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Death Notices

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Margarie Craig, 97
Joy Redding, 64

Lake Levels

John Redmond
7 a.m. Tuesday, March 3
Lake Elevation: 1,045.07
Normal: 1,041
Inflow (cfs): 4,651
Release (cfs): 3,564
LAST GATE CHANGE: 3 p.m.
Monday, March 2 — 9 tainter gate
open 0.5 feet; 2 low flow gates
open 100%. Flood pool 7.51% full.

Melvorn
8 a.m. Tuesday, March 3
Lake Elevation: 1,035.47
Normal: 1,036
Inflow (cfs): 235
Release (cfs): 500

Pomona
Lake Elevation: 973.79
Normal: 974
Inflow (cfs): 285
Release (cfs): 500

Public Notices

- Pages 8 and 9
- 1998 TrailMobile VIN #3717 vs. State of Kansas, et al. - Notice of Suit.
- 1998 TrailMobile VIN #3720 vs. State of Kansas, et al. - Notice of Suit.
- Marriage of Breight and Sain - Notice of Hearing.
- Estate of Judith L. Thornbrugh - Notice of Hearing.
- Coffey County Museum - Invitation to Bid Mowing.
- Estate of James Dwelly Brink - Notice of Hearing of Petition to Admit Foreign Will to Probate and Record.
- Coffey County - Invitation to Bid Mowing Four Parcels.
- Coffey County - Request For Proposals, Engineering Services for Bridge 165.
- Long-Scott Creek Joint Watershed District #93 - Notice of Annual Meeting.

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Commission approves bridge study

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission handled a wide-ranging agenda Monday morning, Feb. 23, approving landfill fee waivers, reviewing burn regulations, approving road and bridge requests and authorizing payment for Phase II of the county's law enforcement center project. Chairman Mark Petterson called the meeting to order at 9

a.m. in the commission chambers. Commissioners Michael Abendroth, Todd Barker, Steve McCurry and Wayne Thomsen were present, along with County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie II. Also attending were Housing Authority Director Lynzie Stuke, Fire District #1 Administrator Randall Brown, Emergency Management Director Amber Presley, Economic Development Director Jenny Tatman, Road and Bridge Superintendent Ryan Durst, Sheriff Tom Johnson, River City Construction representative Cole Stockman and several citizens and students.

Commissioners authorized the chairman to sign a payroll notice for Storm Cartee, hired as a part-time sheriff's deputy at Wage Classification 40-1, \$23.02 per hour, effective Feb. 16.

At Stuke's request, commissioners voted to waive landfill fees for two property owners. The first waiver was for a structure owned by Todd and Michelle Henricks at Reamer's Point. The owners are demolishing a garage themselves and plan to replace it with a 30-by-30-foot metal garage. The second waiver was approved for David

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BHS science teacher and KidWind sponsor Bryan Bruening, left, watches members of Burlington Wind Company - Ying Yang work on their wind turbine Friday morning during the Southeast Regional Kansas KidWind Challenge. Team members pictured are, from left, Eli Grow, Camryn Davis, Kash Handley and Tate Sowder. The team finished first in the high school division.

Burlington team advances at regional KidWind Challenge

BURLINGTON — Burlington High School hosted the largest of six regional competitions in the 2026 Kansas KidWind Challenge on Friday, Feb. 27, as 21 teams from the region gathered to test student-designed wind turbines. The Southeast Regional event featured nine high school teams, seven middle school teams and five elementary teams. High school competitors included three Burlington teams — Ying Yang, HexaHepta and Wind Monkeys — along with teams from Paola and Uniontown. Burlington Wind Company - Ying Yang placed first in the high school division, earning a berth in the Kansas state contest scheduled for April 11 in Salina.

Monkeys received the Judges' Choice award among the nine high school teams. Burlington Wind Company - HexaHepta also competed in the event. Middle school teams traveled from McPherson, Paola, Uniontown and Marais des Cygnes Valley. Elementary teams represented Topeka Collegiate, Burlington and Sunflower Elementary of Paola. The KidWind Challenge is evaluated in a wind tunnel at speeds of approximately 3.5 to 5 meters per second. Teams are also scored on a knowledge quiz, a presentation explaining their design process and an instant challenge component.

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Burlington Wind Company - Ying Yang placed first at the Southeast Regional Kansas KidWind Challenge hosted Friday at Burlington High School. Members of the team are, from left, Brandon Hazlett, Tate Sowder, Eli Grow, Camryn Davis, and Kash Handley. Neveah Myers is not pictured. The team will compete in the state contest April 11 in Salina.

Storm spotter training planned March 11

NEW STRAWN — Coffey County residents will have an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season during a Storm Spotter Talk hosted by Coffey County Emergency Management in partnership with the National Weather Service office in Topeka. The free public program will be held Wednesday, March 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the New Strawn Community Building, 319

Getz Street. The training is open to anyone interested in learning more about severe weather safety and storm reporting. A National Weather Service meteorologist will lead the session, covering topics including thunderstorm development and structure, thunderstorm safety, and how and when to report severe weather information to authorities. The training is designed to help residents better recognize hazardous weather conditions and provide accurate reports that assist forecasters during severe weather events.

Storm spotter classes are offered each year across northeast Kansas as part of a cooperative effort between the National Weather Service and county emergency management agencies to help communities prepare for spring and

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Waverly Council reviews equipment quotes, pool manager

Ida Wilson
Reporter

WAVERLY — The Waverly City Council met in special session Jan. 21 and again in regular session Feb. 11, addressing funding needs for the Heck Addition, equipment purchases, building permits and summer staffing. Mayor Jake Marsh presided over a full council, including Council President Tammy White and members Taylor Everhart, Paige Meader, Kevin McMillen and Nicole Rasmussen.

City staff present were City Clerk Pattie Pfeiffauf, City Treasurer Mary Collins, Maintenance I employee Travis Vogts, Maintenance II employee Mike Moloney, and police officers Travis Palmer and Trey Bland III. During the Feb. 11 regular meeting, Lindsay Bartlett and Ben Chapman attended to discuss the potential purchase of lots in the Heck Addition. Council members said they are not yet ready to sell lots but indicated progress is being made. The 2026 Chevy work

truck ordered several months ago has arrived. Council reviewed a \$10,225 quote from Tarwater Farm and Home Supply of Topeka for an 8.5-foot snowplow, including a light kit, headlight adapter and 9.5 hours of labor. A second quote from American Equipment Co. of Kansas City totaled \$18,858. A decision on purchasing a blade will be made at the March meeting, along with plans to sell equipment from the old truck. A bid from GR Roofing to repair the roof on the old maintenance building

came in at \$17,550. City maintenance staff said costs could be reduced if repairs are completed in-house. Council set rental fees for the community building at \$150 for a deposit and \$150 for rent. The meeting room rental was set at \$50 for deposit and \$50 for rent. A decision on water rate adjustments was tabled until March. Council approved three zoning permits: a pole barn for Randy Sipe at 2689 Trefoil Road; a pole barn for Tim Sipe at 201 E. First St.; and a mini-storage

building for 3D Property at 310 W. First St. Blue Cross Blue Shield health and dental coverage for city employees was renewed with a 14 percent increase in cost. Council approved advertising for a municipal pool manager for the upcoming summer season and approved new playground equipment for North Park at a cost of \$29,051, along with \$11,960 for mulch. Bills totaling \$96,437 and payroll totaling \$17,102.91 for Jan. 16 through Feb. 15

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