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### Administrator's Report by Danielle Young

The end of 2019 brought with it the end of a decade and the start of new beginnings within our Governing Body. The City of Cheney has been under the leadership of Mayor Linda Ball since 2008 and she has served continuously as a Council member since 1981.

I think everyone can learn from Mayor Ball's 38 years of public service on how to put our community first by listening to others, having pride in everything we do, overcoming obstacles, focusing on the future and what can be done now to ensure future generations benefit from our decisions. She was a part of numerous projects that have benefited multi-generations and allowed our community to grow and prosper. We are thankful for her dedication to the City and hope that she can continue inspiring future elected officials and the youth of our community with her positive attitude and love for Cheney.

We are confident our newly elected Mayor, Philip Mize will continue the City on its current path and will help guide decisions that benefit the community as a whole. Mayor Mize took the Mayoral Oath on December 12<sup>th</sup> after serving as Council member for the past 32 years. Ryan Graf is the City's newly elected Council member and familiar with Cheney from growing up and attending school here and owning his own local business.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the winter season and the few snowflakes that fall. Please stop by City Hall, call 316-542-3622, or send an email to [dyoung@cheneyks.org](mailto:dyoung@cheneyks.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **US Census-Why is it critical for everyone to participate in the 2020 Census?**

An undercount in Cheney could mean that our community would miss out on approximately \$56,005.80 in federal funding (over 10 years) for EACH household that is missed in the 2020 Census. It also decreases the amount our City receives for other local funding. Funding supports Parks, Literacy programs, Senior Services, Affordable Housing, Schools, Health Clinics, Fire Stations, Veterans programs, Job Training and Community Centers plus hundreds of other critical services that make a difference in our lives.

Census Data is also used to create legislative districts, school district boundaries, future budget planning, setting goals, forecasting trends, developments, grant opportunities, and planning for future services.

Once you receive your Census notice in the mail in March, you will be able to submit your data online or via mail. There are only 10 questions that should take about 10 minutes. Census Data that is collected is secure and federal law protects your individual responses.

#### **Minimum Age for Sale of Tobacco Products**

In November our City Council passed an Ordinance increasing the age from 18 to 21 for anyone to possess or purchase electronic cigarettes, cigarettes or tobacco in the City of Cheney. This public health initiative was enacted after hearing state-wide statistics and concerns from the school district on the use of tobacco by youth. Our Council took a stance on this issue with hopes that it would become a regional initiative, but before our Ordinance took effect on January 1, 2020, President Trump signed legislation raising the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.

#### **Contact Information:**

Elected Officials:  
Mayor Philip Mize  
542-3830

Council Members  
Jeff Albers 619-3151  
Kassie Gile 640-4043  
Ryan Graf 833-6834  
Greg Kampling 540-6145  
Greg Williams 393-4457

City Departments  
City Hall 542-3622  
Maintenance 542-3815  
Library 542-3331  
Fire Dept. 542-3155  
Police Dept. 542-3173  
Police- cell 213-5831  
Cherry Oaks 540-0133  
Emergencies 911

**Need assistance  
paying your gas bill?  
LIEAP applications are  
now available at City  
Hall or online at  
[www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov)**

***Don't forget to  
renew your Golf  
Cart/UTV Tags for  
2020.***

**Upcoming Events:**  
Cheney Community-  
Wide Garage Sales-  
May 28, 29, 30  
  
City-Wide Clean-up-  
June 6th  
  
Sedgwick County  
Fair- July 8-11th

### **Cheney Fire Rescue made 291 runs in 2019**

**-60% were medical calls**

**-49% of the calls were in the City limits, 30% were outside City limits in Sedgwick County, 17% in Kingman County, and 4% assisting other counties.**

**Previous years saw the following total number of calls:**

<b>2018- 301</b>	<b>2013-329</b>
<b>2017- 322</b>	<b>2012- 392</b>
<b>2016- 350</b>	<b>2011- 368</b>
<b>2015-418</b>	<b>2010-349</b>
<b>2014-338</b>	<b>2009-373</b>

### **Maintenance Department**

Welcome to 2020! We are excited to report that all of the water meters have been replaced and the new radio read system is in place on the water and gas meters. We ask that extra precaution be taken to prevent damage to both of these metering systems. Please take time to weed eat far enough away from the gas meters & water meter lids to avoid hitting them with mowers. Try not to drive or mow over the water meter lids as this will break the Lid Lock that holds the radio underneath the lid. There is a charge to replace the damaged parts on both the water and gas meters. A water meter Lidlock replacement is \$15 and the MIU unit on the gas or water meter is \$90 + labor.

Another issue we've been dealing with is disposable wipes plugging our City's sewer. We ask that only toilet paper be flushed down the toilet. Disposable wipes are not as disposable as advertised & should not be flushed. Thank you for your help concerning these issues.

### **Police Department**

Greetings from Cheney Police Department. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a good start to the New Year. Some quick reminders, the CPD offers fingerprinting services for those applying for jobs, licensing, etc. We also provide VIN inspections for out of state vehicle purchases.

The CPD was recently the recipient of a grant for a new intoxilyzer. This equipment will be housed at CPD and assist officers with DUI investigations.

In closing, we have received several complaints of vehicles being parked in front yards of residences and more complaints on illegal J-turns in the downtown business district. FYI, Zoning Code, Chapter 23-Parking and Loading, Section 23.09 regulates no parking allowed in yards and specifically addresses parking only on areas designated for driveway surfaces. Additionally, J-turns are prohibited, when crossing the double yellow lines in the downtown area to park on the opposite side of the street. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any of these items, feel free to contact the Cheney City Offices or the Cheney Police Department.

**Chief Winter**

**[kwinter@cheneyks.org](mailto:kwinter@cheneyks.org)**

### **Cherry Oaks Golf Course** -- [kfowler@cheneyks.org](mailto:kfowler@cheneyks.org)

***Season passes are on sale now!***

Country club golf at a public price...Cherry Oaks Golf Course is now offering a wide array of season pass options. From Juniors (K-12) to Seniors (60+), weekday to unlimited, we have green fees and golf cart passes suited for everyone at affordable prices.

Leagues will be starting as soon as March! We are your host course for all benefit and fundraising golf tournaments. Call today, 316-540-0133 or visit us at [www.cherryoaksgc.com](http://www.cherryoaksgc.com).

**CLUBHOUSE SALE! Large selection of hats and apparel 25% off!**



### **Cheney Public Library**

The Cheney Public Library recently went live with a new integrated library system, Apollo. In addition to being more cost effective, Apollo also brings exciting new functionality for our patrons to enjoy! You can now:

- Text the library at (316) 444-6288 with questions or to renew items
- Receive due date and reserve reminders via text message
- See how much you save each time you use the library
- Use a much more user-friendly catalog on our website to search for items, place reserves, view new additions in real time, etc.

To learn more about the new features, stop by the library to update your account.

Susan Woodard, Director [cheneypubliclibrary.org](http://cheneypubliclibrary.org)

**Cheney Recreation Commission** has some great programs coming up! Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Flag Football, Paint with a Pal, Adult Painting Date Night, Mom and Son Fun Night, Beginner's Archery, Youth Track and don't miss Youth Baseball/Softball season. All information can be viewed and registered online at [www.cheneyrec.com](http://www.cheneyrec.com). Also, sign up for the new text alerts on our programs, weather, deadlines and more. Sign up on our website or contact the office 542-0010 for any questions.

### **WINTER SPECIAL \$25-18 holes w/ cart 7 days a week! (\$20-9 holes w/ cart)**

Restroom construction is underway and will be completed soon. Both restrooms will be available to golfers as well as walkers.

