



City enforcing abandoned auto ordinances

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After a near 2 1/2 hour meeting Monday evening, the Erie City Council met at noon, Wednesday, to complete some “unfinished business.”

During Monday’s meeting, the council discussed in depth their intention to enforce city codes and ordinances. During this meeting, the council focused on “abandoned vehicles.”

Basically, the city has two options when dealing with abandoned vehicles if the owner refuses to cooperate with city ordinances. One, the city can take action through municipal courts. Two, the city can have the vehicles towed at the owners’ expense, but that also requires a certain process, such as a final notice and the passing of a resolution.

Wednesday, the council opted for Option Two, and passed Resolution 25-962. The resolution was drafted by City Attorney Melissa Miller at the council’s request at Monday’s meeting. The resolution as presented was a “fill in the blank” form so city officials can use it for future vehicles, if needed.

Resolution 25-962 reads as follows:

“A resolution of the City of Erie, Kansas, declaring certain

abandoned vehicles to be a public nuisance and authorizing abatement.

“Whereas, the City of Erie, Kansas has adopted Code of Ordinance Chapter 11, Section 26-28, declaring abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles on public or private property to be a public nuisance; and

“Whereas, a written notice was issued on Aug. 11 by the Code Enforcement Officer, advising the property owner and the registered vehicle owner that the abandoned vehicle located at 221 S. Lincoln St. was in violation of the municipal code and must be removed; and

“Whereas, the notice stated that if the violation was not corrected by Aug. 26, the City would proceed with abatement; and

“Whereas, the specific deadline has passed, and no visible improvement or action has been taken to correct the violation, and the vehicle remains at the location as a public nuisance; and

“Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the evidence and report from the Code Enforcement Officer, and finds the conditions at 221 S. Lincoln constitutes a public nuisance warranting abatement.

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SENIOR SELFIE TIME!



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Erie High School senior Madi Cope takes a selfie with senior teammate Addi Martin while senior football player Kyler Yackle flexes his right bicep during a break in the action during Tuesday’s annual fall sports picture day. Pictured behind them are seniors Grant Reissig and Parker Hughes. Behind Yackle are Bryson Gildart and Keaton Clark.

DNA results of skull ID’d as missing local man

NEOSHO COUNTY
SHERIFF’S OFFICE
PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday Jan. 17, 2016, at approximately 7:01 p.m. the Neosho County E-911 Center received a report of an elderly woman setting in the passenger side of a pickup truck, parked at a local business in Erie. The reporting party advised the woman had been in the parked truck since approximately 10 a.m. that day.

The Erie Police Department was dispatched to the business to check on the woman’s welfare. The woman told the officer that her son was going to a sports thing, did not want her to go, and left her in the vehicle around 10 a.m.

The woman advised that her son, Jay Shumate, had left walking in an unknown direction. The Erie PD officer took the woman home to her residence in Erie, as she was unable to drive herself.

On that same day, the Erie Police Department asked the Neosho County Sheriff’s Office to assist with a search of the surrounding area of Erie. According to the Erie Police Department, W/M Jay Shumate, who was 60 at the time, had not returned home.

It was reported that Mr. Shumate would frequently walk along US59 or Main Street south from to the Neosho River. On Jan. 22, 2016, a large search consisting of community volunteers, law enforcement and volunteer fireman searched the surrounding snow-covered sections of land. With an emphasis on searching the area between Erie and the Neosho River.

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Sheriff’s Office arrests two Erie residents

On Wednesday, Aug. 20., the Neosho County Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant at a residence located at 505 N. Grant St. in Erie. The warrant was executed at 6 a.m.

As a result of the near three-hour investigation, deputies arrested Ian Christopher Mendoza, 18, and

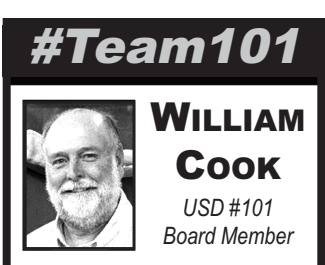
Sheila Mae Harris, 43, both of Erie. The two individuals face multiple charges, including distribution of certain hallucinogens, aggravated endangering of a child, no drug tax stamp, possession of marijuana, cultivation of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The property was a residential rental unit.

Harris, 43, was born in December of 1981. Mendoza, 18, was born in January 2007. In the arrest files, both were unarmed. Mendoza’s arrest file indicated he was “cooperative during his arrest.” Harris’ file was unmarked in the “arrestee behavior.”

The history of the USD #101 Erie-Galesburg school district

The USD #101 (Erie—Galesburg) school district of today is vastly different from the schools of the past in Neosho County. The one constant in public education is change. Changes to somehow improve the opportunities to learn have evolved as the needs of society demand different results from students. A look at the history of Neosho County



schools since about 1865 shows change in many forms.

Neosho County was created

following the signing of the Canville Treaty in the Fall of 1865 when the Osages ceded their lands to the United States. Prior to that time settlement was discouraged. Education for young people in any organized form was developed by those early settlers with little or no government support. Small areas of families would work together to build one-room

schools with each serving only those students who were within walking distance of the school building. Over time, Neosho County had established approximately 115 rural one-room school districts. Each school district had an elected school board of typically three parents to decide who to employ as a teacher and control the other expenses, such as school books

and fuel for the heating stove in the building. During this period of local history, the emphasis was on students from age six through thirteen in what is recognized as elementary schools today consisting of Grade 1 through Grade 8. The school term was set by the school board and varied between districts from five months up to nine months. There were very

few high schools until about the time of World War I.. The County created a position known as the Superintendent of Schools who worked with all of the rural schools to guide them in finding teachers and standardizing classwork. A county-wide test was conducted to enable Grade 8 students to graduate.

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