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Sharon Beougher, 82

Lake Levels

John Redmond

5p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 Lake Elevation: 1,042.24 Normal: 1,041 Inflow (cfs): 1,622 Release (cfs): 1,718 LAST GATE CHANGE: 12:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 - 5 tainter gate open 0.5 feet; 2 low flow gates open 100%. Flood pool 2.13% full.

Melvern

5p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 Lake Elevation: 1,035.33 Normal: 1,036 Inflow (cfs): 10 Release (cfs): 20

Pomona

Lake Elevation: 973.47 Normal: 974 Inflow (cfs): 5 Release (cfs): 15

Public Notices

Pages 6,10 and 11

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. vs. The Steven W. Barnes Living Trust - Notice of Sale.

Estate of Joseph E. Rohr - Notice of Hearing on Petition for Approval of Valid Settlement Agreement and Petition for Final Settlement.

United States of America vs. Michelle A. Sutherland, et al. - Notice of Suit.

Coffey County - Notice of Public Hearing Related to the Sale and Disposition of Surplus County Property, the Opportunity for Public Comment, and Notice of Method of Sale.

Estate of Calvin Brodman - Notice of Hearing and Notice to Creditors.

Coffey County - List of October Warrants.

Marriage of Taylee Denae Breight and Joshua Keith Sain - Notice of Suit.

City of Burlington - Ordinance No. 917, Water Drought/Emergency Ordinance.

City of Burlington - Ordinance No. 918, Amending Solid Waste Article..

City of Burlington - Summary of Ordinance 2025-919, Pole Attachment License for MT Networks.

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Burlington, New Strawn, Lebo, Gridley, LeRoy, Waverly, and Hartford

Lebo-Waverly USD 243 Burlington USD 244 LeRoy-Gridley USD 245



Commissioners approve Phase II plan

BURLINGTON — Coffey County commissioners advanced multiple projects Monday, approving the Phase II courthouse renovation package that keeps the voter-approved Justice Center project under its \$30 million cap, receiving a county health insurance status report, and authorizing changes on the airport access road project. The board also handled personnel items, equip-

ment maintenance, and end-of-year scheduling.

Chairman Wayde Thomson presided at the meeting with Michael Abendroth, Mark Petterson, Steve McCurry and Todd Barker present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie II also attended.

Health insurance

Jeremy Gilson of Gallagher and Mike Moore

of Providers Care briefed commissioners on the county's self-insured health plan. Following last year's collapse of former TPA ValueHealth, Gallagher bid and placed Edison as third-party administrator. Edison has been working through a small number of remaining crossover claims and pharmacy/medical deductible integration issues; a 2 p.m. employee session was scheduled for

direct assistance. Providers Care has resolved earlier disruptions and noted a strong working relationship with the local hospital. Under the county's unbundled model, 100% of pharmacy rebates flow back to the county, and Gallagher will shop stop-loss coverage early in 2026 to ensure competitive pricing.

Phase II Construction Representatives of Riv-

er City Construction and Goldberg Group Architects presented the Phase II Courthouse Renovation (inside the existing courthouse and a secured enclosed link to the new facility). The board amended the overall Guaranteed Maximum Price to \$29,999,410, keeping the total Justice Center program \$690 under the \$30 million

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SCC Honor Flight #25



Photo submitted

On day two of Honor Flight 25, veterans and their guardians visit Arlington National Cemetery and view the symbolic Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that occurs every hour from October to March.

SCC Honor Flight #25 honors local veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Twenty-three veterans and 32 guardians embarked on a memorable journey to the nation's capital Nov. 6-7 as part of Southern Coffey County Honor Flight #25. Among the guardians were 16 students from Southern Coffey County High School and eight from Lebo High School, who joined the

mission to honor those who served.

The two-day trip included visits to many of the nation's most iconic war memorials and landmarks dedicated to American service members. Veterans and their guardians toured the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Iwo Jima Marine Memori-

al, World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, among others.

A highlight of the trip was a stop at Arlington National Cemetery, where the group witnessed the solemn Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Sol-

dier. Adding to the experience, the group was provided a motorcycle escort by the BWI Brownies of Baltimore.

Since its founding in 2008, the Southern Coffey County Honor Flight program has transported 691 veterans to Washington,

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Burlington City Council approves 2026 trash rates, festival requests

Mark Petterson Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met in regular session Wednesday, Nov. 5, with Mayor Stan Luke presiding and all council members present — Jerilyn Curtiss, Lila Van Horn, Maxi Berryman, Cara Mays, Nathan Strawder and Martin Ernst. Council approved two

community event requests.

Sarah Strawder, president of Otter Creek Grange, received approval to use Kelley Hall, the 4-H Building and surrounding grounds April 24-26 for the group's annual craft and vendor fair. Set-up will take place Friday with the main event Saturday and a possible Sunday hold date.

Mark Petterson received permission on behalf of the

Smoke on the River BBQ competition to reserve all of Kelley Park, Kelley Hall, the 4-H Community Building and campgrounds for Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-7, 2026. Teams will begin arriving for the Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned event on Thursday, Sept. 3. The council voted to waive all facility fees for the event.

Jennifer Fagan, municipal manager for Republic

Services, presented the company's annual trash renewal and rate adjustment. Burlington's contract renews each Jan. 1 and has been capped at 4 percent annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index since 2022.

Fagan noted CPI increases have trended higher than 5 percent, but the company will honor

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Varvel wins Pigskin Picks grand prize

The winner of the 2025 Pigskin Picks grand prize has been selected, and the lucky contestant is Norma Varvel, Gridley.

Each week during the contest, The Republican ran several ads that listed football games that were to be played the next Friday or weekend and a form for contestants to fill out. To fill out the form, contestants tried to predict the winner of area high school, college and professional football games, as well as the total points scored in all contest games. The top two entrants with the fewest missed games received cash prizes, and in the event of a tie, the entry with the prediction closest to the actual total points scored was selected. Winners were announced in the following week's paper.

The contest spanned nine weeks, with the first set of ads and contest form running in the Sept. 4 edition of the newspaper and the ninth and final running in the Oct. 30 edition. After the conclusion of the contest, all of the entries from all nine weeks were put into a box and mixed and

one entry was drawn to receive the grand prize.



Katie McMurray/The Republican

Norma Varvel, Gridley, won the 2025 Pigskin Picks grand prize, a DeWalt four-tool combo kit. The grand prize was provided by Bomgaars.

The entry drawn belonged to Norma Varvel, Gridley. Varvel played seven out of nine weeks of the contest, winning second place in week four. As the grand prize winner, she received a DeWalt four-tool combo kit from Bomgaars. The kit includes a drill/driver, impact driver, oscillating multi-tool, fast cut wood blade, universal accessory adaptor, five variable speed orbit sander, dust bag, two 20-volt MAX batteries, two belt hooks, one charger and a contractor bag.

If you enjoyed this annual football contest, please thank the sponsor who made it possible. The 2025 sponsors included Life Care Center of Burlington, Miller Granite Memorials, Mel's Tire, Coffey County Transportation, LeRoy Coop, Bluestem Farm and Ranch Supply, Hoover's Thriftway, Pizza Hut, Hartford One Stop, Inc., Pam Luthi Insurance Solutions LLC, MT Networks, Farm Bureau Financial Services, American Family Insurance, Ratcliff Propane LLC, Coffey Health System and Bomgaars.

City/School Election

November 4, 2025 UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

City of Lebo Mayor

*Eric S. Ferguson.....152 City Council - #1 *Will Baker.....173 City Council - #5 91 write-in votes cast led by: Hatti Wright..... 29 Nick Sanchez..... 27

City of Burlington City Council - Ward 1

*Jerilyn M. Curtiss...105 City Council - Ward 2 *Martin Ernst..... 49 George M. Shove..... 24 City Council - Ward 3 *Maxi Berryman..... 47 Michael Springeman. 44

City of New Strawn City Council (vote for 3)

*Deb Stukey..... 89 *Dan Haller..... 69 *Ty Skillman..... 50 Gary Haehn..... 30

City of LeRoy Mayor

*Bill Otto..... 88 Jacquie Mitchell (write-in)..... 23 Jacquie Mitchell Ohmie (write-in)..... 11 City Council (vote for 2) *Clay H. Rolf.....104 *Katie Bowen 85

City of Gridley City Council (vote for 3)

*Stella Eccles..... 34 *Dee Ann Goertzen.... 30 *Greg Yotz..... 27

City of Waverly City Council - #1

*Paige Meader (write-in)..... 47 City Council - #3 *Kevin McMillen 54

City of Hartford City Council - #2

*Taylor Jackson..... 45 Shawn Metcalfe..... 17 City Council - #4 *Heather N. Schultz... 56

Lebo-Waverly USD 243 Position 3

*Matthew M. Hopkins II417

Position 5

*Bryon T. Rosine..... 404

Position 6

*Ryan Durst.....286

Kaleigh Rottler.....130 Kevin McMillen 54

Burlington USD 244 Position 1

*Johnny Hernandez .. 64

Colin Sleezer 54

Position 4

*Ronald G. Hess Jr. 66

Travis Moerer 28

Position 5

*Nolan Strawder 62

Monique Hart..... 33

Position 6

*Lucas P. Allen 51

Benton Carlson 40

LeRoy-Gridley USD 245

Position 1 (vote for 3)

*Craig Allen Nickel .185

*Cory Dornes.....157

* Write-in likely to be determined between Richard Beyer and Lesley Stone

Southern Lyon County USD 252

Position 2

*Michael Dieker 409

Ryan Gasche.....195

Position 3

*Melissa Carson.....513

Position 6

*Greg Markowitz 498