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Donna Jacupke, 83

Lake Levels

John Redmond

8a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8

Lake Elevation: 1,041.20
Normal: 1,041
Inflow (cfs): 0
Release (cfs): 162

Council Grove

Lake Elevation: 1,273.8
Normal: 1,274
Inflow (cfs): 10
Release (cfs): 22

Marion

Lake Elevation: 1,349.8
Normal: 1,350.5
Inflow (cfs): 509
Release (cfs): 14

Melvern

Lake Elevation: 1,035.76
Normal: 1,036
Inflow (cfs): 5
Release (cfs): 20

Pomona

Lake Elevation: 973.84
Normal: 974
Inflow (cfs): 5
Release (cfs): 15

Public Notices

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Estate of Beverly A. O'Leary - Notice of Hearing.

Estate of Dorman O'Leary - Notice of Hearing.

City of Burlington - Ordinance 868 summary, Unified Public Offense Code.

Coffey County - List of August Warrants.

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Average Gas Prices

Week ending Sept. 8, 2020

Kansas Nation

\$1.978/gal. \$2.20/gal

▼ 2.3 cents ▼ 3.7 cents
KansasGasPrices.com

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Lebo-Waverly USD 243
Burlington USD 244
LeRoy-Gridley USD 245



Football Kick-off

Friday night lights were on as area high school football teams kicked off their 2020 seasons Friday, Sept. 4, with four of the five area teams claiming victories.

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COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

Liner installation complete at landfill

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners had a relatively light agenda when they met Tuesday morning, a day later than normal due to the Labor Day holiday. A full commission attended the regular weekly meeting: Tom Huginin, chairman, Don Meats, Bob Saueressig, Fred Rowley and Tim Johnson.

Commissioners approved a recommendation by County Engineer Wayne Blackburn to award a \$71,926.50 bid to Welborn Sales, Inc., Olathe, for assorted culvert pipes. Welborn submitted the lowest of three submitted bids.

Blackburn told commissioners the installation of a new liner is finished in the newly constructed Cell No. 4 at the Coffey County Landfill. Workers finished laying the flexible membrane liner last week and welded the liner to the liner in Cell No. 3. Blackburn said 120 patches were made to the older liner.

Fabric will be laid on the liner then about one foot of filter rock. At least two feet of select soil will be placed on top of the filter rock before accepting solid waste early next year.

Blackburn said double chip seal work is wrapping up in the LeRoy area. Fog seal work on some chip seal roads is slated to begin next week. He said the fog seal must be down for two weeks before striping roads in mid-October.

PbX finished work on the Emmer Road bridge, near Eighth Road. The bridge has a smoother ride now. The U.S. Corps of Engineers has requested the county's assistance to repair a gravel patch on the chip seal road near the access road to Riverside West. The Corps will pay for labor, materials and equipment. Commissioners supported the request.

Blackburn will present cost estimates next week for milling the asphalt part of the shoulder on Old Highway 50. The asphalt part of the shoulder was an attempt to widen

the 20-foot road; however, it is getting potholes and falling apart in some areas, making the road less safe. Milling the edges will make the road safer until commissioners decide

how to proceed with the road in the future. Blackburn reminded commissioners that Old Highway 50 is the narrowest paved road in the county and it has the second highest

volume of the paved county roads.

The August landfill summary included: solid waste — 570.25 tons, construction debris — 380.27 tons, special waste — 12.17 tons, metal — 5.62 tons, tree limbs — 6.98 tons, appliances — 12 items, car tires — 113, equipment tires — 2, out-of-county processed tires — 64.18 tons.

Health Department

County Health Administrator Lindsay Payer told commissioners the COVID-19 case count was about 13 cases Tuesday morning. She said a couple of new cases were recorded during the weekend; however, she believed as many as seven recoveries would be noted by the end of the day. The official numbers were to be announced Wednesday, after The Republican was printed.

Payer told commissioners some changes are being made in how COVID-19 cases are handled within her office. She said a COVID nurse will be designated for the entire week. Teams will also be created within the office to work together.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners approved a county payroll notice for Sheila Swank, who has been hired as a public health nurse assistant in the health department at the classification TPA-5 at \$20.69 per hour. Payer said Swank will help her staff "tremendously."

The Coffey County Health Department is trying to maintain a commonsense approach to COVID-19. They are focusing on people who are older and people with underlying health conditions. She said COVID testing in Coffey County is being done at Coffey County Hospital; rapid testing is reserved for specific cases.

Payer said the flu season is

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Photos submitted

Workers complete the installation of a flexible membrane liner last week at the Coffey County Landfill. The \$200,000 liner was placed on the floor and walls of the newly constructed Cell No. 4, which is a 3.9-acre lateral expansion of the landfill. The new cell, scheduled to go into service early next year, will have an estimated lifespan of six to seven years.

I-35 resurfacing project Over wins Pigskin Picks opener begins in Franklin County

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has started a resurfacing project on a section of I-35 in Franklin County.

The project is located between mile markers 177-192. Activities include pavement crack filling, concrete patching, a 1-inch reflective crack interlayer, and a 3-inch overlay treatment.

I-35 traffic is reduced to one lane in the project area.

KDOT awarded the \$12.4 million construction contract to Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., Topeka. Work on the project will be suspended during the winter months and resume in the spring of 2021.

Drivers are reminded to slow down through the work zone. Persons with questions may contact Troy Howard, (785) 433-6116, or Priscilla Petersen, (620) 902-6433.

BURLINGTON — The opening week of the 2020 Pigskin Picks contest is in the books. Games between opponents who don't meet up often, expectations carried over from last year and more area teams from surrounding counties being included in the contest games due to many colleges' and universities' seasons being postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic made for an interesting first week that saw a clear-cut winner for the first time since 2013.

Troy Over, Burlington, correctly picked the winners of 14 of the 16 games. He missed only the Anderson County vs. Parsons game, won 42-17 by Anderson County, and the Yates Center vs. Crest game, won 48-0 by Crest. He wins the \$20 first-place prize for his efforts.

The most commonly missed games were Osawatomie vs. Iola, won 34-0 by Iola; Santa Fe Trail vs. Prairie View, won 13-0 by Prairie View; Hartford vs. Maranatha Christian Acade-

my, won 64-14 by Hartford; and Yates Center vs. Crest.

With the first-game jitters now in the past, week two should feature stiffer competition, both on the gridiron and in the Pigskin Picks contest.

The contest games for week two are printed on page 10 of today's newspaper. The rules are printed on the form. It's easy to play, and each week you enter earns you a chance to win the grand prize drawing at the end of the contest. Good luck, contestants!

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Kewley attends last meeting as city clerk

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Last Wednesday, Regina Kewley attended her last Burlington City Council meeting as city clerk. The City of Burlington's longest tenured employee will officially retire on Oct. 1, after working for the city in various capacities for 33 years.

"It has been a pleasure working for the city and working with everybody over the last 33 years," Kewley said. "It is extremely hard for me (leaving) the employees, because they are good people."

At the end of the meeting, Burlington Mayor Stan Luke presented Kewley a number of retirement gifts that corresponded with a dart board.

Gifts included Lunchables for "No Cook Tuesday," sunflower seeds for "Weird Thursday," Chocolate Friday, Wacky Wednesday, Muddy Buddies, a bottle of wine for relaxing on

Saturday and another bottle of wine for company.

"I personally appreciate everything she has done for me, as mayor," Luke said.

All the city hall employees

were present for Kewley's last meeting. "I want to thank the girls for coming tonight. That was very nice," Kewley said. "I was not expecting that and I really appreciate it."

Once Kewley retires, Street Superintendent Mark Davidson will be the longest employee for the City of Burlington.

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Mark Petterson/The Republican

Burlington Mayor Stan Luke presents several "retirement" gifts to Burlington City Clerk Regina Kewley, who will officially retire Oct. 1. City council members looing on are, from left, Dallas Scothorn, J.J. Jasper, Thomas Tschantz and Sharon Hall.

USD 244 BOE ratifies negotiated agreement

Katie McMurray
Reporter

BURLINGTON — The Burlington USD 244 Board of Education met for a nine-minute special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3, and approved the 2020-21 negotiated agreement with the Burlington Unified Teachers Association.

The 2020-21 agreement includes the following items:

- Fifteen minutes added to the day.
- Calendar adjusted and shortened to accommodate additional time.
- Elementary music teacher compensation in-

creased to 2.75 percent.

► Head middle school/high school cross country coach increased to 10 percent.

► Assistant middle school/high school cross country coach increased to eight percent.

► Families First Coronavirus Response Act provisions will be honored by the Board of Education through July 1, 2021.

► A return to work provision has been added for three or more days of consecutive medical leave.

► Step and movement will be honored to all qualifying employees.

Five board members were present for the meeting, James Higgins, Stacy Augustyn, Mike Thorp and, via

phone, Monique Hart and Lucas Allen. Board members Shane Fejfar and Selena King were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Craig Marshall, Clerk of the Board Tracey Moerer and Technology Director Doug Vander Linden.

The board unanimously approved, in six separate motions, the following:

- The annual wage/salary review schedule adjustments for 2019-20.
- Increase of returning classified staff's wages (not including those in the annual wage review list) by 25 cents per hour for the 2020-21 school year.

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