

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.

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25 years ago (1995)
* The Rainbolt & Son Bait and Tackle Center, 700 S. Seventh, Burlington, sold to Jim and Juanita Edington. The business has been renamed to Rainbow Bait & Tackle Company.

50 years ago (1970)
* County Treasurer Dorothy Ellis has received a shipment of the new 1971 Kansas auto license plates and she

says under the new law motorists will have to make two trips to her office for 1971 tags.

75 years ago (1945)
* One of the first benefits of the end of the fighting war against Japan is the termination of the rationing of many items, including gasoline, fuel oil and stoves of all kinds. All canned fruits and vegetables are also ration-free. However, the rationing of tires, meats, fat, oils, butter, sugar and shoes will continue indefinitely.
* The Gridley Methodist Church has purchased the 20 x 40 feet Crotty Royal Neighbors Hall and will move the building intact to the church's property in Gridley near the present

church building. The intention of the building is to be used for church school rooms and for dining room facilities.

100 years ago (1920)
* The Burlington Light, Power Mfg. Co., shipped a car load of ice of Waverly.
* Marvin Engle is the local agent for the Crew Levick Oil Company succeeding W. E. Levering.
* The Waverly Ohio Days picnic will be held Thursday and Friday this week.

125 years ago (1895)
* An epidemic of coreza has seized the people of LeRoy and the drug stores are filling many prescriptions of whiskey in consequence.

Coffey County
Coffey County East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available on a grab and go basis at the center Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center (785) 733-2603. Meal deliveries will continue as usual. A volunteer and the site manager will be available to oversee the meal distribution.
Monday: Beef with noodles, broccoli and cauliflower, peaches, cookie, dinner roll and milk.
Tuesday: Sloppy joe, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, tropical mixed fruit, wheat bun and milk.

Wednesday: Smothered steak, whipped potatoes, zucchini with tomatoes, ambrosia salad, wheat roll and milk.
Thursday: Ranch pork chop, macaroni and cheese, green beans with red peppers, strawberry cup, wheat bread and milk.
Friday: Parmesan chicken, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, blueberry crisp, cocoa bread and milk.

Lyon County
Lyon County congregate and home delivered friendship meals are served Monday through Friday at Olpe and Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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. if you need to cancel

your meal (620) 340-8001.
Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, cooked broccoli, cinnamon baked apples, bread and milk.
Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked beans, potato salad, fruited gelatin and milk.
Wednesday: Meatballs, rice, carrots with tomato slices, pears, bread and milk.
Thursday: Chicken pasta salad, cucumber and onion salad, brownie, crackers and milk.
Friday: Turkey pot pie, sunshine carrot salad, mixed fruit, bread and milk.

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In the hands of the deliverer, giants fall

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Obstacles and giants are always lurking around every corner. There doesn't seem to be a day, week or year that there isn't a giant to fight or an obstacle to hurdle. The good news is you are not alone! I, too, seemingly get over one, just to fight another.

It's the sports team that's not supposed to be in the championship, let alone win it.

It's the person who accepts the challenge of doing something great, and those who question their motives, their heart.

It's the person who says, I'll go, I'll fight, I'll win, and the doubters who come out from the woodwork, like roaches when the lights go off.

It's the same today as it has been throughout human history since The Fall.

There are those in this life who are defiant towards the things of God and challenge us daily. There are those within our own families, including the family of God, who question our motives, our hearts, as to why we are standing up, fighting the good fight, and then there are the doubters, and they come from all walks of life. They don't believe you have what it takes, that you can't, you won't ... there is no way.

Why does this matter? It matters because many people sit on the sidelines, believing the lies of the enemy through his many agents, which we can be.

David, the shepherd boy that would someday be king, was called in by his father from his shepherding duties to head out to the battlefield to see how his brothers were fairing and to bring them some food from home (not uncommon in those times).

While on his visit to the front lines, David would hear one defy the one true God (1 Samuel 17:10) by mocking His chosen people. No, it is on this field that we

would see a shepherd boy become a man in the face of overwhelming odds and whispers from within. If we stopped here and just talked about how David faced the giant and defeated him, we would have a fantastic story, but David had to battle more than just a giant! He had to overcome those who would question his motives/heart (1 Samuel 17:28) and those who doubted. (1 Samuel 17:33)

We all have our giants to face, but before we can step out into the field of battle, we must first deal with the detractors and the doubters, before we can ever face the defiant.

How did David overcome? How could he be so bold?

1. His conviction that God was not to be mocked by anyone no matter how powerful they seemed to be.
2. He believed in God's ability to deliver (1 Samuel 17:37) him not just from the giant, but also to silence the detractors and doubters.

David had an understanding that we all need to come to today. When Christ is the King of our hearts, when His glory and His will are at the forefront of our minds,

He will see us through. There are no giants that we cannot slay, no obstacle that we cannot hurdle.

When David defeated Goliath, God was praised. God was glorified because he was able to display his strength in what others perceived to be weak, to make the impossible, possible.

But for him to work, God needs total surrender. He needs us to be more about Him than ourselves, but in that surrender, we find ourselves overcoming, defeating our Goliaths, hurdling our detractors and doubters.

Your Goliath today may be in the form of addiction. Guess what, surrender it and yourself to God, and He will see you through, you will overcome.

Your Goliath may be in the form of moving on from the sin of another committed against you, or sin that you have engaged in the past. Guess what, Christ is the great deliverer and wants to deliver you today! Your Goliath may be a decision to step out in faith and trust God more than yourself or others.

To slay our giants, to defeat the defiant, detractors and doubters is to put yourself in the deliverer's hands. We overcome by the blood of Christ! Even the worst in our life can be used for the Glory of God and to our benefit! (Romans 8:28)



From the Bible

When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
— Psalm 61:2

Showing God's love to others

"You know how much I love you, Josie - more than anyone or anything in the world!" began his text message. "Can't wait until I see you this evening. Will be there if I don't go to the ball game with Rob. Love, Steve."

It didn't take Josie long to erase the message and text her friend Ruth asking if they could get together for dinner. She had trouble understanding that kind of love. And so does God. We say one thing to Him and then live a life that is entirely inconsistent with His understanding of love and what He expects us to do if we love Him.

"You who love the Lord," said the Psalmist, "hate evil!" That is a very straight forward, simple statement. It is one of Scriptures if/then challenges that God puts in our pathway. Put another way we might ask, "If we don't hate evil, can we truly

love God? And, if we hate evil, how will our lives show those around us that we do?"

Loving God means that we will do whatever is necessary to align ourselves with His plan and purpose for His world. We will work with Him to reach out to those around us with a heart full of His love to show them His grace and mercy. We will be uncomfortable if we know of someone, somewhere who needs something that we have that we can share with them that will bring hope and healing to their lives.

People who lie abandoned in convalescent homes and children who are abused through no fault of their own and individuals who crave a smile and a hug need to know that "we love the Lord." They will if we reach out.

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