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UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

I wanted to take this opportunity to let the community know that the Clearwater Senior Center, under the direction and leadership of Amber Ives, and with the support of Sedgwick County Commissioner Sarah Lopez, has been recognized for their sustained efforts and services offered to our seniors, by having their annual funding increased beginning in 2025! The funding, which is provided by the Department on Aging and Disabilities, has been at \$18,000 a year for several years, and is now being elevated to \$35,000 annually. This increase was based on our senior center meeting and exceeding programs and attendance leading to increased sustained growth. Amber has provided exceptional activities, educational opportunities, and exercises for our seniors (those 55+). In 2020, when Amber took over this position at the Center it served 135 seniors, with 25% being 85+. Today, we serve 231 with 25% between the age of 70-74! Those outstanding efforts were acknowledged when the Sedgwick County 2025 Budget was approved.

I want to extend my thanks to Amber for her dedication to our seniors daily! I also want to thank Commissioner Lopez for leading the effort to acknowledge the growth of our senior center! Without her caring for our seniors, this would not have been possible.

With September being National Senior Center Month, we are looking forward to many new adventures and educational moments being celebrated all month long and for months to come!

Burt Ussery

Mayor