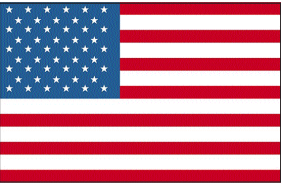


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City sales tax
collections
increase

COFFEY COUNTY — Coffey County cities have seen significant changes in sales tax collections from March 2024 to March 2025, with most cities experiencing notable increases.

Burlington, with a 2% tax rate, collected \$84,093.80 in March 2025, marking a 6.5% increase compared to \$78,924.64 in March 2024. For the first quarter of 2025, the city's total collections reached \$264,713.72, up 5.6% from the same period in 2024.

Gridley also saw a substantial boost, collecting \$4,307.13 in March 2025, a

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Retired Vice Admiral John Nowell welcomes veterans and guardians on the Southern Coffey County High School Honor Flight #24 at the Navy Memorial. The Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., took place March 27 and 28.

Service and sacrifice remembered on
SCC Honor Flight to Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Twenty-four veterans from Southern Coffey County and Lebo High Schools, accompanied by 24 student guardians, embarked on a meaningful journey to the nation's capital as part of Southern Coffey County Honor Flight #24 on March 27 and 28.

The trip, dedicated to honoring those who served, included visits to several iconic landmarks that pay tribute to the sacrifices of American service members.

A Memorable Itinerary

On Day 1, veterans and their guardians visited the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, reflecting on the events of September 11, 2001. The group then proceeded to the Air Force Memorial and the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial, where the spirit of military courage and resilience was palpable. A solemn moment followed at Arlington National Cemetery, where they witnessed the revered Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The following day, the group received a special motorcycle escort from the BWI Brownies of Baltimore, leading them to the World War II Memorial. The day continued with visits to the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam Wall Memorial, where veterans paid respects to their fallen comrades.

The journey also included the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, adding historical and

cultural context to the experience. A highlight of the trip was viewing the cherry blossoms along the Tidal Basin, which were in full bloom,

adding a touch of natural beauty to the poignant occasion.

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Photo submitted

Cherry blossoms in full bloom were enjoyed by veterans and guardians traveling to Washington, D.C., last week on Southern Coffey County Honor Flight #24. The Washington Monument is visible beyond the cherry trees.

Internet
outage
affects
courthouse,
hospital

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Courthouse experienced an internet outage beginning around 4:30 p.m. on Friday, affecting critical services including the hospital and sheriff's office. While critical systems like 911 and radio communications remained unaffected, other internet-reliant operations were down for nearly two days.

On Monday, Coffey County Information Technology Director Brad Scheibmeir told Coffey County Commissioners the issue stemmed from the county's decades-old rented IP addresses becoming invalid.

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Coffey County
announces
Spring
Cleanup Week

COFFEY COUNTY — Coffey County residents can take advantage of a free cleanup week from April 14-19, with the county's landfill accepting waste at no cost for residents. Commercial haulers will still be charged standard rates.

Burlington: Residents should place items curbside by the evening of April 13. Pickup begins on April 14, with materials separated into three piles: clean wood and furniture, plastics, and metals or appliances. No bagged trash, hazardous waste, tires, or demolition debris will be collected. Contractors and businesses are not eligible for the free service. **BRUSH ONLY PICKUP:** Additionally, Burlington will offer a separate brush and limb pickup on April 21. Residents should place brush at the curb parallel to the street by 7 a.m. City employees will collect brush and limbs cut to a manageable length, no more than 10 feet long. This service is not available to contractors or businesses.

New Strawn: Curbside

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The cast of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" rehearse for three performances Friday through Sunday in the Burlington High School Theatre. Pictured, from left, are Eli Ervin (Charlie Brown), Chloe Gosney (Schroeder), Zalie Allen (Lucy), and Camden Plummer (Snoopy). Mallory Over (Sally) and Korryn Bolen (Linus) are not pictured. At right, Snoopy has an imaginative adventure transforming his doghouse into a Sopwith Camel airplane to battle the Red Baron.



Photos submitted

BHS brings Peanuts to life in 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown'

BURLINGTON — The Burlington High School Theater is bringing the beloved Peanuts comic strip to life with its production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. The show will run from April 4 to April 6, promising audiences a delightful and heartwarming experience.

The cast features Eli Ervin as the ever-hopeful

Charlie Brown, with Mallory Over playing his little sister, Sally Brown. Zalie Allen takes on the role of the no-nonsense Lucy Van Pelt, while Chloe Gosney portrays the Beethoven-loving Schroeder. Korryn Bolen brings Linus Van Pelt and his signature blanket to life, and Camden Plummer rounds out the iconic cast as the imag-

inative and ever-quirky Snoopy.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. The ticket booth will open 45 minutes before each

show, and theater doors will open 15 minutes before curtain time.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, with book, music, and lyrics by Clark Gesner, captures a day in the life of Charlie Brown and his friends through a series of humorous and touching vignettes. Featuring songs like "Happiness" and "Suppertime,"

the show celebrates the joys and challenges of childhood.

For more information, follow Burlington High School Theater on Facebook or visit www.concordtheatricals.com for show details. Don't miss the chance to see these talented young performers bring the Peanuts gang to the stage!