

Breast Cancer Awareness. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Area businesses sponsored two related pages. Pages 14 and 15



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Death Notices Page 2

- Betty Decker, 86 Bob Duncan, 86 Carroll Leatherma, 84 Lori Sharon, 56 Kevin Sobba, 56 Bill Williams, 92

Lake Levels

John Redmond 8a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 Lake Elevation: 1,040.8 Normal: 1,041 Inflow (cfs): 0 Release (cfs): 144

Melvern

Lake Elevation: 1,035.19 Normal: 1,036 Inflow (cfs): 5 Release (cfs): 20

Pomona

Lake Elevation: 973.31 Normal: 974 Inflow (cfs): 5 Release (cfs): 15

Average Gas Prices

Week ending Oct. 6, 2020 Kansas Nation \$1.95/gal. \$2.17/gal

Public Notices Pages 6 and 8

- Coffey County Treasurer - Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for 2019. Coffey County - Notice of Intent to Dispose of Property - 2010 Bobcat T-300 Skid Steer. The Farmers State Bank of Aliceville vs. Tony A. and Evelyn F. Hawkins, et al. - Notice of Sheriff's Sale. City of Lebo - Ordinance 587, Establishing Water Rates. City of Lebo - Ordinance 588, Establishing Sewer Rates.

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



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Halloween/Fall decorations are appearing throughout Coffey County. In Burlington, motorists driving into Burlington from the north are reminded that Boofest will take place Saturday in Kelley Park. Activities to promote family fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. Burlington Promotions is sponsoring Boofest and a fall decorating contest that will be judged this week.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Council OKs city clerk, demo derby

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met Oct. 7 and ratified the mayor's appointment of a new city clerk and approved a request to hold a demolition derby at Memorial Stadium in Kelley Park

Mayor Stan Luke and council members Jerilyn Curtiss, Dallas Scothorn, J.J. Jasper, Tom Tschantz and Sharon Hall. Council member Lewis Lenard was absent. Mayor Luke conducted several virtual interviews of applicants for city clerk, including some highly qualified applicants. He appointed Deputy City Clerk Anne Brown

to be city clerk, effective immediately through the first council meeting of May 2021. The council unanimously ratified the appointment, although several council members thought they should have been included in the selection process. According to state statute, the position of city clerk is an annual appointment made by the mayor.

The council approved advertising, until filled, the position of deputy city clerk. If that position is filled from within the city, the subsequent vacant position will be advertised.

Demolition Derby Danny Main sought permission to use Memorial Stadium for a benefit demolition derby on Sunday, Oct. 25. Aaron

Briggs and Daylee Smith were present to support Main, who has received preliminary approval from the parks department, fire department, EMS and county health department. He said once he gets the city's approval, he will move forward to get insurance for the event.

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New quarantine exception announced for Coffey County schools

The Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) has announced a new exception to quarantine for schools within the county. CCHD shared information with schools and on its Facebook page regarding the best type of masks to use in schools so students and staff will not be considered close contacts and have to quarantine if they come in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case. This exception is only for schools in Coffey County.

The best types of masks, which are also those approved for the quarantine exception, include procedural, surgical, KN95 and N95 masks, as well as masks with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.

If a positive COVID-19 case arises in a school setting, close contacts will no longer require a 14-day quarantine as long as both parties are wearing approved masks. Burlington USD 244 and LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 both sent out alerts regarding the change via the Everbridge system, and Lebo-Waverly USD 243, as well as USD 244, have posted the information on their websites. Burlington USD 244 Supt. Craig Marshall shared a few remarks in his 244Alert message regarding the change.

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Approved Face Masks



This chart depicts masks approved for the new quarantine exception for schools, under which close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case in a school setting will not require a 14-day quarantine as long as both parties are wearing an approved mask.

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PIGSKIN PICKS Richwine repeats as winner

The sixth week of the Pigskin Picks contest featured several games that kept players on their toes and a repeat winner who earned the prize without a tie-breaker.

For the second week in a row, Becky Richwine, Burlington, captured the first-place prize. She correctly selected the winners of 14 of the 15 contest games. One game, SCC vs Altoona, was cancelled and so was excluded from the contest. She takes home the first-place prize of \$20 for her effort, having also won in week five and week three.

Three games were correctly predicted by all contestants and most of the remainder were missed only once or twice. Three games were missed by a majority of contestants. Most missed Girard vs. Burlington, won 52-34 by Burlington, in high school football and the Browns vs. Colts game in the National Football League, won 32-23 by the Browns. No contestant correctly selected the winner of the Chiefs vs. Raiders NFL game, won 40-32 by the Raiders.

The contest games for week seven

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COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

Relief funds, EM director posting OK'd

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners on Monday decided to seek applications for the vacant emergency manager director position and they approved a memorandum of agreement with entities that have been approved to receive COVID Relief Funds granted to Coffey County.

A full commission attended the regular weekly meeting: Tom Hugunin,

chairman, Don Meats, Bob Saueressig, Fred Rowley and Tim Johnson.

COVID Relief Funds

Darl Henson and Jill Barnhardt, representing the Coffey County Extension Council, requested COVID-19 Relief funds to upgrade equipment that will be used for distance learning online presentations, including: two cell phone boosters for fairgrounds facilities (\$1,000), two iPad tablets (\$3,400), video camera tripod (\$150) and lapel

microphone (\$50) for a total of \$4,600. Commissioners approved the request with funds to come from the General Fund Courthouse General - Commodities line item.

Henson reminded everyone about the Coffey County Extension Council election taking place this week. The election is open to anyone in Coffey County of voting age. Ballots are available at the Extension Office.

Later in the meeting, upon the recommendation of the interim emer-

gency management director and after approval from the Coronavirus Relief Task Force, commissioners authorized and directed the chairman to sign the memorandums of agreement between Coffey County and approved recipients of the Coronavirus Relief Task Force Grant Funds. Those recipients are: USD 243, USD 244, City of Waverly, City of Lebo, City of Gridley, City of Burlington, City of LeRoy, Coffey County

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Hospital volunteers refuse to let pandemic stop their generosity

BURLINGTON — In the past 11 years, Friends of Coffey Health System has collected care package items for American soldiers and canine units overseas. While the COVID pandemic has forced changes in the program — the volunteers have found a way to keep it going.

"This year we will focus on our support for the U.S. Wardogs in New Jersey," said coordinator Linda Booth. "This is an organization we have partnered with for several years to send care packages to overseas dog teams. Currently about 2,700 canine teams are serving to detect danger and protect people. 100

percent of donations goes to fulfilling the wish list of the handlers and dogs."

To kick-start the effort, Coffey Health System employees dedicated two "Jeannosity Fridays," raising \$517. Employees paid (at least) one dollar for the privilege of wearing jeans to work. These funds will be matched by Friends of Coffey Health System and donated to U.S. Wardogs.

The organization hopes to relaunch the care package collection program next year.

"We have proudly mailed 1,385 flat-rate boxes to soldiers around the globe," Booth said. "We hope to be able to collect items next fall to send to troops

and we appreciate the tremendous community support that we've received over the years."

Individuals and organizations are welcome to join this Support the Troops project. A monetary donation in care of Friends of Coffey Health System, 801 North Fourth Street, Burlington, KS, 66839 can be made by Oct. 30. Friends of CHS will gladly collect cards and letters from area students to connect the soldiers with those who care for them and appreciate their sacrifice. Educators are encouraged to call Linda Booth at (620) 364-8015 or the Coffey County Hospital Gift Shop at (620) 364-2121 Ext. 4267.



Photo submitted

This year's gifts from Friends of Coffey Health System will fulfill wish lists for highly trained military canines and their handlers. In this picture, a former recipient sports protective goggles used in searching for explosives.