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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 and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Question:

Do you know the history of the Edgerton Presbyterian Church and other churches in Edgerton?

Answer on back.

Frontier Days Festival

Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15

A tradition since 1971, this festival fills downtown Edgerton with activities for all ages! This year, guests will enjoy music from Vixen and The Kentucky Headhunters, a full carnival, food and craft vendors, games for all ages, and other entertainers. For a complete schedule head to www.frontier-days.com.

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Consumer Confidence Water Report

Visit www.EdgertonKS.org/utilities to view the Consumer Confidence Water Report. If you would like to learn more about the drinking water quality, please contact City Hall at 913.893.6231.



Welcome Hostess Brands to Edgerton!

Hostess is set to open a distribution center at the LPKC! The building will be located at 207th Street and Waverly Road and is set to begin construction this spring. This project was led by ElevateEdgerton!, a public-private economic development partnership that serves as the proactive advocate for economic advancement for the City.



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Summer Kickoff Block Party: **Saturday, June 1**

Youth Art Class: **Monday, June 3**

Youth Cooking Class: **Monday, June 10**

Senior Lunch & BINGO – Hamburgers: **Wednesday, June 19**

Important Upcoming Dates:

Planning Commission: **Tuesday, June 11**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, June 13**

Edgerton Frontier Days: **Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, June 27**

Blood Drive: **Friday, June 28**

Fire District #1 Launches Additional sUAS Capabilities



Fire District #1 of Johnson County, Kansas is expanding its capabilities in the area of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) commonly referred to as Drones. For the last year and a half Fire District #1 has had sUAS capabilities to support fire department operations. The sUAS flow, by Fire District personnel provided an eye in the sky view for incident commanders with video and still images. Today Fire District #1 expands those capabilities to include a new aircraft with Infrared Capabilities (IR).

"The capabilities of this new aircraft provide us images using heat signatures. This allows us to locate hot spots at fires, locate people and a multitude of other uses," says Battalion Chief Trig Morley. Morley is one of four pilots with Fire District #1 who are FAA Licensed to fly these drones. "By adding the IR capabilities, it allows us to make the sUAS a useful tool when we might have been blind before. Our original aircraft provides pictures and videos, but those depend on ambient light. With IR we can see when our other aircraft was blind. Like after dark."

sUAS are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and require agencies to register their aircraft and certify pilots to operate them. The FAA also is the authority on where you can and can't fly sUAS. "Since much of our Fire District is in controlled airspace, we had to apply for a waiver that authorizes us to operate within that airspace," says Morley.

sUAS has been widely adopted by public safety agencies across the nation. It allows them to extend the field of view in a very cost-effective and safe way. "We can fly a drone into a hazardous environment and see what is happening without having to expose people to any risks. We can go in and get information to help us make a decision on what our next steps should be," says Morley. "If we damage an aircraft doing that, we can easily replace it. We cannot be that risky with our people."

Fire District #1 operates two registered sUAS. They are both manufactured by DJI. The original drone is a Phantom 4 Pro. This aircraft provides the ability to capture pictures and video. The new aircraft is a Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual. While this aircraft is smaller than the Phantom 4 Pro it offers the ability to capture picture and video in both a standard format and IR.

Morley explains, "We believe in operating simple, cost-effective aircraft to reduce the risk to our personnel and provide that best data to decision makers for a positive outcome."

For more information on Fire District #1 of Johnson County or to learn more about their sUAS program, you can contact Battalion Chief Trig Morley at 913.764.7635.

Community Picnic and Fireworks Show

Wednesday, July 3 • Picnic and entertainment begin at 6:00 p.m.
Fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. • Martin Creek Park (20200 Sunflower Rd.)

Join the fun! Celebrate our nation's Independence Day at Edgerton's annual Community Picnic and Firework Show! Guests can enjoy the park with free food for the picnic while supplies last, music by DJ Phil Davis, inflatables, face painting, yard games and our famous firework show!

Due to limited parking at the event, there will be event bus shuttles operating from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Bus stop locations will be located at City Hall (404 E. Nelson) and Edgerton Elementary School (400 W. Nelson).

Edgerton Food Pantry



The Edgerton Food Pantry is open to all residents within the Gardner-Edgerton School District #231. The pantry is open on the third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The pantry is in the building across from the Methodist Church.

A: Edgepert Answer

In 1872, the Presbyterian Church in Lanesfield (two miles northeast of Edgerton) was moved to Edgerton on Nelson Street, just east of the current Edgerton City Hall. This building was used until 1914 when the congregation disbanded and the building was torn down. A new Presbyterian Church was later built at the southwest corner of Third and Nelson Streets, at the current location of the Edgerton fire station. On November 14, 1937, the church celebrated its 60th anniversary of the reorganization and the 75th anniversary of the church's founding. On August 12, 1951, the "Armstrong Annex" was dedicated. This annex included new Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall.

In 1958, due to dwindling attendance and financial issues, the

Edgerton Presbyterian Church merged with the Edgerton Methodist Church to form the Edgerton Community Methodist Church. The current Edgerton United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Hulett Streets. The Edgerton Presbyterian Church building stood vacant after the merger with the Methodist Church until the early 1970s. When it was torn down, the current Edgerton Fire Station was constructed and opened in 1975.

For more information on all of Edgerton's churches, including photos and artifacts, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum's "Edgerton Churches...Past and Present" exhibit.