A make-shift Ice Cream Truck, sponsored by Kansas PRIDE-Burden volunteers, makes its way through Burden.

Press Release
The City of Burden was host to a sight unseen by most youth in the town on Aug. 21 as Kansas PRIDE-Burden, at the request of 12-year-old Walter Melio, created an ice cream truck. The setup was just a simple UTV pulling a flatbed trailer with a deep freezer packed with 158 frozen treats.

While it’s not the ice cream truck Walter may have had in mind when he made the request, it still brought joy to the kids eating the frozen treats, the Kansas PRIDE-Burden volunteers who sold the treats and even the parents who paid for them, Kansas PRIDE-Burden president William Abernathy said. The group spent more than two hours selling frozen treats. They started their route at 6:30 p.m. on the east side of Burden and made their way to the west side of town, selling most of their inventory.

“At 25 cents apiece, this was not about raising funds for our organization, but to take a young man’s request and make it work,” Abernathy said.

Four saved, then cited for trespassing near Walnut
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Winfield firefighters rescued four people from the Walnut River late Sunday night after the river overtopped its banks. Cowley County Sheriff’s deputies and Kansas Highway Patrol responded to the 20000 block of 115th Road to assist people in distress on the Walnut River, according to a sheriff’s report.

Shortly after arriving, they called in water rescue from the Winfield Fire Department. Firefighters responded near the dam to assist in the search for four individuals.

Winfield Fire Chief Vince Warren said they secured the area for an entry point with an ATV and their pickup before putting in their flat-bottom boat. The recent rain increased the river and conditions were muddy, making it a hazardous situation for first responders, Warren said.

After several hours of searching, water rescue was able to locate the victims in the water near 212th Road, all safe with no medical treatment needed, according to the report.

Brodie Kable, Nichole Kable, Courtney George and Brandon Ford were cited for criminal trespass. Their vehicle was located on private property and the owner wished to pursue charges. Clear and visible “no trespassing” signs were in place, the report states.

All fire units returned to the station at 2:44 a.m.

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