

Burlington police officer earns certification

YODER – Burlington Police Department Officer Brian Siedschlag was among 27 new law enforcement officers who graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) on Oct. 30 at a ceremony held in KLETC's Integrity Auditorium. Officer Siedschlag began working for the Burlington Police Department April 20, before attending KLETC on July 20.

Graduates received certificates of course completion from KLETC and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, the state's law enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty.

Established by the Kansas Legislature in 1968, KLETC trains the majority of municipal, county and state law enforcement officers in Kansas and oversees the training of the remaining officers at seven authorized and certified academy programs operated by local law enforcement agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol.



Burlington Police Officer Brian Siedschlag has returned to duty after completing a 14-week basic training program at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center.

About 300 officers enroll annually in KLETC 14-week basic training programs. KLETC offers continuing education and specialized training to over 10,000 Kan-

sas officers each year. KLETC is located one mile west and one mile south of Yoder, near Hutchinson, and is a division of University of Kansas Lifelong & Professional Educa-

tion. The graduates of the 270th Basic Training Class represents 21 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies from across Kansas.

Becky Richwine/Burlington PD

BIRTH

Linnie Anne Hazen

BURLINGTON — Jamie and Sam Hazen, Burlington, announce the birth of their daughter, Linnie Anne. She was born 1:24 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, at Coffey County Hospital, Burlington. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21½ inches in length at birth. She was welcomed home by her siblings, Maddox, 9, and Abi, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Roger and Paula Bryan, LeRoy. Maternal great-grandmothers are Gladys Yeager, LeRoy, and Judy Bryan, Burlington.

Paternal grandmother is Debbie Hazen, LeRoy.



Photo submitted

Linnie Anne Hazen

BHS senior citizen Thanksgiving meal is Nov. 19

The annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, Nov. 19. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some changes have been made. The meal will be take-out only. The Burlington High School food service staff will prepare the meal, and student members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will plate the food into disposable containers and bring the food to the cars.

Seniors who would like to receive the meal must call Burlington High School by Tuesday, Nov. 17. The phone

number to call is (620) 364-8672 ext. 4003 (Jaci Harsch) or (620) 364-8672 ext. 4004 (Kasey Raymer). Please give your name, address and phone number when you leave your reservation. For those having someone else stop by to pick up their lunch, please give the name of that person, as well.

On Nov. 19, please come to the front of the school between 11 a.m. and noon. A student will be there to check your reservation, and your food will be delivered as quickly as possible.

The members of FCCLA and FBLA look forward to serving the community.

BURLINGTON POLICE REPORT

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

Attempted burglary

On Oct. 29, officers were called to Plaza Theatre, 404 Neosho Street, for a report of attempted burglary and criminal damage to property. The incident is believed to have occurred Oct. 28 or Oct. 29. Unknown person(s) broke the window on the front door and damaged the door jamb. Property damage is estimated at \$500. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Burlington Police Department at (620) 364-8757.

Minor accident

Paige Ann Milota, 23, Lebo, was parked in a parking stall at Burlington High School, 800 Cross Street, at 1:02 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. When she exited her 2019 GMC Acadia, the wind caught her door, which struck the passenger's rear door of a 2017 Ford Escape that was parked adjacent to Milota's vehicle. The owner of the Escape is Stephanie Lynn Alexander, Burlington. Property damage was less than \$1,000.

Hit and run

A hit-and-run accident was reported at 3:31 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the 300 block of Neosho Street. Ernan Gutierrez, 23, Burlington, returned home from work and found his 2019 GMC Sierra pickup had been struck in the closed tailgate, about five feet above street level. It is unknown if it was damaged by another vehicle or some other object.

Speeding

Christopher James Taylor, 26, Bartlesville, Okla., was cited for allegedly driving 52 mph in a 30-mph zone at 2:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Fourth and St. Lawrence streets. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Slide off

Cooper Arthur Carlson, Burlington, was eastbound in the 900 block of 12th Road at 7:27 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26. The 1989 Dodge pickup he was driving, which is registered to Eric Carlson, Burlington, slid off the road into the ditch. Minor damage occurred to the driver's side of the truck. Carlson was not injured.

BREANNA STRONG



Thomas Felts Photography

Darren and Victoria McBride with Breanna, 3, and Jackson, five months.

Battling with Breanna: Young girl diagnosed with leukemia

Kyra Jumper
Emporia Gazette

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EMPORIA — Like most three-year-olds, Breanna McBride is prone to bumps and bruises. But her parents, Victoria and Darren McBride (a 1997 graduate of Burlington High School), began noticing that her bruising wasn't quite normal. It seemed excessive and was not healing quickly. So, on Sept. 8, the McBrides

took Breanna to the doctor to have it checked.

The McBrides would soon receive heartbreaking news. Breanna had leukemia.

"Her iron count was so low, she should have been lethargic and should not have been hardly wanting to play, but she was still acting normal," Darren said. "The only thing that led us to think anything was wrong was excessive bruising and not healing as quick."

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COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Station 8 — New Strawn, responded to a vehicle accident with injuries but was cancelled en route 6:28 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at the intersection of 23rd Road and U.S. 75.

Station 8 — New Strawn, responded to a call of excessive heat on a semi-truck 10:05 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the intersection of 14th Road and U.S. 75.

Station 6 — Lebo, responded to a call of excessive heat on semi-truck brakes 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at milepost 148 along I-35.

Station 3 — Burlington, responded to a smoke scare call 12:56 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the 1000 block of Sixth Street, Burlington.

Station 5 — LeRoy, responded to a medical assist 1:16 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in the 1900 block of Ninth Road.

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a medical assist 8:06 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in the 1800 block of Trefoil Road.

Station 6 — Lebo, responded to a medical assist 6:22 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, in the 300 block of Sixth Street, Lebo.

Corrections —

In the LeRoy City Council story printed in the Oct. 29 edition of The Coffey County Republican, it was incorrectly edited to read that City Superintendent Aaron Copeland added two inches of decorative rock at the north shelter house playground. Rather, he merely expressed to the council that adding the decorative rock on top of gravel already there would

help diminish sand burrs growing in the gravel.

Another editing error in the story stated that the \$50,000 in infrastructure funds the city receives from the county twice a year was "CARES Act funds," related to a discussion about the Coffey County Housing Authority Moderate Income Housing Grant. The \$50,000 is not part of the CARES Act fund.

The Republican regrets the errors.

MEETINGS

USD 244 Board of Education

BURLINGTON — The Burlington USD 244 Board of Education will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at the board office, 301 Neosho Street. Items to be covered during the regular meeting include administrative reports, student recognition, capital outlay review, transit van

bids and approval of consent agenda.

Coffey County Housing Authority

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Housing Authority board will convene its monthly meeting noon, Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the board office, 313 Neosho Street, Burlington.

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Burlington Lodge No. 66 Masons are selling raffle tickets in this statewide fundraiser for Kansas Masonic Foundation and Kansas Masons. \$20 per ticket (\$15 returned to local lodge to support community activities). This is the largest fundraiser for Burlington Lodge No. 66. Contact Burlington Masons at (620) 364-5845. Local proceeds will benefit God's Storehouse, ECKAN Christmas Bureau and the Coffey County Cancer Support Group.

Drawing will be 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in Topeka. Over the past three years this Lodge raffle program has returned \$750,000 to Kansas Masonic Statewide Lodges.