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Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at City Hall

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Thursday, 6/9

Planning Commission

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Senior Lunch

Join the Edgerton Senior Committee for burgers and hotdogs on Wednesday, June 15 at noon. We'll have a summer side dish contest, so bring your favorite potato salad, baked beans or other delicious dish. Attendees will vote for their favorite and the winner will receive a prize from Central Bank of the Midwest. Stay after for BINGO!

Summer Fun in Edgerton!

Mark your calendars for these great community activities

June 4, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. • Greenspace in Downtown Edgerton

Join us on Saturday, June 4 in Downtown Edgerton for the Summer Kick-off Block Party. Come play yard games with your friends and neighbors, let the kids play in the bounce house, enjoy some free ice cream and music from a live DJ. This is a free family event!

June 17, 2021 – 5 p.m. & June 18, 2021 – 10 a.m. • Downtown Edgerton

Frontier Days Festival is celebrating the Wild West in 2022. Come watch Jadynce and Silver Bullet, a Bob Seger tribute band rock the night away on Friday evening. On Saturday, Tate Stevens and Ricochet will be performing live on the main stage. This year, enjoy a live action Wild West street performance and take part in the Cast-Iron Cook-off. The full schedule is included along with this newsletter or you can see more at edgertonfrontierdays.com.

July 3, 2021 – 6 p.m. • Martin Creek Park

The annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Show is back at Martin Creek Park on Saturday, July 3. Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be free food and t-shirts for the first 500 people. Make sure you come early to play in the bounce houses and get your face painted and hair spray-painted. Fireworks will start at 9:45 p.m., weather permitting. Parking is limited, but you can easily catch a shuttle bus at Edgerton Elementary and at City Hall. Shuttles will run from 5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Community Blood Drive

The Edgerton Community Blood Drive is coming up on Monday, June 20 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Community Hall. There is a critical need for blood right now. If you would like to donate, sign up at redcrossblood.org and search for Edgerton.

From Your Friends at FD #1: Clothes Dryer Safety Tips

You are at higher risk of having a clothes dryer fire if you don't clean your lint filter and dryer vents. Follow these simple safety tips to prevent a fire in your home! If you have any questions, contact FD #1 at 913-764-7635.



- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
- Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
- Check the venting system behind the dryer to make sure that it is not damaged, crushed or restricted.
- Make sure the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is operating.

Comp Plan: Windshield Survey

If you see a slow moving vehicle drive down your street on **June 7**, it is likely part of the housing windshield survey for the City's New Comprehensive Plan. The city's consultant team, Confluence, will be visually assessing each home from the street. They're reviewing housing type, exterior conditions and other features. The data from the survey will be used in the housing chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and will allow the City and other organizations to explore funding opportunities to rehabilitate the City's existing housing stock. Homeowners will not be required to give any additional information as part of the windshield survey. If you have any questions, call City Hall.

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 25. It's located at the corner of 4th and Hulett, across the street from the United Methodist Church.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop non-perishable items off at City Hall during normal business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 95, Edgerton, KS 66021. The food pantry is available to every family in the USD 231 district.

? EDGEPERT: Convention Hall

Did you know that Edgerton once had a convention hall (in addition to Grange Hall, which was used primarily for Grange organization purposes) for community activities and entertainment?

In late 1915, J.R. Whitla, the owner of the Edgerton Hardware Store, had a building constructed just south of his store, located at the corner of East Fourth and Nelson Streets. The hall was named "Convention Hall", and was also known as "Electric Hall". Whitla wanted a building to hold public functions and activities for Edgerton residents. The building was 40 feet wide, 70 feet long, and almost 2 stories high.

The west end of the building had a large balcony with a seating capacity of 300, with a moving picture machine in back of the balcony. The lower floor had a seating capacity of 750. The hall was lighted with electricity, which at the time of the hall's construction, was a novel concept. The electricity was provided by Mr. Whitla's private electric plant. The lower floor was hard maple, so it could be used as a roller skating rink. The hall was also equipped with opera chairs for seats.

At the hall's grand opening and dedication, in November of 1915, all of Edgerton's businesses participated in a big free merchants show, in which the various businesses demonstrated their different lines of merchandise and machinery handled by local dealers. All of the machinery at the grand opening of the hall was operated by gasoline engines. That evening, a motion picture was shown for the enjoyment of the town's residents. The hall served as a community center building, and was available at all times, free of charge, for all public meetings and conventions.

More information on Electric Hall and other Edgerton buildings from past eras, can be found at the Edgerton Community Museum, 406 E. Nelson. (The information for this story came from the Edgerton Journal newspaper of October 22, 1915).

