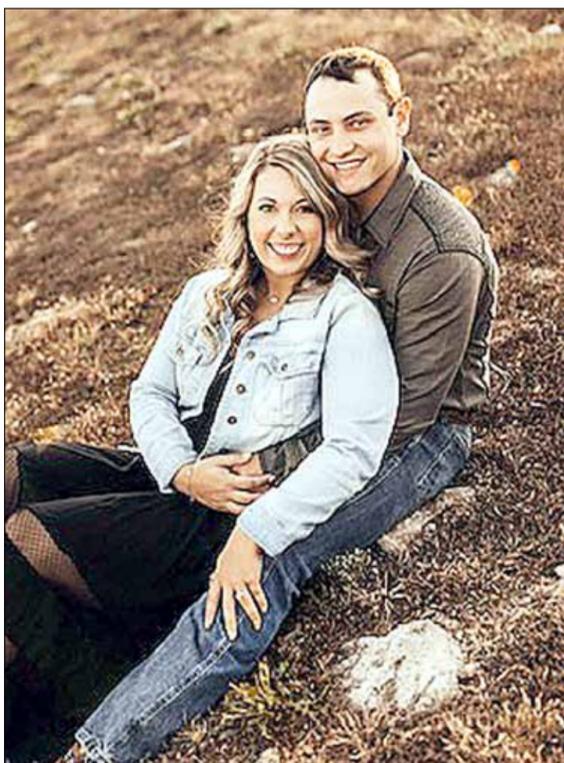


ENGAGEMENT



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Mackenzie Payne and Kendall Jeffers

## Payne, Jeffers announce engagement

BURLINGTON — Mike and Janet Payne, Burlington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mackenzie, to Kendall Jeffers, son of Scot and Jody Jeffers, Burlington. The future bride graduated from Burlington High School in 2014 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services from Kansas State University, Manhattan. She is a student at Creighton University, working toward a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy and will graduate in May 2020. The future groom gradu-

ated from Burlington High School in 2015 and graduated from Missouri Welding Institute in 2017. Prior to that, he attended and played baseball at Independence Community College and Labette Community College. He is a self-employed welder and is a waterfowl hunting guide and owner of True Kansas Outdoors.

The couple plans an Oct. 10, 2020, wedding at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Burlington, with a reception at Troyer's Prairie Gold, Garnett.

## RCIL receives sizeable grant from Jones Trust

OSAGE CITY — The Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc. (RCIL) received a three-year, \$190,000 plus award from the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Testamentary Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, to fund services for youth with disabilities between the ages 14 and 24 as they transition into adulthood. A Youth Specialist will be hired to serve Lyon county youth during the first year and then Osage and Coffey counties in subsequent years.

The Youth Specialist will assist participants in defining their educational, employment and independent living goals and with completing the processes necessary to achieve those goals such as filling out paperwork, conducting job searches, resume preparation, interview skills, work skills, etc. RCIL feels strongly that accessing education and the income derived from employment will not only help avoid impoverishment and increase self-sufficiency in post-secondary life but that being employed improves quality of life, expands support networks and increases self-esteem. RCIL is a proponent of people with disabilities being fully engaged in their communities through employment and volunteerism which will also have an impact on health and open avenues to healthcare options. In addition to educational and employment services, RCIL will also provide its core in-

dependent living services to participants and their families which include: Information & Referral (I&R) Services, Advocacy Services, Peer Counseling, and Independent Living Skills Training including individualized support and education around topics such as assistive technology, housing, transportation, healthcare, budgeting, cooking, shopping and household management.

"RCIL is excited and grateful for the opportunity to provide individualized services to our local youth and support them to reach their education, employment and independent living goals," said Deone Wilson, RCIL Executive Director. "The Jones Testamentary Trust grant is a godsend. Now we just need to hire the right person and get to work."

The Youth Specialist will be stationed in RCIL's Emporia office which is located in the Emporia Humanitarian Center.

RCIL first opened in 1984 in Carbondale and was led by its first Director Bill Reyer. Since then RCIL has grown to provide a wide array of programs and services for individuals with disabilities and currently has offices in Osage City, Emporia, El Dorado, Iola and Topeka. RCIL is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors, members of which include Dana Pnkston, Dr. Carrie Hagemann, Kraig Kettler, Loren DeBaun and Carrie Sunday.

## Officials celebrate start of U.S. 169 project

WELDA — The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), state and local officials and highway advocates attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the previously delayed U.S. 169 project in Anderson County Friday morning, Feb. 21, at Welda.

"This U.S. 169 project is a true connection point between delivering on the promises of our past transportation program, T-WORKS - and serving as a guidepost for the work we want to do under our next program, FORWARD," said Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz.

Trisha Purdon, executive director of the Montgomery County Action Council, and Mark Bettis, with Bettis Asphalt and Construction, joined Secretary Lorenz in speaking prior to the groundbreaking event.

"This project was identified as a No. 1 priority for the entire region. Counties from the Oklahoma border all the way to Kansas City said this project was a priority," said Trisha Purdon, Executive

Director of the Montgomery County Action Council.

Improvements to highways across the state are important for many reasons.

"What this project means for this road is reconstructed pavement, improved shoulders where we currently have them and new 10-foot shoulders where we don't," Secretary Lorenz said. "But what this project means for Kansans is a safer trip to school, commute to work or transport of goods to market."

Starting in March, KDOT will reconstruct and rehabilitate 7½ miles of U.S. 169 from Welda north to the roundabout south of Garnett. Bettis Asphalt and Construction is the primary contractor on the \$21 million T-WORKS project, which will add 10-foot shoulders to the roadway and provide a 32-foot clear zone off the highway. The project will also improve the vertical alignment of U.S. 169 to provide more opportunities to safely pass slow-moving vehicles.

## KFB announces launch of 'Inside Ag' podcast

MANHATTAN — Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) is thrilled to announce its podcast, "Inside Ag" is now live. The inaugural episode, "Catching up with the President and CEO," features Rich Felts and Terry Holdren who talk about KFB's legislative priorities and other issues facing agriculture today.

In addition to hosting the

podcast, Kansas State University sophomore Noah Ochsner has developed and produced "Inside Ag" as part of his internship at Kansas Farm Bureau. Ochsner says podcasts are growing in popularity, and he's looking forward to promoting the advocacy, education and service KFB does to people across Kansas.

"Something I think we do at Kansas Farm Bureau that is really important is not only educating those in the industry

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## Sheriff

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when she was unable to avoid striking a deer crossing the roadway. Her 2019 GMC Acadia sustained more than \$1,000 property damage and was removed from the accident by Williams Towing. Legally restrained, Wilson was uninjured in the accident occurring 8:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

Brady C. Toy, 43, Westphalia, was eastbound in the 2400 block of 12th Road, two-tenths mile west of Yearling Road, when four deer entered the roadway.

Unable to avoid them all, Toy struck the last one with his 2017 GMC Sierra, causing more than \$1,000 in property damage. Legally restrained, Toy was uninjured in the accident occurring 6:37 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Trenton B. Conkle, 43, Burlington, was traveling on Fauna Road, one-half mile north of 23rd Road when a deer attempted to cross the road. Unable to avoid the animal, he struck it with his 2012 GMC 1500, causing more than \$1,000 in property damage. Legally restrained, Conkle was uninjured in the accident occurring 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19.

## CARD SHOWER



Photo submitted

Margaret Makepeace

## Makepeace to celebrate 95th

BURLINGTON — The family of Margaret Makepeace requests a card shower to celebrate her 95th birthday March 3.

Cards will reach her at 602 Sanders Street, Burlington, KS 66839.

## Library employees attend workshop

IOLA — Coffey County Library had four employees attend the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) Transforming Teen Services Workshop Feb. 6 at Southeast Kansas Library System in Iola. The employees were Michelle DeAnda, Gridley Branch, Vanessa Dauber, LeRoy Branch, Patricia Rudolph, Burlington Branch, and Rita Dawson,

Lebo Branch

Anna Foote, Youth Services Consultant at Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS), instructed library staff members on Developmentally Appropriate Programming for Teens, Understanding Effective Strategies for Engaging Youth, Effective Facilitation Techniques for Leading and Managing Groups, and more.

## This Week in History

Brought to you by the Coffey County Museum, 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington. Visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum](http://www.facebook.com/coffeymuseum).

Feb. 23 - 29

25 years ago (1995)

\* The USD 244 Board of Education voted to purchase Block 2 of Shea's Addition in Burlington for \$33,000. The land is located directly south of the schools and west of the Recreation Center.

\* Hoover's Pharmacy opens in the former Crisp Pharmacy location, located in the southeast corner of Hoover's grocery store. The new owners are Larry and Carlita Hoover and Dan and Tammy Salava.

50 years ago (1970)

\* Clarence Seibert of Topeka is razing the Merle Newkirk building in the 500 block of Neosho and getting rid of the debris.

\* The Burlington Commercial Club have been busy getting plans underway with meetings of business men for Burlington Merchants special coupon day on Saturday. A total of 18 businesses are cooperating with stores having as many as three to 12 specials.

75 years ago (1945)

\* Post Raisin Bran is a new cereal product. Look for it in your local grocery.

\* Washington says Selective Service has ordered the increased drafting of men 30 through 33 years old.

\* Coffey County Hatcher-ies are at the beginning of

their busy season. The hatching industry is a sizeable one in Coffey County with local hatcheries having a combined capacity of over 200,000 chicks each three weeks.

100 years ago (1920)

\* The Associate Milling and Elevator, Co. of Kansas City is selling stock in Halls Summit for the erection of a 20,000 bushels capacity elevator in that place.

\* A charter was granted at Topeka yesterday for the Farmers Produce Company of Burlington with a capital stock of \$50,000 for the conduct of general produce business in Burlington. The big plant will be located at the southeast corner of Seventh and Potomac streets, which is just southeast of Santa Fe station. The plant, when completed, will employ 10 to 15 men all the time and at times have a force of from 30 to 40, especially during the poultry dressing and egg packing season.

125 years ago (1895)

\* More Burlington people are present and prospective buyers of bicycles this Spring than ever before, and the trade in this line promises to be lively.

## Spring Sampler

Saturday, March 7  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Burlington Rec Center**  
1110 Shea St. - Burlington, KS

**Enter to Win!**  
An ultra-quiet, energy efficient, DC Powered

**Garage Door Opener with WIFI**  
that lets you open and monitor your door with your smart phone!  
(\$850 value, installation included within Burlington City Limits.  
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## LARGE 2-DAY RETIREMENT FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

**Saturday, March 7 & Monday, March 9, 2020**  
Located from WESTPHALIA, KS 1.7 miles East on SW-1100 Rd. to 13210 SW 1100 Rd.

**SELLING SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - 10 A.M.**  
**LIVESTOCK FEEDING & HANDLING EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, SPRAYERS, ETC. HAY & GRAIN:** 2700 4' X 6' big round bales prairie hay; 300 bales broom; 100 bales oat straw; 85 bales dry; BMR sedan grass and 182 bales mixed hay (24% moisture tube line wrapped) Approx. 4500 bu. of feed oats, 28¢ per bushel, offered in lots to suit buyer's needs  
**MISC. ITEMS & CONTAINER:** 640 2' X 2' X 6' concrete blocks; 600 steel fence posts; 8' X 8' X 40' steel cargo container w/walk-in door and wired for electricity - (Good Shape) ANTIQUE TRACTORS, COMBINE, TRUCKS & COLLECTIBLES: 1936 Farnall F-20 tractor, all restored; 1960 IHC 101 combine, 12' head, always shedded

**SELLING MONDAY, MARCH 9 - 10 A.M.**  
(No small items)

**TRACTORS, LOADERS & SKIDSTEER:** JD 7230 R, 7930 and 7720 FWA tractors; IHC 1486; 2 - 1086's tractors; 876 Ford Versatile 4 X 4 tractor and late model JD 333G rubber tracked skid steer w/ cab and AC  
**COMBINE, HEADERS, TRAILERS & GRAIN CARTS:** JD 9770STS 4WD combine; JD 35' draper header; Drago 12-row corn head and JD 893 8-row corn head w/ Hawkins corn reel  
**HAYING EQUIPMENT:** JD 4990 self-propelled rotary disc swather, cab & AC; JD 469 big round baler; JD 346 wire-tie square baler and Vermeer 2600-R24 hyd. twin rake  
**PLANTER, TILLAGE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT:** JD 1770NT 16-row central fill planter; 45' 45R Kelly Diamond harrow; 425CMF Haybuster, twin rotor TMR vertical-mix feed wagon and JD HX rotary mower  
**GPS & TANKS:** JD 2630 GPS monitor w/auto-track and swath control  
**TRUCKS & TRAILERS:** 2011 Ford F-350 dsl. dually 4X4 w/ DewEze bale bed (Very good feed truck); 2000 FL-70 Freightliner truck w/300 Oswalt horizontal TMR mixer bed; other semi tractors; grain trailers; Gold Line Merritt 50' cattle pot and 7 X 24 Featherlite aluminum stock trailer

ALL IS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION AND HAS BEEN WELL CARED FOR! THIS IS A VERY LARGE AUCTION.  
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