

Community Newsletter

For the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 2017

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. **Staff attended retirement receptions on Jan. 20.**

Sandie Masden of the Convention & Visitors Bureau retired after twenty years of service with the City of Dodge City. Building Inspector Mike Rees retired and Cathy Reeves, Director of the Public Library, retired after ten years with the Public Library and previously was librarian of DCCC. We wish them all every happiness in their retirement plans.



2. **Staff was in Topeka this week to attend the briefing** by Acting Secretary of Commerce Antonio Soave to the Senate Commerce Committee. Staff was interested in hearing the Committee's comments and thoughts as it relates to economic development.

3. **City staff attended the Kansas Association of City/County Management winter conference** on Law Enforcement and Community Relations at WSU on Thursday. Some of the topics presented were Hiring & Retention in Today's Law Enforcement Environment, The Anatomy of Ferguson & Its Impact on Law Enforcement, How Social Media Has Transformed Law Enforcement in the 21st Century, Community Engagement and Its Importance in Community Safety, Dilemmas Facing County Jail as well as a Legislative Update.



4. **While in Topeka, staff met with Bob North, Legal Counsel** for the Department of Commerce, and picked up a letter approving Dodge City's request to add additional property to the existing STAR Bond project district. As a result, a special City Commission meeting was held Friday morning to adopt Ordinance No. 3650 which officially added the additional property to the district (14th Ave.).



5. **The Community Facilities Advisory Board had their monthly meeting on Monday.** At the meeting, the board elected the 2017 officers. Ryan Rabe was elected as Chairman and Michael Martinez as Vice Chair. Also at the meeting, Tom Stanley, the past Chairman, was recognized for his years of service to the board. Other agenda items included a year-end report from Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Lewis on the Long Branch Lagoon and the turf infield project at Legends Park for 2017.



6. **The Long Branch Lagoon is offering a VALENTINE'S DAY GIVEAWAY** with a chance to win a 2017 season pass. To enter just LIKE, and SHARE the post, and you will be entered into the Valentine's Day Giveaway!. The winner will be announced on Feb 14. Also, please leave a comment of what you love about the Lagoon using the hashtag #LovingtheLagoon for an extra entry per person. You can *Like* the page at <https://www.facebook.com/long.branch.lagoon/>

7. **City staff, along with representatives from Boot Hill Museum and the Ford County Historical Society**, presented information on their grant applications at the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee public hearing Friday morning in Topeka at the Kansas State Historical Society. The hearing was an opportunity for the entities to present the merits of their grant applications to the review committee. Thirty-eight grant applications were submitted for this highly competitive grant focused on historic preservation. The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review will consider the grant review committee's report and the awards will be announced at their quarterly meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 4th. All applicants will be notified in writing as to whether they will receive an award in the 2017 round of grants. The list of approved grant applications will also be posted at www.kshs.org following the announcement.

8. **A Chamber coffee was held on Tuesday to officially welcome and introduce** the new Chamber President Tara Burkhart. Tara took over the position from Interim President Gary Johnson and has already been attending many meetings and functions to become acquainted with community members.



9. **J.A.G. has given notice that they will start working on the Village Square Mall parking lot** portion of the Central Ave. Improvement Project on Monday, February 6th. During this portion of the project, there will be areas of the parking lot that will be closed off and some access will be limited. They will start working at the north end of the parking lot just south of McDonald's drive and work south. The main drive of the mall will be closed off once they reach it (sometime next week) and access into the parking lot off of Central Ave. will be limited to the drive at McDonald's and the south drive near Rue 21. This work is being completed prior to and in preparation for the street widening of Central Ave. from Layton St. to Hwy 50.



10. **United Wireless Arena announced on Friday that Kenny Rogers** will be live in concert on Saturday, April 29. 'The Gambler's Last Deal' concert will be his final world tour. Public tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 10. See the [attached](#) news release for more information and post the [attached](#) flyer.

11. **During the 2016 Pheasant hunting season**, 250 banded pheasants were released in Finney County near Garden City; in Ford County near Dodge City; in Stevens County near Hugoton; in Seward County near Liberal and in Hodgeman County near Jetmore. If the hunter was lucky enough to bag one of the banded pheasants, they were to bring the band to one of the approved locations to register the band and claim a prize of a Rooster Roundup hat and a \$10 Boot Hill Museum gift certificate. At the end of the contest, a drawing of all the registered bands was held in Sublette, Kansas, at the High Plains Broadcasting Television Station where each grand prize winner was chosen. Dodge City's winner was Colby Weddle from Dodge City and \$500 in Dodge City Chamber bucks was awarded to him.



12. **A reminder of the Legislative Community Coffee** on Sat., Feb. 4 from 9:00 -10:30 am at the High Plains Journal Communication Center, 1500 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd. Flyer **attached**.

13. **This week on Monday afternoon, the department heads** held a special meeting to establish goals, identify capital improvement projects and list policy topics that need to be established/reviewed. Staff is now determining what are needs/wants and assigning a timeline in which the projects need to get done. When completed, the information will be provided at a City Commission retreat to prepare for the 2018 budget planning process.

14. **Monday afternoon a signing ceremony was held to formally** recognize a Sister City agreement with Beit Jann, Israel. Mayor Rick Sowers and Gabe Steinmeyer of BGA Management America, Inc. and representing Beit Jann, made the agreement official following approval by the City Commission at their Jan. 17th meeting. The Sister City agreement will provide mutual opportunity to promote economic development, including greater access to trade, financing and the exchange of technology. One city may have educational, technological and/or economic projects in which the other city would like to participate including tourism development projects, marketing licenses, rights of use for energy savings, as well as research and development projects and other projects involving intellectual property.



15. **Staff lit the fire and began burning the limb pile** from the ice storm damage out at Raceway Park. Staff from Public Works, Fire, and Parks and Rec burnt a pile of limbs Friday morning. Burning will continue next week as they try to make room for the tree piles still needing to be picked up. Crews are still working on picking up limbs north of Comanche and will continue until they finish that area sometime

next week. Remaining areas of town north of Highway 50 and South Dodge will begin late next week.



16. **Two people were arrested after a high speed chase which led** Sherriff deputies through airport property late Wednesday afternoon. Although the chase went on for several minutes, no real damage occurred to airport property; however, two sections of barbed wire fence had to be replaced. The chase went from west to east on airport property and ended on the Highway east of the airport.
17. **City Manager attended a Kansas Association of City/County Managers Board** meeting in Wichita Wednesday evening. She reported on opportunities of schools for master students and gave an update on the planning of the 2017 ICMA Conference.
18. **Park and recreation staff were in Manhattan this week** attending the annual Kansas Recreation & Park Association (KPRA) conference. At the awards luncheon on Thursday, Paul Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation, was awarded the 'Distinguished Fellow' award, the highest award given to members of KRPA. The Distinguished Fellow Award is given to a professional KRPA member who has 10 or more years of service in the recreation and park field and who has been responsible for outstanding and innovative recreation and/or park programming or service to the professional on a local and state or national level.
19. **Cherise and Ernestor participated in the weekly Southwest Kansas** Coalition legislative update conference call Friday morning. They were updated on multiple bills going to the House and Senate including the tax bill, abandoned housing, e-verify, seizure and forfeiture, public employer immunity for employees who choose to carry, funding of state water plan, tax lid, STAR Bonds and Kan Care.

CALENDAR

City Hall:

City Commission meeting – Mon., Feb. 6, 7:00 pm
Joint City/County Commission – Mon., Feb. 13, 6:00 pm
City Commission meeting – Mon., Feb. 20, 7:00 pm
CFAB – Wed., Feb. 22, 6:00 pm

United Wireless Arena:

Tue., Feb. 7 – Harlem Globetrotters
Sat., Feb. 25 - Newsboys
Tue., May 16 – The Illusionists – Live from Broadway
Sun., Aug 27 – Comedian Tim Hawkins

Community:

Sat, Feb. 4 – Chocolate Dreams CASA fundraiser (advanced tickets required) @ Guyman Petro
Feb. 9-11 The Sound of Music @ 7:00 pm @ Dodge City High School
Fri, Feb. 10 – Night to Shine 6:00-9:00 pm
Thur, Feb. 16 – Community Concert Russian Quattro, 7:00 @ Civic Center



LEGISLATIVE COMMUNITY COFFEE

With
Representative Leonard Mastroni
Representative Brad Ralph
Senator Bud Estes

Saturday, February 4, 2017
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
High Plains Journal
Communication Center
1500 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd.

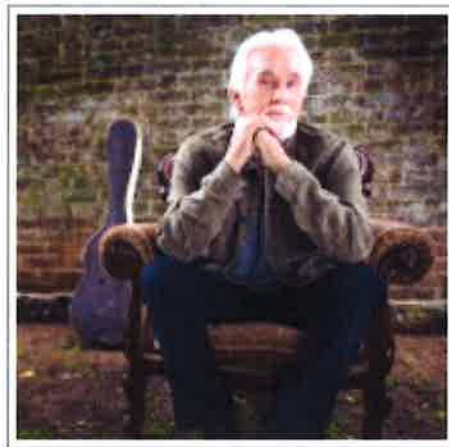
Join in a discussion about what is happening in your community and receive a legislative update. Refreshments provided by High Plains Journal



For more information, please contact the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce by calling (620) 227-3119 or by email at info@dodgechamber.com



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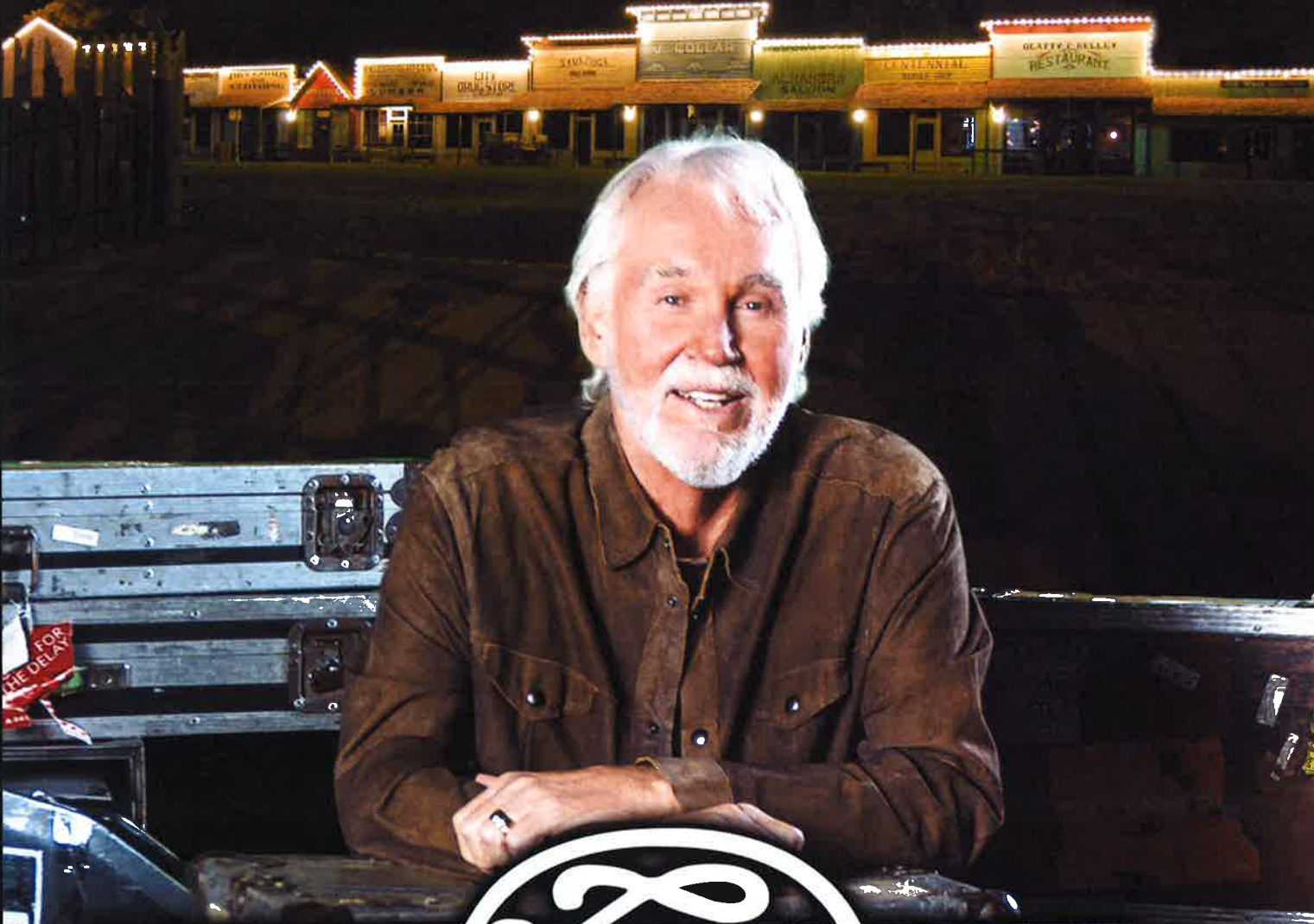
GRAMMY Award-winning country superstar and music icon Kenny Rogers will be bringing what will be his final world tour to the **United Wireless Arena Saturday, April 29** with special guest Linda Davis.

Kenny Rogers has enjoyed great success during his storied career of nearly six decades.

The enduring Country Music Hall of Fame member and pop superstar has endeared music lovers around the globe with his amazing songs, heartfelt performances, distinctive voice, gift for storytelling and universal appeal, and in 2016, Rogers is embarking on what will be his final world tour with a show that will celebrate his musical legacy: **The Gambler's Last Deal**.

Remaining a popular entertainer around the world, Rogers, who was once voted the "Favorite Singer of All-Time" in a joint poll by readers of both USA Today and People, still loves touring and recording new music. Even so, Rogers came to a conclusion that family is more important than touring at this stage in his career, once he's played the final date of his last world tour. "I've been so lucky to have enjoyed such a long career and to have such amazing support from my fans and all who have helped me along the way, but there comes a time when I need to focus on spending time with my family. My life is about my wife and my 11-year-old twin boys right now. There are a lot of things I want to do together with them to create some special memories. I don't have a bucket list of my own...I have a bucket list of things I want to do with them."

Pre-sale: Wednesday, Feb. 8 & Thursday, Feb. 9
Public On Sale: Friday, Feb. 10 @ 10 a.m.



THE GAMBLER'S

LAST DEAL

FINAL WORLD TOUR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
LINDA DAVIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 / UNITED WIRELESS ARENA

Purchase online at Ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-3000,
or in person at the United Wireless Arena box office.

KENNYROGERS.COM



From: Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau <cvb@dodgecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Jane Longmeyer
Subject: Happy February!



Nana's Naughty Knickers
Historic Santa Fe Depot
February 3-5

Bridget and her grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite Nana in New York quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area.

You'll truly enjoy this delightful dinner theater production

For more information 620-225-1001.

Live @ the Longhorn Room
Boot Hill Casino
February 3; 8:00 PM

Enjoy a variety of live local music in the Longhorn Room at the Boot Hill Casino. A great way to unwind at the end of the weekend in a fun atmosphere!

Young Guns
Western State Bank Expo
February 4-5

Watch as these young rodeo athletes compete and hone their craft. You may be watching tomorrow's PRCA champions!

For more info 620-338-8284.

Harlem Globe Trotters

United Wireless Arena

February 7; 7:00 PM

The Original Harlem Globetrotters are preparing for their action packed 2017 world tour! A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats to witness the ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages! New this season, the Globetrotters will debut basketball's first 4-point line. The 4-point line will be located from the basket-6 feet, 3 inches beyond the top of the MBA's current 3-point line. You won't want your family to miss it. Tickets on sale now.

For more information 620-371-7390

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The Murder of Emmett Till



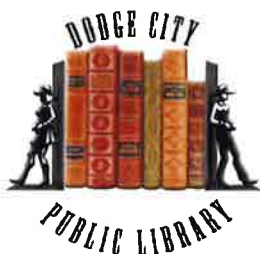
Emmett Till



Dr. Dave Tell, speaker

- On August 25, 1955, Emmett Till whistled at a white woman outside a Mississippi grocery store.
- Three days later, the 14-year-old African-American boy was murdered. Now several memorials exist with competing narratives of exactly what happened that night.
- Presented by Dave Tell. Sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council.

Thursday, Feb. 16th, 7:00 PM
Dodge City Public Library



1001 N 2nd Ave
Dodge City, KS 67801
620-225-0248
www.dcpl.info



CITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

City Hall Commission Chambers

Monday, February 6, 2017

7:00 p.m.

MEETING #5058

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION BY Assistant Pastor Raciél Quintana of First Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

VISITORS (Limit of five minutes per individual and fifteen minutes per topic. Final action may be deferred until the next City Commission meeting unless an emergency situation does exist).

Girl Scout Cookie Month Proclamation

National School Counseling Week Proclamation

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of City Commission Work Session Minutes, January 17, 2017,
2. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes, January 17; 2017;
3. Approval of City Commission Special Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2017;
4. Appropriation Ordinance No.3, February 6, 2017;
5. Cereal Malt Beverage License:
 - a. Water Sports Campground, 500 Cherry St.
 - b. Don Hector's, 208 S. 2nd Avenue.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2017-04: Approval of Commitment of City Funds for the US 50 & Fairway Drive Intersection Project. Report by Director of Engineering, Ray Slattery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Bid for the 4th Avenue Reconstruction – Phase 2. Report by Tanner Rutschman, E.I. Civil Engineer.
2. Approval of Moderate Income Housing Program Grant Agreement. Report by Special Projects Coordinator, Mollea Wainscott.
3. Approval of Recommendations for Board & Commissions Appointments. Report by Director of Public Information, Jane Longmeyer.
4. Approval of Appointment of Members to Serve on the Dodge City/Ford County Board of Directors. Report by City Manager, Cherise Tieben.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Non-Elected Personnel

ADJOURNMENT