

Community Calendar

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Oct. 1-31

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 storytime 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday. Virtual story times on our Facebook page. Trading card games, 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Children/young adult and adult Grab-N-Go activity/craft kits while supplies last. Any Book book club, watch Facebook for book chatter and join the conversation. Grab N Go activity kits (while supplies last). Adult activities - Busy Bodies, gentle exercise, 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

Gridley library: Children/young adult and self-led craft to make each week during your library visit. Adult Take-Home programs anytime - greeting cards, baby blankets, toilet paper pumpkins.

Lebo library: Golden Heart Fitness 9 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. For October, Breast Cancer Awareness - pink yarn bomb.

LeRoy library: Adult Grab-N-Go activities each week. Every day go on a Gnome hunt to find Charlie and get a treat. Friday Fun Days 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week.

New Strawn library: Children on the go - STEM activities ready for take home fun. Fiber arts, 5 p.m. Tuesdays. L.I.T. (Losing It Together), weekly weigh-in, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; On-the-Go activities all month - call for more details.

Waverly library: Grab and Go teen and adult craft DIY wooden pumpkin, while supplies last.

Go spider craft for kids, all week.

Waverly library, Teen Read Week, Guess the "Book in a Jar" and win a prize, all week.

Oct. 15

Waverly library, preschool outdoor storytime, weather permitting, 10 a.m.

Oct. 16

Gridley library, kids eat free, ages 1-18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gridley library, outdoor games, children and youth, 11 a.m.

Gridley library, grab-n-go free weekend meal bundles for kids.

Honor flight "to-go" BBQ fundraiser, Olpe school buildings, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 17

Third annual Cornhole for Cancer, Kelley Park, begins noon.

Burlington Promotions, BooFest, Kelley Park, begins 5:30 p.m.

Burlington United Methodist Church, Mexican meals-to-go for Mexico mission building project, 5 to 7 p.m.






Oct. 19

Burlington library, grown up storytime, excerpts from, "Food: a Love Story" by Jim Gaffigan, link on Facebook page.

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- Appliances
- Garage
- Etc.

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 Thursday Mostly cloudy, then becoming sunny 62°/36°	 Friday Sunny, wind gusts to 20 mph 63°/45°	 Saturday Sunny, breezy, gusts to 30 mph 72°/46°	 Sunday Partly sunny. 59°/38°	 Monday Slight chance for rain and snow showers. 20% 53°/36°
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OBITUARIES

Betty Louise Decker

(July 25, 1934-Oct. 12, 2020)

WAVERLY — Betty Louise Decker, Burlington, died Monday morning, Oct. 12, 2020, at Sunset Manor, Waverly. She was 86.

Betty was born July 25, 1934, in Burlington, to Otis and Maude Clay Rohr. Besides Burlington, Betty had lived in Coffeyville, Bakersfield, Calif., and Colorado.

On Dec. 28, 1953, she married Lester E. Decker at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Burlington. Lester died Nov. 18, 2016.

Betty was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. In her life, she had worked at the courthouse, Huff's Gardens, as a teacher's aide, and at Cooksey's Drug Store.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband,



Betty Decker

Lester, her son, Martin, her son-in-law, Joe Gray, her sister, LeEtta Sobba, her brother, Lester Rohr, and a brother-in-law,

John Deitrich Jr.

Betty is survived by her two daughters, Virginia "Ginger" Mefford and her husband, David, and Vicki Gray and Dennis Brown; her sons, Tim Decker and Kristin Smith, and Philip Decker and his wife, Bonnie; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a sister, Phyliss Deitrich; a

sister-in-law, Marjorie Rohr, and a brother-in-law, Donald Sobba, all of Burlington; and other relatives and friends.

A Rosary will be said 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Burlington. Betty will lie in state 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Jones Funeral Home, Burlington. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery. Contributions can be made to Coffey County Cancer Support Group, the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, or Sunset Manor, and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

Masks must be worn at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Kevin Dean Sobba

(March 20, 1964-Oct. 12, 2020)

BURLINGTON — Kevin Dean Sobba, Burlington, died Monday morning, Oct. 12, 2020, at his home. He was 56.

Kevin was born March 20, 1964, in Burlington, the son of Don and LeEtta (Rohr) Sobba. He grew up in Prairie Village and graduated from Shawnee Mission East in 1983. He was a truck driver for USF Dugan and Chris Trucking for over 20 years.

On Aug. 2, 2013, Kevin married Yasmin Camargo in Burlington, and in 2014 they moved to Florida, where they lived until 2019 and had plans to retire in Bogota until his health rapidly changed.

Kevin and Yasmin had recently purchased a home in Yates Center and were in the process of remodeling.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, LeEtta; grandparents, Louis and Mary Sobba, and Otis and Maude Rohr; and a nephew, Rich Horstmeyer.



Kevin Sobba

He leaves his wife, Yasmin Sobba, of the home; three daughters, Sarah Sobba, Orlando, Fla., Courtney Sobba, Burlington, and Maria Sobba, Buenos Aires, Argentina; father, Don Sobba, Burlington; sisters, Tawnya Knipp (Darrell), New Strawn, and

Veronica Hess (Robert), Gardner; nephews, Kyle Hess, Bear, Del., and Zach Hess, Overland Park.

A rosary will be recited 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Burlington. Visitation will be 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at Jones Funeral Home, Burlington. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jones Funeral Home to help with final expenses, and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

Robert E. "Bob" Duncan

(May 6, 1934-Oct. 7, 2020)

BURLINGTON — Robert E. "Bob" Duncan, rural Burlington, died at his home Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020. He was 86.

Bob was born May 6, 1934, in Emporia, the son of Benjamin C. and Violetta M. (McClure) Duncan. He married Torchy Thompson Dec. 15, 1957, in Emporia, and was married 63 years. She survives.

Bob was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad 38 years and served as Lyon County Sheriff for two and one-half years. He served in the United States Marine from 1953 to 1961 and later in the Kansas National Guard from 1976 to 1994. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Emporia, and American Legion



Bob Duncan

Post 389, Allen.

Bob was preceded by death by his two brothers, William Duncan, of Calif., and Chester Duncan, Kan.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Vernon Duncan, of Ill., and four children, Robert E. Duncan Jr., Emporia, William C. Duncan, Mulvane, Deanna Duncan and Debbie Davis, both of Emporia; 12 grandchildren; eight

great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremaion is planned and due to concerns over current health conditions, a private memorial service for family only will be held Nov. 7. A celebration of life will be held at his farm for family and friends and will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the First Christian Church, Emporia, and may be sent through Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, P.O. Box 175, Emporia, KS 66801.

Online condolences may be left for the family on the funeral home website www.robertsblue.com.

William L. "Bill" Williams

(June 15, 1928-Oct. 8, 2020)

BURLINGTON — William L. "Bill" Williams, a life-long rural Burlington resident, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at the Burlington Life Care Center. He was 92.

Bill was born June 15, 1928, in Burlington, the son of Harry L. and Mary C. (Meyer) Williams.

He graduated from Burlington High School and earned a bachelor's degree in milling from Kansas State University. Bill returned to Burlington and had been farming since then.

Bill met the love of his life, Rosemary Newman, at a local baseball game with the oh so original line of "Haven't I met you somewhere before?" Soon they were in a long distance relationship (Burlington/Topeka) and on one date, Bill ran out of gas, and in Rosemary's mind, she was thinking, "Yeah right." They were married July 13, 1952, at Virgil. They made their home on their farm east of Burlington.

Bill was a member of the Burlington United Methodist Church. He was a very successful farmer with Rose-



Bill Williams

mary by his side. He was active in the community - school board, board of directors at the old bank and a member of the Rock Creek Country Club. Bill had a wicked sense of humor that sometimes came out in a slight, crooked grin and a gleam in his eyes.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He leaves Rosemary, his loving wife of more than 68 years; his children, Tim Williams and wife, Cindy Hildebrand, and Linda Graber and her husband Kevin, all of Burlington; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Ron Williams and wife, Sherrill, Forsythe, Mo.

Graveside services were held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery east of Burlington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kansas State University School of Agriculture, the Audubon Society, or the Burlington United Methodist Church, and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

Carroll Edward Leatherman

(May 12, 1936-Oct. 6, 2020)

BURLINGTON — Carroll Edward Leatherman, Burlington, died at his home Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020. He was 84.

Carroll was born May 12, 1936, at Burlington, to Jesse L. and Coryl B. Hamilton Leatherman.

On June 12, 1960, he married Nadine L. Rudolph in Lebo. They were the parents of five daughters and a son. Nadine died Aug. 12, 2018.

Carroll had worked as a farmer, hauled water, a carpenter, and a school bus driv-

er. He had been a member of the National Guard. He was a member of the First Assembly of God in Burlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Marie Beine and Audrey Hegg, and a brother, Jesse D. Leatherman.

Carroll is survived by his daughters, Brenda (Troy) Holloway, Grantville, Ga., Marilyn (Randy) Gesling, New Strawn, Anne Brown, Burlington, Carol (Chuck) Mahon, De Soto, and Sharon (Benja-

min) Campbell, McPherson; a son, Gary Leatherman, McCall, Idaho; two sisters, Doris Terrell, Burlington, and Mary Lou Kimball, Toronto; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Jones Funeral Home, Burlington. Contributions can be made to the First Assembly of God and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

Lori Ann Sharon

(March 21, 1964-Oct. 8, 2020)

EMPORIA — Lori Ann Sharon, Emporia, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at her home in Emporia. She was 56.

Lori Ann Riley was born March 21, 1964, in Granite City, Ill., the daughter of Michael Whitfield and Bonnie Jean (Miller) Riley.

Lori was joined in marriage to Harlan Sharon on Dec. 24, 1983, in Waverly. She had worked as a waitress and

certified nurse aide.

She will be forever remembered by her husband, Harlan Sharon Sr., of the home; two daughters, Veronica Jones, Kansas City, Mo., and Bonnie (Ethan) Vannocker, Lebo; a son, Harlan Sharon Jr., Garnett; four brothers, Robert McHolland, Licking, Mo., Mike Riley, Hartford, Johnny Riley, Emporia, and Jeff Riley, Gainesville, Mo.;

two sisters, Sharon Sue DeWitt, Burlington, and Rebecca Dailey, Lake Port, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Lori was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gary Riley.

Cremaion is planned. A memorial service will be held at later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lori Sharon Memorial Fund and sent in care of Jones VanArsdale Funeral Home, P.O. Box 43, Lebo, KS 66856.

Condolences may be expressed at Vanarsdalefs.com.

COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a one vehicle accident with injuries 5:55 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the intersection of 19th and Trefoil roads.

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a medical assist 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the 700 block of Seventh Street, Waverly.

Station 3 — Burlington, responded to a grass fire 10:46 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the 900 block of Iris Road.

Station 3 — Burlington,

responded to a gas leak 11:53 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the 700 block of Second Street, Burlington.

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a structure fire as mutual aid to Osage County 7:04 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the 4300 block of 325th Road, Osage County.

Station 6 — Lebo, responded to a vehicle accident with injuries 12:02 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the intersection

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PUBLIC AUCTION

10 a.m. • Saturday, Oct. 24

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MEETINGS

Coffey County Planning Board

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Planning Board will hold its regular meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the basement meeting rooms of the courthouse, Burlington. Approval of the agenda and minutes of the Sept. 16 meeting will be covered. Other items on the agenda include Case SU-2020-04: Special Use hearing requested

to establish grain bunker including the sale of related items such as corn located at 385 Shetland Road, LeRoy, KS 66857 in the A-2 Agricultural Transition District; committee and staff reports.

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