



Are you an Edgepert



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 United Methodist Church?

Answer on back.

Keep Up-To-Date on the Sunflower Bridge Replacement

In April, KDOT kicked off the Sunflower Bridge Replacement Project. The project will construct a new bridge on the existing alignment and is expected to conclude in late December 2019. The new bridge will include one lane in each direction with a center left turn lane at each ramp extending across the bridge. Total project cost for KDOT is approximately \$8.5 MM.

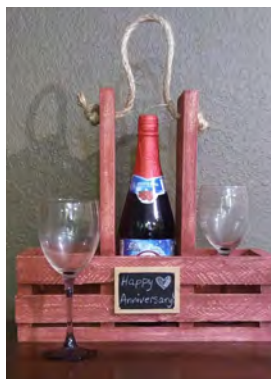
KDOT has announced that the Sunflower Road south of Interstate 35 is now closed to traffic. The entrance and exit ramps to and from I-35 will close for intermittent periods through the duration of the project. For additional details about impacts to traffic, visit the KDOT website at <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/kcMetro/laneclose.asp>



Ladies Night: Build Your Own Wine Caddy

Friday, May 17 • 6:00 p.m. • Ages 18 & Up • \$22

Come get to know other women in the community while building a wine caddy! Each participant will construct their own wine caddy, paint it and take it home! This class will be taught by Katee Smith, The Barefoot Builder. Feel free to bring a snack! Light refreshments will be served.



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Parks & Recreation Events and Activities:

Youth Art Class – Mother's Day Craft: **Monday, May 6**

Edgerton Elementary Fun Run: **Thursday, May 9**

Youth Cooking Class – Chocolate: **Monday, May 13**

Senior Lunch & BINGO – Chicken Salad Sandwiches: **Wednesday, May 15**

Ladies Night – Wine Caddy: **Friday, May 17**

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, May 9**

City Wide Garage Sale: **Saturday, May 11**

Planning Commission: **Tuesday, May 14**

City Wide Clean Up: **Saturday, May 18**

City Council Meeting: **Thursday, May 23**

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

Johnson County Parks & Recreation: Park Spotlight

Big Bull Creek Park is the largest park in the Johnson County Park and Recreation District totaling 2,060 acres. It is located between Edgerton and Gardner, Kansas in southwest Johnson County.

Big Bull Creek Park focuses on nature-based learning, play and restoration, which supports and compliments not only the immediate neighboring communities, but JCPRD's park system as a whole. The park also features two large shelters, each capable of accommodating up to 90 people.



The newest updated park features include:

- The Sunflower Road Access Point
- Combined Park Police and Park Maintenance Facility
- Organized Group Camp Area
- 18-hole Disc Golf Course

For more information about Big Bull Creek Park and other JCPRD parks, visit www.jcprd.com.

Wildfire Safety Tips from Your Friends at Fire District #1

- Create a safety zone of up to 100 feet around your home. Remove pine needles and dry leaves and keep woodpiles at least 30 feet from your home
- Know your community's local evacuation plan and plan at least two evacuation routes out of your neighborhood. Your family should have a pre-determined place where you will go in case of a wildfire
- If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately. If you wait until the last minute, the roads may have heavy traffic and blowing embers and debris from the fire may make it hard to see
- Stay informed by listening to TV/radio broadcasts for current weather and emergency instructions. Sign up to receive local emergency alerts and warnings on both your home phone and cellphone
- Make sure everyone in your family knows your meeting place ahead of time. Let your family and friends who do not live in your area know your meeting place

- Keep your car fueled and keep an emergency supply bag in your car. Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape

Outdoor Fire Safety

- Move the grill away from siding, decking and other things that can catch fire
- Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking
- Use long-handled barbecue tools when cooking on the grill
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out
- Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard
- Build campfires at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs or other things that burn
- The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them

If you have any questions, please call Fire District #1 at **913.764.7635**.



City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 11

SALE

It's time to clean out your closets and clear your clutter! The City Wide Garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 11. Please contact City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8th to register your garage sale and be listed on the city's website.



City Wide Clean Up

Saturday, May 18



The 2019 City Wide Clean Up Date will take place Saturday, May 18. Seniors and residents that need assistance with disposing items and/or yard cleanup tasks should contact City Hall by Tuesday, May 14.



Summer Kickoff Block Party

*Saturday, June 1 • Downtown Edgerton (319 E. Nelson) • 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Block Party
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Downtown Summer Movie Night: Incredibles 2*

Help us kick off the summer right with a community block party! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with inflatables and games, music, face painting, contests and prizes!

Once the sun goes down, stick around for the first Downtown Summer Movie Night of the year! We will be showing Incredibles 2 on the big screen in the Greenspace. Concessions will be available for purchase. Please bring your own chairs and blankets as seating will not be provided.

EDGERTON FRONTIER DAYS 2019 June 14 - 15



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 nationally recognized musical entertainment, a full carnival, food and craft vendors, games for all ages, and other entertainers. For a complete schedule head to www.frontier-days.com.



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.

Would you like to make a donation to the Edgerton Food Pantry?

Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at Edgerton City Hall (Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or downtown at Pattie's Hair Salon during business hours (Tues-Wed 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thurs 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Questions about the Food Pantry or want to volunteer? Please contact Cheri Magee at 913.893.6596.

A: Edgepert Answer

In 1857, a few local Methodists in the town of McCamish, just northeast of present day Edgerton, met at the home of Mr. O. Hulett to organize a Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1869, a Methodist Church was built in another local town, Lanesfield and Reverend Ross was their first pastor. In 1871, the Lanesfield Methodist Church was moved to Edgerton at the northeast corner of Third and Nelson Streets. While the church building was being moved, services were held in the Edgerton Railroad Depot. In May of 1882, the charter for the church was granted. In 1895, the church building at Third and Nelson was remodeled and services continued there for the next eighteen years.

In the summer of 1913, construction was completed on the present church building at the southwest corner of Fourth and Hulett Streets. On October 19, 1913, the "new" church building was dedicated by Bishop Shepard and Dr. T.C. Iliff. The cost of the construction of the new church was \$8,600. A parsonage was built just west of the church at the same time and it cost \$1,500. Reverend. A.L. Day was the first pastor to reside in the parsonage.

In 1958, the Edgerton Presbyterian Church and the Edgerton Methodist Church merged to become the "Edgerton Community Methodist Church". In 1966, a new parsonage was built across the street from the present day Methodist Church and Reverend Jerry Harnden was the first pastor to reside in the new parsonage. In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist denominations merged to form the United Methodist Church. The Edgerton church then became the "Edgerton United Methodist Church". Renovations were made to the church building in 1970, 1974 (basement remodeled

to become Sunday School rooms), 1980 and 1981.

In the spring of 1990, the church purchased the land and house on Hulett Street, just west of the church, for \$40,000. The house was razed and that area is the west parking lot of the church. In February of 1996, the property across the street at 318 E. Hulett was purchased. The property was cleared and is now the north parking lot.

On April 14, 1996, ground was broken for the addition of a new Fellowship Hall and in July of 1996, volunteer crews began working Wednesday evenings and Saturdays on the construction. Volunteer labor completed the majority of the work on the new addition. In September of 1997, the first use of the new addition was a surprise celebration for Martin Fesmire's 80th birthday. On November 16, 1997, the new Fellowship Hall addition was dedicated.



Via www.edgertonumc.org/

In 2013, the Edgerton United Methodist Church building at Fourth and Hulett observed its' 100th anniversary. For more information on the Edgerton United Methodist Church, please visit the Edgerton Community Museum's special "Churches in Edgerton...Past and Present" exhibit.