

This Week in History

Compiled by the Coffey County Museum, 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. See their YouTube channel, Coffey Museum, for videos about the history of Coffey County.

Aug. 9 - 15

25 years ago (1995)

* A ribbon cutting celebrated the grand opening of Manpower, located at 424 Neosho, Burlington. Manpower is an employment service that aids individuals in finding long-term and short-term jobs.

50 years ago (1970)

* Burlington's Pep Club has new uniforms. The new uniforms is a No. 3 view scooter skirt with a match-

ing long-waisted, square cornered vest. The skirt must be lengthened to six inches above the knee. The uniforms must be worn before the pep club board and must meet the club's standards before approval will be given.

KG&E will decide about atomic plant at Redmond Reservoir by the end of 1970.

75 years ago (1945)

* Jesse Lee Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holmes, LeRoy, won grand champion at the baby show of the Coffey County Fair. Si Jones, LeRoy, won the contest for county pullers. His team, which weighs 2,600, pulled 4,150 pounds 10 feet.

At a well-attended meeting of business men at the city hall, they unanimously

agreed all places of business in Burlington would close for the remainder of the day when word is received that the Japanese have surrendered.

WAR IS OVER!

100 years ago (1920)

The Neosho Electric Company, with capital of \$25,000, has been incorporated at Burlington for the purpose of building electric lines to neighboring towns and rural homes and furnishing them with electric lights and power.

125 years ago (1895)

Joe Patchen, the Coffey County horse, has at last triumphed over his only rival, Robert J., and stands today the king of pacers of the world.

MENUS

Coffey County
Coffey County ECKAAA congregate meals are available on a grab and go basis at the center Mon.-Fri. at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tue., Wed. and Thurs. at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Mon., Wed. and Fri. at the Waverly Senior Center (785) 733-2603. Meal deliveries will continue as usual.

Monday: Chili, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, cinnamon roll, wheat crackers and milk.

Tuesday: BBQ pork ribette, cream peas, stewed apples, cookie, hoagie bun and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans with red peppers, cake, wheat roll and milk.

Thursday: Chicken alfredo, peas and carrots, blueberries, cookie, garlic bread and milk.

Friday: Roast beef with gravy,

whipped potatoes, buttered corn, pineapple, wheat roll and milk.

Lyon County

Lyon County congregate and home delivered friendship meals are served Mon.-Fri. at Olpe and Mon., Wed. and Fri. at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in advance for Olpe meals at (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals at (620) 342-8232. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to cancel your meal (620) 340-8001.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, pineapple, garlic bread and milk.

Tuesday: Breaded beef cutlet, northern beans, carrots, fresh fruit, bread and milk.

Wednesday: Taco soup, tossed salad with dressing, apple brown Betty, roll and milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans with onion, fruit cocktail,

roll and milk.

Friday: Oven baked fish, boiled potatoes, creamed peas, pudding, roll and milk.

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Strength from vulnerability

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2 Corinthians 11:30 "If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness."

We have been adjusting to our new routines during the coronavirus pandemic. Even though we are trying to look on the bright side, we are obviously living with some limitations that cause inconvenience to us. Sometimes, we even feel like there is nothing we can do. So, we may feel powerless. But, wouldn't we be able to approach our vulnerability differently as we have thought about many things in a new way since the virus outbreak?

A pastor passed away around ten years ago after battling cancer. While he was bedridden before death, he reflected on lots of things. Especially, he struggled with one question: "Am I really a pastor?" The reason that he asked himself such a question was because he couldn't do anything he should do as a pastor. He was not able to lead worship nor visit his church members. He was experiencing vulnerability. It was then that he realized one thing. Here is what he said: "I always used to do my best to be a good pastor. But these days, I wondered if I was a good pastor. My health has failed. My hope and faith have been diminished. I asked myself, 'Am I living like a pastor?' I was skeptical. I was uncertain. But recently, I have realized this. When Jesus was

the most powerless, when he was on the cross, when he could do nothing, he was the most like Jesus. So in a way, I think I may be the most like a pastor when I am now the most fragile and the least significant."

This may be the time when we feel most vulnerable. Unfortunately, we may consider vulnerability to be shameful. But, the story above helps us think differently. It is when we are weak that we let our guard down eventually. It is when we are powerless that we tear down the wall around us at last. Dr. Brené Brown shares a wonderful insight about vulnerability. Here is the passage from her book, Daring Greatly. "Our rejection of vulnerability often stems from our associating it with dark emotions like fear, shame, grief, sadness, and disappointment - emotions that we don't want to discuss, even when they profoundly affect the way we live, love, work, and even lead. What most of us fail to understand and

what took me a decade of research to learn is that vulnerability is also the cradle of the emotions and experiences that we crave. Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability and authenticity. If we want greater clarity in our purpose or deeper and more meaningful spiritual lives, vulnerability is the path."

Yes. Vulnerability creates a new room in our lives. In that room, we can be selfless rather than selfish, welcoming rather than indifferent, life-giving rather than life-threatening, and inclusive rather than exclusive. Vulnerability helps us keep an open mind. It allows us to be receptive and flexible. Paul knew this mystery. So, he said, "If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness" (2 Corinthians 11:30). How could he say that? As we know, he had faced many hardships because of the Lord he loved. But, thanks to the hardships, he became aware that it was when he was the most powerless and humble that he could be a more faithful follower of Jesus.

In short, it is when we are powerless that we can save others as Jesus saved us when he was the most helpless. So, if we feel we are weak right now, ironically enough, we may be able to find that we have the strength: the new strength to embrace, understand and welcome each other.

From the Bible

All my longings lie open before you, Lord;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

— Psalm 38:9a

Anxiety can bring comfort from God

Everyone feels anxious at one time or another. It is a normal part of life. It is our body's way of telling us that something might be wrong - that we might be facing some potential danger or are feeling symptoms of an illness. If we had no feelings of anxiety, we might put ourselves in all kinds of danger that could end up in disaster.

Anxiety for the Christian however can be more. It may be an "early warning system" that God has put in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, to get our attention to let us know that something may be going wrong in our walk with Him and He wants us to make things right with Him.

God has many ways to use anxiety to get our attention. He may trouble our hearts when we read His word, listen to a hymn, hear a sermon, speak with Him

in prayer, see a picture of His children suffering or when we are having a conversation with a friend. His Spirit is always at work in our hearts and it is good to be troubled with anxiety that comes from God.

The writer of Psalm 94 was having a huge problem with anxiety. He must have been deeply troubled by many things that were overwhelming him and seemingly beyond his control. Note his words: "When anxiety was great within me" - not simply a minor incident, but something very, very troubling.

Then note what happened: Your "consolation" or perhaps better understood as "comfort" - "brought joy to my soul." It is like Jesus saying, "Let not Your heart be troubled. Believe in me. This is my plan for You. Trust Me."

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