

# KAW CITY NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY, 2010

### Notes from your Mayor

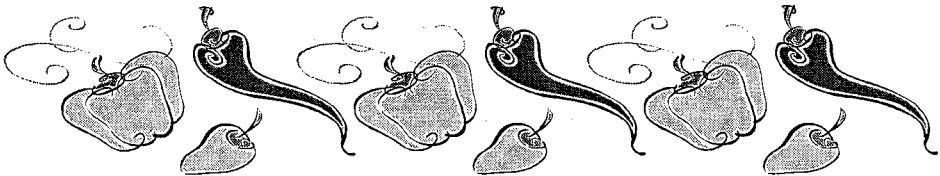
The City Council took up the issue of damage to all city streets. The damage has increased due to the more than usual cold and wet weather.

There is severe cracking in many of the concrete streets, especially ones over the sewer mains. The cracking allows moisture to penetrate and causes major damage to the clay tiles of the sewer lines beneath.

The Council members also noted the fact that the older roads on the east side have really deteriorated due to the snow and ice. Eagle drive, on the west side, has lost most of its gravel and needs repairing.

Your mayor has contacted Kay County about possible help. He will survey the damage with council members and county officials.

The city receives no tax revenue for street repair. Some gasoline tax is returned to the city, but yearly the revenue is just a few hundred dollars.



### Kaw City Area Chamber of Commerce

**The Chili Cook-off** is scheduled March 13, 2010, at noon. Prizes will be awarded in several classes, including Best Chili, Best Table Decoration, and People's Choice.

Tasting kits are \$5.00, and include one soft drink. Table reservation is not required, but suggested. Come, join the fun. For more information, contact Bill or Marilyn Holcomb at 269-2694.

**The City Wide Garage Sale** is scheduled for May 29-30th. It is time to get started finding the things that will become someone else's treasures. You do not need a permit to set up a sale.

The Chamber will place advertisements in area newspapers and radio announcements.

For further information, contact any Chamber member.



### ***Second Town Meeting: March 15th!***

This open meeting is designated to the engineer's report on the water.

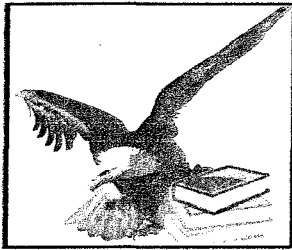
Join us at the Community Center at 7p.m., March 15.

### **CITY REVENUE:**

Where does Kaw City receive the funding for city operations is a question often asked. The bulk of City operational funding comes from the sale of City utility services. The next source is sales tax, which is very little, due to the lack of multiple retail businesses.

A misconception is that the City receives a portion of property tax collected by the County. Kaw City receives **no percentage** of property tax. These collections are allocated to County funds, schools and now the new county jail.

The only sources of funding for major restorations would be through bonded indebtedness. Kaw City has had no bond issues since the late 1930's.



## News from J.A. Walker Memorial Library

### Hello!

My name is Stacey Richard. I'm so excited to be the new librarian! At my Kaw City home, my time is spent with my husband of 15 years, our three teenagers, and (when we are lucky) a visit from our oldest daughter with our new granddaughter! I spend the rest of my "part-time" using the information gained from my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education as the Site Director for the YMCA after-school program.

### NEW!

In an attempt to boost our Young Adult section (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) we have purchased 72 books! Included in this list are: Percy Jackson & the Olympians series (the Lightning Thief is a "soon to be released" movie!); The Eragon series, by Christopher Paolini; several of The Clique, a young adult series; and four of the Cirque de freak series.

We also have several new adult books including; Going Rogue, by Sarah Palin and A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Hosseini, the author of The Kite Runner. We even have Say you're one of them by Uwem Akpan, from Oprah's book club!

### Future events!

- I would like to start a daytime story time, with a craft. I need to know if there is an desire for this type of program. Please contact the library at 580/269-1317 if you are interested in having your child, or grandchild, attend!
- The library will have a booth at the Chili Cook- off March 13, 2010 displaying "Hot New Books!" On this day, we will gladly accept any overdue books, without penalty! Plus, we will be prepared to collect any books you would like to donate for the library, or the library book sale!
- We are thrilled to announce that the Annual Tea Party is back on the schedule for May 1, 2010. We are looking for churches, groups, or individuals who would like to sponsor the tea by decorating a table. This would include a teapot, place settings, and decoration. Tables will be judged and prizes awarded. If you are interested please contact the library by March 19th!

### Don't forget!

Our library is open from 8am-5pm every weekday and open until 7pm on Thursdays! However, we are closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00.

I look forward to using my experiences, and knowledge, to facilitate in the continued growth of this wonderful library, and meeting you!