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Meetings

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON, (620) 364-6761, (620) 203-8294, 364-6534, (580) 235-6254. Tuesdays 7:30 p.m., 207 S. Sixth, Burlington. tfn/hc

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, SUNDAYS, 6 p.m. Waverly Community Building. tfn/hc

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of the playoffs.

- BHS girls' cross country had a state qualifier in Hattie Burgio and finished second as a team in the Pioneer League championship.
- BHS volleyball had an eight-win improvement collecting two tournament championships at Iola and Anderson County. The team also had the greatest participation for a team sport.
- BHS boys' basketball qualified for the state tournament finishing the season at 20-4 and were undefeated Pioneer League champions. Sage Feifar became BHS' most recent 1,000-point career scorer.
- BHS girls' basketball were sub-state runners-up as well as Pioneer League co-champions.
- BHS girls' wrestling qualified six girls for the state tournament. Haylei Potter was a state runner-up and Olivia Lyons finished third at state.
- The BHS cheer squad had the largest cheer program in the Pioneer League. The team competed at the KSHSAA State Cheer competition.
- BHS baseball ended up the season as sub-state runners-up with a record of 21-7.
- BHS softball finished third at state with a 27-5 record. Grace Birk set many single season and career records for the Ladycat softball team.
- BHS track and field qualified 13 for the state track meet highlighted by many state champions. State championships and all-time 3A state records were achieved by Brody Anderson and Keely Hoback. Other state champions are Alexa Ratzlaff, Olivia Lyons, Haylei Potter, Mac Medlock, and Lyra Codney
- BHS golf won the Pioneer League Golf tournament.
- BHS scholars' bowl qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 2021.
- BHS band continues to show why they are the "Best Little Band in Kansas." Participation remains high across all classes, and the band brings the energy to all of our football and basketball games. The band traveled to a few competitions this year, including events at Baker and Emporia State, along with the annual trip to Neewollah. The band also had success at the Pioneer League Championships, finishing second place overall, narrowly missing a first-place finish. The band also competed at the State Large Band competition at the end of the year, earning a "2" overall score.
- BHS theater held acting and technique classes throughout the fall. This was the first time this has

Public hearings set for Evergy's proposed rate increase

Evergy has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requesting a \$196.4 million (8.62%) rate increase for Evergy Kansas Central (EKC) customers. If approved, prices would become effective this September. EKC residential customers would have an average monthly increase of \$13.05.

Evergy's application requests updated prices to include nearly \$1 billion for investment in infrastructure that serves customers, adjustments for overall cost of capital, and increased operating expenses. Evergy's request does not include costs related to the Panasonic Electric Vehicle battery plant or the two natural gas plants that Evergy has announced it plans to build in Kansas. Evergy

has also proposed the Evergy Stay Connected Pilot program that would offer monthly credits and help income eligible Kansas residents remain current on their account.

EKC serves about 735,000 customers in Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe, Leavenworth, Atchison, Manhattan, Salina, Hutchinson, Emporia, Parsons, Wichita, Kansas City, El Dorado, Newton, Fort Scott, Pittsburg and Independence, among other towns and rural areas, including Osage County. This request does not include Evergy Kansas Metro, which serves customers in Lenexa, Overland Park, and other communities near the Kansas City metro area. The KCC regulates public utilities, including home telephone, natural gas, electric, and water companies, as well as motor carriers, oil and gas pipelines, and oil and gas producers.

The KCC's regulatory oversight of public utilities primarily pertains to rates and terms of service. To ensure that customers of regulated utilities are provided sufficient and efficient service at just and reasonable rates, utilities may not change their rates without KCC approval.

The KCC has scheduled two public hearings to provide Evergy Kansas Central customers an opportunity to learn more about the proposed rates, as well as ask questions and make comments about the proposal. The first hearing will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Wichita State University's Hughes Metropolitan Complex, located at 5014 East 29th Street North, Wichita. The second hearing will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 16, at Washburn Institute of Technology, located at 5724 Southwest Huntton Street, Topeka.

Attendees may participate in person or virtually via Zoom. Anyone wanting to participate virtually must register at [KCC.KS.gov/your-opinion-matters](https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters) by noon the day before the hearing. The hearing will be broadcast live on the agency's YouTube channel for those unable to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under The Americans with Disabilities Act must notify the KCC at least 10 days prior to the scheduled public hearing by calling (800) 662-0027.

The KCC will accept comments regarding the proposed rate changes through 5 p.m. Monday, July 14. There are three ways to submit a comment: Go to the KCC's website ([KCC.KS.gov](https://kcc.ks.gov)) and click on the "Your Opinion Matters" link to enter your comment; send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Com-

mission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS 66604-4027 (Be sure to reference Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS); or call the KCC's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at (800) 662-0027.

An evidentiary hearing on Evergy's request is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 21, at the KCC offices, 1500 Southwest Arrowhead Road, Topeka.

A complete copy of Evergy's application and supporting testimony is available on the KCC's website at [KCC.KS.gov](https://kcc.ks.gov), by searching Docket Filings for Docket No. 25-EKCE-294-RTS. If you need additional assistance regarding the proposed rate increase or submission of public comments to the KCC, call (800) 662-0027, or email public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.

VanWey named Commerce Employee of the Year

TOPEKA — Craig VanWey, Senior Regional Director for the Kansas Department of Commerce's In-State Business Development team, has been named the agency's 2024 Employee of the Year.

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Com-

merce David Toland praised VanWey's two decades of service, calling him "an accomplished local point of contact" who has supported numerous business expansions and relocations across Kansas.

VanWey currently serves as Southeast Re-

gional Director and also supports the full In-State Business Development team. Known for his strong relationships with businesses and dependable leadership, VanWey has been described by colleagues as dedicated, effective, and deeply commit-

ted to the state's economic growth.

"Commerce is the best organization I have ever worked for," VanWey said. "I find joy in helping people and making a difference. I am truly honored and appreciative of this recognition."

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the jail to Stacie Parks and Amanda D. Melton at \$17.93 per hour, effective May 29. Two new part-time deputies, Brad Barrett and Felix Nunez, were hired at \$23.68 per hour, effective June 6 and June 9, respectively. The commission approved a grade and step change for Kellie Roney, who will be the lead cook with a new hourly rate of \$26.63, up from \$26.32, effective May 16.

Housing Authority Director Ronda Gilbert outlined a 2026 budget request of \$294,000—an increase of \$9,000 over the 2025 request. The board also waived landfill fees for a structure owned by Vernon and Christine Williams at 226 Sixth Street in LeRoy.

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office—including Sheriff Tom Johnson, Angela Strawder, Lauren Hull—requested \$3,000 for the 2025 Heroes Pull fundraiser. Commis-

sioner approved the request, which is the same as in 2024. Others present included COF Training Services representatives and COF clients.

SOS Crisis Services Director Mary Halleran and Child Advocacy Center Director Ginny Samples presented a combined 2026 request of \$7,500, up \$500 from the prior year.

The board approved a new cycle of advertising for a custodial position until filled.

Following a presentation by Dr. Karl Wy-

att, Chairman/CEO of SNEAS, Inc., (see story in June 5 edition of The Republican) concerning the Trusted Electronics Manufacturing (TEM) initiative, and a 15-minute executive session, Zoning Administrator Heidi Harris briefed commissioners on Case SU-2023-02, concerning a special use for the county's industrial park near BETO Junction, and offered two recommendations for consideration. Commissioner took no action prior to adjourning.

Tickets

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3-30-25 Roberto Antonio Arriola, one-way glass or sun-screen device, excessive tint over 35%.

3-30-25 Jack McGuire Hancock, speeding.

3-30-25 Khaleeq Rehman, speeding.

3-30-25 Franklin Josue Caballero Romero, operate a motor vehicle without a valid license.

3-30-25 Thomas Trevor Hughes, speeding.

3-30-25 Andrew Lawrence Crawford, unlawful vehicle registration, defective tail lamp on motor vehicle.

3-30-25 Sumey Moham-madrable, speeding.

3-31-25 Gena Lynn Roberts, speeding.

4-1-25 Eain Alistair Mowat, speeding.

4-1-25 Pauline Kay Ferguson, speeding.

4-3-25 Jasmine Patricia Morina, unlawful vehicle registration.

4-3-25 Seth Abraham Landie, driving while suspended, second or subsequent conviction.

4-4-25 Clifford Brian Kuhnel, defective muffler.

4-4-25 Nkomez James, speeding.

4-4-25 Alexandria Kay Spearman, speeding.

4-4-25 Natalie Hana Mariska Si Ooh, speeding.

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Jones, speeding.

4-5-25 Leandro Osmar Canete Rosabal, speeding.

4-4-25 David J. Hudson, speeding, improper driving on laned roadway.

4-5-25 Christine M. Aspegren, speeding.

4-5-25 Zane Rakham Kohl, speeding.

4-5-25 Michael Lee Dilley, speeding.

4-5-25 Eleanor Marie Gonzalez, defective wipers, obstructed windshield or windows, unlawful vehicle registration.

4-6-25 Sarah Elizabeth Scott, speeding.

4-6-25 Dennis Onentia Oyiengo, speeding, vehicle liability insurance required.

4-6-25 Bradley Von Stoots, speeding.

4-7-25 Brielle Nicole Holleman, speeding.

4-7-25 Robynn Suzanne Haydock, speeding.

4-7-25 Jaiden Roxann Whitehead, speeding.

4-7-25 Sanubar Khan Momand, speeding, one-way glass or sun screen device, excessive tint over 35%.

4-9-25 Richard L. Sullivan, speeding.

4-10-25 Hector Rodriguez, over weight limits on wheels and axels.

4-10-25 Brian J. McSwain, failure to wear seatbelt.

4-10-25 Mario Flores, speeding, violation of restrictions on driver's license or permit.

4-10-25 Maranda Dawn Spillman, speeding.

4-11-25 Brady Renay Barber, speeding.

History

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calf. All three are alive and thriving.

100 years ago (1925)

- The Coffey County Jail was so full yesterday that the sheriff found it necessary to give two of the prisoners beds in the detention room in the basement of the court house. The jail contained eight prisoners Wednesday not counting the "tourist" arrested at Halls Summit and released after an examination. This is probably the largest number of prisoners ever in the Coffey County Jail and there are more serious charges than this county often has.
- The mill race is proving popular again this summer for fisherman and almost any evening, one finds from a dozen to 25 persons sitting along its banks.
- The population of Coffey County as shown by the figures of the assessors, is 15,072, but addi-

tional names in the office of the County Clerk bring the total to more than 15,100. The final total figure in 1924 was 14,763. The total population of each town returned by the assessors for this year are: Burlington 2,560, LeRoy 798, Waverly 594, Lebo 613 and Gridley 586. (Population for Coffey County according to the 2020 census was 8,360. The populations of the towns were as follows: Burlington 2,634, LeRoy 451, Waverly 574, Lebo 885, Gridley 313 and New Strawn 414.)

125 years ago (1900)

- A senatorial convention was held at Waverly. The dissatisfaction in and about Waverly on account of the nomination of W. A. DeFord for state senator is said to be so great that an independent or straight Populist candidate will be nominated. Just how that will be done, however, is not made clear.
- The county commissioners have been in session as a board of equalization this week and transacted the regular

business of the session. The petitioners for the new township of Halls Summit were before the board Monday, but found their published notice had been insufficient and they were obliged to give notice and do their work over again. The notice will be found in another column in this paper.

- Rev. Martin preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning at Bethel. He spoke in glowing terms of the bravery of those who wore the blue and the gray. The church was filled and everyone went home enthused with patriotism. (The Bethel Church was located about seven miles west of Burlington. The church was moved to the museum grounds in the 1997.)

150 years ago (1875)

- From all sections of our county the reports are more favorable and the farmers are feeling encouraged. Even those who have suffered the most from the hoppers, can replant with a certainty of reaping an abundant har-

vest. (The year prior, was the Grasshopper Plague of 1874 when hordes of grasshoppers destroyed crops, trees and even some clothing in the Great Plains region. The infestations of the grasshoppers continued, but not to the extreme of 1874. Between 1873-1877, it was estimated more that \$200 million in damages to crops occurred by the plague of grasshoppers.)

- The scarlet rash is prevailing in Coffey County.
- 480 acres in Coffey County, Kansas, for sale. Price \$3 to \$5 per acre. Will trade for land in Labette County. (\$3 in 1875 is equivalent to about \$87.22 today and \$5 is equivalent to about \$145.36 today)

160 years ago (1865)

- We had glorious showers of rain on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It makes everybody look pleased except the bugs and worms. It don't seem to agree with their constitutions.
- We want one hundred thousand more settlers in the Neosho Valley.