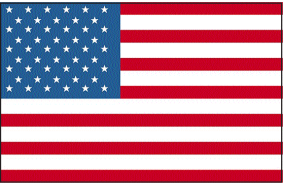


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- ☐ Carol Mechnig, 87
- ☐ Mary Alice Smith, 82

Lake Levels

John Redmond <i>12 p.m. Tuesday, July 8</i>	
Lake Elevation:	. 1,049.98
Normal: 1,041
Inflow (cfs): 379
Release (cfs): 8,936
LAST GATE CHANGE: 12:10	
<i>p.m. Monday, June 23 — 9 tainter gates open 1.0 feet; 5 tainter gates open 0.5 feet; 2 low flow gates open 100%. Total release: 8,936 cfs. Flood pool 19.71% full.</i>	
Melvorn <i>12 p.m. Tuesday, July 8</i>	
Lake Elevation:	. 1,036.58
Normal: 1,036
Inflow (cfs): 10
Release (cfs): 128
Pomona <i>12 p.m. Tuesday, July 8</i>	
Lake Elevation: 976.01
Normal: 974
Inflow (cfs): 5
Release (cfs): 15

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- ☐ Rocket Mortgage LLC vs. Jeff Chandler, et. al - Notice of Sale.
- ☐ Estate of Stephen R. Allen - Notice of Hearing of Petition for Determination of Descent.
- ☐ Estate of Mary Margaret Knight - Notice to Creditors.
- ☐ Coffey County - List of June Warrants.
- ☐ Pleasant Hill Cemetery - Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing.
- ☐ Lakeview Drainage District - Notice of Budget Hearing.
- ☐ Coffey County Board of Zoning Appeals - Official Notice of Zoning Appeals Hearing, Case No. BZSA-A-2025-01.

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Waverly gears up for Ohio Days

WAVERLY — Waverly will come alive July 11-15 with the 129th annual Ohio Days celebration, featuring a packed schedule of events for all ages, from live entertainment and games to parades and community meals.

The festivities kick off Friday evening, July 11, with a 2K/5K Walk/Run beginning south of the high school. Registration starts at 8 p.m., with the race set for 8:30 p.m. More details are available at

ohiodaysrun.wix.com/info.

Saturday, July 12, brings a Co-Ed Softball Tournament with an 8 a.m. start, along with a free cancer screening from 9 a.m. to noon at the Waverly Community Building. The screening is sponsored by Lodge #224, #7, and the Masonic Cancer Alliance. That night, the entertainment heats up with dueling pianos in the park beginning at 8:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own

chairs and enjoy the “Howl at the Moon” performance.

Sunday’s events on July 13 start with a biscuit and gravy breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by a morning “Fun Ride” bicycle event with 5-, 10-, and 20-mile routes (Go to ohiodaysrun.wix.com/info for more details). A community church service is set for 10:30 a.m. at the community building, and a potluck dinner will follow at noon. Afternoon activities include chil-

dren’s and adult games and a corn-hole tournament beginning at 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the Waverly National Honor Society.

On Monday, July 14, the FBLA will serve a barbecue meal at 5 p.m. in Waverly City Park, followed by the Ohio Days Parade at 7 p.m., featuring the theme “Favorite Holiday.” Parade entries must be registered by 6:30 p.m.

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Board hears
update on site
development,
SSM status

BURLINGTON — During the June 30 Coffey County Commission meeting, commissioners heard an extensive presentation from Sabin Yanez, engineer with CFS Engineers, regarding the Beto Junction area industrial park site, followed by an update and request from Bart Massey, CEO of Secure Semiconductor Manufacturing (SSM).

Yanez provided an overview of infrastructure considerations and proposed layout changes for the county-owned industrial park property. He emphasized the site’s ongoing value as a potential industrial or mixed-use development, despite the federal CHIPS Act project not materializing. Commissioners discussed subdividing the land to accommodate varied development, including preserving tree-lined buffers and incorporating existing lagoons into redefined parcel boundaries.

Yanez recommended planning access roads and utility infrastructure (water, sewer, gas, and roads) based on realistic development projections. He noted progress on a water study, in coordination with the Kansas Water Office, to assess long-term needs and emphasized that the Neosho River Basin is limited in supply. Drawing from Melvern Lake remains a

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Coffey County
to hold
comprehensive
plan meetings

BURLINGTON — Residents and business owners in Coffey County are encouraged to attend a public meeting for the Coffey County Comprehensive Plan update project, to be held in July across the county. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

- > Monday, July 14, at the **Lebo** Community Building, 320 North Ogden.
- > Tuesday, July 15, at the **Gridley** Community Building, 307 Main Street.
- > Wednesday, July 16, at the **LeRoy** Community Building, 713 California Street.
- > Thursday, July 17, at the **New Strawn** Community Building, 319 West Getz.
- > Tuesday, July 29, at the **Burlington** Branch Library, 410 Juniatta Street.
- > Wednesday, July 30, at the **Waverly** Community Building, 408 Person Ave.

Each event will cover the same material, offering a brief presentation and opportunities to discuss future growth and development in Coffey County. “We want to hear from everybody, in town as well as out in the country,” said Heidi Harris, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator.

The meetings will cover countywide issues concerning opportunities and challenges for development, focusing on unincorporated rural areas.

A community survey will be available online on the project website: <https://tinyurl.com/coffeycountycompplan>.

The planning team will be on site to answer questions and

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CELEBRATE FREEDOM



Linda Traw, Mrs. Senior Oklahoma 2024, performs Friday evening in Burlington's Kelley Park, prior to the annual fireworks display. Area celebrations were also held in Westphalia (page 2), Gridley (page 11) and Lebo (page 12).

Photos by Mark Petterson

Dauber promoted to street superintendent

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council on July 2 voted to promote Kyle Dauber to Street Superintendent, effective July 7, at a starting wage of \$35.50 per hour. Dauber succeeds Mark Davidson, who retired after more than 37 years working for the city.

In addition to Dauber’s promotion, the council approved advertising for a heavy equipment operator to fill Dauber’s previous position.

A full council attended the first of two regular July meetings: Jerilyn Curtiss, Maxi Berryman, Lila Van Horn, Cara Mays, Nathan Strawder, and Martin Ernst. Mayor Stan Luke presided at the meeting.

The council approved a \$300 donation to the Coffey County Cancer Support Group for its upcoming 11th annual golf tournament, following a presentation by Mary Ellen Paul.

Angela Trimble, of TrustPoint Insurance, presented a \$30,630.21 dividend check from EMC Insur-

ance, awarded for the city’s strong safety record and low claims.

The Water/Wastewater Department reported daily water usage around 575,000 to 600,000 gallons, with recent pump repairs at two lift stations and preparations underway for a new instrument panel installation. A resident’s recent request to address a meter concern has been resolved; the city will install a concrete pad, with the resident covering material costs.

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Commissioners approve grant distributions

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission handled a full agenda during its regular meeting Monday, June 30, approving infrastructure distributions, hearing updates, and working on the 2026 county budget.

All commissioners were present for the weekly meeting: Chairman Wayde Thomsen, Steve McCurry, Mike Abendroth, Mark Petterson, and Todd Barker.

Emergency Management Director Amber Presley informed commissioners that her office sub-

mitted a damage assessment for the June 3 flooding event to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The total estimated damages include \$83,000 for roads, \$30,000 in debris removal, and \$15,000 for protective measures. The county met its threshold for FEMA reimbursement eligibility and is awaiting a decision based on statewide impacts.

Commissioners approved the second-half distribution of 2025 Park and Recreation Grant funds, totaling \$112,500, and Infrastruc-

ture Grant funds totaling \$500,000. The funds were distributed proportionally among the six incorporated cities based on population, with Burlington receiving the largest share.

Following is the breakdown for the Park and Recreation Grants: Burlington - \$54,967.50, Gridley - \$7,290, Lebo - \$18,933.75, LeRoy - \$11,643.75, New Strawn - \$8,178.75, Waverly - \$11,486.25.

Following is the breakdown

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