

COFFEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deer accidents

Xeric T. Cooper, 18, Burlington, was traveling westbound on Old Highway 50, one-tenth mile west of Juneberry Terrace, when he was unable to avoid a collision with a deer attempting to cross the road. Cooper struck the animal with his 2012 GMC Sierra, resulting in property damage in excess of \$1,000. Properly restrained, Cooper was unharmed in the accident occurring 7:03 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Jonathan K. Reynard, 43, Burlington, was traveling west on 12th Road, four-tenths mile west of Underwood Road, when a deer attempted to cross the roadway. Unable to avoid the deer, Reynard struck it with his 2013 Ford Flex, resulting in property damage in excess of \$1,000. Properly restrained, Reynard sustained no injuries. The animal was killed and Reynard was given a carcass tag to remove it from the scene of the accident occurring 5:36 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

Austin A. Swartz, 20, Lebo, was traveling north on I-35, at milepost 146.6, when he was unable to avoid a collision with a deer attempting to cross the road. Swartz struck the animal with his 2016 Dodge Dart, resulting in property damage in excess of \$1,000 and being towed from the scene by Lebo Towing. Properly restrained, Swartz had no injuries from the accident occurring 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6.

Stephanie L. Stephens, 45, Osage City, was traveling south on Fauna Road, three-tenths mile south of 28th Road, when she was unable to avoid a deer crossing the road. Stephens struck the animal with her 2009 Ford Escape, resulting in more than \$1,000 in property damages. Legally restrained, Stephens was uninjured in the accident taking place 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Sheila L. Raaf, 57, Gridley, was traveling northbound on Contour Road, three-tenths mile north of First Road, when she struck a deer that had entered the roadway. Her 2014 Chrysler Town and Country suffered more than \$1,000 in damages. Raaf, was en route to the emergency room and contacted law enforcement upon arrival after the accident occurring 10:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13.

Tonya B. Gutsch, 40, Burlington, was traveling northbound on U.S. 75, three-tenths mile north of 13th Road, when she was unable to avoid striking a deer crossing the road. Her 2017 Ford Fusion sustained more than \$1,000 property damage. Properly restrained, Gutsch received no injuries in the accident occurring 6:05 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Catherine E. Temple, 68, Westphalia, was traveling southbound in the 600 block of Wayside Road, two-tenths mile north of Sixth Road, when a

deer entered the roadway. Unable to stop in time, Temple struck the animal with her 2015 Chrysler 200, resulting in more than \$1,000 property damage. Legally restrained, Temple was uninjured in the accident taking place 6:50 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

Damien M. O'Keefe, 59, Burlington, was traveling eastbound on 19th Road, one-quarter mile west of Home-stead Road, when he was unable to avoid striking two deer attempting to cross the road. O'Keefe's 2006 Toyota Tacoma sustained property damage on the right front corner from one deer, and on the left front and side damage from the second animal totaling more than \$1,000. Legally restrained, O'Keefe was uninjured in the accident occurring 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

Vehicle accidents

Barbara R. Johnson, 38, Emporia, was traveling northbound on I-35, two-tenths mile east of Lynx Road, while overtaking a semi-trailer that was also northbound, when she thought the semi started to drift into her lane. Johnson took to the median, hitting the turnaround in the median and causing the air bag to deploy resulting in more than \$1,000 in damages to the undercarriage of her 2011 Chevrolet HHR. Johnson and her passenger, Melody M. Reynolds, 17, Emporia, were legally restrained but suffered possible

injuries in the accident occurring 5:17 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17. The vehicle was removed from the scene by Lebo Garage Towing.

Jordan M. Kiser, 25, Emporia, was eastbound on 17th Road, one-quarter mile east of U.S. 75, when the 2003 Honda Accord he was driving, registered to Matthew L. Harris, Emporia, began to fishtail. He ran off the road striking a mailbox resulting in more than \$1,000 damages. The vehicle was pulled out of the ditch and he was able to continue to his destination without being towed. Legally restrained, Kiser was uninjured in the accident, which occurred 4:56 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

Christian D. Decker, 18, Waverly, was traveling west on 16th Road, at Oxen Lane, when he attempted to stop at the stop sign. Due to the icy, snow packed road, Decker was unable to stop the 2003 Oldsmobile Aurora he was driving, registered to Dwight E. Decker, Waverly. He slid through the intersection, destroying a road sign belonging to the Coffey County Highway Department, and came to rest in the west ditch of Oxen Lane. Damage to the vehicle totaled more than \$1,000. Legally restrained, Decker was unharmed in the accident occurring 8:24 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

A 2018 Hyundai Elantra, registered to Tamara K. Sherwood, LeRoy, was legally

parked in the 700 block of F Street, 50 feet south of K-58, when an unknown vehicle or object made contact and rubbed against the left front corner causing more than \$1,000 in property damage.

Randall C. Newkirk, 61, LeRoy, was traveling southbound in the 900 block of C Street, at Ninth Street, LeRoy, when his 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer struck a trailer, owned by Allied Services, Galena, being towed by James Melton, 59, Elk City, driving a 2018 Ford F-150 resulting in more than \$1,000 property damage to his vehicle and the trailer. Newkirk stated he was having vehicle issues, and had looked down just prior to the accident. Both being legally restrained, Newkirk and Melton remained unharmed in the accident occurring 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Domestic battery

A report of domestic battery, knowing rude physical contact with a family member or dating relationship and criminal threat, cause terror and evacuation or disruption was received 4:36 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 in the 1400 block of Quail Lane, Burlington. The victim is a 29-year-old female. A 31-year-old male was arrested at the scene.

A report of domestic battery, knowing rude physical contact with a family member or dating relationship, second offense in 5 years was received

10:39 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6 from the 2100 block of Kafir Road, Lebo. The victim is a 20-year-old female. A 24-year-old male was arrested at the scene.

Battery on LEO

A report of battery on LEO, physical contact with corrections, court services officer and criminal threat, cause terror and evacuation or disruption was received 12:33 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 600 block Neosho Street, Burlington. The victim is a female, police officer. A 46-year-old was arrested at the scene.

Fleeing vehicle

A report was received 2:43 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 that a car pursuit was entering Coffey County from south U.S. 75. Two officers responded in pursuit, one from the intersection of U.S. 75 and K-58. The pursuit continued north on U.S. 75 and a Burlington police officer was able to spike the tires on the suspect's vehicle at Eighth Road and U.S. 75. The pursuit continued north through Burlington and on through New Strawn. At approximately mile post 103.5 the second officer took over primary pursuit. The car was driving on the front two wheels because the tires were shredded. The car came to a stop in the ditch between 20th Road and 21st Road. The driver was taken into custody without incident

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A faith that remembers

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Have you ever been involved in a project and, over the course of completing that project, you remembered skills that you had learned a long time ago that really helped make that project happen? Maybe you had done something similar as a kid, and you remember what your father or mother told you and you still remember it to this day, and that memory has come in handy time and time again. Because of this, you gain confidence in the midst of the project you are doing right now, because you are mindful of the skill that you know has worked.

Our faith can work in a similar way. In Mark chapter 6, we read the story of Jesus feeding over 5,000 people with nothing more than a few loaves of bread and a couple fish. This was a miraculous display of Christ's power, showing that He has sovereign rule over the natural world. The very next story we read in this chapter is about Jesus walking on the water to tend to the fears of His disciples. The cut to the chase, at the end of this story, the Bible records the disciples' reaction to all that happened: "They were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened."

In other words, the disciples were full of fear throughout this entire storm because they did not set their mind on what Jesus had just revealed to them - that He is the sovereign Lord of nature. They had already forgotten Christ's proven power just hours after He had made His power clear to them.

Throughout Scripture, we see story after story concerning the sovereign power of God over everything. We see promise after promise about

what God will do for those who come to Christ by faith, and many other great and precious promises. In fact, Hebrews 11, commonly known as the "hall of faith," is a chapter all about people who followed after God and were not left disappointed. Take a moment and read the chapter if you will. And then read the beginning of chapter 12, where the author reveals the purpose for reminding us of all these stories. He says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

The reason we are called to remember the faithful is so that we might also remember the faithfulness of God, renew our faith in Him, claim confidence by faith God's reliability with our own future, and ultimately point our attention to Jesus Christ. Jesus too lived His life in eager expectation of what was going to happen in the future - "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." All of those faithful men and women, and Jesus Himself, lived their lives in anticipation of receiving

what God had promised. And because of that confidence, they laid aside their own lives so that they could go obtain the promises. This tells us that true faith will cast off that which slows us down in our obedience to and zealous pursuit of God and His promises.

So here is what you can do. Remember what God has revealed to you in the Scriptures. Remember God's consistent display of power, wisdom, and compassion throughout those pages. If you are new to the faith and have a very limited understanding of the Scriptures, don't lose heart! Read that blessed book as often as you can so that you can learn what God has graciously chosen to reveal to us about Himself and His Son. God does not want us to be ignorant of Him. He has given us resources that can build our faith in Him, so that, first, we can know for sure that we have eternal life ahead of us because of the only acceptable sacrifice - Jesus Christ, the spotless, eternal Lamb of God. Second, we can know that God is going to fulfill His good promises to us because He has proven Himself faithful throughout all of human history, which we can see recorded in Scripture.

Take heart, friends. Remember the goodness of our God. Believe what He has said. Don't be content just believing in God. The devil believes in God, and his belief certainly does him no good. But rather, believe God - everything He has revealed to us - and despise the wisdom of man that would make crooked the straight paths of God, and follow Him. We are in great need of faith in our generation. And faith will only come through the knowledge of the Word of God. Get into that book and rejoice in all that God has revealed to us, so that we might have hope in Christ!

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