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COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

County Lake closed; building access restricted

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — In response to recommendations influenced by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic, Coffey County Commissioners on Monday agreed to close Coffey County Lake and restricted access to Coffey County Courthouse.

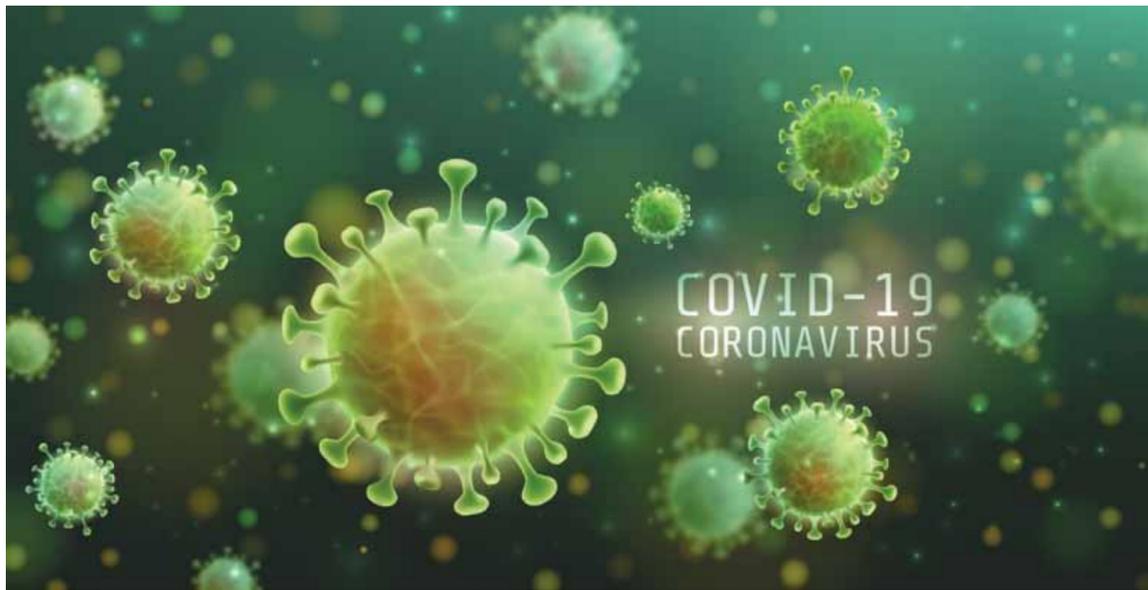
public to observe six-foot social distancing recommendations. The meeting was also livestreamed on Facebook, since the normal camera system was not available. Commissioners Cody Haddock, chairman, Tom Huginin, Bob Saueressig and Don Meats were present. Commissioner Fred Rowley was absent. Others present for most of the meeting were County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Counselor Wade Bowie II, Administrative As-

sistant Donna Berland, Information Technology Director Brad Scheibmeir, Sheriff Randy Rogers and Undersheriff Mike Roney. Commissioners closed Coffey County Lake effective immediately, until April 15, at the recommendation of Sheriff Randy Rogers, who oversees the lake. The closure is temporary and will be revisited in a week or two. Rogers said many fishermen using the lake are coming from counties with residents

testing positive for COVID-19 coronavirus. Rogers made the recommendation to close the lake in an attempt to protect lake employees as well as other county businesses that may be frequented by the out-of-county visitors. Rogers also recommended continuing to pay the part-time lake employees and possibly using them in other areas of county government. After listening to several hours of input from county staff, commissioners passed

Resolution 2020-R-853, concerning county operations and access to the Coffey County Courthouse and other county buildings during this public health emergency. The resolution essentially restricts access to the buildings for those who have specific business and who can pass a health screening at the east entrance. The full resolution is printed on page 8. Each county department head has

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COVID-19 confirmed in Woodson County

Health officials confirmed Tuesday afternoon that a Woodson County resident tested positive for the novel coronavirus COVID-19. A Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) laboratory in Topeka confirmed the test. The Woodson County Public Health Department is working diligently to investigate, identify and contact individuals who have been exposed. Two positive cases were reported earlier in Lyon County and one positive case in Franklin County.

Governor signs additional executive orders

Governor Laura Kelly Tuesday issued Executive Order #20-14 limiting mass gatherings in Kansas to 10 persons, which replaced the previous order limiting mass gatherings to 50 persons. The decision was based on updated guidance from the White House Coronavirus Task Force, and modeling from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that projected cases of COVID-19 in Kansas could

sharply rise to a range of 300 to 900 by the end of the month. "While none of us wanted to see this Executive Order further limiting the size of gatherings, it is necessary to help slow the spread of the coronavirus within our communities," Kelly said. "We learn more about this virus every day and we are seeing serious cases in every age group - not just among our seniors. The most effective way we can slow down the spread is to stay

home and practice good hygiene techniques." She also issued Executive Order #20-15, which details the Kansas Essential Functions Framework (KEFF) that counties will be required to use if local officials determine it is necessary to issue stay-at-home orders. Stay-at-home orders require that residents not leave their homes unless they are engaged in activities that are essential to the health and

safety of themselves, family members or friends. Essential activities include, but are not limited to, seeking medical attention, purchasing food or filling up gas tanks. KEFF was developed with reference to national critical function guidelines established for pandemic and other disaster response efforts and provides information on how to limit sustained personal in-

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Area updates for coronavirus pandemic

In addition to announcements made last week, the following are notices and updates The Republican was aware of Tuesday. Coffey Health System will not be allowing visitors at Coffey County Hospital, Sunset Manor or The Meadows until further notice. See page 12 for further information. At the Coffey County Treasurer's Office, no renewals (stickers) will be completed

in person. Renewals can be mailed or dropped off in the drop box in the courthouse lobby at 110 S. Sixth St. Renewals should include a current contact number and a copy of insurance information for each vehicle, which will be returned with your registration. Insurance information may also be faxed to (620) 364-8975 or emailed to dmv@coffeycountyks.org. Renewals may also be completed online

at http://ikan.ks.gov. Renewal forms, which include the pin number needed for online renewal and the amount due for mailing, can be accessed at http://mvs.dmv.kdor.ks.gov/PrintRenewals. Follow the link at coffey-countyks.org to pay current real estate, property and truck taxes online. Payments may also be mailed in or dropped off in the drop box. For completion of title work

on a vehicle purchase, please call the office at (620) 364-5532. Also call the office regarding refunds on sold/disposed vehicles. Effective March 23, the office will be unable to process any driver's license until at least April 7, due to state offices closing. Effective March 25, Burlington City Hall doors will be

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

Continuous learning plans taking shape

Katie McMurray Reporter

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and resulting closure of school buildings, school districts across Kansas are working to put together plans to continue their students' education and complete the 2019-20 school year via remote learning. In the 48 hours following the governor's order to close school buildings, a continuous learning task force led by teachers worked to put out a 76-page document for school districts that outlines how to re-start educating students through a blend of online learning, education packets delivered to homes, small groups and other alternative methods.

and agreed-upon framework of expectations, communication models and practices that all stakeholders share; support and training for all staff will occur prior to implementation of the school's program and throughout the duration of the remaining school year; and extend grace to all in these unique and trying times. The recommendations also provided educator resources, technology guidelines, grade level content guidelines, professional development plans and lists of important questions stakeholders must address, as well as tips for parents on how to structure

a learning environment at home. Now, Lebo-Waverly USD 243, Burlington USD 244, LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 and Southern Lyon County USD 252 are beginning to release information on their continuous learning plans (CLPs). USD 243 Lebo and Waverly teachers will make personal contact with the family of each student on or before Monday, March 30. If a family has not been contacted by that time, they should call the district office to make arrangements. The district is planning on provid-

ing educational services starting March 30. The district formed teams consisting of an administrator and teachers for the all included grade levels. The teams are daycare through second grade, led by Libby Self; third through fifth grades, led by Bethany Thomas; sixth through eighth grades, led by Susan Wildeman; ninth through 11th grades, led by Duane Ford; and seniors, led by Janella Newton. The teams began meeting March 30 to continue developing the district CLP.

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Area districts to start grab and go, delivery food services

Katie McMurray Reporter

In light of the coronavirus pandemic and Governor Laura Kelly's executive order closing schools until May 29, all four area school districts are setting up grab and go food service for children. Each of the districts - Burlington USD 244, Lebo-Waverly USD 243, LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 and Southern Lyon

County USD 252 - has released information on its food service plans. Following is the information released for each district. USD 243 In Lebo-Waverly USD 243, schools in both Lebo and Waverly are doing curbside delivery for families in need. The district will deliver food to families' homes weekly, with meals that can be pre-

pared for families in need. For those within the district, contact Mary Beth Freerksen at mbfreerksen@usd243ks.org or Janet Reese at jreese@usd243ks.org or call the district office at (785) 733-2651. USD 244 Burlington USD 244 will be offering free grab and go

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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Council OKs sale of land

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council last week approved the sale of the former Penny's batch plant and approved a city hall public access plan that would essentially follow the lead of the Coffey County Courthouse.

Governing body present for the March 18 regular meeting were Mayor Stan Luke and council members Lewis Lenard, Sharon Hall, Jerilyn Curtiss, Dallas Scothorn and J.J. Jasper. Council member Thomas Tschantz was not present. Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus and recommendations to observe social distancing and to avoid gathers of more than 10 people, department heads did not attend the meeting; however, City Clerk Regina Kewley and City Attorney Tom Robrahn were present for the 27-minute meeting. The council approved selling land in Industrial Park No. 1 to Payless Concrete Products, Inc., for \$5,000, plus the closing cost. The sale includes the former Penny's batch plant at 619 Kelley Street (block 1, lots 14 and 15). In addition, the council donated a 4.2-acre tract known as Reserve #2, which is essentially a slough.

The only "loss" to the city is that it will eventually lose a place to store road salt. A lean-to on the property is being used to store salt. Mayor Luke said the Iola company expects to employ four to six people at its Burlington plant. Luke said the sale

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