



Americus Newsletter

June 2026


Enjoy a sunny get-together full of good company and great times.

Reminders

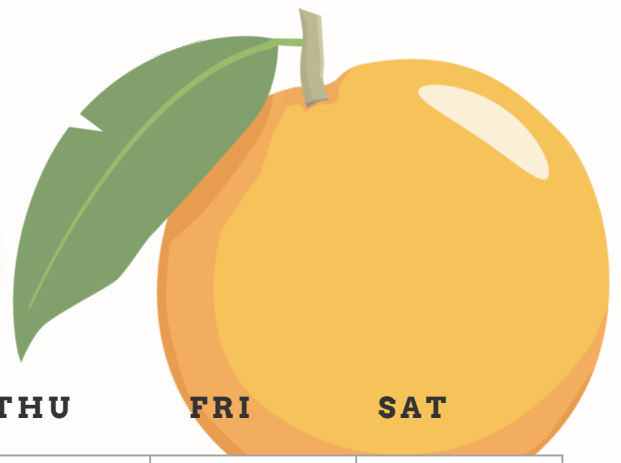
- Animal Clinic June 6th at the maintenance shop from 9 am - 11 am
- City-wide garage sale on June 20th
- City Hall will be closed on June 19th

Contact Info

Hours: Monday- Friday, 9 AM- 3PM
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Phone: 620-366-5464
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PO Box 526



June 2026



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	1	2	3 	4	5	6 Animal Vet Clinic 9 am - 11 am
7	8	9 Council meeting Food Pantry	10  	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 	18	19 Office Closed	20 Food Pantry City-wide garage sale
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24  	25	26	27
28	29	30				

LYON COUNTY RECYCLE TRAILER

Located on the south side of the school gym

Recycle Items only.

**Please break down all boxes and
rinse all containers**

AMERICUS RECYCLE TRAILER

Located behind City Hall

Empty trash

**containers/bags into bins,
do not dispose of plastic bags
in the recycle bins**

Happy Birthday

1st - Kaitln Houck
2nd - Jerry Maxson
4th - Roger Anderson
8th - Cali Doudna
Robert Clark
9th - Laryl Worcester
14th - Sandi Simmons
15th - Jack Wells
18th - Cody Luginsland
19th - Chris McWilliams
Tracy McKee- Posey
20th - Debbie Fields
Lindsay Pierce
23rd - John Buckridge
Mona Wyatt
27th - Susan Moreland
28th - Lesley Harbaugh
Jim Redelfs
29th - Justin Redelfs
Liam Wilson
Lizzy Murray
Shelby Posey

Happy Anniversary

June 9th- Victor & Angela Hadden
June 10th- Jerry & Mary Beth Voorhees
June 10th- Brian & Stephanie Morgan

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516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835
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Americus Township Library

710 Main Street

Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218

Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com

Preschool Story Time
Every Thursday
10:00-10:30 am
Starts Sept. 4th



The Crayon Initiative
Ask for details!

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm

Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm

Sat: 9a—12p

Watch our Facebook page and signs on the front door for information on closure and times

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 business meeting. As of print time, the minutes have not been approved by council. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor WRIGHT. Council members present were NUESSEN, HARMON, BURTON, and GERLEMAN. HINRICHS was absent. Also present, City Attorney Steve Atherton and City Clerk Dodie Doudna.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bill Lefler, Laverne Soetebier, Eugene Marple

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by HARMON to approve April 14, 2026, Business Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN 4-O Vote Moved by BURTON to approve April 6, 2026, Special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by GERLEMAN. 2-O Vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the May bills to pay in the amount of \$33,266.23. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-O Vote

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

MAINTENANCE: North lift station pulled and sent for warranty work. Chip spreader is ready, will be getting rock and oil next week.

CLERK: Back flow inspection needs to be completed on the water meter at the park. AWD 1 states that there is a class that maintenance could take and be able to do this inspection for us. For now, we need to have someone do this for us.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-O Vote

1.PROPERTY ANNEXATION: Bill Lefler discussed wanting the city to annex some property into the city limits. Council advised that until the property lines are set and new legal description, there is nothing to vote on and he can come back to council once that is completed.

2. BUDGET REQUESTS : Laverne Soetebier was present to discuss the 2027 budget requests. No longer police department general fund \$55,000. \$175,000 a year excess revenue from sewer after last payment is made in 2026, sewer money can be used for other purposes after loan is paid off. Capital improvement reserve for sewer is currently at \$140,000. Council discussed the need for sewer upgrades, the park being the highest priority. Discussion on allotting money for the city hall building. Code enforcement activities will come out of general fund and be combined with court in the budget. \$15,000 in reserve for a police car that can be reallocated. Street budget is good right now to resurface roads. Council would like to allocate some to parks and rec for new bathrooms and sidewalks to the splashpad. \$50,000 in capital reserve for park improvements and \$15,000 for tennis courts. Bid out to have sewer lines camera'd. Discussion on jet routing 1/2 the lines per year instead of 1/3 of them per year that we are currently doing. Community center sewer is also having issues and needs to be replaced as well. Community Center currently has \$10,000 set aside. Move the police car allocation to community center for sewer line and bathroom improvement. Discussion on city hall improvements, allocate money towards. Designate the monies normally for sewer payment toward city hall. Maintenance equipment replacement: reserves - \$18,000 mower, \$13,000 skid steer, \$7,000 utility truck, \$50,000 shop. \$111,000 bridges. Bill is going to discuss with county about Locust St bridge and culvert replacement. Maintenance equipment is wearing out and spending more time fixing than using it. We need a new shop and lean to. Backhoe will need to be replaced in 2 years or so. Laverne will take this discussion and bring draft budget back to June meeting. Laverne left at 7:35.

3. TORNADO SIRENS: A complaint was submitted from a resident on the northeast side of town with concerns that the sirens could not be heard inside their home. Council discussed that sirens are an outside warning system. No action was taken

4.RESOLUTION 312 : Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 312 allowing firework discharge from 10:00 am to 12:00 am, July 2nd, 2026 through July 5th, 2026 and on December 31st 2026 at 9:00 pm to January 1st, 2027 to 12:30 am.

5.YEARLY APPOINTMENTS : Council President: Nicolette Nuessen Department head of Parks and Recreation: Kayla Burton Department head of Maintenance: Bill Harmon Head of Special Projects and Grants: Britney Hinrichs Head of Human Resources: Kayla Burton Department head of Police: Nicky Nuessen City Clerk: Dodie Doudna City Treasurer: Dakota Hamlin Assistant City Clerk: (per city code) Dakota Hamlin Freedom of Information Officer: Dodie Doudna City Attorney: Steve Atherton Municipal Judge: Clark Allemang Code Enforcement Officer: Justin Arb Building Inspector / Deputy Public Official: Joe Carl Council Representative on Board of Zoning Appeals: Dustin Wright Board of Zoning Appeals: 3-year terms) Seat 1 – Open Seat 2 – Dustin Wright Seat 3 – Erick Dean Seat 4 – Open Seat 5 – Open Zoning Administrator: David Goldsmith Planning & Zoning Board: 3-year terms Seat 1 – Erick Dean (2027) Seat 2 –Kayla Burton (2029) Seat 3 – David Goldsmith (2027) Outside city limits Seat 4 - () Outside city limits Seat 5 – Angela Hadden (2027) Seat 6 – Nicky Nuessen (2028) Seat 7 - Victor Hadden (2028) Official Bank: Equity Bank Official News Paper: Emporia Gazette. Mayor Wright appointed all positions as stated for 2026.

6.CAMERA UPDATE: Moved by BURTON to accept the bid for cameras and installation at city hall and maintenance shop in an amount to not exceed \$1,200. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-O VOTE

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Inventory and evidence was documented. Steve will check into regulations on selling the firearms. Moved by NUESSEN to sell the car through Sunflower Auction in Topeka with a reserve of \$8,000. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-O Vote. City clerk will reach out to auctioneer services to set up selling the police items and any other items the city wants to include that are no longer used.

8.CONDEMNATION LIST: Code enforcement discussed ordinances that he is following up with, mostly mowing orders. He stated that he is starting fresh and is sending letters for clean up and mowing.

9.EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by BURTON to go into executive session at 8:06 pm for 8:06 for 15 minutes with mayor, council, legal and clerk present. Motion seconded by NUESSEN for non-elected personnel matters. 4-O Vote. Returned from executive session at 8:21 pm. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm by BURTON. Seconded by NUESSEN. 4-O Vote

AGENDA

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026- 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2026, Business Meeting

BILLS TO PAY:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

MAINTENANCE:

CLERK:

CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. 2027 BUDGET REVIEW : Laverne Soetebier
2. CAMERA UPDATE: Installation update
3. EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS: scheduling
4. MOWING ORDERS: bid
5. RV/CAMPER ORDINANCE
6. REZONING PROPERTY: AMERICUS, SO2, T18S, R10E, ACRES 2.6, LTS 1 & 4-15 BLK 7 & E1/2 VAC 6TH ST & N1/2 VAC HICKORY ST & VAC ALY ADJ
7. POLICE DEPARTMENT: update of process
8. LIQUOR LICENSE: Harry & Lloyds renewal
9. ARO: Article 8 review- Code of Ordinances
10. CHARTER ORDINANCE 15: Official Newspaper change
11. CONDEMNATION LIST:
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters

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Email: pastor.americus@gmail.com

Worship Service
Sunday at 8:00 am

During services a nursery is available.
We invite all to join us.



Facebook: Americus UMC

Americus Community Food Pantry

Pre-Boxed
Pick Up Only



Tuesday
June 9th
6:00pm- 7:30
pm

Saturday
June 20th 9:30
am-11:00am

We welcome any nonperishable donations.
drop off on the parsonage porch or contact
the church at 620.366.5074
Thank You to the community for all
donations.

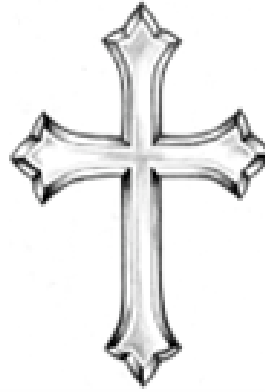
Farmers' Market



**Fridays 4:00 to 6:00
pm**

We look forward to seeing you
on the west side of the park.

*Buy Healthy, Eat Healthy,
Live Healthy*



Countryside
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)

Pastor Rich Arnold

Call 620-343-1546
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For a Bus Ride to Church: (620)443-5177



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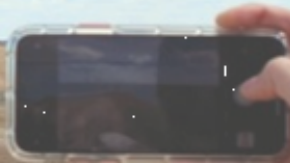
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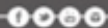


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In an effort to improve the appearance of our cemeteries especially with mowing and weed-eating the Americus Township Board has adopted a policy banning the planting of trees, shrubs, plants or flowers in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered and will 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.

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 Jessica and RJ to Americus!



This young couple recently closed on a home and are excited to start this new chapter in the Flint Hills. Jessica is from Iola and RJ is from Halstead and they love small town living. They are Christ centered and thankful to welcome their first child in May!

Lacie Hamlin
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 laciehamlin@gmail.com
 Legacy Group



Animal Clinic

June 6th, 2026
9 AM- 11 AM

City Maintenance Shop

Registrations available on site

CANINE

Please complete the following information located in the box below and bring this form with you to the clinic. If you have questions about which vaccinations and products your pet needs, Dr. Scott Gordon of the Emporia Veterinary Hospital will be available to assist you.

OWNER

Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____
_____ Male _____ Female _____ Neutered/Spayed Age _____

VACCINATIONS:

_____ Rabies 1 yr \$10.00 \$ _____
_____ Rabies 3 yr \$25.00 \$ _____
_____ Must have had previous rabies vaccination
_____ DA2PP \$25.00 \$ _____
_____ (Distemper/Parvovirus)
_____ Heartworm test \$30.00 \$ _____
_____ (BLOOD TEST, results will be phoned)
_____ Nail Trim \$25.00 \$ _____

SUPPLIES:

IVERHART
(generic oral monthly)
6mo

Blue 1-25 lbs \$26.00 \$ _____
Green 26-50 lbs \$35.00 \$ _____
Brown 51-100 lbs \$45.00 \$ _____

SIMPARICA (monthly oral flea & tick)

	SINGLE	3 PACK	6 PACK
5-11 lbs	\$24.00	\$65.00	\$115.00
1-22 lbs	\$24.00	\$65.00	\$115.00
23-44 lbs	\$26.00	\$70.00	\$125.00
45-88 lbs	\$27.00	\$75.00	\$135.00
88-132 lbs	\$27.00	\$75.00	\$135.00

TOTAL \$ _____

FELINE

Please complete the following information located in the box below and bring this form with you to the clinic. If you have questions about which vaccinations and products your pet needs, Dr. Scott Gordon of the Emporia Veterinary Hospital will be available to assist you.

OWNER

Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____
_____ Male _____ Female _____ Neutered/Spayed Age _____

VACCINATIONS:

_____ Rabies 1 yr \$10.00 \$ _____
_____ Rabies 3 yr \$25.00 \$ _____
_____ Must have had previous rabies vaccination
_____ FRVCP \$25.00 \$ _____
_____ Feline Leukemia \$30.00 \$ _____
_____ Nail Trim \$25.00 \$ _____

SUPPLIES:

REVOLUTION PLUS (topical flea/tick/ear mite)

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\$28.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$ _____

Total \$ _____



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES JUNE 20TH

Kitchen items • Clothing • Toys • Tech •
Accessories Art • Home Goods

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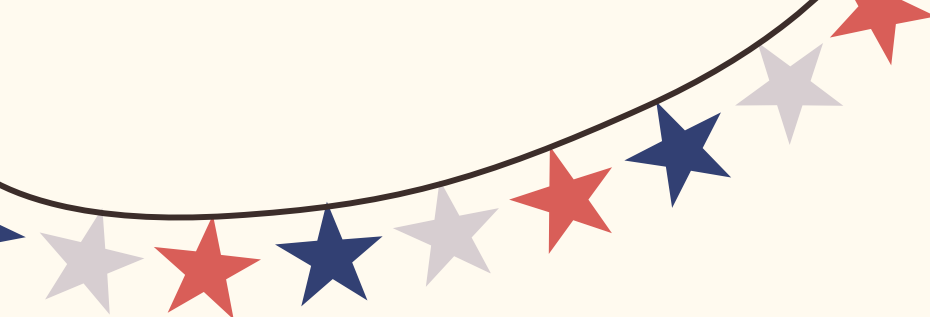
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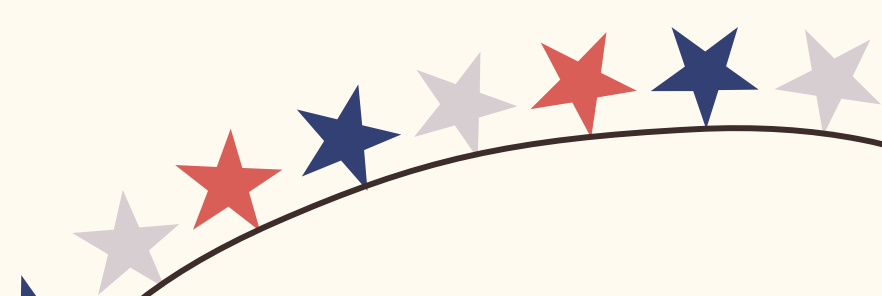
More locations to be
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IN AMERICUS FROM JULY 2ND –
JULY 5TH 2026
LIMITED TO THE HOURS OF 10 AM –
12 AM*



SUMMER IN AMERICUS

There's something about summer in Americus that's hard to explain—unless you've lived it. And I mean really lived it. Because I have. I grew up here, in the middle of slow summers and quiet streets, where time didn't feel like something you had to chase. Back then, though, I didn't see it that way. Like a lot of kids, I couldn't wait to leave. I wanted something bigger, busier—something that felt like it was actually happening. Even just going to Emporia felt like an escape. I'd ask my mom to take me, convinced there was something better waiting there. But she wasn't about to drive back and forth all day, so if I wanted to go, I needed a plan—something that would keep me there long enough to make the trip worth it.

At the time, it felt limiting.

Now, I understand it was just part of the rhythm of this life.

Because summers here have their own kind of pace. Kids are out of school, riding bikes without a care in the world, heading to the pool, or making their way down to the creek. Some are starting their very first jobs—babysitting, mowing lawns, helping on farms, or working for their parents. It's busy, sure—but not in the same way as the rest of the year.

It's a lighter kind of busy.

The kind that still leaves room for long evenings, late sunsets, and time spent with the people around you. Families gather a little more. Neighbors talk a little longer.

There's less rushing, less noise, less of that constant pressure to be somewhere else.

And yes—sometimes it can feel boring.

But that's not the whole story.

Because when you grow up and leave a place like Americus, you start to see it differently.

I've lived in bigger cities. I've experienced faster life, louder places, more to do and more to chase. And for a while, that's exactly what I thought I wanted.

But there was always a part of me that felt pulled back here.

You can take the girl out of the small town, but you can't always take the small town out of the girl.

Because this place—it stays with you.

It's in the way you learn to appreciate a hard-earned dollar, whether it came from cutting a neighbor's yard or putting in long hours during a summer job—like my brothers did in high school working on a pig farm. To this day, we still laugh about how bad they smelled. My mom wouldn't even let them in the house—she'd make them strip down in the yard and hose off first.

It's in the excitement of riding your bike to Casey's just to get a fountain soda. It's in the way people wave, smile, and talk to you—even if they don't know you all that well.

It's in the respect you were taught without even realizing it.

The work ethic you didn't appreciate then—but carry with you now.

The understanding that people matter more than pace.

As life gets busier and the world keeps changing, there's a part of you that starts to miss those things. A part that longs for the simplicity, the familiarity, the roots that grounded you before you even knew you needed them.

Because when I did leave, I really thought I was moving on to something better.

I thought I'd outgrow this place. That I'd leave it behind like it was just a chapter.

But instead, I found myself in places where the noise was too loud to think. Where people didn't smile at you in passing. Where asking someone to grab your mail or check on your dog felt like too much to ask.

I felt like a stranger. Like I didn't quite belong. Like I had lost a piece of who I was somewhere along the way.

And it wasn't until I came back—until I built a life here, started my own family—that I realized something important.

This town didn't just raise me.

It shaped me.

The dust in these roads, the fields that held my childhood secrets and dreams, the wide-open skies filled with stars you can see for miles—those aren't things you find just anywhere.

Coming home wasn't going backward.

It was finding myself again.

So this summer, I ask you to do something simple.

Take a moment.

Sit back. Be still. Look around at the people gathered with you—your family, your friends, your neighbors. Let yourself really see it.

And smile.

Because it's these moments—the quiet, ordinary, in-between ones—that stay with you.

They're the ones that shape you.

The ones that turn into the best memories.

The ones that, years from now, you'll look back on and feel all over again.

The kind that feel like sunshine—even on the coldest winter day.

So don't rush through it.

Be here.

Be present.

Really present.

Because one day, you'll realize—this was it.

This was the good part.

And maybe it sounds a little cheesy—but like Kenny Chesney once sang... this is the good stuff.

-Dakota Hamlin

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1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION

NLC Elementary

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 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

