

Cards of Thanks

WE ARE SINCERELY grateful to everyone who offered love and support during our brother Keith's illness and passing. Your generosity and compassion are very appreciated.

Pat Johnson
Charlene Raaf
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BIDS

DUE TO UNFORESEEN circumstances the Burlington Cemetery Assoc. is seeking bids for the mowing of Grace-land and Mt. Hope Cemeteries in Burlington. The job requires mowing the cemetery, trimming and weed eating, picking up fallen limbs and trash. The mowing will be around 10 times for the year. Mowing is set to start immediately. Please submit bids to Lane Jones, Secretary of the Burlington Cemetery Assoc. These may be sent by email to laneajones58@gmail.com, may be mailed to Lane Jones, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839, or dropped off at Jones Funeral Home in Burlington. Successful bidder must have insurance. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2026. 13-1tc

Help Wanted

CITY OF WAVERLY is seeking energetic, self-motivated Lifeguards, a Pool Manager and an Assistant Pool Manager. Qualified applicants may apply at City Hall during regular business hours. Applications will also be available at the Waverly High School office and the Lebo High School office. Please enter all prior work history when applying. Current Lifeguard and CPR Certifications should be included when completing your application. The city will refund up to \$125.00 for Lifeguard, CPR Certification and re-certifica-

tion fees if employee works the entire season. Lifeguard hourly pay will be \$10.00 per hour. Contact Waverly City Hall for a full job description. EOE/ADA. 12-4tc

COFFEY COUNTY HOUSING Authority is currently seeking applications for a full-time administrative assistant. Job description and application are available at 313 Neosho St. Burlington. Position open until filled. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to proceed to a structured interview. CCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 12-2tc

Meetings

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON, (620) 364-6761, (620) 203-8294, 364-6534, (580) 235-6254. Tuesdays 7:30 p.m., 207 S. Sixth, Burlington. tfn/nc

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, SUNDAYS, 6 p.m. Waverly Community Building. tfn/nc

Notices

Farm Bureau Financial Services



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Cow Camp 2026 prepares women to lead in cattle industry

Kelsey Stremel
K-State Extension

Beef production depends on sound management decisions, practical experience, and a skilled workforce. As more women take on management and ownership roles in the cattle industry, access to hands-on training remains essential.

In response, Kansas State University will offer Cow Camp 2026 at two locations across Kansas, expanding the program's reach and building confidence, skills, and workforce capacity for women in beef cattle production. Sessions will be held May 5-6 in Eastern Kansas, registration open now, and September 9-10 in Western Kansas.

Cow Camp is a practical skills program focused on real-world beef cattle management. The experience is designed for women who are new to production agriculture, supporting family operations, or seeking a stronger role in decision-

making on farms and ranches.

Women now represent more than one-third of agricultural producers in the United States, according to the USDA Census of Agriculture, and more than half of all farms report at least one female decision-maker. In many operations, women manage livestock, finances, labor, and daily production decisions. Despite that responsibility, access to applied, hands-on training remains limited for many women, particularly in rural areas. Cow Camp was developed to respond directly to that need through practical education delivered in a supportive learning environment.

"Cow Camp is about giving people the opportunity to learn by doing," said Sandy Johnson, K-State Research and Extension beef specialist. "Participants leave with skills they can immediately use and the confidence to apply them back home."

Workshops emphasize

applied learning and typically include topics such as body condition scoring, calving preparation and neonatal calf care, hands-on instruction in the use and placement of beef cattle implants, understanding expected progeny differences, vaccine handling, forage sampling, pasture monitoring, and herd health fundamentals. Sessions are led by K-State Research and Extension specialists with experience in Kansas beef systems.

Beyond individual skill development, the program also supports broader workforce needs in rural communities. As women continue to play an expanding role in agricultural decision-making, building technical skills and confidence helps sustain family operations, strengthen local agricultural economies, and support the long-term viability of the beef industry.

According to Emma Briggs, K-State Research and Extension beef production specialist, the

program reflects a broader need across the state.

"We continue to hear from women who want practical training that fits their operation and their goals," Briggs said. "Cow Camp connects them with research-based information in a setting that is supportive, hands-on, and directly relevant to their work."

By expanding to two locations, Cow Camp increases access while maintaining limited enrollment to preserve small-group instruction and meaningful interaction with instructors. Each session is capped at 35 participants. The program is designed to support women who want practical skills, stronger decision-making confidence, and a lasting role in the cattle industry.

For more information about the eastern Kansas event, contact the Coffey County Extension Office at 620-364-5313.

Event Details: see https://www.wkrec.org/events/cow_camp/

BBQ World Cup qualifier set in Osage City

OSAGE CITY — The aroma of championship barbecue will return to Osage City as Smoke in the Spring, a Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned state championship contest and official qualifier for the Road to \$1 Million BBQ World Cup, takes place April 10-11.

Festivities begin at 5

p.m. Friday, April 10, with "A Taste of Osage City," a public barbecue event featuring a variety of smoked meats prepared by competition teams. Attendees may purchase "BBQ Bucks" at Osage City Hall before noon Friday or on-site from 1 to 7 p.m. A beer garden will be open from 4 to 10 p.m., with live music sched-

uled from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Osage City Parks and Recreation Building. A fireworks display, courtesy of Garrett's Fireworks, is planned for 9 p.m.

More than 100 teams are expected to compete Saturday in the Smoke in the Spring State BBQ Championship, with certified judges evaluating entries. The event will award more than \$25,000 in prizes.

The grand champion will earn a spot in the BBQ World Cup, part of the Road to \$1 Million series, set for April 2027 in

Las Vegas. Smoke in the Spring is the only Kansas contest selected as a qualifier for the international event.

"We're incredibly excited Smoke in the Spring was selected this year as an official qualifier for the BBQ World Cup & Expo," states Corey Linton, Smoke in the Spring organizer. "As one of 40 contests worldwide, it's a great opportunity to showcase our event yet again and highlight us within the BBQ community."

Model T club to meet April 9

BURLINGTON — The East Central Kansas Model T Ford club will meet 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the conference room of the Burlington Branch of Coffey County Library, 410 Juniatta. Note the time has changed from 6:30 p.m. A meal will be shared before the meeting. The main entree and drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share.

At the meeting members and guests will share information about working on and restoration of their cars. In addition, members will plan tours/drives that will come up in the near future. This past month a work day was held at Bud and Karen's. Those in attendance will report on the event. Owning a Model T is not a requirement. All meetings are open to the public. Feel free to attend, we'd love to have you.

For more information contact Larry Tice at 620-364-8005.



Photo submitted
Janine Messersmith, Emporia, shared a recent project - a Lego puzzle of a Model T Ford. The group marveled at the ingenuity of the model of several hundred pieces she had snapped together.

COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

Station 5 - LeRoy, responded to an outside fire/brush pile 12:46 a.m. Monday, March 23, in the 700 block of Sixth Street, LeRoy.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to an assist invalid 7:38 a.m. Monday, March 26, in the 200 block of Fifth Street, Lebo.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a medical assist 3:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the 1100 block of 27th Road.

Station 9 - Jacobs Creek, Station 3 - Burlington and Station 4 - Gridley, responded to a vehicle fire 3:36 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the intersection of 15th and Angus roads.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 8:09 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in the 800 block of Old Highway 50.

Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a brush/grass mixture fire 6:19 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, in the 1200 block of 22nd Road.

Station 3 - Burlington, Station 4 - Gridley and Station 9 - Jacobs Creek responded to an accident with injuries and grass fire 8:27 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the intersection of 12th and Dobbin roads.

Station 3 - Burlington, responded to an alarm system malfunction 12:27 p.m. but was cancelled en route, Wednesday, March 25, in the 800 block of Fourth Street, Burlington.

Station 5 - LeRoy, responded to a grass fire 1:36 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in the 2000 block of 11th Road.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 5:31 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at the intersection of 21st and Homestead roads.

Station 4 - Gridley and

Station 3 - Burlington, responded to a possible accident with injury 10:29 a.m. but was cancelled en route, Friday, March 27, in the 700 block of 14th Lane.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the intersection of Ogden and Sac & Fox streets, Lebo.

Station 6 - Lebo, Station 3 - Burlington and Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the intersection of 27th and Garner roads.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at milepost 149 on I-35.

Station 6 - Lebo, Station 3 - Burlington and Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the intersection of 28th and Homestead roads.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, in the 800 block of 349th Road.

Station 6 - Lebo and Station 7 - Waverly, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the intersection of 28th and Juneberry roads.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 1:40 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the intersection of Dobbin Road and Old Highway 50.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 2:36 p.m. Friday, March 27, at milepost 143 on I-35.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a vehicle accident with injuries 11:46 a.m. Sunday, March 29, at the intersection of Cedar and Sixth Street, Lebo.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 6:07 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the 500 block of 20th Road.

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History

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fell the next day bringing the total snowfall for the end of March up to 12 inches, and making by far the heaviest snowfall in a year. The "stop" signs which have been used to regulate traffic at the corners of Main and Sixth streets in LeRoy have been removed. Vigorous complaints were made after 20 arrests were made last week and 18 of the defendants were fined \$4.00 apiece. The arrests were a result of a misunderstanding of the purpose of the stop signs. (\$4 in 1926 is equivalent to about \$50 today)

125 years ago (1901)

If you want to get the ill will of a dead beat, loan him five for a few days. He

will never pay it back, and he will always hate you and try to injure you after that because he knows you know him.

Mr. A. Carnegie, who is looking for town libraries to throw his money at, will please take notice of Burlington. This town has for many years maintained a public library by a special tax levy.

Tuesday night the Santa Fe passenger train failed to reach Gridley. Near the farm of John Wiley five miles below Burlington, two wheels of the tender jumped the track and came near causing a serious wreck. The train could not proceed, and the next morning the wrecking train from Ottawa came down and remedied the difficulty. There were no passengers when the accident occurred.

150 years ago (1876)

Let's have no fooling

about the 1st of April, but put in the day planting trees.

Saturday afternoon a partial eclipse of the sun took place, visible here, and many of our people examined it through smoked glasses. It disappeared about 4 o'clock.

It is a common thing to see people in town buying goods, who have come from thirty to forty miles to do their trading. The reason is obvious. Burlington has justly earned the reputation of selling goods cheaper than any other town on the Neosho or in Southern Kansas, and our merchants have put prices down to bed rock figures.

160 years ago (1866)

The annual meeting of the voters of School District No. One, (Burlington) was held at the Court House. The following taxes were levied: A

tax of one-half of one per cent for teacher's wages; one-fourth of one per cent for building purposes, and 1/8 of one per cent for incidental expenses; making a total of seven-eighths of one percent. It was calculated that the taxes for building purposes and incidental expenses would raise funds enough to insure the completion of the school-house, and furnish the upper story.

"It never rains but it pours." We have had a forcible illustration of this old adage, lately. A flood of advertising favors has poured in upon us since the tax list has appeared. We beg the patience of our patrons for a few weeks.

Gen. Grant is being nominated everywhere as the next Union candidate for the Presidency. Mr. Washburne of Illinois says he has led us out of the wilderness of war, and must now get us out of the wilderness of politics.