



the Lindsborg City View

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J.O. SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

TRUST -- n.

1. Reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing; confidence
2. confident expectation of something; hope.

extended definitions at dictionary.com

It was grand, it was great, it was a gala attended by downtown business owners, Senators, Council members, City staff and many more. It was held five years ago on August 31, 2013. A gala held in the new J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center.

Since the doors opened in 2013 many people have experienced the modern makeover from what stood in the building's place before. This landmark building that stood for 133 years was razed in 2012 and rebuilt into its own image.

This magnificent building represents the earliest history and development of Lindsborg. It is located on the northeast corner of Lincoln and Main in the heart of downtown.

The original building had accommodated several businesses in its 133 year history. Built by Jacob Otto Sundstrom in 1879, the storefront at 102 N. Main originally housed a very successful mercantile store. Years after it became a grocery store and eventually a hardware store. The building entered a period of decline in the late '90s and was purchased by the City in 2003. Ideas swarmed from elected officials, developers, citizen commissions and interested residents as to what should be done with the building that sat in the heart of downtown Lindsborg, Kansas.



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BOXCAST

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In April 2010, after funding for a renovation was determined, a plan was in place to preserve the character of Lindsborg's unique downtown. The plan became the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center (SCC).

After a few starts and stops in the architectural plan, construction finally began on September 19, 2012. Warm fall temperatures favored the schedule, and



following a brief Thanksgiving break, the roof was installed in two days. The rough structure was completely enclosed and insulated before the first snow fell. Contractors then spent the next nine months hustling to complete the interior of the first floor, finishing just in time for the August 2013 gala grand opening. A plan to develop the second floor began in earnest, with a goal of providing an alternative "industrial" event setting, in contrast to the more pristine and polished first floor. Construction on the second floor began the following February and was completed in late spring of 2014.

The SCC, located at 102. N Main, has now been hosting events such as meetings, weddings, Smoky Valley Junior/Senior Prom, and Mid-Kansas monthly training sessions, for five years. In the past five years the SCC has hosted 80 weddings, 199 meetings and 123 other events. The largest event was a wedding held in 2017 that hosted 390 people.

The goal in 2013, as now, is to have the SCC host regularly scheduled meetings, reunions, weddings and exhibits that revitalize the local economy, and serve to



maintain and preserve the local character of downtown Lindsborg.

The City of Lindsborg welcomes guests from near and far to schedule events at the SCC.



Editor's Note:

The photos on page one and on page two are file photos. We thank all the contributing photographers including, but not limited to: Jim Turner, Jim Richardson, Taton Tubbs, Tim Stewart and many others.

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PERKS PROVIDED FOR SENIORS BY LINDSBORG SENIOR CENTER

It seems "senior" is not a coveted title when it refers to the age of a person, but the Lindsborg Senior Center does provide many services and social activities that any age could enjoy. After a presentation to a local service group, many stated they did not realize the number of happenings at the Center so we thought there may be others who are also unaware. A menu for the meals and a calendar of events are put out monthly and are available for pick up at the Center.

•Commodities of food are provided to those who meet the income qualifications. Monday and Thursday mornings are best for pick up but we try to accommodate other schedules so usually any day 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is possible. A proxy form for a designated person to pick up the commodities may also be completed.

Newest monthly activities:

•Calling all women for a special coffee time! On the 3rd Wednesday in odd months and 4th Wednesday in even months, a Women's Only Coffee is held at 10:15 a.m. It is a great time for fellowship.

•Wii bowling is available on Friday afternoons after lunch.

Oldie but Goodie monthly activities:

•The Dala Bus (for any age) runs Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

• No need to cook or eat alone! A nutritious lunch is served Monday-Friday at noon. Please call a day ahead to ensure the correct amount of food may be ordered and to ask about pricing.

•Coffee with a treat is offered every morning and afternoon.

•Pool tables are available in the back of the Center. A new season of tournament play is starting where they compete with other area senior center teams twice a month. Recruiting of interested players is always happening.

•The 1st Monday of each month, an out of town shopping trip to McPherson is taken.

•Each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:45, Joyce Kurtz leads an exercise class. The exercises are planned to help mobility and stability .

•Maria Rockhold provides footcare on the 1st and 2nd Friday mornings. Advanced appointments required.

•Bingo is played after lunch on the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

•Pinochle card playing is available after lunch on many afternoons. There is interest in getting a group started to play Pitch so we are recruiting.

•Jigsaw puzzles are very popular and one is being worked on almost all the time.

•On the 2nd Wednesday, the Senior Citizens take a treat to Bethany Home Assisted Living and have coffee with them.

•Angels Care Home Health comes in on the 3rd Tuesday to do blood pressure and sugar checks. A short presentation on a health topic is given during the lunch time.

•The Dala bus takes a group out to eat out at various locations once a month excluding the winter months.

•Birthdays are celebrated once a month on the 3rd Friday. Cake and ice cream are served with lunch.

•An evening activity is game night on the 4th Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Various board games or Bingo are played and then pizza, relishes and dessert are enjoyed afterwards.

The Senior Center would like to invite ALL ages to join us for lunch. Many of the activities above are also open to anyone. If you have concerns or questions please call 785 227-3983.

-Article submitted by Senior Center staff.

A check from Sunflower Bank in the amount of \$250.00 was presented by William Christopher to Elaine Schmidt. The check is a donation to the Lindsborg Scentral Bark Dog Park. Mr. Christopher is a Lindsborg resident and the branch manager at the McPherson Sunflower Bank location. Elaine, Scentral Bark Committee Chair, said the money will help pay for a bench and a plaque on the wall of fame. The wall of fame will be on the back of the wooden fence at the dog park. All contributors donating over \$50.00 will be listed on the wall. Donations are appreciated and tax deductible. The first stages at the future dog park location, 401 E. McPherson Street, have begun. For more information on how to donate please contact Elaine at 620-242-5140 or Gary Shogren at City Hall at 785-227-3355. Follow the Lindsborg Scentral Bark Facebook page for upcoming events and progress.





Jerry Lovett-Sperling, City Clerk & Gaylene Butler, Utilities Clerk HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR RETIREMENT



A reception in their honor will be held at the Sundstrom Conference Center on November 16, 2018. This come and go event will be from 3 PM to 5 PM. Please use the Main Street entrance.

The City of Lindsborg wishes to celebrate these ladies on a job well done! Jerry has provided 24 years of outstanding service to the community! Gaylene has provided 16 years of excellent service to the community! Congratulations Jerry and Gaylene!



New Faces at City Hall 2018



Jerry singing
in the rain
in 2011



New faces will now welcome residents when they enter City Hall!
From left to right are:
Robin Droegemeier, Court Clerk
Heidi Baker, Utilities Clerk
Roxie Sjögren, City Clerk

TRUSTING TOOLS FOR TRAVEL SUCCESS

In the travel industry, relationships are everything.

As travel planners evaluate destinations for their group, they typically reach out to Convention and Visitors Bureau staff to determine their options and make the necessary connections to execute their event. CVB staff members, across the nation, work hard to build trust. Travel planners know there are massive benefits of working with a CVB and, rest assured, they don't forget us the next time a group asks for recommendations.

Word of mouth continues to be Lindsborg's best marketing tool in the box!

How does a travel planner work with a CVB?

Every event is the sum of dozens of moving parts. Transportation, parking, meeting and entertainment venues, catering, and lodging are just a few things that cause stress for travel planners. Working with a local CVB office greatly lessens this burden. When a planner finds partners they can trust, they tend to stick with what they know is reliable. Our local CVB staff assists in travel planning for groups of 2 or 200, providing neutral information on lodging or services that are offered at entities of interest. Staff typically assists planners in finding the venue that best matches their needs, regardless of the size or potential contract value of the group.

Be a local thought leader and resource.

Long before the CVB office receives an email or phone call requesting planning assistance, we are working behind the scenes, creating the articles, videos, and guides that help convince planners that Lindsborg is the right choice. This is where we typically need the most help from our community partners, sharing our information on their social media outlets, capturing testimonials and reviews from their clientele and even asking their visitors to provide an itinerary of their visit. When this information is passed along to CVB staff, we can provide first-hand accounts that assist travel planners in making decisions that are best for their groups.

Share Data and Feedback.

Every group you host gives us an opportunity to grow and learn. Every employee at your business establishment has valuable information to share that gives our community better ideas for providing services for visitors. At the

CVB office, we enjoy your emails, phone calls and drop-in visits to share your ideas and thoughts. We are fortunate to work for a community that values tourism and seems to be always working to achieve a better experience for travelers! Don't hesitate to share your thoughts and dreams! We find ourselves implementing a wonderful mix of these ideas throughout the year.



A group visiting Lindsborg takes a tour at the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge in Rural McPherson County.



UNDERSTANDING THE LOCAL FLOOD THREAT



Stormwater improvements worked as designed during the 7" rain event that occurred in early October. Four days of almost constant precipitation had a number of folks nervous, and they let City staff know. As a comparison, observed rainfall totals during the disastrous flooding of July 2013 ranged from 8" to over 10". Public Works kept a close watch on the upgraded channel south of the Westview Addition, and it never appeared to be close to overtopping. In fact, the water stayed well within the channel. New box culverts prevented the pile up of floodwater witnessed at the Garfield Street crossing five years ago.

Area storm alerts were fairly constant during the period of rain. Public Safety received warnings from county emergency management, and City Hall got a notice of river cresting from the Kansas Department of Water Resources. This goes to show how little these agencies understand about Lindsborg's local flood threat. The Smoky Hill River rarely goes out of bank in this area. When it does, it floods to the south, away from developed areas. Unless one is camping at the Old Mill Campground, riverine flooding is not an issue in Lindsborg. The main concern is flash flooding, caused by sudden heavy rains, compounded by saturated soil that results from several days of rain. It takes time for the water to run off, especially because the local topography is very flat. River gauges and forecasts of peak flows don't matter in flash flood events. Sheet flow flooding can occur in any part of the community, depending on where the rain decides to fall.



Flood pictures are from July 2013

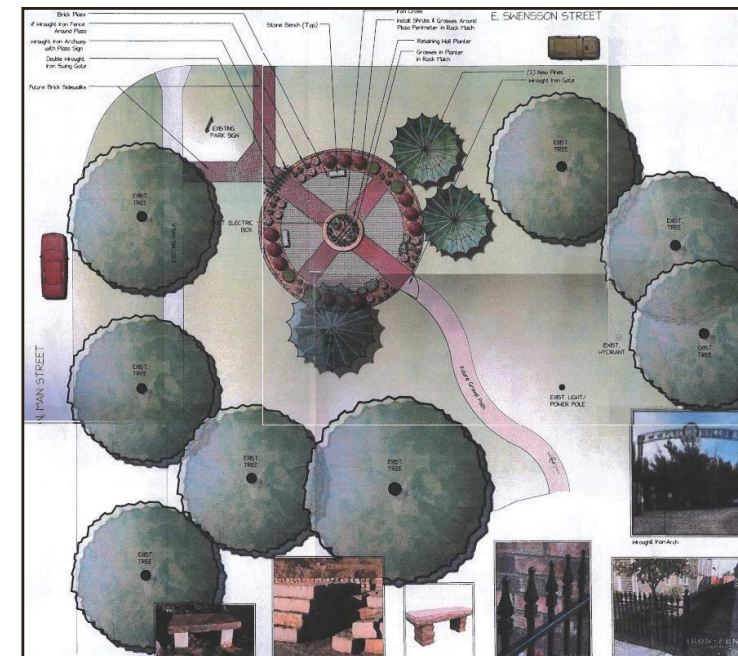
ALMA SWENSSON MEMORIAL

Two new features will be added to Swensson Park in the coming months. The first, part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration, will be a plaza dedicated to artwork under construction by Brian Holdsworth, local artist and blacksmith. The Järnkors, or Iron Cross Plaza will be located on the park's northwest corner, and provide a prominent and visible permanent home



to the 10' metal sculpture. Construction of the 40' circular brick plaza will begin this winter, with dedication of the Järnkors installation during Easter week.

The second feature will be the conversion of the fish pond structure into a garden memorial to Alma Swensson, wife of Bethany College founder Carl A. Swensson. An accomplished musician, Alma organized the Bethany Oratorio Society in 1881, with the first performance of the Handel's Messiah in March 1882. Today, it is the oldest continuous annual performance of the Messiah in the United States. A committee has been formed to direct the design of the memorial garden. Construction is scheduled for spring 2019.



150 TREES PROJECT

The Tree Board is sponsoring a tree planting project in 2019 to coincide with the Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebrating 150 years as a city. The goal of the project will be to plant 150 new trees in the community, sponsored by individuals, families, institutions or businesses. A donation of \$100 is all that is required to participate in the program. The donor will be able to select from a predetermined list of tree species, and also select a planting location. Planting sites must be on public property, and be approved by the Board. Street right of way is considered public property, which means that the space between the sidewalk and curb, in front of private property, would be eligible for planting, but also subject to Board approval.

Two planting seasons will be scheduled, one in spring and another in fall. Contributors will have the option of planting their own trees, or have the Parks Department do it on their behalf. Initial care for the new plantings will be provided by volunteers and the Parks Department.

When all 150 have been committed and planted, a brochure or booklet will be created to designate the donor, provide an address along with GPS coordinates, identify the species and beginning size of each tree. Further information for the program will be developed next year, but to get your name in early, contact Gary Shogren at 785-227-3355.



Onyx Streets



This year a new product was used as part of the Street Maintenance Program, the product is called Onyx. Onyx is a frictional mastic surface treatment that is designed to seal newer asphalted streets and slow the oxidation process, this will help to lengthen the life of the asphalt paving. Onyx has fine aggregate materials designed to increase frictional characteristics of the streets in wet conditions. Onyx is engineered to develop early strength and has a short predictable dry time, this allows for a street to be reopened in a fairly short period of time after the product has been applied. The product is consistently black and formulated to reduce ultraviolet damage to the pavement, the uniform black color also gives the appearance of a new asphalt surface.

City crews began preparing this summer by crack sealing all of the streets where Onyx would be applied. When crews from Hall Bros, Inc. came in to apply the product, they simply blew the streets off, coated the edge of the streets and then applied two coats of Onyx. When

the conditions are good, and the temperatures are warm enough, and there are no equipment breakdowns, the whole process can be done in a matter of hours. Onyx is just one more tool city staff has to help maintain city streets on a limited budget.



To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved. --George MacDonald

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

People in Lindsborg have always been known to trust people until they do something to lose that trust; unlike in other places where trust is something that is built over time. Unfortunately, there are many that take advantage of that trust. I'm talking about SCAMS.

I would normally advise to increase your awareness of SCAMS during the holiday season but there doesn't seem to be a "season" for SCAMS anymore. They happen at all times, throughout the year. Most of these SCAMS originate from outside the United States, which makes enforcement of the crime impossible.

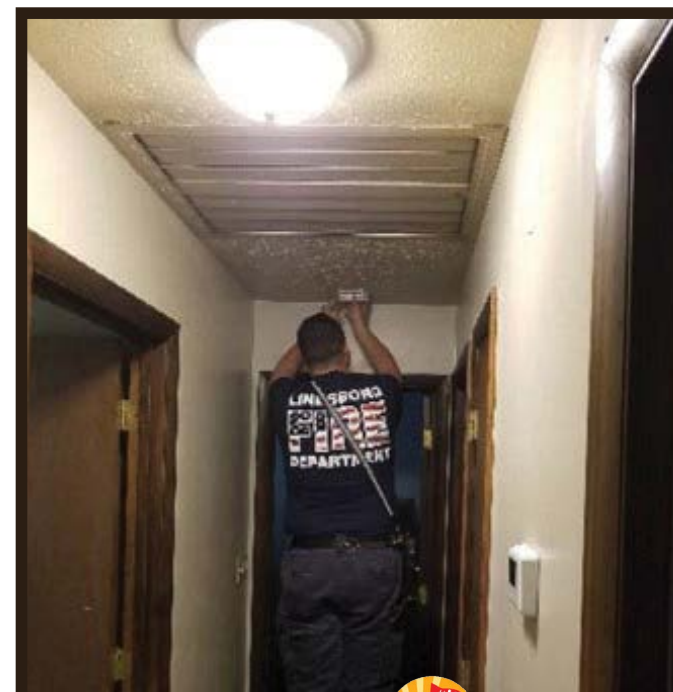
A few tips to protect yourself:

PHONE CALLS: Be wary of callers claiming that you have won a prize or vacation package. Hang up on suspicious phone calls. Be cautious of caller ID. Scammers can change the phone number that shows up on caller ID (this is called "spoofing.") Don't provide your credit card number, bank account information, or other personal information to a caller. Don't send money if the caller tells you to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card. Register your phone number with the "National Do Not Call Registry." You may register online at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

BANK SCAMS: Be suspicious if you are told to wire a portion of funds from a check back to a company. Verify the authenticity of a cashier's check with the bank that it is drawn on before depositing a check. When verifying a check or the issuer, use contact information on a bank's website. Don't wire money to people or companies that you don't know.

IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS: Beware if someone calls claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS will always contact you by mail before calling you about unpaid taxes. Be suspicious of threats. The IRS won't threaten to have police arrest you for not paying a bill.

CHARITY SCAMS: Check out the charity with the Kansas consumer protection office or the Better Business Bureau before you donate. Verify the name. Fake charities often choose names that are similar to well established charities and use keywords that elicit sympathy, such as "children," "cancer," or "disaster relief."



A message from the Lindsborg Fire Department:
"It is that time of year to ensure that your smoke detectors are working properly and to replace batteries."

Darren Ebling, Lindsborg firefighter, changes out the batteries in a resident's home in the photo on the left.

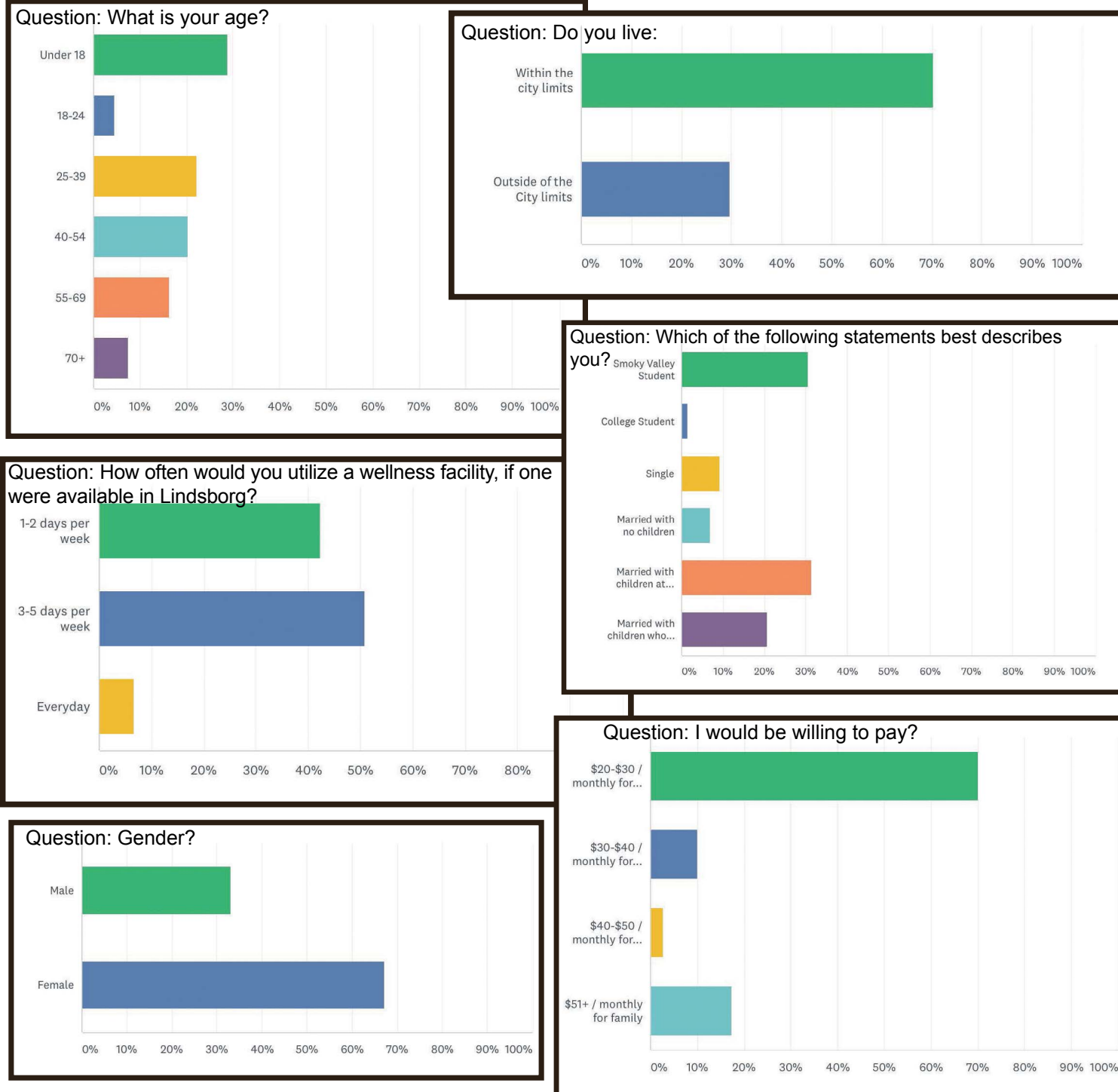


Lindsborg...where you want to Be, to Play, to Live, to Stay!

RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER SURVEY RESULTS

An ongoing concern among the residents of Lindsborg continues to be the need for a community recreation and wellness center. To determine the desires of Lindsborg citizens a task force team was established. This group dedicated their time and efforts to create a survey worthy of producing results that would determine what an affordable, desirable center may require. The full survey results can be found on the City of Lindsborg website at lindsborgcity.org or on the City of Lindsborg Government Facebook page. Beth Ferguson, Recreation Director, is also available for questions. She can be reached at 785-227-3333 or bethf@lindsborgcity.org.

The City of Lindsborg wishes to thank the members that have served on this task force as well as the individuals that took the time to fill out the survey.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT FUN! THE WHOLE YEAR WAS FULL OF ACTIVITIES!

It has already been a fun and busy year for the Lindsborg Rec Department but the year isn't over yet! Recreation Director, Beth Ferguson, is always available to answer any questions. She can be reached at 785-227-3333 or at bethf@lindsborgcity.org

Activities for the rest of the year include:

- Lindsborg Recreation Night at the first home Smoky Valley basketball game – November 30th
- Youth Basketball Clinic – Marquette Grade School Gym, December 1st from 9:30 AM to noon (lunch is included). Pay \$10 at the door or pre-register and pay \$10 at City Hall.
- Adult Dodge Ball Tournament – Marquette Gym, December 15th – More details will be available on our City of Lindsborg Government Facebook page soon!
- Basketball Registration Deadline is December 5, 2018! Games will begin in January! Sign up today!



Pictures of Mom/Son Carnival Fun event, Rec night at Swensson Park, and the 1st Monday Out on October 1, 2018. School was closed on October 1 so this gave a few kiddos a chance to have a playdate with other students! Everyone had a great time!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings -- Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- Dec. 18, Feb 19
Thanksgiving -- Nov. 22 & 23 (City Offices Closed)
Sandzen Holiday Gift Show -- Nov. 4 - Jan. 6
Red Barn Studio Toy Exhibition -- Nov. - Jan.
Small Business Saturday -- Nov. 24
Christmas Artists' Studio Open House -- Dec. 1
Snowflake Parade -- Dec. 1
Old Fashioned Christmas -- Dec. 8
St. Lucia Day -- Dec. 8
Christmas Eve & Day -- Dec. 24 & 25 (City Offices Closed)
NYE Party for 150th at Sundstrom Conference Center - Dec. 31
City View Newsletter -- Issue 49 (Feb. 2019)
Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please



For more scheduled events, please view the calendars at www.visitlindsborg.com and www.lindsborgcity.org

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| Police, Fire and Ambulance: | 785.227.2988 (non-emergency) |
| Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3428 |
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