

Barton music students to present spring recitals

Story by Joe Vinduska

Barton Community College will host student recitals at 4:30 p.m. April 2, 16, and 30 in the Dorothy Moses Morrison Chapel in the Fine Arts Building. The recitals are free and open to the public.

Barton music students will showcase a diverse range of styles and genres, featuring vocal, brass, woodwind, strings, percussion, guitar, piano, organ, ensembles, and chamber music performances.

For more information contact Keyboard Instructor Alejandro Avila at avilaal@bartonccc.edu or (620) 792-9384.

-City of Liebenthal Council Minutes-

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenthal met in public hearing in the city building at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2025. Presiding was Mayor Darrell Warner, council members present were Barb Matal, Renee Legleiter, Stephanie-Schmidt Koerner, Bill Stark, Clerk Beverly Stark, and Water/Wastewater Operator Darrell Matal. No citizens were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting of January 13, 2025, were read. Bill Stark moved to approve the minutes as read, Barb Matal seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Old Business: Tony Grant, regional manager for Maguire, discussed the water tower and maintenance suggested to correct internal corrosion in the tower. The city records indicate that the last interior coating was done in 2012. Mr. Grant suggests a zinc-epoxy coating which protects steel and has a 15-year life expectancy. To paint the exterior, he suggested either acrylic paint which has a 10-12-year life expectancy or using urethane with a 15-year expectancy with best practices. With budgetary concerns, the company is willing to work with the city. The timeline will require 2 to 2.5 weeks.

Clerk's Comments: A "rough" copy of an ordinance to address fireworks use was given to the council. An ordinance to address keeping dangerous animals was given to the council. The grant proposal for repair and maintenance of the water tower has been put on hold due to the stop-order placed on all government funding. The grant proposal to pay off the RO unit loan with KDHE has been approved. The clerk attended a class for Water/Wastewater Rates and Financial Planning.

New Business: The city's franchise agreement with Western Electric COOP will expire in March. A new agreement was discussed. Bill Stark moved to adopt the agreement with corrections for the county name, Renee Legleiter seconded, vote unanimous (Darrell Warner, Bill Stark, Renee Legleiter, Barb Matal, and Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner voted "aye," no dissenting votes), motion passed. KS Rural Water Association has a meeting in March. Darrell Warner and Darrell Matal would like to attend classes and seminars. The council discussed paying for registration fees, and overnight accommodation. Bill Stark moved to send Darrell Warner and Darrell Matal to the meeting and to pay for room and registration fees, Renee Legleiter seconded, the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Darrell Warner suggested training for city employees and council members as a positive for the city. Barb Matal suggested that if an employee takes a class and must take off from their day job, they should be reimbursed expenses. Darrell Warner proposed a rate of \$75 and to reimburse expenses. Renee Legleiter moved to allow city employees or council members to get paid a fee of \$75.00 to attend a class if taking the class requires taking off from regular work, Bill Stark seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous, motion passed.

City Utilities and Maintenance Updates: Darrell Matal reported that all is working well. The hay bales placed around the lift station have kept it warm. The City Council thanks Matthew Legleiter for lending the city these bales. Darrell Matal reported that the meter service for L&E Legacy Farm has packed insulation around the meter and it didn't freeze in the recent cold weather. A berm was built around the meter casing to keep it warmer also. Darrell Matal attended a class for water certification. Kelly Koerner reported (via Stephanie) that he was ready for the predicted snowstorm.

Calendar / City Events: There will be a city-wide garage sale during the Barb Wire Festival held in La Crosse, KS during May.

Approval and Payment of Bills: Bill Stark moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, vote unanimously passed, motion carried.

The next meeting is March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the city building. Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Stark seconded, voting unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Darrell Warner

City Clerk Beverly Stark

-Otis City Council Minutes-

Council members Lisa Moeder, Tabbie McVey, Mike Sharkey, Jody Beckham, and Mayor Jenny Landers were present at the City of Otis Council Meeting held February 12, 2025. Employees present were Myron Wagner, John Landers, and Lori Firebaugh. Absent was Luke Pechanec.

Mayor Jenny Landers called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum: None.

Mike made a motion to approve the 1-8-2025 minutes as printed. Tabbie seconded. 3-0. Motion carried.

Lori went over the bills. Mike moved to table the bills until later in the meeting. Lisa seconded. 3-0. Motion carried.

Myron went over the water reports, the wells are about the same as last month.

The treasurer's report was gone over.

City Clerk Report: Audit boxes to Hays on Thursday.

Jody Beckham came in at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Report: Mike made a motion to approve paying the bills. Tabbie seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Myron Wagner's retirement notice. Mike made a motion to approve Myron's retirement notice. Lisa seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Old Business: Quote for blades for the drag – tabled to spring. Well #4 pump and motor replacement – Clarke Well – waiting on parts should be out soon. RWD#3 contract update. P&S camera update – Waiting on better weather so they do not tear up the park.

New Business: Tires for the 2019 Chevy pickup – Lisa made a motion to purchase tires for the 2019 Chevy pickup through United Ag. Mike seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement – Davis Jimenez came out and visited with us a few weeks ago. Mike made a motion to hire Davis Jimenez as code enforcer for the City of Otis. Jody seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Judge – Lisa made a motion to table hiring a judge until we get more information. Mike seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

Otis Spring Cleaning – Jody made a motion to approve Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 18 as the dates for the Otis Spring Cleaning. Lisa seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Room.

Jody moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. 4-0. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:18 p.m.

OTIS-BISON Unified School District No. 403

-- WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR --

MARCH 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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BOE Goal Setting Work Session 6 p.m.

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JH CPL Scholars Bowl at Ness City 4 p.m.

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HS Regional Music at Larned Powerlifting at Solomon 9 a.m. All School Play 7 p.m.

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OTIS-BISON JUNIOR HIGH
2025
SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

(ALL DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, April 3	La Crosse	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Ness City	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	Larned	3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 25	St. John	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29	Hoisington	2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 2	Stafford	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	Victoria	3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	CPL @ St. John	3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 23	Regional @ TBD	TBD
Friday, May 30	State @ Wichita	TBD

JUNIOR HIGH
TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, April 10	Central Plains @ Ellinwood	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	Victoria	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	La Crosse	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 1	Ellinwood	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	Central Plains @ Claflin	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	Kinsley	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	CPL @ St. John	10:00 a.m.

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