

Winding Down

The Burlington Wildcats are playing the last week of their regular season schedule while area 1A teams compete in Regional Tournaments. **Page 13**



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- Anne Davis, 78
- Larry Paxson, 82
- Martin Stohs, 97

Lake Levels

John Redmond

1 p.m. Tuesday, February 25
Lake Elevation: 1,042.17
Normal: 1,041
Inflow (cfs): 4,560
Release (cfs): 170

Melvorn

Lake Elevation: 1,035.21
Normal: 1,036
Inflow (cfs): 2,100
Release (cfs): 20

Public Notices

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- Coffey County - Invitation to Bid Liquid Asphalt 2020.
- Stephen Evans vs. Marietta Evans - Notice of Suit.
- Coffey County Historical Museum - Invitation to Bid Mowing.
- Kristin Lewis vs. Andrew Lewis - Notice of Suit.
- Estate of Evelyn J. Kimmell - Notice to Creditors.
- Coffey County - Invitation to Bid 30% Magnesium Chloride.
- Coffey County - Resolution No. 817A, Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Coffey County - Resolution No. 751-B, Cancelling Outstanding County Checks.
- Coffey County - Invitation to Bid Asphalt Cold Mix Patching Material.
- Coffey County - Advertisement for Bids, 2020 Bridge Deck Repair and Resurfacing.

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150 CAREER WINS/STATEBOUND!

The Burlington High School varsity boys' wrestling team competed in the Class 4A Regional tournament at Garnett Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22. During the tournament, senior Cael Johnson earned his 150th career win. He is pictured above holding his 150 career wins poster and surrounded by his 12 teammates who also competed in the tournament. The Wildcats had five wrestlers, Johnson, Tucker Williams, TT Totty, Caedon Berkenmeier and Damon Hoback, qualify for the state wrestling tournament, which will be held this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and 29, in Salina, right after the inaugural KSH-SAA Girls' Championships are held Thursday, Feb. 27. Three Burlington girls, Bryleigh Isch, E'owynn Codney and M.J. Huff will compete in that tournament. See page 13 for additional coverage of the boys' and girls' regional wrestling tournaments and page 15 for the community's good luck wishes for the state qualifiers.



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EMP Shield founder Tim Carty and Peter Keegan, general manager, are pictured at their Burlington facility. Kansas Small Development Center will recognize EMP Shield with an Emerging Business of the Year Award for the 11-county region served by Emporia State University.

EMP Shield, The Sweet Granada chosen for regional business awards

TOPEKA — Two businesses with Coffey County ties will be recognized Thursday, March 5, at an awards ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda, according to Lisa L. Brumbaugh, director of the Kansas Small Business Development Center at Emporia State University.

Sixteen deserving small businesses from all across Kansas will be recognized as winners of Emerging and Existing Business Awards. Each business winner will be presented their award by their state representative and senator.

The Kansas Small Business Development Center at ESU represents 11 counties: Morris, Marion, Chase, Lyon, Osage, Coffey, Greenwood, Butler, Elk, Cowley, and Chautauqua. EMP Shield, LLC, Burlington, will receive the Emerging Business of the Year award for the ESU region. The Existing Business of the Year award will go to The Sweet Granada. Kim (Bowling) Redeker, a Burlington High School graduate, owns The Sweet Granada.

Following are the success stories for each business as prepared by the Kansas Small Business Development Center at ESU.

EMP Shield, LLC Emerging Business of the Year for Emporia State University

EMP Shield LLC is an engineering design company and

manufacturer of the world's first devices to protect houses, businesses and larger installations from high-altitude electromagnetic pulses - such as those that can be generated by solar coronal mass ejections - as well as from more ordinary occurring power surges and lightning strikes. They have developed and tested technology that can defend electronics in less than a billionth of a second. To appreciate the significance of this achievement, consider that

estimates of damage caused by an event today of similar magnitude to the Carrington Event of 1859 would range in the trillions of dollars. Anyone without an EMP surge protector would lose all electronics. EMP Shield customers, in contrast, would still have working electronics when the power comes back on. Without that protection, it would be like being thrown back into the 1800s.

Tim Carty founded EMP Shield in 2017 when he was

trying to develop a new energy source based on the capture of solar electrostatic waves. This led to his researching existing surge protectors and discovering that there were none on the market that could protect against all three phases of a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse, a.k.a. HEMP. This inspired EMP Shield's original product design - a surge protector that could defend electronics

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Kim (Bowling) Redeker, owner of The Sweet Granada, holds a sign while posing with her employees. Kansas Small Development Center will recognize The Sweet Granada with an Existing Business of the Year Award for the 11-county region served by Emporia State University. Redeker is a graduate of Burlington High School.

COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION Sheriff looking at armored vehicle

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners heard a proposal from Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers regarding the purchase of an armored vehicle during their regular weekly meeting Monday morning. Most of the proposal was heard in executive session with Coffey County Commissioners Cody Haddock, chairman, Tom Hugunin, Bob Saueressig, Don Meats and Fred Rowley.

Rogers was on the agenda to discuss sheriff and Wolf Creek security. After setting up a PowerPoint regarding 2020 Coffey County Bearcat Grant/Funding, Rogers requested a 30-minute executive session regarding the security measures exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Commissioners granted the request for the closed door session with others present being County Attorney Wade Bowie II, Emergency Manager Russel Stukey, Undersheriff Mike Roney, and Patrol Captain Zach Rogers.

Rogers requested another 10-minute executive session with the same people and for the same reason, which commissioners granted.

Upon return to open session and at Bowie's direction to be transparent, Rogers said the sheriff's office is looking at purchasing a Bearcat made by Lenco Corp. The Bearcat is an armored vehicle that sits on an F-550 Ford chassis. The Bearcat is made specifically for law enforcement; it is not a military vehicle. The Bearcat will improve the safety of officers when incorporated into certain types of response.

The Bearcat will cost approximately \$325,000. Rogers is seeking approximately a \$200,000 grant from the Northeast Region Homeland Security Council, as well as financial support from Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation and possibly the Coffey County Board of Commissioners. If funded, Rogers is looking for delivery of the custom-built vehicle in September 2021.

Stukey expected the grant request to be discussed further at the security council's Feb. 26

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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Kansas Army National Guard plans June exercise

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BURLINGTON — The Kansas Army National Guard will be in Burlington June 9-12 to conduct an exercise. While here, approximately 50 Guardsmen will be available to help with community service projects.

Lt. Col. Larry Leupold, director of military support, informed the council about plans for the exercise, which

could involve a tornado scenario impacting multiple jurisdictions and possibly Wolf Creek Generation Station to some degree. The exercise will include communications, security, engineering, and resource response.

Leupold said they would work with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Efforts will be coordinated with local emergency management offices. Coffey County Emergency Management Director Russel Stukey was

present for Leupold's presentation.

The city will try to come up with a list of items Guardsmen could help complete. They also talked to the fair board about doing some things at the fairgrounds. Leupold said they don't want to take work away from any business in the community.

On a 5-0 vote, the council approved blocking off Kelley Park to camping from June 9-12 for Kansas National Guard exercise.

Council President Lewis Lenard presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Stan Luke. Other council members present were Thomas Tschantz, Sharon Hall, Dallas Scythorn and J.J. Jasper. Council member Jerilyn Curtiss was absent.

The council approved a motion, presented by Coffey County Engineer Wayne Blackburn, authorizing the

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