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SHAPPY SH

- 1st -Leticia Domenech 2nd - Stan Stewart, Sr Carla Crane Luke Larson Victoria Dixon
- 4th- Breanna Andrade
- 6th- Cody Campbell Mike Ross Jessica Kellison
- 7th Sid Morgan Danny Gerleman
- 9th -Josh Smart Kennedy Dragonas Peter Hadley
- 11th Cameron Heiman Julie Dains
- 12th- Heaven Arb Angel Heiman

- 12th Cindy Edmunds Dodie Doudna Jeremiah Ciero
- 16th Shelby Siess Lindsey Hansen
- 17th Drew Fields
- 18th Deb Ludlum
- 19th Samantha Spaiz
- 21st Parker Kellison
- 25th Derrek Swanson Ryan Swanson
- 26th Christina Wells Taryn Meyers
- 27th Thomas Hadley
- 28th Jesse McKee
- 29th Courtney Elbert
- 31st Jaelynne Hill
- 31st Jillian Anderson

Anniversary

Blake & Louisa Wiggins May 1st Dillon & Cheyenna Riley May 5th Mark & Joni Siess May 6th Josh & Lea Hamlin May 7th Joe & Gretchen Russell May 13th Tyler & Britney Hinrichs May 20th Joshua & Shelby Posey May 24th Matthew & Jessica Kellison May 26th David & Kelli Elbert May 28th JoAnn & Charlie McKenzie May 29th

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2025 Events Calendar May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Upcoming e 7th- Vacciı 1st City Wid	nation Clinic	1	FARMER'S MARKET	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9 Farmer's Market	10
n Mothers Days	12	Clty Council	14	15	FARMER'S MARKET	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 FARMER'S MARKET	24
25	HAPPY MEMORIAL * DAY *	27	28	29	30	31

Lyon County Recycle Trailer

Located on south side of 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.

FROM CITY HALL

The following minutes are from the March 11th 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 HARMON, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. Council member NUESSEN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh, City Treasurer Dodie Doudna, Attorney Steve Atherton, Police Chief Jody Meyers, and Maintenance Nick Gadino. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bobby Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 11 th , 2025 business meeting, March 25 th , 2025 special meeting Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes of the March 11 th , 2025 business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote. Moved by HAMLIN to approve the minutes of the March 25 th , 2025 special meeting. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the accounts payable for April 2025 in the amount of \$69,597.07. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS that Project Playscape is working on getting things ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 th . MAINTENANCE: Nick Gadino reported that A1 Pump Jet services had done routine maintenance on the sewer system. He has started mowing.

CLERK: No report

NUESSEN arrived at 7:12 p.m.

POLICE: Police Chief Jody Meyers has reported that there is a recall on the police vehicle that he will address.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

1. BOBBY THOMPSON/FHGR: Request for camper use at Community Center/tent camping at park/food truck parking Bobby has let the council know that there are 800 registered riders for the Flint Hills Gravel Ride this Saturday. Bobby is requesting that the council allow him to have 2 campers occupied. One at 516 Locust and one at 102 Main St on April 10th, 11th, and 12th overnight. He is also requesting that the council allow tent camping in the northeast corner of the city park overnight on April 11th. Bobby is also requesting the use of the basketball courts on April 12th and 2 parking spots in front of Equity Bank on the evening of April 11th and all day on April 12th. Moved by BURTON to grant a conditional use permit to allow the use of campers at 516 Locust at 102 Main overnight on April 10th, 11th, and 12th and for tent camping at the city park on April 11th as well as extending the park hours on April 11th and to grant the use of the basketball courts on April 12th and two parking spots in front of Equity Bank on the evening of April 11th and to grant the use of the basketball courts on April 12th and two parking spots in front of Equity Bank on the evening of April 11th and all day April 12th. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote.

2. HARRY & amp; LLOYD'S: Temporary CMB Permit Moved by HARMON to grant a Temporary CMB Permit to Harry and Lloyd's for April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. at the basketball courts at the city park on April 12th, 2025. Motion seconded by HINRIHS. 5-0 vote.

3. VANCE BROTHERS: Contract for oil Council reviewed the contract

4. ICI & amp; EMCC: Insurance Review Council reviewed the insurance review provided

5. TRASH SERVICE BIDS: Review No action taken

6. STEVE'S TRASH SERVICE: Review of contract Moved by BURTON to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for city trash services with Steve's Trash Service with price increases going into effect on June 1st, 2025. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote. 7. KPERS: KPERS 457 & amp; 401(a) The council reviewed information about KPERS benefits. Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Resolution 306 approving KPERS 457. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 624: Repeal of Ordinance No. 546 Moved by HARMON to adopt Ordinance No. 624. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-0 vote.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 625: Amendment to Open Burn Policy Moved by NUESSEN to adopt Ordinance No. 625. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 423: Swimming Pools Council reviewed the current Ordinance and would like Planning and Zoning to review it. Tabled for 30 days.

11. AMERICUS POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police car disposal and credit card request Police Chief Jody Meyers stated that the 2015 Ford Explorer has been stripped of all equipment that is not specific to that model. It is the consensus of the council to list the vehicle on Purple Wave and to donate the lights to the Americus Fire Department. Jody has also requested a credit card for the officers to be able to get fuel because they are limited with getting gas outside of Casey's business hours. Moved by NUESSEN to add the Police Department as an authorized user on the current Banker's Bank of Kansas credit card the city holds. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote. 12. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Playground equipment HINRICHS presented options to replace the damaged equipment that was removed from the park. Moved by BURTON to purchase a Step 2 Clubhouse Climber not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote.

13. CONDEMNATION: List Review Council reviewed the condemnation list. No action taken.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters moved by BURTON to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. for 10 minutes with council, legal, and Mayor present. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-0 vote.

Back in open session at 8:54 p.m. Moved by NUESSEN to offer the temporary full-time maintenance position to Jacob Posey with the possibility of it becoming permanent. Motion seconded by BURTON 5-0 vote. Mayor Wright appoints Kayla Burton as Head of HR. Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by HINRICHS, 5-0 vote.

The following minutes are from the April 21st Special Meeting,

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were HARMON, HINRICHS, and BURTON. HAMLIN and NUESSEN were absent. Also present were City Treasurer Dodie Doudna and Police Chief Jody Meyers. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0 vote.

NUESSEN arrived at 6:05 p.m.

1. COLLEGE BLOCK: Sale of 2 lots Motioned by HARMON to sell 2 building plots to Scott Grimmett with the condition that the 2 homes being built are not identical. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

Motioned to adjourn at 6:19 by NUESSEN. Motion seconded by HINRICHS.



AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING TUESDAY, May 13th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 8th, 2025 business meeting

BILLS TO PAY: REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: MAINTENANCE: CLERK: ADOPT THE AGENDA 1. 2025 BUDGET REQUESTS: 2. YEARLY APPOINTMENTS: 3. RESOLUTION 307: Fireworks 4. MOWING RELEASE FORMS: Yearly applications to hay ground 5. MAIN STREET PARKING: 6. ORDINANCE NO.423: Swimming pools 7. Employee Handbook 8. Internet Provider Options



Americus Police Department Non emergency number: 620-443-5655

11.06.24

Joel Chapman Failure to stop at stop sign Pierce City, MO \$105



CODE ENFORCEMENT

306 Broadway - Trash 405 Broadway - Burning Trash 210 Main - Burning Trash 311 Elm - Mowing 561 Pine - Fowl 202 Hackberry - Fowl 1002 Fifth - Fowl 408 Seventh - Fowl

UPDATED

Burn Policy- As per city code Chapter VII. Fire, Article 2, Section 7-204

OPEN BURNING

Open burning is defined as the burning of any materials wherein air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney.

Open Burning is prohibited within 12 hours of the start or commencement of a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service.

Open burning is restricted to:

(a) The hours of sunrise but must be extinguished before sunset.

(b) Leaves, tree trimmings no larger than one person can handle, and naturally occurring landscape waste only. No trash, household furnishings or construction waste.

(c) Burning off yard grass, ditches, other natural vegetation in close proximity to combustible structures is permitted with appropriate supervision and water supply.

(d) Bona fide controlled burnings conducted by the Americus Fire Department, Americus, Lyon County, Kansas, or its successor in interest, pursuant to a training program that is designed to insure that firefighters are trained and capable of meeting emergencies.

(e) Must be supervised at all times and have a water source present to extinguish the burn immediately if conditions change.
 (f) Must be Reported in the Lyon County online Burn website www.lyoncounty911.org/burn

Questions—www.lyoncounty911.org/burn-faq

(g) Open burning shall not be:

(1) Within a commercial zone as designed by the zoning ordinance of the city.

(2) Within 50 feet of any structure except in approved burner built of brick, cement, stone, or metal located not less than 15 feet from any structure and constructed in a manner to securely confine burning material and with all openings protected with steel netting of 1/2 inch mesh or with steel plate with no larger than 1/2 inch holes therein.

(3) Upon any street or alley open to vehicular traffic or upon any sidewalk of the city. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure of combustible material unless contained in a barbeque device. (Ord. 431, Sec. 3) Barbeque device is defined as any appropriate manufactured device that is designed to contain an open flame.

Adopted November 14th, 2023

Amended April 8 th , 2025

7-214 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALITIES

(a) Violation of any provision of §§ 7-204 or 7-205 shall be a Class C offense as defined by Ch. XI, punishable upon conviction of a fine limited to an amount not exceeding \$500 for each offense, plus assessment of all costs incurred by public agencies, fighting fires and/or responding to other emergencies directly resulting from the violations.

(b) Each day any violation of this §§ 7-204 or 7-205 continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 563, passed 5-14-2013)

Effective Date-March 18th, 2025

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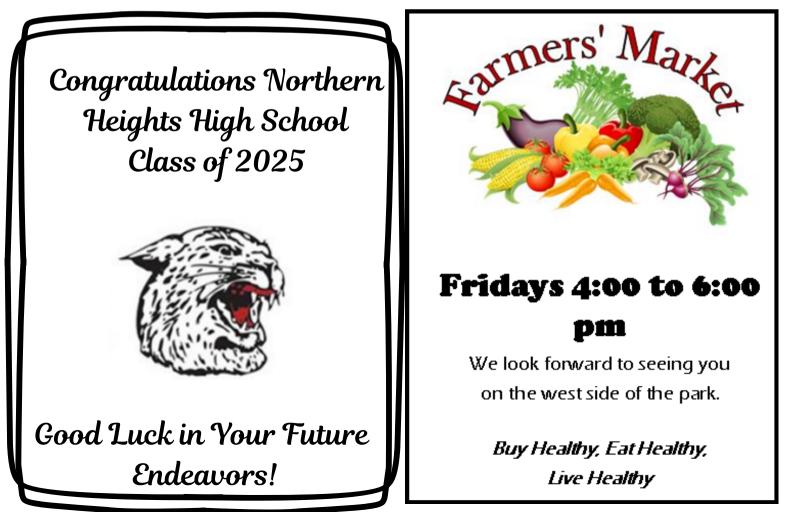
FILING DEADLINE: JUNE 2ND AT 12:00 PM

City Election Notice In Mayor & City Council Seats Up for Election Cet involved in shaping the future of our city! Two City Council seats and the Mayor's seat will be up for election this year. Candidate Filing Deadline: Monday, June 2nd at 12:00 PM (Noon) Where to File: Lyon County Clerk's Office Questions? Contact the Lyon County Clerk's Office or City Hall at 620-44-5655 for more information.



City Wide Garage Sales June 21st

For listing in June Newsletter please contact City Hall by May 20th To be added to Master List contact City Hall by June 17th



100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICUS ALUMNI YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us in celebrating a century of memories at the

· AMERICUS ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

- Location: Americus School Gym
- 🛅 Date: Saturday, May 24th
- Social Hour: 3:00 PM
- 📫 Banquet: 5:00 PM
- Followed by: Business Meeting & Fun Program
- WHO'S INVITED? Graduates, spouses, former teachers, and anyone who attended part-time we want to see you there!
- SEVERY 5-VEAR CLASS WILL BE HONORED!
- When reserving, please include *year* of graduation.
- **\$ COST:** \$15 per person
- Reserve at Equity Bank in Americus-620-366-5086
 - COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN? This is a busy weekend—make your hotel reservations early!
 - **QUESTIONS CONTACT:**
 - Wilma Jeanne Schmidt 620-794-4806



NORTHERN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL 2025 Alumni Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2025 Social Hour- 5pm Dinner-6pm

Price: \$25/person

Meal: Pulled Pork Meal, Tea, Water & Dessert BYOB if you wish

North Lyon County Youth Association Gym 108 E 7th St Allen, KS 66833

Please join us for an NHHS All Class Alumni Banquet. RSVP & make payment by May 24th, 2025 by filling out the Google Form at https://forms.gle/xMNpTGLTEjbnzusM8. Send payments to NHHS Alumni Association, % Matt Horton, 2863 Road D Council Grove, KS 66846, drop off at the USD 251 District Office or Venmo @stacie-horton-92 and put reunion in the memo. If you have questions please call or text Stacie Horton at (620)344-0825 or email northernheightsalumni@gmail.com.



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New Construction Coming Summer 2025

These ranch floorplans combine a classic look with modern interior layouts. An open living/kitchen are with a 6' island, quartz countertops and plenty of cabinet space separates bedroom 2-3 from the primary, preserving owner suite privacy. The owners' suite offers a double bowl vanity and a spacious walk-in closet, and larger dimensions for full size furniture. The welcoming covered front porch and spacious rear patio make entertaining family and guests a pleasure, and the generously proportioned garage provides room for most cars and trucks.



Home Features

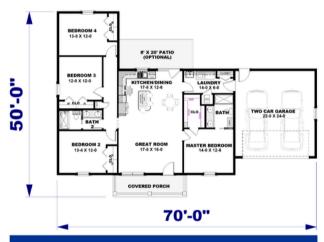
- ✓ 3 Bedrooms
- 🗸 Open Concept
- 2 Bathrooms
- ✓ 2 Car Garage
- Spacious LotsRear Patio

STARTING PRICE

\$239,900







4 BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN



4 BEDROOM 3D FLOOR PLAN

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- Spacious Lots
- 2 Car Garage
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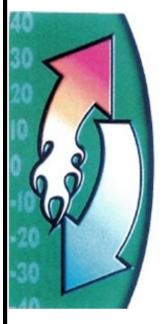
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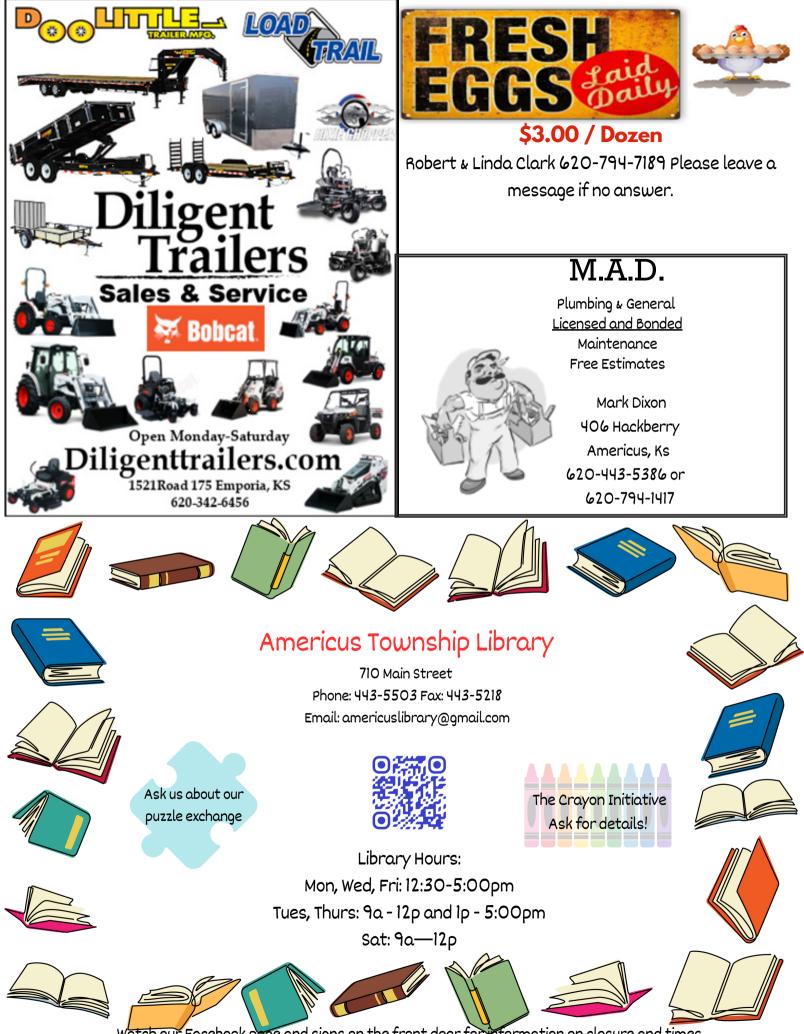
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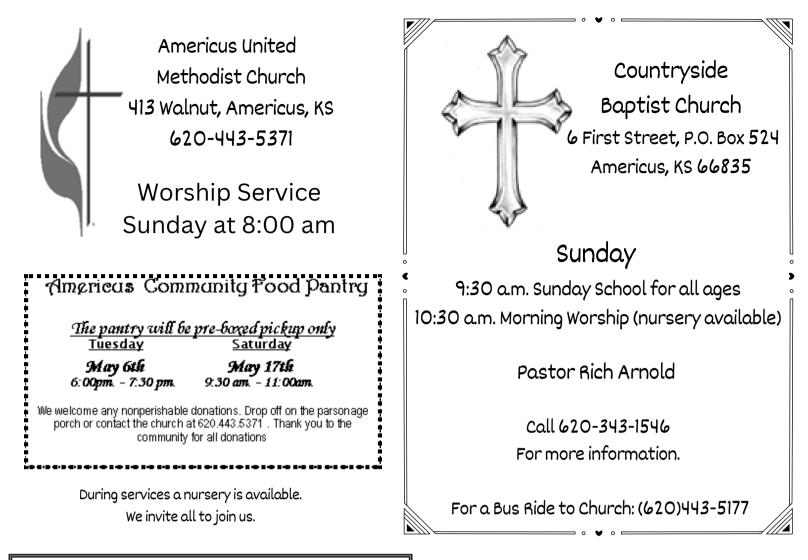
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Casey Crist 620.343.0889



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