

# Community Calendar

Events for the Community Calendar may be submitted to The Republican by e-mail at [repubclass@gmail.com](mailto:repubclass@gmail.com), by phone (620) 364-5325, by mail to: P.O. Drawer A, Burlington, KS 66839 or drop by in person at 324 Hudson St. in Burlington.

The Coffey County Council on Aging is sponsoring free rides with Coffey County Transportation to county residents. Destinations must be within the county. Rides are available first Tuesdays and third Thursdays. Call (620) 364-1935 to schedule a ride.

Burlington library: Family storytime 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Virtual storytimes on our Facebook page. Trading card games, 5 p.m. Tuesdays. Children/young adult and adult Grab-N-Go activity/craft kits while supplies last. Adult Busy Bodies, 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

Gridley library: Storytime, 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Outdoor games, Wednesdays after school and 11 a.m. Fridays, weather permitting. Children/youth and adult self-led craft to make each week. Adult take home programs anytime - greeting cards, baby blankets, toilet paper pumpkins, Christmas rag wreath. JAC Art contest, grades 1-12.

Lebo library: Grab-N-Go Thanksgiving Family Bags all month. Golden Heart Fitness 9 a.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Come see special displays for the month. Ornament event, all ages, watch Facebook for day, 9 a.m. to noon.

LeRoy library: November adult Grab-N-Go activity - make a book folding Christmas tree. Friday Fun Days 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week. Go on a gnome hunt every day to find Charlie and get a special treat.

New Strawn library: children On-the-Go STEM activities ready for take home fun. Fiber arts, all ages, 5 p.m. Tuesdays. L.I.T. (Losing It Together), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekly weigh-ins at your convenience. November On-the-Go activities - acorn necklaces, fall leaf porcupines, turkey dice games, ceramic turkeys or owls, call for details. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month - win candy and a book "Groovy Joe Ice Cream and Dinosaurs" by guessing quantity of candy in the jar. Holiday cardmaking kits available along with the Crit-cut Maker to use in-house.

Waverly library: Outdoor preschool storytimes, 10 a.m. Thursdays, weather permitting. Children Grab-and-Go crafts each week. Grab-and-Go teen and adult craft toilet paper pumpkins, while supplies last. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month - enter a drawing by checking out a children's book to win "Groovy Joe Ice Cream and Dinosaurs."

Elmendorf Township Library: Curbside service available Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon. Library open by appointment only Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 to noon and Wednesday 2:30 to 4 p.m. For more information visit <https://hartford.lib.nckls.org>.

### Nov. 20

Gridley library, outdoor games, weather permitting, 11 a.m.

LeRoy library, Friday Fun Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Nov. 23

Burlington library, Leap into Science: wind experiments, 6 p.m.

Gridley library, children/youth self-led "Thanksgiving" activity, all week.

Waverly library, children Grab and Go Thanksgiving craft, all week.

Waverly library, book club "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones, 5 p.m.

### Nov. 24

Gridley library, book club discussion of "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman, 7 p.m.

LeRoy library, Letters to Santa, include return address for Santa to write back, drop off letters at the library's North Pole mailbox, Nov. 23 to Dec. 18.

### Nov. 26

ALL Coffey County library branches closed for Thanksgiving.

Burlington library, Thanksgiving Day - the cancer support group will NOT be meeting.

	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny, breezy, gusts to 30 mph. <b>72°/54°</b>		<b>Friday</b> Mostly sunny, small chance for showers <b>70°/51°</b>		<b>Saturday</b> Cloudy, windy w/ gusts to 25 mph. <b>64°/40°</b>		<b>Sunday</b> Rain likely, mostly cloudy. <b>49°/31°</b>		<b>Monday</b> Mostly sunny, clear. <b>49°/33°</b>
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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph B. Coursen

(Jan. 18, 1958 - Nov. 10, 2020)



Joseph Coursen

WICHITA — Joseph B. Coursen, Halstead, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He was 62.

He was born Jan. 18, 1958, in Topeka, the son of Fred and Toni Link Coursen. Joe attended Burlingame High School and graduated with the class of 1976. He briefly attended Butler County Community College before taking a position with the Santa Fe Railroad as a welder on March 17, 1977.

Joe married Brenda L. Seifert Nov. 4, 1978, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Scranton. She survives of the home, in Halstead.

Joe's career with the railroad took them to Moore, Okla., for three years and Emporia for six years. Following the merger of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroads, Joe was promoted to track supervisor and he and Brenda settled down in Lebo, in 1987. In 2006, Joe received a promotion to road master and he and Brenda made their home in Halstead. He contin-

ued with the railroad for 10 more years before his retirement in 2016.

During their time in Lebo, Joe volunteered on the local fire department and served as Scout leader and baseball coach for his sons, Jacob and Justin. He enjoyed bow hunting, fishing and attending family sporting events for his sons and eventually his grandchildren.

Joe loved riding his Harley with his wife and taking vacations to the mountains. He was known for his work ethic, family devotion and keen sense of humor. As one friend put it, he was a "true gem of a human being." When Joe would hear a song or music that he liked, he would not hesitate to share it by sending

it to his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wally Whittington.

Besides his wife, he will live on in the hearts and memories of his two sons, Jacob Coursen, Emporia, and Justin "Roo" Coursen and wife, Meghan, Ottawa; three grandchildren, Madison, Monica and Jonah; two brothers, Bill Coursen, Burlingame, and Tim Coursen, Waverly; numerous extended family, former co-workers and countless close friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Osage City. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the church. Burial will follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, north of Osage City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and sent in care of the VanArsdale Funeral Chapel, 107 N. Sixth St., Osage City, KS 66523.

Condolences may be expressed at [vanarsdalfs.com](http://vanarsdalfs.com).

### William Dean Hill

(June 30, 1952-Nov. 5, 2020)

William Dean Hill, 68, Halls Summit, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at his home.

Bill was born June 30, 1952, in Manhattan, to Kenneth Wayne Hill and Viola M. (Benson) Hill. He worked for Hill Electric in Manhattan and later for Fluor Daniel as an electrician at Wolf Creek Generating Station, until his retirement.

On March 25, 1995, he married Cynthia Crome Bailey at Waverly. Together, they lived

in Halls Summit.

Bill was an electrician by trade, but a cowboy at heart. He had a great love for his horses and spent his entire life rodeoing. He also loved music and spent many hours playing his guitars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and a stepbrother.

He leaves his wife, Cindy; two sons, Casey and Corey; a granddaughter, Caley; three stepsons, Nick (Cassie) Bai-

ley, Tim (Heather) Bailey, and Jon (Alexis) Bailey; and nine step-grandchildren; a brother, Merle, and other relatives and friends.

Midwest Cremation Society, Topeka, is in charge of cremation. A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Halls Summit Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coffey County Cancer Support Group.

### Nancy M. Reynolds

(July 19, 1946-Nov. 8, 2020)



Nancy Reynolds

OTTAWA — Nancy M. Reynolds, Ottawa, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at Ransom Memorial Hospital, Ottawa, after a battle with COVID-19. She was 74.

Nancy was born July 19, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Thomas and Murial (Miller) Reynolds. As a young girl, her family moved to Kansas City, Mo., where she graduated from Southeast High School. She then graduated from Beloit College in Wisconsin with her Bachelor in Arts degree.

She followed her husband to Eagle Butte, S.D., and lived on an Indian Reservation to help teach grade school children until she had her first and only child, Gailyn.

Nancy spent the majority of her life in Shawnee Mis-

son, raising her daughter and working in accounting as a single mother. She loved to read, shop and decorate, and she was a proud member of Mensa. As Nancy grew older, she followed her daughter out of the city and moved to Ottawa, to enjoy small town living and was very involved with the community. She joined Faith Lutheran Church, where she volunteered at the church, and enjoyed her bible study. She continued to visit her

grandchildren in Burlington. Nancy is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Thomas Smith Reynolds.

She leaves her daughter, Gailyn Ledom and husband, Bobby, grandsons, Jacob and Nicholas, and two step-granddaughters, Sydney and Allyson, all of Burlington.

A private family memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Burlington United Methodist Church, 207 S. Sixth St., Burlington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation and can be made by visiting this link, <https://www.parkinson.org/ways-to-give>, or may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

### Larry "Bull" Dennis Malik

(Sept. 20, 1951-Nov. 7, 2020)



Larry Malik

Larry "Bull" Malik, Fruita, Colo., died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction, Colo. He was 69.

Larry was born Sept. 20, 1951, at Newman Memorial Hospital, Emporia, the third of four sons to Clarence and Alice (Hoch) Malik.

Larry grew up in Burlington and graduated from Burlington High School with the Class of 1969. He also attended Flint Hills Area Vocational Tech School, Emporia, and Pittsburg State College, Pittsburg.

Larry left Burlington in 1976 and eventually settled in Fruita, Colo., where he lived until his passing.

Larry had a strong work ethic and was talented in many fields. He worked as a mechanic on farm equipment, cars and trucks; a millwright erecting grain bins; a machinist for the automotive and airline industries; and a welder on pipelines and fabrication; a trainer on every

piece of equipment he sold to customers. He spent several summers with a combine crew harvesting grain in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. He ended his career days as a salesman for Great Western Welding Supply, now Airgas, in Grand Junction, Colo.

Larry loved the mountains, where he spent time hunting, fishing, four wheeling, horseback riding, gold prospecting and sightseeing. Larry loved to dance, especially the Two-Step and Polka. He also sang and played

the guitar and banjo. He enjoyed going to dances, being with friends, and was always willing to help anyone with anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Alice Malik, and brother, Steven Malik.

Survivors include his daughter, Larissa, and grandson, James; a son, Lucas; and two brothers, Wesley (Dala) Malik and Allen (Daria) Malik; four nieces and nephews; and many relatives and friends.

Cremation is planned with a celebration of life at a future date.

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Achilles



King

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### Edwin Eugene McCoy

(July 15, 1944-Nov. 9, 2020)



Edwin McCoy

BURLINGTON — Edwin Eugene McCoy, 76, departed this life Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at the VA Hospital, Topeka.

He was born July 15, 1944, in Yates Center, the son of Edwin W. and Mona E. (Woodcock) McCoy. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1962.

Edwin enlisted in the United States Air Force on May 25, 1965. He was an Aircraft Fuel System Mechanic where he earned the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged Nov. 25, 1968, after serving in the Vietnam War.

Edwin married Christine M. Peterson May 23, 1970, in Wichita. To this union they were blessed with two sons, Bryan and David McCoy. They later divorced.

Edwin was a career tradesman as a welder, mechanic and carpenter. He worked for Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita and later moved to Owasso, Okla., where he worked for Miser Top Soil and Asphalt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Mona McCoy, and his sister, Virginia Shepherd.

Edwin is survived by his two sons, Bryan E. McCoy (Julie), Vassar, and David E. McCoy, Burlington; four grandchildren, Jessica, Samantha, Garrett and Kate-lynn McCoy; and five great-grandchildren, Leah Rowland, Colt Higginbotham, Mason Rowland, Emmett Higginbotham and Michael Rowland.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Osage City. Burial was at the Gridley Cemetery, Gridley. Military honors were observed after the final blessings at the gravesite.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, c/o Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Ave., Lyndon, KS 66451.

To leave online condolences for the family, please visit [www.feltnerfuneralhome.com](http://www.feltnerfuneralhome.com).

### COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a medical assist 6:37 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in the 2300 block of Yearling Road.

Station 3 — Burlington, responded to a vehicle accident cleanup 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the intersection of 13th Road and Lynx Lane.

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a medical assist 12:11 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the 2000 block of 27th Road.

Station 7 — Waverly, responded to a brush/grass mixture fire as mutual aid to Osage County 2:19 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the intersection of 317th and Stanley Road, Osage County.

Station 8 — New Strawn, responded to a public assist call 2:02 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12,

in the 200 block of Industrial Drive, New Strawn.

Station 5 — LeRoy, responded to a vehicle accident with injuries 4:41 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the intersection of K-58 and Underwood Road.

Station 6 — Lebo, responded to a medical assist 11:09 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in the 20 block of Broadway Street, Lebo.

Station 8 — New Strawn, responded to an outside rubbish/trash fire 12:12 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, in the 1600 block of Reaper Road.

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