

Officer

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Kansas, where he has been a paramedic and shift supervisor with Coffey County EMS.

Siedschlag brings the knowledge of a paramedic to the police department, which will help on medical calls. "Having knowledge and background in EMS will be a benefit here at BPD," he said. "Not only will I be able to assist my fellow officers, but I will be able to assist the public and EMS as well. I will be able to identify and assist with life threatening illness and injuries. The report and relationships I have already made with the community will put them at ease, seeing a familiar face." Siedschlag is also a CPR instructor, Stop the Bleed instructor, and holds ACLS, BLS, PHTLS, AMLS, EPC and NRP certifications. He is a member of the American Heart Association as an instructor.

Siedschlag lives in Burlington with his wife and children. "This is home for us," he said. "We look forward to planting our roots and building our life here in Burlington. I cannot wait to serve the citizens with any problems they face, and ultimately make and maintain a lot of great relationships in the community. I get extreme satisfaction and gratitude from helping someone who is having their "worst day" and any help I can give will be extremely rewarding, as well as helping to keep the community safe.

Strawn

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Haehn reported on the removal of a tree stump, working the tennis courts/ground and taping off playground equipment until further notice. It was a consensus of the council to close the park bathrooms until further notice.

Mayor Petterson said the post office mailbox located at the southeast corner of the parking lot will be replaced with a new one; however, it may be a couple of months.

Coffey County Rural Water District No. 3 has a potential customer in their district that would be significantly closer

to New Strawn's main water line west of New Strawn. It was the consensus of the council to allow a city water meter to be set at the intersection of 17th and Kafir Roads with the price of installation and per 1,000 gallons water charge to be determined.

The council approved:

- The job description for maintenance operator, as presented.
- The March 12 council meeting minutes.
- The March 18 council special meeting minutes.
- Warrants dated March 13 through April 9 for \$88,555.22.
- March 2020 payroll for \$13,076.26.
- Additional warrants in the amount of \$175.00.
- Authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign the auditor's representation letter dated March 27, as submitted from Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips, P.A.
- IM Design, Emporia, to process a plug-in setup for the city's website in the amount of \$100.

Staff Reports

Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight included in his written report: getting equipment ready for mowing season, collecting chlorine residuals/daily water samples, maintaining playground and park equipment, cleaned and putting away snow equipment for the year, looking over condition of streets, ordering fish food, working on booster pump, which needs the timer replaced by an electrician, and receiving "Certificate of Good Standing" with Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA).

City Clerk Hernandez included in her report: the audit is complete, COVID-19 (coronavirus) update, Community Center door cost reimbursed, Kansas Set-Off payments received, janitorial cleaning, new computer, sale of alcohol/social distancing, thank you letters, trash service and website.

City Attorney Robrahn advised the council to pass the following motion, which passed on a 4-1 vote: to exempt all New Strawn City employees from the COVID-19 Emergency Family Leave and Medical Act as all such employees are considered as Emergency Responders pursuant to said Act. Weeks opposed the motion.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Allen reported several

incidents of dogs at large and working with several nuisance property owners.

Zoning Administrator Martha Newkirk fielded a question concerning specifics for a garage, looked into regulations concerning livestock in the RS-1 district, zoning districts listed in the table of contents which are not included in the body of the Regulations, requested the city clerk to mail an application to resident for a garage, researched the question of a permit for a fence, and reported one permit is pending.

The council unanimously approved a revised application for building/zoning permit, which is condensed from two pages to one page and removes the height designation for fences; all fences must be approved by the zoning administrator.

The New Strawn City Council will meet for its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at city hall.

Schrock

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faculty at our regular seminars where guest scientists presented new research. This speaker elaborated a newfound metabolic pathway for a process in the liver. During the question session, I asked "What animal was this liver from?"

"I don't know. Some sort of bird, maybe," he replied.

I glanced at my faculty colleagues who likewise were raising their eyebrows. They also knew that it can make a big difference which critter you are working with. Livers and their pathways may differ for a human, a bird, a snake or a dog. He was a "biochemist" but there was not much biology in his chemistry. He should have either been trained broader, or partnered with a biologist. And this is the problem with the snake and dog papers above that made claims beyond their evidence. Because such work can cause unnecessary worry among pet communities and also fuel conspiracy theories, China is imposing more review of such origin-of-virus research. Although the West characterizes it as censorship, it is really a matter of better peer review.

Did those first two papers undergo adequate peer re-

view? How were they able to make their assertions about snakes or dogs being intermediate hosts of this new virus when they lacked actual direct support by research in those animals? There are "predatory journals" where peer review does not exist, or journals that accept the suggestions of the author(s) for peer reviewers. But these are legitimate journals. Were their biochemist reviewers all-chemistry-and-no-biology?

I recently read an article on monarch butterflies in the respected journal Science that had absolutely no data to support its speculations. Where was the adequate peer review? Unfortunately, across the Western world, some "biology" departments lack zoologists, botanists and other organismic biologists; their faculty are mostly chemists. Maybe getting butterfly biology wrong is no big deal. But getting the intermediate host of this coronavirus wrong — is a big deal.

COFFEY COUNTY TRAFFIC TICKETS

3-30-20 Kyle Thomas Wissner, Haysville, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

3-30-20 Dacoda Dee Hunt, Burlington, failure to wear seatbelt 18+ years \$30.

3-31-20 Robert Carlos Alvarez Lopez, Kansas City, Mo., one-way glass or sunscreen device, dismissed. Speeding 96/75 \$114, court cost \$108, total \$222.

4-1-20 Shane Korteiz Wright, Burlington, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked \$50, six month deferred adjudication, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.

4-1-20 Terry Eugene Hess, Mineral Wells, Texas, improper driving on laned roadway, interference with LEO and duty of driver to report accident with an unattended vehicle or property, all dismissed.

4-1-20 Rita Irene Dieker, Westphalia, failure to wear seatbelt 18+ years \$30.

4-1-20 Kristin Adderton Diemann, St. Louis, Mo., speeding 83/65 \$93, court cost \$108, total \$201.

4-4-20 Philip Charles McAnulty Sr., Overbrook, failure to wear seatbelt 18+ years \$30.

4-4-20 Bailey Michelle Cockerham, Overland Park, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

4-5-20 Brian Scott Anderson, Sedalia, Mo., speeding 91/75 \$81, court cost \$108, total \$189.

4-5-20 Janice Rae Winn Shilling, Andover, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

COFFEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Civil

Cases filed:
20CV12 (4-20-20) Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Tabitha Gillis, petition on account.

Domestic

Cases filed:
20DM27 (4-21-20) Morris Y. Rodriguez vs. Haley J. Rodriguez, divorce.
20DM28 (4-21-20) Angela D. Herrel vs. James M. Herrel, divorce.

Criminal

Cases filed:
20CR58 (4-17-20) State of Kansas vs. Cory L. Matlock, Burlington, aggravated intimidation of a witness (level 6 person felony), criminal threat (level 9 person felony).
20CR59 (4-17-20) State of Kansas vs. Jennifer L. West, Burlington, aggravated intimidation of a witness (level 6 person felony), criminal threat (level 9 person felony), battery - physical contact in rude, insulting, angry manner (class B person misdemeanor).
20CR60 (4-22-20) State of Kansas vs. Michael D. Raymond Jr., LeRoy, flee or attempt to elude a police officer (level 9 person felony), violate protection order (class A person misdemeanor), interfer-

ence with law enforcement (A misdemeanor), driving under the influence of alcohol - second offense (class A misdemeanor), reckless driving (unclassified misdemeanor).

Register of Deeds Warranty Deeds

Nancy Lee Reynolds and Charles R. Baldrige to John and Cherry Johnson: a 112.5' by 150' tract starting 126 feet north of the southeast corner of block 5 of Pearson's Addition to Waverly.

Andrew A. and Elisha D. Lowell to Jacob and Veronica Burner: lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, less the south 94 feet of lots 16, 17 and 18, in block 30, LeRoy.

Grimm Ranch, LLC to Raaf Land and Cattle, LLC: the NE/4 of 7-23-14.

George H. and Lachelle R. Spencer to Taylor Dow and Ashley Miller: lot F in Thorne's Addition to Lebo.

Trustee's Deed

John A. Williams and Wilda L. Williams, trustees of the John A. and Wilda L. Williams Trust to James H. and Janice K. Krueger: the SW/4 NE/4 of 16-22-16; the SE/4 NE/4 of 16-22-16, less a 0.79-acre tract.

COFFEY COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

*The jail roster lists all people who were in Coffey County Jail during the days listed, with the exception of those under age 18 or those who may be protected under a witness program. The charges listed are those for which the person was booked into jail and are not necessarily the charges formally filed against the person.

(April 20-27)

Dakota Lynn Handley, 26, Jacobs Creek (April 20-27) - Arrested Jan. 5 by CCSO for possession of opiates. Held in lieu of a \$20,000 cash/surety bond.

Kody L. Wright, 35, Burlington (April 20-27) - Arrested Dec. 5 by CCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful cultivation or distribution of controlled substances, unlawful distribution of certain drug precursors and drug paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Held in lieu of a \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

Kenneth L. Sharp, 46, Tulsa, Okla. (April 20-27) - Arrested Jan. 11 by CCSO for driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, reckless driving, criminal threat, possession of stolen property unknown value. Held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

Gregory Lamonte Burrell, 38, Burlington (April 20-27) - Arrested Feb. 19 by Burlington PD for rape. Held in lieu of a \$350,000 cash/surety bond.

Cody Allan Risner, 27, Emporia (April 20-27) - Arrested April 6 by

CCSO for two counts of failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$30,000 cash/surety bond.

James Monroe Fergel, 54, Topeka (April 20-27) - Arrested April 7 by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$60,000 cash/surety bond.

Michael Dean Raymond Jr., 26, LeRoy (April 20-27) - Arrested by CCSO for reckless driving, driving under the influence, second conviction, criminal damage to property, obstructing legal process or official duty - interference with law enforcement, violation of a protective order, and flee or attempt to elude LEO by engaging in reckless driving. Held in lieu of a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

John Lee Groshong Jr., 49, Kansas City, Mo. (April 20-27) - Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Released on a \$3,000 OR bond.

James Ralph Woody Jr., 26, Hartford (April 20) - Arrested by CCSO for driving while a habitual violator and display any canceled, revoked or suspended driver's license. Released on a \$1,000 cash/surety bond.

Isaac Colton Sidebottom, 18, Waverly (April 21) - Arrested by CCSO for domestic battery. Released on a \$2,500 cash/surety bond.

Betty A. Busby, 40, Agenda (April 24-27) - Arrested by CCSO for possession of opiates and unlawful cultivation or distribution of controlled substances. Held in lieu of a \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ADVERTISEMENT FORBIDS

The Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas, will accept sealed bids for Project No. S2001-C, Highway Pavement Striping.

The project consists of approximately 52 miles of roadway to include 4" wide Yellow Center line stripe, 4" wide Yellow No-Passing stripe and 4" wide White edge of pavement stripe, all with reflective beads and any other related items of construction.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse in Burlington, Kansas.

Copies of the drawings and specifications for bidding purposes may be obtained by qualified bidders at the County Engineer's Office, 1510 S. 6th Street, Burlington, KS 66839.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse until 2:00 p.m. May 06, 2020, then publicly opened and read aloud. The envelope should be plainly marked on the outside - Project No. S2001-C.

Each bidder is required to include with their proposal a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, as Bid Security. The Bid Security will be forfeited if the successful bidder fails to execute and deliver the agreement, payment and performance bonds within ten (10) days of Notice of Award.

The Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive any or all informalities or irregularities therein.

Date: April 13, 2020

ATTEST:
Angie Kirchner
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Wade H. Bowie, II
County Attorney
(April 16, 23, 30)

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INVITATION TO BID

Issue Date: April 13, 2020
Bid Date: May 06, 2020

Coffey County will receive bids for eleven (11) Parcels of Tires. Bids will be taken until 2:15 p.m., May 6, 2020, at the Coffey County Engineer's Office, 1510 South 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839. Bids will also be accepted electronically via fax at (620) 364-8271 or via email at CCengdept@coffeycountyks.org until 1:30 p.m., May 6, 2020.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the County Engineer's Office at 1510 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839.

Coffey County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any and all technicalities.

All bids shall be submitted on the enclosed bid sheet. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the identification "Tires" on the outside of the envelope.

M. Wayne Blackburn, P.E. & P.L.S.
Coffey County Engineer
Coffey County Highway Department
1510 South 6th Street
Burlington, KS 66839

ATTEST:
Angie Kirchner
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Wade H. Bowie, II
County Attorney
(April 16, 23, 30)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Eleanor Rae Carley, Deceased.

Case No. 20 PR 12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 1, 2020, a Petition was filed in this Court by Bryan K. Joy, the Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Eleanor Rae Carley, deceased, praying for admission of said Will to probate, and that on April 20, 2020 Letters Testamentary were issued to Bryan K. Joy as Executor of said estate.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Bryan K. Joy
Petitioner

Bryan K. Joy, #10966
JOY LAW OFFICE, P.A.
512 Neosho Street
P.O. Box 209
Burlington, Kansas 66839
Telephone (620) 364-8411
Attorney for the Estate.
(April 23, 30, May 7)

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CLOSING SCHOOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8213b, of a public hearing to be held on the 11th day of May, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. at USD 245 district office regarding the Unified School District No. 245, Coffey County, Kansas proposal to close Southern Coffey County Middle School for the following reasons:

* Budget and financial consideration
* Declining enrollment
* Building condition

Students attending Southern Coffey County Middle School will be reassigned to LeRoy Elementary.

A representative of the board of education will present the proposal to close Southern Coffey County Middle School and the board will hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing.
(April 23 and 30)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Myron J. Steinert, deceased.
No. 20-PR-16

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Trevor M. Steinert praying for the determination of descent of the property of Myron J. Steinert that is particularly described in said petition for determination of descent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 27th day of May, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court at Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. In the event that the Court is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, any person interested in personally appearing at the hearing should contact the Court at (620) 364-8628 at said date and time.

Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Trevor M. Steinert

Petitioner:

JOY LAW OFFICE, P.A.
BRYAN K. JOY
512 Neosho, P.O. Box 209
Burlington, Kansas 66839
(620) 364-8411
Attorney for the Petitioner.
(April 30, May 7, 14)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Alfred Glenn Rifembark, deceased; and
Gloria A. Rifembark, deceased.

No. 20-PR-15

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Laura Beth Hall praying for the determination of descent of the property of Alfred Glenn Rifembark and Gloria A. Rifembark that is particularly described in said petition for determination of descent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 27th day of May, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court at Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. In the event that the Court is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, any person interested in personally appearing at the hearing should contact the Court at (620) 364-8628 at said date and time.

Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Laura Beth Hall
Petitioner.

JOY LAW OFFICE, P.A.
BRYAN K. JOY
512 Neosho, P.O. Box 209

Burlington, Kansas 66839
(620) 364-8411
Attorney for the Petitioner.
(April 30, May 7, 14)

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 21, 2020, the New Strawn City Planning Commission will consider the following special use application for a zoning hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the New Strawn Community Center.

Case No. BZA-CU-2020-01

Special use requested to establish a 30' x 40' Storage Building over an existing concrete slab that was poured in 1999 and is 60' from the residence/house in the A-1 Agricultural (Residential) Zone District.

Legal description: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 2 and the South three hundred feet of Block 4 in the replat of Arrow Park Addition to the City of New Strawn, Coffey County, Kansas.

General Location: 250 Brown Street, New Strawn, in Coffey County, Kansas.

You may appear at this time either in person, or by agent or attorney if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and render a decision. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2020

/s/ Michael A. Skillman
Secretary,
New Strawn City
Planning Commission