

Missionaries ready to share Christian message

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For The Republican

BURLINGTON — Four young missionaries are presently serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Burlington and surrounding area.

All four are excited to be here. "The people in Burlington are some of the most honest and humble people I have met," remarked Elder Bascom, who is from Louisiana. "I consider myself blessed to serve them."

Sister Jones, who is from Indiana, was originally assigned to the Japan Nagoya Mission and spent a lot of time studying Japanese. Because of the coronavirus, these plans were changed, and she was sent to Kansas. "Kansas is not what I expected but as I serve the people here, I feel more and more of God's love for them. I love that everyone works hard and trusts in God," she said.

Several of their family members have also served missions throughout the years. "My father, my brother, and most importantly, my grand mother all served missions," mentioned Sister Carroll, who is from Georgia. "Their examples have greatly influenced my decision to serve as well."

Elder Haymond, who is from Arizona, points out that "people are much more prepared for the challenges of the world when they are truly grounded in the doctrine of Christ." To be able to teach the doctrine of Christ is the reason why he wanted to serve a mission.

All are eager to share their message. "My long-term goal is to teach every person who is willing to listen and hear our message," said Elder Bascom. "Yes," adds Elder Haymond, "and I want to invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His atonement."

Isn't missionary work different during this time of the coronavirus? "Yes," said Sister Carroll, "it is different in the sense that we cannot go and knock on doors and visit with the people in their homes."

"The pandemic has opened



Photo submitted

Pictured, from left, Sister Jones, Sister Carroll, Elder Bascom and Elder Haymond are missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Burlington.

your eyes to new methods of preaching the gospel," added Elder Haymond. "The Church is now taking advantage of technological platforms to increase the number of people who are taught. The use of these new methods has miraculously accelerated the speed with which the gospel is taught in all four corners of the earth."

Sister Jones told of an experience she and her companion had teaching a lesson using Zoom. "We were talking about prayer and how God answers prayers. The little eight-year-old boy was curled in a ball on the couch and had covered his mouth. We asked him why he was doing this. He responded that he was being quiet so he could hear the Lord. Even though there was no person-to-person contact, the presented message was clearly received by the little boy."

The four missionaries are also ready to provide service in a variety of ways. They are asked to spend several hours a week helping people who need help. Sister Jones refers to a scripture in The Book of Mormon. "We are told that when we are in the service of our fellow beings, we are only in the service of our God. Therefore, giving service is important to us," she said. They have, for example, mowed lawns, helped build a

fence, and done yard work.

"I love the gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope and peace it brings me," observed Sister Carroll. "He was crucified for our sins, and He rose again and lives."

Elder Bascom agreed, "I know my Savior, Jesus Christ, lives and died for each person individually. I know, as we turn to Him, He will heal and redeem us. This is the message we want to share."

Local man drowns at Pomona Lake

POMONA LAKE — The Osage County Sheriff's Office received a call 6:39 p.m. Monday for a capsized boat in the area of the Carbolyn Park boat ramp on Pomona Lake. Sheriff's deputies, Osage County EMS, Osage County Fire District No. 5 (Lyndon/Vassar) and a game warden with Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism were dispatched to the scene.

Soon after a deputy arrived, the body of Floyd Moehlman, 70, Pomona, was located in the water, and lifesaving measures were begun. After Osage County EMS arrived, the victim was pronounced deceased.

Theft

Crow-Moddie Chevrolet reported Wednesday, Oct. 7, that two dealer license plates were stolen from their business at 1120 S. Fourth Street, one on Sept. 23 and the other on Sept. 25.

Dog at large, no tags

Paige Nichole Reed, 28, Burlington, was cited at 8:21 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, for allegedly allowing two dogs to run at large in the 200 block of N. Seventh Street and not tagging two dogs. She is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12.

No plumbing license

Michael P. Abendroth, 53, Burlington, was cited for allegedly violating the plumbing code by performing plumbing activities without a plumbing license at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the 500 block of Kennedy Street. He is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12.

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Deprivation of property

On Oct. 2, Chelsea Lee Harris, 33, Burlington, was cited and arrested for alleged criminal deprivation of property. She had allegedly borrowed a car from a woman and failed to return it at the agreed upon time. Officers found the vehicle and returned it to the victim. Harris was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on a \$458 surety bond. She is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12.

DUI

Antonia Luna Deanda Jr., 34, Burlington, was cited and arrested at 7:24 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in the 900 block of Jarboe for allegedly driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. He was booked into Coffey County Jail and later

released on an \$858 surety bond. He is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12.

Backing accident

Wilda Lois Williams, 88, LeRoy, was backing her 2004 Buick Ranier from a parking stall at 12:14 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the 300 block of Cross Street. She struck a parked 2014 GMC Acadia, which is registered to Kimberly Sue Specht, LeRoy. Property damage included a small scratch to the driver's side bumper of Williams' vehicle and a dent to the driver's side front and rear door of Specht's vehicle.

Dog at large

Cynthia Diane Glenn, 37, Burlington, was cited at 8:36 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, for allegedly allowing her dog to run at large at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the 900 block of N. Fourth Street. She is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12.

COFFEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Vehicle accidents

Josie D. Weers, 15, LeRoy, was driving eastbound on Kansas Street, one-tenth mile west of C Street, when she struck a legally parked 2013 Chevrolet Silverado registered to Kirt A. Webb, LeRoy. Weers said she was unable to see due to sunlight glare on the windshield. The 2004 Buick Century she was driving, registered to Jay D. Weers, and the parked vehicle both had more than \$1,000 in damages. She and her passengers, Kadence Gunlock, 14, and Kyla Houston, 14, also of LeRoy, were wearing seatbelts and were not injured in the accident occurring 7:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

Lorrie I. Bell, 42, Burlington, was traveling northbound on U.S. 75, one-tenth mile north of 10th Road, when she was unable to avoid striking a metal office dolly that was in the roadway. The 2016 Toyota 4-Runner she was driving, registered to Seth A. Bell, sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. The owner of the metal dolly was unable to be located due to no identifying marks. Properly restrained,

Bell was not injured in the accident occurring 7:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5.

Animal accidents

Earlyne L. Crooks, 63, Burlington, and Walker L. Haag, 21, Olpe, were both westbound on 10th Road, four-tenths mile from Homestead Road, when Crooks slowed for a cow in the road. Haag was unable to stop soon enough and struck the back of Crooks' vehicle. Haag's 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, registered to BKS Farms LLC, Olpe, and the 2018 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Crooks, both had more than \$1,000 in damages. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, however, Crooks complained of pain but refused EMS treatment. Crooks' vehicle was moved from the scene prior to law enforcement arrival to the accident, occurring 11:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

William Bruce Haughton III, 64, Burlington, was northbound on U.S. 75, two-tenths mile from 22nd Road, when he was unable to avoid striking an animal in the road. He thought he hit a deer, but upon further

investigation after sheriff's deputies arrived, a dog was located. More than \$1,000 in damages was reported to Haughton's 2007 Chevrolet HHR. According to the accident report, Haughton was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the accident occurring 4:47 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Darrell Jay Applegate, 65, LeRoy, was southbound on Wayside Road, seven-tenths mile from 16th Road, when he was unable to avoid striking a deer. His 2007 Chevrolet Equinox had more than \$1,000 in damages. Legally restrained, Applegate was not injured in the accident occurring 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Brandi Renae Cheever, 37, Gridley, was southwest on Embankment Road, 20 feet northeast of Iris Road, when she was unable to avoid striking a deer in the road. Her 2016 KIA SOL sustained more than \$1,000 in damages and was removed from the scene by Jeff's Towing. Cheever was wearing her seatbelt and had no injuries from the accident occurring 7:02 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.

PINK OUT FOR A CAUSE



Catherine Faimon/The Republican

Tuesday night during volleyball action against Iola and Prairie View, seniors on the Burlington Lady Wildcat volleyball team, from left, Gracie Becker, Libby Stadel, Addi Varvel, Taven Allen and Chloe Medlock, along with Head Coach Diane Marshall, honored breast cancer survivors, fighters and those who have lost their battle, during the Lady Wildcats' annual Pink Out event. The team raised more than \$1,000 this month at a bake sale and T-shirt fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the local Cancer Support Group.

SOS is grant recipient of crime victim assistance programs

TOPEKA — SOS will be the recipient of a \$579,463 Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance grant. Governor Laura Kelly announced Thursday, Oct. 8, that \$21,972,342 would be awarded to 69 organizations.

SOS serves child and adult victims of sexual and domestic violence, child abuse or neglect. Coffey County is included in the six-county area served by SOS.

Hope Unlimited, located in Allen County, received a \$346,637 grant.

Community-based organizations and local and state agencies that provide services directly to crime victims are eligible to receive VOCA grant program funds. Direct services available to crime victims include crisis counseling, telephone and onsite information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, shelter, transitional housing, and mental health services. The award recipients provide these services in response to the emotional, psychological, or physical

needs of crime victims and survivors. VOCA funds help crime victims and survivors stabilize their lives after a victimization; understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and restore a measure of security and safety to their daily lives.

"I know these organizations will use the grants to continue providing the necessary care to people who count on these services in the aftermath of their traumatic experiences," Kelly said.

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