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Death Notices

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- Paul Austin, 90
- Pamela Clarkson, 50
- Lydia Crooks,
- Karen Massingill, 48
- Chalmers Smith, 84
- Wilma Williams, 93



4-H Week

Four pages in today's issue is dedicated to 4-H Week, which will be October 5-11.

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Lake Levels

John Redmond

3p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30

Lake Elevation: 1,041.88
Normal: 1,041
Inflow (cfs): 391
Release (cfs): 1,232
LAST GATE CHANGE: 2 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29 — 4 tainter gates open 0.5 feet; 2 low flow gates open 30%. Flood pool 1.39% full.

Public Notices

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- Estate of David W. Evans Jr. - Notice of Hearing on Petition for Final Settlement.
- Estate of Paul Brogan - Notice of Hearing and Notice to Creditors.
- First National Bank of Kansas vs. Susan L. Everett, et al. - Notice of Suit.
- Coffey County - Resolution 2025-954, Speed Limits for Remer's Point and Hillview Subdivision.
- Coffey County - Resolution 2025-955, Speed Limits for Lynx Lane from Cross Street to 13th Road..
- Coffey County - Resolution 2025-954, School Zone Speed Limits for Lynx Lane from Cross Street to 13th Road.

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Lebo-Waverly USD 243
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Commission proclaims Domestic Violence Awareness Month, OKs speed resolutions and housing incentives

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission approved a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, authorized equipment purchases for Road and Bridge, and advanced a proposed housing development project during its regular meeting Monday, Sept. 29.

The meeting opened at 9 a.m. with Vice Chairman Steve McCur-

ry leading the meeting in the absence of Chairman Wayde Thomsen. Commissioners Michael Abendroth, Mark Petterson, and Todd Barker were also present, along with County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie.

SOS Presentation

Mary Halleran, SOS Outreach

Victim Advocate, and Theo Laubengayer, Coffey County Outreach Coordinator, asked commissioners to adopt the annual proclamation supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.

Laubengayer, who began July 1, said SOS assisted more than 75 Coffey County residents across its programs during the past year,

including help with protection orders, court accompaniment and crisis advocacy. The agency operates a shelter in Emporia but noted many victims prefer to remain in their own communities.

Commissioners approved the proclamation unanimously. Halleran reminded the board about

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Countywide cleanup set for Oct. 13-18

Coffey County Commissioners have proclaimed Oct. 13-18 as Cleanup Week, giving county residents a chance to dispose of unwanted items at no cost. During the week, the Coffey County Sanitary Landfill will accept appropriate waste from county residents free of charge. Normal rates apply for commercial haulers.

Household trash and loose paper must be bagged or it may be refused. Hazardous items must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste building west of the landfill. Tires will be accepted at the landfill for a fee.

The cities of Burlington, New Strawn and Waverly will participate in the countywide cleanup. LeRoy, Gridley and Lebo will not.

Burlington: Trash must be curbside by 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, separated into three piles: 1) clean wood, boards, treated lumber,

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PIGSKIN PICKS

Stuart, Varvel win week four

The Pigskin Picks contest remained competitive in week four, despite having undisputed first- and second-place winners.

Randy Stuart, Burlington, is the undisputed first-place winner for week four of Pigskin Picks. He correctly predicted the winners of 14 of the 16 contest games and wins the \$20 first-place prize for his work.

Norma Varvel, Gridley, is the undisputed second-place winner for week four. She correctly selected the winners of 13 of the 16 contest games and wins the \$10 second-place prize for her effort. Behind Stuart and Varvel, four contestants missed four games and another two missed five. Other players missed more.

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Semi fire closes northbound I-35 near county line

LYON COUNTY — A semi-truck fire shut down part of northbound Interstate 35 in Lyon County on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 27.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office reported that deputies, along with the Reading Benefit Fire Department and District 5 First Responders, were dispatched at about 12:34 p.m. to mile marker 142, just west of the Lyon-Coffey County line. They found a semi-trailer fully engulfed in flames.

Deputies closed northbound I-35 at mile marker 141 to give emergency crews room to extinguish the fire. Motorists were rerouted to Old Highway 50.

The driver, 44-year-old Ricardo Amaya of Douglas, Ariz., told authorities he noticed smoke coming from the passenger-side trailer axle of his 2020 Kenworth. He was able to disconnect the tractor before the fire spread, and he was not injured. The trailer was hauling produce.

The Kansas Department of Transportation assisted at the scene. One northbound lane remained closed overnight while crews cleaned up debris. Both northbound lanes reopened after the burned trailer was removed Sunday.

HARTFORD HARVEST DAY PARADE



Hartford celebrated Harvest Day Saturday with Parade Marshals Calvin and Pat Yeager leading a parade in the morning. Other activities throughout the day included a cancer walk, kids games, disc golf, volleyball tournament, vendors, car smash, entertainment, ag Olympics, and street dance.
Photos by Mark Petterson

No major classification changes for area schools in 2025-26

Katie McMurray,
Reporter

TOPEKA — Area schools will see little change in classifications for the upcoming 2025-26 school year in Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) sports and activities. Burlington will continue to compete in Class 3A, while Hartford, Lebo, Southern Coffey County and Waverly remain in Class 1A. Football classifications, which operate on a separate two-year cycle, also remain the same for all five local schools.

KSHSAA released the official classifications Thursday, Sept. 25. The designations are based on

enrollment counts taken Sept. 20, with classifications for most activities calculated on ninth through 12th grade enrollment. Football classifications rely on ninth through 11th grade enrollment.

How Classifications Work

For football, Kansas schools are grouped into six 11-man, two 8-man and one 6-man divisions. The largest 32 schools are Class 6A (1,067-1,919 students), followed by Class 5A (686-1,037), Class 4A (318-672), Class 3A (184-317), Class 2A (124-181), and Class 1A (69-124). The next 40 largest eight-man programs are Division I (70-104 students), while 50 smaller schools compete in Division II (28-69). A

total of 28 schools will play in the six-man division this cycle (9-54 students).

For other sports and activities, KSHSAA classifies the largest 36 schools as Class 6A (1,323-2,481 students), the next 36 as Class 5A (814-1,283), and the next 36 as Class 4A (308-680). The following 64 schools are Class 3A (169-301), the next 64 are Class 2A (107-168), and the smallest 112 make up Class 1A (12-106).

Local Enrollments Hold Steady

Burlington reports 247 students in grades 9-12, unchanged from last year, keeping the Wildcats in

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