

Cards of Thanks

WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS our thanks to the 'angels' who helped extinguish the fire on our farm on February 10th. Coffey County is blessed to be a county full of neighbors, friends, and family. We are blessed to have a wonderful band of volunteer firefighters that put their lives on hold to assist. Thank you so much to the fire departments from Waverly, Lebo, New Strawn, and LeRoy. Many thanks to Matt Seaman, Derek Kistner, Jed Stone, Bill Reynolds, and Art Freund for 'following the smoke' to help. Thank you to Terry Romig for reporting the fire. Thank you to my brother, Steve McCurry, for calling. Thanks for the calls and prayers. Praises to God that we didn't lose any livestock, buildings, and nobody got hurt!

God Bless You All!
Mary Lou & Randy Ponder
Kelcey & Steven Lamer
7-1tp

THE FAMILY OF Charles Nickel wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all those who attended the visitation and service celebrating his life. We also appreciate all the cards, beautiful flowers, memorial contributions, food, prayers, and visits from family and friends both at home and at the hospital. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who were touched by his life and we were blessed to have had him in our lives.

We appreciate the professionalism, care, and consideration provided by Jones Funeral Home. We are also grateful to all the nurses and staff that provided care to Charles during his hospital stay. A special thank you to Mark Sizemore, Paul Jones, and Vaughn Clark for their kind words provided during the service and to those who contributed to and organized the funeral dinner.

Sincerely,
Donna Nickel
Craig & Crystal Nickel
and family
Karen & Mike Mitchell
7-1tp

Bids

THE KEYWEST TOWNSHIP is taking bids for mowing for the 2026 year. We ask that it's mowed every two weeks and weed eating done once a month. Mowing generally starts in April. Please call 620-794-0631 with any questions. Bids are due by March 6. They can be dropped off at the Farm Bureau Office in Burlington. 7-3tp

POTTAWATOMIE TOWNSHIP in Coffey County is seeking sealed bids from all interested personnel for the mowing and trimming of both Prairie View and Glendale cemeteries for the 2026 season and extending to 2027, etc., if mowing is performed satisfactorily. For questions or concerns contact David Poire at (620) 340-3338, David Kunkel at (620) 341-0744, or Pete Foltz at (785) 448-0199. All bids should be submitted on a per mowing basis to David Poire, 2017 20th Road, Waverly, KS 66871 by March 7. 6-4tc

LAWN CARE SERVICES- Bids are being accepted for lawn care of the Waverly City Cemetery, Rock Creek Township, for the 2026 season. The cemetery is located at 2528 Underwood Road, Waverly, Kansas. Bids must be received by March 2, 2026, and mailed to P.O. Box 93, Waverly, KS 66871, in care of Steve Lightle. For additional information, contact Steve Lightle at (620) 341-2080, Larry Bender at (785) 861-0325, or Sam Frantz at (620) 605-1640. 6-2tc

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/nc

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

Notices

LOOKING FOR LAND to lease or buy during 2026 deer season. Will pay top dollar. References available. Not an outfitter. Fully insured. (715) 495-3241. 3-8tp

Allied Health Course Supervisor/Instructor

Flint Hills Technical College is seeking a full-time faculty member to coordinate the Allied Health Programs and to instruct Certified Nurse Aide starting in the summer 2026 semester (June - July) and continuing for the 2026-2027 academic year and subsequent academic years. The Allied Health Course Supervisor/Instructor maintains the current curriculum for all courses certified by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and ensures adherence to current instructional practices.

Qualifications:

- Hold a current Kansas Registered Nurse license or current RN unencumbered license
- Minimum of two years full-time licensed nursing experience (LPN or RN) including one of the following:
- At least 1,750 hours of that experience must be as a licensed nurse in a setting which demonstrates long-term nursing... care, such as an adult care home, long term care unit of a hospital or a state institution for those with mental and physical disabilities.
- Meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - A. Experience supervising nurse aides OR
 - B. Experience teaching adults OR
 - C. Complete a course in teaching adults OR
 - D. Complete a professional continuing education offering on supervision or adult education

Salary and Benefits:

- Full-time, 9-month position - 173.5 days. Supplemental, summer and overload assignments are also available. The average teaching day is 6-8 hours per day.
- A competitive salary range of commensurate with experience and education level
- KPERS retirement plan
- Employer-paid health insurance for the employee
- Annual salary is distributed over 12 months
- Flexible teaching schedule.

Application Process:

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, unofficial college transcripts, and contact information for three professional references to Human Resources at hr@fhc.edu.

The FHTC Board of Trustees reserves the right to withdraw advertised positions at any time prior to hiring.

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Crutchfield from BMS sixth-grade teacher to BMS/BHS library/media specialist effective for the 2026-27 school year.

Resignations accepted included Lethuy Meyer as a BES food service staff member effective Jan. 30, Aubrey Kehres as a BMS assistant track coach effective Jan. 31, Dylan Wonsler as a BHS assistant football coach effective Feb. 5, Amelia Gilmore as a BELC aide effective Feb. 6 and Katelyn Lawrence as a BHS assistant volleyball coach effective Feb. 9.

The district received one sealed bid for the purchase of the BHS plasma cutter. The board accepted the bid from Kevin Duffy in the amount of \$776.

This year is the final year of the 21st Century grant. Long reported work on the grant application process is in progress but whether the district will be funded again will not be known until June. Should the grant not be received, the district will have to fund the program itself in order for the program to continue.

The board discussed the

survey to be conducted regarding the future of BES and worked on finalizing questions to be included on the survey. Dates the survey will be conducted have not yet been set.

In other action, the board approved

♦ The 2026-27 calendar draft No. 2, subject to final ratification of the employment contract with BUTA.

♦ The results monitoring report concerning science and social studies as a reasonable interpretation of the board's results policy.

♦ Donations of \$50 from the Arianne Seidl family for Future Business Leaders of America and of a bocce ball set from Ron and Christy Hess for the USD 244 Special Olympics Team.

♦ Bills and financial reports and minutes of the Jan. 12 regular meeting, Jan. 22 special meeting for bid approval and Jan. 22, Jan. 27, Jan. 28, Jan. 29 and Feb. 2 special meetings for the superintendent search.

History

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► Katy freight train No. 91 was derailed near Moody Tuesday afternoon and the caboose and four cars jumped the track and turned over. The cause of the wreck is not known. The main track is still blocked. No one was seriously injured in the wreck.

100 years ago (1926)

► There will be a wolf drive in the north part of the county on Saturday which will cover five square miles. Wolves have been plentiful this year in this section and it is expected that a good many will be seen.

► The LeRoy school board and their attorneys decided to dismiss further action in court for the organization of an enlarged territory for the rural high school district at LeRoy. The board has decided to reorganize the district and make it strictly Coffey County territory. This will cut off six sections of land in Woodson County and five sections in Anderson County. If this receives the o.k., rural high school number 4 will be built in LeRoy.

► Sneak day is as essential to the life happiness of the high school senior, so concluded the class of '26 of the Burlington High School. As a result, there were no senior classes held Wednesday and the seniors convened at Kelley Park. Sneak day is a new holiday in Burlington High School although it has been in vogue in the various colleges for many years. The faculty are punishing the naughty seniors by making them stay in five hours.

125 years ago (1901)

► It appears that at last Coffey County is up against the real thing in the way of small pox. There have been alleged cases in nearly all parts of the county, except in and near Burlington, but now there are at least ten cases in Key West and Otumwa Townships. There has been one death and four houses quarantined. There is every reason for precaution.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(First published in *The Coffey County Republican* on Thursday, February 19, 2026)

INVITATION TO BID

The Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County will accept sealed Bids for "Liquid Asphalt 2026 Chip seal Program" at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, 110 S. 6th St., Burlington, Kansas, 66839 until 2:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Envelope should be plainly marked on the outside "Liquid Asphalt 2026 Chip seal Program."

Bids for this project will also be received electronically. Electronic bids shall be sent to the Coffey County Highway Department at 620-364-8271 or via email at ccengdept@coffeycountys.org. Electronic bids must be received by March 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at which time the bids will be date stamped and placed in a sealed envelope.

The cover sheet for the electronic bid or subject line on an email should be plainly marked with "Liquid Asphalt 2026 Chip Seal Program."

All bids shall meet or exceed the Kansas Department of Transportation Standard Specification.

The price per gallon shall include any pump charge and three hours free unloading time. There shall

► The cold wave came on time again. The weather man has guessed right on the weather almost every time this winter.

► A blind girl in Ohio got married and recovered her sight a few days later. Marriage is a certain great eye opener.

150 years ago (1876)

► Mosquitos as large as gallinippers are prowling about the Neosho bottoms. How is that for February?

► Mr. C. Hammond writes us that the school house in district No. 34 has been entitled "Sunnyside School House," which is a pretty name and looks well in print. We hope to see it adopted permanently. (Dist. 34 Sunny Side was located about three miles northwest of LeRoy. Dist. 94, located about four miles north west of Gridley, also used the name Sunny Side.)

► We trust Judge Rankin will devote a sufficient amount of his time to the question of a uniformity in text books to make a change for the better among our schools. The matter needs overhauling, and a county superintendent should put his foot down on this question.

160 years ago (1866)

► Wednesday of this week, was the coldest day of the winter. At sunrise the mercury had dropped to 7 degrees below zero, accompanied by heavy north wind. Our efficient school teacher, Capt. Reed, was compelled to adjourn school on account of the inclement state of the weather. To-day, however, it has relaxed, and winter is smiling through his icy tears. We trust this is to be his final adieu, as we are tired of the freaks and caprice of the antiquated old gray-beard.

► If you wish to rob death of half its terrors, go to Young's Photograph Gallery and get a picture that will secure the shadow ere the fitting substance disappears.

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Allied Health Adjunct Instructor Positions

Flint Hills Technical College is seeking part-time, adjunct faculty to teach in the Allied Health program.

Qualifications:

Certified Nurse Aide adjunct faculty member:

1. Hold a current Kansas Practical Nurse License (LPN) or Kansas Registered Nurse (RN) license or current LPN/RN unencumbered license. License must not have any pending or current disciplinary actions.
2. Minimum of two years full-time licensed nursing experience (LPN or RN) including one of the following:
 - A. At least 1,750 hours of that experience must be as a licensed nurse in a setting which demonstrates long-term nursing care, such as an adult care home, long term care unit of a hospital or a state institution for the mentally retarded OR
 - B. Complete at least 7 hours professional continuing education in "Person Centered Care for the Adult Care Home" in the last year. (This must be completed on annual basis)*
3. Meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - A. Experience supervising nurse aides OR
 - B. Experience teaching adults OR
 - C. Complete a course in teaching adults OR
 - D. Complete a professional continuing education offering on supervision or adult education.

Medication Aide adjunct faculty member:

1. Hold a current Kansas Registered Nurse license for a minimum of two years
2. Minimum of two years full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse (not LPN)

Home Health Aide adjunct faculty member:

1. Hold a current Kansas Registered Nurse license
2. Minimum of two years full-time licensed nursing experience (LPN or RN) including at least 1,750 hours as a licensed nurse in ...home health care services.

Compensation:

FHTC Adjunct Faculty are paid \$600 per credit hour taught.

Application Process:

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, unofficial college transcripts, and contact information for three professional references to Human Resources at hr@fhc.edu.

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for electronic bid should plainly state "Asphalt Cold Mix Patching Material - 2026 Program."

All bids shall meet or exceed the Kansas Department of Transportation Standard Specification.

Any bid with deviation from the stated specifications may not be considered valid. Bidders shall utilize the Specification/Proposal Sheet in the submission of their bid.

The Board of County Commissioners of Coffey County reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive any or all informalities or irregularities therein.

Any questions should be addressed to Ryan Durst, 1510 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839, or by calling 620-364-2441.

DATE: February 17, 2026

ATTEST:
Angie Kirchner
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Wade H. Bowie, II
County Attorney
(Feb. 19, 26)

be no returned freight on any unused material due to a change in weather or equipment failure. Any returned material shall be credited to Coffey County, Kansas. Full transport loads will be ordered and shall be delivered to the job site in Coffey County. Loads that arrive more than 15 minutes late at the designated location will be back charged at a rate of \$62.50 for each 15 minutes after the first 15 minutes of the agreed upon arrival time, unless Coffey County is notified.

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