

INJURY ACCIDENT



Photo submitted
The driver of this vehicle, Katelyn K. Rogers, 26, LeRoy, escaped serious injury in a Friday, Nov. 13, accident east of LeRoy. The accident occurred at 4:37 p.m. on K-58 Hwy., about two miles east of LeRoy. Rogers, driving a 2016 Ford Escape, and Frederik H. Bouwer, 21, LeRoy, driving a 2006 Peterbilt 379, were both westbound on K-58 Hwy. According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Bouwer slowed and began to turn into a private drive. Rogers failed to slow or stop and attempted to avoid Bouwer's vehicle, but struck the rear of a dump trailer being pulled by the Peterbilt. Rogers' Escape traveled through the north ditch and came to rest in the private drive. Bouwer's vehicle stopped where it was struck. Rogers was taken by ambulance to Coffey County Hospital with suspected minor injuries.

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Brungardt as a grant funded custodian effective Oct. 26; and Sydney Sullivan as a USD 243 paraprofessional effective Nov. 9.

All seven board members were present for the meeting, Selena King, Lucas Allen, Mike Thorp, Shane Fejfar, James Higgins, Stacy Augustyn and Monique Hart. Also attending were Superintendent Craig Marshall, Board Clerk Tracey Moerer, Technology Director Doug Vander Linden, BHS Principal Stacy Reed, BHS Assistant Principal/Activities Director Dave Watkins, BMS Principal Matt Spring, BES Principal Darla Long, several members of Boy Scout Troop 139 and a couple of patrons.

The board reviewed a hybrid learning model that has been put together due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The model will be used if the Coffey County Health Department (CCHD) or State of Kansas tells the district it needs to go to this model or if the district deems the situation necessitates use of the hybrid model. Under the model the students will be divided by administrators by alphabet, grade level, common family members and other factors. One group of students will be the red group and the other will be the gray group. If the model is implemented, there will be a red/gray schedule where on a red day, the red group will be on-site and the gray group remote and on a gray day, the gray group will be on-site and the red group remote. The days will alternate such in one week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be red days and Tuesday and Thursday will be gray days and in the next week it will be the opposite. Pre-K classes would be held every day due to small class sizes and half-day sessions. One of the main reasons behind the every other day model for K-12 classes is the social/emotional well-being of students. This model may be used by individual schools or specific grade levels, if necessary. Other grade level decisions would be evaluated on a case by case basis by district administration and the CCHD.

The capital outlay plan was also reviewed. One big project the district is looking at this

year is the BMS roof. Plans are to get specs out and ready for bid in January and hopefully be ready to approve a bid in February. The district may end up doing half of the roof or the whole thing, depending on the cost. One consideration pointed out to the board is when you bring a roofing company in, there is a cost for mobilization, a kind of set-up cost. So, if you bring them in and do half the roof and then do the other half the next year, there will be an additional cost, if you will, that next year, that set-up cost. Most likely, the bid specs will include an option to do the north half of the roof, which is the half most needing to be done, and an option to do the whole roof.

Another potential project is LED lighting for the football stadium. Around six of the existing halogen lights are out, so in consideration is whether to keep replacing halogen lights or to update all of them to LED lights. Updating will cost approximately \$230,000. The company Marshall talked to about the lights said they can retrofit the existing framework, so they can just put the LED lights in and secure them to the poles. The poles are in really good shape. At the conclusion of the review, board members said they really appreciate the capital outlay document and how it is kept up.

The district received one bid from Crow-Moddie Ford for a transit van. The board approved the bid in the amount of \$38,000.

In board member items, Hart reported she collected donations for a motorized flag for the BHS gymnasium and had gotten all of the needed funds. Donations for the flag of \$100 from BHS Catbackers and \$100 from Randall VanValkenburg were approved. The remaining donations will be in the December meeting agenda for approval. The KASB convention was briefly discussed. It will be virtual this year but is still planned for Dec. 4-6. Higgins is signed up to be the district's voting delegate for the delegate assembly, with Hart as the back-up. Marshall is also signed up to attend.

The board recognized the 2020 Kansas Honor Scholars and state cross country participants. State cross country participants were seniors Seth Jarvis and Brian Payer, junior M.J. Huff and sophomore Lillyan Gerow, along with

coaches Bart Kuhlmann, Julie Dawson and Michael Vander Linden. This year's Kansas Honor Scholars are seniors Caedon Berkenmeier, Jacob Dugar, Sierra Haddock, Seth Jarvis, Braden Sloyer, Libby Stadel and Myka Watkins.

Stacy Moddie, a school psychologist for BMS and BHS, attended the meeting and presented some information about school psychology to the board in recognition of School Psychology Week.

In other action, the board approved:

- Donations of \$433.13 from EMP Shield for the Bridges program, \$250 from the Floyd Lewis Foundation for the theatre program, \$50 from State Farm Insurance - Patty Ann Sanborn for FFA and \$620 from Cattle Show for FFA.
- The Patterson Family Foundation grant in the amount of \$8,330 for COVID-19 related expenses.
- The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant in the amount of \$20,105 for BES.
- The district wellness policy, bills and financial reports.

Waverly

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lighting event for the park. There are 12 spaces with one electrical outlet available for local groups to create a display. No program is planned but the lighting of the Christmas display will be 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Displays can be put up during the week prior to the lighting. Because of COVID-19, Santa will not visit.

City Clerk Anna Keena informed the council about purchases Waverly City Hall had made with the \$56,000 from CARES Act funds. Some purchases have already been put to use and it is possible to re-think some of the purchases.

The council approved \$450 in Christmas bonuses for three full-time employees, \$225 for two part-time employees, and \$100 for three contracted employees. This motion came after 10 minutes of executive session for non-elected personnel.

Jim Schuessler, of CFS Engineers, Kansas City, Mo., was present to help the council develop a list of ideas that might improve the community. Schuessler's visit will be followed by a town hall meeting in February where ideas will be explored. This program is part of an effort by the Coffey County Commissioners to encourage the six communities in the county to take advantage of possible resources to fund projects.

The Evolis radar speed sign has been in place two years. The council approved renewing the service contract for two years with the cost not to exceed \$800.

The council reviewed bids from Ed Patterson for gutters and approved the following:

\$1,400 for the locker room and concession stand, \$820 for the structure at the swimming pool, \$1,850 for the community building, \$880 for the police station, and \$650 for the building at the city park.

The council approved spending \$4,800 on service charges for the pump station and \$7,995 to fix the PM Pump Station.

The council approved \$37,564.79 in bills for Oct. 15 through Nov. 11 and \$15,214.39 in payroll.

Lebo

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improving the health of the community by providing a safe place to walk and exercise.

Since the Dollar General store was built on Bree Drive, foot traffic along the edge of the road has increased. Casey's General Store plans to open a new updated store in the north part of Lebo in March 2021. Once the new store opens, the Casey's store located downtown will close. At that point, foot traffic is expected to increase.

This award to the City of Lebo was part of a \$6.2 million award made by the State of Kansas to 19 projects across the state. These are considered innovative projects between the State of Kansas and both large and small towns.

The City of Lebo experienced an increase in sales tax revenue with the opening of the Dollar General store. The new Casey's will also generate sales tax revenue with a significant amount coming from travelers along Interstate 35. These funds will offset what the City of Lebo contributes to the multi-use sidewalk project.

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