



2nd: Theresa Klaus 3rd: Riley Houston

Jason Zeigler

5th: Brooke Mealman

Niki Gadino

6th: Krisanne Karr 9th: Merlin Turley 11th: Mitchel Redelfs 12th: Alex Gadino

14th: Tim Delcamp15th: Ashley Siess16th: Elizabeth Smith

Randy Redelfs Sophia Posey

17th: Glen Shearer
18th: John McElfresh
19th: Mary Beth Horton
20th: Mekenzy Lucas
21st: Travis Finney
23rd: Natalie Leffler

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25th: Peyton Heins
26th: Gary Myers
27th: Mark Siess
29th: Gail Lee

Hayli Gerkin

30th: Christina Zumbrum



Ron & Marcia Johnson
September 5th
Jody & Kim Mayars
September 10th
Travis & Angala Richard
September 12th
Mika & Ashlay Fahr
September 19th
Mark & Rang Dixon
September 19th

Josh & Jana Smart September 21st

City Gall
will be closed
Monday, Sept. 6th
for the
Labor Day Goliday.



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

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 Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.

RWD #1 BOARD

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 Water Board Office 2501 W. 18th, Emporia





20TH ANNIVERSARY

9-11-01

Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



07.22.21 Autumn Dickens, Parsons
Disobeying red light \$143.00







MARKET

Friday from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm 700 Block of Main Street

Stop in & check out what our vendors have to offer. If you would like to be a vendor contact City Hall at 443-5655.

Ray's Auto Detail



Raymond Loomis

620-794-7663

Code Enforcement

August violation notices served

502 Walnut - Mowing
406 Locust - Mowing / tall weeds
102 Main #6 - Mowing
304 Sixth - Mowing
611 Main - Mowing
408 Seventh - Mowing
612 Hackberry - Mowing
1103 Second - Mowing

NOTICE: Chapter VIII: HEALTH AND Welfare, Article 4: Weeds; states that it shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant or other

states that it shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit wees to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including, but not specifically limited to, sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, right-of—ways and all other areas, public or private. All weeds as hereinafter defined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided.

If you have tall weeds growing on your property, you are in violation. The code does not only pertain to grasses in your yard but also to tall weeds growing around and up next to object including in the ditch.



KANSAS MASONIC FOUNDATION

THUNDERBIRD RAFFLE

Enter to Win a 1963 Ford Thunderbird

Each year, the Kansas Masonic Foundation sponsors a raffle for a classic car, with 75 percent of proceeds supporting local communities. Over the past five years, the program has returned more than \$1 million to Kansas Masonic lodges. The 2021-2022 classic car is a Ford Thunderbird, which will be featured at the various Masonic lodges throughout the state. Participants may either buy \$20 raffle tickets online or at the lodges. The winner will be announced at the Grand Lodge of Kansas Annual Communication.

BUY RAFFLE TICKET(S) →

Jakob Edmunds 620-344-0626 Wayne Lee 620-340-2465 or any Masonic Lodge

From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the August 10th 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 NUESSEN, BURTON and HINRICHS. Council members absent were BIRK and HAMLIN. Also present were City Clerk Marcia Johnson, City Attorney Steve Atherton and maintenance Nick Gadino.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *July 13th business meetings and July 20th special meeting.* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the minutes of July 13th and July 20th. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 3-0 vote. **BILLS TO PAY:** Moved by HINRICHS to pay the bill for August in the amount of \$72,857.97. Motion seconded by BURTON, 3-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Nick Gadino reported from maintenance; the department has been busy chip & sealing streets; maintenance has started the second tanker of oil today. The department has also been busy mowing, weed eating and spraying weeds.

City Clerk Marcia Johnson reported that the city is sponsoring the area high school football game on October 15th, Olpe vs. Northern Heights. An application for assistant city clerk/treasurer has been received. Two council members will be doing an interview. ATV registration tags will need to be ordered for the 2022 year. A quote has been received for \$70.56 for 100 tags and yearly date stickers. It was recommended by legal council to continue the registration with the requirement of liability insurance. The city received the first half (\$66,675.06) of the ARPA funds on July 9th. Maintenance is putting together a list of problem areas in the city's main sewer lines, as requirements limit the use of the funds to sewer, water and broadband.

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

- 1. **PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:** *Splash Pad information and guidance.* HINRICHS reported from Project Playscape. She is waiting on pictures of the project design in order to include in grants being applied for. There was concerned about a recent closing of a splash pad in Wichita due to contamination. It was found that improper treatment of the splash pad caused the contamination. HINRICHS is working towards fundraising plans for Match Day. Dirt work has begun at the ball field complex. The shelter house has been removed and put into storage until a pad can be poured to replace it in its new location. Once the dirt work is completed, they will begin on the lighting.
- **2. SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES:** As of May 27th Sunday sales of liquor can be sold beginning at 9:00 a.m. Ordinance 603 allows the sale of liquor on Sundays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Americus, before the earliest sales on Sunday were at 12:00 noon. Moved by BURTON to adopt ordinance 603, authorizing Sunday liquor sales on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 3-0 vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (as of print time)

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021 - 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and the 2022 Budget Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. with the regular business meeting directly following.

- 1. **HEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:** Birchmeier
- 2. PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Ball Field Complex and Splash Pad Project updates.
- 3. **NEWSLETTER:** Discussions on distribution.
- 4. TREASURER'S POSITION: Appointment

TO ALL PHONE USERS, IMPORTANT DIALING CHANGE NOTICE:

(information received in your landline phone billing from Consolidated Communications)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted "988" as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

In order for 988 to work in our area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10-digits (area code+ telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits <u>may not</u> be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO? In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Examples are: life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voice mail services and other similar functions. Also check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

WHO MAY YOU CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS: If you have any questions regarding information in this notice, please call Consolidated Communications at 1-844-968-7224 or access www.consolidated.com/dialingchanges. You can also visit the FCC website at https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline.





Music at the park downtown Americus

September 18 at 7 pm
Willroth Family - Violin, guitar & flute

October 16 at 6:30 pm

Mater and Snacks provided.

Please bring lawn chains.





165 years and Going Strong

AMERICUS WILL BE TURNING 165 YEARS YOUNG IN 2022

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION IN 2022 WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

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YOU MAY CONTACT US AT AMERICUS DAYS 165@GMAIL.COM OR CONTACT DAVID GOLDSMITH AT 913-526-8253 OR CITY HALL AT 443-5655



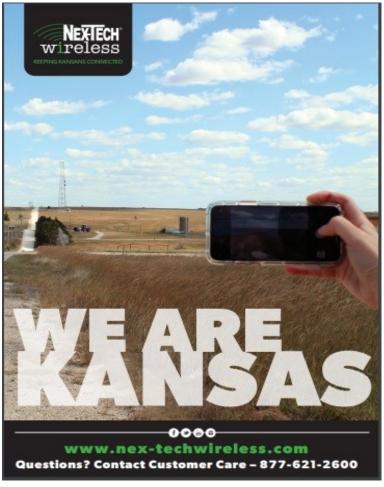
Grandparents Day, September 12th

Grandparents Day is celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day, which is September 12th this year. History of **Grandparents Day**; In 1969, nine-year-old Russell Capper sent President Nixon a letter suggesting that a day should be set aside in order to celebrate grandparents.

JDK Annual Poker Benefit 2021



This year with our annual poker run we made \$1,200. This years proceeds are going to Ashley Rodak who has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia to help with all her medical expenses. We will be delivering the money and a couple of gift to her personally.



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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 Saturday 5 3 2 <u>Tuesday</u>

September 7th 6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

September 18th 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Open to anyone in need. No Restrictions. Doors open 30 minutes before start time.

Social distancing practices will be in place.

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group for grades K thru 12 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Christian programs for adults

For more information:

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



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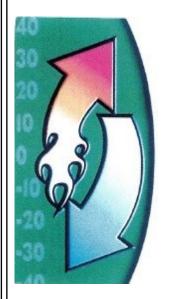


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Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/PO BOX 404 Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com 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 to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

We have many new books for your enjoyment and will be glad to Interlibrary Loan anything you may need.

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



We will be CLOSED for LABOR DAY Monday, September 6th

Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm - 5:30pm Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p -5:30p

Sat: 9a—12p (afternoon closed)

Story times on Thursdays beginning September 9th will be Grab and Go, with bags with activities and crafts for preschoolers. 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please let us know if you are interested.

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

Call us to see how we can help!

Project Playscape Weekend of Fundraisers

Results from the Weekend of Fundraisers were announced! Thank you to everyone whether you donated, participated, or volunteered. We couldn't have done it without you! See below all the results for the whole weekend!

Friday-(Swim Night-Duck Race-Chuck-a-Duck-Sand Volleyball @ the aquatic center)

*Our Winners of the Duck Race

*Our Winners of the Chuck-a-

Duck

1st-Venessa Anderson Family

1st- Coy Horton

2nd-Linsay Pierce Family

2nd-Viola Fritts

3rd-S. Watson

*Our winners of the Sand Volleyball was: Team: Ashley Hizar, Levi Hizar, Megan French, Nathan Campbell, Justin Richardson, & Makenna French.

Saturday:

1. Dodgeball-

Jr. High/High School League-The team "Benchwarmers" won-Kolden Rydberg, Aaron Ross, Logan Kistner, Nathaniel Ciero, Cody Nolan, & Nathan Hansen.

Adult League-The team "Mayor's Misfits" won-Dustin Wright, Tim Burton, Cody Burden, Taylor Redelfs, Garrett Schumann, Tink, & Austin Gill

2. Carshow-

Mayor's Choice: 1964 Nova-Mark Shook of Emporia, KS
People's Choice: 1955 Nomad-Billy Smith of Colony, KS
Best of Show: 1964 Chevy Corvette-Harry Goza of Emporia, KS
Chevy Award: 1967 Chevy C10-Kelly Krueger of Olpe, KS
Other: Emporia Arts Council Art Mobile, Americus Fire Fighter 50/50
Raffle, 2 Dudes Foods and NLC Cheer Garage Sale & Kids Carnival also

was at the event.



Weekend of Fundraisers Continued...

3. Summer Bash @ Harry & Lloyds

 Consisted of a Cornhole Tournament, Dunk Tank, T-shirt Sales, DJ Travis Hitt w/90's music and 50/50 raffle.

Dunk Tank-Thank you KSLAND BANK for your sponsorship!

Participants:

- -Britney Hinrichs w/Project Playscape
- -Mr. Bob Blair w/USD 251
- -Jessie McKee w/ARO
- -Michael Mitchell w/Americus Fire Dept.
- -Dustin Wright Mayor of Americus
- -Ben Moore-Americus Community Member
- -Michael Phillips-Owner of Harry & Lloyds
- -Ed Owens-Emporia Chief of Police & Guest Participant

There was a fun competition of who would raise the most money amongst the participants during their shifts.

1st Place- Mike Phillips 2nd Place-Dustin Wright

Sunday-Pancake & Biscuits and Gravy Fundraiser

THANK YOU to those who donated prizes or items for the breakfast: Harry & Lloyds, Wrights Auto, E&K Metal, DJ Custom Metal LLC, Cheryl Smart, Carolyn Duval, Karis Williams, Callie Lowry, Lance & Kayla Delgado, McKee Family, Horton Family, & Hinrichs Family. THANK YOU to our volunteer refs: Jacob Lang, Shawn Wilson, Kayla Burton, & Kayla Delgado. THANK YOU to the many volunteers at each event!

Ball field Updates

As many can see, we have officially started construction! Ballfield COMING SOON!

*Demo of the old field happened mid July, thanks to our volunteers!

- *Grass was killed off, thanks to RICHMOR!
- *Survey was complete August.
- *Dirt Work & Excavation was completed by Coffman Construction August!
- *Lighting installation will start first thing September!

We are hoping to have a celebration/grand opening sometimes in October. To se the continued updates, "Like Project Playscape".

For Donations, send to ECF "RE: Project Playscape" 527 Commercial Street #B, Emporia, KS 66801.





Hometown Community Contest

August 30th through September 10th at noon.

Preschool-Highschool kids are welcome to participate in this writing or drawing/coloring contest! Enter to win cool prizes! Highlight the below topic you chose to use:

- How a new ballfield will benefit kids, myself or the community.
- How a new splashpad would benefit kids, myself or the community.
- 3. What would my design of a splashpad look like?
- 4. What new things would myself or my family like to see added or provided in the community?
- 5. What makes our community or hometown special?
- Showing gratitude in highlighting a business in the community.

Participants may enter the Draw/Color Contest and/or the writing contest. There will be 6 winners (1 for each age level) in each Contest (for a total of 12 winners overall).

Writing Contest: 1.	Preschool/Kindergarten	Draw/Color Contest:	1.	Preschool/Kindergarten
2.	1st/2nd		2.	1 st /2 nd
3.	$3^{rd}/4^{th}$		3.	3 rd /4 th
4.	5 th /6 th		4 .	5 th /6 th
5.	7 th /8 th		5.	7 th /8 th
6.	Highschool		6.	Highschool

You may choose to enter a drawing or writing submission for each topic (for more chances to win). Submissions should be turned in to the school no later than noon September 10th. Items will be showcased @ businesses in our community as well as on Project Playscape Facebook Page. Entry gives Project Playscape permission to use information for possible grant writing, donor thank you letters, or donation requests. Winners will be announced via school and Project Playscape Facebook Page-"Project Playscape". Don't forget to "Like" Project Playscape for fundraiser info, community event info, and updates to our progress with the New Ballfield...COMING SOON!



Circle Answer Contest Type: Draw/Color or Writing Option #: 123456 Info on Picture:	
Use this form or may be used on 8x11, 8x13, or ½ sheet poster board. Please attach info below. Name (First, Last): Class:	

Use this form or may be typed or handwritten on regular paper. Class:					
Circle Answer: Contest Type: Draw/Color or Writing Age Bracket #: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Name (First, Last):					

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GIVE IT UP 4 PROJECT PLAYSCAPE CHALLENGE

AUGUST 30TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10TH!

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EXAMPLES:
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FAST FOOD
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CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO GIVE UP.
GIVE IT UP AND DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD NORMALLY
SPEND ON IT.

PAY A FINE EACH TIME YOU FORGET TO GIVE IT UP (YOU SET YOUR FINE).

DONATE THE MONEY BY THE END OF THE WEEK @ OUR GIVE IT UP FINALE.

How does it work?

Email Message, Text, or Post to Project Playscape and give your name and what you plan to give up!

Facebook "Project Playscape", 620-794-1685, projectplayscape4community@gmail.com
On Sept. 10 from 5-8pm stop by Harry & LLoyds (out front) and donate your Give It Up
\$, Facebook Pay or Venmo @Britney-Hinrichs.

Can't make it or just want to donate!

Donations can be dropped at Americus City Hall Drop Box or at the H&L Finale 9/10/21.

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school gym.

September Schedule 1st & 15th October Schedule 6th & 20th

CITY HALL

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

