



Kristi Vogts/The Republican
Waverly High School National Honor Society members pictured, from left, are Nancy Riecker (sponsor), Kylie Burkdoll, Zoe McNabb, Morgan Vogts, Ella McNabb, Allie Stukey, Lydia Foltz, Macy Seems, and Zoey Hirt.

WHS inducts five into National Honor Society

WAVERLY — The K.H. Poppe chapter National Honor Society of Waverly inducted five new members on April 24. The inductees included two juniors and three sophomores.

Junior inductees were Ella McNabb, daughter of Lee and Denise McNabb, and Allie Stukey, daughter of Craig and Janelle Stukey.

Sophomore inductees were Lydia Foltz, daughter of Pete and Jill Foltz; Zoey Hirt, daughter of Nathan and Bridgitte Hirt; and Macy Seems, daughter of Vickie Seems.

Seniors Kylie Burkdoll, Zoe McNabb and Morgan Vogts were honored as graduating NHS members. All three seniors

received the K.H. Poppe National Honor Society Scholarship.

Nancy Riecker is the chapter's sponsor. Members of National Honor Society maintain and encourage the high standards of the four characteristics: scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The K.H. Poppe National Honor Society chapter was formed in 1985 at Waverly High School. It was named in tribute to Mr. Poppe, who was a Waverly educator and principal for many years. The National Honor Society was founded to create an organization to promote high academic standards, as well as a means of understanding and continuing

democracy. The organization helps the betterment of the individual and the school. Established in 1921, National Honor Society has over 20,000 chapters with more than one million members across the nation.



Photo submitted
In her second year at Burlington Middle School, 21-year-educator Tammy Vanderpool teaches students about exploration technology. The 16 modules she uses showcase a variety of real-world applications in topics like biotechnology, careers, and horticulture. Not only are her lessons relevant and hands-on, but when she throws in a few of her homemade chocolate chip cookies, learning really occurs as well! Teaching matters to Tammy Vanderpool.



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At Burlington Middle School, sixth grade science is special because Kelsy Crutchfield has been making kids love her class for the last four years. A teacher for 13 years, Crutchfield wants her students to learn to do hard things, and she finds the process is key—and possibly even more valuable than the result. She keeps her students wondering—what her classroom will look like, what lesson they will have hands-on learning, and what more she can teach them about the world of science. Teaching matters to Kelsy Crutchfield.

Superintendent explains CMAR and GMP

Here are some more Questions and Answers regarding our BES bond issue. I hope this information is helpful for the public.

How was McCown Gordon selected as the construction company for a possible new BES?



Craig Marshall
Superintendent
Burlington USD 244

USD 244 went through a lengthy process that is a state approved model for selecting a Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR). We received RFQ's (Request For Qualifications) from five different construction companies that were interested in our project. The USD 244 Board of Education,

Clark Simpson (GMCN Architect), and Craig Marshall reviewed the RFQ's very thoroughly using a scoring rubric. We identified three companies that scored the highest for the RFP (Request for Proposal) phase. During this stage, the three companies came in for a formal interview focusing on our project. Items looked at during the interviews were the history of the company, job experiences, experience of the people that would be working on our job, etc. We also had Frank Burnam, Deputy Secretary of Operations from the Kansas Department of Administration, do an independent review of the CMAR fee evaluations from each company. We used a rubric for scoring this RFP phase, and

McCown Gordon came out as the number one choice.

What is a GMP and how does this guarantee our project is delivered within the set budget?

GMP stands for Guaranteed Maximum Price. In other words, a spending limit for the entire project. During the design of the building, the architect and McCown Gordon are working in unison with the school district to design a building that fits within the budget through a process called "real-time estimating." We constantly ensure alignment between the scope, the cost of the various program needs, additional options, and the district's budget. Once the project is designed, each scope is competitive-

ly bid. Any costs above the GMP, and are not a requested change from the school district, are the responsibility of McCown Gordon. All savings are returned to the district for re-investment into the school how they desire.

McCown Gordon Construction has a robust preconstruction process. In the last 12 months, they have assembled 53 GMP's and these came in 0.73% under budget. This is a testament to their ability to deliver the project on budget.

If you ever have any questions about USD 244, please contact me at your convenience. My e-mail is cmarshall@usd244ks.org and my phone number is 620-364-8478 Extension 3040.

GO WILDCATS!
#Bton244OnTheGrow

Births

Kayce Carl Gifford
OSAGE CITY — Kaitlyn and Dalton Gifford, Osage City, announce the birth of their son, Kayce Carl. He was born 4:22 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2025, at University of Kansas Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches in length at birth. He was welcomed home by his sister, Tynlee, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Brad and Elizabeth Caldwell, great-grandparents, Tom and Sharen Caldwell and Kent and Cynthia Hartner, all of Burlington. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Ida Belle Caldwell, Burlington. Paternal grandparents



Kayce Carl Gifford

are Carl and Kim Gifford, Melvern, grandparents, Kathy Smith and Chuck Garner, Osage City, great-grandparents, Judi Welsh, Great Bend, and Robert and Audrey Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Marjorie Cook, Olathe.

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report included updates on student performance data, budget planning, legislative issues, insurance, and financial summaries covering transportation, utilities, food service, maintenance, and technology. Board members received more than 40 pages of financial documents for review.

The board approved open enrollment for the 2025-26 school year, with no cap on incoming students from outside the district, based on enrollment projections and district philosophy.

Principal Reports

Waverly Junior High/High School Principal Bob Risch reported the school was named a Kansas All-Star School for preparing students for postsecondary success. Students practice interviewing skills from sixth grade through senior year. Community service activities are planned for May 2. Eighth-grade promotion and awards will be May 9 at 2 p.m., and high school graduation will be May 11 at 2 p.m.

Teachers Megan Bathory and Amanda Marsh presented the Waverly Elementary report, highlighting student work in music, weather, and science, along with academic progress. Sixteen

incoming kindergartners are expected this fall.

Lebo Principal Dr. Melissa Veach and teacher Bethany Thomas reported on staff professional development, student enrichment activities like CPR, sewing, fishing, and landscaping, and a busy schedule of upcoming events.

District Business

The board approved the 2025-26 school calendar, which includes a full week off at Thanksgiving and two additional Christmas break days.

The board approved out-of-state travel for student groups:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA): 23 students qualified for the national conference June 29–July 2 in Anaheim, Calif. The district will cover high school student and sponsor expenses; junior high students will fund-raise.
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA): Three students qualified for the national conference June 29–July 3 in Orlando, Fla. The district will similarly fund high school students and sponsors.

District travel policy covers \$150 per night for lodging, \$24 daily for student meals, and \$30 daily for adult meals, with transportation costs varying.

Personnel Actions

Following 50 minutes of executive session, the

board approved the following hires:

- ❖ Nathan Nance, Lebo High School science teacher
- ❖ Ben Chapman, Waverly High School business teacher
- ❖ Dustin Wilson, district superintendent
- ❖ Desta Mason, Waverly Elementary secretary

Resignations accepted included:

- Brian Hadley, Lebo

Junior High boys' basketball coach

- > Jessica Williams, district accounts payable clerk
- > Mindy Phillips, K-5 Special Education teacher
- > Dennis Becker, Lebo athletic director
- > Rita Crouch, Lebo after school director
- > Chalie Crouch, after school worker
- > Cristy Turner, Lebo business teacher



Photo submitted
Members of East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club participate in a club work day.

ECK Model T Ford Club to meet

BURLINGTON — The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club will meet Thursday, May 8, in the conference room of the Burlington Branch Library, 410 Juniatta Street, Burlington. Before the meeting, the club will share a meal. The entree' and drinks will be furnished and members are encouraged to bring a side dish to share.

The meetings are a time for sharing experiences and planning road trips and workshops. The club will discuss coming events that members and guests may be interested in attending. Owning a Model

T is not a requirement for membership or attendance. The meetings are open to the public.

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

75TH BIRTHDAY

Harvey card shower

Gail Harvey, rural LeRoy, is celebrating his 75th birthday on May 8, 2025. A card shower is planned to help Gail celebrate. Send cards to 2350 2nd Rd., LeRoy, KS 66857.

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Derek Schmidt
SECOND DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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