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Pat Brush, 82

Voter registration deadline April 15

BURLINGTON — A special bond election will be held on May 6 for voters residing in Burlington USD 244. The ballot will ask voters to approve or reject a \$45 million bond to fund the construction of a new elementary school.

More details about the bond proposal can be found on page 2B.

Eligible voters must be U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old. Registration is available at the Coffey County Clerk's Office, 210 S. Sixth St., Room 202, Burlington, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on April 15 and will reopen on May 15.

Voters must reregister if they have changed their name or address. Provisional ballots are available if needed.

Public Notices

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- Coffey County Election Officer - Notice of Bond Election USD 244.
 - Coffey County - Notice of Intent to Dispose of 1991 Caterpillar 966F Wheel Loader and 1981 Caterpillar 950B Wheel Loader.
 - Coffey County - Invitation to Bid Compact Track Loader.
 - Joan Freeman Revocable Trust - Notice to Creditors.
 - Donna McCorkle - Hearing on Petition to Change Name.
 - Coffey County - General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds.
 - Altavista Energy, Inc. - Notice of Filing Application, Sauder Lease.
 - Long-Scott Creek Joint Watershed District #93 - Notice of Annual Meeting.

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COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

Appointments, contracts, job updates OK'd

Huginin to resign April 30

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission met on Monday, March 24, to conduct a full day of county business, including appointments, contracts, construction updates, and personnel actions. Chairman Wayde Thomsen presided over the meeting with

commissioners Steve McCurry, Tom Huginin, Mark Petterson and Todd Barker present.

Huginin announced he will resign from office, as of April 30, since he has moved out of his district. "It has been a pleasure to serve for the last five years," he wrote in a short resignation letter. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen residing in Huginin's district (Burlington Wards 2 and 3) will be tasked with

appointing someone to fill the unexpired term, which ends January 2027.

Emery Wiens, an environmental specialist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, provided information about the state's beneficial use land application program. KDHE administers the program, which regulates the land application of certain waste materials - particularly biosolids, industrial waste and other organ-

ic byproducts - for the purpose of beneficial reuse rather than disposal. Several ag producers in the northern part of Coffey County are utilizing the program.

Appointments and Fee Waivers

After introducing herself to the board, commissioners appointed applicant Amy Robertson to a

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ELECTION UPDATE
Candidates
filed for city,
school seats

As of Monday, at least seven candidates have filed for open city or school positions in Coffey County.

Bill Otto has filed for LeRoy mayor while Katie Bowen has filed for a seat on the LeRoy City Council.

Lebo-Waverly USD 243 has two candidates filing for position 6 on the school board, Ryan Durst and Kaleigh Rottler.

In Burlington USD 244, Monique Hart filed for position 5.

In LeRoy-Gridley USD 245, Cory Dornes and Craig Allen Nickel filed for seats in district 2.

The deadline for candidates to file is noon June 2.

The general election is Nov. 4. If necessary, a primary will be held Aug. 5.

The following seats are up for election. All seats are for four-year terms, unless otherwise noted.

City Offices

Burlington: Three council members, one each in Ward 1, position 2; Ward 2, position 2, and Ward 3, position 2.

Gridley: Three council members.

Lebo: Mayor and council positions 1 and 5.

LeRoy: Mayor and two council members.

New Strawn: Three council members.

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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Merit increases, blood draw event OK'd

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met on March 19, approving merit pay increases for city employees, a fee waiver for a community blood draw event, and funding for park improvements and infrastructure upgrades.

Governing body present for the March 19 meeting were Mayor Stan Luke and council members Jerilyn Curtiss, Maxi Berryman,

Cara Mays, Nathan Strawder and Martin Ernst. Council member Lila Van Horn was absent.

Community Blood Test

Tracy Jones from Coffey County Hospital requested the council to waive the rental fee for the 4-H Building for the annual community blood test program, scheduled for early morning on May 12-16. The program offers discounted blood tests to residents across the county. Last year, 120 of the 317 to-

tal blood draws were conducted at the 4-H Building, which Jones described as the perfect venue. The council unanimously approved the fee waiver and the dates as requested.

Child Abuse

Prevention Proclamation

The council authorized Mayor Luke to sign a proclamation recognizing the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mickey

Edwards, executive director of SOS, highlighted that SOS operates several programs in Burlington, including domestic violence and sexual assault services, child advocacy programs, and child visitation/exchange services.

The proclamation urges community efforts to protect children and support families in crisis. Ginny Samples, Director of the Child Advocacy Center, also attended.

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Trash rates increase
in New Strawn

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

NEW STRAWN — Monthly solid waste removal rates in New Strawn will increase based on an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment included in the city's contract with Republic Services. The city council learned about the rate hike during its rescheduled meeting on Monday, March 17. The original March 13 meeting was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

Present for the nearly two-hour meeting were Mayor Rhonda Taylor and council members Jeannie Haas, Stephanie Baker, David Christiansen, and Butch Gilkison (via phone). Council member Johnny Hernandez arrived 46 minutes into the meeting.

The CPI for water, sewer,

and trash rose by 4.44%, but the city's contract with Republic Services limits increases to 4%. The council authorized Mayor Taylor to sign a new three-year agreement with Republic Services. Effective March 1, Republic will charge the city \$15.72 per customer per month, plus \$3.38 monthly for residential carts (billed annually). With the city's added fee, residents will pay \$17.47 per month.

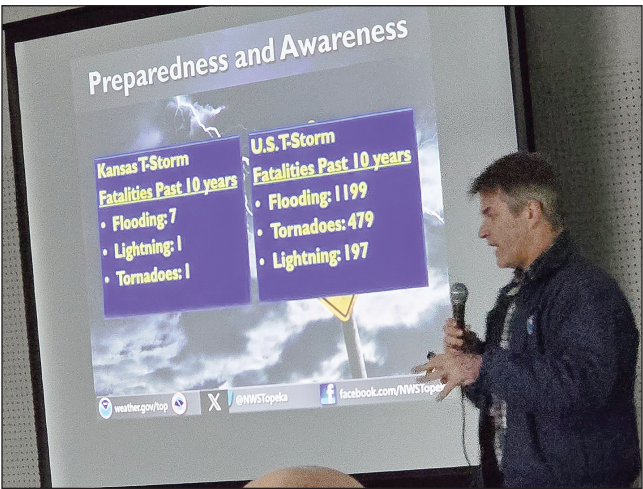
Other Council Business:

Zoning Permits: Zoning Administrator Cody Collins approved two permits—one for a carport at 100 Main Street (Chris Newkirk) and another for a lawn shed at 111 N. Fourth Street (Paul Richister).

Code Enforcement: Officer Ray Wards reported

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STORM SPOTTER TALK



Chad Omitt, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist for the National Weather Service office in Topeka, gives a presentation Thursday evening about thunderstorm development and structure, thunderstorm safety and what, when and how to report information. Sponsored by Coffey County Emergency Management, the talk was open to the public and attended primarily by volunteer firefighters, law enforcement and other first responders as they prepare for the severe weather season.

Photos by Mark Petterson