

The Coffey County Chamber of Commerce Presents

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On The Right Track

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Tournament winners announced

We have winners! The Chamber proudly announces the Semi-Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament winners.

Tournament Director Rick Frevert kicked off the competition with a "players, shuffle-up and deal" at 6 p.m. Fifty players from Burlington, Chanute, Gridley, La Harpe, LeRoy, Lebo, Madison, Moran, Topeka, Waverly and Yates Center drew for deal, then the first hands of the tournament were dealt. As players were eliminated from the main tournament, seats began to fill at the Consolation Turbo Table for a chance to win a custom Ducks Unlimited Poker set.

Once the 10-seated table was full, shortly after the first break of the Main Tournament, the Consolation Turbo Table started play. Players began to be eliminated, and after an hour and a half of play, two players remained: Mike Lawrence of Gridley and Dale Rowley of Topeka. The players moved "all in" and the community cards were dealt with Dale Rowley holding the better hand. The two shook hands and congratulated each other on a good game. Rowley took home the Ducks Unlimited Poker set and Lawrence won a Coffey County T-shirt and a \$10 gift certificate.



Photo submitted

Kent Hoyt of Burlington took home the 32-inch Olevia Flat Screen HDTV, which was generously donated by Darcy Brown, Brown Quality Builders (Burlington); Vince Stadel, Burlington Building Materials (Burlington); Brad Caldwell, Caldwell's Implement and NAPA Auto Parts (Burlington); Elliott Insurance, Angela Brown - Branch Manager (Burlington); Calvin and Diana Freeman, Freeman Plumbing, Heating and A/C (Burlington); Mark Hegg, Hegg's Collision Repair (Burlington); Bruce Murray, Murray's Electric, LLC (Burlington); Pamida, Walter Maynes - Manager (Burlington).

As the final table dwindled down to Kent Hoyt, Riley Morgan and Rhenda Jones, the spectators held their breaths in anticipation as the players posted their blinds and the dealer dealt the players their cards. Morgan was first to act; with much thought and concentration, he stated "all in." Jones was next to act and she called. Hoyt folded. The two players turned over their

cards in a heads-up battle to stay alive in the tournament, and the dealer finished dealing the hand with Morgan finishing in third place.

Action at the final table continued with Hoyt and Jones going heads-up for first place. Spectators edged just a little closer. Blinds were posted; the dealer dealt the players two down cards each. Both players, with their poker faces on, deter-

mined not to let the other see them sweat. Jones called the big blind bet and the flop went down. Small cards. Jones called "all in" and Hoyt called her bet. The players turned their cards face up on the table. No more betting with Jones all in and Hoyt having her covered. Jones shows a pair of eights with a jack kicker. Hoyt showed a king high. The crowd pressed forward as the turn card hit the table. No improvement for either hand. The burn card, then the river card: a king. Hoyt took the hand with a pair of kings and finished in first place with Jones finishing second in the tournament.

The Chamber thanks the players who came from all over to join us in a great tournament, the tournament director who donated his time to once again be our impartial overseer, the Chamber's task force members and staff, the girls in the kitchen who handed out pop and sandwiches to our poker playing guests, the many volunteers who helped set up for the event and tear down the tables, the city of Burlington for allowing us to use the 4-H Building, and all of the businesses that so generously contributed to the success of the Chamber's Semi-Annual Texas Hold'em poker tournament.



Dale Rowley of Topeka was the Consolation Turbo Table 1st place winner. Rowley took home the Ducks Unlimited Poker set, donated by Tim V. Smith of Burlington.



Rhenda Jones, the second place winner, was thrilled to take home a Toshiba lap top computer, which was donated by Bret Vannocker of Kansas Security, LLC of Emporia.



Riley Morgan of LeRoy finished third place, winning the window tinting sponsored by In the Shade of Emporia and a hand-held weather alert radio sponsored by Bret Vannocker, Kansas Security, LLC of Emporia and Ken Caudell of Radio Shack, Burlington.

American Red Cross

BURLINGTON—The American Red Cross has had a presence in Coffey County dating back to 1917. The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers to provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Currently there are about 30 community members who volunteer their time for the American Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers assist with many different tasks such as helping in the office, responding to house fires, speaking to organizations about disaster preparedness, teaching life saving skills in First Aid and CPR and even responding to national disasters.

During October, Coffey County Red Cross volunteers logged more than 45 hours of volunteer service to the community. One volunteer was able to spend a day at a Kansas State University football game volunteering in one of the First Aid stations. Earlier this year, three local volunteers responded to the tornado disaster in Caruthersville, Mo.

We are always looking for more volunteers, especially in the communities outside Burlington. Our goal is to have enough volunteers in each community that if a disaster was to happen, there would be enough trained volunteers close by to respond. Coffey County is full of caring people who want to help in the time of need. The difference is, volunteers train ahead of time. In a disaster such as a house fire, it is important to have at least three to five Disaster Action Team members in each community to call upon for assistance. If we have only one volunteer in a community, the chances of that volunteer being available at the time of a disaster are typically low, so the more, the better.

In a large scale disaster there are many functions to fill. We are preparing to have enough trained volunteers so communities in Coffey County will be self-efficient for three days in a large scale disaster, such as a tornado. We are fortunate to have the support of a large chapter: Kansas Capital Area



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Teri Seaton, Coffey County representative for American Red Cross, heads up the Burlington office.

Chapter is responsible for providing services to 15 counties. The Coffey County Red Cross is working with local facilities and businesses to have agreements established for shelters, food and supply purchases.

Throughout the year the Coffey County Red Cross provides training such as CPR, First Aid, AED use, Babysitter Training, Pet First Aid, Family Caregiving, along with trainings for volunteers for disaster response.

Coffey County Red Cross has first aid kits and emergency preparedness kits for sale for any situation such as, sports, vehicle, business or home. If we don't have a kit to fit your needs, we can customize a first aid kit for you.

Plan to stop by and visit us for hot cocoa and cookies during our open house before and after the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9.

If you would like further information on any of the items listed or a speaker for your group, contact the Red Cross office at (620) 364-5547 or seatonte@usa.redcross.org. The Coffey County office is open 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

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