

LECOMPTON NEWS

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LECOMPTON COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Don't Just Reside in your Community. Live in it!

Lecompton Community Empowerment works with the citizens of the Lecompton area to improve our community and enhance our quality of life, while recognizing the importance of our history. The Lecompton Community Empowerment building is the former Lecompton Rural High School building located at 620 E. Woodson Ave. Anyone may join or participate at any time!

Lecompton Community Empowerment meetings are held the second Mondays of each month from 7-8pm in the Owl's Nest Lounge. Everyone is welcome!

The Lecompton Community Empowerment building has rooms available to rent for events. Please contact Carol Howard to check availability at 785-887-6691

Watch for **activities** to be offered throughout the Spring and Summer at our Facebook page www.facebook.com/lecomptoncommunitypride

LECOMPTON COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT OFFICERS

President – Greg Howard
Vice President – Mary Jane Hoffer
Secretary – Elsie Middleton
Treasurer – Georgia Trammel

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items at our annual rummage sale. Proceeds help support Lecompton Community Empowerment facilities programs and activities. If you would like to send a monetary donation to help support our organization please send to

LCE
P.O. Box 60
Lecompton Ks 66050

Or you may contribute online thru Douglas County Community Foundation.
Thank you for your continued support.

Lecompton Community Empowerment would like to thank everyone that has supported through donating or volunteering to help make our community Empowerment successful.



Kids Dance is available at Lecompton Community Empowerment Building
Tues – Pre K 5:00-5:45 & Kids tumbling 6:00-6:45
Thursday – Jazz Pom 5:45-6:30
Contact Sunni Gilligan to sign up! 785-760-9326
April 20th – Dance Recital – At LCE bldg. 2:00P

* Lecompton Community Pride City Spring Cleanup * Sunday April 28th 1P-4P *
All are welcome to help with this event – meet at LCP bldg. 620 E. Woodson – go around town and pick up trash to help make the community look great!



LECOMPTON METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY



The Lecompton United Methodist Church Food Pantry is available once a month on the **3rd Saturday each Month**.
Hours of operation 7:30a-10:30a

How it works: Fill out a blank shopping list form located on the *North basement door* of the church (Blue door). The shopping lists will be in a clear plastic sheet protector. Complete the shopping list form and return it by placing it in a second plastic sheet protector on the same blue door with other completed shopping lists. Please note: shopping lists **not** received by Monday afternoon before the 3rd Saturday of the month will **NOT** be filled. Families with late shopping lists may receive a grocery bag of standard non-perishable food items and cold/frozen items.

On 3rd Saturday pickup; Volunteers will bring your order to your vehicle in the parking area east of the Church. The parking area is just off Woodson Ave between the Lecompton Post office & Church. Enter the drive from Woodson Ave, To exit the parking lot head south, at the end of the parking lot turn left into the alley and exit by the post office. (There are signs)

If there is an emergency or a new family in our area is in need, they can contact the church or Mary Jane Hoffer, arrangements will be made to assist them.

Mary Jane Hoffer at 785-393-3382 or mjhoffer9@gmail.com

All support from the community is very much appreciated!

Blessing boxes are located at the church and elementary school for anyone who needs to take food from them.

1st Thursday of each month Just Food's "Cruising cupboard" food pantry is available in the church parking lot from 4:30p-5:30p for residents who qualify for food assistance within Just Food's guidelines.

The food pantry can always use any type of food or monetary donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to "LUMC God's Food Pantry" and may be delivered to the church.

If you have any questions or are interested in more information please contact Mary Jane Hoffer by phone: (785) 393-3382 by email: mjhoffer9@gmail.com



LECOMPTON UNITED METHODIST CLOTHES CLOSET

The Lecompton United Methodist Church clothes closet is located in the former high school
(Community Empowerment Building)
620 E. Woodson Ave. 3rd floor.

The closet is open the 3rd Saturday each month, 9a-12p; volunteers are available for questions & assistance if needed. Anyone may come to the closet. Gently used clothing and linens are accepted at the clothes closet.

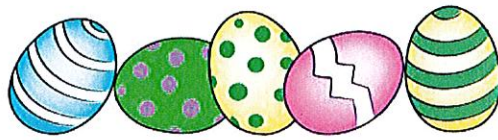
All items are free.

Currently the clothes closet is in need of linens of assorted types.

We can always use gently used infant, children, teens, men and women's clothing.

In case of emergency need please contact Karmell Thacker (785-766-6603), Mary Jane Hoffer (785) 393-3382, Mary Sue Sledd or Linda Smith for assistance

If you have any questions or are interested in more information, volunteering or making a donation, please contact Mary Jane Hoffer - by phone: (785) 393-3382 - by email: mjhoffer9@gmail.com



Lecompton United Methodist Church
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Open to kids up to 5th grade.
March 30th – 10 am SHARP
Lecompton Rowena Park
333 Elmore Street



Lecompton Community Pride – 620 E. Woodson Ave.
Hosting the 2024 Rummage Sale – March 23rd & 30th
March 23rd: 8 am – 4p.m
March 30th 8am – 12p all items half price
Close from noon to 1p

Re-open 1p-3p \$2 per bag sale (bring your own grocery sized bag)

Proceeds from clothing sales will support the LUMC Clothes Closet



Vet Clinic and Cat/Dog Registration



In City of Lecompton at Rowena Park - 333 Elmore
Thursday - April 25th 6:30p-8p

Come get your cat or dog vaccinated and then registered with the City
Veterinary services provided by Oskaloosa Veterinary Clinic
There is fee for these services – payments by cash or check only



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

Make a few dollars off those unused items and join in our City-wide garage sales, held the weekend of
May 31st, June 1st & 2nd



2024 TIRE COLLECTION



Tires must be to the curb by 6:00 A.M Tuesday June 4th, 2024

The City will be accepting tires to be picked up for recycling. There will be a LIMIT OF 4 car and/or light truck tires collected per household and the tires must be OFF the rim. If you have more than 4 car and/or light truck tires you would like to have picked up, OR if you have tires other than those for cars or light trucks, you will need to contact the City Office for additional information. Tire disposal in excess of 4 tires will be \$2.50/tire. The phone number for the City Office is 785-887-6407.



TERRITORIAL DAY!

October 5th, 2024

Please join the community in celebrating Lecompton's history by attending Lecompton Territorial Days!
Join us for a variety of events! Full details to be determined – Carnival rides this year!
It is a great way to meet members of our community and learn more about our great City!

- ❖ Territorial Day committee is always looking for more volunteers contact Vickie Clark for more information #785-249-8998 or Lecompton Historical Society at 785-887-6148.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!

The Lecompton City Council meetings are held at the City Office and begin at 7:00 P.M. the first and third Monday of every month. In the event this would fall on a holiday, the meeting would take place on the next business day.

City Mayor: Jimmy Wilkins

Council Members: Mary Jane Hoffer Steve Freeman
 Owen Mallonee Stephanie Confer.
 Troy Clark

You are encouraged to attend any and all meetings. Attending the Council meetings will keep you informed of what is happening in your City! If you wish to address the council, please call the city office, 887-6407 to be placed on the agenda.

To review City Council Meeting Minutes or view the agenda online please visit www.lecompton.org

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS!

The Lecompton Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Office and begin at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are held twice a year on the 2nd Wednesday of January and June. In the event this would fall on a holiday, it would take place the next business day. There are also special meetings called when necessary.

Chairperson: Vickie Clark

Members: Erin Herschell Carol Howard
 Martin Heurter Jamie Newman

LECOMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETINGS!

Our Lecompton Township meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. The meetings are held at 632 N. 1851 Diagonal Road. Phone #: 785-887-6836

Any township questions or repairs call the office 785-887-6836.

Trustee: Ed Daniels

Treasurer: Keith Noe

Clerk: Mike Stewart

Road Superintendent: Casey Quigley



LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Lecompton Historical Society is a group of volunteers dedicated to learning about and preserving the history and culture of the Lecompton area. It operates the Territorial Capital Museum at 640 E. Woodson located between the ball park and the gymnasium, the First Democratic Headquarters at Bald Eagle Park on East Second Street, as well as the historic City Jail just North of Constitution Hall on Elmore Street. Constitution Hall is a National Landmark and State Historic Site. Visit the museums and learn about our city's and area's roll in the Pre-Civil War era.

The Lecompton Historical Society (LHS) meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday, beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program. Everyone is welcome! For more information call 785-887-6148

Territorial Capital Museum: Wed-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm; Sun 1:00-5:00pm

Constitution Hall: Wed-Sat 9am – 5pm; Sun 1:00-5:00pm

CEMETERY BOARD

President: Vacancy
Treasurer: Sherri Neill * (785) 887-6155
Members: Paul Bahnmaier
Greg Howard



Please contact Sherri Neill for more information or with any questions.
If you would like to be on the Cemetery Board, please call Sherri Neill

MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY NEWS

Policy Statement

Due to the increasing challenge of maintaining the beauty and uniformity of this sacred space along with the increasing cost and maintenance time required, the following guidelines have been adopted by the board.

Artificial flowers are encouraged year round when placed at headstones. An exception will be made for Memorial Day. However, the flowers must be limited to the headstone area by 10 days following Memorial Day.

Permanent plantings with thorns and large mature bushes are not allowed.

Above ground headstones are permitted. No other above-ground statuary is permitted unless it is at the headstone.

All non-complying plantings and statuary need to be removed in a timely manner.

These guidelines have been adopted in order to be fair to everyone. We would appreciate your cooperation before the mowing season begins. Thank you.



Outdoor Burning Information from Consolidated Fire District #1

Spring marks the beginning of the burning season for fields and brush piles across our communities. These prescribed burns play a critical role in maintaining grassland health, recycling field nutrients, controlling unwanted trees and brush, and reducing wildfire risk. Controlled burns are an important tool for landowners to rejuvenate grasslands and agricultural use areas.



Did you know that prescribed burning is regulated by the State and local guidelines? Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 28-19-645 Through 28-19-648 outline requirements for open burns, responsibility for monitoring burns, and types of allowed fuels. Douglas County Home Rule Resolution 23-11-3 further addresses open burning regulations and fire safety requirements within the unincorporated areas of Douglas County.

These regulations are intended to ensure prescribed burning and other open burning is safe, controlled and reduces the impact to surround areas.

I would encourage everyone to read both the K.A.R.'s and Douglas County Resolution. This information can be found on the county website under the "Fire and Burning" section of the Emergency Management page. For this article, we will highlight areas of extreme importance.

Prior to conducting a prescribed or open burn, you **MUST** confirm that open burning is allowed by calling the burn line and registering with Douglas County Dispatch on the day of the burn. This is a requirement of both K.A.R. and Douglas County Resolution.

Burn Hotline: 785-832-5394

This county burn line is updated every morning by 8 a.m. and will indicated if burning is authorized for that day. If burning is authorized, you must select **Option 0** on this line to register your burn. You will log your name, contact phone number, location of the burn, size/area of the burn, and the material being burned.

- Understand that open burning is not authorized under certain forecasted conditions
 - Rangeland Fire Danger Index is High and forecasted sustained winds greater than 15 mph.
 - Rangeland Fire Danger Index is Low or Moderate and forecasted sustained winds greater than 20 mph.
 - Local conditions of dryness
 - Resource limitations of local Fire Departments

To ensure a safe burn, we recommend the following:

- Develop a written prescribed burn plan
 - Know how many people and equipment you will need
 - Talk with your neighbors and burn together.
 - Determine if site and moisture conditions are appropriate
 - If conditions are not favorable, postpone the burn until conditions improve
 - Prepare the site

- Create adequate fire breaks. These can be mowed, disked lines, or natural fire breaks
 - Size of fire breaks will vary depending on fuel type and moisture. In general, if only grass is present in the proposed burn area, the fire breaks need to be a minimum of 10 times the vegetation height.
- Observe the weather
 - Know weather conditions on the day of burn and 2 to 3 days following.
 - Daily fire weather can be found on the National Weather Service Site.
 - Ideal conditions for prescribed burning are wind speeds between 8 to 13 mph and humidity greater than 30 percent.
 - If a storm front and shifting winds is approaching, consider delaying the burn due to potential rekindling after the burn.
- Conducting the burn
 - Continuous monitoring of changing weather conditions
 - Stay with the burn until it is completely extinguished
 - Maintain adequate help and resources for the entire operation
 - Have your phone close to you and be prepared to answer if someone calls. Dispatch may try to contact individuals conducting prescribed burns to ensure everything is OK.
- Completing the burn
 - Secure the area and patrol the burned edge several times after the burn is completed
 - Extinguish any burning material within 100 feet of burned edge
 - If standing trees are burning near the burned edge, cut them down
 - Check and monitor the burn area for the next 2-3 days ensuring nothing re-kindles.
- Contact 911 if you encounter any problems during your prescribed burn
 - Early notification will allow fire department resources to get there sooner to mitigate any problems.

The Kansas Forest Service provides a template for personal Wildland Fire Action Plan through their **Read, Set, Go** program. This resource is an excellent tool to assist with planning, preparation, and mitigation of wildland fire emergencies.

As previously stated, I encourage everyone to read K.A.R.'s 28-19-645 through 28-49-648 and Douglas County Home Rule Resolution 23-11-3 prior to conducting any prescribed burning this season. If you still have questions after reading the documents, cfdl@douglascountyks.org or by phone at 785-843-2226.

Thank you for reading and remember, **all** burns must be logged by contacting **785-832-5394** prior to conducting the burn.

Mike Baxter, Fire Chief
Consolidated Fire District #1



CURBSIDE RECYCLING HONEY CREEK WASTE DISPOSAL

Honey Creek waste disposal service offers curbside recycling
\$9 per month – pick up is every other week
If you are interested please call city hall
(785) 887-6407



GENERAL CLEANUP NOTICE



It is nearly spring time ~ Now is a great time to haul fallen leaves/tree limbs, sticks and brush to the natural waste dump at the North End of the City Lagoons. Tire pickup day will be happening soon (In June), if you have some old tires, this is your chance to get rid of 4 tires per household (off rim) for free! Get your lawn mowers ready to keep that grass height under 12" tall - Also be mindful of trash and debris around your yard, let's get that picked up and thrown in the trash. Old chair cushions that the stuffing is falling out of and blowing all over the yard...time to trash those bits! Old ratty tarp blowing around, time to replace it - old chicken coop falling down in your side yard, it's time to do something about it.

The City appreciates your efforts in maintaining the care and upkeep of your property.

DATES TO CLIP AND SAVE!

March 23 rd & 30 th	Pride Rummage Sale 620 E. Woodson
March 30 th	10am Sharp – LUMC Community Easter Egg Hunt (@ park)
April 20 th	Great Steps Dance Recital 6pm at LCP
April 25 th	Vet vaccination and City registration clinic – 6:30p-8p
April 28 th	LCP – Community Spring Cleanup 1p-4p
May 4 th	Vintage Iron Revelry Car Show
May 31 st /June 1-2nd	Citywide Garage Sales
June 12 th	Tire Collection Day
October 5 th	Territorial Days

City Hall Office Hours

Mon-Wed-Fri: 8:30-12:30

Wed: 4-6

Office Holidays (11)

January 1 st	Martin Luther King Day
Presidents Day	Memorial Day
July 4 th	Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day & Day after	Christmas Eve Day & Christmas Day
Designated or Floating Holiday	



Shop Lecompton First!



POST OFFICE HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 8:00am-12:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-10:30am