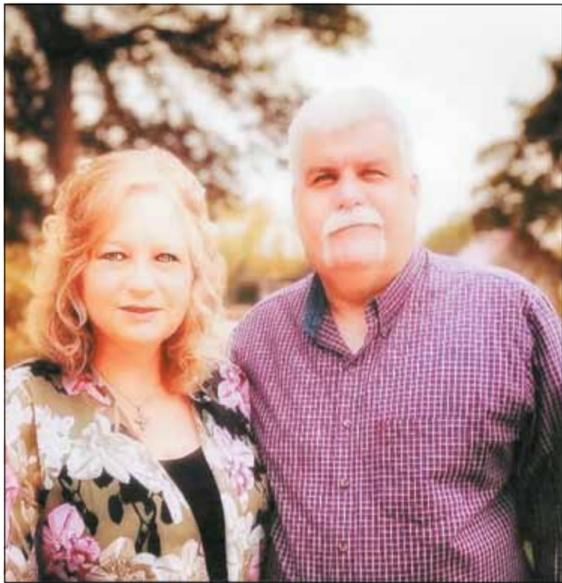


SILVER ANNIVERSARY



Renee and Eric Flott

Photo submitted

Flotts celebrate 25th anniversary

EMPORIA — Eric and Renee Flott, Emporia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii before the pandemic.

Eric Flott and Renee Rodgers were married Nov. 18, 1995, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia.

Cards will reach the couple at 1302 Trailridge Road, Emporia, KS 66801.

SOS annual holiday drive has begun

Each winter, SOS helps to collect basic needs and gifts for its clients and their families prior to Christmas. Their clients are adults and children who have experienced sexual or domestic violence, child abuse or neglect. Thanks to the generosity of the community, SOS was able to provide 137 individuals with gifts last year.

The stress of the holiday season can often bring additional challenges for families and individuals who have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse or neglect. This year, COVID-19 has caused additional hardship for these

victims who are trying to heal and rebuild. SOS hopes to help make the holidays a little brighter by partnering with community members willing to “adopt” a family/individual by providing gifts from their wish list.

SOS clients are eligible to complete a wish list if they have worked with SOS consistently in the last three months and do not qualify for assistance from the Salvation Army. This process is completely confidential.

Some of the basic needs might include a winter coat, hat, gloves, hygiene items, clothing and shoes. Some of the larger items that SOS

clients might need include bedding, towels, small appliances, pots and pans, and gift cards for food/gas. If there is a baby or small child, they might need a car seat or portable crib.

If you can't afford to provide for an entire family or if you are unable to go shopping, there are other ways to help. SOS has families of all sizes, including some individuals who need help this holiday season. If a wish list is not the right fit for you there are other ways to help including: gas cards, gift cards for grocery or restaurants, toys for all ages, monetary donations, or winter

coats for all sizes that can be distributed to SOS clients.

To adopt a family/individual or to donate money for gifts this holiday season, simply email info@soskans.com or call (620) 343-8799. For more information, you can visit www.soskans.com/holidaydrive.



Local doctor voluntarily suspends his license

A Burlington physician, Kevin S. Hughes, D.O., has voluntarily suspended his license to practice medicine for the next three years, according to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. Hughes, who has been licensed in the state of Kansas as a Doctor of Osteopathy since August 1997, most recently worked as a radiologist at Coffey County Medical Center and Allen County Regional Hospital.

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts announced its acceptance of a consent order for surrender of

Hughes' license due to him failing to properly read diagnostic radiology images for various patients, including those taken for breast exams, a violation of the Kansas Healing Arts Act. In the consent order, Hughes is said to have “repeated instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standard of care to a degree that constitutes ordinary negligence and that his actions demonstrated a pattern of practice or a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice the healing arts.”

NS council special meeting

NEW STRAWN — The New Strawn City Council will meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, for a special meeting at New Strawn City Hall. The

agenda includes sewer bid, CARES projects, TelXP/In-core contract, Kwikom contract and fireproof file cabinet.

Thanksgiving safety: Preventing cooking fires

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — While the coronavirus may have changed many of our Thanksgiving gatherings, the need to protect ourselves from cooking fires continues.

Typically, Thanksgiving is one of the peak days for cooking fires, which is the top cause of home fires in the U.S. Most often, these emergencies are caused by unattended cooking — a common behavior shared by nearly 70 percent of us, as shown in a national American Red Cross survey earlier this year.

To help keep you and your loved ones safe, the Greater Kansas City & Northwest Missouri Chapter urges everyone to follow these safety tips:

1. Keep an eye on what you fry. Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
2. Move items that can burn away from the stove. This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains. Also keep children and pets at least three feet away.
3. Avoid wearing loose clothing while cooking.
4. When frying food, turn the burner off if you see smoke or if the grease starts

to boil. Carefully remove the pan from the burner.

5. Keep a pan lid or a cookie sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

Two minutes to escape

Test your smoke alarms monthly and practice your home fire escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to get out of a burning home before it's too late.

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with your family. You can also download the free Red Cross Emergency app (search “American Red Cross” in app stores).



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.

November 15–21

25 years ago (1995)
* “Superior performance in the operations area” was noted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the Standardized Assessment of License Performance (SALP) report issued this week on Wolf Creek Generating Station.

50 years ago (1970)
* The young folks of four churches in Burlington presented Carroll McCarty a check of \$582.17 that they collected trick-or-treating in Burlington and Strawn.

75 years ago (1945)
* Chester Riggs, who is planning to build a new grocery store according to IGA specifications for the Meek Grocery in Burlington, has

the work underway.
* Jeanne Wilson, a senior, was chosen the Homecoming Queen of Burlington High School.

100 years ago (1920)
* A coal oil stove fire in the cream testing room of the warehouse of Tilden Giesy of LeRoy nearly caused a fire recently. The walls and ceiling were burned of the warehouse before the stove could be carried out.
* A beautiful crucifixion group in life-sized figures has been erected in the Catholic (Calvary) cemetery, just west of Burlington, a gift of the Hoffmans family in memory of the deceased Frank Hoffmans.

125 years ago (1895)
* At the teacher's meeting, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the teachers of Coffey County are earnestly in favor of the establishment of a county high school, and the adoption of a uniform graded course of study.

Thanksgiving services at Westphalia, Waverly

St. Teresa Catholic Church, Westphalia, will have a celebration of Mass with Fr. John Samineni 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day).

The Waverly First Baptist Church will have a special Thanksgiving service 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and the public is invited. This is Bible Sunday, so there will be a focus on the importance of people and the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures. The service will include a prayer of blessing over the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Special music will feature



the youth playing the hand bells. The children's story will feature Silas and Seth Maloney sharing about The First Thanksgiving in America.

The service will pay tribute to people of faith by showing a live nativity slideshow made in Waverly in 1981 using local people. The script and slide show were written and prepared by Opal Kunkel and Aileen Kelly.

BURLINGTON POLICE REPORT

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

Speeding
Francisco Cristobal Simon, 44, Los Angeles, Calif., was cited for allegedly driving 50 mph in a 30-mph zone at 6:34 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Fourth and LaMoille streets. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Warrant arrest
On Nov. 9, Christopher Bryan Disharoon, 36, Herington, was arrested for failure to appear in municipal court on Sept. 10. He was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released. He is to appear in municipal court Nov. 12 in the original charge of driving while his license is suspended.

Illegal registration
Travis Dale Race, 32, Bullhead City, Ariz., was cited for allegedly driving with an expired registration at 3:28 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Second and Cross streets. His registration

expired Sept. 30, 2020. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Speeding
Kirt Delos Gehrt, 61, Holton, was cited for allegedly driving 45 mph in a 30-mph zone at 12:07 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Frances Ann Korner, 23, Junction City, was cited for allegedly driving 47 mph in a 30-mph zone at 3:17 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. She is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Taylor Marie Akers, 39, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving 32 mph in a 20-mph active school zone at 7:57 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Fourth and Willett streets. She is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Driving while suspended
Shane Eugene Dieker, 43, Arkansas City, was cited for allegedly driving while his li-

cence is suspended and driving in violation of restrictions at 7:08 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at Fourth and Kennebec streets. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Shoplifting
Dillon Dewayne Tomblin, 21, LeRoy, was cited and arrested for alleged shoplifting at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. The incident occurred the previous day at Chrisman Hardware, 1125 N. Fourth Street. He was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on a \$758 O/R bond. He is to appear in municipal court Dec. 10.

Criminal damage
An unknown person apparently backed into a metal cable box, owned by MT Networks, located in an alley in the 300 block of Neosho Street. The incident occurred between Nov. 1 and Nov. 13. Damage is estimated at \$325. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Burlington Police Department at (620) 364-8757.

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