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Community Calendar

Events for the Community Calendar may be submitted to The Republican by e-mail at repubclass@gmail.com, by phone (620) 364-5325, by mail or drop by in person: 324 Hudson St., Burlington, KS 66839.

The Coffey County Council on Aging is sponsoring free rides with Coffey County Transportation to county residents. Destinations must be within the county. Rides are available first Tuesdays and third Thursdays. Call (620) 364-1935 to schedule a ride.

A free service, Hoopla, is available to all Coffey County Library patrons. Contact your local branch or go to www.cclibraryks.org to sign up for eBooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, movies, music and television.

The Burlington Senior Center, 202 Neosho St., join a game of pitch, played on Mondays 5 p.m.; and Thursdays 9 a.m. each week. Everyone is welcome.

Visit the **Waverly Senior Center**. 6 p.m. Thursdays, come do the shuffle - with cards. More information, call (785) 433-9090.

Burlington branch: Children, Family Storytime, 11:15 a.m. Mondays; all ages, Lego club, 3:30 p.m. Mondays; Art in the Afternoon, ages 10 and up, 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays; all ages, Yak and Yarn, 5 p.m. Tuesdays; adults, Tech Time with Trisha, noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, or by appointment for more detailed help; Recipes from Brook – Bierocks; Pop in for a free bag of popcorn when you check out 5 or more items, while supplies last.

Gridley branch: children, weekly Grab & Go kits; teens Remix (grades 6-12), Mondays 4:20 p.m.; children, Storytime, 11 a.m. Wednesdays; afterschool fun grades K-5, activity and snack, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Friday fun, 11 a.m.; monthly reading challenge to get your April bookmark.

Lebo branch: children, storytime, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays; all ages, popcorn Thursdays until 3 p.m.; Ages 8+ - Beyond the Bell, Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.; adults, strength and exercise class, 9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays.

LeRoy branch: children, Monday Fundays, 4:30 p.m.; Teen Escape, 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

New Strawn branch: all ages, Yak & Yarn, 2 p.m. Tuesdays; Wee Wiggles Storytime, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays; children, On the Go weekly craft while supplies last; see the library for the monthly reading challenge.

Waverly branch: Preschool, storytime, 10 a.m. Thursdays; adult Grab and Go craft – Springtime Carrot; National Poetry month activities.

Elmendorf Township Library, Hartford: See hartford.lib.nckls.org for hours information; storytime 10 a.m. Tuesdays; after school program Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. new phone number: (620)303-0020 for more information. Email: elmllibhartford@gmail.com.

Burlington Recreation Center: adults, Movie Mondays, 1:30 p.m., free; adults, Cards and Conversation, enjoy a card game, 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

April 10

Burlington Senior Center, Easter Potluck Party, 6 p.m.

April 12

Burlington branch, Spatula Squad, ages 13-18, 1 p.m.



Thursday
Partly cloudy/wind.
75°/41°




Friday
Sunny.
72°/45°



Saturday
Sunny.
79°/60°



Sunday
Partly cloudy/wind.
88°/60°



Monday
Partly cloudy.
72°/45°

OBITUARIES

Eileen Frances Coker

(April 3, 1943-April 1, 2025)

BURLINGTON — Eileen Frances (Combs) Coker, 81, retired bookkeeper, died April 1, 2025, at her home. Eileen was born April 3, 1943, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Wilbert Wesley Combs and Marie Genevieve (Klein) Combs.

Eileen grew up in Arizona, California, Arkansas and Iowa, moving to Wichita to attend Sacred Heart College (Newman University) after high school graduation in 1961. She was invited to stay with family, and to go to school with a cousin her age and start her first real job at her uncle's accounting office. For the rest of her working career, she enjoyed accounting with a little secretarial work until she retired from Counter Top Trends, LLC in Gridley at age 69, then worked a new career as a land researcher part time for Polly Epting's Land Title Company for six years before health reasons caused her to fully retire.

While living in Wichita the first 21 years of marriage, the demands of working, living and raising two kids didn't allow much spare time, except for square dancing, clogging and 4-H as extra after school activities, Eileen found time to enjoy bowling at different times in a mixed league and a women's league and card playing with friends. After the move to Burlington in 1985 there eventually came participation in several women's bowling leagues

and time for volunteering for the American Cancer Society, especially with Reach to Recovery, Relay for Life and Love Lights a Tree. Finally, after retiring from full time work, she also was able to invest time in another avid interest, genealogy. She has been the President of the Coffey County Genealogical Society since 2014, and an officer on the Board of Directors of the Museum since 2012.

Eileen was introduced to Charles Eugene "Chuck" Coker by her cousin in August 1961, and they were married in All Saints Catholic Church, Wichita, on July 6, 1963. They were the parents of two sons, Brian and Alan.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years on Sept. 8, 2022. She was also preceded in death by her father and mother; a brother, Wesley V. Combs; two sisters, Louise A. (Combs) King, and Ruth A. (Combs) Branch; step-mother Hilda Marriott (Bewley) Combs; step-brothers, Robert Bewley, Steven Bewley and Alan Bewley; sister-in-law, Patricia (Vice) Coker.

She is survived by her two sons, Brian E. (Thihan) Coker, Wichita, and Alan W. (Ryna) Coker, Burlington; sister, Mary P.



Eileen Coker

MEETINGS

USD 244 Rec Commission

BURLINGTON — The regular meeting of USD 244 Recreation Commission will convene noon Friday, April 11, at the Recreation Center, 1110 Shea Street. The meeting will begin with approval of minutes from the March 17 meeting. Approval of financial statements, the director's report covering the center and outdoor pool, and other concerns will follow. The next meeting will be Monday, May 9.

Coffey County Planning Board

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Planning Board will hold its regular meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10.

Housing Authority

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Housing Authority board will meet at noon Tuesday, April 15, at the board office, 313 Neosho Street.

COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a medical assist 9:51 a.m. Monday, March 31, in the 400 block of Arrowhead Drive, New Strawn.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a report of a tree on fire 3:57 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the intersection of Old Highway 50 and Lynx Road.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 3:58 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the intersection of Old Highway 50 and Homestead Road.

Station 3 - Burlington, responded to a good intent call 8:03 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the 900 block of Juneberry Road.

Station 9 - Jacobs Creek

COMMUNITY CALENDAR CON'T.

April 15

Burlington branch, Ask me Anything at 11th Lane Roastery, 11 a.m.

LeRoy branch, adult bingo, 10 a.m.

April 16

Burlington branch, Let's make something, Shower steamers, limited supplies, register by April 14.

April 17

Lebo branch, Easter evening story time, 6:30 p.m.

New Strawn branch, CraftyNight, string art, 5:30 p.m.

(Combs) (Truman) Hamilton, Monticello, Ark.; sisters-in-law, Claudia (Sheka) Combs, South Dakota, Carrol (Coker) (Utz) Russ, Liberal; brothers-in-law, Lynn F. (Dee) Coker, Calif., Michael J. Coker, Burlington, Jerry D. King, Arkansas, O. Wayne Branch, Oklahoma; step-sisters-in-law, Nola (Hiveley) Bewley, Lebo, and Debbie (Pechacek) Bewley, Texas; grandchildren, Steven (Kayla) Coker, Alexander Coker, Eric Orapeza, Alyssa Coker, Aldrin Coker, Adam Coker; bonus grandchildren, Dustin Wells, Mary (Ruzicka) Smith, Cassandra, Colton Heaven and Haily Falconburg, Serenity Goodman, Violetta, Jazmin and Pablo Oropeza; great-grandson, Jensen Coker; bonus great-grandchildren, Marley Myers, Abby Freeman, Genevieve and Miles Smith, Marshall and Corbin Stuart; chosen children, foreign exchange students, Cristian Brolin, Sweden, and Andre Weisner, Germany, Eddie Payne and Robert Gifford, many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Graveside services were held 11 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2025, at Graceland Cemetery, Burlington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Coffey County Historical Society and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

Model T Ford Club to meet April 10

BURLINGTON — The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10, in the conference room of the Burlington Branch Library, 410 Juniatta Street.

A meal will be shared prior to the meeting, with the main entrée and drinks provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish to complement the meal.

The meeting is open to the public, and anyone interested in antique automobiles or learning more about the club is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Bud Redding at (785) 733-2124.

p.m. Friday, April 4, in the 200 block of Reaper Place.

Station 7 - Waverly, responded to a medical assist 9:34 a.m. Sunday, April 6, in the 100 block of Farrow Street, Waverly.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a medical assist 10:51 a.m. Sunday, April 6, in the 300 block of Broadway Street, Lebo.

Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a medical assist 11:35 a.m. Sunday, April 6, in the 200 block of Fifth Street, New Strawn.

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- ♦ **Izzy** — approx 2.5 year old female, full of energy.



Bruno



Izzy

The adoption fee for an animal is \$75. For information on these pets awaiting adoption, call Bonnie Foster at (620) 490-0416 or visit Burlington Animal Shelter, 719 South Fifth Street. The shelter is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Suspects are to appear in Burlington Municipal Court on May 8, unless noted otherwise.

Backing accident

Jennifer Lynn Donaldson, Maple Hill, was backing her 2020 Acura RDX from a parking stall at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Auburn Pharmacy, 716 N. Fourth Street. She struck a 2004 Pontiac Bonneville, driven by Krayson Isaak Bland, Burlington. Bland was sitting in line in the drive through lane. The Bonneville is registered to Wayne Harold Bland III, Burlington. The drivers, Bland's passenger, Casey Jordan Bland, Burlington, and Donaldson's passenger, Christopher Lane Schroeder, Hill City, were not injured. Damage to the vehicles is estimated at less than \$1,000.

Hit and run

A hit and run accident occurred at 10:25 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the alleyway in the 600 block of S. 11th Street. A black Dodge pickup struck a gas meter and then drove away. The meter is owned by Atmos Energy. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Burlington Police Department at (620) 364-8757.

Child endangerment

Ashley Amanda Marie Hobbs, 35, Burlington, was cited for alleged child endangerment at 11:51 p.m. Sunday, March 23, in the 300 block of South Third Street. She is to appear in municipal court April 10.

Violate PFA

Laken Renee Beaty, 36, Burlington, was cited and arrested for allegedly violating a PFA at 16:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Coffey County Courthouse, 605 Neosho Street. She was

booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on a \$411 O/R bond.

Noise nuisance

Belinda Kay Kirkby, 48, Burlington, was cited for allegedly creating a noise nuisance at 9:54 p.m. Saturday, April 5, in the 100 block of North Fourth Street. She was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on a \$411 O/R bond.

Possession of drugs

Tayzlee Denae Bright, 32, Burlington, was cited and arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 4:50 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the 400 block of Garrettson. She was booked into Coffey County Jail and later released on a \$461 O/R bond.

No driver's license

Tristen J.L. Beaty, 15, Burlington, was cited for allegedly driving with an illegal registration and no driver's license at 1:54 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in the 500 block of South Sixth Street. His tag expired March 31, 2025.

Warrant arrest

Christina Marie Williams, 39, Emporia, was arrested on a Burlington Municipal Court warrant for failing to appear in court on Aug. 10, 2023, for a pay review. She was booked into Coffey County Jail, where she is being held in lieu of a \$503 cash bond. She is to appear in municipal court April 10.

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HOMEMADE HOUSE SPECIALS

Thursday's Special

Classic Burger (includes fries) – \$5⁹⁹

Friday's Special

Homemade Meatloaf Dinner (includes mashed potatoes, green beans, and side salad) – \$11⁹⁹

Daily Specials

Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich (includes mashed potatoes with brown gravy and side salad) – \$9⁴⁹

Pot Roast Stuffed Baked Potato – \$11⁹⁹
Fish Dinner (Breaded or Grilled, choice of potato, side salad and a dinner roll) – \$12⁹⁹

ACROSS THE BORDERS

320 Neosho St., Burlington
(620) 364-1455