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George and Suzanne Smith won the 2020 "Get Lit" contest in Burlington, sponsored by Burlington Promotions.



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Mike and Deborah Stuke, 1020 N. Arrowhead Drive, won the New Strawn Yard of the Month award for their Christmas light display. The top photo is from the south of their house and the bottom picture is from the north.



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Chuck and Denise Sibley won second place in the Burlington Promotions sponsored 2020 "Get Lit" contest.



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The Robert Foster family, 115 N. Sixth Street, New Strawn, was the runner up in the December Yard of the Month contest in New Strawn.

BURLINGTON POLICE REPORT

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

No insurance

Jaylen Amir Ellis, 18, Raytown, Mo., was cited and arrested for allegedly driving without a valid driver's license, no proof of liability insurance and illegal registration at 11:04 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Fourth and Hudson streets. He was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on an O/R bond. He is to appear in municipal court Jan. 14.

Christopher James Star, 30, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving with an expired registration and no proof of liability insurance at 10:12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Fourth and Sanders streets. He is to appear in municipal court Jan. 14.

Speeding

Leanne Snyder, 59, Redwood Falls, Minn., was cited for allegedly driving 44 mph in a 30-mph zone at 3:17 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Fourth and Juniata streets. She is to appear in municipal court Jan. 14.

Garnett woman's death investigated as homicide

LINN COUNTY — The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Kansas Highway Patrol, and the Linn County Sheriff's Office are investigating after a Garnett woman was killed when her vehicle was struck in Linn County.

The Linn County Attorney requested KBI assistance at approximately 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Special agents responded to investigate.

Preliminary information

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Virginia McCullough

McCullough turning 95

BURLINGTON — Virginia McCullough will be 95 years old on Jan. 2. Her children have planned a birthday card shower for her. Send cards to: Virginia McCullough, 420 S. 14th Street, Burlington, KS 66839.

Governor waives waiting week for unemployment benefits

TOPEKA — Governor Kelly Monday announced she has signed Executive Order #20-71, providing temporarily relief from the waiting week requirement for Kansans applying for unemployment benefits.

"Kansans who have a lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 cannot afford to wait a week to receive the unemployment benefits they need to make rent payments or feed their families," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This executive order will be crucial in our state's ongoing response to the pandemic and to ensuring unemployed Kansans can access their benefits as soon as possible."

The "waiting week" is a required non-payable week that typically needs to be served on new benefit years. E.O. #20-71 temporarily waives the waiting week requirement for all claimants. For states that have temporarily waived the waiting week requirement, Congress will federally fund 50 percent of the first week of compensable regular unemployment until March 14, 2021.

COFFEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Accidents

Derek B. Jesse, 17, Burlington, was traveling westbound on 12th Road, two-tenths mile west of Homestead Road, when the passenger side tire dropped off the road on the right causing him to overcorrect. The 2007 Chevrolet Aveo he was driving, registered to All-Sport Specialties, LLC., Burlington, went sideways, entered the south ditch and overturned. He landed on tires in a field south of 12th Road after going through a barbed wire fence owned by Drew E. Huber, Madison, causing more than \$1,000 in damages to the vehicle and the property. The vehicle was removed by Jeff's Towing. Jesse was wearing his seatbelt but had minor injuries and refused emergency medical services. The accident occurred 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Randall E. Smith, 57, Lebo, was northbound at milepost 147 on I-35, when he hit a guardrail. His 2009 Chevrolet Silverado sustained more than \$1,000 in damages and there was minimal damage to the guardrail owned by Kansas Department of Transportation. Smith was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured in the accident occurring 3:35 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

William D. Holtmeyer, 60, Emporia, was traveling south-

bound at I-35 milepost 149, when he lost control due to a patch of ice on the roadway. He veered off to the right and went down a steep ditch, rolling once, and came to rest on the side of his 1998 Ford F-150. His vehicle sustained more than \$1,000 in damages and was towed by Williams Towing. Holtmeyer was wearing his seatbelt and complained of shoulder pain but refused medical treatment from the accident occurring 3:12 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Deer accidents

Bobby James Bryant Jr., 52, Burlington, was westbound on 12th Road, one mile east of Xeric Road, when he was unable to avoid striking a deer crossing the roadway. His 2019 Subaru Outback sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. Bryant was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured in the accident occurring 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Jim L. Vang, 65, Waverly, was traveling northeast on Embankment Road, one-half mile south of Lake Road, when he was unable to avoid striking a deer that entered the roadway. His 2014 Toyota Tacoma sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. Vang was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured in the accident occurring 5:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.



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