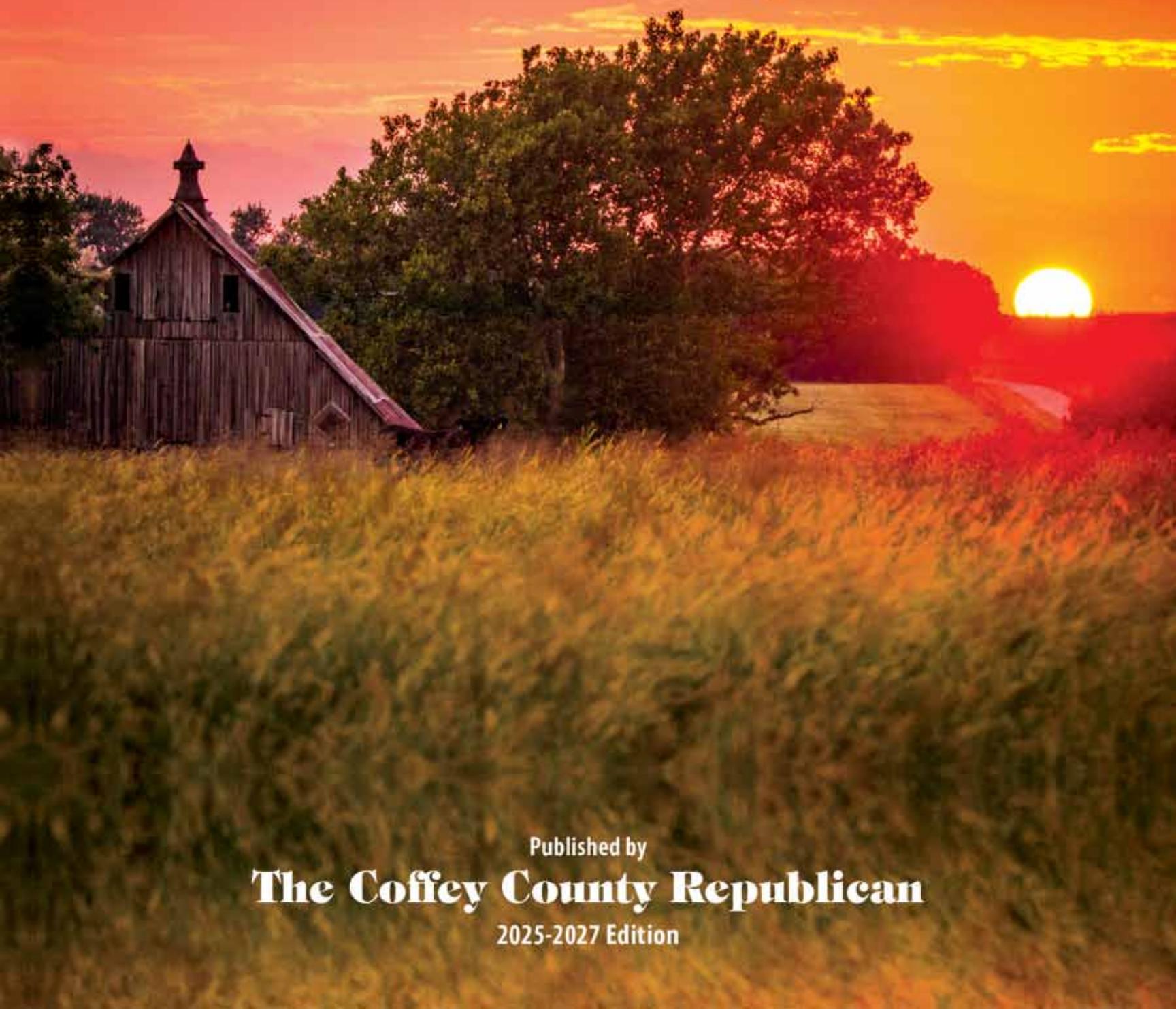


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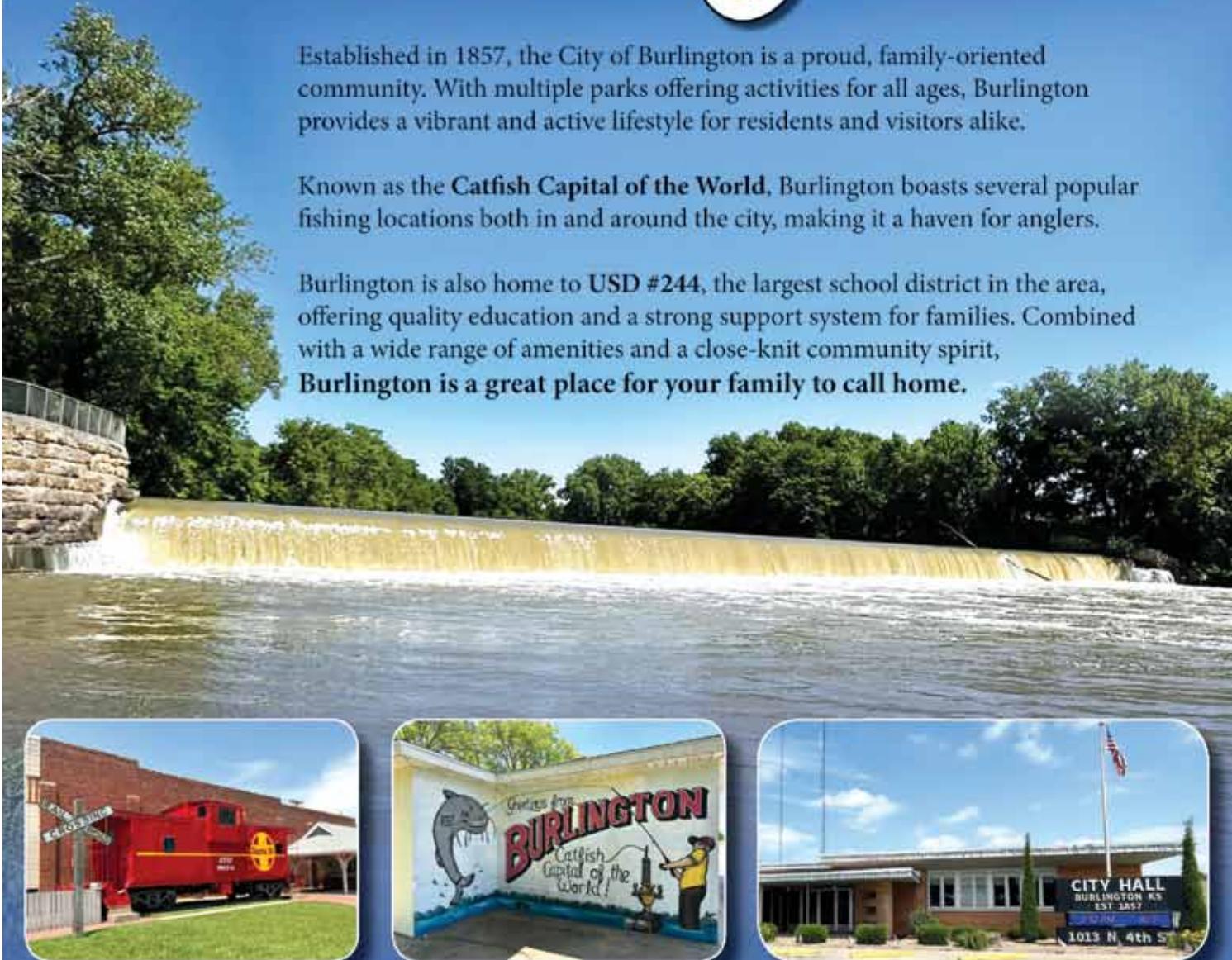
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Welcome to *Burlington*

Established in 1857, the City of Burlington is a proud, family-oriented community. With multiple parks offering activities for all ages, Burlington provides a vibrant and active lifestyle for residents and visitors alike.

Known as the **Catfish Capital of the World**, Burlington boasts several popular fishing locations both in and around the city, making it a haven for anglers.

Burlington is also home to **USD #244**, the largest school district in the area, offering quality education and a strong support system for families. Combined with a wide range of amenities and a close-knit community spirit, **Burlington is a great place for your family to call home.**



*Caboose on Neosho Street
and Hwy. 75*



*Catfish Capital Mural
in Drake Park*



Burlington City Hall



Your Guide to Coffey County

Play here — stay here!

Thank you for picking up a copy of the 2025-2027 Coffey County Tourism and Living Guide. We're excited to share our Midwest hospitality with you. This guide will point you to all the county has to offer. This is a wonderful place to shop, dine, stay, revel and enjoy the beauty.

Small-town living, rich history, educational opportunities, business potential, recreational pursuits, bountiful farms and caring neighbors are all part of the shared resources that make Coffey County home for some, and a destination for others.

Within this guide, you will find information on events to attend, clubs and organizations

to join, stores and services to explore, churches to visit, and other distinctions of life that make Coffey County the place we live, work and play.

Return to these pages to guide you along your journey through beautiful Coffey County, where the variety of activities is outnumbered only by the beauty in nature. An index of advertisers is listed on Page 72.

Front cover image:
A beautiful country sunset on the farm of Bill Williams located on the roads of 20th and Reaper. Photo taken looking west from Reaper.

Photo courtesy of Michael Hoag

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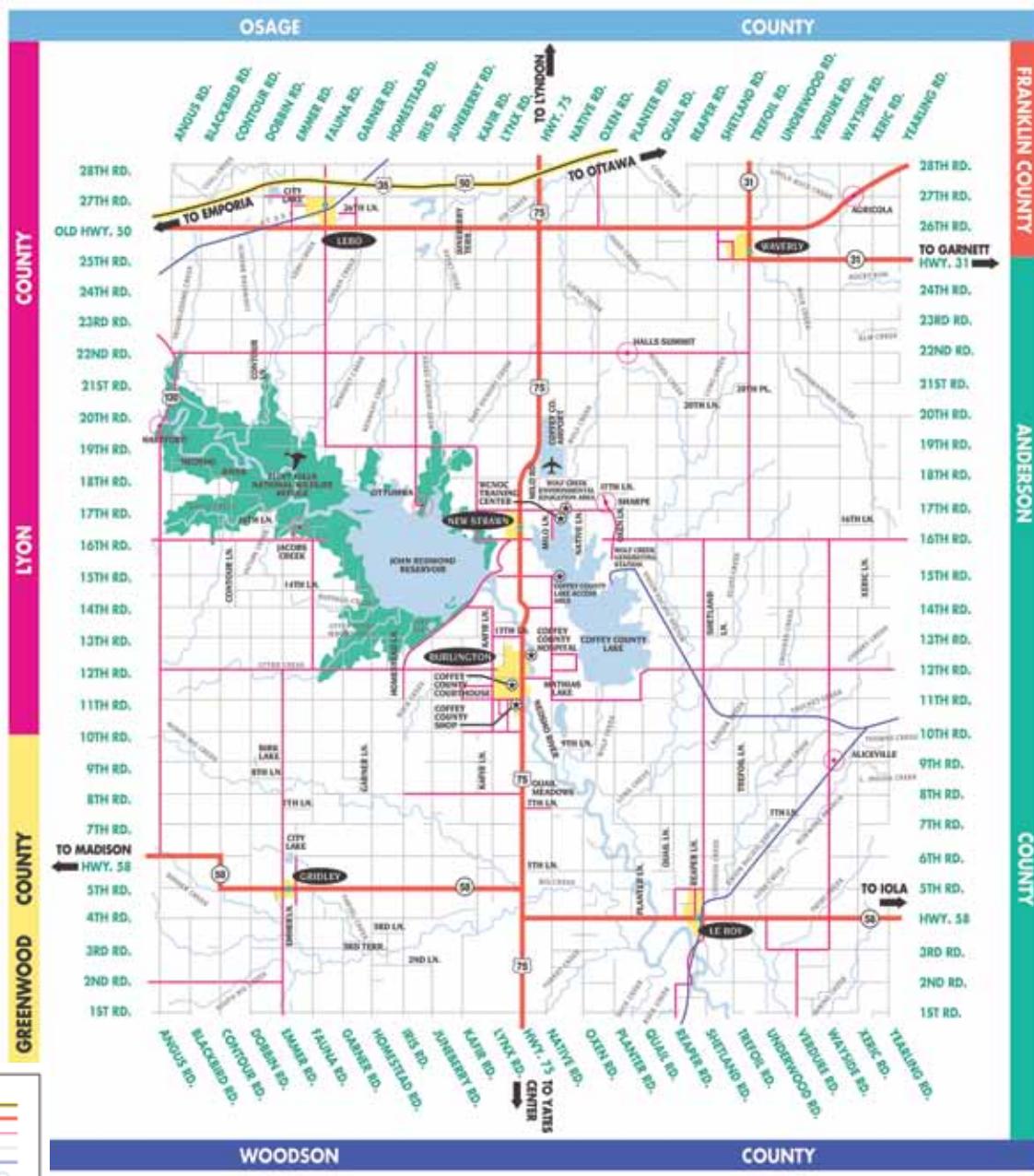
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Coffey County Kansas



Coffey County through time.

VOICES & VISION

Coffey County's story is woven from courage, vision and community spirit. From the footsteps of Chief Opothleyahola leading refugees from the Indian Territory in Oklahoma to safety just before the Civil War, to the daring act of four women casting ballots for president before suffrage was won, history here has always been marked by bold choices. Small towns grew from the prairie, shaping the fabric of local life, while innovators like Olive Beech carried Coffey County's legacy skyward as co-founder of Beech Aircraft Company. This timeline highlights the people and moments that defined Coffey County—each a reminder of resilience, determination and progress.

Prior to 1854

Sac and Fox Indian Reservation

The southern boundary of the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation laid in the northern part of present-day Coffey County. Early pioneers saw the Sac and Fox travel through the area, stopping in Ottumwa and Burlington to trade before heading west to hunt buffalo. The boys from the tribe often showed off their archery skills to the settlers. The tribe camped between Burlington and Ottumwa at a place called "Schneider Ford," and the trail they used remained active for many years after the county was settled.

1854

The Frederick Troxel family

In 1854, Frederick Troxel built a log cabin south of present-day LeRoy. The Troxel family was the first white family to settle in Coffey County. His wife, Isabel Jane, was the sister of General John B. Scott, a founder of LeRoy. In 1855, Scott built a house in the LeRoy area and named the area Bloomington in honor of his hometown in Illinois. The Native Americans in the area referred to it as Scott Town. When another Bloomington was found nearby, the town was renamed LeRoy in honor of LeRoy, Illinois.

July 22, 1855

Coffey County boundary established

The boundary lines of Coffey County were established by an act of the legislature. Coffey County was named in honor of Colonel Asbury Madison Coffey. The county seat was originally set in LeRoy in 1857 but after several elections and debates, Burlington was officially named the county seat in 1866.

February 20, 1857

Burlington incorporated

The Burlington Town Company was incorporated. In 1859, the town was organized as a village. Burlington was named in honor of O. E. Learnard who was from Burlington, Vermont.

1861-1862

Civil War



With the oncoming Civil War, Opothleyahola, a Creek Native American Chief, led refugees from the Indian Territory in Oklahoma to Kansas with the promise of Union protection. They encountered several hardships; lack of food, bitter cold, and attacks from the Confederate Army. The group arrived in the Woodson/Coffey County area in 1862. Two Indian Regiments were organized in LeRoy and the LeRoy area from over 8,000 Native Americans who were camped at LeRoy during May of 1862. About 600 of the Native American soldiers marched 250 miles from Fort Scott to Rhea's Mill, Arkansas, to escort a supply train to the regiment without a single desertion. Opothleyahola died in 1863 and was buried on a hill that overlooked Fort Belmont. A monument in his honor stands today in LeRoy City Park.

1868

Women vote for president



Four Ottumwa women, Mrs. Eliza McCombs, Mrs. Emma Butler Klock, Mrs. Caroline E. Kelley, and Mrs. D. Givens, went to the polls to vote in the 1868 Presidential Election expecting to be turned away, but they were handed their requested Republican ballots and their votes were counted. This was the first Presidential Election since the end of the Civil War and on the ballot was Democrat Horatio Seymour and Republican Ulysses S. Grant. This event created controversy all over the state, because women still did not have the right to vote. Ottumwa was a "hot spot" for the Suffrage Movement with General Harrison Kelley and his wife, Caroline, being big supporters. Suffragists such as Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and Lydia Sexton were guests at the Kelley home.

1872

Strawn

Strawn became a town in 1872 and was named in honor of Enos Strawn, who was instrumental in getting the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad through the town. The first frame house in the town site was built in 1855.

1873

Courthouse

Coffey County offices are centralized in a stone building that was originally used for a school. The building was located on the same property as the present-day courthouse. This courthouse was used 1873-1898.

1878

Town of Waverly

The town of Waverly was platted by Isaac Pierson, making it a point on the Ottawa and Burlington Railroad. It was named in honor of Waverly, Indiana, Pierson's hometown. The town was incorporated on July 5, 1886.

1881

First Coffey County Fair

The first Coffey County Fair was held where present day Rock Creek Country Club is in Burlington. In 1915, the site of the fair was moved to Kelley Park for a couple years before returning back to the original location due to low attendance. The fair was moved back to Kelley Park in 1932, where the event still takes place today. The Coffey County Fair has the distinction of being the oldest consecutive running fair in the state of Kansas.

1883

Lebo's beginnings

Lebo was started when David Jones purchased land on April 17, 1883, where a railroad traveling from Emporia to Kansas City would cross nearby. The town was incorporated on October 16, 1886, and the train still travels through Lebo today.

1886

Gridley's start

Gridley was started because of the railroad. The town was laid out by Walter Gridley in 1886, with the town sitting at an angle so it would be parallel and perpendicular to the railroad tracks. The town was incorporated July 8, 1910.

1896

Ohio Days

The first Waverly Ohio Days was held. It was created when the Ohio settlers of Waverly held a picnic to visit and renew acquaintances. Soon it became an annual tradition. Today, the event is full of activities such as a parade, baby contest, potluck dinner, carnival and more.

1896

Governor of Kansas

John Leedy was elected the 14th governor of Kansas making him the second Populist to be elected governor in the entire United States. He was born in 1849 in Pennsylvania and moved to LeRoy in 1880 with his wife and three children. He served a term as state senator before becoming governor.

August 5, 1901

New courthouse



A new courthouse was constructed of magnesian limestone modeled after the Junction City courthouse. It was completed near the present-day courthouse in Burlington. This courthouse was used until 1964.

September 25, 1903



First lady of Aviation

Olive Ann (Mellor) Beech was born in Waverly. She co-founded Beech Aircraft Company with her husband, Walter Beech, in Wichita. She was known as the "First Lady of Aviation." She has been inducted into the Aviation Halls of Fame (National in 1981, Kansas in 1986, and international in 1955). Olive Ann Beech was also inducted in the National Business Hall of Fame in 1983, making her the only Kansan and one of three women to receive this honor. She led the company after Walter died in 1950 until her retirement in 1985. Today the company is known as Hawker Beechcraft Corporation. Olive Ann Beech died on July 6, 1993.

1920s

Oil boom

Oil was struck in Coffey County around the turn of the century with the big oil boom in the 1920s. In 2024, there were 1,568 active oil wells in the county with a production of 167,679 barrels of oil and a cumulative 16,248,337 barrels of oil.

1951



Neosho River flood

The worst flood on record hit the county. Some areas had floodwaters 30 feet deep. Flood control of the Neosho River was discussed for many years before this flood. On May 17, 1950, a bill authorizing four dams on the Neosho-Cottonwood watershed was passed by congress and was signed by President Truman. In 1956, the town of Strawn learned that they would be eliminated for the dam site so the town was relocated. Congress renamed the "Strawn Dam" to John Redmond Dam and Reservoir in honor of John Redmond, newspaper publisher, who spent over 30 years pushing for flood control of the Neosho. Redmond died in 1953 at the age of 79. On July 18, 1959, a groundbreaking ceremony for the dam was held at Kelley Park Stadium due to high water at the dam site. The dam was designed and built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District at a cost of \$29,264,000. All major construction of the dam was completed in December 1965.

1964

Present-day courthouse completed

The present-day Coffey County Courthouse was completed and occupied in mid-July 1964.



May 5, 1970

New Strawn incorporated

The town of New Strawn was incorporated. The town of Strawn was forced to relocate due to the construction of the John Redmond Dam and Reservoir.

April 24, 1974

Jones Foundation established

The Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Foundation was established April 24, 1974. The Jones brothers grew up on a farm north of Lebo. They were among the largest cattle operators in Kansas and owned thousands of acres in Kansas and Texas. When they died, they left everything to the children of Coffey, Osage and Lyon counties. The Jones Trust and Foundation have spent millions of dollars on education, medical care, parks and other good causes. Their contributions are evident in the Jones Parks throughout the county.

July 8, 1975

Staff Sergeant Floyd Henry Robinson

Staff Sergeant Floyd Henry Robinson was declared dead. Robinson was born in Burlington in 1949 and enlisted in the United States Army in 1967. He had been missing in action since March 12, 1969, when he was separated from his team during an ambush in South Vietnam.



The portion of Highway 75 that runs through Coffey County has been named in honor of him.

1977

Kansas' first nuclear power plant

The site for Kansas' first nuclear power generating station was selected and construction began. Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station began commercial operation on September 3, 1985. The plant has an electrical capacity of approximately 1,250 megawatts, which is enough energy to power more than 800,000 homes. On November 20, 2008, Wolf Creek's license was renewed allowing them to operate through 2045.

1984



Museum completed

The current Coffey County Museum was built. It has since undergone two building additions, one in 1988 and the other in 1999. The Coffey County Museum now has 14,000 square feet of display area and also includes an 1895 country church, 1896 one-room school house, and an extensive Genealogy Library. The early beginnings of the museum was a single showcase in the courthouse before being moved to a building downtown, donated by volunteers in 1974.

1988

Coffey County Library System established

After an election, five city libraries in Coffey County (Burlington, Gridley, LeRoy, Lebo and Waverly) were unified into the Coffey County Library. The New Strawn Library was added in 1994.

December 2, 1989

Coffey County Airport opens

Coffey County Airport, located seven miles north of Burlington, was dedicated. The airport was declared "officially" open when Governor Mike Hayden's King Air plane landed at the airport before the ceremony. The runway, when opened, was 4200'x75'. Today, the concrete surface runway is 5500'x75'.

1998

Newspaper sells

The Coffey County Today was purchased by Randall Braden from Glenn German and renamed to The Coffey County Republican. In 1999, Randall sold the newspaper to his daughter, Catherine, and son-in-law, Chris Faimon, who still own the paper today. The newspaper was established in 1859 by S. S. Prouty and was called the Neosho Valley Register. The newspaper changed hands and names many times. John Redmond purchased the paper on December 1, 1898 and purchased other Burlington newspapers, creating The Daily Republican. In 1947, Redmond's nephews Floyd Ecord and Bill Batdorf joined the partnership. Redmond was part of the paper until his death in 1953. Glenn German later purchased the operation from Batdorf in 1973.

2003

Gridley-LeRoy schools consolidated

USD 245 saw a big change when the LeRoy BlueJays and the Gridley Yellowjackets consolidated and became the Southern Coffey County Titans. The school is located in LeRoy with elementary schools in Gridley and LeRoy.



2013

Unsolved murder book released

Diana Staresinic-Deane released her new book "Shadow on the Hill: The True Story of a 1925 Kansas Murder." The book is about the unsolved murder of Florence Emma (Mozingo) Knoblock who was murdered at her home west of Burlington.

2015

Waverly Wind Farm

The Waverly Wind Farm started operating in 2015 and today consists of 95 wind turbines. The Waverly Wind Farm has an installed capacity of 199 megawatts, which is enough energy to power more than 54,000 homes. Kansas City Power & Light purchases the energy from the wind farm.

July 11, 2025

Coffey County Law Enforcement Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new Coffey County Law Enforcement Center. The building contains the Coffey County Sheriff's Office, Coffey County Jail and the Coffey County Attorney's Office.

Information courtesy of
Coffey County Historical Museum

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Burlington

Discover Burlington: A Hidden Gem in the Heart of Coffey County

Nestled in the scenic plains of southeast Kansas, Burlington blends small-town charm, deep-rooted history, and outdoor adventure. As the county seat of Coffey County, Burlington welcomes visitors and new residents alike with friendly faces, family-oriented amenities, and a vibrant spirit shaped by generations of pioneering perseverance.

A Storied Past

Founded in 1857 and named after Burlington, Vermont, the city was built on land originally granted to a Native American in 1842. The Burlington Town Company, organized in Lawrence in 1856, selected the site along the Neosho River—a lifeline that has influenced the community's growth from fur trading and milling to power generation and recreation.

By 1859, Burlington was officially organized as a village, and in 1870, became a third-class city. It has since evolved into a thriving second-class city with a population nearing 3,000.

Burlington has played an important role in Kansas histo-

ry—from establishing the county's first steam sawmill in 1857 to forming the state's first volunteer militia during the Civil War. It even passed one of the earliest ordinances in the U.S. to ban cigarette smoking—although cigars, a local industry at the time, remained legal.

Powering the Region, Preserving the Past

Burlington gained national attention in the 1980s with the completion of Wolf Creek Generating Station, Kansas' only nuclear power plant. Anglers can enjoy the nearby Coffey County Lake, a 5,000-acre reservoir, known for record-breaking fishing, scenic views and wildlife.

The city is also home to the expansive Coffey County Museum, where visitors can step back in time through 14,000 square feet of exhibits, including a restored 1896 schoolhouse, 1895 church, antique dolls, gun and Native American collections, a Conestoga Wagon, and mammoth bones. It also has a genealogy library. The city continues to honor its heritage



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through community planning and historic preservation.

Burlington is home to an extensive array of murals by local artist Jim Stukey, who has created over one hundred murals in the area, adding cultural richness.

A Community with Heart

Burlington thrives as a close-knit community where neighbors know one another and newcomers are warmly welcomed. With a 2022 median household income of \$47,388 and a population density of 1,193 per square mile, it offers a balanced lifestyle with modern conveniences and a relaxed pace.

Families enjoy the Burlington Aquatic Center (outdoor pool), skate park, disc golf, playgrounds, ballfields, walking trails, schools, year-round events and other recreational areas for community enjoyment. Outdoor enthusiasts explore the Wilson Cadman Environmental Education Area, featuring five scenic trails and excellent opportunities for birding and nature walks.

The Recreation Center features an indoor walking track, racquetball courts, indoor pool, weight room, basketball courts, and countless activities and classes, free for residents of Burlington USD 244 school district. Golf is available to members at Rock Creek Country Club.

John Redmond Reservoir and Coffey County Lake provide outdoor activities such as fishing, boating, and camping, making Burlington a hub for nature lovers. Flint Hills Wildlife Refuge, located adjacent to John Redmond Reservoir, offers opportunities for wildlife viewing and nature exploration, enhancing the region's biodiversity appeal.

Dining options abound, with local favorites including three Mexican restaurants—Cilantros, Across the Borders, and Avocados—as well as coffee shops like 11th Lane Roastery and the popular donut shop, The Bake-Ary.



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VISION:

Each graduate will be prepared for life and a passionate contributor to their career and community.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Create learning experiences focused on each student social and academic needs.

- Increase relevance of learning/real world topics in all grade levels
- Develop financial literacy for students
- Increase work-based learning experiences
- Ensure strong academic foundation learning

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Increase engagement with all stakeholders to provide students with real life learning/opportunities.

- Develop opportunities for parents to have classroom involvement
- Increase two-way communication
- Develop opportunities for student civic engagement
- Increase community pride and unity

RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY STAFF

Promote/Develop a culture of high-quality staff that feel valued and supported.

- Develop a supportive culture for all staff
- Increase higher wages and benefits
- Develop and provide meaningful personal and professional growth opportunities
- Develop consistency

FACILITIES

Provide a safe learning environment where staff and students can excel.

- Improve and upgrade district security and safe learning environments
- Develop a preventive maintenance schedule
- Increase classroom space to balance increased enrollment
- Increase and maintain technology

Burlington Elementary School

706 Niagara Street
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Office Hours:

August 1 – May 31
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Phone: 620-364-8882
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Burlington Middle School

720 Cross Street
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Office Hours:

August 1 – May 31
7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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830 Cross Street
Burlington, Kansas 66839

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Schools

Burlington USD 244 offers top-tier education in a welcoming, small-town environment. The district includes an elementary, middle, and high school—each known for academic excellence, low student-to-teacher ratios, and strong community support. With programs in technology, the arts, athletics and college prep, students thrive both in and out of the classroom. The school's mascot is the Wildcat.

USD 244 Burlington Superintendent's office - 301 Neosho St., Burlington

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Gateway to the Good Life

Located on U.S. 75 and supported by historical railroad routes, Burlington remains easily accessible while maintaining its peaceful, rural atmosphere. Just a short drive from John Redmond Reservoir and regional attractions, it's an ideal home base for travelers and a welcoming place to live, work and raise a family.

Whether you're casting a line in the Neosho River, strolling through historical exhibits, or savoring a fresh-brewed coffee downtown, Burlington invites you to slow down, explore and connect.

Churches

Burlington Baptist Bible Church - 605 Kennedy (620) 364-2050; Sunday Morning & Children's ministry-10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m.

Burlington Methodist Church - 207 S. 6th St. (620) 364-2181; Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Christian Church of Burlington - 1401 Cross St. (620) 364-2425; Sunday school and small groups for all ages: 9 a.m. Sunday service: 10 a.m.

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Clubs and Organizations

AF&AM Lodge - Third & Hudson streets
 American Legion - 113 N. Third St. (620) 364-2343
 Coffey County Historical Museum - 1101 Neosho St. (620) 364-2653
 Burlington Rotary Club - <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4381>
 Burlington Lions Club
 Floyd Lewis Foundation - 404 S. 3rd St. (620) 364-9518
 Holtz Community Foundation - 1111 Sage Brush Ct. (620) 364-9110
 Knights of Columbus
 Recreation Commission - 1101 Shea St. (620) 364-8484
 Rock Creek Country Club - 304 N. 16th (620) 364-2145
 Senior Center of Burlington - 202 Neosho St.
 Stringtown Bombers 4-H Club

Restaurants

11th Lane Roastery - 204 S. Fourth St. (620) 364-3310
 Across the Borders - 320 Neosho (620) 364-1455
 Avocados - 318 Neosho St. (620) 364-5371
 Casey's (carry-out) - 1006 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-5434
 Pete's Phillips 66 (carry-out) - 1124 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-2084
 Cilantro's Mexican Grille - 1120 N. Second St. (620) 364-2140
 Dairy Queen Brazier - 324 Cross St. (620) 364-8966
 Hoover's Deli (carry-out) - 314 Cross St. (620) 364-5444
 Pizza Hut - 707 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-8375
 Sonic Drive-In - 1105 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-8622
 Subway - 525 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-8585
 Main Street Sweets - 316 Neosho St. (620) 203-4008
 The Bake-Ary - 401 N. Fourth St. (620) 364-2733
 Vintage Sisters Cafe - 110 N. Third St. (620) 203-1248

Local Attractions

Drake Park and Burlington City Dam are located on a scenic stretch of the Neosho River on the east edge of the City of Burlington, and offer fishing, picnic tables, sightseeing and camping.







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Burlington Recreation Center - 1110 Shea Street (620) 364-8484. The recreation commission is set up to address the total recreational needs of the community on a year-round basis including indoor pool, state of the art cardio room, fully equipped weight room, indoor walking and jogging track, basketball court, raquetball courts and game room. The center strives to improve the quality of life for all ages through many programs and leisure activities.

Veterans Memorial - At the corner of Fourth and Neosho streets, in downtown Burlington.

Rock Creek Country Club and Golf Course - 304 N. 16th St., Burlington. A private club and a nine-hole course.

Burlington Mural - Cross Street & Old Mill Rd., Drake Park.

Lodging and Conventions

Kelley Hall (in Kelley Park) - 160 meeting room capacity (620) 364-5334

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Brick House Lodge LLC - 1099 South HWY 75 (913) 515-3887
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Coffey County Lake - 1513 Native Road, Burlington (620) 364-2475 (Wind Advisory/Lake Status/Gatehouse) Fishing by reservation.

Neosho River at the Burlington City Dam - Cross Street & Old Mill Road. This is a popular spot for flathead catfishing and paddlefish.

Law Enforcement

Burlington Police Department - 616 South Third St. (620) 364-8757

Coffey County Sheriff's Office - 625 Neosho St. (620) 364-2123 Emergency: 9-1-1

Annual Events

Spring Cleanup Week

Easter Egg Hunt

Freedom Festival - Kelley Park (July)

Coffey County Fair - Kelley Park (July)

Citywide Garage Sale (August - first Saturday)

Smoke on the River BBQ Competition

(Labor Day weekend)

Fall Clean-up Week (October)

Boofest (October)

Vintage Sisters Crap Fare

Christmas Craft Fair (Weekend before Thanksgiving)

Burlington Promotions Christmas Lighted Parade (December)

Coffey County Cancer Support Group Annual Golf Classic

Fire

Coffey County Fire Station #3 - 113 N. 5th St. (620) 364-2300

Post Office

Burlington Post Office - 118 S. 4th St. (620) 364-2215, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 - 10 a.m.; Sunday, closed

Utilities

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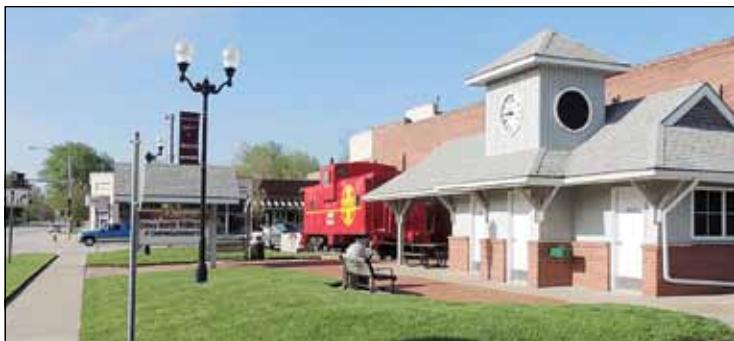
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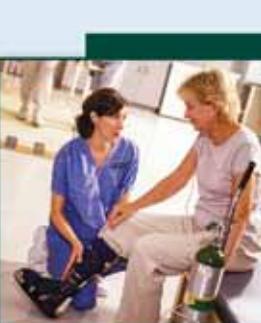
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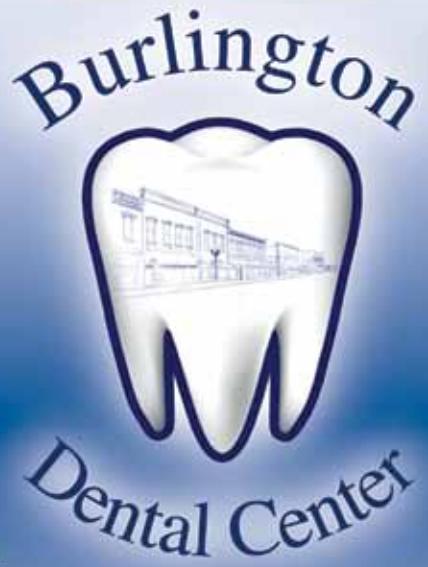
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A Railroad Legacy and Agricultural Pride

Founded in 1886 with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad, Gridley quickly grew into a thriving agricultural hub. By 1910, it had earned the title of the world's largest hay-shipping center, a legacy that still influences the town's rural identity today. The town was platted by Walter Gridley of the Arkansas Valley and Land Company and was uniquely designed to run parallel and perpendicular to the railroad tracks—a nod to its railroading roots. Its early history also ties into nearby Bangor and Liberty Township, whose residents relocated when the Missouri Pacific railroad line shifted economic activity to Gridley.

One fascinating historical artifact is the town's hand-dug well—once the second largest in the world at 56 feet deep and 36 feet wide—originally created to serve thirsty steam locomotives. Visitors can dive deeper into regional history just up the road at the Coffey County Historical Museum in Burlington.

Outdoor Recreation at Gridley City Lake

Nature lovers will find plenty to enjoy at Gridley City Lake, a 33-acre gem located just a mile north of town. This family-friendly park features RV and tent camping sites, playground equipment, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, covered picnic tables, and a bathhouse. Anglers can cast for bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish, walleye, and wipers—no local permit required, just a Kansas state fishing license. For those seeking broader outdoor adventures, John Redmond Reservoir lies just a few miles north, offering over 9,000 acres for boating, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

Community and Celebrations

Gridley's community spirit shines each year during its Independence Day celebration—a beloved tradition that marked

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City of Gridley Annual Events:

- Gridley Independence Day Celebration
- Easter in the Park with the Easter Bunny
- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Veteran Bean Feed
- Gridley City Lake Fishing and Camping
- Gridley Summer Wednesdays in the Park
- Farmers Market & Food Truck Fridays
- Gridley Community Food Pantry
- Christmas in the Park with Santa



Gridley, Kansas, established in 1871, is home to over 300 residents and located on Highway 58 in the eastern part of Kansas in Coffey County. The strength of Gridley is the people who live here. Those people offer the quality of life of a charming community, nestled in the countryside, where "everybody knows your name." We are neighbors who work together to keep our town strong and progressive.



The City of Gridley

503 Main Street, Gridley, Kansas 66852

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its 50th anniversary in 2025. Events at the Gridley Community Center and library also foster strong connections among residents and visitors. With 136 households (2020 census), the town maintains a close-knit atmosphere where everyone knows your name.

Schools and Family Life

Education is provided by USD 245 Southern Coffey County, which formed in 2003 through the unification of Gridley and LeRoy schools. Today, Southern Coffey County Elementary School in Gridley serves Pre-K through fifth grade, while middle and high school students attend school in LeRoy. With small class sizes and a supportive environment, the district offers a strong educational foundation for local families. The school's mascot is the Titan.

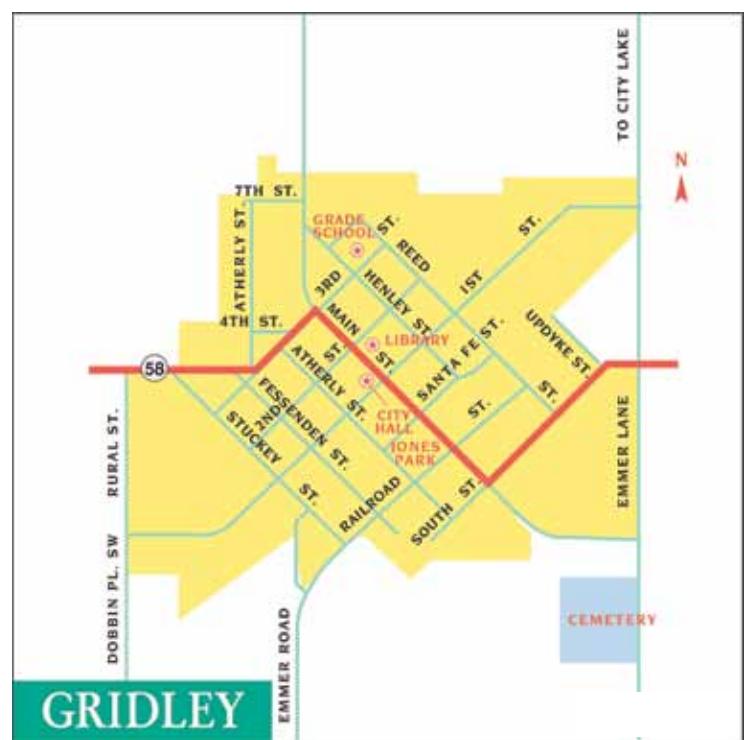
Living Local in Gridley

With a median household income of \$55,865 (2022) and a median age of 38, Gridley is a resilient and family-friendly community. Most residents own their homes, enjoying a rural lifestyle with easy access to larger towns. Its humid subtropical climate brings hot summers and mild winters, perfect for year-round outdoor enjoyment.

Whether you're looking to explore Kansas history, relax by the lake, or experience small-town hospitality at its finest, Gridley invites you to slow down, breathe in the prairie air, and make lasting memories. It's more than a stop on the map—it's a place that feels like home.

Churches

United Methodist Church - 517 Atherly (620) 836-2641; Parsonage, 511 Atherly; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Worship Service: 11 a.m.



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Clubs and Organizations

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Gridley Senior Citizens - 307 Main St., meets first Friday of the month at noon at the Gridley Community Center.

Hebron Lodge #314 - 413 Main St., meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Liberty 4-H - 307 Main St., meets first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Gridley Community Center

White Rose Chapter - 413 Main St., meets second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Library

Coffey County Library - Gridley Branch - 512 Main St.
(620) 836-3905

Fire

Coffey County Fire Station #4 - 827 Main St. (620) 836-3091

Post Office

Gridley Post Office - 423 Main St. (620) 836-4522 Open Monday through, Friday 7 - 11:30 a.m., noon - 1:30 p.m.; Saturday 8 - 10 a.m.; Sunday Closed

Utilities

City Hall - 503 Main St. (620) 836-3145

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Schools

Southern Coffey County Elementary - 300 3rd St.
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Southern Coffey County Middle School & Preschool - 1005 N Main St., LeRoy, KS 66857

Southern Coffey County High School - 1010 N. Main St., LeRoy, KS 66857

Lakes & Rivers

Gridley City Lake - Free fishing to anglers who hold a Kansas State Fishing License. Has RV and tent camping sites, playground equipment, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, covered shelter, a bathhouse, and covered picnic tables. Covered shelter may be reserved and rented for \$25 and tent camping is \$5 per night. RV sites are \$15 per night.

Lodging & Conventions

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Gridley City Hall - 503 Main St. (620) 836-3145

Gridley Community Center - 307 Main St.

Restaurants

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Local Attractions

Jones Park - 307 Main St.

Annual Events

Community Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday before Easter
Independence Day Celebration

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A Town Built on Railroads and Ambition

Lebo was founded in 1883 by David L. Jones, who recognized the opportunity created by the expanding railroad through northern Coffey County. With the help of William M. Barr, Jones laid out the new town near a planned depot, and by 1884 the first train rolled into Lebo. Strong agricultural, livestock, coal mining, and railroad industries fueled the town's early growth, and by 1886, it was officially incorporated.

The origin of Lebo's name is still a bit of a mystery. Early suggestions like "Davetown" and "Jonestown" gave way to "Lebo," possibly derived from nearby Leabo Creek or a local

resident named Josiah Leabo. The exact story remains part of the town's folklore.

Outdoor Recreation for All Ages

Lebo is brimming with outdoor opportunities for recreation and relaxation:

Jones Youth Park at 502 N. Ogden is the town's sports hub. It boasts two ball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts (lined for pickleball), the Lebo Wolves football field, and a concession stand during events.

Ye Olde City Park at 821 W. Broadway features updated playground equipment, sand volleyball courts, a disc golf course, a kid's pond for youth fishing, and a memorial U.S. Army tank. Trout fishing is permitted February–April with a stamp. Disc golf kits are available to rent at the local library.

Harold "Skinny" Spatz Memorial Park, named for a local World War II hero, is located at 320 S. Walnut and includes a playground, basketball court, and shelter house ideal for gatherings.

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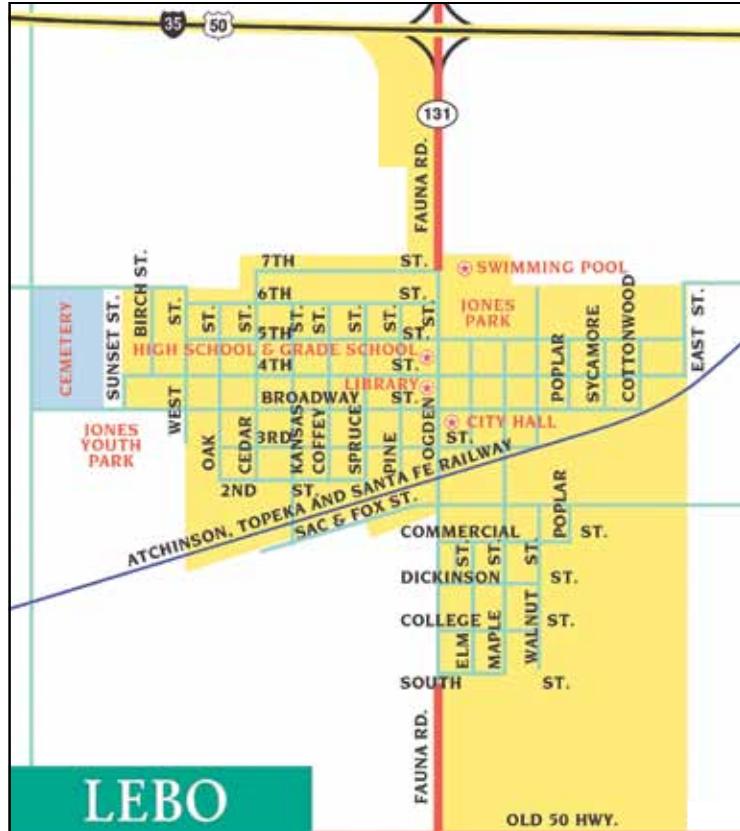
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Added Adventure

Melvern Lake, just 3.5 miles north, offers boating, fishing, and camping at its 10-mile expanse, including the nearby Sundance Area with a boat launch and campsites.

Eisenhower State Park, on Melvern Lake's north shore, attracts campers, hikers, boaters, and equestrians with its scenic views and well-maintained facilities.

Coffey County Lake, about 15 miles southeast, provides public access to boat and bank fishing, stocked with game fish.

John Redmond Reservoir, just west of Coffey County Lake, offers boating, fishing and wildlife viewing.

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, adjacent to Redmond Reservoir, is a paradise for birdwatchers, hikers, and photographers.

Notable Citizen: Harold “Skinny” Spatz

One of Lebo's most honored residents is Sgt. Harold Althouse "Skinny" Spatz, a crew member of the legendary Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in April 1942. Captured after crash-landing in China, Spatz was executed by Japanese forces and posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, and other honors. His legacy is memorialized at Spatz Park.

Events and Community Life

Lebo's Stars and Stripes Celebration is a highlight of the year, bringing the community together for family-friendly fun and patriotic festivities.

Education

Lebo is part of the Lebo-Waverly USD 243 school district and is home to Lebo Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. With above-average public schools and the Wolves as their mascot, Lebo schools are a point of pride for local families.

At a Glance

- Population: 834 (2020 Census)
- County: Coffey County, Kansas (County population: 8,360)
- Founded: 1883
- Major Highways: Located on Interstate 35
- Character: Quiet, family-focused, outdoor-oriented.

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Subway - BETO Jct. (west side) (620) 256-5800

Country Pride Restaurant - 2775 U.S. 75 (620) 256-6311 ext. 6

Library

Coffey County Library - Lebo Branch - 327 Ogden
(620) 256-6452

Fire

Coffey County Fire Station #6 - 114 W. 3rd St.
(620) 256-6992

Post Office

Lebo Post Office - 4 W. Broadway St. (620) 256-6544; Monday through Friday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. 1 - 3:45 p.m.; Saturday 9 - 10 a.m.; Sunday Closed

Utilities

City Hall - 9 E. 4th St. (620) 256-6622

Water, Sewer, Trash - (620) 256-6622

Gas - Kansas Gas Service (800) 794-4780

Electricity - Evergy - (800) 383-1183 (in city limits)

Schools

Lebo Elementary School, 415 N. Ogden St. (620) 256-6161
Lebo Junior High and High School, 12 W. 4th St. (620) 256-6341



Aliceville: (785) 489-2468
305 Dobell St., Westphalia, KS 66093

Burlington: (620) 364-2468
510 Neosho St., Burlington KS 66839

Lebo: (620) 256-6331
11 W. Broadway St., Lebo KS 66856
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Clubs and Organizations

Blue Ribbon 4-H Club
Masons Lebo Lodge #152
American Legion Post #232

Churches

Lebo Baptist Church - 420 N Maple St. (620) 256-6416; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Lebo United Methodist Church - 201 W. 4th St. (620) 256-6485 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Local Attractions

Lebo Mural - Intersection of Ogden Street (K-131 Hwy.) and Broadway, on the right when traveling north on Ogden Street.

Lodging & Conventions

Garber Long & Short-Term Rental - 100 Bree Dr.
(785) 218-9830

BETO Junction Truck Plaza - 2775 U.S. 75 (620) 256-6311

Wyatt Earp Inn - 2745 U.S. 75 (620) 256-6351

Lebo Community Building - 320 N. Ogden

Lebo Senior Center - 2 W. Broadway (620) 256-6166

Annual Events

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LeRoy played an active role during the Civil War, serving as the site of a military post from 1861 to 1864. On May 22, 1862, the 1st Regiment, Indian Home Guard was organized here, protecting the region from Confederate guerrilla attacks and unrest.

One of the city's most poignant historical landmarks is the Opothleyahola Memorial, which honors the Creek leader who led thousands of Native Americans and hundreds of Black refugees from Confederate-controlled Indian Territory into Kansas during the harsh winter of 1861–1862. This significant monument is located in the LeRoy City Park.

The park itself is one of the town's key attractions—offering

green space for picnics, play, and community events. Adjacent to it is the Coffey County Library – LeRoy Branch, a cozy hub for books, learning, and local programs. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy fishing, birdwatching, and riverside relaxation along the nearby Neosho River and area lakes.

Each year in late August, LeRoy hosts its beloved LeRoy Homecoming celebration, filling the community with fun and nostalgia. Festivities include a parade, street dance, games for all ages, and events held in Homecoming Park, drawing locals and former residents together in a joyful reunion.

LeRoy is served by LeRoy-Gridley USD 245. In 2003, the town's schools unified with neighboring Gridley to form Southern Coffey County schools. The district includes the Southern Coffey County Middle and High School, whose mascot, the Titans, represents the strength of community ties and shared futures.

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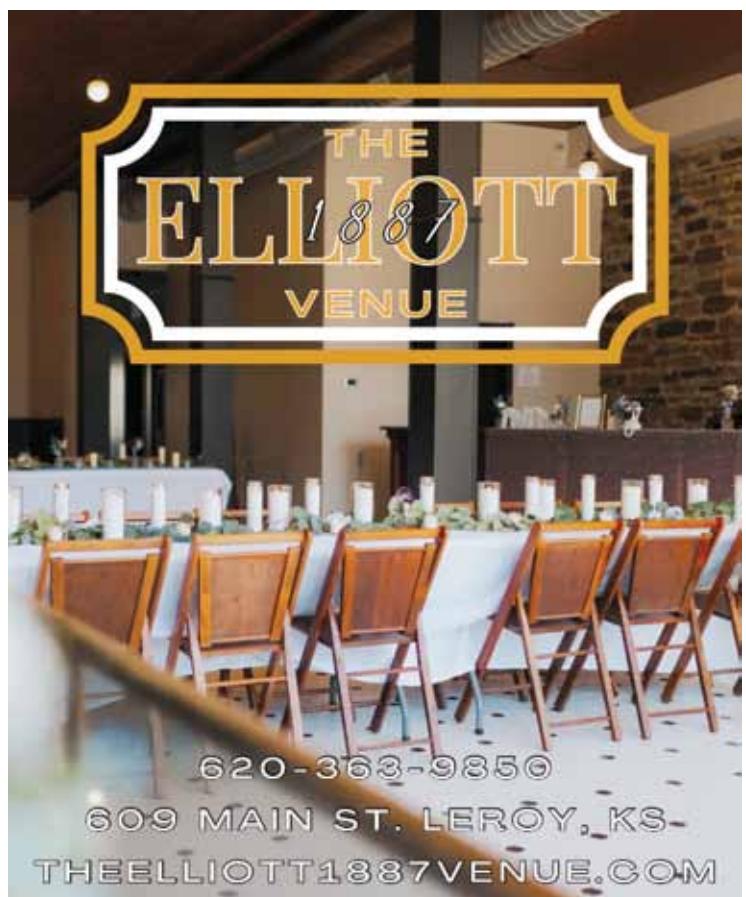
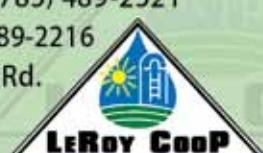
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W. Leedy, who served as the 14th Governor of Kansas. His legacy reflects the town's longstanding spirit of leadership and civic engagement.

With a population of 451 (2020 Census), LeRoy offers a peaceful retreat for visitors and a close-knit community for residents. Whether you're stepping into Kansas history, enjoying a quiet picnic in the park, or catching a community celebration, LeRoy is a place where past and present come together in harmony.

Churches

First Christian Church - 806 S. California St. (620) 794-8617; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

LeRoy Assembly of God - 426 6th St. Activity Building: 538 Main St. (620) 964-2611; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 a.m.

Restaurants

The Pizza Parlor - 608 Main St. (620) 964-2100

Harvester's Grill - 629 Main St. (620) 964-2119

Luther's Restaurant & Store - 98 W. 6th St. (620) 964-2500

Terry's - 598 S. Main St. - (620) 490-0912

Lodging & Conventions

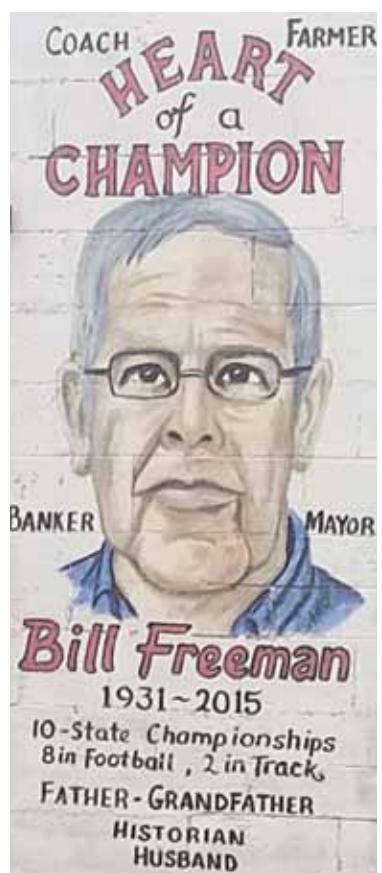
LeRoy Community Center - 713 California St. (620) 964-2245

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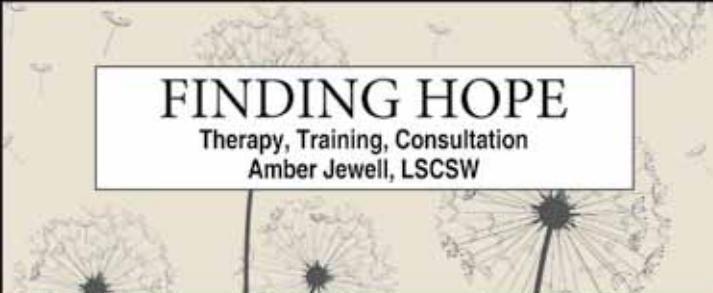
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Local Attractions

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Opothleyahola Memorial Building

Schools

Southern Coffey County Elementary - 300 3rd St.
(620) 836-2151 Gridley
Southern Coffey County Middle School & Preschool - 1005 N. Main St., LeRoy, KS 66857 (620) 964-2217
Southern Coffey County High School - 1005 N. Main St., LeRoy, KS 66857 (620) 964-2217

Clubs and Organizations

Masonic Hall Neosho Lodge #27 - 438 Main St.
Smilin' Thru 4-H Club

Library

Coffey County Library - LeRoy Branch - 725 N. Main St.
(620) 964-2321

Fire

Coffey County Fire Station # 5 - 510 Main St. (620) 964-2456

Post Office

LeRoy Post Office - 418 6th St. (620) 964-2556; Monday through Friday 7:15 - 11:15 a.m.; Saturday 8 - 9 a.m.; Sunday closed

Utilities

City Hall - 713 S. Main St. (620) 964-2245
Water, Sewer, Trash - (620) 964-2245
Natural Gas - Atmos Energy - (888) 286-6700
Electricity - Evergy - (800) 383-1183

Annual Events

LeRoy Homecoming (town event)
Coffey County Gala Benefit
Trunk or Treat in the Park
Easter Egg Hunt in the Park
LeRoy's Hometown Hallmark Christmas

USD 245 LEROY - GRIDLEY

SOUTHERN COFFEY COUNTY SCHOOLS



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

USD 245 LeRoy-Gridley is a small, rural school district located in southern Coffey County. Since transitioning to a four-day school week in January 2010, the district has continued to prioritize a close-knit, family-like environment that attracts both families and students. Following the successful passage of a bond in May 2024, USD 245 has made several exciting updates, including the addition of new preschool classrooms in both LeRoy and Gridley, as well as the construction of a state-of-the-art CTE building. This new facility supports Middle and High School Science, Agriculture, and Welding programs, reflecting the district's commitment to modern, hands-on learning.

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With small class sizes, students in USD 245 benefit from increased one-on-one attention from teachers and support staff. The dedicated staff goes above and beyond, often supporting students not only in the classroom but at extracurricular events and activities as well. The district is guided by a committed administration focused on helping both students and staff reach their full potential, providing access to the best tools and resources available. High school students are equipped with individual laptops, middle school students have 1:1 access to Chromebooks, and elementary students regularly use iPads in the classroom to enhance their learning experience.

CONTACT US

District Office
1013 N Main Street
LeRoy, KS 66857
Phone: 620-964-2212
Fax: 620-964-2413

**Southern Coffey County
Middle/High School**
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Fax: 620-964-2410

**Southern Coffey County
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- Southern Coffey County High School proudly hosts a thriving Honor Flight program, which has provided over 650 veterans with all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C. across 24 journeys. SCCHS students have the unique opportunity to serve as guardians during these trips, often forming lasting bonds with the veterans they accompany.
- USD 245 also boasts a highly successful Trap Shooting club, open to students in grades 6-12. The team has earned multiple state championships, reflecting the district's dedication to excellence.
- The FFA program is actively involved in a wide range of contests and competitions, with opportunities for both junior high and high school students. Seventh and eighth graders are encouraged to participate and gain early experience in agricultural leadership.

In addition to these programs, USD 245 offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including football, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, track, quiz bowl, scholars bowl, leadership, and forensics.

www.usd245ks.org

New Strawn

Discover New Strawn: Come grow with us!

Located just north of Burlington on U.S. 75, New Strawn is a tranquil retreat where small-town warmth meets outdoor adventure. With a population of 414, this close-knit community was born out of resilience and foresight—relocated in 1961 when the creation of John Redmond Reservoir submerged the original town of Strawn, founded in 1872 and named after local pioneer Enos Strawn. Officially incorporated in 1970, New Strawn continues to honor its heritage while embracing a vibrant future.

Nature lovers will feel right at home. John Redmond Reservoir, just west of town, offers more than 9,000 acres of prime fishing, boating and camping. Just minutes away, Coffey County Lake, the “Crown Jewel of Kansas fisheries,” spans 5,090 acres and is known nationally as a premier fishing destination, even featured on Jimmy Houston Outdoors and included in the Catfish Chasers Tournament circuit. Closer to home, New Strawn City Lake invites families to cast a line, enjoy a picnic, or play a round of disc golf.

For those who prefer trails and tallgrass, the nearby Wilson Cadman Environmental Education area features five scenic paths winding through prairies and woodlands, perfect for hiking, wildlife viewing, and photography. History buffs and learn-

ers alike will appreciate the Coffey County Historical Museum in nearby Burlington.

New Strawn also celebrates its roots and community spirit with Strawnfest, an annual summer festival, held the first part of June, filled with family fun and local charm. The town's first major modern landmark, Strawn State Bank, opened in 1963 and was the first in Coffey County to offer drive-through banking.

Education is a point of pride here. New Strawn is part of the Burlington USD 244 School District, which provides highly rated public education across its elementary, middle and high schools. The school's mascot is the Wildcat. The area's strong median household income—\$108,125 (2022)—reflects a thriving local economy supported by regional employers and outdoor tourism.

With hot summers, mild winters, and year-round access to lakes, trails, and events, New Strawn is a quiet but captivating destination for those seeking Kansas charm with natural appeal. Whether you're angling for a trophy catch, wandering through nature, or enjoying a family getaway, New Strawn is a hidden treasure waiting to be explored.



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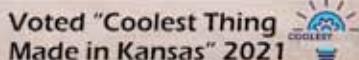
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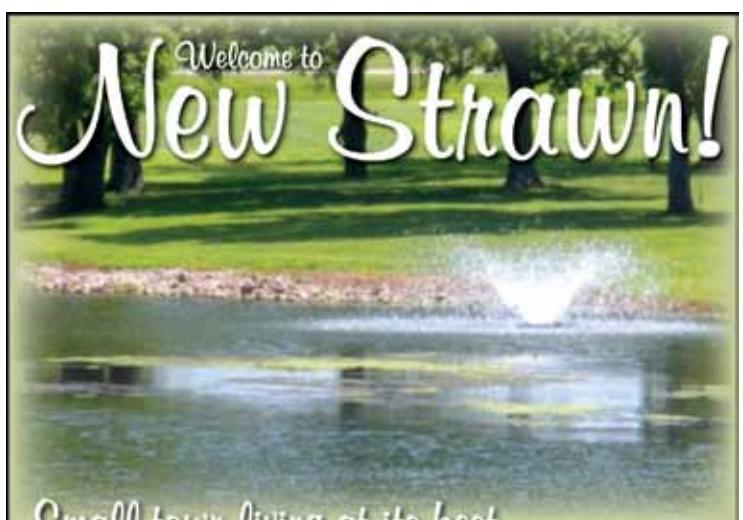
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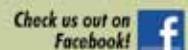
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Visit our website at: www.newstrawn.org for more information about businesses, community events and more!
City Hall: 215 N. Main St. New Strawn, KS 66839
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New Strawn City Hall

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Churches

Radiant Life Church - 139 1st Terrace (620) 557-0168; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
New Strawn Community Christian Church - 110 N. 5th St.

Restaurants

Wildcat Grill - 255 N. Main St. (620) 203-1620
Casey's General Store - 129 N. Main St. (620) 364-5513
Hometown Pie Co. - 219 N. Main St. (620) 344-0160
Silvia's Tacos - 100 N. Main St. (316) 640-8187

Lakes & Rivers

New Strawn City Lake - State fishing license and a city fishing permit required.

Lodging & Conventions

New Strawn Community Center - 319 W. Getz, across the street east from the New Strawn City Lake

Library

Coffey County Library - New Strawn Branch - 365 North Main (620) 364-8910

Fire

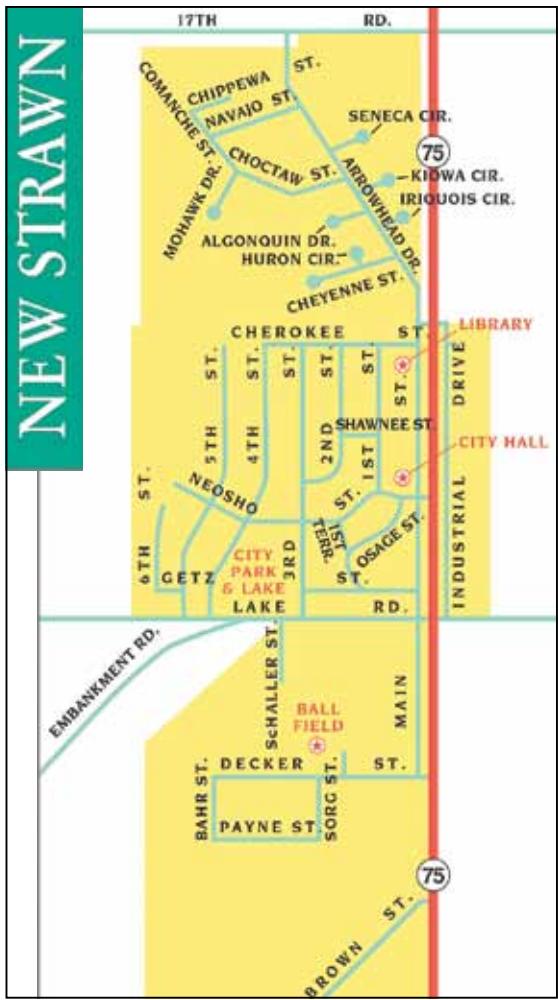
Coffey County Fire Station #8 - 301 Lake Road NW
(620)-364-8258

Annual Events

Strawnfest and Children's Fishing Derby
New Strawn Library Crafter Night - (July)
Radiant Life Youth Fireworks - June 26-July 5
OK Kids - Weekend after Labor Day - John Redmond Reservoir

Utilities

Water, Sewer, Trash - City Hall - 215 Main St. (620) 364-8283
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New Straw City Lake, spanning just over three acres, offers a family-friendly setting for fishing events during Strawnfest and the OK Kids event. A city fishing permit is required in addition to a state license. The lake is stocked with channel catfish, bluegill, walleye, wiper, black crappie, and both largemouth and smallmouth bass.



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Waverly

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Waverly's story is one of determination and togetherness. Chartered in 1880 and incorporated in 1886, the town's early days were marked by both growth and challenges. One of the first homes, built by H.P. Donnell in 1878, still stands as a symbol of Waverly's lasting legacy. The community rallied after its first major fire in 1882, which destroyed several buildings, including a hardware store where a dog reportedly tipped over a lamp. That same pioneering spirit continues to define Waverly today.

The town saw the birth of its first newspaper in 1883, fol-

lowed by the Waverly Gazette, and celebrated its first high school graduating class in 1892. Over the decades, it expanded its educational facilities and services, unifying with Lebo in 1966 to form USD 243, with district offices based in Waverly.

Waverly boasts two community parks that serve as gathering places for residents and visitors alike:

Jones Park features a community swimming pool open daily in the summer, well-maintained ball diamonds, a playground, modern restrooms, and a large shelter available for reservations. It's a summer hub for youth sports and family events.

Waverly Park, marked by its prominent water tower and vibrant activity during the town's annual Ohio Days, offers open green space, a covered shelter with electricity, and a touching Veterans Memorial honoring those who served.

The Waverly Community Center and Waverly Branch Library, a branch of the Coffey County Library system, support social connection and lifelong learning. Whether it's a quiet afternoon with a book or an energetic community event, there's something for everyone.

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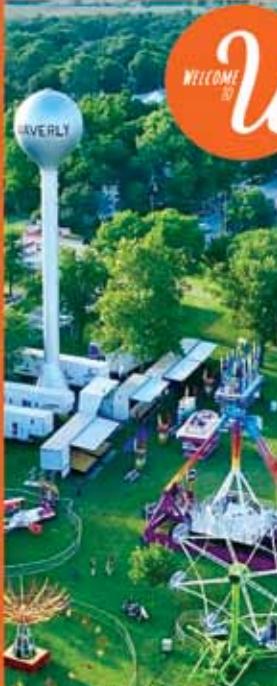


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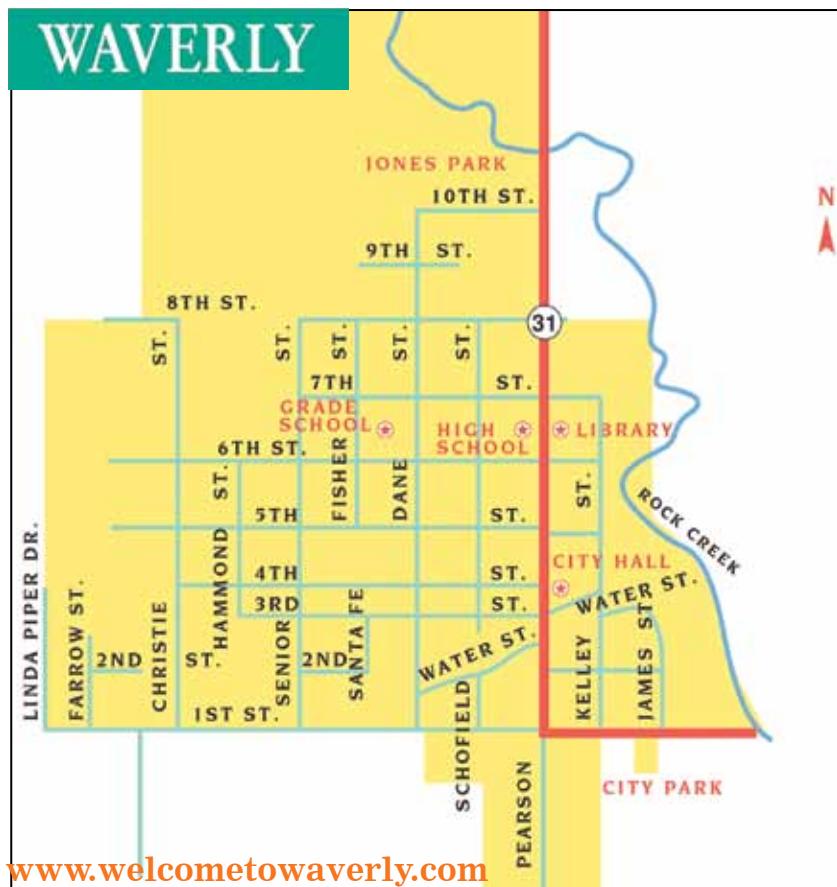
A true highlight of Waverly's community calendar is Ohio Days, a celebration dating back to 1896 when settlers from Ohio gathered for a reunion picnic east of town. Today, it's a multi-day event full of small-town charm, featuring a parade, carnival rides, baby show, and food vendors, all fostering community spirit and honoring the town's roots.

Education is a cornerstone of life in Waverly. The local elementary school maintains small class sizes for personalized attention, while Waverly Junior/Senior High offers a full roster of academics, sports, and extracurriculars—from FFA and FBLA to choir, cheerleading, and National Honor Society. With a student-first approach and a Bulldog mascot, school spirit runs high.

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Waverly is the birthplace of Olive Ann Beech, a pioneering aviation executive and co-founder of Beech Aircraft Corporation. As the first woman to head a major aircraft company, her legacy of innovation and leadership is a point of local pride.

With its deep historical roots, excellent schools, local parks, active civic groups, and friendly residents, Waverly offers more than just a quiet place to live—it offers a place to belong. Whether you're visiting for a summer event, looking to relocate, or simply passing through, Waverly invites you to slow down, connect, and experience life in one of Kansas' most treasured small towns.



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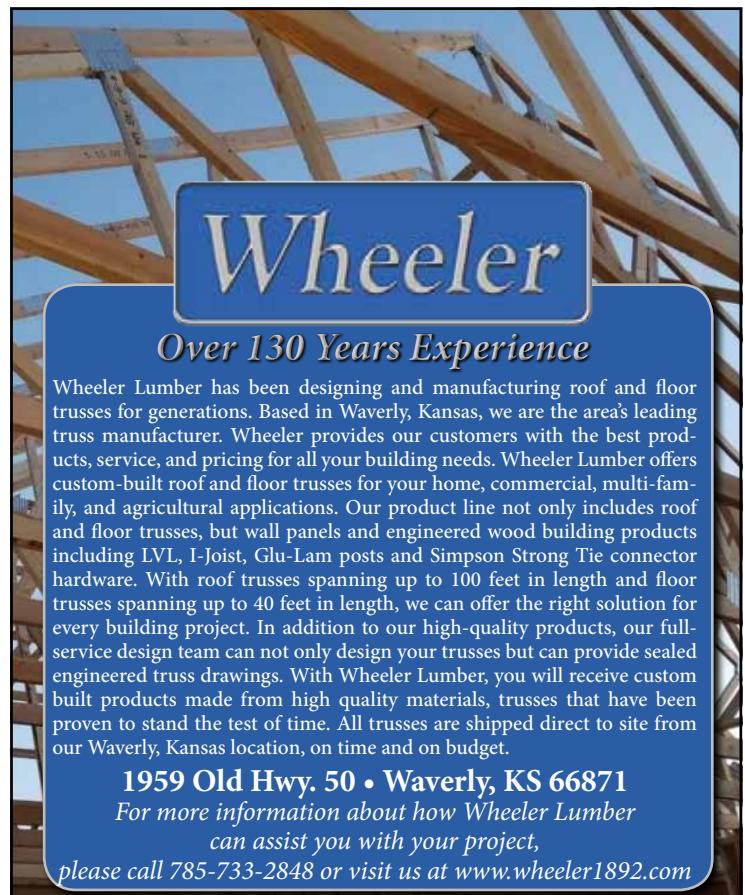
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Coffey County Lakes

John Redmond Reservoir

The larger of two reservoirs in Coffey County, the construction of John Redmond Reservoir was created to help control flooding on the Neosho River, which flooded more than 50 times in the 30 years leading up to authorization of the dam. U.S. Congress authorized the dam under the Flood Control Act of 1950 as "Strawn Dam," in reference to Strawn, a town located where the reservoir is located today. Strawn was relocated six miles to the east and renamed New Strawn at the time the dam was constructed. Congress renamed the reservoir John Redmond Reservoir in honor of the late John Redmond, publisher of the Burlington Daily Republican newspaper who had been a longtime advocate for flood control and water conservation along the Neosho River. The reservoir also serves as a reserve water supply for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. Construction of the dam began June 18, 1959. It went into service on November 17, 1964, and is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Neosho River is the reservoir's primary inflow from the northwest and outflow to the southeast, though smaller tributaries exist, including Hickory Creek and Kennedy Creek from the north and Buffalo Creek and Otter Creek from the west. The reservoir has a surface area of 9,400 square acres and catchment area of 3,015 square miles.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages three parks at the reservoir, Dam Site Park, Riverside East Park and Riverside West Park. Dam Site Park is located at the northeast end of the dam on the reservoir's eastern shore. Riverside East Park and Riverside West Park lie



immediately below the dam on both sides of the Neosho River.

Among amenities at the parks, Dam Site and Riverside West have boat ramps, while Dam Site and Riverside East each include hiking trails. All three parks include camping and picnic facilities and playgrounds.

The Corps also manages three recreation areas that provide boat ramps, the Otter Creek Recreational Area, located on the western shore at the southwest end of the dam, and the Strawn and Hartford areas, both located upstream in the Flint Hills Wildlife Refuge. The Otter Creek Area occupies a total of 240 acres and is open for off-road vehicle use.

Lastly, the Corps manages the Hickory Creek Trail on the reservoir's north shore. The trail is open to hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

The Corps has licensed the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to manage 1,637 acres on the reservoir's southwest shore as the Otter Creek Wildlife Area. The Wildlife Area includes approximately 200 acres of riparian land, 465 acres of cropland and 970 acres of native grassland.

John Redmond Reservoir is open for sport-fishing. Fish species include channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye and white bass, as well as one invasive species, the zebra mussel.

Hunting is allowed, with



Gridley City Lake

Located one mile north of the City of Gridley, Gridley City Lake encompasses 33 acres.

Amenities of the area include 10 RV camping sites with power and water hookups, tent camping sites, eight fishing piers, bathhouse, boat ramp, covered picnic area, gazebo, horseshoe pit, volleyball court and playground equipment.

A variety of fish species are present in the lake, including sunfish, channel catfish, crappies, largemouth

restrictions, on the public land around the reservoir, including the Flint Hills Refuge. Game animals living on the land around the reservoir include bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbits, mourning doves, prairie chickens, squirrels, turkeys and whitetail deer.

The John Redmond Lake Office is located at 1565 Embankment Road and can be reached at (620) 364-8613. For more information on John Redmond Reservoir, visit www.swt.usace.army.mil/Locations/Tulsa-District-Lakes/Kansas/John-Redmond-Reservoir/ or ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Fishing-in-Southeast-Kansas/John-Redmond-Reservoir. To make camping reservations, visit www.recreation.gov/gateways/562.

and smallmouth bass, walleye and wiper. The lake has an aggressive fish management program that focuses on sustainable quality and quantity. Fishing is free to anglers holding a Kansas State Fishing License.

For more information, contact Gridley City Hall at (620) 836-3145 or visit www.gridleyks.org/gridley-city-lake or <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Fishing-in-Southeast-Kansas/Gridley-City-Lake>.



Coffey County Lake

The newer of Coffey County's two reservoirs, Coffey County Lake was built in conjunction with the construction of the Wolf Creek Generating Station in the late 1970s. Originally called Wolf Creek Lake, the lake was created with the construction of a dam on Wolf Creek and provides cooling water for the power plant. Today, the lake is known for fishing.

The lake was originally stocked with a large number of predatory fish in order to keep the gizzard shad population lower, which decreases the probability of the fish clogging filter screens used in the water circulation system used for the power plant.

In 1996, Wolf Creek Generating Station began allowing limited access to the lake for fishing. In June of 1998, Coffey County took over, renaming the lake Coffey County Lake and opening access so anglers are free to fish the lake at will, so long as no more than 250 are on the water at one time.

Today, Coffey County Lake is dedicated exclusively to fishing. It is open for public fishing year-round from sunrise to one hour before sunset, though it is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day and may close if certain weather conditions arise, including winds of 20 miles per hour or more for an extended period of time.

The lake has gained recognition for the fishing

opportunities it provides and has been featured on national programs including Jimmy Houston's Outdoors and Bill Saiff's Rod and Reel. Many fishermen have shared experiences on YouTube.

Coffey County Lake is also on the Catfish Chasers Tournament circuit in July. The Catfish Chasers Tournament is an overnight event and is the only time that night fishing is permitted by lake management. Daytime fishing tournaments are allowed by making arrangements with lake management.

Coffey County Lake offers one of the best predatory to prey ratios in the country, meaning fish thrive year long. Fish species in the lake include largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, white bass, wipers, walleye and channel, blue and flathead catfish.

For more information about Coffey County Lake, contact the Lake Gatehouse at (620) 364-2475 or visit ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Fishing-in-Southeast-Kansas/Coffey-County-Lake.

Lebo City Lake

Lebo City Lake, which can be found two miles west and half a mile north of the City of Lebo, encompasses 55 acres.

While no overnight camping is allowed, the area does feature 13 fishing piers, a boat ramp and restroom facilities. The lake is open 5 a.m. to mid-

night, every day.

Lebo is also home to a Kids' Fishing Pond, located in "Ye Olde City Park," that is open to all children 15 years of age and under.

For more information, contact Lebo City Hall at (620) 256-6622 or visit leboks.org/ks-recreation/fishing/ or <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Fishing-in-Southeast-Kansas/Lebo-City-Lake>.

New Strawn City Lake

New Strawn City Lake is located at the center of the City of New Strawn and encompasses three acres. The lake was an old farm pond that had become nearly silted in during the housing construction period in the 1970s and 1980s. It was renovated as a 3.5-acre recreational lake for the city in 1983 and was dredged in August 1999, which added 3.22 million gallons to its capacity. It is managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the City of New Strawn and is strictly for recreational sport fishing.

The lake has an aggressive fish management program consisting of fish stocking, supplemental feeding, restrictive length and creel limits, water level management and fish habitat development. Fish species present in the lake include black crappie, bluegill, sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth and

smallmouth bass, walleye and wiper.

Amenities in the area include a fishing pier, picnic facilities and a playground.

A special trout season is held at the lake from Jan. 1 through May 1.

All individuals using the lake, regardless of age, need a valid state fishing license as well as a city fishing permit. Permits may be purchased at New Strawn City Hall or Casey's General Store.

For more information, contact New Strawn City Hall at (620) 364-8283 or visit newstrawn.org/new-strawn-city-lake/ or <https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Where-to-Fish-in-Kansas/Fishing-Locations-Public-Waters/Fishing-in-Southeast-Kansas/New-Strawn-City-Lake>.



Coffey County celebrates 170 years of history

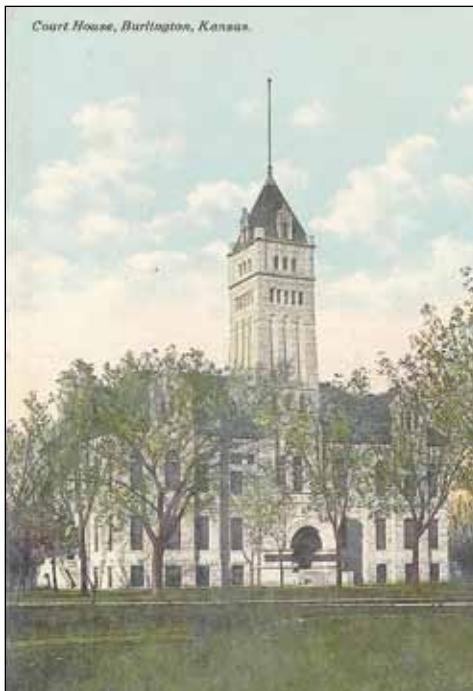
Coffey County's history began in 1854, when the first known settlers arrived in the area, drawn by the promise of new beginnings in the Kansas Territory. Just a year later, on July 22, 1855, the Territorial Legislature officially established Coffey County's boundaries: a 24-mile square starting at the southeast corner of what was then Weller County (now Osage County). Though the county was named in honor of Asbury Madison Coffey — a prominent settler in Kansas Territory — it's worth noting Coffey himself never set foot within the county bearing his name.

That same year, the first term of court convened in Hampden, presided over by Chief Justice Samuel D. Lecompte of the Territory. Just a year later, on April 13, 1856, Coffey County recorded its first marriage: John H. Bowen to Margaret Crail.

Coffey County was formally organized for governmental business on February 17, 1857. The early county offices operated from downtown buildings in the county seat at the time, as no courthouse yet existed. John Woolman was appointed Probate Judge, E.C. Amsden served as Sheriff, and Richard Burr and Samuel Lock became County Commissioners. LeRoy was named the temporary county seat. In those early years, without a dedicated courthouse, county offices operated out of various downtown businesses in the town of the county seat for that year.

The issue of a permanent county seat would dominate county politics for years. In the first general election, Enos Strawn of Burlington, John Evans of west LeRoy, and John Wooster of east LeRoy were elected to select the location. Strawn negotiated an offer from the Burlington Town Company, proposing to donate forty lots and a park (the present site of the courthouse and Burlington Elementary School) and complete a bridge over the Neosho River if the seat was awarded to Burlington. However, Evans and Wooster, meeting without Strawn, preemptively selected LeRoy. Burlington supporters, unable to overcome the political power centered in LeRoy backed by the same political view of the Territory, chose not to contest the decision.

Despite the setback, Burlington continued to grow. In August 1857, county officials organized the first school district and established election precincts in LeRoy, Burlington, and Ottumwa, add-



Coffey County Museum photo
The Coffey County Courthouse utilized from 1901 to 1964.

ing Neosho City a month later. Coffey County also served as a polling place for voters in parts of neighboring counties that were not yet fully organized.

The county seat controversy would persist for nearly a decade, with the seat moving between LeRoy, Burlington, and once even Hampden. It wasn't until December 22, 1866, that the question was finally settled: Burlington was declared the permanent county seat of Coffey County.

In 1873, Coffey County centralized its offices in a stone building located at what is now the site of the present-day courthouse. Originally built as a schoolhouse in 1867, this building served as the courthouse until being condemned in 1898 due to its deteriorating condition. A voter-approved levy in February 1899 funded a new courthouse, constructed of magnesian limestone under the direction of contractor J.B. Betts of Topeka. Architect J.C. Holland designed the building, modeled after the Junction City courthouse. Completed on August 5, 1901, the \$40,000 courthouse stood until 1964, when it was demolished. The present-day courthouse was built directly in front of the old one, allowing county operations to continue with minimal

interruption. The new courthouse was occupied in mid-July 1964 and remains in use today.

Coffey County's early years saw the rise and fall of many small towns and communities that ultimately did not survive. Today, however, the county is home to six incorporated towns, each with its own unique history.

♦ Burlington, the county seat, was named in honor of Burlington, Vermont, the hometown of O.E. Learnard, known as the "Father of Burlington."

♦ Gridley was named after Walter Gridley, who laid out the town and was associated with the Arkansas Valley and Land Company.

♦ Lebo has multiple origin stories regarding its name. Some believe it was named for nearby Leabo Creek, others credit Josiah Leabo, though no definitive answer has been confirmed.

♦ LeRoy received its name from the settlers who named it after Le Roy, Illinois.

♦ New Strawn was established when the original town of Strawn was relocated due to the construction of John Redmond Reservoir. The original town had been named in honor of Enos Strawn, a prominent early figure.

♦ Waverly was named after Waverly, Indiana, which was the hometown of Isaac Pierson, one of the area's first settlers and the original owner of the town site.

Today, each of Coffey County's six towns carries forward its own distinct identity, shaped by generations of residents who have preserved local traditions, stories and celebrations. From long-running school events to annual festivals, these communities reflect the enduring spirit of the settlers who established roots on the Kansas prairie. At the heart of the county's shared traditions stands the Coffey County Fair, the longest consecutively held fair in the state of Kansas. In 2025, the fair celebrated its 145th anniversary, continuing a legacy of community pride that spans generations.

As the county looks to the future, its story remains deeply rooted in the perseverance of its people, the history of its communities, and the traditions that continue to thrive. From the first settlers arriving in 1854 to the present day, Coffey County stands as a reminder that while towns may rise, fall, or change, the community endures. And in Coffey County, that community is built on a foundation 170 years strong.

Past, Present and Future: Celebrating Wolf Creek Generating Station

The site where Wolf Creek Generating Station currently sits looked significantly different in the early and mid-1970s. No containment building with a rounded dome could be spotted on the horizon, and Coffey County Lake, now called one of the premier fishing lakes in the state, didn't exist.

The early days

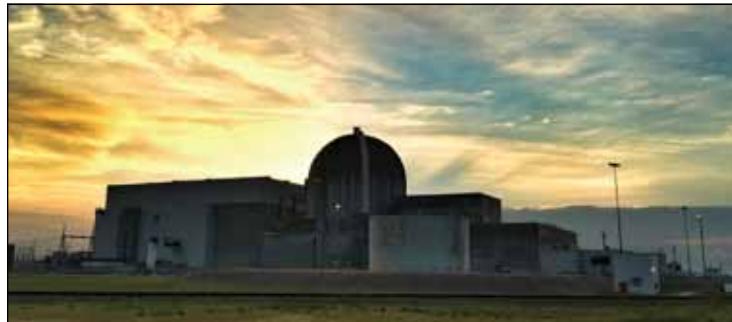
Wolf Creek is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2025, but its rich history can be traced back nearly 70 years to 1957 when Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) began thinking about including nuclear in its energy mix. KG&E and 13 other utility companies invested funds in a research and development project to find a nuclear plant design suitable for Kansas and the southwestern region.

“KG&E invested \$500,000 over a four-year period in pursuit of high technology on the prairie,” a letter from Neil S. Carns, then-President and Chief Executive Officer of Wolf Creek, states in a September 1995 booklet celebrating the plant’s 10th anniversary. “In March 1971, KG&E and KCPL (Kansas City Power and Light) signed a tentative agreement to jointly build an 800-1000 MW nuclear plant at some site utilizing the John Redmond Reservoir. In January 1973, they signed a final agreement to build a nuclear plant. They announced that its completion date would be in 1981.”

It was also announced that the nuclear power plant would cost \$500 million to build. In reality, the plant would cost more than \$3 billion.

In April 1974, KG&E applied for a construction permit.

Twenty years after KG&E made an initial investment



Wolf Creek Generating Station celebrates 40th anniversary.

in nuclear research and development, site prep work started in February 1977. However, the final full construction permit wasn’t even issued until May 12, 1977. That same year, the containment base mat was poured in just under 39 hours. Lake construction began in 1978.

Wolf Creek’s reactor vessel arrived on-site in January 1979, bringing with it droves of protestors. Thirty-five people were arrested during the demonstrations. Other protests would take place throughout the next few years. In April 1980, The Daily Republican newspaper covered a protest with the headline “Lukewarm response greets weekend nuke protestors.” Twenty-four protestors, including several local residents, held a three-day vigil protest in two locations – one in Burlington and another on farmland about a half mile away from the gates of the plant.

On Jan. 18, 1980, the Daily Republican reported that while the delivery of the reactor vessel a year prior had drawn protests, the first pair of 355-ton steam generators arrived on Jan. 7 with no interference. A second pair of generators arrived Jan. 17 with no protests.

In 1984, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensed the first

reactor operators of Wolf Creek. In June 1984, the operators passed written, oral and practical examinations. The training program they took included extensive experience in a simulator and course work through Kansas State University and Emporia State University.

Commercial operation begins

In 1985, the plant completed startup testing and became fully operational.

“Since that time, we have accomplished so many great things,” a 2010 company newsletter celebrating 25 years of operation states. “In 1989, Wolf Creek was the nation’s leading nuclear electricity producer, and we would do it again in 1995. In 1991, we set a world record of 487 continuous days of operation. We surpassed our record in October 2006 when we celebrated a safe breaker-to-breaker run as we headed into Refuel 15, which remains the shortest refueling outage in the plant’s history at 34 days. Our license renewal in 2008 proved we are doing what is necessary to take care of the plant and ensures we continue to play an important role in the future of nuclear power.”

The back cover of the Wolf Creek 1989 Annual Report features an advertisement that appeared nationally

in USA Today and in newspapers across Kansas.

“Wolf Creek is number one, and the whole nation wins,” the advertisement states. “Congratulations on being the most productive generating unit in the U.S. last year.”

In 1989, Wolf Creek’s net generation was 9,709,265 megawatt hours with actual operating expenditures of 88 cents per kilowatt hour, considerably less than the station’s goal of 1.02 per kilowatt hour.

“Even though 1989 was a nonrefueling outage year, it was still a significant achievement when compared to 1987 and 1988 operating expenditures of 1.43 and 1.58 cents per kilowatt hour, respectively,” Bart D. Withers, President and CEO at the time, wrote in his Annual Report letter.

Overcoming and moving forward

Wolf Creek has continued to safely provide clean, reliable energy to the citizens of Kansas and Missouri.

The plant generates enough energy to power more than 800,000 homes. In addition to the millions of dollars in annual property taxes paid by Wolf Creek, the local and state economy benefit greatly from the plant’s payroll and purchase of materials and supplies. The plant provides jobs to more than 750 employees, many of whom serve their communities in various roles.

Wolf Creek has a rich and storied history. One almost has to stop and ponder if those who were pursuing nuclear power on the prairie 70 years ago knew just how successful Wolf Creek would become and the positive impact it would have on Kansas.

James R. "Jim" Stukey

-The Man Behind the Murals

Jim Stukey is a self-taught artist from Burlington, Kansas, whose work has touched communities across the state for more than four decades. Best known for his murals, Jim has created over 100 large-scale works in Coffey County and beyond — including Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, and smaller towns across eastern Kansas. With funding from Coffey County and the persistence of one particular County Commissioner Gene Merry, Jim began his journey through Coffey County to start painting murals for the communities. Many of his murals carry historical significance, each carefully researched to honor the unique heritage of the community where it is placed.

Jim's creative process reflects his collaborative spirit. Before beginning a mural, he researches the subject, consults with those commissioning the work, and develops sketches to invite feedback. He often welcomes volunteers — including students and community members — to join him in painting, turning each project into a shared celebration of local identity and history.

But Jim's contributions extend far beyond the walls he paints. For decades, he has been a champion of the arts in schools and youth programs across Kansas. Since the early 1980s, he has assisted drama groups in Burlington, Iola, Emporia, Garnett, Blue Mound, and Fort Scott, designing stage sets, helping with music, and encouraging students to embrace creativity. In 1999, he helped launch Burlington's Best Children's Theater with Madeline Bahr as part of the town's after-school program, giving children the opportunity to experience the joy of performance and self-expression.

Jim teaches art classes for community groups, including individuals with special needs, always reminding his students that "everyone has a starting point and a piece of art waiting to be revealed." His artwork has appeared in settings as diverse as the NOTO Arts District in Topeka, the Kansas State Fair, and fundraising efforts for "Boots and Bling." He has illustrated books as well, including Playground Personalities by Gail Vermillion and Winning the Hepatitis C Battle by Dr. Shekhar Challa, Lovely Things and A Shoe Full of Pets by Jolene Stubby.

In 2017, the Kansas House of Representatives formally recognized Jim for his contributions to the arts and his lasting impact on Coffey County and the state as a whole. Former State Representative Eric Smith presented Jim with the Kansas House Proclamation that included a framed House certificate. Those who know him best would add that his greatest legacy is not the murals that brighten Kansas towns, but the way he has uplifted people of all ages — through art, theater, music, and an unwavering spirit of humility, generosity, and selflessness.

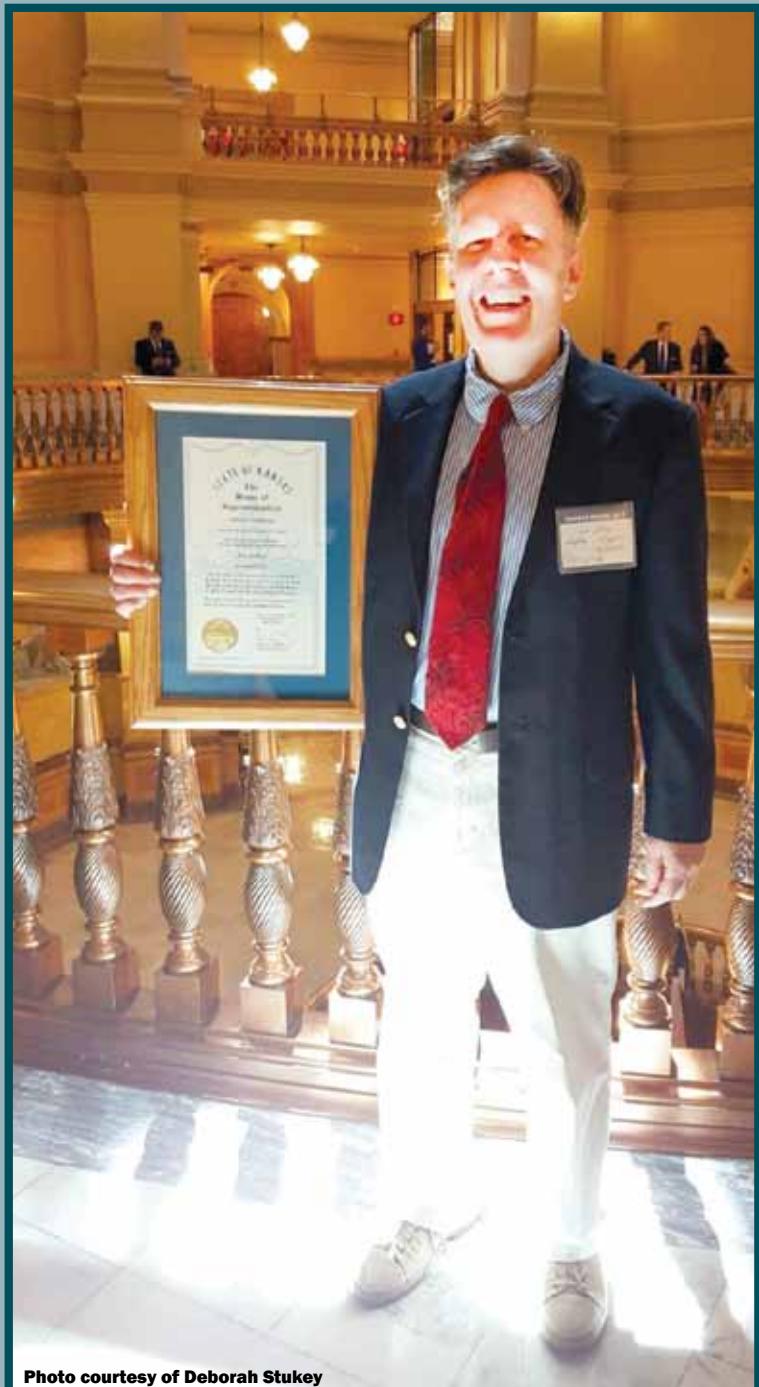


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For an entire compilation of murals in Coffey County, visit YouTube and search for "Murals of Coffey County, KS by Artist Jim Stukey."

Coffey County Mural Guide



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302 Pearson Ave., Waverly



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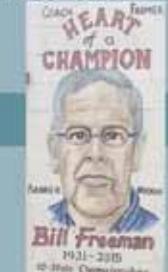
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Many of the county's offices are located in the Coffey County Courthouse, 110 S. 6th St., Burlington. Additional information for most county offices can be found on the county website, coffeycountyks.org.

Coffey County Appraiser

The county appraiser is an appointed position with the responsibility to discover, list, appraise and maintain records of the data related to all taxable and exempt real and personal property within Coffey County. The county appraiser and staff are responsible for providing fair and equitable appraisals of all taxable and exempt real and personal property in compliance with the constitution and statutes of the State of Kansas for tax purposes.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 110 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8426; fax (620) 364-8428.

Coffey County Attorney

The county attorney's office is primarily a criminal prosecution agency representing the citizens of Coffey County and the victims of crime. The office enforces felony, misdemeanor and traffic laws as well as "child in need of care" matters, "care and treatment" cases and civil asset forfeitures, involving both adults and juveniles. Additionally, the office deals with post-conviction matters, including direct appeals and habeas corpus petitions.

The office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 625 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5111; fax (620) 364-8531.

Coffey County Clerk

The county clerk's office is often a first stop for resolving issues and needs pertaining to county government. Services available include hunting and fishing licenses; voter registration; placement on the commission meeting agenda and record of the meetings.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 110 S. 6th St., Room 202, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-2191; alternate phone (800) 947-4811.

Coffey County Clerk of the District Court

The Coffey County District Court is part of the Fourth Judicial District, which serves Anderson, Coffey, Franklin and Osage counties. Persons may go to the office to file court cases, pay traffic tickets or fines, access the public computer to check the status of court cases, apply for and obtain a marriage license, file for divorce, check in for jury duty, check in for appointments with probation officers, file for protection from stalking or abuse and file civil actions for recovery of money.

The office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 110 S. 6th St., Suite 102, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8628; fax (620) 364-8535.

Coffey County Commission

The Coffey County Commission is a five-person elected board responsible for county government functions, including budgets, setting policy and performing executive functions. The commissioners oversee the county's agencies and handle the day to day functions. Each commissioner serves a four-year term, with those terms being staggered.

The Coffey County Board of Commissioners meet 9 a.m. every Monday in the commission chambers, room 201, in the Coffey County Courthouse, 110 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839.

Many of the county's offices are located in the Coffey County Courthouse, 110 S. 6th St., Burlington. Additional information for most county offices can be found on the county website, coffeycountyks.org.

County Counselor

The Coffey County Counselor is the defense attorney for the county and consultant for the Coffey County Commission. The counselor may be contacted to discuss complaints against the county.

Coffey County Economic Development

The mission of Coffey County Economic Development is to enrich the quality of life of citizens by enhancing the economic vitality of the county through the attraction, growth and retention of business, industry and talent in Coffey County. Services available include business start-up assistance, assistance for existing business (expansion, workforce, etc.), professional development, community engagement, marketing and attraction initiatives and tourism promotion.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 110 S. 6th St., Room 5, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8780; fax (620) 364-3608.

Coffey County Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Department in Coffey County provides community education, aids businesses who have hazardous materials with emergency planning and preparation, as well as all-hazards planning and preparation. Hundreds of hours each year are spent training for and responding to emergency and disaster situations. Emergency Management prepares for what is hoped never happens and provides structure and coordination when it does. The department has pamphlets and brochures available on a wide variety of subjects ranging from weather awareness and safety to preparedness for emergencies to recovery issues.

Coffey County Emergency Management is a key participant in planning and preparation for emergencies at Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, the only nuclear power plant in Kansas. The department participates in drills and exercises to ensure Wolf Creek, the county and all others who would be involved in the response to an emergency at the plant are prepared for any scenario in compliance with requirements from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The department also maintains and operates the Coffey County Notification System, through which citizens can receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news. The system enables Coffey County Emergency Management to provide citizens with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, utility outages and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Those who sign up

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The office, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, is located at 110 S. 6th St., Suite 3, Burlington, KS 66839; (620) 364-2721; fax (620) 364-8643; emergency phone (620) 364-2123 or 911; alternative phone (800) 947-4685.

Coffey County Extension

Coffey County Extension provides relevant, reliable information related to agriculture, family and consumer sciences, horticulture, 4-H and youth development, family life, healthy living and much more. The office assists individuals, businesses and communities in their efforts to find solutions, develop their knowledge-base and better themselves as a whole and is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families and youth through integrated research, analysis and education.

The office, open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, is located at 225 Cross St., P.O. Box 269, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5313; fax (620) 364-5117; email cf@listerv.ksu.edu.

Coffey County Fire District No. 1

Coffey County Fire District No. 1, established in May 1989, provides fire, rescue and emergency medical responses to both Coffey County and Southern Osage County. The district covers

approximately 700 square miles, including three major highways, two railway systems, countless miles of underground pipelines, a national wildlife refuge, two man-made lakes, a nuclear power plant and rural farmland.

The fire district maintains seven fire stations, located in Burlington, Gridley, Jacobs Creek, LeRoy, Lebo, New Strawn and Waverly. The district has approximately 140 trained professional volunteer firefighters, five volunteers of the water rescue division who are trained in swift water rescue and surface and underwater search and recovery and 52 pieces of fire apparatus, rescue and/or emergency vehicles that stand ready to respond. Six of the seven stations have a full complement of a pumper, tanker, rescue equipment and grass/brush trucks. There are two full-time positions within the district, the fire chief/administrator and district clerk. Their offices are located in Burlington at Station No. 3. The district is governed by a five-member board that meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

The fire district has an ongoing dedication to providing information and educational programs to the public. These include fire safety, fire prevention, juvenile fire-setting and station and equipment tours. All stations participate in fire safety and awareness education during Fire Prevention Week in October. The district also provides support to the Coffey County OK Kids annual event at John Redmond Reservoir and distributes safety glow necklaces to local children at each station at Halloween to help make trick-or-treating safer.

The district is committed to serve and respond to emergencies in a timely and professional manner. Volunteers receive the best quality and highly skilled training available in fire service today. The commitment is shared by each firefighter toward their community, and it is their dedication that allows for the safety of all citizens.

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The fire district's main office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 113 N. Fifth St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-2305; fax (620) 364-3108.

Coffey County GIS and Mapping

The Coffey County GIS and Mapping Department is responsible for the maintenance of all GIS data and departmental support. The department currently maintains digital information for more than 8,000 parcels, more than 5,400 existing addresses and more than 3,200 road centerlines, in addition to all other information that assists in meeting the needs of the county and its taxpayers. While the data is created and maintained for tax purposes only and is not intended for conveyances or a legal survey, GIS data that can be obtained include property ownership, land use, roads, administrative boundaries, digital plats and addresses. Ready to print maps available online include cemetery districts, commissioner districts, commissioner detail, fire districts, political townships, school districts, tax unit maps, voter precincts and watershed districts.

To request data for a location in Coffey County, or county-wide, contact the office at (620) 364-8426 for data availability and fee schedule, obtain a GIS data request form and an appraiser's office – open records request form, both available online at coffeycountyks.org, and submit them to GIS Coordinator Cara Mays at cmays@coffeycountyks.org.

Coffey County Health Department

The mission of the Coffey County Health Department is to enhance the quality of life with promoting healthy lifestyles and informing, educating and empowering the people in the

community; prevent and identify disease, injury and environmental health hazards in the community; and enforce laws and regulations that empower and strengthen the community partnerships. It will be attained through provision of high quality, efficient services and partnerships designed to improve the health of the community. Services available include immunizations, public health, Healthy Living Laboratory Services, Kan Be Healthy Exams, daycare and school physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, head lice checks and child care licensing.

The office is open, by appointment, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 110 S. 6th St., Room 4, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8631; fax (620) 364-2045; alternate phone (800) 947-4271.

Coffey County Highway Department

The highway department is charged with the responsibility to construct, maintain and operate the county road system and landfill operation as directed by the Coffey County Commission. The department is to increase overall quality and safety of the road system with minimum maintenance and construction cost in order to reduce dependence on the tax levy required for operation cost, review new methods of operation by researching and implementing new technology and review current methods for providing the most efficient operations and service. The department's goals are to respond to all citizens' requests in a responsive and professional manner, adopt a good neighbor policy with the approach to work requested, follow the golden rule to "treat people as we would like to be treated" and be accountable to the policies of the county, co-workers and citizens for all work and actions requested. Services include construction of county road and bridge



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The office is open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1510 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-2441; fax (620) 364-8271; alternate phone (866) 937-2897.

Coffey County Housing Authority

The Coffey County Housing Authority was established in 1992 by Coffey County Commissioners for the express purpose of enhancing and improving the housing for the citizens of the county. The authority is governed by a five-member board appointed by the county commission and services all areas and homeowners in the county. The housing authority board meets noon the second Tuesday of every month at the housing authority office, located at 313 Neosho St., Burlington. Services include developers incentive program, rental resource guide, programs for buying, moving and refurbishing affordable homes in the county, information on first time homebuyers programs, USDA loan applications and offerings by local banks and, when funding is available, housing preservation/rehabilitation grants.

The housing authority office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 313 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8895.

Coffey County Library

The Coffey County Library, formed in 1988 following a successful election to unify five city libraries in the county, promotes discovery, lifelong learning and collaboration by offering valuable resources, superior service and inspiring environments. Values of the library include access, environment, collaboration, service and literacy. The library's vision is to be a valued resource today, tomorrow and forever.

Coffey County Library has six branches, the five unified in 1988 - Burlington, Gridley, Lebo, LeRoy and Waverly and, added in 1994, New Strawn. Each branch is a treasured asset to their communities and to the library as a whole. Services are many, the staff is exceptional and there are activities and valuable resources for all ages. The library is led by the Coffey County Library Administrator and governed by a five-member board that meets 6 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

In addition to offering a collection of books, audiobooks, movies and other media for checkout with a library card, Coffey County Library also offers a Library of Things, which includes games, tools and kits, electronics and other items such as moving blankets, outdoor game sets and a beverage dispenser; a Community History Archive that includes digitized local newspapers; 3D printing and Glowforge CNC laser cutting in-library; hi-resolution maps of the town for each of the branch locations; copies, faxing and lamination; genealogy resources, including newspaper archives, records and more; interlibrary loan, to check out materials from other participating libraries; meeting rooms; notary services at the Burlington Branch; computers and Wi-Fi internet; online resources to help patrons find something to read; Kansas State Library's online database resources; free printable income tax forms and instructions; and online voter registration for residents of Coffey County.

The addresses, contact information and hours of the six branches of the library are:

Burlington Branch, 410 Juniatta St., Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5333; fax (620) 364-2603; email Burlington@ccclibks.org; hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday,

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New Strawn Branch, 365 N. Main St.



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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
□ **Gridley Branch**, 512 Main St., Gridley, KS 66852 – (620) 836-3905; fax (620) 836-3401; email Gridley@cclibks.org; hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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□ **Waverly Branch**, 608 N. Pearson Ave., Waverly, KS 66871 – (785) 733-2400; fax (785) 733-2474; email Waverly@cclibks.org; hours, in summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and, in winter 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Coffey County Noxious Weed Department

The department is directly or indirectly responsible for the control of noxious weeds in Coffey County, including inspection of real and personal property, feed and forage crops, topsoil extraction sites, county property and rights of way, in complying with the Kansas noxious weed laws. The office has a sprayer available for rent for spraying noxious weeds and sells a variety of weed-killing chemicals.

The office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1430 12th Lane, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-8409; fax (620) 364-3074.

Coffey County Planning and Zoning

Coffey County is a zoned county and has zoning and subdivision regulations. Zoning is to promote the public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare. Zoning permits and special applications are required in a number of instances, including construction, reconstruction, moving or structural alteration of any structure, before the improvement of land for a new use or before changing the use of land or an existing structure to a new use. Zoning and subdivision regulations are on file with the Zoning and Subdivision Administrator.

The office is located at 110 S. 6th St., Room 5, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5792.

Coffey County Register of Deeds

The register of deeds office aims to provide quality public service to all citizens and preserve all real estate and related documents with professionalism. The office files and records documents that pertain to real estate, including, but not limited to, deeds, affidavits, mortgages, assignments, releases, oil and gas leases, agreements, easements, powers of attorney, plats, surveys, real estate related death certificates and military discharges. The office also files financing statements or Uniform Commercial Codes, including federal and certain state tax liens, mechanics liens for automobile repair and liens on fixtures attached to the land such as irrigation equipment. The office also became the custodian of the rural school records from the disbanded office of the County Superintendent and has student records from the early 1900s and some teacher records. All records in the office are open to the public, except

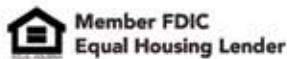
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Coffey County Public Transportation

Coffey County Public Transportation gets people where they need to go. Trips can be made for medical purposes, shopping, personal business, employment, education, meals, recreation, visiting family and friends. Service is available to all residents of Coffey County on a first come, first served basis. The service area covers all of Coffey County and locations in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma within a 150-mile radius of Burlington, including cities in surrounding counties, Topeka, Ottawa, Osawatomie, Lawrence, El Dorado, Wichita and the Kansas City area, including Kansas City International Airport. Reduced fares, set at half the cost of the regular fare, may be available to senior citizens, children ages 8 to 18, persons with disabilities and low-income individuals and families. To schedule a ride, call (620) 364-1935 or (877) 364-1905. Rides should be arranged 24 hours in advance, as same day calls are subject to space and time availability. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 520 Cross St., Burlington, KS 66839.

Coffey County Sheriff's Office

The Coffey County Sheriff's Office oversees the primary law enforcement services for the unincorporated areas of Coffey County, which includes the cities of Burlington, Gridley, Lebo, LeRoy, New Strawn and Waverly, while collaborating closely with city police. Their services encompass

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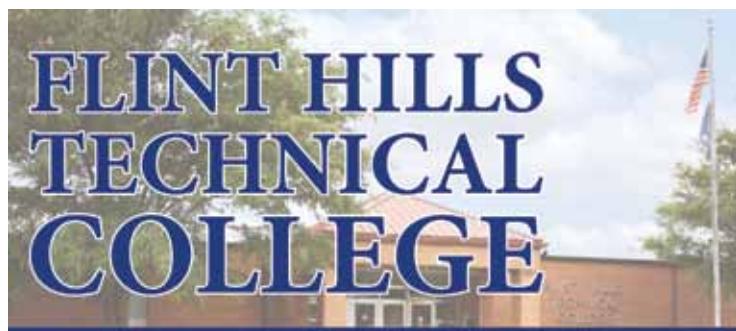
Coffey County Law Enforcement Center, located immediately west of the courthouse in Burlington.

obtaining copies of accident reports for insurance claims, reporting crimes or accidents, conducting vehicle inspections for out-of-state titled vehicles and providing guidance on matters related to protection from abuse or stalking.

In 2022, residents of Coffey County approved the issuance of up to \$20 million in general obligation bonds to build and equip a new law enforcement center, renovate the court area within the existing courthouse and create a secured, enclosed link between the new facility and the current courthouse.

Construction commenced in 2023, and the law enforcement center segment of the \$30 million project was finalized in 2025.

The law enforcement center houses the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Dispatch, County Attorney's office and a Jail with a capacity for up to 92 inmates. The office operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located at 625 Neosho St., Burlington, Kansas 66839. The contact number is (620) 364-2123.



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Coffey County Treasurer

The treasurer's office is responsible for balancing county books, receiving funds and making deposits daily, as well as offering services including driver's license renewals, vehicle and trailer title work, vehicle and trailer registration renewals, billing and collection of real estate, personal property, 16-20M trucks, oil and gas and utility taxes and providing information to taxpayers, real estate agents, abstracters and more.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, including for motor vehicle registration and tags and property taxes; 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for services pertaining to commercial motor vehicles; and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, by appointment, for driver's license renewals. The office is located at 110 S. 6th St., Room 203, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5532; fax (620) 364-8975.



Coffey County Airport located at U.S. 75 and 19th Road.



Coffey County Airport

The Coffey County Airport is located seven miles north of Burlington on U.S. 75 Highway. The airport offers concrete surface runways that are 18/36 (north-south) and 5,500 by 75 feet, color radar, Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) approach and runway lights that are transmitter activated, fixed base operator and FAA designation UKL/NDB 245, or Unicom 123.0.

Other services available at the airport include transient aircraft parking, tie downs, T-hangars, pilots lounge, aircraft rental, full time mechanic on duty, alternative power unit, data transmission network, quick turns, courtesy cars, full time ground instructor and ground school, rental cars and 100LL and JET A fuel at competitive rates.

The airport is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 1899 Highway 75, Burlington, KS 66839 – (620) 364-5346. The airport is unattended on Christmas and Thanksgiving days.

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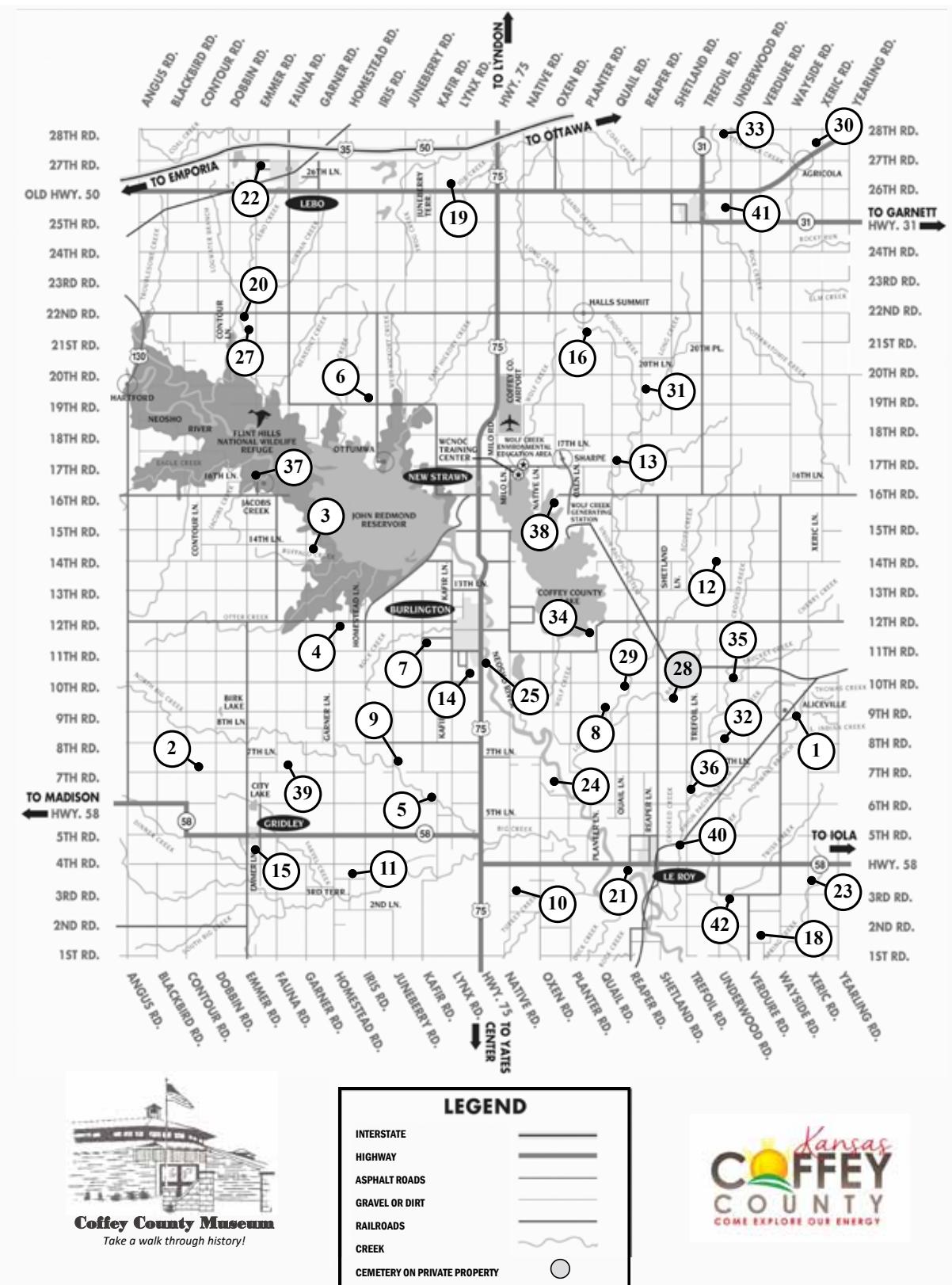
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Coffey County Cemeteries

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Coffey County Cemeteries

The cemetery number corresponds with the number on the interior map.

1. Altamont Cemetery – Contains Potters Field. Burials before 1874 were not recorded. Located on Ninth Road just east of Aliceville.

2. Apostolic Christian Cemetery – also known as Apostolic German Cemetery - Donated by George and Elizabeth Storror in 1883. Located half mile west of Dobbin on the north side of Seventh Road.

3. Bailey Cemetery – also known as Fairview Cemetery – Donated by Samuel H Bailey on March 1, 1871. Located on the south side of 14th Lane just east of Garner Lane.

4. Baker – also known as Otter Creek Cemetery – Originally a family burial for the Caseys. First burial recorded 1864. Relocated in 1963. Located quarter mile east of Homestead Road on the south side of 12th Road.

5. Big Creek Cemetery – First burial recorded in 1870. Located on the northwest side of Sixth Road and Kafir Lane.

6. Bowman/Relocated/Adgate Cemetery – Bowman deeded the cemetery in 1929. Adgate deeded 1875. Indian (originally Ottumwa) circa 1850. Adgate has a "Military Circle" to honor the soldiers. Bowman, Adgate and Old Indian cemetery were relocated in 1960's when John Redmond Reservoir was constructed. Located on the northwest side of 19th and Iris Road.

7. Calvary Cemetery – Recorded 1883. Located quarter mile north of 11th Road on the east side of Kafir Road.

8. Center Hill Cemetery – Deeded in 1886. Located on the north side of Ninth Road just east of Quail Road.

9. Cola Hill Cemetery – also known as Pleasant Grove Cemetery – dated 1873. Located half mile south of Eighth Road on the east side of Juneberry Road.

10. Crandall Cemetery – Established with the passing of Warren Crandall in 1922, and is a private burial ground. Located on the north side of Third Road just east of Native Road.

11. Fairhope Cemetery – also known as Wharton Cemetery – Deeded in 1871 for \$1. Located on the north side of Third Lane just east of Homestead Lane.

12. Star Cemetery – also known as French Ridge Cemetery. First burial recorded in 1859. Located quarter mile west of Underwood Road on the south side of 14th Road.

13. Glendale Cemetery – Donated in 1872. Located just north of 17th Road on the east side of Quail Road.

14. Graceland Cemetery – also contains County Farm Cemetery. Graceland had its first burial

in 1922. The County Farm Cemetery was located north of Burlington, circa 1920. They were relocated to Graceland. Located on the northeast side of Lynx Lane and 10th Road.

15. Gridley Cemetery – Owen D. Fessenden requested upon his death that his burial plot became a cemetery in 1896. Located half mile south of K-58 Hwy. on the west side of Emmer Lane.

16. Halls Summit Cemetery – Deeded in 1890 for \$1. Located half mile south of 22nd Road on the east side of Planter Road.

17. Jager Cemetery – (Not shown on map.) Located 3 miles south and 3.25 miles west of Gridley on private land, circa 1880.

18. Kesner Cemetery – Henry Kesner family plot. No date recorded. Located on First Lane near Verdure Lane.

19. Key West Cemetery – First burial was in 1862. Located half mile east of Kafir Road on the north side of Old Highway 50.

20. Lebo Creek/Hoover/Benedict Cemetery – Lebo Creek Cemetery deeded the cemetery in 1880. Hoover Cemetery was sold by Jacob Hoover for \$2. Benedict Cemetery circa 1860. Benedict and Hoover relocated in 1963 due to construction of John Redmond Reservoir. Located quarter mile west of Emmer Road on the south side of 22nd Road.

21. LeRoy Cemetery – Deed date 1866. Among the burials are an unknown horse thief and a seeing-eye dog named Jack. Located on the west side of LeRoy on the south side of the intersection at Reaper Road and K-58 Hwy.

22. Lincoln Cemetery – First burial was in May 1888. Located on the northeast side of Broadway Street and Emmer Road.

23. Logue Cemetery – First burial was in 1862. Located half mile south of K-58 Hwy. on the east side of Xeric Road.

24. Lorenz Schlichter Memorial Cemetery – also known as Fair View Cemetery – Deeded in 1884 for \$1. Located at the end of Sixth Lane (dead end road) located off Oxen Terrace southeast of Burlington.

25. Mount Hope Cemetery – Circa 1870. Located quarter mile south of Housatonic Street in Burlington on the east side of U.S. 75.

26. Neosho City Cemetery – (Not shown on map.) Community was located on the bluff on the south side of Big Creek, circa 1860.

27. Old Hoover Cemetery – circa 1860. Located half a mile south of 22nd Road on the west side of Emmer Road.

28. Old Morrow Cemetery – No stones. Last burial was in 1886. Located on private land in a field half mile west of Shetland Road and half mile south of 10th Road.

29. Pleasant Hill Cemetery – originally known as Saunders Cemetery – circa 1870. Located mile west of Shetland on the south side of 10th Road.

30. Pleasant View Cemetery – also known as – Saunders Cemetery north of Old Highway 50 near Xeric Road.

31. Prairie View Cemetery – original Union Cemetery circa 1873. Located half mile south of 20th Road on the east side of Reaper Road.

32. Quisling Cemetery – Burials prior to 1865 are unrecorded. Located on Eighth Road just east of Underwood Road.

33. Rock Creek Cemetery – also known as Cummings Cemetery first burial was in 1877. Located on southwest corner of 28th Road and Underwood Road.

34. Logan Cemetery – also known as Sherwood Cemetery - Augustus G. Logan granted the Logan land to be used as a public burial place in 1859. Cemetery was moved due to Wolf Creek Cooling Lake. Located quarter mile south of 12th Road on the west side of Quail Road.

35. St. John's Lutheran Cemetery – previously known as Volland Cemetery, Grobengiesser Cemetery, Avondale Cemetery, St. John German Cemetery, Lutheran Cemetery, German Cemetery and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery - first burial was in 1884. Located half mile west of Verdure Road on the north side of 10th Road.

36. Stoeltzing Cemetery – Last burial was in 1898. Located half mile south of Seventh Road on the east side of Trefoil Road.

37. Strawn Cemetery – Originally known as Kite Cemetery - deeded in 1884. Located in Jacob's Creek on north side of Emmer Road and 16th Lane.

38. Stringtown Cemetery – also known as Wolf Creek Cemetery - originally known as Roberds Grave Yard – a private burial ground, circa 1871. Currently owned by Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant. Located on a dead-end road off of 16th Road that turns into Oxen Road.

39. Teachout Cemetery – Named for Henry Teachout. First burial was in 1891. Located half mile east of Fauna Road on the north side of Seventh Road.

40. Veteto Cemetery – Dated 1866. Located about quarter mile west of Trefoil Road between Fourth and Fifth roads.

41. Waverly/St. Joseph Cemetery – Waverly deeded in 1885 for \$1. St. Joseph deeded in 1900 for \$1. Located quarter mile north of 25th Road/Hwy. 31 on the west side of Underwood Road.

42. Wooster Cemetery – also known as Wimer Cemetery - circa 1890. Located half mile east of Underwood Road on the south side of Third Road.

Health and Wellness

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Helpline - (866) 645-8216
CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness, 109 N. Third St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-3001; 1000 Lincoln St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 343-2211 or (800) 279-3645 (after hours)
Flint Hills Mental Health Center, 420 W. 15th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 342-4864

Caregiver Services

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging - (785) 242-7200
Burlington Senior Center, 202 Neosho St., Burlington KS 66839 - (253) 906-4625
Lebo Senior Center, 2 W. Broadway St., Lebo KS 66856 - (620) 256-6166
Waverly Senior Center, 419 Pearson Ave., Waverly KS 66871 - (785) 733-2603

Chiropractors

Kirchner Chiropractic, 910 N. Fourth St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-5524
Lebo Chiropractic, 10 W Broadway St., Lebo KS 66856 - (620) 256-6010

Clinics, Family Practice

Coffey County Medical Clinic, 309 Sanders St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-5395
Coffey County Health Department, 110 S. 6th St. Room 4, Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8631
Gridley Medical Clinic, 321 Atherly St., Gridley, KS 66852 - (620) 836-2915
Waverly Medical Clinic, 302 Pearson Ave., Waverly, KS 66781 - (785) 733-2667
Yates Center Medical Clinic, 801 S. Fry St., Yates Center, KS 66783 - (620) 625-2312

Crisis Services

Mental Health of East Central Kansas - (620) 343-2211
American Red Cross - Emporia, 904 W. 6th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 342-4211
Emporia Rescue Mission - 1119 Merchant St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 342-3351
Salvation Army - (785) 233-9648
Services Offering Safety (SOS) - 616 Mechanic, Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 343-8799

Dentists

Burlington Dental Center, 314 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8414
Rock Creek Dental, 311 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2040

Disability Services

COF Training Services - 1415 S. 6th St., Burlington, KS 66839; 1516 Davis Road Suite A, Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 242-5035
CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness, 109 N. Third St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-3001; 1000 Lincoln St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 343-2211 or (800) 279-3645 (after hours)
Disability Rights Center - 214 SW 6th Ave. Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603 - (785) 273-9661

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - 555 South Kansas Ave., Third Floor, Topeka, KS 66603 - (785) 368-8034 or (800) 279-3643

Resource Center for Independent Living - 624 Commercial St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 342-1648

Emergency Services

Coffey County EMS, 801 N. Fourth St., Burlington, KS 66839 - non-emergencies (620) 364-2121 ext. 4281, emergencies 911

Food and Clothing Assistance

Coffey County Resource Council, PO Box 116, Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8631
East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging - (785) 242-7200
ECKAN, 409 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8223
God's Storehouse, 418 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839
Lebo Food Pantry, 420 N. Maple St. Lebo, KS 66856
Meals on Wheels
Burlington - (620) 364-2730
Osage City - (785) 528-4170
Waverly - (785) 733-2603
Mid-America Nutrition - (785) 242-2603

Health and Wellness

Open Door Mental Health Counseling, Gridley (785) 443-3424
Finding Hope Mental Health Service, 605 S. Main St., LeRoy (620) 364-6644

Home Health Care

ECKAAA - East Central Kansas Aging and Disability Resource Center, 117 S. Main St., Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 242-7200 or (800) 633-5621
Home Town Health Care, 1642 Industrial Rd., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 342-2600

Hospice Services

Allen County Home Health and Hospice - (620) 365-1000
Good Shepherd Hospice, 427 S. Oak St., Garnett, KS 66032 - (785) 448-6590
Hand in Hand Hospice, 1000 Lincoln St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 340-6177
Heartland, Topeka - (785) 271-6500
Horizon Hospice, Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center, Chanute - (620) 432-5436
Midland Hospice - 200 SW Frazier Cir., Topeka, KS 66606 - (785) 232-2044; 635 S. Main St., Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 242-0065

Hospitals

Coffey County Hospital, 801 N. Fourth St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2121

Coffey County Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital, founded in 1954 in Burlington. Our thirteen staff physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners offer unparalleled care in state-of-the-art facilities. Eight of the region's top medical specialists offer outpatient services at Coffey County Hospital.

The hospital is an integral part of Coffey Health System (CHS), which offers a wide range of healthcare services throughout eastern Kansas. The system's continuum of care



Coffey County Hospital in Burlington.

also includes CHS Rehabilitation and Wellness Services, countywide emergency medical services and medical clinics in Burlington (Coffey County Medical Center), Gridley, Waverly and Yates Center.

Also a part of CHS is The Meadows Assisted Living in Burlington. When an individual or couple is ready to enjoy retirement without the responsibilities of living at home, The Meadows is the perfect option. Stylish one- and two-bedroom apartments come complete with private patios, kitchenettes, and nearby parking. Residents retain the freedom to come and go and entertain as they like, and the payment plan is based only on the services needed by the resident.

Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center, 2200 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66622 - (785) 350-3111, (800) 574-8387

Newman Regional Health, 1201 W. 12th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 343-6800

AdventHealth Ottawa, 1301 S. Main St., Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 229-8200

Stormont Vail Hospital, 1500 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604 - (785) 354-6000

The University of Kansas Health System and St. Francis Campus, 1700 SW Seventh St., Topeka, KS 66606 - (785) 295-8000

Life Coaching

Higher Power Health and Yoga, 627 Market St., Osage City, KS 66523 - (785) 231-9344

Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living

The Meadows, 1201 Martindale St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8861

Services and amenities: Homemade meals provided, housekeeping, laundry facility, beauty salon, spacious community living rooms and patio, transportation for shopping, appointments and outings, daily activities Monday through Friday, gazebo, exercise room with two stationary bikes, private dining room for family activities, healthcare staff, 58.5 cubic feet of locked storage per apartment.

Life Care Center of Burlington, 601 Cross St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2117

Services and amenities: Nursing home, skilled nursing, memory care, rehabilitation, inpatient therapy, outpatient therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, 24-hour security and fire safety systems, beauty salon and barber shop, bedside and bathroom call lights, certified dietitian, community re-entry program, complimentary wireless Internet, daily activity schedule, family/resident councils, fine dining program, flat-screen TVs, flexible visiting hours, full-time certified activity director, homelike setting, housekeeping and laundry services, landscaped grounds and courtyards,

library, non-smoking facility, pet visitors allowed, private and semi-private rooms, private bathrooms, religious services, patient/family education program, telephone and cable television hookups, transportation services.

Optometrists

The EyeDoctors Optometrists, 800 N. Fourth St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2134

Pharmacies

Auburn Pharmacy, 716 N. Fourth St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-3388

Auburn Pharmacy, 6 W. Broadway St., Lebo, KS 66856 - (620) 256-6122

Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy

Coffey County Hospital Rehabilitation and Wellness, 409 Cross St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2121

Therapy Service LLC, 420 Kennedy St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-2606

CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness, 109 N. Third St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-3001; 1000 Lincoln St., Emporia, KS 66801 - (620) 343-2211 or (800) 279-3645 (after hours)

The Mission of the center is to provide dynamic, culturally sensitive, high-quality behavioral health care to residents of Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties in an effective, caring, efficient manner.

The Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas (MH-CECK) provides home- and school-based services, crisis stabilization, residential care, intake evaluations and assessments, psychiatric medications, therapy (individual, group, couple, family), alcohol and drug information and psychiatric evaluation and testing.

Child, Family Assistance

Department for Children and Families (DCF), 500 SW Van Buren St., Topeka, KS 66603 - (785) 296-2500 or (888) 369-4777; www.DCF.KS.gov

The mission of the DCF is to protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility. Programs include child support services, economic and employment services, prevention and protection services, office of general counsel, operations, rehabilitation services, strategic development, faith-based and community initiatives and child wellbeing indicators.

East Central Kansas Aging and Disability Resource Center, 117 S. Main St., Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 242-7200 or (800) 633-5621; Facebook.com/ECKAreaAgencyOnAging; www.ECKAAA.org.

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (ECKAAA) is a non-profit corporation that receives funds from federal, state and local governments, along with client fees and private resources. It serves Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami and Osage counties.

The agency is responsible for providing and coordinating services for persons age 60 and over, allowing them to remain independent in their own homes with needed services for physical, social and financial limitations, by providing information, assistance and services to enhance quality of life, a safe living environment and to prevent premature residence in a nursing facility.

Rent, Utility Assistance

ECKAN, 409 Neosho St., Burlington, KS 66839 - (620) 364-8223

Department for Children and Families (DCF) - (785) 296-2500 or (888) 369-4777; www.DCF.KS.gov

Waste & Recycling

Construction, Debris, Metal

The Coffey County Sanitary Landfill, 1498 12th Lane, does accept construction and demolition debris, but they do advise that you contact the landfill at (620) 364-2048 to confirm what types of waste are accepted.

Dead Animals

In Coffey County, proper disposal of dead animals is regulated to ensure public health and environmental safety. For small quantities—such as pets or a few livestock—residents may dispose of carcasses by taking them to the Coffey County Sanitary Landfill, contacting a local veterinarian or pet crematory, or burying them on private property. Burial must be done within 48 hours, with at least three feet of soil covering the carcass and lime added to control odor and deter scavengers.

For larger quantities, such as multiple livestock losses, more stringent regulations apply. Disposal options include rendering facilities, composting, or burial, but large-scale burial or burning requires authorization from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Local residents are encouraged to contact Coffey County Environmental Health Services at (620) 364-8631 for guidance and compliance with county regulations. These measures help protect the county's rural environment and ensure responsible animal care practices.

Grass Clippings, Brush and Limbs

Grass clippings, brush, and limbs can be disposed at the Coffey County Sanitary Landfill. Some cities in Coffey County have specific sites designated for grass clippings, brush and limbs. Contact your city hall for additional details.

Household Hazardous Waste

Coffey County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), located at 1430 12th Lane, will accept HHW from households free of charge (businesses are excluded) during regular business hours. Items accepted include paints, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, motor oil, and automobile batteries. Call (620) 364-8409 for more information.

Recycling

The Coffey County Recycling Center is located at 1432 12th Lane, Burlington. The recycling center is open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – noon.

Recycling Guidelines

- Glass: Rinsed only; no lids, rings, or Pyrex
- Tin/Aluminum Cans & Foil: Rinsed and clean
- Plastics: Only clean plastics #1, #2 and #4-#7 are accepted
- Paper: Keep categories separate—newspapers, magazines, mixed paper, phone books, cardboard

Not Accepted: No Styrofoam, food-soiled items, plastic bags, or wrapping paper.

Important Notice: Electronics recycling is no longer available. Items like computers, printers, kitchen appliances, and anything with a cord must now be taken to the landfill.



Community Drop-Off: Recycling trucks make regular Saturday stops for convenient drop-off service:

- 2nd Saturday: LeRoy (8:30–10 a.m.), Gridley (10:30 a.m.–noon).
- 4th Saturday: Lebo and Waverly (9 a.m.–noon)

Curbside Pick-Up: Sign up with the Coffey County Recycling Center to receive curbside service (have items at the curb by 8:30 a.m.):

- Lebo, 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- Burlington, 2nd & 4th Tuesday
- LeRoy & Gridley, 1st & 3rd Thursday
- New Strawn & Waverly, 2nd & 4th Thursday

For questions or to sign up, contact the Coffey County Recycling Center at (620) 364-2936.

Solid Waste

The majority of the county's trash is collected and transported by private contractors and individuals to the Coffey County Sanitary Landfill. Refuse collection is available to all city residences and businesses, as well as most rural Coffey County residences and businesses. Individuals and businesses may deliver trash to the landfill using their own vehicles. Residential collections are once a week in cities and rural areas.

Tires

Individuals and businesses are charged a fee, based on size, for tires delivered to the landfill. Tire dealers in the county accept used tires for a fee, and have them recycled or taken to the transfer station. No tires are accepted by solid waste collectors.



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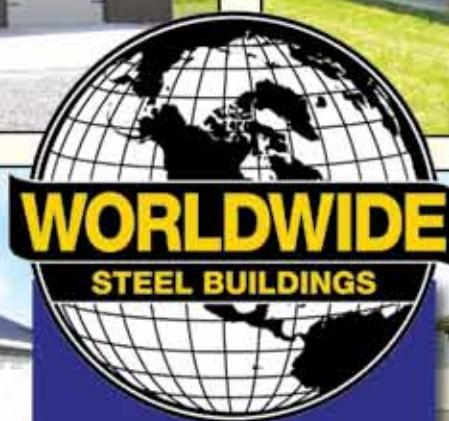
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State Treasurer
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(785) 296-3171

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Insurance Commissioner
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Kansas Dept. of Insurance,
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Topeka, KS 66604-4073
(785) 296-3071
Consumer Hotline in KS: (800) 432-2484
Email: KDOI@ks.gov
insurance.kansas.gov

Kansas Legislature (districts covering Coffey County)

State Senator — District 12
Caryn Tyson
Kansas State Capitol,
Room 123-E
300 SW 10th St.,
Topeka, KS 66612
(785) 296-6838
Email: Caryn.Tyson@senate.ks.gov
https://kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/members/sen_tyson_caryn_1/

State Representative — District 76
Bradley “Brad” Barrett
Kansas State Capitol,
300 SW 10th St., Room 519-N,
Topeka, KS 66612
(785) 296-7557
Email: Bradley.Barrett@house.ks.gov
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State Board of Education — District 9
Jim Porter
501 S. 7th,
Fredonia, KS 66736
(316) 617-6779
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<https://www.ksde.gov/Board/Contact-Information>

Helpful official links

- ◆ Kansas VoterView (check registration / ballot info): [https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView \(sos.ks.gov\)](https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView (sos.ks.gov))
- ◆ Kansas Secretary of State — Elections Portal: <https://sos.ks.gov/elections/elections.html> (Contact page above) (sos.ks.gov)
- ◆ Coffey County Elections page: <https://www.coffeycountyks.org/175/Elections> (Coffey County)



Local — Elections

Coffey County Election Office (County Clerk)
110 S. 6th St.,
County Courthouse, Room 202,
Burlington, KS 66839
(620) 364-2191
Alt: (800) 947-4811
Email: via “Email Angie Kirchner” link on the County Clerk page
Website: <https://www.coffeycountyks.org/163/County-Clerk> (Elections hub: <https://www.coffeycountyks.org/175/Elections>)

Voter Registration

Coffey County has an estimated population of 8,301 (2024) with more than 6,200 registered voters. Voter registration is available online through the Kansas Secretary of State’s voter registration portal, which requires a valid Kansas driver’s license or nondriver identification card. Paper applications may be downloaded as a PDF, completed, and mailed, faxed, or delivered in person to the Coffey County Clerk’s Office. Residents may also register in person at the Coffey County Clerk’s Office, 110 S. 6th St., Room 202, Burlington, Kansas 66839, or by calling (620) 364-2191 for more information.

To update a name, address, or party affiliation, voters must complete and submit a new registration form online or on paper, as updates are treated the same as new registrations. To be eligible to register in Kansas, a person must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Kansas, at least 18 years of age by Election Day, and, if convicted of a felony, must have completed the entire sentence, including parole or conditional release.

The deadline to register to vote is 21 days before an election, and party affiliation changes must also be made before that date.

Church Directory

BURLINGTON

Burlington Baptist Bible Church
605 Kennedy St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-2050
burlingtonbaptistbiblechurch.com

Burlington Methodist Church
207 S. 6th St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-2181
burlingtonmethodist.org

Christian Church of Burlington
1401 Cross St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-2425
ccburl.org

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
518 Jason St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-8077
churchofjesuschrist.org

First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 178, Burlington 66839
1101 N. Fourth St., Burlington
(620) 364-2910
firstbaptistburlington.org

House of Praise Community Church
300 N. 11th St., Burlington 66839

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
214 Juniatta St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-5671
st-francis-joseph-patrick-teresa.org/

Trinity Lutheran Church
902 Kennedy St., Burlington 66839
(620) 364-2283

The Well Family Church
324 Hudson St., Burlington 66839
(620) 203-9910

GRIDLEY

Gridley Christian Church
617 Henley St, Gridley 66852
(620) 490-0882
Gridleycc.org

Gridley United Methodist
517 Atherly St., Gridley 66852
(620) 836-2641
Umc.org

LEBO

Lebo Baptist Church
420 N. Maple St., Lebo 66856
(620) 256-6416
Lebobaptist.com

Lebo UMC / Olivet UMC
201 West 4th St, Lebo 66856
(620) 256-6485
leboolivetumc.org

LeROY

LeRoy Assembly of God
426 6th St., LeRoy 66857
(620) 964-2611
leroykansas.com/pride/
leroy-assembly-god

First Christian Church of LeRoy
806 S. California, LeRoy 66857
(620) 794-8617

NEW STRAWN

New Strawn Community Christian Church
110 N. 5th St., New Strawn 66839

Radiant Life Church

139 N. 1st Terrace, New Strawn 66839
(620) 557-0168
Radiantkks.com



WAVERLY

Bethany Church of Christ
2010 K-31 Hwy., Waverly 66871
(785) 733-2577

First Baptist Church of Waverly
512 Pearson Ave., Waverly 66871
(785) 733-2674

Peniel Bible Church
2771 Trefoil Rd NE, Waverly 66871
(785) 733-2574
penielbiblechurch.com

Prairie View Church
1902 Reaper Road NE, Waverly 66871
(785) 733-2656

St. Joseph Catholic Church
508 Pearson Ave., Waverly 66871
(620) 364-5671
st-francis-joseph-patrick-teresa.org

Waverly United Methodist Church
407 W. 4th St., Waverly 66871
(785) 733-2656



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