



August 2025



SYLVIA SUN

NO COMMUNITY DINNER IN AUGUST

Party at the Park Welcome Back To School!



Join us for a festive evening at the park on Sunday, August 10th, games starting at 5 PM! Enjoy great food, fun games, and friendly company at this community gathering. This celebration is the perfect way to mark both the spirit of our community and the upcoming back-to-school season. Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs for an event filled with laughter, connection, and unforgettable memories. Everyone is welcome—let's make this a night to remember!



The garden is producing a variety of vegetables this summer. Tomatoes are beginning to ripen, and there are numerous cucumbers, peppers, jalapeños, and zucchini available. Come check it out and perhaps take home some produce. For recipes, visit the library, where Cheryl will be happy to assist you.



Refrigerator Pickles

7 cups sliced cukes (peeled or unpeeled)
Optional peppers and or onions, sliced 1 cup each
1 Tablespoon salt

Sprinkle with salt and let sit an hour. Drain.

Mix 1 cup vinegar and 2 cups sugar plus 1 teaspoon celery seed. Pour over cukes.

Cover and store in the fridge.

(Thanks Dwilette!)



Business of the Month Ketchum Ag Service

Ketchum Ag Service

Ketchum Ag Service, established four years ago, has swiftly earned a reputation for excellence within the local community.

Specializing in excavation, land clearing and mulching, demolition, dirt work and grading and dozer services, the company is distinguished by its precision and unwavering commitment to quality. .

Each project—regardless of size or complexity—is approached with meticulous attention to detail, ensuring consistently reliable outcomes.

Recognized for its professional integrity and client-centered philosophy, Ketchum Ag Service offers complimentary estimates, enabling prospective clients to plan and budget their projects with assurance. Supported by a dedicated team, the company continues to set the standard for agricultural and land management services in the region, delivering solutions that are both timely and effective.

Call or text Ethan (620) 200-2372





Library Corner News and Notes from Cheryl



Hi from the Library! As I write this, it is the 202nd day of 2025. Given a year has approximately 365 days in it, we're well past half way through it! I'm beginning to think about fall weather and seasonal holidays when, in my MIND at least, things begin to feel a little slower paced. Am I delusional? May be.

Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30pm I plan to show the documentary "Far from the Tree" at the Sunflower Center. This video, inspired by Andrew Solomon's best-selling book, profiles several families in which parents and their children have substantial differences. The movie is free to the public and is the 2nd film I've chosen to show for the year period June '25 to June '26. Other titles I plan to show are "The Public", "First People in Kansas", and "It's a Wonderful Life", with some kids movies thrown in here and there. I've also spoken to Tiny Town Tours and they've given us their blessings to show any of their films. If anyone would like to see something in particular, just let me know!

I do plan on having one more SRP on Friday, August 8th at the Library, 2pm. At this one we'll talk about WEATHER and how to be prepared for a possible incident. We've had so many weather disasters across the country—tornados, floods, fires, and it's time to start thinking about blizzards—and they can be scary! My goal is to encourage respect FOR and not a fear OF nature's power and unpredictability. By having a plan in place BEFORE something happens perhaps some of those natural fears can be assuaged. We have new rotating books, the air conditioner is working great, there's ice water in the fridge, and I'd love to have someone to play a game of Skipbo with on occasion!

Come in and see us!
Tuesdays and Fridays, 1-6 at least.
Cheryl 620-388-2084



City Office Updates

The municipal court will convene on the first Wednesday of each month, 4 PM at the City Office. The court fee is \$92.50, payable on the day of the court session.

The City Council voted to increase the sewer rates by \$6.50. This will bring the total for individual households to \$23.00. This rate takes effect with the August billing cycle.

New School Year, New Activities, New Songs



The upcoming school year will introduce new activities, themes, and songs for students. Beginning August 20th, sessions will be held every Wednesday during the academic term from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Church, open to students from preschool through high school. Additionally, Teen Time for middle and high school students will take place on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

What's Happening This Month?

- August 8th Summer Reading Program 2PM
- August 10th Party at the Park 5PM
- August 11th City Council Meeting
- August 13th First day of school
- August 22 Book discussion 4th Friday at 4 at the Library