of services provided by Cindy Jensen to the City of Americus for audit services for the year ending 2021. Moved by BURTON to approve the audit engagement letter. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

2. SEWER: Maintenance/Inspection Agreement Two bids have been received for 3-year Maintenance/Inspection agreements. Bid 1 is from A-1 Pump & Jet: \$29,190.00 (\$9,730.00 annually) to annually clean 14,500 linear feet of sewer line, provide camera inspection of 1,450 feet of sewer line, hydro-clean and vacuum out debris from 2 lift stations and provide a 2-year guarantee against stoppage in each section after cleaning. Bid 2 is from Mayer Specialty Services (Goddard, KS) for \$41,325.00, (yr. 1 - \$13,630.00, yr. 2 - \$13,775.00, and yr. 3 - \$13,920.00) for the cleaning and televising of the lines with an additional \$315.00 hr. to clean the lift stations. Moved by HARMON to authorize the mayor to sign the 3-year contract with A-1 Pump & Jet for \$29,190.00 (9,730.00 annually). Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

3. HARRY & LLOYD'S: Temporary liquor license for April 8 th (FHGR) Mike Phillips is applying for a temporary liquor license for the basketball courts for the April 8 th Flint Hills Gravel Ride. The dates and times requested are April 8 th – April 9 th , 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Moved by BURTON to approve the temporary liquor license for Mike Phillips for the city park basketball courts starting April 8 th at 9 a.m. and ending April 9 th at 2 a.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 3-0-1 vote. HAMLIN abstained.

4. THE LIQUOR SHED: Liquor license renewal Moved by HAMLIN to approve the renewal of the liquor license for The Liquor Shed. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Radar gun The department has found a refurbished 2004 radar gun for \$797.25 plus shipping, brand new these run \$3,200. This one is in much better shape than the one we have now, it only needed new lights, a screen, and a new antenna. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the purchase of the refurbished 2004 radar gun not to exceed \$1,000. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

6. FURNITURE: City Hall Options were presented to the council for a new police desk and two clerks’ desks, and one new office chair. Moved by HARMON to approve the purchase of a police desk for \$626.84 and two clerks’ desks for \$1986.24 from Navrat’s, and one office chair for \$350.00 from Amazon. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 4-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Tuesday, April 11th , 2023 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 14 th business meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. GRASS MOWING RELEASE FORMS: Yearly applications to hay ground

2. COLLEGE BLOCK:

3. QUICKBOOKS: Discuss end of service/upgrade options

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NEW POLICY in effect:

In an effort to improve the appearance of our cemeteries especially with mowing and weed-eating the Americus Township Board has adopted a policy banning the planting of trees, shrubs, plants or flowers in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered and will be put in place in the near future. We also ask that when placing other items that they be placed in such a manner as to not interfere with maintenance. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Flint Hills Gravel Ride is coming to Americus on April 8th, 2023. Locust Street from Main Street East through Fifth Street will be closed Friday, April 7th at 6pm through Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 pm. The basketball courts will also be closed Friday night through part of the day Saturday as the FHGR staff will be setting up for the event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the city and we will try to help you get to the right person.

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April 8th, 2023

Americus, KS

Register at

www.flinthillsgravel.com

Gravel Cycling

The Journey - 30'ish miles

The Rage - 30'ish miles
(18 and under)

The Challenge - 85'ish

The Adventure - 125'ish

Gravel Running

The Pebble - 6km

The Rock - 10km

The Boulder - 21km



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APRIL IS A MONTH FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Smell the air; it's fresh and clean. Finally we can open the doors and windows and take in a fresh breath of air. That's what makes April such a special month. It's a month of renewal and encouragement. This has been true for at least two thousand years, since the day Jesus arose from the dead; that special day called Easter.

"But He said to them, 'do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here...'" (Mark 16:6)

Hallelujah, Jesus is Alive!

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.
Pastor Rich Arnold



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- ✔ Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
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Americus United Methodist Church

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620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 am
Worship Service
Sundays at 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday

Saturday

April 4th

April 22nd

6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.443.5371. Thank you to the community for all donations

Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district only.

**DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.
WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US.**



Countryside Baptist Church

6 First Street, P.O. Box 524
Americus, KS 66835

SUNDAY

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Pastor Rich Arnold

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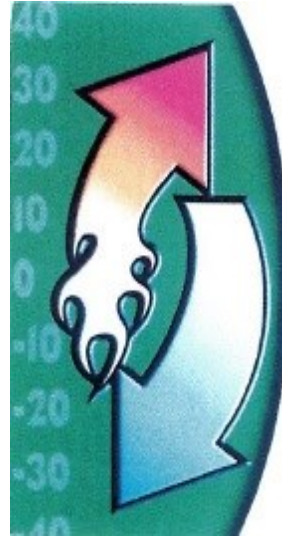


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Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org
Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Preschool Story time
Thursdays-10:00 to 10:30 am.

The Crayon Initiative is a wonderful organization. When you donate your unwanted or broken crayons, they will recycle them into new ones. These new crayons are then donated to schools, hospitals, or art programs. The library has a drop-box!



National Library week
April 23rd - 29th

Come in and see what your local Library has to offer



Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

Many Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

Do you think you would qualify for **HOME BOUND LIBRARY SERVICES?**

Call us to see how we can help!



Bargain Hunters

The City Wide sale will be on
Saturday June 17th.

The master list will be distributed to local businesses the afternoon prior to the sale. If you wish to have your sale added to the list call city hall 620.443.5655

Americus Alumni Banquet

May 27, 2023

**North Lyon County Attendance Center
in Americus**

Social Hour starts at 5 pm

Dinner starts at 6 pm

Make your reservations no later than

Friday May 12th

(The caterer needs total reservations by
May 12th)

**Make your reservations by calling
Kansasland Bank (620)443-5163**

(Bank hours 8:30 am to 4 pm; closed
Saturday)

Cost is \$15.00

Animal Clinic

The 2023 annual animal clinic will be held

May 13th

in the Americus City Park.

Dr. Scott Gordon, DVM, will be here to
vaccinate your pets between 9:00 am - 11:00 am.



Dog registrations with the city will be available during the clinic.

Watch for more information in the May Newsletter.



Check out more about our donor on their Facebook Page:



Americus Masonic Lodge #109

Thank You

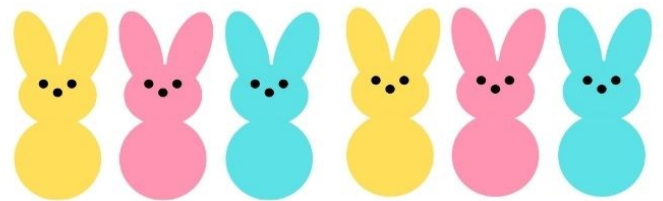
Americus Masonic Lodge #109
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Lending Library

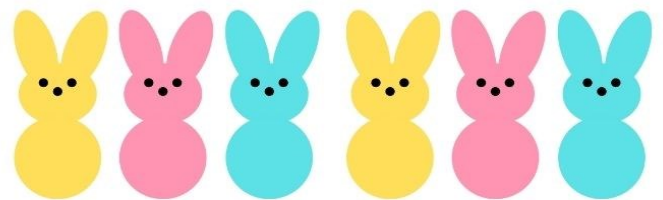
Did you know that one of the things Project Playscape does is collect books throughout the year, to keep the Lending Library at the park fully stocked?

As many parents in the community know, these books are well loved and hard to keep in stock! Please keep us in mind when you want to downsize your book collection!

We take Adult, Young Adult, Teen, and Children's Books!



Happy Easter from Project Playscape!



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY MAY 13TH

Americus Ballfield Complex Grand Opening:

- *Ribbon Cutting
- *Donor Recognition
- *Vintage Baseball
- *Hotdog/Hamburger Community Feed
- *Emporia Art Mobile
- *Firework-Parachutes
& More!

Check out the Facebook event page for more details as they are announced.



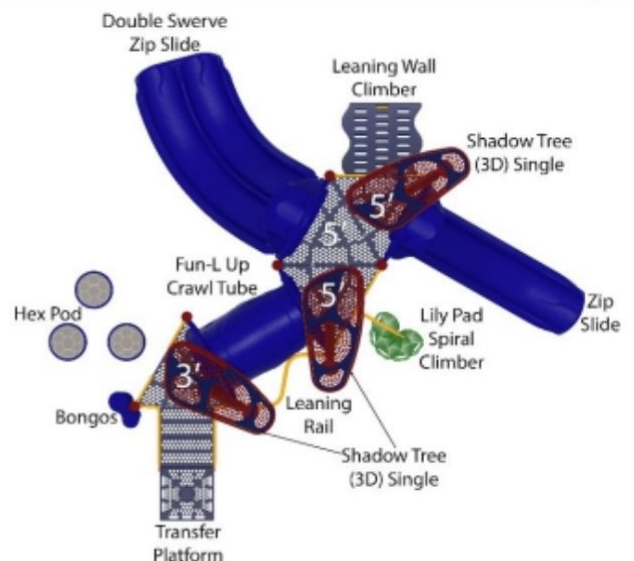
Check out the new playground set that will be installed at the Ballfields!



We thank Jane & Bernard Reeble-The Reeble Foundation for their support & grant for this project! Please scan the QR to find out more about our donors!



Do you want to volunteer for install? Text 620-794-1685 and we'll notify you when we get date & time figured out!



PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

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We are hopeful with the upcoming fundraisers and the continued grant writing efforts, that we will be able to install the splashpad early this summer! The splashpad would be placed at the city park, where the volleyball poles are. Thank you for your continued support!
-Project Playscape



EXPLORE THE FLINT HILLS WITH US



The Pebble

The Pebble is a 6K "Gravel" run! A taste of the Flint Hills gravel! The Pebble is our intro distance. A fun for the whole family Walk/Jog/Run. The Pebble is essentially the same course as our 10K (The Rock) but heads back a little early. A mix of pavement, gravel and IF DRY, dirt roads.



The Rock

The Rock is a 10K "Gravel" run. A little more gravel for your enjoyment! The gravel roads are hard packed with only slight elevation gain. You'll have a beautiful morning run through the surrounding fields of Americus. We throw in a little hard packed dirt ONLY IF DRY.



The Boulder

The Boulder is our "get out and view the country" 21K "Gravel" run. Rolling gravel roads outside of Americus, KS. A little hard packed dirt if it's dry and hopefully a creek crossing or two. April is always a mixed bag of weather but no one wants to play in the mud so the course will be ready for what April brings.



Registration is open for the Flint Hills Gravel Ride & they have included fundraising for Project Playscape again! FHGR is offering a 6k & 10k Run/Walk/Jog. Net proceeds from these will go directly to Project Playscape: For more information go to the QR Code!



Like "Flint Hills Gravel Ride" on Facebook!



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Where? Americus, Kansas
When? April 8, 2023

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NOVEMBER 15, 2022



Tickets on sale for the Banquet!

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

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2nd Annual Banquet & Auction

Sat. April 22nd 6-11pm

NLCYA Community Building

Dinner:

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Dessert

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**\$30
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All proceeds to go towards the Splashpad! Have fun with your friends while raising money for a great community project!

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We are looking for auction items to be donated for the upcoming banquet! Are you a business or small business that would like to donate a basket or item/(s)? We would love to promote your business by donating towards our auction. For more information see our facebook post!



Are you a community member or supporter that would like to help?

We are looking for:

auction items, baskets, handmade items, items to make into themed baskets, etc. Do you have items that could be upcycled? We will take good lumber, furniture, etc. that could be upcycled for new auction items!

PM us through Facebook, by email, or text Britney @620-794-1685



Project Playscape
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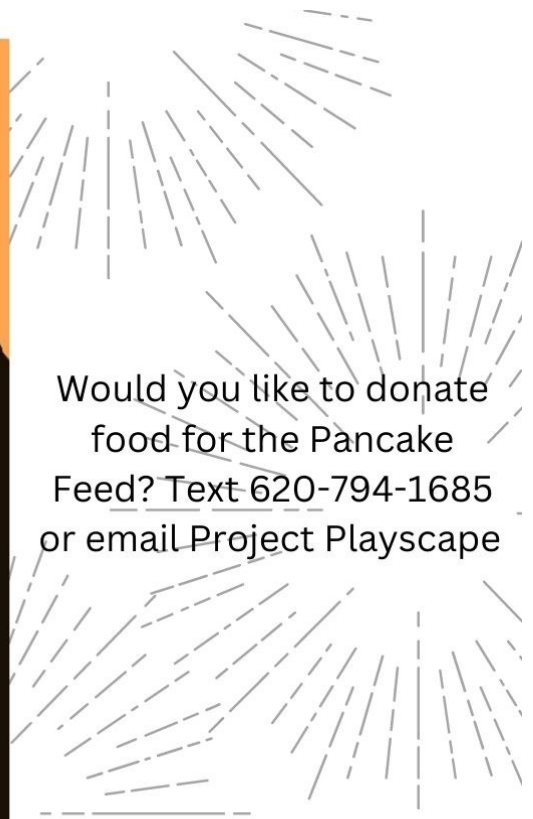
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April Schedule
5th & 19th
May Schedule
3rd & 17th

City Hall

Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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