

The remodeling and construction in Burlington, is city limit to city limit. The year 2014 could be a blockbuster with both residential and commercial development.

Birk Oil Services is extensively remodeling the old Caldwell Implement building on South US 75. The building will have a new metal roof and new paint job on the siding. The building will have a repair center and parts area. The new office space looks to be a show place. I was impressed with the doors and mill work. The new office space features a waterfall wall. Birk Oil employs 40 employees. Owners are Ed & Linda and Brian & Laura Birk. Thanks for taking the risk in the oil exploration business and using numerous local contractors for your new office, great remodel project.

On North US 75 a new car wash is in the works. A new automatic car wash and two do it yourself wash bays complete the project. The owners are Scott and Jody Owens. Thanks for cleaning up the site and helping keep our cars and trucks clean.

Madison Telephone Company is building a new building for Verizon cell phone sales and office space for the company. The building will be located across from the Coffey Health System Ambulance Barn at 814 N. 4th. MTC is also working on a fiber optic project to serve county residents.

Coffey County EMS will have its annual picnic Wednesday, May 21st. Hotdogs, hamburgers and the fixings to celebrate the professional service, available to you 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Burlington Police Department is building a new home, immediately west of Kelley Park on 616 S. 3rd Street. They have been in a temporary location, for the past 20 years.

Now they will be able to spread out and continue to provide the outstanding service you expect, including vehicle inspections, animal control, safety support, law enforcement, code enforcement etc. Ranch style building is being constructed by Abendroth Builders and will be completed in late August.

Five new homes are under construction in the Burlington area. Several of these homes are being built on lots that were cleared with grants from Coffey County Commission to Coffey County Housing Authority. Clear the nuisance properties and they will build new, helping all taxing authorities.

Coffey County Housing Authority has initiated informational meetings on the landlord tenant act, to inform the public of the do's and don'ts in rental issues, more related programs, in the future.

Attended the Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperation, Inc. annual meeting. Their Technology, at meetings, just gets better every year, with the help of Dean Grell and Ken Caudell. Scott Whittington always delivers a heart warming speech, this year on the lack of common sense by Environmental Protection Agency. When you see your electric bills increasing, don't blame the utilities, blame the beaurcrats that want us to pay through the nose and leave us using candles, if they don't put off too much carbon dioxide.

Lyon-Coffey Electric is preparing for the 10th Annual WildBlue Barbeque, coming to Kelley Park in July. The most important part is the scholarships, generated by generous sponsors, who understand the importance of continuous education and opportunities for Coffey County kids.

Bigger prize money for the 10th annual barbeque and that darn dunk tank, watch the paper for more details.

Lots of blacktopping this summer as the city council has approved a half million dollars in blacktop improvements to city streets.

We have new handicapped accessible exercise equipment in Oak Park, by the west water tower. C.O.F. applied and received a grant for the equipment, from Amerigroup. The equipment was installed by Burlington Park Department.

The front will be changing on the Chinese restaurant at 318 Neosho Street. James and Valorie Higgins own the property.

The back entrance to Across the Borders will be getting a new retaining wall and flower bed to dress up the area. Thanks Art & Venia for improving the entrance.

U.S.D. #244 Recreation will be starting demo work on the old pool this summer, getting ready for the new pool construction this fall.

U.S.D. #244 will be replacing concrete parking at the high school this summer and normal off season maintenance.

Cameron & Jenny Roth are sprucing up their properties around the lake north of Burlington. Their plans are to build a new home on west side of lake and build a real estate office on the northwest portion of the property next to U.S. 75. Thanks for moving forward, on a great real estate opportunity.

John Redmond Reservoir will be celebrating 50 years this fall, with a rededication ceremony. I'm disappointed with the condition of roads, camping areas, playground equipment, restrooms and shelter areas. It's time for the U.S. Government to spend money in America and not on foreign aid. Fix America First.

The State of Kansas has completed state house renovation and made us truly proud. Coffey County continues to improve our county infrastructure, hospital facilities and supporting city parks and city infrastructure dollars. Cities have used those dollars wisely and made numerous improvements across the county. The only weak link is the Federal Government.

I'm ashamed of the exterior condition of the Burlington Post Office and the infrastructure at John Redmond. It's time to write your Congressional Representatives to say, is this really the best the Federal Government can do. Just paid the April 15 tax bill and don't feel we're getting, what we pay for.

The building north of Crow Moddie Cheverolet owned by Tom & Sharen Caldwell is being remodeled by Donald Franklin. The new home of Donald C. Franklin Granite. Thanks, Don for expanding your skills in Burlington.

Therapy Services at 420 Kennedy Street is owned and operated by Gayle Taylor. Gayle recently started a radio show called Brain Train, a one hour a week talk show on the Voice America.com Health and Wellness Channel. Her focus is on traumatic brain injury. She received her masters degree from Washburn University. She is licensed as a clinical social worker and clinical addictions counselor. At Therapy Services she performs the duties of the Executive Director and specializes in Traumatic Brain Injury.

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