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## Administrator's Report by Randall Oliver

The City of Cheney would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. We look forward to the possibilities of 2015 and would like to share with you the highlights of 2014.

**Property-** Dollar General donated 8 acres of farm land to the City. Lubbers Ford-Chevrolet purchased the land through a sealed bid process.

**Bond Refunding-** To take advantage of low interest rates, the City refunded three bonds. The refunding saved the City \$118,500 over the length of the bonds.

**Bond Rating-** The City applied and received a favorable bond rating of **AA-** from Standard and Poor's. This rating reflects the sound financial management of the City and the strength of our reserve funds. The City is very proud of this rating as it is well above average for cities in Kansas and throughout the country.

**Pool-** The maintenance department replaced the sidewalk, installed an ADA Ramp, and off street parking along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of the swimming pool. Funds to complete the project were used from the Aluminum Can Recycling Fund. A mural was also completed on the west side of the pool by High School Art Students.

**130<sup>th</sup>-** Cheney celebrated its 130<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 31st at Souders Museum with a live band, games and food.

**Water-** Agreements were created between Cheney and Garden Plain to create an emergency water line interconnect. This will connect the water systems together at 383<sup>rd</sup> St West and old Highway 54 intersection and allows us access to another water source in the event of an emergency. Construction will begin in 2015.

**Annexation-** 117 acres of land was annexed north of town. The land will be platted and a new commercial building will be built. Utilities will be extended to service the new business.

**Sewer-** Funds were secured from the State Revolving Loan Fund to reline 15,350 feet of our 1919 sewer mains. Construction will begin in 2015 and be complete by summer.

**Emergency Plan-** An Emergency Plan and Debris Policy were created for the City and personnel received disaster training to help prepare them for an event. Employees were also required to take a NIMS (National Incident Management System) course through FEMA.

**Comprehensive Plan-** Several meetings were held throughout 2014 to gain citizen input to update our current plan. The 2015-2025 Comprehensive Plan was approved.

**Ball Diamond-** The City purchased 25 acres of land to help expand the new high school ball diamond complex from a two-diamond to a 4-diamond complex. The two extra diamonds will be completed at a later date.

### New Hours at City Hall Beginning Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Monday- Thursday:  
7:30 am-5:00 pm  
Friday:  
7:30 am- 1:00 pm

The maintenance department can be reached 24 hours a day at 542-3815  
The police department can be reached 24 hours a day at 542-3173 or 911

### Maintenance Department

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**As we head into the cold, snowy months, remember to have your furnaces checked for proper operation. Change out your filters as needed to insure efficiency of the furnace.**



**We do our best to clear the streets of snow as quickly as possible. If a significant amount of snow is predicted, it would help us out by parking your vehicles in your driveway prior to the storm. This makes it easier for us to clear the streets to the curbs. It is also important for business owners to clear their sidewalks of snow. Please remember Article 4 of the City's Code Subpart (b) states...It shall be unlawful for any person to place snow removed from private property upon any public street, alley or sidewalk.**

**The City of Cheney would like to congratulate the following employees on hitting milestones in 2014 and thank them for their years of service:**

Brad Ewy, Fire Chief- 35 years  
Norman Rajweski, Volunteer Firefighter- 20 years  
Karlous Molyneux, Volunteer Firefighter- 20 years  
Kevin Fowler, Cherry Oaks Superintendent- 10 years  
Shane Johnson, Volunteer Firefighter/EMT- 5 years

Check out our 2015-2025  
Comprehensive Plan at  
[www.cheneyks.org](http://www.cheneyks.org)  
and see what future goals  
our City has!

Reminder:  
The Brush site is open for  
brush/trees only. Leaves  
and building materials are  
**not** allowed.

**Cherry Oaks Golf Course**

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Cherry Oaks Golf Course is looking forward to 2015 and would like to let you know about the changes in the upcoming year. Prices have slightly increased, but we are excited to offer two new products in 2015. A "Family Season Pass" for Parents and Children (under age 18) is now available for \$1,400 and a "Bundle Membership" for 4 people/18 holes/carts/and range balls will also be offered for \$5,700 (a 25% savings)! Each paid membership (excluding Junior memberships) in 2015 will receive a guest pass, which will give each member 10 free greens fees to use when they bring a guest along to play. Memberships are a great entertainment value and we also offer individual, couples, family, junior, senior and student memberships. Cherry Oaks also has a full service golf shop with a wide variety of merchandise at very competitive prices. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can special order merchandise. Be sure to like "Cherry Oaks Golf Course" on Facebook to hear about special deals throughout the year!



**Turf Tip**

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Winter watering is very important!

Above ground, the grass has gone into dormancy and the leaves have fallen from the trees, below ground there is still much activity. The vibrant root zones of our turf and trees remain active as long as the soil is not frozen. If the weather is dry, it is a good idea to drag the hose out of the garage on days when the air temperature is above freezing and give the grass and the trees a quick drink to ensure the root systems remain healthy for another round of whatever Mother Nature gives us in 2015.

**Cheney Public Library**

Come Home for Christmas was a huge success! Thanks to the Friends of the Library and all the generous people who donated baked goods for the sale. YOUR library is truly blessed with all the support from the community!

Don't forget that YOUR library provides proctoring for your convenience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us and we will get you set up!

The book vault is overflowing with items for donation. Come browse and pick up a movie or a good read!

We are here to support the community and welcome any suggestions to further serve your needs!

Visit us on our website! [www.cheneypubliclibrary.org](http://www.cheneypubliclibrary.org) Email us! [cheneylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cheneylibrary@gmail.com)

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**Police Department**

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The Cheney Police Department would like to alert all citizens of some recent telephone scams involving the Internal Revenue Service or the IRS. Callers are contacting citizens by telephone saying they are with the IRS and telling citizens they owe back taxes or there is a problem with their mortgage. The caller attempts to obtain personal information and they tell the citizen to not notify their personal accountant or tax preparer. Please be advised that the IRS does not call customers over the telephone to conduct business. If you receive any call from someone representing themselves as the IRS do not provide any information to them and notify the Police Department.

Cold weather has arrived. If you park your car outside, where ice, snow or frost can accumulate, please take the time to clear your car windshields and side windows so that your travel to work or school can be as safe as possible without an obstructed view.

And finally, we continue to have a few drivers that are disobeying the school bus stop signs. Please remember when the school bus stop signs are activated you must come to a complete stop and wait until the bus has deactivated the stop sign.