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**Heidi
Ard**

Daughter of
David and Brenda Ard

**Hoover's
Thriftway**
Burlington



**Hyrum
Ard**

Son of
David and Brenda Ard


**Hoover's
Thriftway**
Burlington



**Jaycee
Belcher**

Daughter of
Clint and Rachel Belcher

**The Appliance
Store**
Burlington



**Koby
Birk**

Son of
Darrin and Megan Birk


**Farm Bureau Financial
Services, Holly Myers**
Burlington



**Emily
Blair**

Daughter of
Jeremy and Stacey Blair

**Hoover's
Thriftway**
Burlington



**Emma
Bohannon**

Daughter of
Jack and Suzan Bohannon
and Amanda Bohannon


**Citizens
State Bank**



**Korryn
Bolen**

Daughter of
Jason and Heather Bolen
and Jeff Smith and Lynn Bolen


**Coffey Health
System**
Burlington



**Bianca
Bortolotti**

Daughter of
Piero and Monica Bortolotti


**Cook's
Plumbing**
Burlington



**Kaylee
Briggs**

Daughter of
Brian and Amanda Briggs

**Citizens
State Bank**



**Hattie
Burgio**

Daughter of
Martin and Amber Burgio
and Nick and Cassie Bailey


**Waverly
Structures**
Waverly



**Maycee
Carlson**

Daughter of
Benton Carlson and Hannah Carlson

**Farm Bureau Financial
Services, Larry Gleue**
Burlington




**Maddux
Cheever**

Son of
Patrick and Lillian Cheever


Alpha Roofing
Burlington




Hunter Cole
 Son of Bill and Shelli Cole
Vertical Advantage
 Burlington



Camryn Davis
 Daughter of Bill Haughton and the late Adrienne Davis
Central National Bank
 Burlington




Zary Dewitt
 Daughter of Billy and Jada Dewitt
Hannah Orthodontics
 Emporia




Logan Ferrara
 Son of Salvadore and Heidi Ferrara
Coffey Health System
 Burlington




Jacob Fishback
 Son of James Pope and Jessica Coulter-Pope
Hometown Pie Company
 New Strawn




Brody Garland
 Son of Clint and Lori Garland
Pam Luthi Insurance
 Burlington




Eli Grow
 Son of Chris Grow and the late Kim Bitler Grow
MT Networks



Brayleigh Harden
 Daughter of Chris and Jessica Hammond
Therapy Services LLC
 Burlington



Colby Harris
 Son of Dustin and Chelsea Harris
Therapy Services LLC
 Burlington



Cohen Hazen
 Son of Chad and Theresa Hazen
Chrisman Hardware
 Burlington

Meet the **CLASS** of 2026



**Brandon
Hazlett**

Son of
Tyson and Marie Hazlett

**Coffey County
Museum**
Burlington



**Mackenzie
Hegwald**

Daughter of
Casey Hegwald and Darcie Ahart


**Citizens
State Bank**



**Kynli
Hoch**

Daughter of
Adam and Kacie Hoch


**Coffey Health
System**
Burlington



**Ryan
Hoyt**

Son of
Darrell Hoyt and Rosa Herrera


Alpha Roofing
Burlington

**Thomas
Hudson**

Son of
Greg and Elizabeth Hudson

**TrustPoint Insurance
and Real Estate**
Burlington



**Logan
James**

Son of
Ron and Aja James and Alisa James

EMP Shield
Burlington



**LaQuiesha
Johnson**

Daughter of
Nita Schofield

**Cook's
Plumbing**
Burlington



**Brody
Kitt**

Son of
Heather Bryan


**TrustPoint Insurance
and Real Estate**
Burlington



**Abie
Kosal**

Daughter of
Michelle Henson

**Hometown Pie
Company**
New Strawn



**Mackenzie
Krueger**

Daughter of
Travis and Ashley Krueger

**Farm Bureau Financial
Services, Larry Gleue**
Burlington



**Taylor
Kvas**

Daughter of
Joshua Kvas and
Matthew and Samantha Parsons

**Hoover's
Thriftway**
Burlington






***Kyzer
Lehmann***
 Son of
 John and Olivia Lehmann
**Farm Bureau Financial
 Services, Larry Gleue**
 Burlington



***Jake
Leiser***
 Son of
 Janet Leiser and the late Joseph Leiser
**Hannah
 Orthodontics**
 Emporia



***Benjamin
Maddy***
 Son of
 Brian Maddy and Amy Rinker
**TrustPoint Insurance
 and Real Estate**
 Burlington



***Kaitlyn
Martin***
 Daughter of
 Kevin and Anita Martin
 and DeeDee and Daniel Myers
**Coffey Health
 System**
 Burlington




***Kiara
Martin***
 Daughter of
 Kevin and Anita Martin
 and DeeDee and Daniel Myers
**Coffey Health
 System**
 Burlington



***Isabella
Matney***
 Daughter of
 Bob and Kathleen Matney
**First National Bank
 of Kansas**



***Alex
Mautz***
 Son of
 Kevin and Lisa Mautz
**Coffey Health
 System**
 Burlington




***Owen
McCarty***
 Son of
 Patrick McCarty Jr.
 and Ginger McCarty
**Auburn
 Pharmacy**
 Burlington




***Bowen
McIntosh***
 Son of
 Chris and Luca Riggs
**First National Bank
 of Kansas**







Dayton Melton
 Son of Caleb and Amanda Melton
Central National Bank
 Burlington




Emlyn Monasmith
 Daughter of Joel Monasmith and Christy Monasmith
Central National Bank
 Burlington



Trystan Palmer
 Son of Gabriel Palmer and Jerad and Christina Harris
Citizen State Bank




Camden Plummer
 Son of Bob and Jen Plummer
Central National Bank
 Burlington




Alexa Ratzlaff
 Daughter of Arin Ratzlaff and Pamela Ratzlaff
Coffey Health System
 Burlington




Jaylin Reppert
 Daughter of Johann and Joni Reppert
Coffey Health System
 Burlington



Kolten Robinson
 Son of Jeremy and Katlyn Robinson and Brian and Kathleen Elliott
Hoover's Thriftway
 Burlington



Adisyn Sleezer
 Daughter of Colin and Allie Sleezer
Alpha Roofing
 Burlington



Arringtyn Sleezer
 Daughter of Brent Sleezer and Kelsey Ervin
Lyndon Building Materials
 Lyndon



Jacquelyn Smith
 Daughter of Christopher and the late Kristia Smith and Mike and Rebecca Miller
Hometown Pie Company
 New Strawn




Tate Sowder
 Son of Clinton and Chelsie Sowder
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Larry Gleue
 Burlington




Keagon Strawder
 Son of Angie Strawder
Coffey County Sheriff's Office






Camden Swank
 Daughter of Terry and Sheila Swank
Backroads Studio Photography by Marcie
 Burlington



Emma Thomsen
 Daughter of Paul and Allison Thomsen
Thomsen and Sons LLC
 LeRoy



Zane Weston
 Son of Jess and Emily Stice
NAPA Auto Parts
 Burlington

SENIOR PROFILES BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Heidi Ard
 Future plans: Attend Brigham Young University in Idaho.
 Organizations: FCCLA, forensics.
 Athletics: Volleyball, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Going to the capitol with my friends.
 Advice to underclassmen: Get good sleep and be a good friend.

Hyrum Ard
 Future plans: Become a medical professional.
 Organizations: FFA, Dungeons and Dragons Club.
 Fondest memory: Dungeons and Dragons club in sophomore year.
 Advice to underclassmen: Just try, you will make it.

Jaycee Belcher
 Future plans: Attend University of Kansas on the pre-Physician Assistant track.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, BASIC, SAFE, theatre, drama club, National Honor Society, class/club officer, school play/musical, Int'l Thespian Society, forensics, student council, Kansas Honor Scholar, Mind Over Matter, Wildcats Care club, Student Athletic Leadership Team.
 Athletics: Volleyball, softball, track, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Going to the FBLA national in Orlando and Anaheim, Calif., and placing seventh in the nation in Client Service.
 Advice to underclassmen: Get involved in as much as you can. It makes life more interesting.

Koby Birk
 Future plans: Work in the family business.
 Organizations: FFA.
 Fondest memory: The Sante Fe Trail basketball game senior year.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't be stupid.

Emily Blair
 Future plans: Attend a local college for radiology.
 Organizations: National Art Honor Society.
 Fondest memory: Art class.
 Advice to underclassmen: Be respectful to your teachers.

Emma Bohannon
 Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.
 Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, BASIC, band, theatre, vocal, drama club, club officer, school play/musical, forensics, student council, scholars' bowl.
 Athletics: Volleyball, wrestling, team manager.
 Fondest memory: The many FFA and FBLA national trips.
 Advice to underclassmen: Ask for help and take the help offered.

Korryn Bolen
 Future plans: Attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln to major in biochemistry.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, BASIC, theatre, drama club, National Honor Society, class/club officer, school play/musical, Int'l Thespian Society, National Art Honor Society, forensics, student council, scholars' bowl, Kansas Honor Scholar.
 Athletics: Volleyball, wrestling, track, golf, cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: Playing 'Just Dance' in Spanish II.
 Advice to underclassmen: Worry about what you can control.

Bianca Bortolotti
 Future plans: Attend college in Europe to major in political science or psychology.
 Organizations: FBLA, Mind Over Matter.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Senior dinner during volleyball.
 Advice to underclassmen: Just be yourself, relax, and have fun.

Kaylee Briggs
 Future plans: Attend Metropolitan Community College for a veterinarian nursing degree.
 Organizations: FBLA, FFA, BASIC, class/club officer.
 Athletics: Track, basketball, golf, cross country.
 Fondest memory: Skipping school for FFA with my friends and officer team.
 Advice to underclassmen: Try and plan for the future while living in the moment and having fun.



Burlington
 Saturday, May 16 • 11 a.m.
 Burlington High School Gym
 Mascot: Wildcats
 Colors: Red & Gray


Hattie Burgio
 Future plans: Attend University of Kansas.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCCLA, FCA, SAFE, yearbook, National Honor Society, class/club officer, student council, Student Athletic Leadership Team, Wildcats Care club.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball, cross country.
 Fondest memory: Senior Sunrise.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't stress yourself out over the small stuff.

Maycee Carlson
 Future plans: Attend community college to major in political science.
 Organizations: FBLA.
 Athletics: Volleyball, baseball, team manager.
 Fondest memory: Substate volleyball in 2025.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't be afraid of change, it is the law of life.

Hartford



Hannah Beard
 Daughter of Kenda Beard and the late Kelly Beard
Hometown Pie Company
 New Strawn



Simon Blankley
 Son of Jay Blankley and Kelly Brown
Hartford State Bank
 Hartford



Allen Everly
 Son of Paul Simpson Jr
Hartford One Stop
 Hartford




Aubrey Finnerty
 Daughter of M.J. and Heather Finnerty
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Holly Myers
 Burlington




Marina Goza
 Daughter of Daniel and Amanda Goza
Hartford One Stop
 Hartford




Shannon Knecht
 Daughter of Justin Knecht and Tyler and Amanda Bell
Hometown Pie Company
 New Strawn



Maricela Munoz-Gardner
 Daughter of Maryanna Evans
Bess Machining
 Hartford




Keenan Renfrow
 Son of Brad Renfrow and Amber Dunbar
Bess Machining
 Hartford



Sydney Sull
 Daughter of Chris Sull and Amy Sull
Hartford State Bank
 Hartford



Reilly Whittington
 Daughter of Christopher and Carol Whittington
Hartford State Bank
 Hartford



Daden Wilson
 Son of John Wilson and Annamarie Wilson
Quest Services
 Hartford

SENIOR PROFILES

HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Beard

Athletics: Cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: Late night drives back from basketball.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't get caught up in silly stuff.

Simon Blankley

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College.
 Organizations: FBLA, SAFE, band, school play/musical, student council, scholars' bowl, ACT.
 Athletics: Track, football, basketball, team manager.
 Fondest memory: Meeting my wife.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't take things too seriously.

Allen Everly

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.
 Organizations: School play/musical, ACT.
 Fondest memory: Summer school.
 Advice to underclassmen: Do your work. Don't regret it later.

Aubrey Finnerty

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to major in business to open a daycare.
 Organizations: FBLA, FFA, SAFE, vocal, 4-H club, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council.
 Athletics: Volleyball, softball, track, basketball.
 Fondest memory: The 2025-2026 basketball season.
 Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself, don't care about what others think.

Marina Goza

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to major in elementary education.
 Organizations: FBLA, SAFE, student council, ACT.
 Athletics: Cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: Meeting my best friends.
 Advice to underclassmen: High school is only four years of the rest of your life.

Shannon Knecht

Future plans: Join the U.S. Air Force.
 Organizations: Art club, ACT.
 Athletics: Cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: Meeting my husband and best friend.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't waste your time.

Maricela Munoz-Gardner

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to become a teacher.
 Organizations: SAFE, vocal, National Honor Society, class/club officer, art club, student council, Kansas Honor Scholar.
 Athletics: Track, basketball, cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: Getting to build close, unexpected friendships.
 Advice to underclassmen: Just do your work and you will be fine.

Keenan Renfrow

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College.
 Organizations: FBLA, SAFE.



Athletics: Track, football, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Getting nominated for the All-Star game.
 Advice to underclassmen: You have to be a man, stand tall through whatever.

Sydney Sull

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College to get an associates degree in business.
 Organizations: FBLA, SAFE, band, vocal, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, art club, student council, scholars' bowl, ACT.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball, cheerleader.
 Fondest memory: The 2024 Leadership Conference for FBLA in Dallas, Texas.
 Advice to underclassmen: Keep pushing, no matter how tiring it is, it is all worth it in the end.

Reilly Whittington


Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to major in psychology and accounting.
 Organizations: SAFE, yearbook, art club.
 Fondest memory: Getting banned from playing Uno in eighth grade.
 Advice to underclassmen: Your feelings don't matter when playing Uno.

Daden Wilson


Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.
 Organizations: FBLA, SAFE, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council.
 Athletics: Track, football, basketball.
 Fondest memory: The 2025-2026 football homecoming, when a kindergartener told me I was her hero.
 Advice to underclassmen: Lock in twin.




Lebo




Nicholle Bacon
 Daughter of
 Jeff and Rebecca Bacon
Murphy Agri, LLC
 Lebo



Dallas Dinkel
 Son of
 Jeff and Christina Dinkel
Coffey County Transportation



Brayden Hopkins
 Son of
 Matt and Amanda Hopkins
Tri-County Real Estate
 Lebo




Allison Konrade
 Daughter of
 Jason and Monica Konrade
Tri-County Real Estate
 Lebo



CLASS OF 2026
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE




Shaun Lindblade
 Son of
 Angela Looney-Robinson
Murphy Agri, LLC
 Lebo



Kaitlynn McWhorter
 Daughter of
 Shane McWhorter and Alison Fink
 and Doug and Kristen Hughes
Auburn Pharmacy
 Lebo




Ally Peek
 Daughter of
 Matthew and Gina Peek
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Larry Gleue
 Burlington




Cira Plummer
 Daughter of
 Mario and Fawn Plummer
Waverly Insurance
 Waverly



Cassidy Potter
 Daughter of
 Russell and Tana Potter
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Holly Myers
 Burlington



Daniel Rausch
 Son of
 Brian and Melinda Rausch
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Holly Myers
 Burlington



Kohlton Shoemaker

Son of
Garrett and Kylea Shoemaker


**Farmers State Bank
of Aliceville**



Brice Stephens

Grandson of
Ronnie and Jandra Stephens

**Farm Bureau Financial
Services, Holly Myers**
Burlington



Aubriana Vannocker

Daughter of
Ethan and Bonnie Vannocker

**MT
Networks**

SENIOR PROFILES

LEBO HIGH SCHOOL

Nicholle Bacon

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.
Organizations: FBLA, band, theatre, National Honor Society, school play/musical.
Athletics: Volleyball, softball, track.
Fondest memory: Volleyball seasons were the best.
Advice to underclassmen: If you don't know it by 11 p.m., you're never going to know it. Go to bed.

Dallas Dinkel

Future plans: Enter the workforce.
Athletics: Track, football.
Fondest memory: Going to the junior and senior prom, and the after-proms.
Advice to underclassmen: Be kind to everyone.

Brayden Hopkins

Future plans: Attend Johnson County Community College to complete the railroad conductor certificate program.

Organizations: FFA, 4-H club, Honor Flight.
Athletics: Track, football, basketball, baseball.
Fondest memory: Football – I got to be on the field and play with teammates leaving it all out there. Getting to be on the field with my brother this year will be something I always remember.
Advice to underclassmen: Don't take practices for granted. We all look forward to the games and know how fast that goes; but practices go by more rapid than you think and then they are over. Cherish it all.

Allison Konrade

Future plans: Attend college to major in communication sciences and disorders and speech language pathology.
Organizations: FBLA, FCCLA, FCA, SAFE, band, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council.
Athletics: Volleyball, softball, track, basketball, cheerleader, dance team.



Lebo

Sunday, May 17 • 4 p.m.
Lebo High School Gym
Mascot: Wolves
Colors: Red & Black



Fondest memory: Honor Flight or sophomore state basketball.
Advice to underclassmen: Get involved and try new things! Never turn down an opportunity.

Shaun Lindblade

Fondest memory: Starting senior year.
Advice to underclassmen: If you're unmotivated, then find a way to be motivated.

Kaitlynn McWhorter

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University for Bachelor of Arts.
Organizations: Band, Honor Flight, scholars' bowl, yellow ribbon club.
Athletics: Track.
Fondest memory: Going to football games and doing band with friends.
Advice to underclassmen: Make the most of everything because before you know it, it is all over.



SENIOR PROFILES**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL****Maddux Cheever**

Future plans: Attend University of Omaha to major in aviation.

Organizations: FBLA, FCA, National Honor Society, class/club officer, student council.

Athletics: Basketball, baseball, golf.

Fondest memory: Hanging out with my friends after games.

Advice to underclassmen: Make friends within all grades.

Hunter Cole

Future plans: Attend the Elite Line-man Training Institute in Georgia.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCA.

Athletics: Wrestling, football, basketball, baseball, trap shooting.

Fondest memory: Going to state baseball my sophomore year.

Advice to underclassmen: Turn in your work on time and include yourself.

Camryn Davis

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University for elementary education.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCA, BASIC,

band, theatre, class/club officer, school play/musical, student council, scholars' bowl, STEAM.

Athletics: Cheerleader.

Fondest memory: When the band bus driver hit the Pizza Ranch sign.

Advice to underclassmen: Try everything and enjoy the time.

Zary Dewitt

Future plans: Attend Neosho County Community College for an associates degree in applied science in nursing to become an LPN.

Organizations: FFCLA, vocal.

Athletics: Cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Making many new friends.

Advice to underclassmen: Be kind, be caring, be confident, and get out of your comfort zone.

Logan Ferrara

Future plans: Attend Wichita State University to major in electrical engineering.

Organizations: FCA, National Honor

Society, forensics, STEAM.

Athletics: Track, basketball, cross country.

Fondest memory: Going to state track my junior year with my friends.

Advice to underclassmen: Jump ahead of the curve and focus freshman year.

Jacob Fishback

Future plans: Work at Bahr Tire.

Organizations: Theatre.

Fondest memory: When "6-7" did not exist.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't wait for the last moment.

Brody Garland

Future plans: Play baseball at Neosho County Community College.

Organizations: National Honor Society, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball.

Fondest memory: Going to state for baseball my sophomore year.

Advice to underclassmen: Take all of Mr. Varvel's classes.

Eli Grow

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University.

Organizations: FBLA, band, 4-H club, class/club officer, scholars' bowl, STEAM.

Athletics: Wrestling, golf, cross country, trap shooting.

Fondest memory: When the band bus driver almost took down the Pizza Ranch sign.

Advice to underclassmen: Remember to shower and have good hygiene.

Brayleigh Harden

Future plans: Attend Bethel College to get a bachelor's of science in nursing.

Organizations: National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society.

Athletics: Track, basketball, cross country, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Deep talks in Ms. Sleezer's class.

Advice to underclassmen: Do your homework and try.

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CONGRATULATIONS
to the Class of 2026 on
this milestone achievement!

Wolf Creek
Nuclear Operating Corporation



We salute your hard work and dedication.

SENIOR PROFILES

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Colby Harris

Future plans: Attend Neosho County Community College to complete the pipe welding trade program.

Organizations: FFA.

Athletics: Football, golf, power lifting.

Advice to underclassmen: Mr. Varvel is the best teacher. Take his classes, they make it bearable.

Cohen Hazen

Future plans: Attend Wichita State University.

Organizations: FCA, theatre, drama club, forensics.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, baseball, cross country, yell leader, power lifting.

Fondest memory: Co-ed stunting.

Advice to underclassmen: Try new things.

Brandon Hazlett

Future plans: Attend college.

Organizations: FBLA, National Honor Society, STEAM, eSports.

Athletics: Track.

Fondest memory: The outside day on

the last day of school.

Advice to underclassmen: Do your best no matter what.

Mackenzie Hegwald

Future plans: Start a business administration degree at Allen Community College and then transfer to Emporia State University.

Organizations: FBLA, yearbook.

Fondest memory: All of the school trips.

Advice to underclassmen: Make sure to turn in your work on time.

Kynli Hoch

Future plans: Pursue nursing.

Organizations: Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball.

Fondest memory: Going to state for softball junior year.

Advice to underclassmen: Do your work.

Ryan Hoyt

Future plans: Attend the Elite Lineman Institution.

Organizations: FFA, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Wrestling, football, golf.

Fondest memory: Student section.

Advice to underclassmen: Stay focused.

Thomas Hudson

Future plans: I intend to take a variety of classes to find where my true interests lie.

Organizations: FCA, BASIC, band, Wildcats Care club.

Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball, team manager.

Fondest memory: Getting a rating of one at Neewollah for marching band in 2023.

Advice to underclassmen: Unless you want to take finals, don't be late to class too often.

Logan James

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.

Organizations: FBLA, FCA, National Honor Society, class/club officer, school play/musical, Mind Over Matter, National Art Honor Society, Student Athletic

Leadership Team.

Athletics: Basketball, golf.

Fondest memory: Basketball shenanigans.

Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself and get involved.

LaQuiesha Johnson

Future plans: Become an ultrasound technician.

Athletics: Softball.

Fondest memory: Making new friends and becoming a new person.

Advice to underclassmen: The bad times do not define who you can be.

Brody Kitt

Future plans: Attend Friends University to play football.

Organizations: FBLA, chess.


Athletics: Track, football, power lifting.

Fondest memory: Going to Northwest Missouri State University football camp.

Advice to underclassmen: Just do your work.

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**Miley
Black**

Daughter of
Charlie and Julie Patterson


SEK Coop
Yates Center



**Kaiden
Boling**

Son of
Jeff and Susan Boling


**MT
Networks**



**Tyler
Christian**

Son of
Scott and Ruby Christian


**Farm Bureau Financial
Services, Larry Gleue**
Burlington



**Melissa
Edwards**

Daughter of
Chris and Rachelle Edwards

**Kitchen & Bath
Trends of Kansas**
Gridley



**Addisyn
Harmon**

Daughter of
Lana Harmon

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**Hailey
Honn**


Daughter of
Garen Honn and Christie Honn

**Coffey County
Sheriff's Office**

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 Son of Dan Spillman and Christi Spillman
Pam Luthi Insurance
 Burlington



John Rolf
 Son of John and Monica Rolf
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 Burlington




Colton Summers
 Son of Richard Summers and Mary Payne
CounterTop Trends
 Gridley




Trey Winn
 Son of Cynthia Winn and the late Richard Winn
Farm Bureau Financial Services, Larry Gleue
 Burlington

SENIOR PROFILES **SCC HIGH SCHOOL**

Miley Black

Future plans: Attend Black River Beauty Academy for esthetics.
 Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, drama club, Honor Flight, art club, student council, scholars' bowl, Spanish club, sprint club.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track.
 Fondest memory: There are too many to choose from! I have had fun and crazy classes.
 Advice to underclassmen: Focus on your life and goals, you are shaping yourself into adults now, so do it right!

Kaiden Boling

Future plans: Get a job in welding.
 Organizations: FFA, yearbook, Honor Flight.
 Athletics: Football, basketball.
 Fondest memory: My fondest memory is of Mr. Newton's rants on politics!
 Advice to underclassmen: Finish and do your work.

Tyler Christian

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University for construction.
 Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, yearbook, Honor Flight, scholars' bowl, eSports.
 Athletics: Basketball.
 Fondest memory: That one school trip to Top Golf.
 Advice to underclassmen: Turn your work in, and write legibly.

Melissa Edwards

Future plans: Enter the workforce, and eventually attend a trade school.
 Organizations: Honor Flight, student council.
 Athletics: Volleyball, basketball.
 Fondest memory: My fondest memory of high school was shadowing at the Burlington Vet Clinic.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't get wrapped up in drama. Be yourself. Be confident and surround yourself with people who lift you up.

Addisyn Harmon

Future plans: Grant writing, future author and partner at Dave's Roadside Grill.
 Organizations: Yearbook, Honor Flight.
 Fondest memory: My internship at the library.
 Advice to underclassmen: Your grades matter, but they don't define you. Skills, habits, and consistency will carry you further than one bad test.

Hailey Honn

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.
 Organizations: SAFE, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council, spirit club, leadership.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Junior year prom.
 Advice to underclassmen: Stay on top of your work.


Caydon Miser

Future plans: Join the Marines and attend Charis Bible College.

SCC
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Organizations: Yearbook, Honor Flight, student council, scholars' bowl, eSports.
 Athletics: Football.
 Fondest memory: Goofing off in science class instead of getting my work done.
 Advice to underclassmen: Just do your work and stop complaining so much. I'm talking about the freshmen.


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Carty**

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Tim and Aida Carty


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SENIOR PROFILES

WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Gilmer Carty

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College for an associate's degree.
 Athletics: Football.
 Advice to underclassmen: Live.

Grace DeMaranville

Future plans: Attend Neosho County Community College to complete the diagnostic medical sonograph program.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, yearbook, class or club officer, scholars' bowl.
 Athletics: Dance team.
 Fondest memory: Experiencing everything during high school with my friends.
 Advice to underclassmen: Try new things.

Ty Glissman

Future plans: Join the union pipefitters.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA.
 Athletics: Track, football, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Playing football in the playoffs.
 Advice to underclassmen: Time flies, have fun.

Ella McNabb

Future plans: Attend University of Missouri – Kansas City to major in accounting.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, band, yearbook, National Honor Society, class or club officer, school newspaper, student council, Kansas Honor Scholar.
 Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball, cheerleader, dance team.



Fondest memory: Laughing at the lunch table with my girls.
 Advice to underclassmen: People do not care as much as you think.

Carter Ohl

Future plans: Attend Fort Hays Tech North Central for heavy equipment operation.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA.
 Athletics: Track, football, basketball.
 Advice to underclassmen: Once you are done, life gets better.

Allie Stukey

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in finance.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, band, National Honor Society, class or club officer, student council, scholars' bowl, Kansas Honor Scholar.
 Athletics: Volleyball, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Playing volleyball and basketball with my teammates.
 Advice to underclassmen: Get involved in the activities that interest you and surround yourself with people who truly want the best for you.

Kaitlin Wagner

Future plans: Attend Allen Community College to major in biology and psychology.
 Organizations: FBLA, FCA, 4-H club, yearbook, class or club officer, student council, scholars' bowl, Kansas Honor Scholar.
 Athletics: Volleyball, softball, basketball.
 Fondest memory: Playing sports with my friends and being with my team.
 Advice to underclassmen: Don't be afraid to ask questions. Most of the time, others are wondering the same thing.



SENIOR PROFILES

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Abie Kosal

Future plans: Attend nursing school.
 Organizations: National Art Honor Society, Mind Over Matter.
 Fondest memory: Going to school with my sister.
 Advice to underclassmen: Always be true to yourself.

Mackenzie Krueger

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in animal sciences and industry, and judge horses.
 Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, BASIC, band, 4-H club, National Honor Society, club officer, National Art Honor Society, Mind Over Matter.
 Fondest memory: Attending the FBLA National Leadership Conference in 2025. We went to the beach and Disneyland.
 Advice to underclassmen: It's great to be involved, but don't overwhelm yourself.

Taylor Kvas

Future plans: Attend Emporia State

University to get a bachelors of science in nursing.

Organizations: FBLA, FCCLA, vocal, yearbook, National Art Honor Society, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Volleyball, wrestling, track.

Fondest memory: Senior prom, and making new friends through sports.

Advice to underclassmen: I promise that the problems that seem big now are just a small bump in the road to your future.

Kyzer Lehmann

Future plans: Attend North Central Kansas Technical College to become a diesel technician.

Organizations: FFA, FCA, 4-H club, National Honor Society.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, football, cross country.

Fondest memory: Going to tech with my friends.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't let your first two years ruin your high school career.

Jake Leiser

Future plans: Attend Pittsburg State University.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, band, theatre, 4-H club, school play/musical, Kansas Honor Scholar.

Athletics: Wrestling, football, basketball, cross country.

Fondest memory: Being in pep band for state basketball.

Advice to underclassmen: Obstacles are opportunities to overcome.

Benjamin Maddy

Future plans: Attend Neosho County Community College.

Organizations: Band.

Athletics: Track, power lifting, trap shooting.

Fondest memory: Breaking the school bench and hang clean records.

Advice to underclassmen: Garnett welding class is where anyone interested in welding school should go.

Kaitlyn Martin

Future plans: Attend Flint Hill Technical College to major in mechanics, and move to Oklahoma.

Organizations: FCCLA, vocal.

Athletics: Wrestling, golf, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Making TikToks in the bathroom during lunch.

Advice to underclassmen: Just do your work, it will save you in the long run.

Kiara Martin

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to major in nursing and become a nurse practitioner.

Organizations: BASIC, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Wrestling, golf, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Junior year chemistry class, where Kaylee, D'Anna and I would laugh all hour.

Advice to underclassmen: Do whatever makes you happy, regardless of others' opinions.

Isabella Matney

Future plans: Join the Kansas Army National Guard.

Organizations: Vocal.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, cross country.

Fondest memory: Moving to Burlington.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't lose your personality (stay silly)!

Alex Mautz

Future plans: Attend Washburn University and major in kinesiology.

Organizations: National Honor Society, class/club officer, student council, Kansas Honor Scholar, Mind Over Matter, Wildcats Care club, Student Athletic Leadership Team.

Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball.

Fondest memory: Playing sport with my brother, Shawn.

Advice to underclassmen: Be your own person.

Owen McCarty

Future plans: Join the armed services.

Athletics: Wrestling.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't get caught cheating in Spanish.

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SENIOR PROFILES

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Bowen McIntosh

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College to major in practical nursing.

Organizations: FBLA.

Athletics: Wrestling, football.

Fondest memory: Playing football with my older brother.

Advice to underclassmen: Turn your work in.

Dayton Melton

Future plans: Enter the workforce.

Organizations: FCA.

Athletics: Baseball, cheerleader, power lifting.

Fondest memory: All of the bus rides.

Advice to underclassmen: Take your mandatory classes first.

Emlyn Monasmith

Future plans: Attend Labette County Community College to get an associate degree in psychology.

Organizations: BASIC, band, vocal, National Honor Society, club officer, scholars' bowl.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, team manager.

Fondest memory: When we left Pizza Ranch after competing for marching band and almost took the sign with us.

Advice to underclassmen: Always be nice to teachers, custodians, staff and food service workers.

Trystan Palmer

Future plans: I plan to go into the Army National Guard and work as a police officer.

Athletics: Wrestling, football, power lifting.

Fondest memory: The spray cheese incident.

Advice to underclassmen: Make sure to keep on top of your school work.

Camden Plummer

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University to major in health and human performance.

Organizations: FBLA, band, theatre, National Honor Society, class/club officer, school play/musical.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, cross country, cheerleader, power lifting.

Fondest memory: Hitting the Pizza Ranch sign on the way home from the

band competition in Emporia.

Advice to underclassmen: Shower!

Alexa Ratzlaff

Future plans: Attend Missouri State Technical College.

Organizations: FFA.

Athletics: Track.

Fondest memory: Going to state two years for the 4xl in track and getting first place back-to-back.

Advice to underclassmen: Keep your friends close and have fun.

Jaylin Reppert

Future plans: Enter the workforce.

Athletics: Wrestling, track, cross country.

Fondest memory: Getting food after sporting events.

Advice to underclassmen: Get a smart best friend.

Kolten Robinson

Future plans: Attend Pittsburg State University.

Organizations: FBLA, FCA.

Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball.

Fondest memory: Mrs. Flemming's class in junior year.

Advice to underclassmen: The globes here are not souvenirs.

Adisyn Sleezer

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in biomedical engineering.

Organizations: FBLA, FCCLA, FCA, SAFE, theatre, National Honor Society, class/club officer, student council, Mind Over Matter, Student Athletic Leadership Team.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball, basketball.

Fondest memory: Placing third in state for softball my junior year.

Advice to underclassmen: High school is four years of your whole life. It is not that serious, so enjoy it and have fun.

Arringtyn Sleezer

Future plans: Attend Wichita State University.

Organizations: FFA, yearbook, school newspaper.

Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball.

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SENIOR PROFILES**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Fondest memory: Going to school with my brother for two years.

Advice to underclassmen: Care more about your grades and your future.

Jacquelyn Smith

Future plans: Attend Flint Hills Technical College.

Organizations: Vocal.

Athletics: Basketball.

Fondest memory: Doing puzzles in the library before lunch.

Advice to underclassmen: Be careful who you choose to be friends with.

Tate Sowder

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in mechanical and nuclear engineering.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCA, class/club officer, STEAM, eSports.

Athletics: Track, football, power lifting, trap shooting.

Fondest memory: Senior year football game against Osawatomie, I got to kick a lot and was at 100 percent that night. The next week I was seventh in the state.

Advice to underclassmen: Do not procrastinate.

Keagon Strawder

Future plans: Join the union and become a lineman.

Fondest memory: The student sections at games.

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy high school while you are in it, but don't look back.

Camden Swank

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University and major in integrative human sciences.

Organizations: FBLA, FCCLA, theatre, yearbook, drama club, class/club officer, school play/musical, student council, Student Athletic Leadership Team, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball, basketball.

Fondest memory: Placing third in state softball my junior year.

Advice to underclassmen: It is not that serious.

Emma Thomsen

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University.

Organizations: FCCLA, National Art Honor Society, Mind Over Matter.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Spending time with my friends and figuring out who I am.

Advice to underclassmen: Be yourself!

Zane Weston

Future plans: Become a programmer.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't screw this up.

Athletics: Basketball.

Fondest memory: Tyler falling in a basketball game.

Advice to underclassmen: You just got to finish.

Trey Winn

Future plans: Attend Neosho County Community College.

Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council, scholars' bowl.

Athletics: Track, football, basketball.

Fondest memory: My FFA advisor saying, "Go to bed now!!"

Advice to underclassmen: Don't get on the teacher's bad side, and you'll do great.

SENIOR PROFILES**SCC HIGH SCHOOL****John Rolf**

Future plans: Enter the work force as a Jailer, then when I turn 21, apply for game warden.

Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, class/club officer, Honor Flight, scholars' bowl.

Athletics: Track, football, basketball, baseball, trap shooting.

Fondest memory: When I was turning like a hot dog at a gas station at a football game.

Colton Summers

Future plans: Attend Missouri Welding Institute.

Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, Honor Flight.

SENIOR PROFILES**LEBO HIGH SCHOOL****Ally Peek**

Future plans: Attend Emporia State University.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, FCA, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, Kansas Honor Scholar.

Athletics: Volleyball, track, basketball, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Honor Flight and winning state volleyball in 2022 and 2023.

Advice to underclassmen: Learn to manage your time.

Cira Plummer

Future plans: Attend Pittsburg State University and join the Kansas Army National Guard.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, SAFE, yearbook, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council, scholars' bowl, Kansas Honor Scholar, Fellowship of Christian Students.

Athletics: Softball, track, basketball, cross country.

Fondest memory: FCCLA National conferences.

Advice to underclassmen: Focus on your faith and do things that scare you.

Cassidy Potter

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in agricultural economics.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, FCA, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball, basketball.

Fondest memory: Honor Flight and state basketball.

Advice to underclassmen: You determine how much you take away from high school, be involved and try new things because there is always something to learn.

Daniel Rausch

Future plans: Attend Kansas State University to major in mechanical engineering.

Organizations: FBLA, FFA, band, 4-H club, National Honor Society, class/club officer, Honor Flight, student council, scholars' bowl, Fellowship of Christian Students.

Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball.

Fondest memory: Placing first in the KU team engineering contest.

Advice to underclassmen: Have fun, it goes fast.

Kohlton Shoemaker

Future plans: Enter the workforce.

Organizations: Band, 4-H club, class/club officer, student council.

Athletics: Basketball, baseball, football team manager.

Fondest memory: Being on the state basketball team my sophomore year.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't take high school for granted.

Brice Stephens

Future plans: Enter the workforce.

Athletics: Football manager.

Fondest memory: When I broke the toilet in the boys' locker room.

Advice to underclassmen: Try and stay out of trouble.

Aubriana Vannocker

Future plans: Attend Iowa Central Community College to major in animal science and marching/pep band.

Organizations: FFA, band, vocal, 4-H club, class/club officer, Honor Flight, forensics.

Athletics: Volleyball, softball, basketball, cheerleader.

Fondest memory: Making friends at cheer camp and making All-American Cheer.

Advice to underclassmen: Not everyone is going to like you, and that is okay!



Area Eighth-Grade Classes

BURLINGTON: *Eighth-graders will celebrate promotion 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the Burlington Middle School Gymnasium*



Photo submitted

Front row: Ona Peterson, Jemma Cole, Elise Matney, Gracelynn Lawson, Madelen Bell, Samantha Meyer, Ashlyn Breeze, Hadlie Hoch, Paizley Spring, Kya Strawder and Zoey McIntyre. Second row: Jaylee Wilson, Shylah Church, Shayna Rodgers, Aubrey Guiler, Lindsey Dunaway, Delaney Buggeln, Myla Carlson, Jocelyn Withers, Chloe Ferrara, Kaydence Faircloth and Mariska Hernandez. Third row: Alaina Akins, Archer Akins, Corbyn Steele-Lockamy, Brantley Combes, Samuel Griffith, Logan Phillips, Richard Brown, Rhett Dyke, Nathan Clark and Isiah Elmore. Fourth row: Garrett Ziegler, Greyson Kirchner, Tung Vu, Trey Reed, Eli Thomsen, Colt Jasper, Brody Melton, Chas Logan, Ryder Winters, Easton Melton and Gavin Belcher. Back row: Ryker Williams, Alexander Fink, Rhett Bell, David Codney, Dyllan Steward, Deveri Hernandez, Elijah Glaze, Joshua Prock, Jullian Hendershot, Braylon Davis and Dexter Birk. Not pictured: Peyton Valencia and Samantha Wright.



HARTFORD/NEOSHO RAPIDS: *Eighth-graders will celebrate promotion 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the Hartford Gymnasium*



Photo submitted
Seated left to right: Natalee Hopper, Dakota Keighley, Adriana Clinton. Standing left to right: Caleb Carson, Joshua Westhoff, Jet Turner, Kent Cooper, Jaedyn Jacobs.



LEBO: *Eighth-graders will celebrate promotion 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the Lebo Gymnasium*

Photo submitted
Back row: Brianna Dinkel, Raegan Sattler, Kiley Schroeder, Rebecca Barnhardt, Ariya Wilkerson, Bristol Isch. Middle Row: Merideth Roberts, Jenna Chapman, Jacksyn Barrett, Nellie Knight, Bryson Pope. Front row: Kyra King, Linden Meek, Chris Edwards, Brady Magana. Not pictured: Abigail McWhorter, Jett Hileman.



**SCC: Eighth-graders will celebrate promotion 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19, in the Southern Coffey County Gymnasium at LeRoy**



Photo submitted

Back row: Colton Jewell, Reagan Houston, Ben Hatch, Bentley Ashburn, Austin Morray, Aiden Peer, Thomas Austin. Front row: Thomas Dyke, Addy Watts, Kaylee Isch, Jesse Cole, Clayton Marlow, Chevy Nickel.



**WAVERLY: Eighth-graders will celebrate promotion 2 p.m.
Friday, May 15, in the Waverly Gymnasium**

Photo submitted
Front row: Hadlee Carter, Hollie Hoffman, Piper Bathory, Kaylee Cantrell, Addison Drumm, Emali Detwiler, Peyton Turner. Back row: Mason Turner, Gavin Stice, Holden Fraenza, Tucker Cochran, Blake Stuke, Austin Goza, Murphy Willingham.



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