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- Eddie Linhart, 63
- Kelly Shaffer, 58
- Jerome Vajnar, 82



Spring Sports

Spring sports season is underway, with area high school teams competing in track, baseball, softball and golf. Team previews are featured in a special section inside today's edition. A composite schedule is available on page 7, weather permitting, of course.

News Supplement

Public Notices

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- Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Grover P. Rippey, et. al - Notice of Suit.
- Estate of Craig Barnwell - Notice to Creditors.
- PennyMac Loan Services LLC vs. Julie E. McCann, Robert A. McCann, et al. - Notice of Suit.
- Estate of Toni L. Dehn - Notice of Hearing.
- Keltyn Jaymes Kelly-Stone - Petition to Change Name.
- Coffey County - Request For Proposals, Bridge Nos. 169 and 156.
- Estate of William Mort Sanders - Notice of Hearing.
- City of Waverly - Invitation to Bid 2008 Chevrolet 2500 HD, 2WD Truck.
- Coffey County Board of Zoning Appeals - Official Notice of Hearing on Agricultural Exemption to Raise Peafowl.

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



Photo submitted

Veterans and student guardians participating in Southern Coffey County Honor Flight #26, held March 26 and 27, pose for a photo.

SCC Honor Flight visits nation's capital

LeROY — Southern Coffey County Honor Flight #26 carried 22 area veterans to Washington, D.C., March 26-27, continuing a long-running effort to recognize military service and connect generations.

According to organizer Jeff True, the two-day trip followed a full itinerary of national memorial visits and group activities. Veterans and guardians departed in the early morning hours from Southern Coffey County High School, traveling by bus to Kansas City before flying to the nation's capital.

Stops on the first day included the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, the Navy Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, where participants observed the

Changing of the Guard. The group also visited the Marine Corps War Memorial before concluding the day with a meal and overnight stay in Maryland.

Day two included visits to the World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, as well as the Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr. memorials. A planned walk near the White House was not possible due to construction and fencing in the area, but the group otherwise stayed close to schedule.

True said the group experienced ideal weather the first day, with cooler and damp conditions on the second.

Local veterans on the trip included Jerry and Brenda Melander of Burlington, Gale Combes of Lebo and Kenneth McBride of Osage City. McBride was accompanied by his son, Lebo High School activities director Darrin McBride, who served as a guardian. Dr. Sloyer and his son, Braden, also participated as adult guardians.

Student guardians included three from Western Plains High School, seven from Lebo High School and 12 from Southern Coffey County High School.

Since its founding in 2008, the Southern Coffey County Honor Flight program has transported

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Photo submitted

Brenda Melander, Burlington, veteran, and Melissa Edwards, SCC student guardian at the Vietnam War Memorial.

Board approves appraiser changes, mowing bids

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission approved job description and payroll changes in the Appraiser's Office, accepted seasonal mowing bids and tabled action on a construction payment during its March 23 meeting.

Chairman Mark Petterson called the meeting to order with commissioners Todd Barker, Steve McCurry, Michael Abendroth and Wayde Thomsen present.

Commissioners approved the March 16 minutes, with Abendroth abstaining, and approved four tax abatements totaling \$180.18.

Following earlier discussion about job description changes and pay grading, the commission approved a revised job description for an Appraisal Special-

ist II position. Commissioners had previously raised questions about pay grade adjustments and experience requirements, as well as the county's compensation structure.

The commission approved payroll notices for two Appraiser's Office employees. Stella Eccles was approved for a step and grade change from Grade 30-15 to 35-12, increasing her hourly wage

from \$27.73 to \$28.26. Heather True was approved for a change from Grade 30-12 to 35-10, increasing her hourly wage from \$26.13 to \$26.56. Both changes were effective March 16. Barker voted against both payroll actions.

In other business, commissioners approved seasonal mowing bids for several locations in the county, including Hope Cemetery (Black Rose Landworks,

\$30), Strawn Monument (Kistner Lawn Care, LLC, \$30), Old Highway 50 Park (Lendo Enterprises, \$60) and Rock Creek Cemetery (Lendo Enterprises, \$50). All bids are per event.

Commissioners reviewed a request for payment from River City Construction in the amount of \$306,049.26 for Phase 2 work on

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Windstorm damage, tower project updates highlighted

BURLINGTON — Coffey County Emergency Management Director Amber Presley reported localized damage from a March 10 windstorm during the March 23 county commission meeting.

The National Weather Service classified the storm as a straight-line wind downburst, not a tor-

nado, with peak winds estimated at 80 to 85 mph. Damage occurred near 11th and Xeric, where a shed was destroyed, a stock trailer flipped and an attached garage shifted. Trees and power lines were also downed. No injuries were reported.

Presley said the storm intensi-

fied quickly as it exited Coffey County and caused more extensive damage in Anderson County, particularly in Garnett. She noted such events offer little warning compared to tornadoes.

In other updates, Presley said

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Katie McMurray/The Republican

High school and eighth-grade students from Lebo-Waverly USD 243, Burlington USD 244 and LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 watch as Coffey County first responders, including police, firefighters and EMS personnel, respond to a three-vehicle crash in the mock disaster event held Wednesday morning, March 25. This was the first such event held in several years. More mock disaster photos are on page 6.