

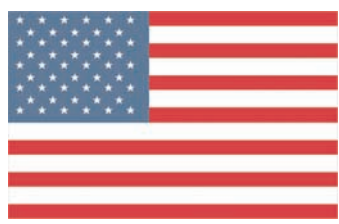
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Briefly

Town Hall Meeting

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts will hold a town hall meeting from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday at Coffey County Hospital in Burlington. Constituents will have the opportunity to share their views and suggestions during the meeting.

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Shrine Bowl

Waverly's Dakota Foster earlier this week officially accepted an invitation to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

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It's all about horses

Waverly venture provides home for unwanted horses

Amy Johnson
Reporter

WAVERLY — Longtime friends Kristin Chambers and Jack Wessels have many things in common, including their love for horses. They decided they could share their love of horses by establishing a horse rescue and retirement organization.

"We are both passionate about saving horses from abuse and a life of misery," Chambers said.

They founded Winding Road Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc., 1651 Old Highway 50, Waverly, which recently joined four other rescues to save horses from slaughter at a sale barn in Iowa.

"Together, we were able to give 53 horses a chance at a new life," Chambers explained. "Fifteen of those horses were purchased by Winding Road, aided tremendously by donations from Chance's Miniature Horse Rescue."

Those involved in horse rescue operations are dedicated to educating horse owners, legislating for the humane treatment of all horses and finding homes for abused or neglected equines of all descriptions, which includes horses, ponies, mules, etc.

Chambers said another appeal had been made to Winding Road to make another rescue attempt, even though the rescue was already full. "We just couldn't refuse, so we constructed temporary quarters to house whatever animals we brought home," she said. "The next day, we left for Iowa for what was to become a 24-hour round trip."

Ten of the horses, which included minis and ponies plus a \$10 colt of unknown heritage, stayed at a rescue in Cedar

Rapids, Iowa, and five horses came back to Winding Road. Most of the horses will go to foster and adoptive homes.

First, the horses must be quarantined, assessed, evaluated and checked by a veterinarian. "Some of these horses have

a lengthy rehabilitation ahead of them," Wessels said.

Winding Road will be instrumental in the rehabilitation of these horses. Trust must be gained since many rescued horses have been mistreated and are unsure of their caretakers. "Unfortunately, abuse and neglect is a way of life for many horses," Chambers said.

Winding Road Equine Rescue and Retirement plans to work with local and state law enforcement and animal control agencies to assist in investigations and provide shelter and care for horses seized as a part of animal cruelty and neglect cases.

Neglect is defined as failure to provide sustenance and care sufficient to maintain an equine's good health. This includes food, water, shelter, veterinary and farrier care.

Winding Road rescued a pony with hooves that had never been maintained. Equine feet need to be cared for and maintained on a regular basis. If not, they will eventually experience difficulty walking, or more serious hoof diseases.

"This little guy, Pocket, had never had his hooves trimmed in many years," Chambers said. "They grew out of control and he had a terrible time walking and was in much pain. He was also suffering from chronic laminitis. It was a sad sight."

The horses rescued in Iowa have been labeled the "Valentine Rescue." Chambers and Wessels are asking the community for donations of Purina

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Jack Wessels and Kristin Chambers provide some TLC to John, a Belgian horse that was feeling under the weather earlier this week at Winding Road Equine Rescue and Retirement near Waverly.

Legislators update constituents at libraries

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Energy, smoking and radon were among the topics discussed by legislators at a legislative update held Sunday afternoon at the Burlington Branch of the Coffey County Library. About 15 people attended.

Area state legislators attending were Senator Jim Barnett, 17th District, Representative Peggy Mast, 76th District, and Representative Bill Otto, 9th District. Following the Burlington event, the legislators attended a similar update at the Gridley Branch Library. Sen. Derek Schmidt was not able to attend.

Another round of legislative updates will be held Sunday with Rep. Mast and Sen. Barnett. They will be at the Waverly Branch Library at 1 p.m. and the Lebo Branch Library at 3 p.m.

"The session started out with KDHE being a four-letter word to me," Mast said.

She referred to Kansas Department of Health and Envi-

ronment Secretary Roderick Bremby's decision to deny the final construction permit for Sunflower Electric to build additional coal-fired electric plants at Holcomb. His decision was based on his opinion that additional carbon dioxide in the atmosphere presents a "substantial endangerment" to the public health of Kansans.

"CO2 is not considered a contaminant," Mast said. "It is in the fizz in Coca Cola, it is in what we breathe."

"How can one bureaucrat make a decision that affects the economy?" Mast asked. "He is not an elected official."

Citizens Lyndon Blackwell and Jeff Simmons expressed their dismay about the KDHE decision. Don Small ridiculed the decision by suggesting CO2 be regulated further. "I think you should propose a bill to abolish athletics in K-12 because of the increased CO2 emissions," he said jokingly.

Mast said 2,500 additional wind turbines would have to

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Sen. Jim Barnett speaks to those attending a legislative update at the Burlington Branch Library. Rep. Peggy Mast, left, listens on the front row as well as Rep. Bill Otto, far right. On Sunday, legislative updates will be held at the Waverly Branch Library at 1 p.m. and the Lebo Branch Library at 3 p.m.

LHS QUEEN OF COURTS



Mark Petterson/The Republican

At the Lebo High School Queen of Courts Friday night, 2008 King of Courts Gage Milota crowns Kate Marks the 2008 Queen of Courts. More photos and a story appear on page 10.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL Electric supt. resigns

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — The City of Burlington is losing another employee from its electric department. Electric Superintendent Matt Sowers submitted a letter of resignation to the Burlington City Council at its Feb. 6 regular meeting.

The council accepted Sowers' resignation. His last day of work will be Feb. 29. Sowers accepted a position with an area electric cooperative.

Mayor Rick Raymer presided at the Burlington City Council's Feb. 6 meeting with council members Don Brinkman, Bill Scott, Stan Luke, Barb Hoch, Kent Hoyt and Pete Kennamore present.

Two employees — a foreman and an apprentice — resigned from the electric department in November. Two people were

offered groundsmen positions last month, in an attempt to fill the positions, but one declined the offer.

That means with the latest resignation, the electric department has four of its 10 positions vacant. One position, the foreman position, will not be filled.

A search for a new electric superintendent is under way. The council also approved a motion to go out on the market and look for any combination of journeymen (linesmen) or apprentice to fill two vacant positions.

"We need to have at least two working crews of two people in the field," Luke said.

Luke recommended the council review salary information he had gathered and discuss, at the Feb. 20 city council meeting, a possible salary adjustment for electric

department employees. He planned to have an amendment to the existing compensation package and a resolution ready for approval by the next meeting.

Luke said he used a number of sources in researching electric-related salaries, including a dozen Internet sites, electric organizations, talking to communities of comparable size to Burlington, two research sites, several federal sites within the Department of Labor and consumer price index by region and state.

"My recommendation is a 'market correction' effective with the first pay period in April when pay raises go into effect," Luke said.

"Our salaries are below the average for the region ... none are near the top," Luke

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