

MASONIC LODGE #66 AWARDS



Photo submitted

Burlington Lodge #66 Secretary Dan Allen, right, presents the 2020 Lodge #66 \$500 Scholarship to Brennan Brown, who now attends Kansas State University. Also attending the presentation was Brennan's mother, Angela Trimble.



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Burlington Lodge #66 Secretary Dan Allen, right, presents 2020 BHS Masonic Exemplary Student certificates to Abigail Dunn, who attends Kansas State University, and Trevr Bahr, a student at Wichita State University.

COFFEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Accidents

Curtis Lynn Palmer, 63, Lebo, was traveling west on 27th Road, at Juneberry Road, when he did not see Alexander Lee Sage, 18, Lebo, enter the Juneberry Road intersection, from the south and struck him. Palmer's 2005 Lincoln Town car and Sage's 1996 Ford F-150 both sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. The report indicated that both drivers, and their passengers, Jole May Palmer, 64, Lebo and Matthew Miller, 17, were all wearing seatbelts and were not injured in the accident occurring 11:59 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

A 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, registered to Courtney Erin Smith, was eastbound on K-58 Hwy., 354 feet east of Blackbird Road at midnight Aug. 14, when the vehicle entered the north ditch, striking a DOT 3 sign then over corrected and entered the south ditch where it struck a large culvert, damaging a fence owned by Daniel Rosillion, Ponca City, Okla., then rolled on its top. The report indicated there were possible injuries and damages of more than \$1,000.

Deer accidents

Karlie Marie Whitworth, 16, New Strawn, was traveling westbound on 16th

Road, one-tenth mile east of Oxen Road, when she was unable to avoid striking a deer crossing the roadway. The 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe she was driving, registered to John Charles Whitworth, New Strawn, received more than \$1,000 in damages. Whitworth and her passenger, Josie Rae Stadel, Burlington, were wearing their seatbelts and were not injured in the accident occurring 10 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

Dilan Kirby Lee Nichols, 24, Burlington, was traveling south on U.S. 75, one-half mile south of 13th Road, when he was unable to avoid striking a deer crossing the roadway. His 2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. Nichols was wearing his seatbelt and received no injuries in the accident occurring 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Rhodora Pana Decker, 50, Waverly, encountered a deer on her way to work on Trefoil Road, three-tenths mile north of 16th Road. She called in the incident after arriving to work. Her 2013 Nissan Altima sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. She indicated she was wearing her seatbelt and received no injury from the accident occurring 4:35 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

The Coffey County Highway Department has planned the following construction activity during the week of Aug. 24. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Any emergencies after these hours should be reported to the Coffey County Sheriff's Office at (620) 364-2123. The construction and maintenance schedule is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

Bridge crew: cross road replacement, Oxen - 18th to 19th; 21st to 22nd; and Milo - 17th to 18th.
Assistance fleet: landfill construction.
Paving crew: chip and seal.
Mowing crew: boom mow and mow countywide.
Blade crew: normal road maintenance and spreading rock countywide.
Sign crew: sign maintenance countywide.
Truck drivers: chip and seal.
Temporary road closures: Oxen Lane - Eighth to Ninth.

**LEBO CITY COUNCIL
Mill levy unchanged in approved budget**

Ida Wilson
Reporter

LEBO — Lebo City Council had its 2021 budget hearing prior to the Monday, Aug. 3, regular council meeting. There were no public comments, so the hearing was closed and the regular monthly meeting began. The council approved the budget which had been published in the Coffey County Republican. The proposed 35.487 mill levy is the same as last year. Total tax dollars generated will be \$192,781.

Amber Barrett and C.J. Bazil were present to request the council's permission to have a used car lot on property owned by Barrett at 125 N. Ogden. Bazil has applied for a state license to sell cars online. The council is asking the Zoning Board to rezone the area, because it currently has retail businesses, residential housing, and grain storage owned by the elevator.

Officer Aaron Cathcard gave a written police report.

Clerk Sloan gave a written report and provided documents on sales tax, monthly income/expense, bank balances, and a cash clerk's report. For the month of July, the city received \$3,907 in Compensating Use Tax and \$21,382.14 for Sales Tax from the State of Kansas.

Sloan completed a waste tire grant to upgrade the park near the tennis courts. Sloan reported the city's CARES Act Funding application was sent on July 31.

The 2022-23 TA Projects Concept Application prepared by Kramer Consulting, LLC was sent to KDOT on July 30. The engineer's probable cost for an 8-foot wide shared use path from

Broadway Street east to Maple Street and south to Spatz Park is \$362,150. The Maple Street railroad pedestrian crossing cost (which is included in the total) is estimated at \$65,700. The railroad crossing would be paid for entirely by the city and would not be included in the cost share from the state. The city's total estimated cost comes to \$170,510.

The council discussed the advantage of having one shop for the city maintenance department and how to fund the cost. City equipment is stored in three different locations. Funding options considered were to postpone the TA Project discussed earlier in the meeting, get a loan, or fund the project with bonds.

The council passed Resolution 2020-4 to establish a coronavirus relief fund. This will allow the city to receive funds from the county as set forth by the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce.

Sloan provided the council a table outlining the total cost for the maintenance position the council is trying to fill. The table used five possible wages. Following 10 minutes of executive session to discuss nonelected personnel, the maintenance position was offered to Bradley Fischer at \$15 an hour with benefits. If Fischer accepts the offer, there will be a performance review at the end of the year with a potential wage increase. He will be eligible for a \$1 per hour increase for each state certification achieved in water and the wastewater systems.

Griffin reported that municipal court had seven first appearances and two cases where the person appeared a second time.



Photo submitted

Dance

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"Got It" - senior solo by Kiana Wight; "9-11 Tribute" - high school ballet; "Feeling Good" - jr. high jazz; "Crazy In Love" - high school hip hop; "Men In Black" - jr. high hip hop; "Dear Future Husband"

- high school jazz; "When She Loved Me" - jr. high ballet; "Wake Up" - senior solo by Caitlin Patterson; "And You Don't Even Know It" - senior solo by Kameron Cole; "Be Prepared" - jr. high/high school musical theatre; "Zero To Hero" - twirling; "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" - jr. high competition team.

Esports: New varsity sport at Fort Hays

HAYS — Fort Hays State University has added a new varsity sport this fall.

While competition in the university's fall NCAA-sanctioned sports was suspended because of COVID-19, FHSU Varsity Esports, a sports competition using video games, will begin entering tournaments in September. Sixteen varsity players in four game titles will represent Fort Hays State in the varsity team's inaugural year.

Fort Hays State has fielded competitive teams in its Esports Club for several years. The university's first varsity team is funded through the university's Strategic Enrollment Planning process and was approved this past spring.

Scholarships are available for varsity players, and Esports Director Kevin Shaffer has started the recruiting process for expanding the team.

The Esports Club will have members manning a table at next week's Back to School Party and Shaffer expects it to be a popular booth. Esports, the largest gaming market in the world, is expected to gross more than \$1 billion this year. The most popular game, League of Leg-

ends, features 100 million active players logging in per month.

Shaffer, associate professor of informatics, said this fall the club plans to join the National Association of Collegiate Esports, which oversees the management of college esports teams.

Any FHSU student can join the Esports Club. The varsity team will be comprised of gamers who are enrolled as full-time, on-campus students (12 hours for undergraduates and nine hours for graduate students). Most meetings are being conducted through Zoom.

For more information about the Esports Club, contact Shaffer at (785) 628-4484 or kshaffer@fhsu.edu or visit <https://tigerlink.fhsu.edu/organization/esportsclub>.

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**NEW STRAWN CITY COUNCIL
Council OKs 2021 budget, new clerk**

NEW STRAWN — The New Strawn City Council hired a new city clerk and approved the 2021 city budget when the council met Thursday, Aug. 13, for its regular monthly meeting.

Governing body present were Mayor Mark Petterson and council members Richard Croll, Jeanne Haas, Gary Haehn, Rhonda Taylor and Jim Weeks. Others present were Zoning Administrator Martha Newkirk, Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, City Clerk Joni Hernandez and City Attorney Tom Robrahn. Coffey County Commissioner Bob Saueressig and TrustPoint Insurance Agent Bobbi Gellhaus.

The council immediately entered into a public budget hearing. The proposed budget will raise \$151,341 in ad valorem taxes at a tax rate of 40 mills. Commissioner Saueressig asked if the City of New Strawn is at its tax lid. Mayor Petterson replied that the city is not at the tax lid and consciously made the decision to raise less taxes than legally allowed. No other public comments were made and the public hearing closed after one minute.

Later, the council accepted the 2021 Budget as published. The city will actually levy \$2,202 less in ad valorem taxes in 2021. The mill levy will decrease half of a mill. The owner of a \$100,000 home will pay approximately \$460 in ad valorem taxes for the city portion of their tax bill, which is about \$5.77 less than last year.

On a 4-0-1 vote, the council offered employment to Billy Flanery as city clerk for approximately 32 hours per week at the rate of \$14 per hour, to begin Aug. 27. Haehn abstained from the vote, due to a possible conflict of interest.

The council approved two ordinances - No. 2020-03 for the 2020 Uniform Public Offense Code and No. 2020-04 amending zoning regulations related to tiny homes and the size of detached garages/off-street parking. Both ordinances are published in the public notices section of today's issue.

Reports

Zoning Administrator Martha Newkirk reported taking several phone calls. There were no requests for building permits this month. Newkirk articulated she will miss working with City Clerk Joni Hernandez and appreciated how helpful she has been.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Allen submitted a written report. He had spoken with a property owner on Third Street, the owner of the former golf course, who has started mowing. A mowing violation letter was sent to the mortgage lender for the property at 400 W. Decker.

Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight submitted a written report that included contacting American Equipment for salt spreader extension kit bids, contacting Core & Main for a replacement meter at

the pump house, contacting Recycled Rubber Products for rubber mulch quotes, contacting Thweatt Electric for LED lighting at the city shop, taking daily and monthly water samples, installing the new salt spreader, using the bush hog on city easements, preparing for sewer cleaning by cutting trees down around manholes, flushing water out of mains (City of Burlington started Free Chlorine Burn-out on Aug. 3), exercising air release valves, investigating a meter pit full of water, which was a leak on the customer's side.

City Clerk Joni Hernandez submitted a written report that included receiving applications for the city clerk position, calculating COVID-19 expense items, emailing a delinquent water bill to the mortgage lender on a property in foreclosure, receiving the 2020 Highway Fund distribution from the state, franchise fees update, correspondence with the Kansas Department of Labor, Kansas Set-Off Program and League of Kansas Municipalities. Hernandez amended her resignation; her last day will be Aug. 31. Concerning the city's website, IM Design finished working on the word searchable items, as requested, which will be uploaded to the website.

Miscellaneous

TrustPoint Insurance Agent Bobbi Gellhaus delivered an EMC safety dividend/refund check for \$4,491.63, which is based on percentage of premium.

Mayor Petterson thanked Hernandez and Dwight for working on an updated CARES funding application, which was submitted prior to a revised Aug. 14 deadline. The application seeks Coronavirus Relief Funds for hands-free sinks and toilets, hand sanitizing stations, paper towel dispensers, and automatic doors for city buildings/facilities.

Dwight spoke with Eugene Goff, Corps of Engineers project manager, regarding sewer options for the Corps building, Riverside East and Dam Site campgrounds. Dwight learned the average sewage flow would be about 150 gallons per day. Dwight plans to obtain a list from the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) about how many campers utilize the area and a rate study.

Taylor reported Killough Construction experienced an equipment problem that put them behind schedule. They plan to complete the New Strawn asphalt work in October.

Following discussion, the council decided not to hold a dedication/ribbon cutting this year due to COVID-19 and safety issues. A "50-plus-1" celebration will be held next year.

The council looked over drawings of city logo options provided by Jim Stuke. Haas

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**ESTATE AUCTION-FARM SALE
Saturday, Aug. 22 • 10 a.m.
30034 S. Hoch Rd. • Osage City, KS**

TRACTOR, OLDER EQUIPMENT & SCRAP

AC WD, NF, not running; tractor wghts; JD N manure spreader (shedded); JD Roll-a-Cone corn lifter; JD parts; vintage auto parts; Go Devil hay machine; McCormick Deering 3-btm plow; Int'l 4-btm plow; McCormick Deering planter; disc harrow; hay elevator; AC roto-baler; sickle mower; rd water tank; mch scrap; horse drawn rake, cultivator, JD lister planter, scoop, plow; wagon whls; bale fork.

AMMUNITION & FISHING

12 & 20ga shells-some collectible, .17HHR & other calibers; full cartons.410, 9mm, .45 Colt, .38 Spec, 30-30, 30-06, 25-20, 223, 308, 44; 20 pistol ball cartridges .45 M1911; reloads; brass; ammo boxes; fishing poles/fly rods, tackle boxes; 200# of lead; giggering sticks; camping incl tents & Coleman.

GAS & OTHER ADVERTISING

Skelly pole for gas station sign; station light fixtures; Pioneer 846 sign; petroleum adv incl DeZol, other cans; coffee cans; Santa Fe & other RR items; Kool cigarette adv; Master pitching machine.

VINTAGE, TOOLS & PRIMITIVES

'50s kitchen table; old Singer; iron bed; school & locker room lockers; some furniture; cast iron sink; hit & miss motor; old hand & yard tools; log chains; hay knives & forks; meat hooks; sprockets & gears; antique barb wire incl 18" cuts; yokes; hames; Keen Kutter push mower; garden gates; rolled garden wire; nail kegs; wood boxes; galv tubs & buckets; Food Equip Corp galv triple sink; pulleys; hemp rope; well pump; RR pumps; glass insulators; harvesting table; more.

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