AMERICUS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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CITY HALL

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

PO Box 526

Americus, KS 66835

Phone: 620-443-5655

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Happy Annivercary

Stan & Connie **Stewart** October 1st

Danny & Jasmine Gerleman October 1st

Justin & Heaven Arb October 1st

Bill & Sherry Duncan October 2nd



2nd - Mary Littlefield

3rd - Olivia Delong

5th - Griffin Wilson

6th - Grace Kellison

7th - Dr. Scott Gordon

8th - Susan Redelfs

9th - Trey Rathke **Ava Matile Logan Centlivre** Lee Lowder

11th - Brooke Wilson

12th - Cheryl Henry **Emma Pracht Harper Pracht**

14th - Connie Boyce

18th - Linda Lee **Matt Hart**

19th - David Jones

20th - Richard Littlefield

24th-Clara Jean Fehr

28th - Bradley Elbert

30th - Derek Wells 31st - Jena Johnson





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.

2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 2	FARMER'S MARKET	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	FARMER'S MARKET	11
12	13	Clty Council	15	16	FARMER'S MARKET	18
19	20	21	22	23	FARMER'S MARKET	25
Trunk or Treat 3 pm	27	28	29	30	TRICK TREAT	

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 Sept 9th 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 WRIGHT. Council members present were HARMON, HAMLIN, NUESSEN, BURTON and HINRICHS. Also present City Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Kim Meyers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting Moved by NUESSEN to approve the Aug 12th, 2025, budget meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0-1 vote. Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting Moved by HINRICHS to approve the Aug 12th, 2025, business meeting minutes. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0-1 vote. August 21st, 2025, special meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the Aug special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0-01 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the Sept bills to pay for \$68448.72. Motion seconded by BURTON. 5-O vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS asked Council when the plans to close the splashpad for the season were, as she needed to start looking at setting up time for winterization training with installer and city maintenance. Announced upcoming events: Breakfast Sept. 14th,
Throwback Prom Nov. 15th, Match Day Nov. 17th. She said USD251 would be participating this year with the "Growing up Giving" program that ties in with Match Day. Match Day interviews will be Sept. 19 and following will be Match Day Movie Premiere at 2pm @ the Emporia
History Building. The movie premiere event is open to the public.

MAINTENANCE: reported that the Chipper is broke. Several quotes were discussed in fixing the issue, ranging from \$2500 to \$5,000 with shipping/towing costs and possible additional parts if other issues are found. Maintenance will look into leasing options, new options, and new-to-us-used options. Also look into Asphalt vs. Chip Seal. We will review topic again in October.

CLERK: requested to take the steps to be a notary. Council approved.

POLICE: Car is now ready to post on Purplewave.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

AMEND AND ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HAMLIN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-O vote.

1. TRUNK OR TREAT: Kim Meyers requested City support towards the Trunk or Treat that will be held Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 3:00-5:00pm. The event would take place on the 700 block of Main Street (street will be closed during event 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm) Council approved \$500 towards the event for goodies, activities, and/or costume prizes. Meyers left at 7:32 pm.

2.MILE MARKER RENTAL POND REQUEST: Questions/Public Concerns Next steps would be for the owners of the land/project to get

answers to the questions that were asked at the meeting. 3.ORDINANCE 629: Adoption of Ordinance 629 Moved by HARMON to adopt Ordinance No. 629. Motion seconded by HAMLIN. 5-O vote

\$3,000. Free Fall Clean-up days will be Oct. 3^{rd} - 5^{th} . Moved by BURTON. Motion seconded NUESSEN. 5-O vote.

5.MAIN STREET: Complaint about weeds.. Nuessen explained it was in regards to weeds throughout the 600 Block on the West side of Main Street. Since she reported it was taken care of.

4.FALL CLEAN UP: Schedule dates for fall cleanup It was approved to rent 2 -30yard dumpsters from Dumpster Pros again not to exceed

6.CONDEMNATION LIST UPDATE: 507 Elm- -Letter-Clean up Tub, standing water, trash and junk on porches and around structures, remedy holes-broken windows-protrusions from home. Shed structure and falling down porch go away (tear down). Note: will review in 1 month to see if items were completed. Also note Free cleanup days and dumpsters that will be available (attach poster). Council will review in 30 days.

1010 Main Street-watch progress. Council will review in December.

503 & 511 Main Street-It was noted that the owner is planning to tear down the south building this fall and cleaning up the area. Council will review again in December.

209 Maple-Send letter about dead tree, noting complaint and branch falling on vehicle. Council will follow up in November.

Additions to list: 1207 Fifth and 410 Cherry.

7.410 CHERRY: Violation notice needs to be posted/sent.

Motion to adjourn by HAMLIN at 8:12 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.



AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, October 14th, 2025 - 7:00 PM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sept 9th business meeting minutes.

BILLS TO PAY:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:
MAINTENANCE:
CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA 1.MILE MARKER RENTALS: Pond Update 2.CHIPPER

3. MATCH DAY: Project Playscape
4. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: Wades' Beer and Liquor; Rolling Hills
5. Condemnation: Update on 507 Elm
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters

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





WE'RE HIRING POLICE CHIEF

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OCTOBER 3rd, 4th & 5th



560 CHERRY ST.



DUMPSTERS WILL BE LABELED WITH WHAT IS ACCEPTED

DONATE TO THESE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Arvonia Historic Preservation Society

Baby Closet of Emporia, KS

Camp Alexander

Chase County Care & Compassion, Inc. (C4 Food Pantry)
Chase County Historical Society Inc.

Chase County Old School Development District Choose How You Respond (in memory of Dr. Bryan Douglas) Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity

Emporia First Friday Art Walk

Emporia Municipal Band

Energize Lebo

FEAS dba Flint Hills Animal Advocates

Food for Students

Friends of the Emporia Public Library

Friends of the Lyon County History Center

FUMC School Supply Project

Good Way Gardens

Hispanics of Today and Tomorrow

Kansas Spanish Speakers

Lyon County Crime Stoppers

Lyon County Honor Flight

Main Street Mommas

Matfield Green Works

Newman Regional Health Volunteers

NLC Youth Association

Pink Gravel Fund

Pioneer Bluffs

Project Playscape

Red Rocks - WAW Community Partnership

Southwick House

Street Cats Club

Strong City Preservation Society

Team Schnak Strong Fund

Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957

Wade Barrett Memorial Fund





MATCH DAY

Monday, November 17, 2025



\$170,000 in matching funds donated by:

ClintBowyer's 79 Fund
ECF Fund for the Future
Emporia Masonic Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.
Gilpin Family Fund
W.S. & E.C. Jones Testamentary Trust
Curtis McCreary Legacy Fund
Patterson Family Foundation
Preston Family Trust
Merry & Charles Rayl
Jane & Bernard Reeble Endowed Fund
Trusler Foundation
Waddell Family Charitable Fund



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MATCH DAY

an email address, a receipt will be mailed to you.

Select ONE or a COMBINATION of organization(s) by writing adollar amount next to the name of the organization(s). Giftsof any size are welcome, however the maximum amount that can be matched is a \$1,000 gift per donor per organization.

\$	Arvonia Historic Preservation Society	\$	Kansas Spanish Speakers			
\$	Baby Closet of Emporia, KS	\$	Lyon County Crime Stoppers			
\$	_Camp Alexander	\$	Lyon County Honor Flight			
\$	Chase County Care & Compassion (C4 Food Par	n <u>try)</u> \$	Main Street Mommas			
\$	Chase County Historical Society Inc.	\$	Matfield Green Works			
\$	Chase County Old School Development District	\$	Newman Regional Health Volunteers			
\$	Choose How You Respond (memory of Dr. Bryan Douglas)\$NLC Youth Association					
\$	Emporia Area Habitat for Humanity	\$	Pink Gravel Fund			
\$	Emporia First Friday Art Walk	\$	Pioneer Bluffs			
\$	Emporia Municipal Band	\$	Project Playscape			
\$	Energize Lebo	\$	Red Rocks - WAW Community Partnership, Inc			
\$	FEAS dba Flint Hills Animal Advocates	\$	Southwick House			
\$	Food for Students	\$	Street Cats Club			
\$	Friends of the Emporia Public Library	\$	Strong City Preservation Alliance			
\$	Friends of the Lyon County History Center	\$	Team Schnak Strong Fund			
\$	FUMC School Supply Project	\$	Vernon H. Buck VFW Post 7957			
\$	Good Way Gardens	\$	Wade Barrett Memorial Fund			
\$	Hispanics of Today and Tomorrow	Total Do	onation\$			
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Preston Family Trust; Merry & Charles Rayl; Trusler Foundation; The Waddell Family Charitable Fund; For the whole community. and WS & EC Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee.

527CommercialStreet,SuiteB,Emporia, KS 66801

EMPORIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For Office Use Only:	
Donation Time:	

Website: _____ akoyaGO:

Donations are matched on a prorated basis. The \$170,000 matching pool is provided by the following: Clint Bowyer's 79 Fund; Curtis McCreary Legacy Fund; ECF Fund for the Future; Emporia Lodge No.12, A.F. & A.M.; Gilpin Family Fund; Jane & Bernard Reeble Endowed Fund; Patterson Family Foundation;



THROWBAG

TIEKETS ON SALE!!

SEPT. 20-OCT. 15

OCT. 16-NOV. 15

\$35 Individual \$65 Pair or \$350 Group of 8 Group Includes:

Group Includes:

*reserved table

*extra drink ticket &

*Nostalgia gift bag per ea. person

\$40 Individual \$75 Pair or \$400 Group of 8 Group Includes:

*reserved table
*extra drink ticket &

*Nostalgia gift bag per ea. person

Request Purchase Information:

Facebook: Project Playscape (Messenger)

Email: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS
OLD TO ATTEND

We're SUPER excited to announce our first Pre-Event Competition!
It's time to get creative with your PROMposal!

■ Send us your best PROMposal photo by October 31st!

What would your promposal have looked like in the 80s, 90s, or 2000s?

Think big hair, boom boxes, posters, mixtapes—go all out with the retro vibes!

Not feeling the throwback theme? No worries!
We'll also have a category for a classic Adult Promposal – modern, sweet, and stylish is totally welcome too!

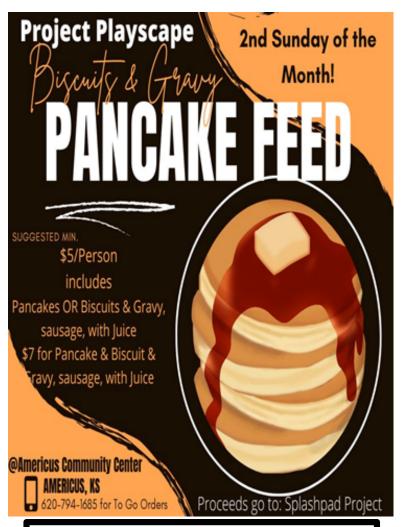
Submit your photo to Project Playscape, and we'll feature all entries in a special post on the event page.

Event attendees will vote for their favorites, and the most epic promposals will be awarded at the event!

Let's see those creative, cringey, sweet, and totally awesome promposals!









Americus Community Food Pantry

Pre-Boxed
Pick Up Only



Tuesday Oct 7 6-7 pm Saturday Oct 25 9:30-11 am

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.





Fridays 4:00 to 6:00

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 For more information.

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

Cindy's Leather Repair

2348 Rd F4 across the road from the Baptist Church All types of leather repairing: Now rebuilding Birkenstocks from the bottom up

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- *Saddles * Boots/Shoes
- *Zipper Repair
- *Replace Shoe Heel

*Prescription Shoe Lifts Call Cindy Edmiston 443-5993 Leave a Message



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Community-Based

- Individual, couple, or family match options
- Plan your own activities in the community or at home with your Little
- Flexibility in scheduling hangouts
- Meet 2 times a month

- Visit your Little on a designated day once a week at their school
- Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
- Meet for an hour or less each week

Scan to become a Big or learn more















4 BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN



ABOUT THE PROPERTY

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.

FEATURES:

- 4 Bedrooms
- Open Concept
- 2 Bathrooms
- **Spacious Lots**
- 2 Car Garage
- Rear Patio







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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.

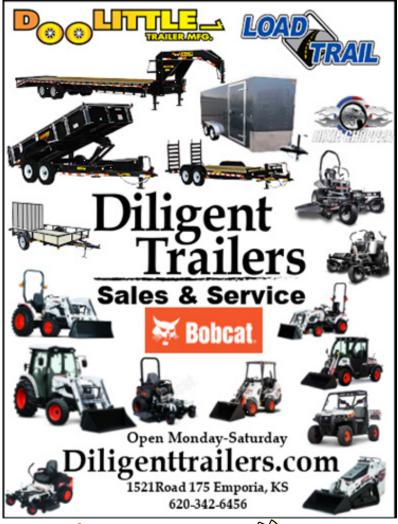
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Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com

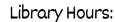


Preschool Story Time Every Thursday 10:00-10:30 am Starts Sept. 4th



The Crayon Initiative
Ask for details!





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

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

Sat: 9a—12p









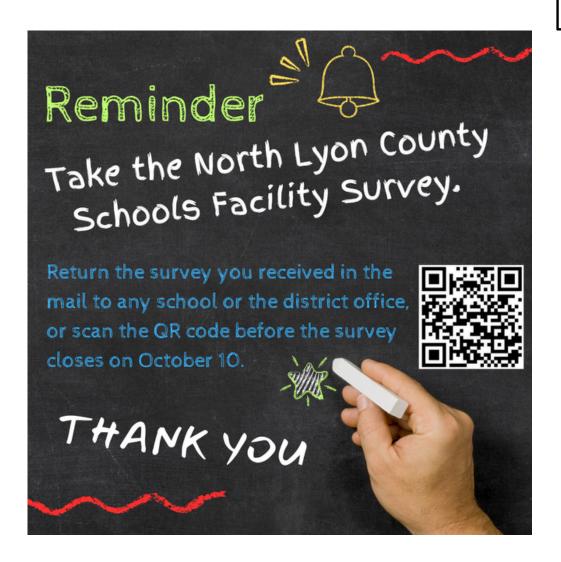






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PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

City Hall

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