

Burlington Invite Volleyball teams from Burlington, Southern Coffey County and Waverly competed in the Burlington Invitational Saturday, Sept. 26, with Burlington earning a top-three finish. Page 10



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- Edward Birk, 76 Kathleen Botkin, 71 Clayton Cross, 47 Ruth Huff, 90 Tonya Voorhees, 48

Lake Levels

John Redmond 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 Lake Elevation: 1,041.10 Normal: 1,041 Inflow (cfs): 0 Release (cfs): 162

Council Grove Lake Elevation: 1,273.4 Normal: 1,274 Inflow (cfs): 0 Release (cfs): 22

Marion Lake Elevation: 1,349.6 Normal: 1,350.5 Inflow (cfs): 8 Release (cfs): 14

Melvorn Lake Elevation: 1,035.53 Normal: 1,036 Inflow (cfs): 60 Release (cfs): 20

Pomona Lake Elevation: 973.65 Normal: 974 Inflow (cfs): 100 Release (cfs): 15

Average Gas Prices Week ending Sept. 29, 2020 Kansas Nation \$1.95/gal. \$2.17/gal

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- Estate of Richard Allen Welhoelter - Notice of Hearing. Coffey County - Advertisement For Bids For Milling, Grinding and Leveling Shoulders. Coffey County Elections Officer - Notice of General Election. New Strawn Board of Zoning Appeals - Official Notice of Hearing Over Building Permit.

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COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

Relief funds total more than \$1 million

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners on Monday approved dispersing \$1,159,707.70 in COVID response funds, with proper documentation, as recommended by the county's Coronavirus Relief Fund Task Force. The money is part of a \$1.76 million awarded to Coffey County to be generally spent by government and non-government organizations/businesses

for expenditures related to COVID-19 expenses. Grants are available to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. Emergency Management Director Russel Stuke said the amount approved Monday includes \$76,666.86 for 13 small businesses in Coffey County and \$1.08 million for Coffey County cities, school districts and Coffey County Hospital. There is still \$99,361.14 available for small businesses. County agen-

cies have \$176,028 left to spend before the end of the year. Stuke said an application for a rural EOC improvement grant had been submitted for Coffey County and a similar application for Woodson County. Stuke said both grants were awarded, \$28,690 for Coffey County and \$17,120 for Woodson County. In Coffey County, the funds will be used to update computers, office chairs and multi-media screens in the emergency operations center.

Vice Chairman Don Meats presided at the meeting in the absence of Tom Hugunin. Other commissioners present were Bob Saueressig, Fred Rowley and Tim Johnson. They briefly mentioned a Sept. 18 letter from Stuke that listed seven different topics for discussion. Stuke has accepted the position of emergency management director in Riley County and his last day in Coffey County will be Oct. 9.

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCT. 4-10



From left, Mackenzie Krueger, Toby Reavis, Kyzer Lehmann and Daniel Rausch celebrate 4-H Beekeeping. More stories about the Coffey County 4-H program are printed on pages 13, 14 and 15 along with messages of support from local businesses.

4-H Beekeeping — it's what the buzz is all about

Jill Barnhardt Extension Agent

Every great adventure starts with a vision. For Coffey County 4-H'ers, that vision was to keep bees and to produce the sweet, golden nectar - HONEY! What do you do, though, when 4-H doesn't offer a beekeeping project? You make one! 4-H offers a Self-Determined project where the sky is the limit. Want to be a welder? Learn to weld! Want to restore a tractor? Do it! Want to keep bees? Grab a beehive and let's go! Last October, Coffey County 4-H applied for the Kansas Honey Producers Association Youth Scholarship Grant. With it came all of the equipment needed to construct and care for two beehives. Well, almost. KHPA provided the woodenware and safety equipment, but the group also needed a mentor. That's where William "Tiny" Jackson came in. Jackson has been

keeping bees in Coffey County off and on for more than a decade, and has the knowledge and resourcefulness to help make the 4-H Beekeeping Project a true success. The beekeeping group consists of 4-H members from all over the county and includes Daniel Rausch (Blue Ribbon 4-H Club - Lebo), Kyzer Lehmann (Smilin' Thru 4-H Club - Aliceville), Toby and Brenna Reavis (Liberty 4-H Club - Gridley), and Mackenzie and Emma Krueger (Stringtown Bombers 4-H Club - Burlington). Jackson began organizing informal, public beekeeping meetings with area beekeepers and these 4-H members throughout the winter months. Through those various meetings, members learned the parts of the hive, how to feed bees through winter, common pests that can affect a beehive, and much more. In January, they also attended the Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Association Beginning Bee-

keeping Class together. After learning all they could through cold weather months, it was finally time to prepare for their own beehives. First, they discussed where to locate the beehives. The 4-H'ers wanted a spot that was centrally located, close to a water source, near a variety of flowering plants, and easily accessible by vehicle to make transporting equipment easier. They narrowed their decision to two possible locations, one near Wolf Creek Generating Station on the K-State Research & Extension Agricultural Demonstration site, and the other at John Redmond Reservoir. After a group vote, the 4-H'ers ultimately decided on the location at John Redmond Reservoir, because it met all of their requirements in addition to the fact that the hives were less likely to be impacted by the effects of agricultural spraying, and it would be

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LEBO CITY COUNCIL

Sidewalks, automatic reading meters planned

Ida Wilson Reporter

LEBO — Lebo City Council met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 14 and discussed water tower maintenance, seeking grant monies for sidewalks to Spatz Park in the southeast part of town, seeking grant monies for a sidewalk to Bree Drive in the north part of town, and automated water meter reading system. Mayor Boden began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A full council was present, which included

Troy Friend, Jerry Headley, Jamie Jasnosi, Jerry Julian and Jim Jones. A representative of Maguire Iron discussed maintenance of the two water towers. As a general rule, exterior coating on water towers last 10-12 years while interior coating last about three years longer, or 13-15 years. The 100,000-gallon tower located east of the city had its exterior and interior coated in 2010. The 50,000-gallon tower, located downtown, had its exterior and interior coated in 2011. Neither of the towers need work this year; however, the service contracts with Maguire

Iron expires this year. The council tabled making any decisions about the towers. The council is aware that a full-service contract with Maguire Iron runs about \$10,000 a year for each of the towers. The cost of new coatings for the interior and exterior surface of a tower is approximately \$135,000. Ben Kramer, Kramer Consulting, LLC, discussed potential projects and how to fund them. The City of Lebo has received confirmation from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that their project concept application for 2022-2023 Transportation

Alternatives Program funds is eligible for funding. KDOT is encouraging the city to submit a full application. This project is for a multi-use path/sidewalk from downtown to Spatz Park located in the southeast part of town. This includes a pedestrian path along the Maple Street railroad crossing. Applications are due Nov. 6 and the city's cost-share is estimated at \$170,500. The council approved applying for the funds. This program does not fund the cost of the pedestrian

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No major changes in classifications

Katie McMurray Reporter

TOPEKA — There are no major changes in classifications of area schools for the 2020-21 school year for sports and activities other than football. Burlington remains a Class 3A school, while Hartford, Lebo, Southern Coffey County and Waverly will remain Class 1A schools, according to the 2020-21 classifications released Sept. 25, by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). The 2020-21 classifications are based on enrollment figures as of Sept. 21, based on ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The KSHSAA determines the

classifications for state competition in all sports and activities except football. Football classifications, to be determined again in 2021, cover a two-year period. In football, Burlington will play in Class 3A for the 2020 and 2021 seasons, while Hartford, Lebo, SCC and Waverly will all play in Class 8-Man Division II. For all other sports and activities, the KSHSAA classifies the largest 36 schools as Class 6A (1,361-2,397 students), the next 36 largest as Class 5A (733-1,306) and the next 36 largest as Class 4A (314-707). Class 3A includes the next 64 schools (173 to 309), while the next 64 school comprise Class 2A (104-169) and the remainder, 118 this

year, comprise Class 1A (10-104). Burlington remains a Class 3A school, with 268 students in ninth through 12th grades. Burlington's enrollment is up eight students from 260 in 2019. Lebo, which remains the largest of the area's four smaller high schools, remains in Class 1A with 77 students, down two from 79 in 2019. Hartford had 57 students, down nine from 66 in 2019; Southern Coffey County has 55, down three from 58 in 2019; and Waverly has 49, down five from 54 in 2019. Enrollment for schools in the Pioneer League are as follows: Iola, 352;

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PIGSKIN PICKS Competition stiffens in fourth week

Though the tie-breaker was not needed to determine the winner in week four of the Pigskin Picks contest, competition was the stiffest yet this season. One player, Andrew Bailey of Lebo, missed only two of 14 possible games. Two games, Iola vs. Frontenac and

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