

Classifieds

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS WEEK

Kiowa United Methodist Church

Pastor Margaret Johnson
205 N. 9th St. /825-4933



9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
(Classes for ages 3+)
11:00 a.m. - Worship
(nursery available during Sunday School and Church)

Thought for the week
"Not even death can separate us from God."

Grace Bible Fellowship

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Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m.
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current sermon series:
"Home: A Series About Family"

Kiowa Congregational Church

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Notices

BOOTH SPACE Available for the 45th Annual Sunflower Arts & Crafts Show & Home Based Business Expo, November 4, 2017 and 36th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show & Home Based Business Expo, December 2, 2017, Municipal Hall in Anthony, Kansas - From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For info 620-842-5456 or www.anthonychamber.com.
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"Learn to value yourself, which means: to fight for your happiness."
- Ayn Rand

HELP WANTED

Barber County Public Works has a Utility person position available. It requires being able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and live in or be willing to relocate to Barber County. Must be able to drive a truck and have the ability to do manual labor in various elements with some heavy lifting required. **Must** have a class A CDL and clean driving record. Barber County offers a nice benefit package including insurance, vacation, sick leave and retirement. Applications must be picked up at and returned to Barber County Highway Dept., 1027 NE Isabel Rd., Medicine Lodge, KS by October 20, 2017. EOE.
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Homer's Wine and Spirits
424 Main St. • Kiowa, KS
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NEW HOURS:
Mon-Thur 11:00-8:00
Fri-Sat 11:00-9:00
Sunday 1:00-5:00

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NEWS

Power Outage Planned for 11:30 p.m. Thursday Evening; City Administrator Reports to Council on Police Chief's Letter

At Monday evening's Kiowa City Council meeting, City Administrator Lou Leone reported to council on the following:

2nd Generator Status - Staff has begun notifying the public regarding the Generators. **On Thursday, October 12th, at 11:30 PM, the power to the City will be disconnected as crews begin testing the generators and connections to the substation. Testing will run from 11:30 PM to 2:00 AM Friday morning.** The best way to test the units is to add the full City load to them. Once this is completed successfully, we will be doing a follow-up training session with the full department. This will conclude the generator project.

Clarification - Council has asked me to review a letter posted in the Alva Newsgram by Chief Johnson and to provide feedback. Upon review, I found some mistakes of fact made by Mr. Johnson. The information below will clear up some of these mistakes:

1. Mr. Johnson stated that a mill levy was needed to cover city employees' salaries and wages. This is not true, the budgets are always written with a percentage increase in wages for every employee except the Police Department.

2. In 2014, the Police Department lobbied the Council to agree to the Police Department's proposal to divide up the third officer's pay between the

two existing officers in exchange for not receiving any pay increases in the future. Under this plan, Mr. Johnson received a 40% pay increase which is equal to a salary he would not ordinarily receive until 2024.

3. Mr. Johnson claims that the proposal saved the City over \$30,000 a year. The facts speak for themselves. Below is a list showing the final expenditures for the police department budget before and after the deal was made:

- 2009: \$151,795 (3 Officers)
- 2010: \$141,359 (3 Officers)
- 2011: \$142,713 (3 Officers)
- 2012: \$140,579 (3 Officers)
- 2013: \$180,645 (3 Officers)
- 2014: \$185,645 (2 Officers) - year the deal was made.
- 2015: \$172,883 (2 Officers)
- 2016: \$185,831 (2 Officers)
- 2017: \$199,423 (2 Officers)

As you can see by the verified numbers from 2009-2016, the Police Department has not saved the City \$30,000 in any year since the agreement.

4. More specifically, Mr. Johnson mentioned in his letter that cutting the third officer position saved the City money in equip-

ment. This is not true. Since 2014, the Kiowa Police Department has had two full time officers and a volunteer reserve officer. As such, the City of Kiowa has had to purchase equipment for three officers. As recently as December 2016, the City purchased three bullet proof vests, three shotguns and three 800 MHz radios. The City provides liability insurance for three officers and three squad cars. Furthermore, when all three officers are not available, the Barber County Sheriff's Office provides coverage at no charge to the City.

5. The spirit of the agreement was that the Police Department would work as hard as they have before 2014. For example:

- Dog tags issued before 2014: 90 per year
- Dog tags issued after 2014: 30 per year
- Dog tags issued after City Administrator's 2017 Letter: 60

6. Per the agreement, the Police Department agreed to a pay freeze for the foreseeable future. Mr. Johnson also states that the Police Department did not receive a pay increase since 2014. This is simply not true. Mr. Johnson failed to mention in his letter that he did not disclose the terms of this pay agreement to the new administrator during the 2016 evaluations. As a result, he received a 3% increase in 2016, 1.5 years after agreeing to no more

and discuss solutions to manage the situation. Of note, KDH now has a better understanding of the assistance the City of Kiowa can provide such as the Community Building and traffic control.

Safety Feature Updates - City vehicles have all been upgraded to include hazard bar lights should vehicles be needed in an emergency.

NCCI - 1 will be travelling to Lawrence on Tuesday to participate in a conference that will return a 2-3% discount on the City's Workmen's Comp coverage.

SCCF Application - Staff will be in Pratt on the 10th to present the grant application and answer questions. The application is for a \$5,000 grant to add a shaded picnic area to the pool.

KMEA Conference - This year's conference will be in Wichita from Oct. 19-21st. Staff would like to attend.

Full story next week.

Red Cross Statement on Las Vegas Shooting

(Washington, D.C.) - The thoughts and deepest sympathies of the entire American Red Cross family are with all those affected by Sunday night's tragic shooting in Las Vegas. The Red Cross is on the ground working in close coordination with emergency officials to provide comfort and support now.

The Red Cross is helping to establish a family assistance center by providing mental health and spiritual care to loved ones struggling to come to terms with this tragedy. Over the coming days, the Red Cross will continue to coordinate closely with local officials and community partners to determine how we can best support the Las Vegas community and the loved ones of those who have been harmed.

Following the shooting, the Red Cross provided more than 250 additional blood products to local hospitals to help those injured. We stand ready to provide blood and blood

products as needed in response to this tragedy. Volunteer blood donors are needed each and every day to help save lives. Last night's tragedy illustrates that it's the blood already on the shelves that helps during an emergency. Red Cross blood donations will become part of our national blood inventory, helping to ensure we are prepared for any blood needs that arise wherever blood is needed.

With the help of generous donors who stocked the shelves and those who have helped to replenish our inventory today, the Red Cross has an adequate blood supply to respond to this tragedy in Las Vegas. Eligible individuals can make an appointment to give blood and platelets, particularly needed, in the coming weeks and months by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.redcrossblood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS to help ensure a sufficient blood supply. With the outpouring of support from across the country, it is important people schedule an appointment at this time.

The Red Cross is grateful for all donors who generously give blood and platelets throughout the country.

This tragedy shows that emergencies can happen in any community at any time. Right now, the Red Cross has what it needs to support this event both financially and with supplies. But we always need public support. Visit redcross.org for more.

Kiowa District Healthcare Current Career Opportunities

Kiowa District Healthcare is currently hiring for the following positions:

RN/LPN - Hospital
Seeking a full-time, part-time and PRN for RNs or LPNs to complete our team. Team members need to enjoy adult and pediatric med/surg as well as emergency services.

Medical Lab Technician (MLT or MT) - Hospital

Dietary Manager- Manor

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Oct. 4	76	69	
Oct. 5	75	64	.91"
Oct. 6	76	68	.11"
Oct. 7	86	67	
Oct. 8	81	60	.41"
Oct. 9	82	54	
Total October Precip..... 1.43"			

