

AMBUNK

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GREAT PLAINS AMBUCS NEWSLETTER

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THIS WEEK

The February 20, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Gordon Shaw led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Michael Cleghorn

Michael Cleghorn, City Manager for the City of Lawton, was the guest speaker. He has served in the position since 2019. His office is responsible for all operations within city government, about 865 employees in all. Cleghorn's position, along with the city attorney, city clerk and municipal judge are appointed by the city council. There are 14 departments within Lawton's city government.

Cleghorn said work is currently underway to prepare for next year's budget. He said the process consists of capital improvements, capital outlay, employee compensation and maintenance and operations. He said the city is currently operating at about three-percent above projections after a 15-percent utility bill increase. Cleghorn said that underscores how inflation has affected the city's ability to pay for new equipment, recruit workers and continue infrastructure improvements.

Cleghorn touted the recent success of economic development initiatives within the city and Comanche County. He also provided updates on major roadway and sidewalk improvements. He said an inspection by a road analysis firm will help determine future construction projects.

AMBUCS VETERANS INITIATIVE



Kathleen Martin made a presentation to the Comanche County Veterans Council (CCVC) for the AMBUCS Veterans Initiative, a program aimed at increasing mobility and exercise among veterans through the use of AmTrykes.

CHAPTER NEWS

- AmTryke Rodeo still on track for March 25 at Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry, 11th & SW F Avenue in Lawton. Kathleen Martin led another planning meeting on Thursday this week
- 2023 Bags for Cash Charity Cornhole Tournament is rapidly approaching, March 17 - 19 at Apache Casino Hotel. Final push underway for Broadcast Buddy, Partner and T-shirt sponsors. Chapter members are needed to volunteer to work shifts at the event. Kent Jester will have sign-up forms at future chapter meetings.
- An AmTryke build is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at Mark Glenn's garage. Dr. Jimmy said the plan is to assemble up to three Trykes.
- Date for District 5-A ramp project is still TBD. Pre-build was completed earlier this month.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

- Sign-ups are going good for the Regional Conference May 4 - 6 in Salina, Kansas. New officers need to attend the conference for training related to their office positions. Governor Stitt is expected to sign a proclamation recognizing AMBUCS clubs across Oklahoma.
- Great Plains AMBUCS chapter is working toward a possible Spark Plug Award by helping launch a chapter in Arkansas. They're going to be an AmTrykes chapter.
- Big Hat Raffle Tickets are still available until August. Jenny asked that we sell them all by Cinco de Mayo.

GUESTS

Brad Burgess
Sponsored by Joe Elkins

50/50

Gordon Shaw drew the Two of Clubs. The pot stood at \$360.

NEWSLETTER

Dale Keese had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.