



Fall Festival

Bethel College
October 2-4

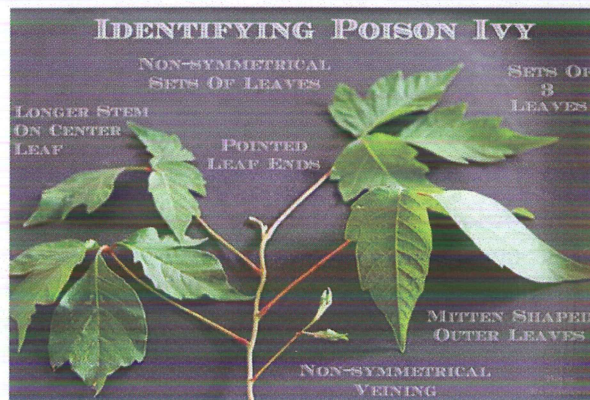
Fall Fest will look different this year. A complete schedule is available at www.bethelks.edu/fall-fest. You may call 316-284-5251 for more information and up-to-date changes, or go to Fall Fest 2020 on Facebook or email alumni@bethelks.edu.

COURTESIES ON THE NEW HIKING/BIKING PATH

Since its installation, the **Kidron Loop Trail** has become so popular that unanticipated problems are being recognized. The trail attracts bicyclists, skateboarders, motorized wheelchairs and pedestrians of all ages and ambulatory capabilities. Near misses of bicyclists colliding with pedestrians have occurred. The City has received numerous suggestions on signage to

address these concerns. We are working on an attractive and effective way of communicating appropriate responses to the concerns. In the meantime, please...

- be courteous to others.
- keep to the right and pass on the left.
- announce yourself or signal when approaching others from behind on bike; pass to the left if possible.
- no racing on bicycles or skateboards. Not everyone can quickly react to oncoming traffic.
- keep dogs on a leash. Clean up after them and dispose of properly.
- be aware that there IS poison ivy in the woods. Stay on the path.



Appropriate but limited signage will be put in place. More embellishments planned for the trail include additional pause points with benches and landscaping. There will also be a significant sign and pavilion where the trail goes south from 36th and Anderson Avenue.

Make online utility payments at:

www.northnewton.org or
www.GovPayNow.com

By telephone: 1-888-604-7888

More details on the back of your bill!

ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 3



General Election day is Tuesday, November 3. North Newton City Hall is the polling location for registered voters of our community.

For voter registration applications, and sample ballots go to www.hvcoksvote.com or call the Harvey County Election Office at 316-284-6840 with your questions.



November 9 to 13

The City provides this free curbside collection in the fall for tree limbs and yard waste only. Different types of vegetative materials are picked up each round, but **please have it all at the curb no later than Monday morning November 9.** It takes several days to complete the project.

- ① Bagged leaves, grass, and yard waste will be picked up as well as manageable sized limbs.
- ② Thorny bushes and small limbs can be placed with larger piles of brush and limbs.
- ③ Place limbs parallel to the street for easier grappling.
- ④ Keep piles away from meter pits.
- ⑤ Do not mix any trash or recyclables in the bags and keep away from your

Wednesday recyclables and household trash to avoid confusion.

⑥ Contractors YOU hire to cut down limbs or trees must haul the debris away!

⑦ Do not place brush and bags near items that could be stolen by passersby, such as ladders, tools, etc.



2021 PET TAG SEASON COMING



Citizens are required to tag their dogs and cats annually. Get your pets' city tags for 2021 between December 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021. They are \$3.00 for spayed and

neutered pets or \$5.00 for unaltered pets. After March 1, 2021 a \$15.00 penalty is applied. **Check your pets' vaccination records now and bring Rabies vaccination records that have not expired when getting 2021 pet tags.**



ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE CITY OF NEWTON

At this writing, it appears that Newton and North Newton are close to an agreement for emergency connections for water and sewer service. The draft sewer agreement provides that North Newton will pay Newton a sum for the emergency use of the Newton sewer system that occurred during the flooding of May, 2019. Further, North Newton would pay Newton a monthly fee for having the service available. North Newton would be provided a minimum flow with no additional charge, but would receive a charge for flows in excess of the minimum. There would be a maximum Newton would charge in any 30 day period.

Also, Newton and North Newton are discussing the annexation of Prestressed Concrete's property on the West side of Anderson. This ground is currently used for agricultural purposes. By the time you read this, you will probably already have read newspaper accounts of this issue in the local media.



2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The July ECHO reported that we were anticipating a \$100,000 shortfall going forward the rest of the year. We are pleased to report that it does not appear that this shortfall will occur. The new 2021 budget will not increase taxes or reduce services. We also do not anticipate an increase in water or sewer rates next year.



WORTH NOTING

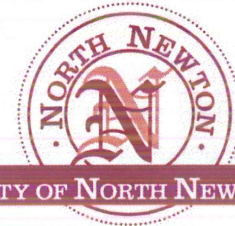
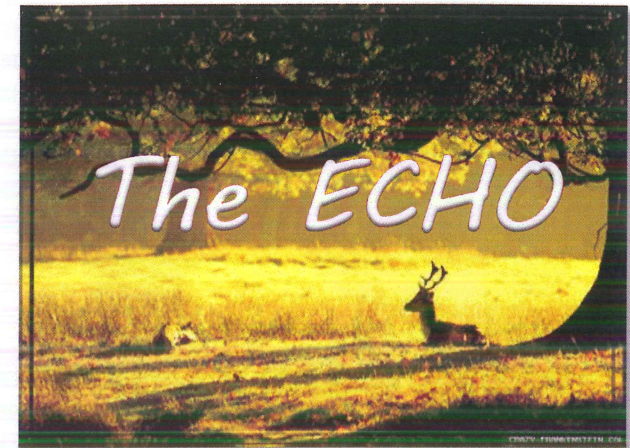
► **Residential sewer reaveraging** - The water consumption amounts you will see on your January, February, and March 2021 bills will be averaged and applied as your new sewer consumption on the April 2021 bill. That sewer figure and new charge stays on your bill a full year. Fix plumbing leaks ahead of time!

► The next **City Council Meetings** are October 12, November 9, and December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

► **City Hall closings:** November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving, December 24 and 25 for Christmas, the afternoon of December 31 and all day New Year's Day.



October 2020



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