

New stores open despite pandemic

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For The Republican

Coffey County businesses continue to grow in spite of COVID-19 with three new stores and more to come. Spill the Tea opened in LeRoy last July and on Oct. 6 Vintage Daisies and Things and Artisans Reflections Take 2 opened on Third Street in Burlington.

Spill the Tea, at 609 North Main St., LeRoy, is a graphic design business producing T-shirts, vinyl signs, and decals. Its owner, Bryson Meats, will temporarily move across the street in November so the current building can be remodeled. At that time Meats will open a coffee shop.

Janet Frye opened her new store, Vintage Daisies and Things, at 306 Neosho in Burlington. It was formerly Curbside Flowers. Kayrn Chete, store manager, will offer flower arrangements, plants, party decorations, candy, cakes, and other gifts. She will also provide a lot of

baby things. Frye said she will offer local delivery from 3 to 6 p.m. and wants readers to know her "friendship blocks" are back.

Artisans Reflections Take 2, located at 104-106 North Third St., offer many products and services. Owners, Amanda Hernandez and Lindsay St. Clair, are offering handmade, upcycled, repurposed items that are both new and antique. Booths are available to rent for a fee. No commission will be charged for items sold. Hernandez refers to it as a "booth-tique."

In November, they will open Extraordinary Events across the street from the store offering a new venue center for weddings, reunions, conferences, birthdays, slumber parties, etc. Extraordinary Events will provide the DJ's, catering, decorations, and everything needed. All the customer has to do is show up and it's affordable. "If you can dream it, we can do it," St. Clair said. "We have the people and the knowledge."



Photo submitted
Lindsay St. Clair and Amanda Hernandez stand with some of their store's offerings at Artisans Reflections Take 2 located at 104-106 North Third St., Burlington.



Photo submitted
From left, Vintage Daisies and Things Manager Kayrn Chete, Trevor Hill, delivery and Vintage Sisters cook, and Janet Frye, owner, behind the store counter at 306 Neosho in Burlington.



Photo submitted
Spill the Tea, a new graphics design shop in LeRoy, will be adding a coffee shop in November.

LEBO CITY COUNCIL Water and sewer rate increase, loan OK'd

Ida Wilson
Reporter

LEBO — Lebo City Council met in regular session on Monday, Oct. 5, and approved a \$4,000 economic development loan, heard department reports, and raised water and sewer rates by \$4 a month.

Mayor Larry Boden Sr. began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Troy Friend, Jim Jones and Jerry Julian. Jerry Headley and Jamie Jasnoski were absent.

Clerk Sloan said the city received \$22,972.89 in September for Compensating Use Tax from the State of Kansas. Of that total \$19,414.58 was paid by Burlington Northern Santa Fe for improving the railroad crossing on Ogden Street. She reported the one percent sales tax collected for the general fund was down again this month. In September 2019, the city received \$8,322.22. In September 2020, the city received \$7,049.99. So far this year, the one percent sales tax has been \$2,146 less than in 2019.

The council approved Ordinance Nos. 587 and 588, establishing charges and fees for the water and sewer system. The minimum water rate will increase from \$23 to \$25 a month and the sewer rate from \$17 to \$19 a month. This means most homes will have a total bill of \$44 for water and sewer. Both ordinances are published in the public notices section of today's issue.

Sarah Henley asked the council for a \$4,000 economic development loan to open a full-service salon at 10 West Broadway. Henley told the council she already has a good client base. She will soon have a name for the new business. The council approved the

loan, which will be secured by the equipment owned by Henley. The council has yet to determine the term of the loan. Economic development loans usually have a 10-year term, but loans secured by equipment traditionally are for four years or less, due to equipment depreciation.

The sidewalk at the school has been widened because of social distancing. The council considered the sidewalk cost for Lebo schools with regard to the cost-share sidewalk program. The council decided to help with the bill by giving \$5,000 toward the school's cost for sidewalk. This depletes the money left in the 2020 city sidewalk program and is \$2,000 less than the amount usually given through the program.

Gary Knight, superintendent of streets and utilities, provided a written report. Among the things accomplished by the maintenance department was winterizing the swimming pool, fixing bad spots in the streets, and burning at the tree dump. Both the information sign at Lebo Lake and the outhouse at West Park were re-shingled.

The Lebo Police Department gave a written report, which showed only normal activity.

Clerk Sloan said the natural gas contract expired Aug. 30. The council approved purchasing gas month-to-month until it appears necessary to lock in a price.

The council is considering drafting an ordinance that would allow only burning of trees and leaves inside the city limits, in order to prevent the burning of household trash, furniture and other items.

CLUB NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 139

BURLINGTON — The Boy Scouts of Troop 139, Burlington, have been busy this quarter earning merit badges and advancing in requirements and ranks. An awards ceremony, the Troop Court of Honor, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington.

The Troop's next service project will be the National Scouting for Food project in November and will be held at Hoover's Thriftway to support God's Storehouse, Burlington.

For more information about how to join Boy Scouts, please contact Bob Fitz, Scoutmas-

ter, or any member of Troop 139.

Stringtown Bombers 4-H

Nevaeh Myers
Club reporter

The Stringtown Bombers 4-H club met Sept. 9 to elect officers for the new year. They are: Elliott Burns, president; Drue Thorp, vice president; Makena Klubek, secretary; Emma Krueger, treasurer; Jackson Nuessen, junior president; Jace Allen, junior vice president; Makenzie Krueger, junior secretary; Nevaeh Myers and Kaitlyne Charlton, reporters.

CLUB NEWS

Coffey County

Coffey County East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available on a grab and go basis at the center Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center (785) 733-2603. Meal deliveries will continue as usual. A volunteer and the site manager will be available to oversee the meal distribution.

Monday: Smothered steak, macaroni salad, mixed vegetables, tropical mixed fruit, dinner roll and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken casserole, broccoli, strawberry cup, cookie, bagel and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans with red peppers, chocolate cake, wheat roll and milk.

Thursday: Beef taco, Spanish rice, calico corn, shredded lettuce, pineapple, tortilla and milk.

Friday: Roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrot coins, pears, muffin and milk.

Lyon County

Lyon County Congregate Friendship meals can be picked up Mon. through Fri. at Olpe and Mon., Wed. and Fri. at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in advance for Olpe meals, (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals at (620) 342-8232. Home delivered meals will continue as usual. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to cancel a meal at (620) 340-8001.

Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, tropical fruit, roll and milk.

Tuesday: Taco soup, coleslaw, peaches, cinnamon roll, crackers and milk.

Wednesday: Open faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, cake, ice cream and milk.

Thursday: Ham and beans, broccoli, mandarin oranges, cornbread and milk.

Friday: Taco salad, banana, cookie, bread and milk.

Compiled by the Coffey County Museum, 1101 Neosho Street, Burlington. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. See their YouTube channel, Coffey Museum, for videos about the history of Coffey County.

October 11-17

25 years ago (1995)
* Attendance at the USD 244 Recreation outdoor pool for the years was 34,032.

* The Kelly Miller Bros three ringed circus arrives at Kelley Park in Burlington.

50 years ago (1970)
* Lineman for the week is BHS John Lewis. Lewis caught six receptions for 43 yards and did a general good job of blocking.

75 years ago (1945)
* Moonlight Madness sale is happening in downtown Burlington Saturday night. Those attending are encouraged to

dress in your pajama or Halloween costume. Cash prizes will be given for most original costume.

100 years ago (1920)

* Leo Mahaffey, the 13-year old son of Dan Mahaffey, killed an alligator in Rock Creek yesterday afternoon, afterschool. The alligator was about two feet long, and it is said to be 32 years old. Two alligators escaped from one of the carnival companies which played in Kelley Park this summer and the owners were unable to find them. This alligator could be one of the escapees.

125 years ago (1895)

* Since one or two cranks moved away from Burlington, the town is quiet. How much different is it now than when certain ones were always stirring up trouble and annoying everybody in the county.

Honor flight BBQ fundraiser

OLPE — Proceeds from a "to go" BBQ fundraiser will benefit the Southern Lyon County USD 252 Honor Flight Program. The fundraiser will be held 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 16, the evening of the Olpe High School homecoming football game.

A BBQ meal of pulled pork, chips, dessert and drinks will be served in front of the Olpe school buildings on Listerchield. Meals will be prepared by the Olpe Fire Department and delivered to each vehicle. There is a suggested donation.

Congratulations Bill!

Life Care Center of Burlington would like to thank Bill McCurdy for his 19 years of service! Bill recently retired from his position as the maintenance director at Life Care Center.

"The world's longest coffee break is often known as retirement."

Wishing you years of coffee breaks, Bill!



601 Cross St., Burlington
(620) 364-2117

Life Care Center of Burlington

BIRTH

Titus Kyle Freeman

BURLINGTON — Kyle and Whitney Freeman, Burlington, announce the birth of their son, Titus Kyle. He was born 7:44 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, at Coffey County Hospital, Burlington. He weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Welcoming him home were his two sisters, Brecklyn, 7, and Oakleigh, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Peggy Downard, Chanute, and Phillip Hagemann, Burlington.

Paternal grandparents are



Titus Kyle Freeman

Dave and Kathy Freeman, Burlington.

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