



WELCOME TO  
**AMERICUS**

FOUNDED IN 1857

"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"

February, 2020



1st - Annette Barr

Max Olson

4th - David Elbert

Trinity Duncan

6th - Takoda Lunsford

Aaron Larson

7th - Carly Piper

Colton Miller

Nicky Nuessen

9th - Katrina Morgan

Addison Hinrichs

10th - Lucinda Duncan

Vicki Ross

Jacquelyne Leffler

Matthew Kellison

11th - Dentin Matile

12th - Wyatt Pope

Deborah Webb

Linda Edmunds

14th - Marcia Johnson

Cohen Birk

16th - Roy Nuessen

17th - Kortney Wilmore

18th - Ron Redelfs

19th - Jana Smart

20th - Betty Brown

Bill Leffler

22nd - Belle Grimsley

23rd - Betsy Landwehr

Eddie Lee

27th - Linda Clark

## New Sewer Rates

The new sewer rates will begin with your February 2020 bill.

The following are the new rates:

|                    | <u>Current Rates</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Residential - Low  | \$33.12              |
| Residential - High | \$45.82              |
| Business - Low     | \$39.68              |
| Business - High    | \$52.44              |
| Extra Tap          | \$ 5.52              |

### PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

1st Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

### AMERICUS RECREATION

#### 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

Fire Station

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 Tuesday @ 8:00 p.m.

### RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30

Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

*Happy Anniversary*

Steve & Mona Wyatt

February 3rd

Dale & Belle Grimsley

February 14th

Derek & Christina Wells

February 16th

Sid & Katrina Morgan

February 26th

Richard & Mary Littlefield

February 26th

Justin & Krystle Tarver

February 16th



*Americus United Methodist Church* would like

to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Harry & Lloyd's and all who took part in the chili contest and corn hole tournament in January.

*Americus Community Food Pantry* thanks everyone for their generosity and support! Many families will have food and toiletries that otherwise would be without.

Again, **THANK YOU** so much. The pantry is so blessed to be supported by this community.



# From City Hall:

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

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HAMLIN, NUESSEN, HINRICHS, BIRK and BURTON. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Kelly Siebert, Police Chief Jody Meyers and Maintenance Nick Gadino.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Evan Wilson and David Devore.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *December 10, 2019 business meeting.* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 3-0-2 BURTON and BIRK abstained.

**BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HINRICHS to pay the January bills in the amount of \$15,304.74. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 4-0-1 vote BIRK abstained.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** City Clerk Marcia Johnson gave the council new contact sheets with council and employee contact numbers. Clerk Johnson reported there were 23 sewer accounts that were charged the yearly \$100 late fee. Nick Gadino reported from maintenance, the department has been cleaning ditches and maintaining roads. The department has also been working on replacing the wood on picnic tables and painting them. HINRICHS reported that she will be attending a grant writing class in Emporia. The fund raising for the ball fields has reached \$35,100.00. HINRICHS has been making presentations and has applied for other grants that have yet to be awarded.

Steve Atherton has received a copy of the Americus bill language from Mark Schreiber, drafted by Mike Heim from the revisor's office. The bill will be introduced the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA:** Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** *Ball field update / site survey.* Dave Devore presented the council with an agreement for a park survey and staking. The scope of services would be a topographic and boundary survey of the park, identifying road right of way, grade elevations, site improvements, utilities and landscape features. Provide grade stakes for west ballfield improvements along proposed outfield fence as requested by the city. The cost for the topographic and boundary survey is not to exceed \$5,380.00, ballfield fence staking is not to exceed \$2,030.00 for a total survey and staking cost of \$7,410.00. The council is asking for a proposal if the work was to be done in phases. David will work up a proposal for the council with the work performed in 2 phases.

David Devore left at 7:33 p.m.

2. **SPONSORSHIP:** *Flinthills League Shootout Tournament & game of the week.* There would be no guarantee the sponsorship announcement would be during N.H.H.S. games. It is not clear if the N.H.H.S. have a home game that is also a game of the week. Moved by NUESSEN to approve the donation of \$100 towards the N.H.H.S. boys' and girls' basketball teams. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

3. **RECYCLE CENTER:** *Upcoming changes.* Jason Dye will continue to operate the recycle center through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The council will appoint a member to oversee the recycle center at the May meeting.

4. **MAINTENANCE:** *Upcoming department changes (head).* BIRK volunteered to perform the duty of department head of maintenance until the May appointments. Mayor Wright appointed Larry Birk head of maintenance.

5. **RESOLUTION 272:** *Cleanup of property at 401 Elm.* Moved by NUESSEN to adopt resolution 272. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote. Consensus of council to have maintenance perform the work.

6. **RESOLUTION 271:** *GAAP Waiver.* GAAP Waiver for the 2019 audit. Moved by HINRICHS to adopt resolution 271. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

**MAINTENANCE:** *Backhoe purchase.* The Mayor and maintenance Nick Gadino are asking to be able to put a deposit down on a machine to hold it until a special meeting can be held and funds secured. Moved by BIRK to allow up to \$1,000 for a deposit towards a backhoe. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

Moved by NUESSEN to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion seconded by HAMLIN, 5-0 vote.

## **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** (as of print time)

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. **PARKS & RECREATION:** *Ball field update / site survey.*
2. **MAINTENANCE:** *Backhoe purchase*
3. **2019 AUDIT:** *Engagement letter from Cindy Jensen.*
4. **FILED COMPLAINT:** *414 Pine, no city dog tags and running at large.*
5. **CELL PHONE:** *Change of service for the maintenance cell phone.*
6. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** *Hiring of a code enforcement officer.*
7. **STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE:** *Review of annual agreement.*
8. **SEWER RATES:** *annual review of sewer rates.*

**We invite our community to join us.** Mayor Dustin Wright, Council President Lea Hamlin, Britney Hinrichs, Kayla Burton, Larry Birk and Nicky Nuessen

# ARE YOU HOUNDING FOR **FASTER INTERNET SPEEDS?**

S&A Communications, Inc., (S&A), based in Allen, Kansas, is considering expanding its services to Americus, Kansas. Internet speeds up to 200Mbps over our FiberStream Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Network would be available with a one-time installation fee of \$500.

## **INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!**

To help us understand the demand for FTTH in your area, please contact us to express your interest in bringing leading edge Fiber Internet to Americus!

Visit [satelephone.com](http://satelephone.com) and click on the "Add Service" link, or contact our office at **(800) 626-8859** to learn more.



800.626.8859  
[SATelephone.com](http://SATelephone.com)

Please note, our website pricing reflects current bundled packages. Telephone and data bundles will be available shortly.

# Americus Police Department



## Code Enforcement

January 1<sup>st</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

- 604 Walnut #13 - Rabies violation
- 311 Broadway - Rabies violation
- 411 Cherry - Rabies violation
- 1 Walnut - Rabies violation
- 601 Main - abandoned Ice box on premises
- 502 Orange - Trash on property
- 516 Locust - Junk vehicle
- 401 Elm - Resolution for trash



Saturday, February 15, 2020  
7 AM - 10 AM

## NLCYA Breakfast

NLC COMMUNITY CENTER  
ALLEN, KS



## Cindy's Leather Repair

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All types of leather repairing:

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443-5993 Leave a Message

Crafty Crocheters .... Come have a crafty time.

Starting February 4<sup>th</sup> Crafty Crocheters will start the New Year meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We are meeting at Americus Township Library from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.



All are welcome from the novice to the pro. We'll even teach you how if you want to learn. If you are interested or have questions call Evelyn Good at 620-412-6779.

## Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS



## Fundraiser

on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for school supplies for students attending Americus Elementary and Junior High. Potato bar will be hosted at the Americus United Methodist Church from 11:30 to 1 pm. Baked potatoes, toppings, salad, deserts, and drinks will be served.

Free will donation.

*Come enjoy good food and fellowship.*

## Happy VALENTINE'S

»»» — DAY —>>>

From the

*City of Americus*



## DID YOU KNOW:

When you move to Americus there are many aspects involved in setting up a house; utilities, newspaper, Post office. If you have a concern with your services here is a list of who to call.

**Telephone:** Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125

**Cellphone Provider:** Nex-Tech Wireless 620-487-5800

**Electricity:** Evergy - 1-800-383-1183

**Cable T.V.** No cable available.

**Water:** Rural Water Dist. #1 - 800-879-9050

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

**Post Office:** Americus Post Master - 620-443-5333

**Senior Center:** Open 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. - 620-443-5352

**Sewer:** City of Americus 620-443-5655

(May pay at KansasLand Bank)

**Trash:** Steve's Trash Service 620-392-5626 (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

For questions about billing, activation and to stop service call:

City of Americus - 620-443-5655

### **Natural Gas:**

Black Hills Energy - 888-890-5554

### **Internet Service:**

Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125

KwiKom Communications - 800-379-7292 (Iola)

Mercury Wireless - 620-487-7800 or 800-354-4915

Nex-Tech Wireless - 620-487-5800

### **Americus Police:**

Police Department - 620-443-5899

if you are unable to reach us call the Lyon Co. Sheriff

Dept. at 620-342-5545

**Emergency call 911**



## Country Side Baptist Church

6 First Street, P.O. Box 524

Americus, KS 66835

### SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service with praise music

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group for grades K thru 12  
6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

### For more information:

For Worship, call Pastor Rick Smith at (620) 273-8407

For Sunday School, call Brenda at (620)366-1965

For Youth Group, call Carla at (620) 794-1361

For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177



## United Presbyterian Church

of Americus, Kansas

563 Broadway Street



**Morning Worship - every Sunday at 9 am**  
fellowship following worship

Wherever you are on your life's journey, we invite you to join us every Sunday for worship and fellowship

For more information please visit our website  
[www.AmericusUnitedPresbyterian.org](http://www.AmericusUnitedPresbyterian.org)

 [facebook.com/amicuspresbyterian](https://facebook.com/amicuspresbyterian)

## Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS  
620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School  
Sundays at 9:15 am

Worship Service  
Sundays at 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School  
During services



Americus Community Food Pantry  
**Tuesday** **Saturday**

February 4<sup>th</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

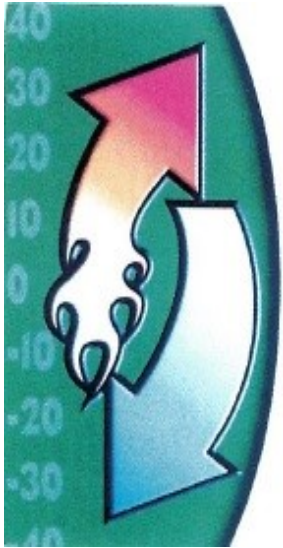
6:30 pm. - 8 pm.

10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

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Emporia, KS 66801  
620-487-5800

[www.nex-techwireless.com](http://www.nex-techwireless.com)



Questions? Contact Customer Care - 877-621-2600

Customers are subject to taxes and must meet credit requirements. Nex-Tech Wireless is eligible to receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund in designated areas. As a result, Nex-Tech Wireless must meet reasonable requests for service in these areas. Questions or complaints concerning service issues may be directed to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection by calling 1-800-662-0027.

## 1968 Chevy Camaro RS/SS Convertible



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Drawing is on Thursday - **MARCH 19, 2020** at 5:00 pm

**\$20**

Per raffle ticket

# WIN

# Camaro



For ticket information contact Jakob Edmunds 620-344-0626 or Wyane Lee 620-340-2465, by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

This month of February. 2/3/1959 Rock Singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash. 2/6/1935 The board game Monopoly first went on sale.



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Email: [laciehamlin@gmail.com](mailto:laciehamlin@gmail.com)  
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## New Avon Representative

in Americus



### Marcella Reynolds

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Linda & Robert Clark  
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If you have information that you think could help solve this crime or others, submit your **ANONYMOUS TIP** to Lyon County Crime Stoppers. You have options of calling a professionally staffed hotline at (620)342-2273, using the P3 smartphone tip application, or the P3 website at [www.P3tips.com](http://www.P3tips.com) to submit your **ANONYMOUS TIP**. If your **ANONYMOUS TIP** leads to the successful apprehension or prosecution of the suspects or recovery of property, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000!







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Americus United Methodist Church  
6 to 6:30 Monday Evenings

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for more information contact :

Jesse McKee 620-757-1979

E-mail the ARO board at:

[americusrec@gmail.com](mailto:americusrec@gmail.com)

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- ⇒ You notice errors or unfamiliar transaction on your bank/and or credit card accounts.
- ⇒ Your credit report includes unfamiliar accounts or charges
- ⇒ Your credit report contains inquiries made by businesses in response to applications for credit, loans, or services you didn't initiate.
- ⇒ You receive collection notices or calls about a debt that isn't yours.
- ⇒ You have a good credit rating but are denied credit in response to an application.
- ⇒ Your checks are refused by merchants.
- ⇒ Bills, statements, or other expected mail or email doesn't arrive.
- ⇒ You get bills for accounts you didn't open or medical services you didn't receive.
- ⇒ Your health insurance responds to your legitimate medical claim with a notice that your benefits limit was reached.
- ⇒ Your medical records report a condition you don't have.
- ⇒ You are notified by the IRS that you have income from an employer unknown to your or that more than one tax return was filed with your Social Security number.
- ⇒ You are notified of a DATA BREACH at a company that involves your information.

## Americus Senior Center February 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--|----------|
|        |        |         |           |          |  | 1        |
| 2      | 3      | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7<br>11:00 Board Meeting<br>12:00 Meal<br>7:00 Music | 8        |
| 9      | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14<br>7:00 Music                                     | 15       |
| 16     | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21<br>12:00 Meal<br>7:00 Music                       | 22       |
| 23     | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28<br>7:00 Music                                     | 29       |

### Join us for Friday Meals

Friday, February 7 - Pot Luck. Bring covered dish or salad.  
Friday, February 21 - Pizza (donation). Bring salad or dessert.

The Senior Center is available for private events.  
To reserve call Marie Miller: 620-757-6371

# Harry & Lloyds

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## It's that time of year!! 2020 Permits Due:

### ATV, Golf Carts and Micro Utilities Vehicles

Renewal letters have been sent to current permit holders. If you need to purchase a permit bring a copy of your liability insurance on the vehicle with you to City Hall. A copy of your current driver's license will also be needed.

### Permitted Fowl

Renewal letters have been sent to current permit holders. If you need to get a permit, forms are available at City Hall.

### Dog Tags

For new dogs bring a copy of your rabies certificate with you. If your dog has previously been tagged with the city we will only need a current rabies certificate if your old one you have on file at City Hall has expired.

### Burn Permits

Before you start an open burn get your 2020/21 Burn permit at City Hall.

For more information please call City Hall 620-443-5655



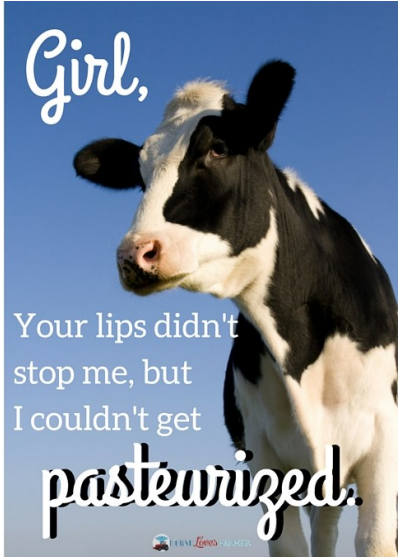


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February

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## Lyon County Recycle Trailer

The recycle trailer is located on the south side of the grade school gym.



Feb. Schedule  
5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

March Schedule  
4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

## CITY HALL

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

PO Box 526  
Americus, KS 66835  
Phone: 620-443-5655  
Fax: 620-443-5644

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Americus Police Department invites you to visit their Facebook page

All newsletter submissions need to be into City Hall or emailed to [amcitykelly@yahoo.com](mailto:amcitykelly@yahoo.com) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

## Americus Recycling Center

Located behind City Hall

Recycle items only.

Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers.

Empty trash containers/bags into bins, do not dispose of plastic bags in the recycle bins.

