

Community Calendar

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The Coffey County Council on Aging is sponsoring free rides with Coffey County Transportation to county residents. Destinations must be within the county. Rides are available first Tuesdays and third Thursdays. Call (620) 364-1935 to schedule a ride.

A free service, Hoopla, is available to all Coffey County Library patrons. Contact your local branch or go to www.cclibraryks.org to sign up for eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, movies, music and television.

Burlington library: Family story time, Virtual storytimes on our Facebook page. Trading card games, 5 p.m. Tuesday. Poolside storytime, Outdoor pool, regular pool admission applies, 2:50 p.m. Thursday. Twisted threads, 5 p.m. Thursday. Adult grab n go craft kits available in the library and instructional video available on Facebook. Any book club, watch Facebook for book chatter and join the conversation. Jeff Quinn Magician, virtual program on Facebook.

Gridley library: Self led craft to make each week during your library visit.

Lebo library: Golden heart fitness, 9 a.m. Tuesday and Friday. Books on bikes, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

New Strawn library: Children on the go - STEM activities ready for take home fun. Fiber arts, 5 p.m. Tuesday. Chair exercise/health info class, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. L.I.T. (Losing It Together) group meetings, 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Summer reading program, kids receive a small prize each time you return books.

Waverly library: Adult and teen take home craft, design a kindness rock, available while supplies last.

Elmendorf Township library: Story time, 10 a.m. Friday. Fun-day Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., board games, movies, crafts, NO COMPUTERS.

Aug. 27

Burlington library, Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m.

Lebo library, Book discussion, "Jefferson's Daughters" by Catherine Kerrison, 7 p.m.

Waverly library, Come and go craft, tape resist painting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Waverly library, Grab and Go Bubbles craft continues all week.

Waverly library, Teen and adult Grab and Go Dream-catcher craft, while supply lasts, continues to the end of the month.

Burlington, Splash Pad for little ones, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, closing after Labor Day. Public swimming pool is now closed.

Aug. 31

Burlington library, storytime, 11:15 a.m.

Burlington library, family storytime, 6 p.m.

Burlington library, cook discussion, "Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood, 6:30 p.m.

Gridley library, children and youth, "Back to School" program all week.

Gridley library, check out a book to enter a candy jar drawing.

Sept. 1

Burlington library, sewing friends, 12:30 p.m.

Lebo library, storytime at Spatz Park, bring a blanket, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 2

Gridley library, Storytime in the park, ages 0-6, weather permitting, 10 a.m.

Sept. 7

Labor Day holiday

Sept. 8

Burlington library, "Any Book" book club, talk books that others will want to read, 6:30 p.m.



Thursday
Sunny and clear.
92°/69°



Friday
Sunny and clear, slight rain chance after 1 a.m.
93°/68°



Saturday
Partly sunny, rain chance after 1 a.m.
85°/63°



Sunday
Chance for rain, T-storms, partly cloudy.
84°/68°



Monday
Mostly sunny, chance for T-storms.
87°/68°

OBITUARIES

Tammy Jensen

(Nov. 8, 1963-Aug. 18, 2020)

TOPEKA — Tammy Jensen, Scranton, died early Tuesday morning, Aug. 18, 2020, at Stormont-Vail Hospital, Topeka. She was 56.

Tammy Jo Birk, daughter of Marvin D. and Roberta A. Kyle Birk, was born Nov. 8, 1963, at St. Mary's Hospital, Emporia. She married Craig Jensen Aug. 16, 1986, in Lake Tahoe, Nev. He survives of the home.

She attended Emporia public schools and, after graduating from Emporia State University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a minor in biology, she began working at Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation near Burlington in October 1988 as a chemistry technician. In February 1999, Tammy was promoted to Chemistry Supervisor. Never one to back down from a challenge and ever on a quest to learn something new, she completed a 40 hour week, 13 month course in Senior Reactor Operator Certification at the request of WC-NOC management in January 2002, and became Supervisor Operations Support. In April 2004, she returned to Chemistry as a Superintendent, then in April 2010, she became Manager of Chemistry.

While serving as Chemistry Manager, Tammy was assigned to special projects. In November 2011, she received Manager of Operations Training Accreditation, then in July 2013, she completed Manager of Accreditation Renewal of Technical Training. She retired in 2014 as manager of the chemistry department, where she spent many hours mentoring the young chemists as they came to work for her.

At Wolf Creek, she had been a member of the STARS team, served on numerous committees, and had been a member of the WCNO Fire Brigade until several autoimmune diseases prevented her participation in strenuous activities.

Away from their jobs, the Jensens had worked and played as a team throughout their 34 year marriage. They had a small Quarter Horse breeding operation on their farm a few miles north of Lyndon, and had participated in team penning, ranch sorting, and cutting horse contests until Tammy's health forced her to stop.

She had received the Top Hand Award in 2004 from the Kansas State Penning Association. She and her team had won the state competition in 2002 and qualified for the Team Pen America nationals finals in Albuquerque, N.M.; however, a broken arm prevented her from competing.

The couple played coed softball and volleyball in recreation leagues, collected sports and muscle cars, spent count-



Tammy Jensen

less weekends boating, jet-skiing, and camping at Melvern Lake, and also enjoyed winter vacations in sunny locales. A beach in Jamaica was her happy place.

A former coworker wrote that, while Tammy battled tough health issues, "her spirit and lust for life was always positive." And he mentioned her competitive nature. He recalled that she and Craig played in company softball tournaments, and "that girl could play the game like no other and Craig was right there with her. I'm glad they were always on my team."

The couple had been members of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Mounted Pose and until recently had volunteered as cooks and servers at a weekly meal program for underprivileged children in Topeka. Helping others brought joy to Tammy's heart.

With horseback competitions cut short by recurring severe health issues, Tammy took on a less arduous activity: training Ziva, one of their German Shepherds, to be certified as a therapy dog. She and Ziva visited more than 100 nursing homes, hospitals, cancer care centers and schools. Before Ziva's untimely death in 2017, she also had earned 12 AKC titles for obedience, rally, scent work and Canine Good Citizenship.

Tammy later began training the couple's German Shepherd, Aztek, to do scent work and soon was joined in the competitions by her husband and Jentry, their other German Shepherd. Together, they competed in several states and brought home a host of ribbons for their efforts. Aztek also received a total of 12 AKC titles for scent work and Jentry received a total of 23 AKC titles, including scent, CGC and trick dog.

Tammy was a fierce advocate for her family and friends, and the strongest supporter of people in her life. She enjoyed watching her Chiefs football, KU basketball, and Royals baseball, and relentlessly chided officials who made the wrong calls on the field.

Jerry Giles Kelley

(Dec. 14, 1930-Aug. 21, 2020)

NEOSHO RAPIDS — Jerry Giles Kelley, 89, died Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, at his home near Neosho Rapids.

He was born Dec. 14, 1930, in Neosho Rapids, the son of Joseph L. and Lelia Hartenbower Kelley. He attended Hartford High School and graduated with the Class of 1950.

On July 14, 1950, he enlisted with the United States Marines and proudly served during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge on July 13, 1954. In October of that same year, he married Irene M. Blankley in Hartford. They would later divorce after 15 years of marriage.

Jerry married Loretta Bernice Eungard in 1973. They made their home in Emporia until moving to the farm near Chicago Mound over 30 years ago. Bernice would precede him in death in 2010.

Jerry was a member of the Hartford and later the Lebo Masonic Lodge No. 152 AF & AM for over 50 years.

Jerry worked as the custodian for the Neosho Rapids and Hartford Schools before taking a position in the maintenance department at Newman Hospital. He would retire from the hospital after more than 20 years of service. Following his retirement, Jerry would farm and raise cattle in the Neosho Rapids

area throughout his remaining years.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Darrell, Lawrence, Kenneth and John; a sister, Colleen, and a granddaughter, Mandy Kelley Mock.

Jerry will live on in the hearts and memories of his daughters, Diane E. (Dennis) Andrews, Neosho Rapids, Linda K. Mock, rural Hartford, Carol (Simon) Danborg, Emporia, and Donna M. (John) Kitt, Lebo; sons, Brian A. (Jane) Kelley, Emporia, Marvin (Tammy) Kelley, Lebo, and Jerry "Scott" (Sonia) Kelley, Wichita; sisters, Carolyn Schroeder, Newton, Joyce Wardell, Topeka, and Rita (Gilbert) Loukes, Emporia; a brother, Everett (Peggy) Kelley, Birmingham, Ala.; 33 grandchildren; over 100 great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Chicago Mound Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening

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The Jensens took their nephew, Tanner Bolen, on annual baseball stadium tours and managed to see games played in all 32 current MLB stadiums - usually featuring the Kansas City Royals or New York Yankees - as well as games in the old Yankee Stadium and Shea Stadium before they were torn down. Being the scientific planner that she was, Tammy always provided a lengthy itinerary in advance, to maximize potential outings to local attractions and several restaurants featured on "Diners, Drive-ins & Dives."

The baseball tours brought education and enrichment opportunities for the youngster and for the adults. While in major U.S. cities, they visited zoos, aquariums, art and natural history museums and historical sites; attended everything from NASCAR races to Broadway shows; went whale watching on the northwest U.S. coastline; and went deep-sea fishing on the southeast coastline, among many more activities.

In addition to her husband, Craig, Tammy is survived by her mother and stepfather, Roberta and Shannon Mlynar; brother, Andrew Birk, and sister, Trisha Birk, both of Emporia; stepbrother, Robert Mlynar, Kansas City, Mo.; stepsister, Courtney Lohmann, Overland Park; nephews, Tanner Bolen, Overland Park, and Tyler Jensen, Council Grove; and step-nephews, Jaxson and Caden Lohmann, Overland Park; niece, Jodi Jensen, Council Grove; father-in-law, Gary Jensen, Emporia; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Doug and Cindy Jensen, Council Grove; her current four-footed kids, Jentry and Aztek, and her favorite horse, Taz, whom she always rode for sorting and penning events.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin D. Birk; mother-in-law, Jan Jensen; paternal grandparents, Harold and Irene Isch Birk, and maternal grandparents, Robert and Margaret Crumpacker Kyle; and four-footed kids, Kirby, Tahoe, Echo, Aspen and Ziva.

Cremation is planned with a private service to be held later. Memorial contributions to the Mayo Clinic for Autoimmune Research, for the Tammy Jensen Memorial, may be sent in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, P.O. Box 175, Emporia, KS 66801, or may be made online at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donatemc>, by phone at 1(855) 852-8129, or by mail to Mayo Clinic Department of Development, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Online condolences may be left at www.robertsblue.com.

from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at the Jones VanArsdale Funeral Home, Lebo.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to USD 252 Honor Flight and sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 43, Lebo, KS 66856. Condolences may be expressed at [vanarsdalfs.com](http://www.vanarsdalfs.com). Visitors are required to wear a face covering while in attendance at the funeral home.

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Marcella Nolan Skidmore

(Aug. 20, 1936-Aug. 19, 2020)

Marcella Nolan Skidmore, 83, Garnett, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at Parkview Heights Living Center, Garnett.

Marcella was born Aug. 20, 1936, at Iola, to L.P. and Sue Ulses Nolan.

She was a member of Marcella Skidmore the Ursuline Sisters of Paola for 19 years. She taught elementary school in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Marcella married Jim Skidmore Aug. 16, 1980, in Albuquerque, N.M. They were later divorced.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Mary Frances and Marge Nolan; a brother, Lawrence Nolan; and a brother-in-law, Allen Prior.



She is survived by her step daughters Marie (Eric) Hoffer, Midvale, Utah, and Melissa (Dan) Dunlevy, Springville, Utah; her sister, Patricia Prior, Buda, Texas; her brothers John (Helena) Nolan, Lenexa, and Dennis (Shirley) Nolan, Garnett; a sister-in-law, Alice Nolan, Westphalia; six step grandchildren; nine step great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at St. Teresa's Cemetery, Westphalia.

Jones Funeral Home, Burlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Bryson Lee Byerley

(Oct. 11, 1997-Aug. 20, 2020)

Bryson Byerley, Iola, formerly of Hartford, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, at the KU Medical Center, Kansas City. He was 22.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 26, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Iola, with burial at Cedarvale Cemetery, Neosho Falls. Memorials in Bryson's

memory may be made to the WildTrust (Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism) for the purpose of supporting the Special Hunts in Kansas, allowing disabled hunters to opportunity to enjoy hunting.

Online condolences may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

MEETINGS

Burlington City Council

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council will meet in regular session 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at city hall, 1013 N. Fourth Street. Items on the agenda include updates from the following departments: electric, water and wastewater, street, police parks, planning and zoning, legal and ordinances.

Coffey County Housing Authority

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Housing Authority will meet for its regular monthly board meeting noon Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the board office, 313 Neosho Street, Burlington.

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