Ministerial Alliance Hosting Food Drive For Local Pantry

The Greenwood County Ministerial Alliance is hosting a community food drive to gather donations for the local pantry.

Donation bins are at local banks, Eureka G&W Foods and *The Eureka Herald*.

The drive will continue through Saturday, Nov. 1. with a truck being on Main Street on Cattlemen's Day for donations. The exact location is TBD.

The food pantry is open on the first and second Mondays of each month from12-2 p.m. This ministry feeds approximately 70-80 families per month.

Non-perishable items needed include, but are not limited to, the following items: Cereal, Toilet Tissue, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Spaghetti, Mac and Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Milk, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Brown Sugar, Stuffing Mix, Cornbread Mix, Canned Tomatoes.

The food bank is located at 1710 E. River Street (behind the Seventh-Day Adventist Church).

To schedule a pick-up call/text Becky Crisswell at 620-583-4009 or Pastor Willie Jordaan at 704-840-2221.

County Commissioners Discussed Various Items During Weekly Meeting

The Greenwood County Commissioners held a lengthy, but routine, meeting on Monday, Oct. 13, where they discussed several items.

During new business, Greenwood County Fire Chief Glen Collinge shared two bids with the commission as the Greenwood County Central Division was looking at purchasing new gear, with the assistance of the county. The first bid was from Emergency Fire Equipment totaling $13,083.40; with the second being from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment, LLC for $13,422. Chief Collinge shared that both bids were comparable, although for different brands of gloves, boots jacket and pants, with Central Division paying $8,000 of the cost. The commission approved the bid from the local vendor, Emergency Fire Equipment.

Appraiser Shawna Grifftts asked for funds for goodies for the annual Trick/Trunk-Or-Treat Main Street event, slated for Thursday, Oct. 30. The commission approved to spend $150 on treats for the annual event.

With a special Zoom presentation, the commission heard from the Kansas Department of Revenue's Property Valuation Division (PVD) regarding the county's summary of substantial compliance results. This refers to the annual assessment by the Kansas Department of Revenue's PVD to ensure that county appraisers are meeting the standards for mass appraisals. The "substantial compliance" rating is based on performance measures, procedural audits, and adherence to statutory mandates. During the presentation, it was noted that Greenwood County was outside of the substantial compliance marker, but scored highly on the procedural side. It was mentioned that smaller counties are struggling with the residential side, as they have to go back 4-6 years to get enough data to do the studies they need to do, with the goal of hitting the market value of the current year. County Appraiser Griffitts stated, "I know what the market is doing currently." But further elaborated that she didn't want to change a home from "average" to "very good" just because the cost of the sale was higher. "The numbers will eventually come up," she said. It was also mentioned that changing the ranking of the home would also increase valuations in the county.

Discussion also continued regarding staffing where Griffitts shared that the department is currently full staffed, with the two newest employees being close to their annual mark. She did note that she would be looking for an employee at the end of the year as she will be losing a staff member.

To conclude the meeting, Greenwood County Commissioners held a conversation regarding the Eureka Township question that will appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot, which gives the residents in Eureka Township the option to vote to continue with the township or transfer duties to the commission (to serve as the township board). Discussion noted that the maintenance would continue; however, residents in that township would see an increase in their mil levy to afford the expenses. Vinson said, "I believe it is reasonable to expect that if this succeeds, there will be more." Discussion was also held regarding the county/township populations decreasing.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Kassie Lazar shared that the bridge on River Road was expected to be open and ready to go on Thursday of this week. Lazar also noted that Supervisor Allen Greenwood would be meeting with MMI this week to discuss asphalt options. County Commissioner Preston Evenson noted that he would like to see the bridge on F Road and 200th Street on the project list for replacement. Lazar and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson shared that the bridge was on the project list, possibly a couple of years out.

The commission approved to hire Cameron Galvan as a full-time employee at the Road and Bridge Department, starting at $18.25/hour, effective Oct. 6.

The commission approved for Evenson to be the voting delegate at the KCAMP and KWORCC meetings, with Chair Mac Obourn being an alternate.

A road viewing was scheduled for an Otter Creek Township dead-end road on E25 Road (also referred to as County Road 434), south of 50th Street, as a road closing petition had been filed by Ron Mann. The commission scheduled the viewing for Nov. 3, at 11:30 a.m. A legal publication will be included in the next two issues of *The Eureka Herald*.

The commission also approved a CMB License (on premises) for Troll King/Tri-Corner, as they are planning to open the café side for pool league; special payables, totaling $5,771.11; regular payables, totaling $185,111.38; regular payroll, totaling $156,703.27; and the Oct. 6 meeting minutes as presented.

County Counselor Paul Dean noted that it wasn't the Attorney General's office that hadn't signed off on the tax sale information, it was the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The next Greenwood County Commission meeting is slated for Monday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m.

Keep Pets Safe This Halloween

Halloween is an annual celebration that many children and adults look forward to each October. From the mysterious and the macabre to the goofy and gregarious, Halloween speaks to people in many different ways. And with the opportunity to accumulate several pounds of sugary treasure after a few hours of trick-or-treating, is it any wonder celebrants love Halloween?

While Halloween hijinks may be ideal fun for plenty of ghosts and ghouls, companion animals may not be so enthusiastic come October 31. In fact, Halloween can be a source of stress and even dangerous for many pets. Here are some things pet parents should keep in mind prior to Halloween.

Pet costumes are popular and can help owners and their pets coordinate for Halloween. Some pets may find costumes uncomfortable or frightening. For those with a mind toward creative costume coordination, introducing the costume to the pet slowly and gradually can help ease the transition. Allow the pet to sniff the costume and put treats nearby to indicate it is no threat. If the pet simply will not warm to the idea of a costume, it's best not to force the issue.

Glow sticks are a safe way for children to enjoy some spooky fun on Halloween night and become more visible when the sun sets. But those glow sticks may be attractive to pets and they can bite them, ingesting the liquid. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center says typically pets experience a mild and self-limiting taste reaction to glow stick liquid. Wiping off the excess with a damp cloth to help prevent the pet from licking again and having another reaction can help.

One of the biggest Halloween dangers for pets is the accessibility of candy, especially chocolate. Chocolate is toxic and particularly dangerous to dogs. Chocolate with high amounts of cacao is especially dangerous. Raisins and gum with the artificial sweetener xylitol also are problematic. Candy wrappers can get stuck in the intestinal tract and cause a life-threatening blockage. Lock candy away so pets can't get into it.

Many youngsters will ring the door bell on Halloween. Anxious pets, and even those that normally aren't nervous with visitors, may be overwhelmed. Keep pets in a dark, calm room away from the door to reduce anxiety and make it less likely skittish pets will escape the home and get lost.

Understanding common Halloween dangers can help keep pets safe on this fun-filled holiday.

Severy Baptist Church To Host Revival Services

With the theme "Renewing Your Strength," the Severy Baptist Church will host revival services next week, Oct. 20-22, at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Pastor Derek Wolf.

Refreshments will be served after services on Wednesday night.

Annual County Cattlemen's Day Event Saturday, Nov. 1

The annual Greenwood County Cattlemen's Day event is just three weeks away.

Goat roping on Friday, Oct. 31 will kick off the festivities, beginning at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds and the event will conclude with a Team Roping Jackpot on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Eureka Saddle Club arena.

Majority of the events will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, with festivities kicking off with the annual Hot Rods and pancakes from 6:30-10:30 a.m. The annual parade will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the Cattlemen's Banquet beginning with social hour from 5-6:30 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 8 p.m., with Dave Kendall presenting a preview of the film "Oasis On the Prairie: The Ranchers of Greenwood County."

Tickets for the event are currently being sold, at a discounted rate until Oct. 20, with tickets increasing in cost on October 21 through Nov. 1.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact the Greenwood County Extension Office at 620-583-7455.

A complete schedule of event for the annual Cattlemen's Day event will be included in next week's edition.

Statewide Marijuana Enforcement Operation

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) shared the results of the statewide marijuana enforcement operation conducted in Kansas, between Oct. 1 and Oct. 2.

KBI agents, with support from local law enforcement, executed search warrants at 18 separate vape shops and CBD dispensaries in Wichita, Topeka, Salina, Great Bend, McPherson, Independence, Pratt, Abilene, Ulysses, Concordia and Sedan.

Marijuana products that are prohibited by Kansas law, or were suspected to contain unlawful amounts of THC, were seized. The preliminary results of items seized during the operation include:

Flower, also known as marijuana bud, (weight in ounces and pounds): 5,494 ounces or 343.38 pounds

THC pre-rolls, also called pre-rolled joints, (number of items): 43,867

THC vapes (number of items): 35,627

THC and psilocybin edibles (number of packages): 84,481

Currency: $35,436

Additionally, two subjects were arrested on Oct. 2, in Ulysses, for moving illegal THC products in order to evade law enforcement detection.

Gregory Reese, 63, of Ulysses, was arrested around 12:15 p.m., at N. Stubbs Road and E. Road 9 in rural Grant County. He was arrested for possession with the intent to distribute, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, interference with law enforcement, and no Kansas drug tax stamp.

Tammy Reese, 59, of Ulysses, was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, interference with law enforcement, criminal use of a weapon, and no Kansas drug tax stamp. She was arrested at Reese's Enterprises at 119 W. Oklahoma, in Ulysses, at around 12:30 p.m.

Around 5 p.m., on Oct. 2, the Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a 20-foot box truck on U.S. Highway 400, near Fredonia. The truck was transporting THC products that were removed from the shelves of 19 Kansas shops. KBI agents seized the truck and its contents, and are investigating what occurred.

Evidence from these cases is being tested. The investigations are ongoing.

CITY OF EUREKA

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Project No: 24-PF-004, Rehabilitation of 309 N. Oak St., Eureka, KS

CDBG Grant – Special Conditions and Requirements

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and Federal prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3 of the 1968 Housing Act, Segregated Facility, Section 109 of the 1984 Housing and Community Development Act and Executive Order 11246, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. Sealed bids for the project will be received by the City Clerk at 309 N. Oak St., Eureka, KS 67045 until November 21, 2025, at 11:00am. At said office, the bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City council meeting on November 24 at 7:00pm. Any person with a disability requiring special accommodation must contact the City of Eureka no later than 7 days prior to the bid opening. All bid documents may be examined at the City of Eureka after November 21, 2025.
2. Access to Plans and Specifications: Access to the construction documents are available at the Drexel Technologies, Inc. Planroom, http://planroom.drexeltech.com,
3. Each Bidder shall include Bid Bond payable to the City of Eureka in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid. A certified check in lieu of Bid Bond is acceptable.
4. Attendance is required for a mandatory pre-bid meeting currently scheduled for 2:00pm, October 29, 2025. The meeting will be held at the project site at 309 N. Oak St., Eureka, KS. General Contractors will be advised by addendum if this date changes.
5. It shall be the Owner's right to cash any Bidder's bond if, after being selected that Bidder has been awarded the contract on the basis of the bid summitted herewith, the Bidder refuses or fails to sign the contract and furnish the required Bonds and Certificates of Insurance.
6. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, and to waive any formalities.
7. Faxed or emailed modifications will be considered if received before the time stated above for opening bids.
8. Contractors shall base their Proposals only upon items in the Drawings, Specifications, and Addenda. Do not write substitute proposals into the Form of Proposal
9. Each Bidder's Proposal shall include a sum sufficient to cover the cost of Statutory, Performance, and Labor and Material Bond Bonds.
10. Contractor shall guarantee Bids for 30 calendar days after Bid Opening or as mutually negotiated based on volatility of bids from suppliers.

The City of Eureka is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
The City of Eureka reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to select the "best bid" based upon its own judgment.

For questions contact the City Administrator's office: 620-583-6140 or email: office@eurekaks.org

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