



## Work Continues on New 56 Hwy Trail

The new pedestrian trail along 56 Highway is taking shape. Grading work is continuing and crews will soon turn their attention to building a new retaining wall.

Crews have been working since late July to lay the new 10-foot wide asphalt trail. The trail will improve safety for pedestrians that want to access the retail businesses between 1st and 7th Streets.

Please encourage your children to use the trail and stay off of the busy highway. The trail is being paid for using money generated by LPKC.



## Help Us Plan for the Future!

The City of Edgerton is in the midst of a new stormwater masterplan. This comprehensive plan will help the city not only identify and prioritize projects to reduce flooding and improve drainage systems, but will also help us plan for the future. The City has contracted with Olsson to put together the stormwater masterplan. But we need your help!

- Fill out a Survey
- Attend the Public Meeting
- Tell Us Your Concerns

*How to Help!*

In the coming weeks, residents will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Your answers to these questions will help us determine where flooding or other stormwater concerns occur most often in the City. The questionnaire will also be available on the City's website and through our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please fill out the survey to assist us with this very important project!

We will also host a public open house meeting later this month. Check out the details to the right.



Individual meetings are available for anyone who cannot attend the open house. Contact City Hall to set up a time.

Answer on back.

## Are you an Edgert



Each month we'll share interesting and fun facts about Edgerton. If you have a surprising fact to share about living in Edgerton or about the City's history, submit it to [aclower@edgertonks.org](mailto:aclower@edgertonks.org) and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

**Question:**  
Did you know there was a pre-Civil War battle fought just northeast of Edgerton?



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## Important Upcoming Meetings: City Offices Closed for Labor Day:

Monday, September 7

## Planning Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, September 8

## City Council Meeting:

Thursday, September 10

## City Council Meeting:

Thursday, September 24

## Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

## Cops 'N Bobbers Fishing Derby:

Saturday, September 12

**Open House Meeting  
Martin Creek Park Shelter  
September 22, 2020  
4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.**

## From Your Friends at Fire District #1: Burn and Scald Prevention

Most scald burns to children, especially small children between the ages of 6 months and 2 years, are caused by hot foods or liquids spilled in the kitchen. Here are some tips to keep everyone safe:



- Place objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge
- Use dry oven mitts or pot holders.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves while cooking
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove

*If you are scalded or burned, try this general first aid:*

- Treat a burn by putting it in cool water for three to five minutes
- Cover burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments or other home remedies
- Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. They can hide burns and retain heat, potentially increasing skin damage.

## Johnson County Sheriff's Office: Pedestrian Safety

At some point, everyone is a pedestrian and as we head into the fall season, you will continue to see more community members outside. Did you know, in 2017, a pedestrian was killed every 88 minutes, on average, in a traffic crash? Parents, caregivers, and concerned residents all want the same thing. To make sure you, your loved ones, and your neighbors can enjoy walking safely in your community.



As a pedestrian, it is essential that you know the basic pedestrian safety tips. These include:

- Be predictable on your walk, follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- If available, walk on sidewalks but if not available, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Remain alert at all times, put down the electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions.
- No crosswalk or intersection? Locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic to cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to ensure you are seen.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

## Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Community Food Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 18.

Volunteers will bring food out to those in need. Everyone is asked to enter the gravel parking lot off of 4th street and wait to be directed to turn west onto Hulett. They will stop in front of the pantry going west and have their bags put directly into their car.

The Edgerton Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned green beans, corn, and pasta. They need egg noodles, penne, shells and elbow pasta this month. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, they are also going to be looking for donations of canned yams and cranberry sauce. The food pantry is available to everyone in the USD 231 school district. It's open every third Saturday of the month at 308 E Hulett, at the corner of 4th and Hulett.

- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgement.

Pedestrian safety doesn't fall squarely on the shoulders of pedestrians. Safety is a shared responsibility and drivers must ensure they follow some basic safety tips as well to prevent accidents:

- Always look for pedestrians – everywhere, at all times.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions (nighttime, bad weather, etc.)
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk – there may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit.
- Pay attention to specially marked speed limits in school zones and neighborhoods.
- Be extra cautious when backing up.

Walking is healthy and it's an easy way to leave your home and get some fresh air. Do your part in keeping your community safe – whether on foot or in your vehicle.

## Cops 'N Bobbers Fishing Derby

The annual Cops 'N Bobbers Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, September 12 at Edgerton City Lake for children ages 15 and under.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the fishing competition will be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon. There will be prizes awarded for most fish caught, smallest and largest fish caught. Every child that participates will take home a medal and a prize.

Bait is provided along with loaner rods and reels if you do not have one.



## Tips for Draining Your Backyard Pool



**Do not** drain pool water into streams or storm drainage systems. Swimming pool and hot tub water contains many chemicals, including large amounts of chlorine, which can harm streams and lakes. Treated pool water is especially harmful to aquatic life. Releasing chlorinated pool water or backwash filter waste into a stream or storm drainage system is prohibited by County and State regulations.

If you have a chlorine pool, stop adding chlorine about seven days before you plan to drain your pool. This will allow the chlorine to dissipate naturally. Once the residual chlorine is less than 0.1 ppm (mg/L) and the pH is between 7 and 8, the water is safe to drain.

If you plan to drain your pool onto the ground, make sure the water stays on your property and does not flow into your neighbor's yard. Try to drain the water into a grassy area where it can soak into the ground.

Make sure that the drained water absorbs into the ground. Standing water can become a breeding ground for insects and odors.

For more information about draining your pool, check out [edgertonks.org/pools](http://edgertonks.org/pools).

## Time Running Out to Complete the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census ends September 30 and we need you to respond! Census takers are out now and will continue working through the end of the month.

Residents have three options to complete the census. They can visit [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov) to complete the form online. They can respond by phone by calling 844-330-2020 (English) and 844-468-2020 (Spanish). If a household received the paper survey, they can complete the form and return it by mail.

For every adult and every child not counted in the census, the state of Kansas is estimated to lose \$1,539 in federal dollars each year.

CENSUS DATA BROUGHT \$50.6 MILLION TO  
JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS FOR  
THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

We ALL need to get counted in the 2020 Census!



**Count Me In JoCo**  
Everyone counts for the 2020 Census

[countmeinjo.co](http://countmeinjo.co)  
#CountMeInJoCo

## September is National Preparedness Month

Each September, we recognize National Preparedness Month to promote family and community disaster planning. This year's theme is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make A Plan Today."

Disasters won't wait for the coronavirus to end. Now is the time to make plans and create a disaster kit with food, water, and any medicine that you may need. Don't forget to update your plans and your kit every few months.

Download the FEMA app to your phone for disaster resources, weather alerts and safety tips. You can also sign up for Notify JoCo to get local alerts from both Johnson County and Edgerton.



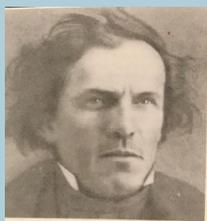
So how can your family be prepared? You can make an emergency kit. A five-gallon bucket filled with emergency supplies may make a difference during a catastrophe. What should be in your bucket? Here are a few ideas:

- A self-charging light
- Flashlight and batteries
- Hand and foot warmers
- Mylar blankets
- Whistle
- Sewing kit
- Trash bags
- Gloves
- Zip ties
- Duct tape
- A small tarp
- Scissors
- Multi Tool
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine hygiene products
- Antiseptic towelettes
- Hand sanitizer
- Tooth brush
- Battery backup for phone
- Water
- Medicine/Prescriptions
- Non-perishable food

**Show us how your family is preparing and you could WIN an emergency safety backpack.**

We want to see videos of your safety drill, photos of your emergency shelters or your family's plans for what to do in a disaster. Share your plans at City Hall or message us through the City's Facebook page. There is no better time than right now to get prepared for a disaster.

## A: Edgepert Answer



James Henry Lane



"Wild Bill Hickok while a resident of Johnson County, Kansas"

On September 1st, 1856, pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces engaged in the "Battle of Bull Creek", just one and a half miles northeast of current day Edgerton. The towns of Edgerton, Gardner, Lanesfield, and McCamish didn't even exist at the time of the battle.

The anti-slavery forces were led by General James Henry Lane (Lanesfield would be later named after him). Lane's forces numbered around 400 men. The pro-slavery Missourians, which had a force of about 1,600 men, were led by former Missouri senator David R. Atchison and Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan.

On the morning of the battle, James Lane's forces surprised the Missourians, who were camped on the banks of Bull Creek. Being caught off guard, the Missourians scrambled around and haphazardly grabbed for their guns and frantically saddled their horses. General Lane had a devious plan: he decided to arrange his men in a pattern where he could march the same small number of forces in front of the pro-slavery forces several times, leading the Missourians to believe they were greatly outnumbered. After a few minutes of futile firing by both sides, the Missourians quickly retreated back towards Missouri. The Battle of Bull Creek had ended, with no casualties on either side.

While the Battle of Bull Creek had no casualties or bloodshed, it was still a very decisive battle. Never again in the pre-Civil War era, would a large force from Missouri enter Kansas again, and never again would the pro-slavery forces have any control over Kansas politics.

A very interesting side note to this battle was that one of the participants on the anti-slavery side was a 19-year-old young man who was very skilled in marksmanship, and who became highly favored by General James Lane. That young man's name was James Butler Hickok, who would later be nicknamed "Wild Bill" Hickok and go on to fame in the history of the West.