

LECOMPTON NEWS

FALL 2024

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Find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011182331567>

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. Anyone may join or participate in LCE at any time!

Lecompton Community Empowerment meetings are held the fourth Mondays of each month @ 6:30pm 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

Monday night Yoga at Lecompton Community Empowerment

Jennifer Sieben Yoga instructor. Classes are Mondays at 5:30p

Watch for **future activities** to be offered throughout the fall and spring at our Facebook page

Thursday night video workout at Lecompton Community Empowerment

Video led – include aerobics; Zumba; etc... Classes are Thursdays at 6:00p

\$5 donation each week – no commitment – attend when you can - Questions text 785-550-8914

<https://www.facebook.com/LecomptonCommunityEmpowerment> or

LCE's new website www.lecomptonks.org



Lecompton Community Empowerment through DCCF Giving for Good Campaign will support “All That Jazz” youth dance program.

Funds will be used to replace the ceiling in the dance room.

When you make a donation, DCCF will make a partially matched donation. Donations may be sent to PO Box 63 Lecompton, KS 66050

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.



All That Jazz Dance at LCE

Tuesdays: Tap & Ballet 1st grade & up 3:30-4:30 (School bus will drop off if ride needed)

Kindergarten 4:30-5:15 & Pre K 5:30-6:15

Wednesdays – Jazz, Pom & Hip Hop 3:30 (bus ride available)

Contact Brenda Hastert for more info or to sign up! 785-550-8914

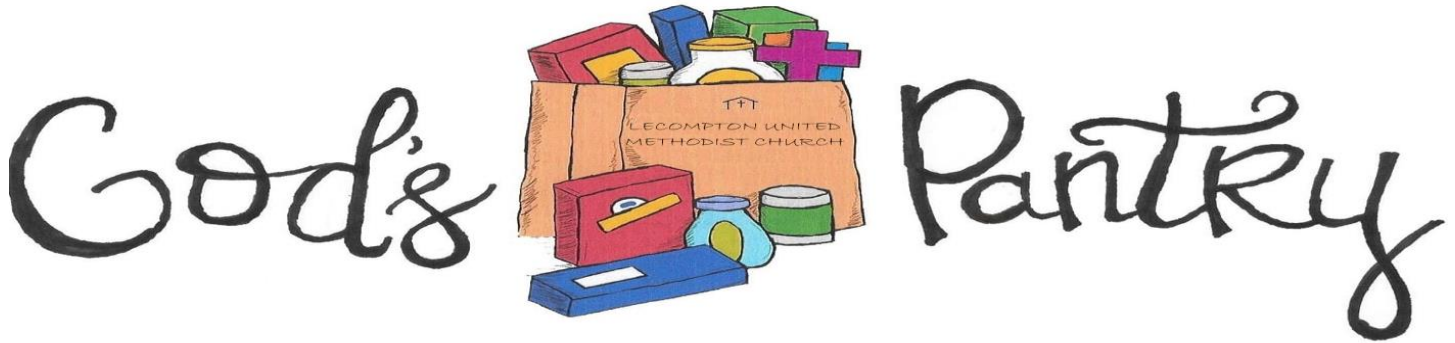
CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

Currently collection donations for sale at the end of November. No TV's, electronics or clothes

November 23rd, November 30th and December 7th - 9am-2p

Keep an eye out for postings on FACEBOOK & around town

Shop the Lecompton Community Empowerment Sale
for all Your Holiday Décor!



The Lecompton United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday each Month. 7:30a-10:30a

Due to the number of families we are serving and the time we have available, we are filling shopping lists each month.

Instead of individual shopping, a volunteer will shop for you. You must fill out a shopping list located at either City Hall or the North Door of the Church (Blue door) fill out a shopping list and return by the Sunday before pickup date.

There is a plastic sleeve/pocket to put your completed list in.

Lists not received by the Sunday before pantry will be given a pre-packed bag of general nonperishable food items and any cold or frozen items available that day.

Lists received in time will be filled by volunteers and on the day of pick up will bring your bags to your vehicle in the parking area East of the Church.

When pulling into the parking area, vehicles will need to pull into the drive, just off Woodson and exit to the south.
(There are signs)

The services are available once a month to clients. If there is an emergency or a new family has moved to the area if they contact the church or Mary Jane Hoffer, arrangement 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!

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

Cruising cupboard from just foods in the church parking lot – 1st Thursday of each month 4:30p-5:30p

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 (LCE 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 in need of clothing may come to the closet. Gently used clothing and lines are accepted at the clothes closet. Winter is approaching and if anyone has any gently used quilts, blankets that they would like to donate please let us know as some families do not have these items.

All items are free.

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 Gina Clements- by phone: (785) 213-1168 - by email: gclement_1@yahoo.com

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

For families who have children in the Perry Lecompton USD 343 School District - infant to 18 years.

The elementary schools (Lecompton and Perry) will be sending forms home with children in late October to be returned to school no later than November 4th. If your child is not in elementary school, please contact Lecompton Elementary School secretary (Meta Hetrick) to get a form to fill out and return to the school by November 4th.

Adopt a family/angel tags should be available on the tree at LUMC by November 10th.

Any tags left on the tree by December 1st will be pulled to allow the team to complete shopping.

The church will be accepting monetary donations also (cash preferred).

Anyone taking a tag will need to bring gifts to the church by Sunday December 1st.

If you want to make a donation (any amount helps!) please send to:

Adopt a Family Attn: Mary Jane Hoffer P.O. Box 93 Lecompton, KS 66050

If we have late requests we will try to fill them, but it may not be possible.

Please keep an eye out for future dates for gift pickups

For more information contact Mary Jane Hoffer by phone: (785) 393-3382 or by email: mjhoffer9@gmail.com



Lecompton United Methodist Church Choir

Presents "One Small Child"

Sunday December 22nd @ 9:45am

In the LUMC Sanctuary



Lecompton United Methodist Church – 402 Elmore St

November 5th – Election Day Dinner

Turkey Dinner & Desserts

Serving 3:30p-6:30p Dine in or Carry out – Free will Donation



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 role 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 11:00am-4:00pm; Sun 1:00-5:00pm

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

LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

- ***Christmas Vespers*** – December 8th, 2024 at 2:00pm inside Territorial Capital Museum
- ***Antique & vintage Christmas Trees*** inside the Territorial Capital Museum – Trees will be displayed November 1st, 2024 – January 5th, 2025
- ***Bleeding Kansas Lecture Series*** held in Constitution Hall begins on January 26th, 2025 at 2:00pm and continues every Sunday through February. Last lecture will be Sunday March 2nd, 2025

Meals on Wheels Services – Midland Care

For more information or to sign up to receive meals please follow the link below

<https://midlandcareconnection.org>

Ph: 785-430-2186

BUSINESS – BUSINESS – BUSINESS

E – Community meetings allow ample networking and brainstorming for small community businesses. Help individuals start, grow, or grow your own business in your community by joining! Other Cities that are involved include Eudora and Baldwin. Please contact Lecompton City Hall if you would like be put on the volunteer list 785-887-6407



Calling all Entrepreneurs! Lecompton is looking for you to start a business here! Are you interested in owning your own business but aren't sure where to start? E-Communities can help you with financing options, information and advice.

Please contact Lecompton City Hall (785)-887-6407 or Jill DeVries Jolicoeur, 785-330-2869 for more details

Or go online for more details: <http://www.networkkansas.com/communities>

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 tombstone 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.

CEMETERY BOARD

President:

Treasurer: Sherri Neill * (785) 887-6155

Members: Paul Bahnmaier
Greg Howard



Please contact Sherri Neill for more information or with any questions.

The Cemetery board is looking for additional members, if you would like to be on the Cemetery Board, please call Sherri Neill.

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: Troy Clark

Stephanie Confer

Mary Jane Hoffer

Owen Mallonee

Steve Freeman

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

City Hall Office Hours

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

Wed: 4-6

Office Holidays (11)

January 1st

Martin Luther King Day Jan 16th Mon

Presidents Day Feb 20th Mon

Memorial Day

July 4th

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day & Day After

Christmas Eve Day

Christmas Day

Designated or Floating Holiday

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS!

The Lecompton Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Office and begin at 7:00 P.M. the second Wednesday in 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
 Benton Peugh

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

Trustee: Ed Daniels
Treasurer: Keith Noe
Clerk: Mike Stewart
Road Superintendent: Casey Quigley



Consolidated Fire District #1 is proud to continue providing fire and medical emergency response for the north and central communities of Douglas County, including Lecompton and the surrounding rural area. We will be developing pre-plans for some of the historic structures in the city, as well as several other buildings in the area. We look forward to our participation at Territorial Days, Perry-Lecompton HS Homecoming parade, and the school district's Careers on Wheels Day at PLHS. We would like to thank Mark Lamb for our tour of Lecompton Elementary School.

Station 151 (415 Boone, Lecompton) remains staffed with a full-time Firefighter/EMT during daytime hours Monday through Thursday. Firefighters and Medical personnel from Station 151 responded to over 350 emergency calls in the greater Lecompton area in 2023.

CFD#1 Firefighter training remains focused on providing safe, effective, and efficient response for the citizens of Lecompton and the whole of Douglas County. Movement of personnel and equipment is coordinated to quickly contain fires and have highly trained medical responders available where needed.

Consolidated Fire District #1 is primarily a Volunteer Department. We are always seeking people that are interested in serving the community and learning new skills. Firefighter and Hazardous Materials training, including certifications, is provided in-house. Reimbursement may be available upon successful completion of EMR or EMT courses. Applications may be obtained at Station 151 or Station 111 (300 W 31st St, Lawrence, KS). Recruit classes begin in January and July of each year.

We look forward to continuing to provide quality emergency services to the community, and we believe that the best is yet to come.

- Fire Chief John Mathis

DOUGLAS COUNTY SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

DCSRC Senior wheels keep Douglas County seniors connect and active in their communities. Areas served include Baldwin City, Big Springs, Clinton, Eudora, Globe, Lawrence, Lecompton, Lone Star, Vinland, Pleasant Grove, and rural Douglas County.

If you are 60 "or better" call 785-727-7876 for information or to make a reservation. Reservations are required, made at least 48 hours in advance due to high demand. Be ready to board 15 minutes before your scheduled ride.

Rides are available Monday-Friday, 7am-3:40pm. Door to door transportation is available, as well as wheelchair accommodations.

Rides are \$3 each way within Lawrence, or \$5 outside of Lawrence (including rides from another part of Douglas County to Lawrence or back.) An accompanying spouse or caregiver can ride along for free. No tipping is accepted, but donations above the ride charge are always welcome.



Friday October 4, 2024
LCE – 620 E Woodson Ave.
ALL AGES WELCOME
4P-6P

No sign up needed, just show up
1ST Prize - \$30 2nd Prize - \$20 3rd Prize - \$10
Some chalk provided ~ feel free to bring your own
Will cancel if raining



OCTOBER 5th, 2024

Please join the community in celebrating Lecompton's history by attending Lecompton Territorial Day!

Join us for a variety of events! Full details to be determined

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.



Saturday October 26th, 2024
6P-7:30P

Candy Trunkers can angle park at designated spots along Elmore Street until 5:50p

Treaters may start at 6:00pm

Angled Parking for trick o'treaters/Families will be provided at the Lecompton United Methodist Church Parking lot
The parking area is off Woodson Ave between the post office and the Lecompton United Methodist Church



Lecompton Holiday Parade December 7th, Line up begins at 5:30p - parade starts at 5:50pm.
Meet at the Perry-Lecompton Grade School with your Holiday decorated Golf Cart, Lawn Mower, Side by Side, or Kids battery powered vehicle (please no full size cars/trucks or motorcycles)

Final arrival at the Lecompton Community Building 333 Elmore
Where Santa will countdown to light up the park and visit with the kids
Come inside to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa!



City Santa Visit & Holiday Park Lighting

Join us for a countdown to light up the City Park
Stay to enjoy a visit from a jolly man in a red suit

When: Saturday December 7th 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: 333 Elmore, Lecompton Community Building



Holiday Lighting Contest

The City of Lecompton is looking for your participation in this year's holiday yard lighting contest.

Contestants must register with the Lecompton City office by December 11th (785) 887-6407.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given

Awards announced on December 16th, during the City Council Meeting

DATES TO CLIP AND SAVE!

Chalk the Walk – Friday October 4th, 2024 @ 620 E Woodson Ave 4P

TERRITORIAL DAY – Saturday October 5th, 2024

LCE Chili Feed – October 12th a:30p-6p at 620 E Woodson

LCE BINGO NIGHT October 12th @ 6p-8p at 620 E. Woodson *Please bring sharable snack

Trunk or Treat Elmore St – October 28, 2023 @ 6p-7:30p

Advanced Voting: October 26th – 8a-4p; November 2nd 8a-4p (Community Building 333 Elmore)

General Election - November 5th @ 7a-7p (Community Building 333 Elmore St.)

City park lighting, Santa Event - December 7th @ 6:00p

Holiday Vespers – December 8th @ 2pm Territorial Capital Museum

Vintage Christmas Display – November 1st – January 5th, 2025

LCE Christmas Shoppe – Saturdays Nov. 23rd, 30th & Dec 7th @ 9a-2p

Holiday Parade – Saturday December 7th @5:30 (line up at LES) Parade starts at 5:50P

City Santa & Holiday Park Lighting – Saturday December 7th @ 6p 33 Elmore

LCE Price Is Right Game Show – January 25th, 2025 @6:30p Fun game with real prizes
more information to follow at www.lecomptonks.org

Bleeding Kansas Lecture Series 2025 – January 26th (Kansas Day Program), February 2nd, 9th,
16th, 23rd & March 2nd @ 2pm

2025 Lecompton Community Empowerment Rummage Sale – March 21 8a-4p

March 22 8a-12p: all items half price (closed from 12p-1p for lunch)

Reopen @ 1pm-4p --\$2 fill a bag sale (bags provided)

2025



DO YOU RECYCLE?



Curbside recycling is available – Pickup is every other week - \$11/month

If you are interested in Curbside service, Please call City Office 785-887-6407

Rigid plastic #1-7; newspaper, office paper, junk mail, cardboard, chip board, aluminum/tin cans, glass bottles
are accepted

PLEASE RINSE ALL CONTAINERS.

HONEYCREEK WASTE DISPOSAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Any pickup day *BEFORE* the holiday will be picked up on regular schedule. If the Holiday falls on a Saturday
or Sunday, your pickup day *WILL NOT CHANGE*.

When your trash pickup day falls on an observed holiday *OR* on any day following the holiday in the same
week your pickup schedule will be *ONE DAY LATER THAN NORMAL*.

Normal schedule will resume on the following Monday.

Memorial Weekend

1 day late

Thanksgiving

on schedule

July 4

on schedule

Christmas

on schedule

Labor Day

1 day late

New Year's 2025

on schedule



Shop Lecompton First!



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