

LECOMPTON COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

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

Lecompton Community Empowerment, volunteers of the Lecompton area, and Kansas Community Empowerment collaborate to enhance our community and improve 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!

L.C.E. meetings are held the 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30p in the Owl's Nest Lounge. Everyone is welcome!

The LCE 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 – Georgia Trammel
Treasurer – Elsie Middleton

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.

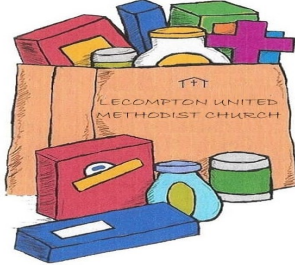
Lecompton Community Empowerment would like to thank everyone that has supported through donating or volunteering to help make our community Empowerment successful.



Kids Dance is available at Lecompton Community Empowerment Building
Wednesday – Ballet/Tap 3:30-4:30 Pre-K& Kindergarten Ballet/Tap 4:30-5:30 Jazz /Pom/HipHop 5:30-6:00
Contact Brenda Hastert to sign up! 785-550-8914
April 12th – Dance Recital – At LCE bldg.



Adult Yoga w/Jennifer – **Mondays 5:30p-6:30p**
Mobility Class – **Fridays 3:30p-4:30**



God's Pantry

Open: 3rd Saturday each month, 7:30–10:30 AM

To serve more families efficiently, volunteers now fill all shopping lists. **How it works:**

- Pick up a shopping list at the **North (blue) door** of the church.
- Return completed lists to the drop box **by the Sunday before pantry day**.
- Lists turned in on time will be filled and brought to your vehicle on pickup day.
- Late or missing lists will receive a **pre-packed bag** of general items.

Pickup: Enter the east parking area from Woodson and exit to the south (signs posted).

Emergency needs or new to the area? Contact **Mary Jane Hoffer** – 785-393-3382 or mjhoffer9@gmail.com

Additional Food Resources:

- **Blessing Boxes** at the church and elementary school (available anytime).
- **Cruising Cupboard (Just Food):** 1st Thursday each month, 4:30–5:30 PM in the church parking lot.

Donations: The pantry welcomes all food donations.

Monetary gifts may be made payable to “LUMC God’s Food Pantry” and delivered to the church.

Community support is deeply appreciated.



LECOMPTON UNITED METHODIST CLOTHES CLOSET

Location: LCE Building (former high school), 620 E. Woodson Ave., 3rd Floor

Open: 3rd Saturday each month, 9 AM–12 PM **Cost:** All items are free

The Clothes Closet is open to anyone in need. Volunteers are available to help during open hours.

Donations Needed: Gently used infant, children, teen, men’s, and women’s clothing & linens

Emergency Assistance Contact:

Karmell Thacker: 785-766-6603

Mary Jane Hoffer: 785-393-3382

Mary Sue Sledd or Linda Smith

More Information / Volunteering: Gina Clements phone #: 785-213-1168 Email: gclement_1@yahoo.com



Cat/Dog Registration Reminder



City of Lecompton code requires you to have your cat or dog registered with the City
You must be able to provide proof of current rabies vaccination to register.

Intact Cats/Dogs are \$3 per year

Spayed/Neutered Cats/Dogs are \$2 per year

Due to poor turn out – there will be no vet clinic this spring

This is a friendly reminder that all dogs must be kept on a leash in public spaces and cannot run at large off their owner’s property. Any animal found off the owners premises without a leash or property restraint is considered at large and if caught will be taken to the Lawrence Humane Shelter.



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

Make a few dollars off those unused items and join in our City-wide garage 2026 Dates:
June 5th, 6th & 7th



2026 TIRE COLLECTION



Tires must be to the curb by 6:00 A.M Tuesday June 9th, 2026

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.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING HONEY CREEK WASTE DISPOSAL

Honey Creek waste disposal service offers curbside recycling

\$11 per month – pick up is every other week

If you are interested please call city hall

(785) 887-6407



September 26, 2026

Please join the community in celebrating Lecompton’s history by attending Lecompton Territorial Days!

Territorial Day 2025 was a great success! Between the pancake breakfast and the live music street dance we had a cakewalk, inflatables, carnival rides, a parade, games, craft booths and food trucks plus a performance by the PLHS Band. Territorial Day 2026 will take place **Saturday, September 26, 2026**.

Look for the schedule online or at any local business plus City Hall and the Post Office.

For information about joining the T day committee to volunteer contact Vickie Clark 785.249.8998 or sign up on Facebook at Lecompton Territorial Day <https://www.facebook.com/lecomptonterritorialdays/>



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

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.

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



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 have spent some time looking at 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 City of Lecompton Santa Event.

Station 151 (415 Boone, Lecompton) remains staffed 10 days a month for 24 hour shifts. The CFD#1 is working towards staffing Station 151 full-time Firefighter/EMS in 2026. Firefighters and Medical personnel from Station 151 responded to over 350 emergency calls in the greater Lecompton area in 2024.

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).

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

County Burn Hotline: 785-832-5394

The burn line is updated daily by 8 a.m. If burning is allowed, select **Option 0** to register your burn. Be prepared to provide your name, phone number, burn location, size, and materials.

When Burning is not allowed:

Burn authorization may be denied due to:

- **High Fire Danger** with sustained winds over 15 mph
- **Low/Moderate Fire Danger** with sustained winds over 20 mph
- **Dry local conditions**
- **Limited fire department resources**

Safe Burn Guidelines:

Planning

- Create a written burn plan
- Coordinate with neighbors
- Burn only when site and moisture conditions are appropriate
- Postpone if weather is unfavorable
- Prepare the site thoroughly

Fire Breaks

- Use mowed or disked lines or natural breaks
- Fire breaks should be at least **10× the height of the vegetation** when burning grass

Weather Awareness

- Check weather for the burn day and the following 2–3 days
- Ideal conditions: **8–13 mph winds** and **humidity above 30%**
- Delay if shifting winds or storm fronts are expected

During the Burn

- Monitor weather continuously
- Stay on-site until the fire is fully out
- Maintain adequate personnel and equipment
- Keep your phone nearby—dispatch may call to confirm safety

After the Burn

- Patrol the burn perimeter multiple times
- Extinguish any burning material within 100 feet of the edge
- Cut down burning trees near the perimeter
- Monitor the area for 2–3 days for rekindling

If problems arise, call 911 immediately. Early notification speeds response.



GENERAL CLEANUP NOTICE



Spring is here, making it a great time to tidy up your property. Residents may take fallen leaves, limbs, sticks, and brush to the **natural waste dump at the north end of the City Lagoons.**

Tire Pickup Day is coming in **June**. Each household may dispose of **up to 4 tires (off-rim) for free.**

Please prepare your lawn equipment and keep grass **under 12 inches**, including ditches. Take a moment to remove trash and debris around your yard—items like torn tarps, torn cushions, or deteriorating structures should be repaired, thrown away, or demolished.

The City appreciates everyone's efforts to maintain clean, safe, and well-kept properties.

DATES TO CLIP AND SAVE!

April 18 th	Empty Nesters 6 th annual Small town Saturday Night Kick off event 4p-6p
April 12 th	Great Steps Dance Recital 4pm at LCP
May 2 nd	PLC Library Seed & Plant Event
May 30 th	Vintage Iron Revelry Car Show
June 5 th -7 th	Citywide Garage Sales
June 9 th	Tire Collection Day
September 26 th	Territorial Days
October 31 st	Trunk or Treat on Elmore Street
December 5 th	City Santa/Hot Cocoa/parade/park lights



Shop Lecompton First!



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

Local Business Events:

Empty Nesters – Small Town Saturday Night – Live Music, Wine, and food offerings every Saturday night April – October.
Kick off date: 4/18 3p-5p ----- 4/25-5/30 5p-7p ----- 6/6-8/29 7p-9p ----- 9/12-10/24 5p-7p

HillCreek Market – Day Event – 6/20 10a-2p : local vendor market, petting zoo, live music and more.