

Teachers

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while they are still in high school.

"I plan to help students and their families make informed decisions about post-secondary routes, whether that is technical school, college or joining the work force or military," Ecton said.

Her goals for this year are to build relationships with students and parents, as well as to make connections with local businesses who have been very generous in devoting time to students through offering internship opportunities.

"I also hope to facilitate opportunities for our students to visit post-secondary institutions and explore career options inside and outside our community," Ecton said. "Ultimately, my goal for BHS graduates is for them to pursue post-secondary training and experience and return to Coffey County to live and work."

Ecton grew up in Osawatomie and is a graduate of Osawatomie High School. She has lived in Gridley for the past 10 years with her husband, Jarrod, who is employed at Trimble Maclaskey Oil and has a farming operation. The couple has three boys, Max, age nine; Bodie, seven; and Judd, four. Max and Bodie will be attending Burlington Elementary School this fall, while Judd will be attending preschool in Gridley.

Valencia Higgins

Valencia Higgins will be teaching seventh- and eighth-grade special education at Burlington Middle School this year. She is a first-year teacher, having obtained a bachelor's degree in education from Liberty University in 2014 and a master's degree in elementary education from Emporia State University in 2020. She said she would like to gain some experience in the education field before pursuing another degree but she would eventu-

ally like to earn her certification as a reading specialist.

Higgins has three main goals for her first year as a teacher.

"My goals are to grow and learn from this new experience, to build relationships with my students and help them reach their goals and to provide a safe environment for my students to work during this challenging time," Higgins said.

Higgins lives in Burlington with her husband, Blake, who also works for Burlington USD 244. He is a paraprofessional for Burlington Elementary School and coach for Burlington High School. In her free time, Higgins enjoys reading, baking, playing piano, working out, walking her dog and spending time with her family and friends.

Stacy Mowry

Stacy Mowry will be teaching technology classes at Burlington Middle School for fifth through eighth grades this year.

Mowry holds a bachelor of science in education degree, received in 1995 from Montana State University in Billings, Mont., and has previously taught kindergarten, fourth grade and sixth grade. She said she is always open to learning new things and so, while she doesn't have any plans for further education lined up at the moment, she may be taking some classes as needed.

Mowry said her first priority for the upcoming school year is getting to know the students and sharing with them her enthusiasm for all of the things she and the students will get to cover in class.

"I want the fifth graders and any new students to feel comfortable in a new school, and I want returning students to know that, while this year may be different from last year, we are going to have a great year full of learning adventures," Mowry said.

Mowry lives in New Strawn with her husband, Craig Mowry, who is a wildlife refuge manager. They have two grown children, Luke, 23, and

Linnea, 18. The family moved to New Strawn last year from Thief River Falls, Minn. In her free time, Mowry said she loves to read, listen to podcasts, travel and spend time with family and friends, playing games and doing things outdoors.

Alyson Stewart

Alyson Stewart joins the district to serve as the Burlington Elementary School counselor. She comes to the district with a bachelor's and a master's degree and more than a decade of teaching experience.

Stewart earned her bachelor of education degree from Washburn University in 2003 and her master of arts in education from Baker University in 2007. She is working to obtain a master of science degree from Fort Hays State University and will be completing the degree this fall. She also plans to take the additional classes required to become professionally licensed as an licensed professional counselor. She has 10 years of experience as a second-grade classroom teacher, one year experience as a third-grade classroom teacher and two and one half years of experience as a foster parent to a former student sibling set.

"On behalf of the students at Burlington Elementary School, my goal for this year is to build relationships with the Coffey County community and my colleagues at BES, BMS and BHS so that together, with student families, we will be able to serve in a way that will ensure the academic success of every student by meeting their individual, unique needs," Stewart said.

Stewart lives in Topeka. In her free time, she said she loves learning new things and trains. She also enjoys walking, riding her bicycle, listening to live music, practicing yoga, attending mass and having time to be with her family and friends. She is looking forward to traveling to Austin, Texas, in August 2021 to attend her younger brother's wedding.

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Deeds

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Federal National Mortgage Association to Melissa Jarboe: a tract in the NW/4 of 4-23-15.

Micheal D. Perry Sr. and Rebecca J. Bruza-Perry to Jason D. Perry: lot 1 and the east 15 feet of lot 2, in block 136, Burlington.

Grace M. Mirante to Gregory A. and Laurie Yotz: a 100' by 140' tract in Gridley beginning at Reed Street and First Avenue.

Trustee's Deeds

George L. Pence, trustee of the George L. Pence Trust, to John Nofsinger: lot 4, in block 8, Kent's Addition to Waverly.

Coffey County Traffic Tickets

8-6-20 Lizett Escarle Reyes Aguilera, speeding 111/75, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Jonathan David Panning, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand and one-way glass or sun screen device, excessive tint over 35 percent, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Eric L. Cole, speeding 75/65, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Brandon Patricio Palacio, speeding 92/75 and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Domineque Y. Williams, vehicle liability insurance required and driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Marcus D. Stone, vehicle liability insurance required, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Brandon Lee Brown, parking, standing or stopping in a prohibited area, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Maisy Jansine Hale, violation of restrictions on driver's license or permit, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Jace Lucas Roberts, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Jessica Thompson, driving on left side of roadway prohibited, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 La Kaynia Zawala Webb, speeding 100/75 \$150, court cost \$108, total \$258.

8-6-20 Braulio Marcado Mondragon, speeding 75/65 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

8-6-20 Dolores Wittkopp, driving under the influence of drugs or combination of drugs, first offense, child present, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Christopher Cash Bewley, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Shannon Leigh, vehicle liability insurance required and speeding 113/65, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Michail Ray Cowherd, speeding 95/75 and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Dakota Wynn Ray, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked and defective tail lamp on motor vehicle, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-6-20 Jesus Alonso, over weight limits on wheels and axles \$448, court cost \$108, total \$556.

8-7-20 Domonick Antonio Padilla, speeding 96/75, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-7-20 Robert A. Eisenhart, speeding 85/65 \$105, court cost \$108, total \$213.

8-7-20 Leonel Lopez, unsafe turning or stopping; failure to give proper signal and operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, failure to appear, driver's license suspended.

8-8-20 Steve L. Lightle, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign \$75, court cost \$108, total \$183.

8-8-20 Demetris Jose Sarmiento, vehicle liability insurance required, dismissed. Vehicle display plate not assigned, dismissed. Unlawful vehicle registration, dismissed. Speeding 95/75 \$105, court cost \$108, total \$213.

8-10-20 Jorge Renteria Solorio,

vehicle liability insurance required \$50, deferred adjudication, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.

Brianna Renee Wideman, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

Jorge Renteria Solorio, vehicle liability insurance required \$50, fingerprint fee \$35, court cost \$108, total \$193.

Bruce William Marlin Jr., speeding 75/65 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

Brianna Renee Wideman, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

Jack Morlan Brimacombe, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

Eleazar Aparicio Sanchez, op-

erate a motor vehicle without a valid license and license to be carried and exhibited upon demand \$60, court cost \$108, total \$168.

Anthony Love, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked \$100, five days jail, suspended five days jail, court cost \$168, total \$268.

Timothy Allen Carty, speeding 80/65 \$75, court cost \$108, total \$183.

Wilbert Lee Thomas Jr., speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108. Total \$153.

Diana J. Smith-Padron, speeding 84/70 \$54, court cost \$93.50, total \$147.50.

Luis Henrique Pinto, speeding 85/75 \$45, court cost \$108, total \$153.

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.

(Aug. 10-17)

Dakota Lynn Handley, 27, Jacobs Creek (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested Jan. 5 by CCSO for possession of opiates. Held in lieu of a \$10,000 cash/surety bond.

Kenneth L. Sharp, 46, Tulsa, Okla. (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested Jan. 11 by CCSO for driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked; reckless driving, criminal threat, possession of stolen property unknown value. Sentenced to DOC, awaiting transport.

Gregory Lamonte Burrell, 38, Burlington (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested Feb. 19 by Burlington PD for rape. Held in lieu of a \$350,000 cash/surety bond.

Michael Dean Raymond Jr., 26, LeRoy (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested April 18 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.

Kyle Collins Ivie, 21, Burlington (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested June 9 by CCSO for violation of offender registration act, first conviction. Held in lieu of a \$10,000 cash/surety bond.

David Allen Powell, 47, Osage City (Aug. 10-11) - Arrested June 14 by CCSO for failure to appear. Transferred to DOC.

Matthew John Beeson, 45, Emporia (Aug. 10-17) - Serving sentence.

Rose Marie Stack, 23, Lebo (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested June 22 by CCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, aggravated robbery, possession of opiates and aggravated battery. Held in lieu of a \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

Tyler Ian Sage, 25, Lebo (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested June 22 by CCSO for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated battery, possession of opiates and aggravated robbery. Held in lieu of a \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

Daniel Ray Evans, 33, Garnett (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested June 24 by CCSO for aggravated battery, intentional bodily harm and aggravated robbery. Held in lieu of a \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

Jeffrey Wayne Lucas, 43, Waverly (Aug. 10-15) - Released for time served.

Sandy Lynn Owens, 64, San Diego, Calif. (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested by CCSO for unlawful vehicle registration, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, unlawful possession of certain drug precursors and paraphernalia, vehicle liability insurance required, and flee or attempt to elude LEO by engaging in reckless driving. Held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

Jordan Kyle Combes, 31, Lebo (Aug. 10-17) - Serving sentence.

Mahlin Charles Gillespie, 39, Lebo (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested July 22 by CCSO on a warrant and obstructing legal process or of-

ficial duty - interference with law enforcement. Held in lieu of two cash/surety bonds totaling \$150,000.

Joseph Ray Kozlik, 23, Belton, Mo. (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested July 24 by Lebo PD for possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of opiates. Held in lieu of a \$7,500 cash/surety bond.

Bernadette Ashley Cordero, 27, Wichita (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested July 24 by Lebo PD for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of opiates. Held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

Courtney Rose Swearingen, 27, Emporia (Aug. 10-12) - Arrested July 24 by CCSO for domestic battery. Picked up by Lyon County for their warrant.

Victoria Erin Jenkins, 30, Salina (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested July 28 by CCSO on two warrants. Held in lieu of an \$8,000 cash/surety bond.

Andrew Montgomery, 25, Bourbon, Ind. (Aug. 10-11) - Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Released for time served.

Shyanne Marie Jones, 21, Ottawa (Aug. 3-10) - Arrested by Burlington PD for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$738 cash/surety bond.

Cory Michael Criqui, 26, Lebo (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested by CCSO for violation of a protective order. Held in lieu of a \$2,500 cash/surety bond.

Isaac Colton Sidebottom, 19, Waverly (Aug. 10-17) - Arrested by CCSO for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal damage to property greater than \$1,000, obstructing legal process or official duty - interference with law enforcement and violation of a protective order. Held in lieu of a \$2,500 cash/surety bond.

Susan S. Stewart, 56, Emporia (Aug. 10) - Arrested by CCSO for driving while suspended, first conviction. Released on a \$150 OR bond.

Betty A. Busby, 40, Agenda (Aug. 11-17) - Arrested Aug. 11 by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$150,000 cash/surety bond.

Laura Marie Mohr, 39, Brooklyn Center, Minn. (Aug. 12) - Arrested by CCSO for possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs. Released on \$100 cash.

Alyssa M. Coy, 21, Belton, Mo. (Aug. 13) - Arrested by CCSO for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Released on \$100 cash.

Colton B. Russell, 21, Belton, Mo. (Aug. 13) - Arrested by CCSO for transporting an open container. Released on a \$200 cash/surety bond.

Joseph David Stallions, 19, Waverly (Aug. 13-17) - Arrested Aug. 13 by Burlington PD for rape. Held in lieu of a \$750,000 cash/surety bond.

Terri L. Gatton, 47, Waverly (Aug. 13) - Arrested by CCSO for domestic battery. Released on a \$2,500 cash/surety bond.

Austin Kage Majors, 22, Burlington (Aug. 14-16) - Serving weekend sentence.

Jenny Rose Markel, 41, Lebo (Aug. 15-16) - Arrested by CCSO for abuse of a child. Released on a \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

Johnnie Bernard Slominski, 37, LeRoy (Aug. 16) - Arrested by CCSO for criminal damage to property less \$1,000. Released on a \$5,000 cash surety bond.

Select

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meeting was closed to the public as the delegates adopted the rules and interviewed the four declared candidates: Bill Fry, Tim Sipe, Tim Johnson and Danny Hawkins.

The candidates are vying for the county commission seat vacated July 24 by Cody Hadcock, who resigned due to new employment.

The Thursday session, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the same location, will include time for

public endorsements of candidates and questions. All public session questions must be submitted by e-mail to ccGOP@mediacommbb.net or call (620) 364-8027. Questions will not be taken from the audience on Thursday. The public session will be outside of the library to accommodate COVID-19 considerations.

After the public session, the District 4 Republican Committee members will enter closed session to discuss candidates and vote. The name of the selected candidate will be sent to the governor for official appointment to the county commission seat.

Correction

A paragraph in the Aug. 10 Coffey County Commission story was missing a few lines covered up by another story. Following is the paragraph in its entirety:

Kirchner informed commissioners she has had a significant number of open records requests, which she has been trying to keep up with during the election season. Earlier in her tenure, she cut a position in her office. She is contemplating adding a part-time position to deal with the added work created from the open records requests.

Hearing

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tax dollars are being spent.

The Lebo-Waverly USD 243 proposed 2020-21 budget reflects a 4.247 mill decrease, from 50.844 mills to 46.597 mills, which will raise \$1,535,758 in ad valorem tax. The district has a \$10.7 million budget.

The 4.247 mill decrease will amount to a \$48.84 decrease in school district taxes for the owner of a \$100,000 home, who will pay \$489.87 for the school district portion of their tax bill in 2020-21.

In addition to the 20 mills

levied for the general fund, the district is levying 18.597 for the supplemental general fund (LOB) and 8 mills for the capital outlay fund.

The school district's assessed valuation increased \$787,596 and stands at \$31,891,186.

Governing bodies are required by state law to prepare budgets for the following year (current year for school districts) that inform taxpayers how funds will be spent, as well as how many dollars need to be raised through ad valorem tax (property tax) to fund the budget.

Property is assessed differently, based on classification. Residential property is assessed at 11.5 percent of appraised value. So, the owner

of a home appraised at \$100,000 will have an assessed value of \$11,500 (\$100,000 x .115). You can determine your tax bill by multiplying your home's assessed value by the mill levy; then divide that amount by 1,000.

Commercial and industrial real property is assessed at 25 percent, so the owner of commercial property appraised at \$100,000 will have an assessed value of \$25,000 (\$100,000 x .25). Agricultural land is assessed at 30 percent.

When figuring the school district mill levy, the first \$20,000 in appraised value of your home is exempt from the 20-mill statewide portion of the mill levy. That amounts to a \$46 reduction.



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