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Thompson finishes 10th at state spelling bee

SALINA — Anberlyn Thompson, a sixth-grader from Carbondale Attendance Center, represented Osage County at the bee after winning the county spelling bee Feb. 6. She earned 10th place.

The Sunflower State Spelling Bee was held March 21 on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina. The bee was sponsored by Kansas Press Association.

The competition, involving 93 spellers from counties all across Kansas, lasted 10 rounds. Dr. Barbara Brown served as pronouncer for the competition. Spellers studied "Words of the Champions," the 4,000-word list provided by the Scripps National Spelling Bee, to prepare for the competition.



Anberlyn Thompson, a sixth-grader from Carbondale Attendance Center, won the county bee Feb. 6 and went on to represent Osage County at the bee March 21, where she earned 10th place.

Kellian Peterson, Ottawa County, was crowned the champion.

Peterson now advances to compete in the 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee this summer in Washington, D.C.

In addition to qualifying for the national competition, Peterson also wins these prizes:

Britannica Online Premium, a one-year subscription for the premier online resource from Encyclopedia Britannica.

Merriam-Webster Unabridged Online, a one-year subscription for the official word source for all levels of competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Travel and accommodations to Washington, D.C.



Holy Week, Easter services announced

Several churches in the community will host Holy Week and Easter service events. The following information was submitted to The Osage County Herald-Chronicle.

Community United Church of Christ, Carbondale — March 29, Palm Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.; April 2, Maundy Thursday supper and communion, 6:30 p.m.; April 3, Good Friday service, 7 p.m.; April 5, Easter service, 10:30 a.m.

Federated Church, Burlingame — April 5, Easter sunrise service, 7 a.m., 16375 South Burlingame Road, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., at the church, Easter service, 10 a.m.

Grace Assembly, Burlingame — April 5, Easter Welcome with refreshments, 10:30 a.m., Easter service, 11 a.m.

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Osage County prepares for citywide cleanup

OSAGE COUNTY — Osage County residents have the opportunity to clean up their property and dispose of unwanted items at no cost during citywide cleanup.

Burlingame's cleanup event will be April 6-9. Items that will not be picked up include tires, shingles, tar paper, freon appliances, electronics, hazardous materials, and paint. Wood must be clean wood, free of nails. There will also be a dumpster available at the burn dump. Landlord cleanouts will not be picked up.

From 8 a.m. to noon April 18 will be Overbrook's citywide cleanup. Dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot west of the baseball fields and near The Bible Church for residents to drop off unwanted items. Overbrook Police Department officers will be posted at each dumpster. Paint, e-waste, oil, gasoline, tires, antifreeze/coolant, and other hazardous materials are prohibited. Once items are put into dumpsters, they cannot be rummaged through. In addition, Overbrook Pride will provide shredding

services in front of City Hall. For questions or more information, call Overbrook Police Department at (785) 665-7230 or City Hall at (785) 665-7328.

Osage City's citywide cleanup will be April 20-24. All items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on citizens' regularly scheduled trash pickup day. Special pickup service can be scheduled for an additional fee. To schedule a special pickup or inquire about the

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Communities to host Easter egg hunts

A number of area organizations have planned Easter egg hunts for children. The following information was submitted to The Osage County Herald-Chronicle.

March 28

Children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at the Lyndon High School football field. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 4.

March 29

Sonrise Fellowship Church,

Michigan Valley, will host an Easter egg hunt following breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and worship service and children's sermon at 9:30 a.m.

Homestead of Osage City, formerly Vintage Park At Osage City, will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

The Willing Workers 4-H Club will host an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. at the Osage City baseball fields, with the Easter Bunny arriving at 1:30 p.m. The hunt will

feature three age divisions, 1-4, 5-8 and 9-11, with more than 3,000 eggs to be found, which include more than \$500 of donated prizes from community businesses.

April 3

Americare-Osage Nursing Center will host an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m.

April 4

The Burlingame Recreation Commission will host an Easter egg

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Citywide garage sale dates announced

It's garage sale season, and towns throughout Osage County will host sales soon, beginning with Burlingame April 3-5. Contact City Hall, (785) 654-2414 ext. 5, by March 31 to be listed on the map. The map will be available exclusively on City of Burlingame's Facebook page.

Carbondale garage sales are set for April 10-11. Contact Heather Garrison at Carbondale City Library, (785) 836-7638 or director@carbondalecitylibrary.org, by 5 p.m. April 7 to get on the map. Maps

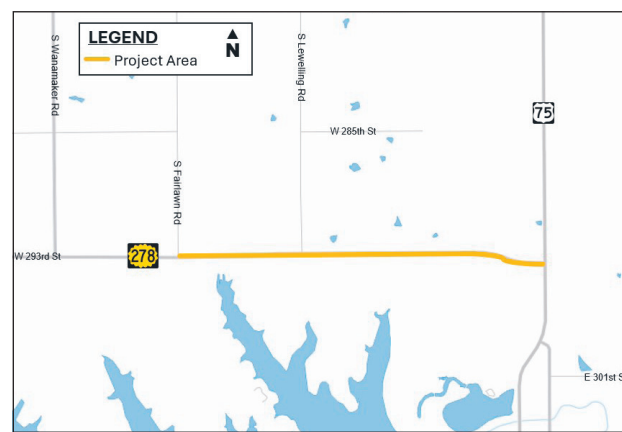
will be available April 10-11 at Casey's General Store, Carbondale City Library, and the post office.

Osage City sales are April 17-18. Contact Tricia Gundy at (785) 219-9727 by 5 p.m. April 13 to be put on the map. The cost is \$5, with the money going toward Chamber scholarships for high school students. Maps will be available April 17-18 on the Osage City Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page and website, OsageCityChamber.com.

Overbrook sales are April 24-25. To list a sale on the map, go online,

bit.ly/garagesales26, or visit City Hall by 5 p.m. April 17. There is a \$5 fee to list a sale on the map, with the proceeds benefiting Overbrook's Fourth of July fireworks display. Local businesses can also advertise on the map by emailing OverbrookGarageSales@gmail.com. Maps will be available April 23 at Casey's, City Hall, First Security Bank, Kansas State Bank, the library, and the post office. Overbrook Pride will have its annual

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Courtesy of KDOT

KDOT set to begin a mill and overlay project March 30, starting at the Fairlawn Road intersection and proceeding roughly three miles eastward to U.S. 75 Highway. The project should be completed by mid-April.

Mill, overlay project to start Monday

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a mill and overlay project next week on K-278 in Osage County. Work will begin at the Fairlawn Road intersection and proceed roughly three miles eastward to U.S. 75 Highway. Starting Monday,

March 30, traffic will be restricted to one lane in the active work area and directed by a pilot car and flaggers. Drivers should plan for delays of up to 15 minutes.

Flaggers will also be used for approximately

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Cellphone ban bill signed into law

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Cellphones will no longer be allowed in Kansas classrooms starting in fall 2026.

Governor Laura Kelly signed the bipartisan cellphone ban bill into law on March 19. The ban will require students' phones and personal electronic devices to be "stored away from the student's person in an inaccessible location during the school day" for all Kansas public and private accredited



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schools, according to the bill. There are exceptions for medical exemptions and students with

individual education programs or 504 plans. School districts will get to decide how the cellphones will be stored and what disciplinary action will be taken if a student does not comply.

The bill also prohibits school district employees from communicating with students via social media platforms.

"In our rapidly changing world, technology dominates our lives, and that's why it's essential that

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