

Coffey Health System receives grant to fight opioid misuse

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For The Republican

BURLINGTON — Coffey Health System received \$25,000 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Health Promotion to address opioid and drug use, misuse and overdose in the Coffey and Woodson County community.

This funding is part of the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Cooperative Agreement. KDHE was recently awarded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As one of the strategies, KDHE is funding 12 organizations to implement locally-driven overdose prevention initiatives.

The grant allows Coffey Health System to hire a pre-

scription management nurse serving all five CHS physician clinics. The nurse will implement a four-pronged approach to opioid and drug misuse that includes: an opioid evaluation process in conjunction with the prescribing provider; and a follow-up evaluation process. The nurse will also centralize refill management and prior authorizations medications. Funding will allow a streamlined follow-up process pending chronic disease state and refill needs. This position will remain after the second phase of OD2A is complete.

“We are excited to begin work on this 10-month project beginning in January,” said Chief Clinic Officer Samantha Kuhlmann. “By working together with the state and other partners, we hope to

impact opioid use and abuse at the community and state levels.”

This grant is the second phase of a multi-year program. CHS received \$20,000 earlier this year to begin patient evaluations, education, and training.

In 2019, there were more than 393 drug-poisoning deaths in Kansas. Approximately 177 of those involved a prescription or an illicit opioid, and 153 involved psychostimulants, such as methamphetamine.

Additional information on Kansas’ efforts to prevent overdose and more information on the OD2A strategy is available at preventoverdoseks.org.

— Tracy Campbell is director of marketing for Coffey Health System.

AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES



Photo submitted

The Blue Ribbon 4-H club had a special presentation Oct. 14 during the regular club meeting to receive a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities.

LEROY CITY COUNCIL

City attorney resigns, funds discussed

LeROY — The LeRoy City Council received a letter of resignation from its city attorney, Tom Robrahn, when it met in regular session 6 p.m. Sept. 25. Robrahn's last day was to be Oct. 13.

LeRoy Mayor Christine Williams led the meeting, with council members Jeff Brite, Terry Tyler, David Houston and Tim Harvey present in person and Kyle Hull in attendance by phone. City Clerk Nikki Houston was in attendance, and Robrahn was present by phone.

Williams reported the Coffey County Commission agreed the city could use \$50,000 in CARES Act funds received from the county toward the Coffey County Housing Authority Moderate Income Housing Grant, if the grant was awarded. The city could also use the funds to purchase an LED sign previously discussed.

Bryson Meats, owner of Spill the Tee, asked the council to consider closing the alley behind his business as a service alley and have the city rock the marked alley west of the service alley. Following discussion, a member of the council, as well as Meats, will talk with each business owner about the request prior to taking action.

Police Chief Davin West shared a price quote from

Advantage Computers for approximately \$1,000 for a laptop, noting it could be purchased with money from the Federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund, but no action was taken.

West asked the council to review policies he submitted at the August meeting, noting he would like to have them adopted at the next city council meeting. He reported seven certified letters for nuisance properties had been mailed.

Superintendent Aaron Copeland submitted a written report noting the annual chlorine burn-out was complete at the end of August; the south lift station pump is installed and running and Enviroline performed preventive maintenance on the remaining pumps; and he is in the beginning stages of installing new touchless equipment the city purchased using CARES Act funding. Copeland said the north shelter house playground has many sand burrs growing in the river gravel and he has removed some of the gravel and added two inches of decorative rock on top of what was already to diminish the problem.

In other action, the council:

— Approved the following appointments: city attorney — Tom Robrahn (until his resignation on Oct. 13); official bank — Citizens State Bank;

city clerk — Nikki Houston; official newspaper — The Coffey County Republican; police — Davin West; superintendent — Aaron Copeland; and city treasurer — Andrea Dickerson.

— Approved the clerk's registration for the third year of Institute, for \$385 that will be held virtually in November.

— Passed the Coronavirus Relief Fund resolution, which states the city will spend funds received Dec. 30, 2020, with any remaining funds being returned to the state.

— Approved reimbursement of \$250 to LeRoy Senior Center for paint and materials as part of the city's beautification fund.

— Met in two executive sessions totaling 25 minutes, with the council, Robrahn and Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers, to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel. No action was taken upon return to open session.

— Gave Brandon Bussell leeway on payment of his water bill, allowing him to pay \$50 to \$75 every two weeks, beginning that day, and extended payment of his water bill by 30 days.

— Directed the clerk to request Kevin Baumann resubmit inspections of the mobile home park with correct city addresses on them.

high school and college textbooks in Kansas and many other states.

* The information has just been received that Omer Gwinn of LeRoy and Wayne Allen of Burlington have been given first and second place in the Corn Acre Contest which was staged by the Kansas State Fair.

125 years ago (1895)

* Election takes place one week from next Tuesday, when there will be exhibited to the public the greatest political wreck known in history. The funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday following.

This Week in History

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 18-24

25 years ago (1995)

* Friends and family honored BHS Football Coach Pat Avey with a party following Burlington's last home football game. Coach Avey has announced his retirement from coaching high school football. His coaching career has spanned 30 years - 12 years as head coach of the

BHS Wildcats.

50 years ago (1970)

* James Hess was one of the 471 farmers from over the USA to receive the American Farmer award at the national FFA convention. There were seven from Kansas. He is the first Coffey County to receive this honor.

75 years ago (1945)

* Waverly's 5th Annual Corn Carnival will start with the ladies' corn husking contest.

100 years ago (1920)

* The paper shortage, in addition to worrying the newspapers, is causing a famine in

Blue Ribbon 4-H

Zane Edelman

Club reporter

The Oct. 14 meeting of the Blue Ribbon 4-H club was led by parents of the officers. Karen Sergeant, president, called to order the monthly

meeting at the Lebo United Methodist Church. Kylea Shoemaker led the club in the pledge of allegiance followed by the 4-H pledge. Members present answered roll call, which was “If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?”

Arthur Freund, secretary, read minutes from the September meeting. Dawn Williams, treasurer, and Hope Edelman, reporter, presented their reports. Dawn Williams and Karen Sergeant, adult leaders, presented reports

about the achievement banquet, enrollment for 4-H and potential new fair themes.

Audrey Durst, song leader, led the club in, “I got that 4-H Spirit.” Janine Dorr gave a talk about creating personalized masks. The club had officer training for the program. For recreation, the club played the number game led by Amanda Durst. The next meeting will be held at the same location Nov. 11. After the meeting, the club sent cards to support the troops.

Area blood drives

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 214 Juniatta St., Burlington. All blood types are low and 22 units are still needed to make the local goal.

COVID-19 testing will be conducted and social distancing and mask protocol will be upheld. There will be no walk-in appointments taken.

To schedule an appointment, please call Trevin Myers at (620) 203-8912 or (800) RED-CROSS. Everyone who comes in to donate will be mailed a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

Other area blood donation opportunities include 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at Waverly High School, 607 Pearson Ave., Waverly; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Hartford community building, 117 Commercial St.; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10 at Knights of Columbus, 212 Iowa St., Olpe.

To schedule an appointment to donate for locations other than Burlington on these dates, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call (800) RED-CROSS.

Medicare's annual enrollment period runs from October 15th to December 7th. Call me with any questions.

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*NOTE: Everyone that knew Mr. Rolf, knew that when he built these items in his shop that he did a very good job. This is a large auction, plan on spending the whole day with us.

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