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- Orville Cole, 92
- Sharon DeWitt, 64
- Sherry Parkey, 67



### Coloring Contest

Area businesses are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Coloring Contest for children ages 3 to 11.

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### Public Notices

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- Estate of Patricia Jean Mays - Notice to Creditors.
- Coffey County - List of October Warrants.
- Coffey County - Resolution No. 862 - Special Use to Establish a Grain Bunker.
- City of Burlington - Resolution 2020-05 Summary - Street Improvements.

Access public notices throughout Kansas at [www.kansaspublicnotices.com](http://www.kansaspublicnotices.com)

### Lake Levels

#### John Redmond

8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10  
Lake Elevation: ..... 1,040.8  
Normal: ..... 1,041  
Inflow (cfs): ..... 0  
Release (cfs): ..... 96

#### Melvern

Lake Elevation: ..... 1,034.78  
Normal: ..... 1,036  
Inflow (cfs): ..... 145  
Release (cfs): ..... 20

#### Pomona

Lake Elevation: ..... 972.93  
Normal: ..... 974  
Inflow (cfs): ..... 120  
Release (cfs): ..... 15

### Average Gas Prices

Week ending Nov. 10, 2020

#### Kansas

\$1.89/gal. \$2.10/gal

▼ 0.8 cents ▼ 0.4 cents  
[KansasGasPrices.com](http://KansasGasPrices.com)

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### BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

## Input sought for community improvement plan

Mark Petterson  
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met Nov. 4 with an engineer leading the Coffey County Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Coffey County Commissioners approved moving forward with the plan last year.

The county is paying for CFS to meet with the governing bodies and residents of each of the six Coffey County cities to develop a list of possible improvement projects in each city. The initial idea is to leverage existing county grants to the cities for various matching grants that may be available to the cities.

Governing body present were Mayor Stan Luke and council members Jerilyn Curtiss, Dallas Scythorn, J.J. Jasper, Lewis Lenard, Thomas Tschantz and Sharon Hall.

Mayor Luke attended an Oct. 30 CIP kickoff meeting with other Coffey County mayors and a city clerk. Jim Schuessler is leading the project for CFS and he is meeting with all city councils in the county. He met with the Burlington City Council Wednesday night to receive their input about what the City of Burlington would like to see in the short-term, mid-term and long-term. A town hall meeting will be held for public input at a later date.

Schuessler sought input for projects on six topics: community identity (preserving historic and cultural resources), livable built environment (mobility, infrastructure, utilities), harmony with nature (natural resources, sustainability), resilient economy (economic activity), healthy community (public safety, recreation and leisure), community design (county land uses).

General responses for community improvement included the city dam, fishing, camping, murals, walking/exercise trails, city pond, river access, bike trails, ADA sidewalks, 5G fiber network, drainage study for Country Club Heights, downtown businesses, day care, economic development program, festivals, and underutilized industrial parks.

Coffey County Engineer Wayne Blackburn said there is support from the Coffey County Commission. He said there are possible improvement projects on U.S. 75 going through town, including possible turn lanes at Dollar General.

During public comments, Jay Hale commended the city street de-



Mark Petterson/The Republican

A new flag pole and city hall sign have been erected at the southwest corner of Burlington City Hall. Employees from several departments were involved with various steps, including fabricating the sign, which is illuminated at night. A digital sign incorporated into the design displays public messages and important information.

partment for helping to keep kids safe at the First Baptist Church's Fall Harvest Fest.

Prior to approving the minutes from the Oct. 21 meeting, the council approved a motion to correct the number assigned to a resolution approved at the meeting; they changed

Resolution 2020-03 to Resolution 2020-04.

Department Reports  
Electric: Superintendent Alan Schneider said work the past two

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### COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

## Board OKs special use

Mark Petterson  
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners on Monday approved a special use for a grain bunker as well as the reappointment of a member to the Coffey County Hospital Board.

Present for the weekly meeting were Commissioners Tom Hugunin, chairman, Don Meats, Bob Saueressig and Tim Johnson, County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Counselor Wade Bowie II, Administrative Assistant Donna Berland, Technology Director Brad Scheibmeir, Undersheriff Mike Roney and Commissioner-elect Jesse Knight. Commissioner Fred Rowley was absent.

Commissioners reappointed JoAnn Osburn as a member of the Coffey County Hospital Board. The three-year term is effective Jan. 1, 2021 and ends Dec. 31, 2023. The reappointment passed on a 3-1 vote with Hugunin opposed. Adam Freerksen, who resides in District 2, also applied for the seat. District 2 currently is not represented. Osburn resides in District 5.

Saueressig asked that anyone seeking a seat to an appointed board fill out a one-page application, regardless of whether seeking reappointment.

Commissioners approved the Coffey County Planning Board's recommendation to approve a special use to establish a grain bunker, including the sale of related items such as corn, in the A-2 Agricultural Transition District, generally located at 385 Shetland Road, on 7.84 acres, just outside of the LeRoy city limits.

Commissioners approved Resolution No. 862, which is published on page 10 of today's edition. The special use is subject to two conditions: on-site and off-site dust control will be maintained by the bunker operator during the time of unloading and loading the bunker; and special use will be null and void six months after any current changes to the proposed use for storing grain or the sale of the property if the use is not continued as a grain storage bunker.

Jamie Poire, assistant manager, represented the bunker owner, LeRoy Cooperative, at the hearing. He explained why the decision was made to use a grain bunker for this year's large harvest. One deciding factor was to save on tearing up city alleys.

In his weekly report, County Engineer Wayne Blackburn said the county highway department responded to two callouts over the weekend, one for a tree down and the other for a stop

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## Lebo City Council holds brief meeting

Ida Wilson  
Reporter

LEBO — The Lebo City Council met in a short regular session on Monday, Nov. 2, and heard department reports. Mayor Larry Boden Sr. called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers Troy Friend, Jerry Headley, Jamie Jasnosi, Jerry Julian and Jim Jones were present.

Gary Knight, superintendent of streets and utilities, reported during Cleanup Week in Coffey County the City of Lebo hauled 11.5 tons to the Coffey County Landfill. During October, 78 new water meters had been installed. The City sold nine of the old water meters to the City of Hartford for \$590. The department also spent time helping contractors with utilities where the new Casey's General Store will be built on the north edge of town.

Clerk Carrie Sloan updated the council on what is ahead regarding the Coffey County Capital Improvement Plan.

She provided notes to the council regarding a meeting she had attended. An engineer will meet with the Lebo City Council Dec. 7 regarding Capital Improvement Planning for Lebo.

Sloan reported the City of Lebo in October received \$11,406.23 in compensating use tax, \$15,572.97 in sales tax, and a \$5,939.50 in distribution from the Highway Fund. Sloan also provided the council a worksheet of past and future projects to help with financial planning.

Aaron Cathcard provided a written police department report. There had been reports about loud dogs and missing political signs. A citation was given for possession of marijuana and related items. A welfare check was made and work continues on a situation in the 100 block of West Fourth Street where a deceased subject was found and removed from the residence. The police assisted other agencies during the month.

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### COVID-19 cases trend upward

The Coffey County Health Department, in its weekly COVID-19 update released Friday, Nov. 6, confirmed 25 new cases of the disease and 16 recoveries. The active cases include 20 females and 10 males. Three are between the ages of 91 and 100 and 27 are between the ages of 11 and 80. As of the update, the county has 30 active

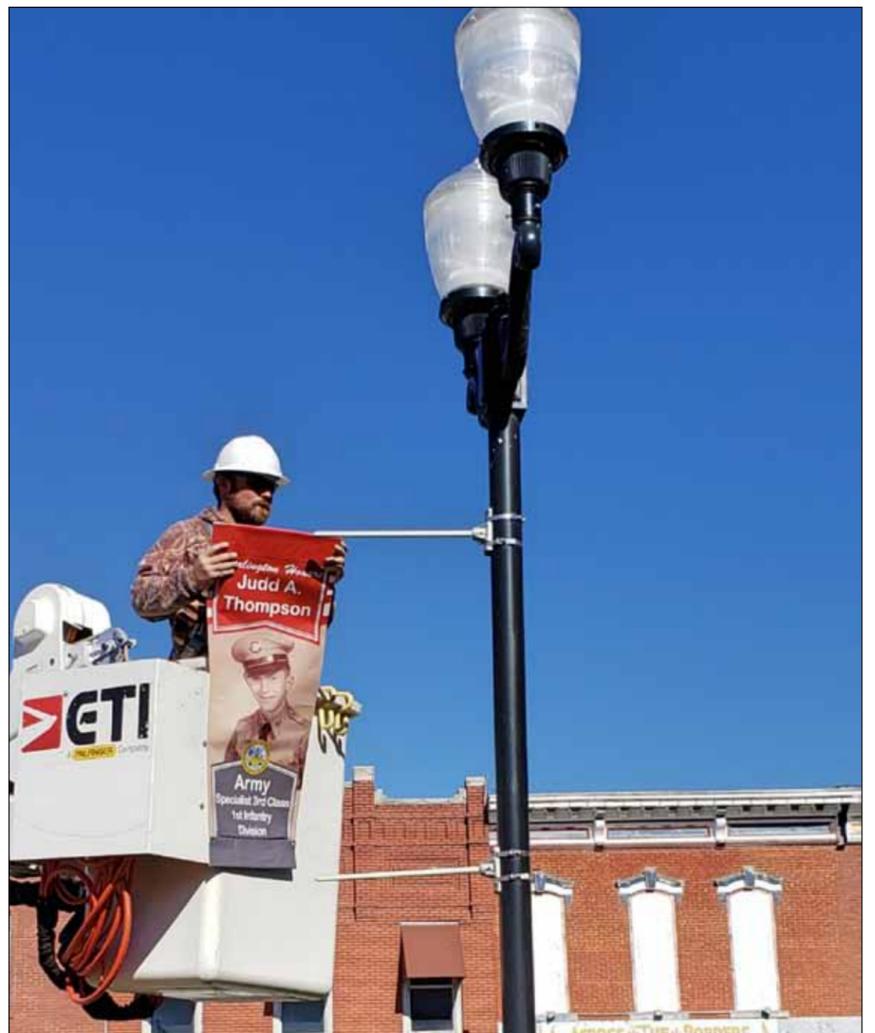
cases and has had 198 total positive cases, nine deaths and 159 recoveries. As of the most recent update on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's COVID-19 page, posted 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, Coffey County has had 217 total positive cases, 25 hospitalizations and 1,125 negative tests.

### King Contest

Twenty candidates are vying for the title "King of Coffey County." The contest is a fundraiser for the Coffey County Cancer Support Group.  
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### VETERANS BANNERS



Mark Petterson/The Republican

Cody Goracke places a veterans banner for Judd Thompson just north of Veterans Park on Monday, Nov. 2. Workers from several City of Burlington departments worked together to place about 70 large banners and about 40 smaller banners along U.S. 75, Neosho Street and other downtown areas. The banners will be displayed during most of this month, until they are replaced with holiday banners.