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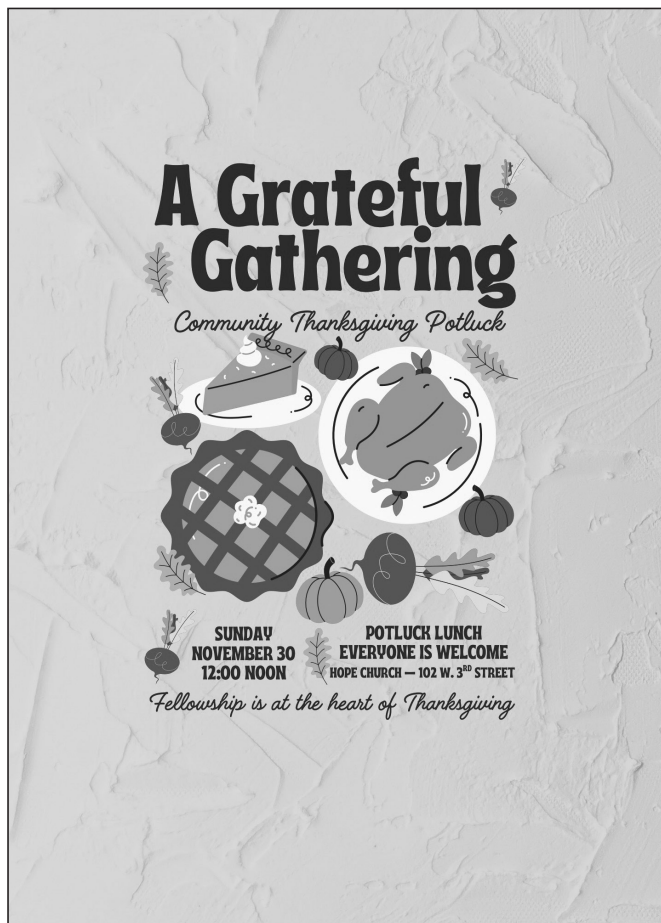
Thanksgiving Invite

Happy Tuesday everyone! We just wanted to take this opportunity to extend a Thanksgiving invite to anyone who would like to enjoy a free lunch on November 30th at noon! Not everyone has somewhere to go and holidays can be tough (believe me, I am very aware of that unhappy fact). And, maybe some of us just want to grab a good meal and go back home to reflect on our own. If you fall into that category, you are more than welcome to do just that.

All the "hungry for friendship" and the "just hungry" are welcome to Hope Church! So, keep it in mind in case your plans change and you want some fellowship and a good meal, or just a good meal and to be on your way. You are welcome and we hope to see you there.

With love,

Megan and Storm of Hope Church. *Matthew 25:35*



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• "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; and so live that the place will be proud of him." –Abraham Lincoln...

• Vision is what we admit we have when we guessed correctly...

• The man who gives up goes down...

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MILTONVALE HAPPENINGS

Church Listings:

Catholic Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

Christian Church Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:30

Bible Methodist Sunday School @ 9:45, Worship @ 10:45 and 6:00

Hope Church fellowship @ 9:00, Worship @ 9:30

Wesleyan Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45,

Bible studies @ 6:00, Thursday @ 9:00, Awanas 4:15-5:30 when school is in session

Idana Presbyterian Sunday School @ 9:00, worship @ 10:15

Mt. Liberty United Methodist @ 11:00

Oak Hill Presbyterian @ 9:00

Thought for the day: Jesus is constantly interceding for us before the throne of our Father. We can follow suit and pray for others. Luke 22:31-32 says, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

OCTOBER 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 Ham, Sweet Potato Puffs, Cauliflower, Poke Cake	21 Italian Cold Cut Sub, Potato Chips, Broccoli Salad, Frosted Angel Food Cake	22 Ruben, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Lima Beans, Apple Crisp	23 Fried Chicken, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Iced Banana Bar	24 NATIONAL BOLOGNA DAY
27 RESIDENTS BIRTHDAY LUNCH	28 Pork Roast, Wild Rice, Spiced Root Veggies, Biscuit, Fruit Parfait	29 Chicken, Potatoes, Cheesy Spinach, Roll, Ice Cream	30 Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Candied Carrots, Biscuit, Snickerdoodle Blondie Bar	31 HALLOWEEN LUNCH

NOTICE - SEALED BIDS

You are hereby notified that the City of Miltonvale will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the N/2 of Lot 10 and Lots 11 and 12 in Block 30, North Addition City of Miltonvale on December 1, 2025, no later than 2:00 P.M. The terms of such sale will be as follows:

- All offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerks office at 107 Starr Ave, Miltonvale, KS 67466 date by 2:00 PM on December 1, 2025.
- No down payment required
- Closing/Possession will take place on or before January 30, 2026
- Cost for Contract and Deed preparation and Title Insurance if required, will be split evenly between both parties.
- Property is sold as is with no warranty or guarantees as to boundaries, size, or any other matters.
- Buyer will be responsible for the 2026 taxes from date of closing.
- All offers must be made on the City's offer sheet, which may be obtained at the City Clerks office at 107 Starr Ave, Miltonvale, KS 67466.

Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk

SHERIFF'S DEPT.

On October 14, 2025

• At 10:24 p.m., a deputy took a report of a domestic situation involving a child in need of care. After an on-scene investigation, Stephanie Rae Daniels of James-town was arrested for domestic battery, abuse of a child and aggravated endangering of a child.

On October 17, 2025

• At 3:56 p.m., a deputy pulled over a vehicle in the 900 block of Kansas Highway 9. After an on-scene investigation, Chane Allen Copple of Concordia was charged with possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

• At 7:58 p.m., a deputy took a report of a non-injury crash located at 260th and Iron roads.

• At 8:41 p.m., a deputy took a report of a non-injury crash located in Clyde.

• At 9:50 p.m., a deputy pulled over a vehicle at US Highway 81 and Key Road. After an on-scene investigation, Jackeline Itzel Martinez of Salina, Kan., was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

On October 18, 2025

• At 4:55 p.m., a deputy had located Victoria Anne Cardenas of Concordia and arrested her on an outstanding warrant.

On October 19, 2025

• At 2:53 a.m., a deputy got out with a vehicle in the area of US Highway 81 and US Highway 24. After an on-scene investigation, Timothy Kyle Humphries of Azle, Texas, was arrested for driving under the influence.

• At 9:14 p.m., a deputy took a call for a domestic dispute in the area of the city of Aurora. After an on-scene investigation, Kyler Allen Kindel of Aurora was arrested for aggravated assault, domestic aggravated battery and minor in consumption.

EMS/FIRE DEPT.

On Friday,

October 17:

• At 7:33 p.m., Medic-4 (M-4) was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

• At 10:47 p.m., Ladder-1 (L-1) and M-4 were dispatched for a fire alarm. No fire was found.

On Saturday,

October 18:

• At 9:39 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

• At 3:37 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

• At 4:24 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. No transport was needed.

• At 8:09 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

On Sunday,

October 19:

• At 4:51 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency in Glasco. No transport was needed.

• A 12:01 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

• At 7:22 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

On Monday,

October 20:

• At 1:58 p.m., Rescue One (R-1) was dispatched for mutual aid fire in Jamestown.

• At 2:10 p.m., Medic Four (M-4) was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center.

• At 2:56 PM, Medic Five (M-5) was dispatched for a basic life support, long-distance transfer. One patient was transported to Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

• At 5:29 p.m., Medic Two (M-2) was dispatched for a standby. There was no patient transported.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 8, 2025– Concordia Lutheran Church Holiday Bake Sale & Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. located at the Church, 325 East 8th & Olive Street, Concordia.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, November 5, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 23rd, 2025

City of Miltonvale, Kansas (Grantee)

107 Starr Ave

Miltonvale, KS, 67466

(785) 427-3380

25-PF-011

On or about October 31st, 2025 the City of Miltonvale will submit a request to the Kansas Department of Commerce for the release of Community Facilities funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Miltonvale Playground Improvements for the purpose of the demolition and rehabilitation of the Tootleville Playground in an area generally bounded by 214 E Ash Ave, Miltonvale, KS 67466 that will consist of the demolition of all existing items, installation of new surfacing/equipment, and engineering and administration; funding including \$500,000 from the CDBG grant program and \$125,000 from local match. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Miltonvale City Hall, 107 Starr Ave, Miltonvale, KS 67466 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Miltonvale at the City Hall. All comments received by October 31st, 2025 will be considered by the City of Miltonvale prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Miltonvale certifies to the State of Kansas that Nathan Brummet in his capacity as Mayor of Miltonvale consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Kansas Department of Commerce's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Miltonvale to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Kansas Department of Commerce will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Miltonvale's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Miltonvale; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Kansas Department of Commerce; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part

1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kansas Department of Commerce at 1000 SW Jackson St. Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612. Potential objectors should contact the Kansas Department of Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nathan Brummet, Mayor of Miltonvale, KS

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES, FEES, INSTALLATION COSTS, SERVICE POLICIES, AND RELATED TERMS FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF AURORA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Purpose - This ordinance is enacted to establish water and sewer utility rates, fees, service policies, and related conditions necessary to provide for the operation, maintenance, and continued improvement of the City's municipal utility systems.

Section 2. Water Rates - (a) A monthly base fee for water service is hereby established in the amount of **Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)**. (b) In addition to the base fee, all water customers shall be charged at the rate of **Five Dollars (\$5.00) per 1,000 gallons** of water used, as measured by meter. (c) A **Bulk Water Rate** is hereby established in the amount of **Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per 1,000 gallons**. (d) A **Monthly Meter Reading Fee** is hereby established in the amount of **Five Dollars (\$5.00)** per customer account.

Section 3. Sewer Rates - (a) A monthly base fee for sewer service is hereby established in the amount of **Twelve Dollars (\$12.00)**. (b) The sewer base fee shall increase to **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** effective six (6) months following the effective date of this ordinance. (c) The sewer base fee shall increase to **Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)** effective twelve (12) months following the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 4. Future Adjustments - The City Council of the City of Aurora, Kansas, reserves the right to increase all water and sewer rates, including base fees, usage rates, and the meter reading fee, by up to **four percent (4%) annually**, and bulk water rates in increments of **\$.25 cents per 1,000 gallons annually**. Such increases shall become effective **January 1 of each year beginning in 2028**, as may be adopted by resolution of the Governing Body. The Council shall have the **flexibility to adjust different rates, fees, and services by different percentages**, provided that no increase shall exceed four percent (4%) annually without a new ordinance.

Section 5. Installation and Connection Fees - (a) **Water Utility System:** All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of a new or replacement connection to the City of Aurora's water system, including connection to the Main Line, shall be borne by the property owner. The property owner shall indemnify the City of Aurora from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation or connection to the water system. (b) **Sewer Utility System:** All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of a new or replacement connection to the City of Aurora's sewer system, including connection to the Main Line, shall be borne by the property owner. The property owner shall indemnify the City of Aurora from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation or connection to the sewer system.

Section 6. Service Boundaries - The City of Aurora shall not extend water or sewer utility service to properties located outside the City limits. If an owner of an adjacent property requests City utility service, the portion of the property containing any structures to be served by City utilities must be annexed into the City prior to service connection. Unauthorized taking of water constitutes theft or theft of services under applicable state statutes or city ordinances.

Section 7. Late Penalty, Disconnection, and Reconnection - (a) A late penalty is hereby established and shall be collected monthly from consumers who have not paid their utility bills by the **21st day of each month**. The penalty shall be **two percent (2%) of the total current amount due**. (b) If payment in full plus the 2% penalty is not received by the **last day of the delinquent month**, service shall be disconnected on the 1st day of the following month. (c) Customers who have been disconnected shall be charged a **Reconnection Fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** before service is restored, in addition to paying all outstanding balances and penalties due.

Section 8. New Service Fees - For new service requests at sites where meters are already present, the following amount shall be collected at the time of application: **Nonrefundable Connection Fee: \$100**

Section 9. Effective Date - The rates, fees, and provisions set forth herein shall become effective for all utility billing cycles beginning after the official publication of this ordinance.

Section 10. Repeal - All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 11. Severability - If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. **PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Aurora, Kansas, this 14th day of October 2025.**

John Griffin
Mayor

ATTEST: Corey Lyon
City Clerk

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Have a Great Day & Weekend! Enjoy the Sunshine!!

The City of Miltonvale is hiring for a Code Enforcement Officer

This will be a part-time position with flexible hours. Must be 18 and have a valid driver's license. Applications are available on our website at miltonvaleks.com or at the city office, 107 Starr.