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Gail Harvey, 75

Overnight  
power outage  
planned for  
Waverly area  
June 12

WAVERLY — Everygy has scheduled a planned overnight power outage for Waverly and the surrounding area beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, June 12, to allow crews to replace aging equipment and make system upgrades.

The outage is expected to last approximately 8 to 10 hours and will impact all Everygy customers in and around Waverly. Crews will replace two utility poles

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Lake Levels

John Redmond

1p.m. Tuesday, June 10

Lake Elevation: 1,067.48  
Normal: 1,041  
Inflow (cfs): 2,895  
Release (cfs): 12,206  
—14 tainter gates open 0.75 feet;  
2 low flow gates open 100%.

Melvorn

2p.m. Tuesday, June 10

Lake Elevation: 1,043.24  
Normal: 1,036  
Inflow (cfs): 265  
Release (cfs): 2,000

Pomona

Lake Elevation: 982.57  
Normal: 974  
Inflow (cfs): 165  
Release (cfs): 771

Public Notices

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- Coffey County - List of May Warrants.
- Estate of Donald E. Wilcox - Notice of Hearing.
- Central National Bank vs. Edward Williams, et. al - Notice of Suit.

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LeRoy-Gridley USD 245



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Heavy rain, particularly upstream from John Redmond Reservoir, resulted in the reservoir's flood pool coming within an inch of being 100% full Sunday afternoon. All 14 tainter gates (photo below) were opened 9 inches Sunday afternoon, releasing around 12,000 cubic feet of water per second. While running full, the Neosho River remained within its banks. The above left photo was taken Sunday afternoon at the Burlington City Dam. The above right photo was taken Saturday afternoon at John Redmond Reservoir with the top of two tainter gates barely visible while a pickup drives on Embankment Road over the dam.

Heavy rain leads to flooding, road closures

Katie McMurray  
Reporter

After drier than average weather that led to abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions, the month of June has started out very wet. Several rounds of rain and thunderstorms moved through the area in the past week, dropping multiple inches of rain and leading to flooding.

Rounds of heavy rain Tuesday, June 3, dumped a widespread four to six inches of precipitation on the area, with a few areas in northwestern and far southern portions of the county receiving less. Reports on the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow

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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Davidson honored for 37+ years of service

Council to seek  
street superintendent  
internally

Mark Petterson  
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council met June 4 and recognized the longtime service of a city employee, addressed other personnel matters, heard departmental updates and agreed to sign a HEAL grant.

All governing body members were present Wednesday, June 4, for the first regular meeting of June: Mayor Stan Luke, and council members Jerilyn Curtiss, Maxi Berryman, Lila Van Horn, Cara Mays, Nathan Strawder and Martin Ernst.

Mayor Luke presented a plaque

to Street Superintendent Mark Davidson, recognizing Davidson's 37½ years of service to the City of Burlington. Davidson will officially retire, effective June 16. He started working for the city on Dec. 14, 1987. Davidson thanked the mayor, council, co-workers and other city superintendents for their support over the years.

On a 5-1 vote, the council decided to advertise the street superintendent position internally for 30 days. Strawder believed the position should be advertised internally and outside of the city, to avoid delaying the hiring process.

Council members approved a request from resident Steve Gifford to close St. Lawrence Street between Eighth and Ninth streets from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, July 4, for Independence Day celebrations. The closure will use barricades,



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Street Superintendent Mark Davidson holds a plaque presented by Mayor Stan Luke, left, recognizing his more than 37 years of service to the City of Burlington. Davidson will retire June 16.

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STRAWNFEST 2025



The weather was ideal for New Strawn's annual Strawnfest celebration Saturday. The day included a number of youth and family-friendly activities. See additional photos on page 12.

Commission  
reviews budget  
requests, OKs  
staff hires

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission met Monday, June 2, to review several 2026 budget requests, and approve multiple personnel actions—including summer interns, jail staff, and deputies.

Vice Chairman Steve McCurry called the meeting to order with members Michael Abendroth, Mark Petterson and Todd Barker present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie II were also in attendance; Chairman Wayne Thomsen was absent.

The commission approved two tax abatements totaling \$1,809.78.

Extension Agent Jill Barnhardt and Extension Council Chair Megan Wilson presented their 2026 budget request of \$243,539, up from \$228,750 in 2025. County Counselor Ty Wheeler followed, requesting \$12,500 for Kansas Legal Services, a \$500 increase over last year.

Several personnel actions were authorized. The board approved county payroll notices for two county attorney summer interns—Kahne Truelove and Gracy Smith—at \$15.54 per hour, not to exceed 1,000 hours each, effective June 2. It also granted part-time assistant cook positions at

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