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- Craig Barnwell, 65
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- Galen Shepard, 59

State Tournament Quarterfinals

Wildcats Rally

Burlington erased a halftime deficit with a dominant second half to defeat Heritage Christian Academy 59-44 Tuesday in the Class 3A state quarterfinals at Emporia's White Auditorium. The Wildcats used a 19-6 third quarter to seize control and advance to the semifinals 8 p.m. Thursday at Hutchinson Sports Arena. They will play the winner of the Heston vs. Scott Community High School game.

Lebo Advances

Lebo defeated Victoria 46-40 Tuesday in the Class 1A Division II state quarterfinals at Emporia's White Auditorium. The Wolves will play in the semifinals 8 p.m. Thursday at White Auditorium. They will play the winner of the Hanover vs. Deerfield game.

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Commissioners approve revolving loan

BURLINGTON — The Coffey County Commission approved a \$40,000 revolving loan fund agreement, discussed health insurance renewal options and heard a presentation on the future of housing development during its meeting Monday, March 2.

Chairman Mark Petterson called the meeting to order with commissioners Michael Abendroth, Todd Barker, Steve McCurry and Wayde

Thomsen present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie II also attended.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Jenny Tatman presented an agreement for Lendo Enterprises LLC to receive a loan from the Coffey County Revolving Loan Fund. The loan totals \$40,000 at 5% interest for 10 years to purchase equip-

ment for a food business that will be located in the 500 block of South Fourth Street in Burlington. Colateral will include the equipment, an existing food truck and a second position on the building. Commissioners later approved the promissory note unanimously.

Housing Authority

Lynzie Stukeky is moving into the executive director role at Coffey County Housing Authority (CCHA), following the retirement of Ronda Gilbert. Stukeky spoke with commissioners about the organization's direction.

Stukeky said CCHA plans to pursue additional grant funding, including the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program, to support housing

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STATE BASKETBALL SENDOFF



Above, Burlington Elementary School students cheer as the Burlington High School Wildcat basketball team arrives to walk through BES Tuesday morning. Right, BHS Wildcat basketball players low five BES students as they walk through a spirit line at the elementary school. Below, police and fire trucks escort the Burlington High School Wildcat basketball team through Burlington as the team left for Emporia to play in a Class 3A State quarterfinal game Tuesday, March 10. The Wildcats won their quarterfinal game over Heritage Christian Academy, 59-44, and will compete in the semifinal round at Hutchinson Thursday, March 12. See story on page B1.

Photos by Katie McMurray



Lebo Council discusses insurance, parking

Ida Wilson

Reporter

LEBO — The Lebo City Council met in regular session Monday, March 2, hearing department reports, signing a contract for the city's Fourth of July fireworks display, approving participation in the countywide spring clean-up effort, and discussing the city's insurance coverage.

Mayor Eric Ferguson presided over the meet-

ing with council members Troy Friend, Amanda Hopkins and Hatti Wright present. Councilmen Jim Jones and Will Baker were absent.

Citizen Wendy Charboneau attended the meeting on behalf of Winston and Phyllis Johnson, voicing concern about others using the Johnsons' two private parking spaces. The Johnsons live across the street from the front of Lebo High School. The council said it will ask the Lebo Police

Department to enforce the reserved spaces.

Charboneau also asked whether the two spaces could be converted into a single larger space to allow more room for individuals using walking devices. Council members expressed support for having the city maintenance department make the change.

Brett Stewart of TrustPoint Insurance reviewed

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Council approves street work, employee raises

Mark Petterson

Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The Burlington City Council approved this year's street improvement contract, hired a police officer, adopted updated police job descriptions and approved employee compensation items during its first regular meeting in March.

Mayor Stan Luke and council members Jerilyn Curtiss, Maxi Berryman, Lila Van Horn, Cara Mays, Nathan Strawder and George Shove were present at the March 4 regular meeting.

Council members approved a 2.2% consumer price index increase for city employees, effective April 4, and adjusted the city wage band accordingly.

The council approved Ordinance 923, establishing salaries and compensation of officers and employees under the city's personnel policies and procedures.

Electric Superintendent Alan Schneider gave a brief report and said the city's apprentice linemen were studying.

Street Superintendent Kyle Dauber reported

crews had extended a driveway on First Street, replaced a drainage tube at Fifth and Yuba after an old concrete section began failing, and completed other tube work, including repairs near 13th and Alleghany and at the co-op.

Dauber also presented bids for the 2026 Street Improvements Project. The city received proposals from Killough Construction Inc. of Ottawa, Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc. of Topeka and APAC-Kansas Inc., Shears Division, of Emporia. Dauber said one of the biggest price differences involved concrete removal, with Killough able to use its own crew and local hauling connections rather than subcontracting the work. After accepting the bids as bona fide, the council awarded the project to Killough Construction, not to exceed \$362,182. Dauber said the work is planned for June.

Police Chief Mike Roney reported officers had handled a variety of calls, including scam complaints, a counterfeit check case and nuisance property matters. He said officers also

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LeRoy Council OKs Easter egg hunt donation, tiny house permit

Mark Petterson

Managing Editor

LEROY — The LeRoy City Council approved a donation for the community Easter egg hunt, granted a building permit for a tiny house and adopted a policy guiding water bill adjustments during its meeting Monday, March 2.

Mayor Bill Otto presided over the meeting with council members Terry Tyler, Katie Bowen, Branden Meyers and Clay Rolf present. Council member Ricky Yeager was absent. Also attending were City

Clerk Kim Alexander, City Superintendent Aaron Copeland and City Attorney Daniel Smith.

Representing TrustPoint Insurance, Kimberly Skillman-Robahn delivered the city's annual insurance policy to the council for review. She said the policy was being provided a month in advance so council members could review it and bring questions to the next meeting. Skillman-Robahn noted the city's premium would decrease this year.

Vanessa Dauber, director of the LeRoy Branch

Library, asked the council for permission to use the city park and community building for the library's Easter egg hunt scheduled for 3 p.m. April 4. Dauber also requested support for prizes used during the event, noting that area businesses have traditionally sponsored 24 prize eggs. The council unanimously voted to donate \$200 for supplies for the Easter egg hunt.

Millard Talley asked the council to allow him to proceed with permanently

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