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OVERCOME WITH EMOTION – After a formal presentation of the State Basketball Class 1A Division II third place trophy, South Barber players let loose with jubilation.

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Lynn Says

How to stop annoying robocalls on your iPhone or Android phone

(Lynn L. Martin: This is something I found on Google News that should be of high interest.)

By Chris Welch

Mobile spam calls have been a nuisance for years, but over the last few months, it's felt to me like there's been a surge of them. I get between four and six calls daily, and a quick survey of friends shows that I'm not alone. Every waking day brings with it a new barrage. Robocallers have upped their game by masking their spam with local, genuine-looking phone numbers. Sometimes their nonsense is amusing – like when you get a threatening voicemail about your impending arrest over owed back taxes – but the vast majority of the time, it's an unwelcome distraction. It's all too easy for these scammers to wield the power of the internet and fire off countless calls with ease. And once even just a few people fall for a scam, they've made enough profit to cover their trivial expenses.

Robocalls have become so infuriating that the Federal Trade Commission received over 375,000 complaints about them every month last year. The agency routinely says it's doing its best to get a handle on the situation, and yes, there are occasionally significant crackdowns. But real-world feedback indicates that things are getting worse – not better – and it's starting to feel a little out of con-



trol.

So if you're as sick as I am of pulling a vibrating phone out of your pocket only to see a random, suspect number, let's go over the options for fighting back and restoring some sense of peace.

First, I'll review some definitions since the carriers make important distinctions between these calls – even if they're all unwelcome and annoying. Here's how Verizon looks at things:

Robocallers: Automated, prerecorded phone messages

Spammers: Unwanted callers that may be calling indiscriminately to a large number of recipients; sometimes includes callers to whom you've given consent to contact you

Fraud calls: An entity likely pretending to be someone they're not with malicious intent

OPTION A: BLOCK INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS ONE BY ONE

This is probably a hopeless endeavor if you're aiming to completely eradicate robocalls, but if there's a particular number that keeps calling, it's fairly easy to block it forever from your iPhone or Android phone.

On iOS, just go to the Phone app, then your Recents, and tap the blue information icon to the right of the number you want to block.

For Android, the process isn't much different: go to the Recents section of the Phone app, long press on the bothersome number, and choose block. On some Android phones, you'll also be given the option of reporting the number as spam.

Again, this will take a lot of persistent work on your part to keep the spammers

away – and it's good for absolutely nothing against blocked or private callers.

OPTION B: TRUST (OR PAY) YOUR CARRIER TO PROTECT YOU

Most of the major mobile providers have taken steps to insert themselves as a barrier between you and these annoying callers. Unfortunately, two of them make you pay an extra monthly fee for their effort.

AT&T: Call Protect

Available for free for all postpaid customers. Unavailable on prepaid lines.

AT&T has a free app, Call Protect, that's designed to block some fraudulent robocalls from reaching you, and you won't have to do anything besides install the software on your phone. It won't completely block spam or telemarketer calls, however; instead, Call Protect will identify those callers as "Suspected Spam" when the phone rings and give you the option of blocking their number in the future. Users can also manually block any numbers they'd like and report numbers to help improve the database.

The important caveats to know are that Call Protect is only available to postpaid customers; prepaid customers can't use it at all. And the "Suspected Spam" feature only works in areas with AT&T HD Voice coverage. Also, the app is unable to block unknown callers altogether.

Sprint: Premium Caller ID (\$2.99/month)

If you're willing to add an extra charge to your monthly bill, Sprint's Premium Caller ID will identify spam callers and anyone not in your contacts list. It flags robocalls and spammers and assigns a "threat level" to give you an indication of how suspect the call might be.

But despite costing a premium, Sprint's solution doesn't automatically block anything from getting through. You can block future calls from a number or report it, but the best Premium Caller ID will do is make it clear that you shouldn't answer. It won't stop your



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Freedom School Board defers on re-hiring faculty

By Lynn L. Martin

After conducting regular business, the Freedom School Board entered into an executive session to discuss the following list of teachers to possibly be re-hired for the next school year:

Penny Brewer, career teacher; Darci Immel, career teacher; Teresa Kennedy, temporary teacher; Bretta Matthews, career teacher; Shelly Province, temporary teacher; Michael Schnatz, temporary teacher; Charlotte Selfridge, temporary teacher; Marlo Smith, career teacher; Katie Strehl, career teacher; Grace Tepe, career teacher; Elizabeth Tyree, temporary teacher; Dawn Watson, career teacher; Bryant Weber, career teacher; and Cindy Wilson, temporary teacher.

They returned from executive session and took no vote because there was no action item on the agenda. Superintendent James Miller said teachers are being notified this week that they will be provided them with "reasonable assurance" letters. The letter asks teachers to check "yes" or "no" if they hope to teach in Freedom next school year. He said, "So far, I've not had any notification of any teacher planning to leave."

Miller said he talked to teachers last week about the potential pay raise bills and their impact on the Freedom district. He cautioned that with the unknown changes in legislation, it could negatively impact the district because Freedom School is "off the state formula."

If \$5,000 pay raises are given to each teacher, which seems to be a state-wide target, the money will have to be derived from the local budget.

The board passed an Advocacy Day resolution that will permit teachers to go to the capitol and advocate for the school if they wish and not lose any pay.

End-of-month fund balances are listed as follows: General fund - \$1,057,133.73, Building fund - \$188,732.61, Child Nutrition Fund - (\$4,122.86), Sinking Fund - \$2,060.09. The total of all funds is \$1,243,803.57. Miller said the revenue is coming in as projected and the expenses are where they should be, although he had hoped for a surprise of a bit more revenue.

In his report, Miller said he was traveling to the state capitol on Tuesday to meet with legislators. He said all the legislative committees have turned in all bills that are going to be considered. He said the big unknown is what the legislators are going to do about teacher pay raises and district funding.

Miller mentioned the district has received an OARB grant that will provide the school with a weather station. The weather information will be available to the public online.

The superintendent said Bretta Mathews received a training grant of \$135 that can be used for classroom materials. She has also been accepted to a summer program where she will be pro-

vided with considerably more classroom information.

A Freedom school bus collided with a deer. The district has come to an agreement with the insurance company and the repair shop is awaiting parts.

Shelite said a half-dozen Freedom students did well showing at the stock show in Oklahoma City. She also mentioned track and golf season is starting. Pre-enrollment has started for students who want to attend Northwest Technology Center next fall. She said she has six application for Northwestern Oklahoma State University, one for OSU IT, and two for Career Tech.

State testing will begin on April 3 and will continue throughout most of the month.

Three bids were reviewed for information technology contract services. In the past, faculty member Bryant Weber has handled that and he resigned from that position in December. A Kansas firm, K-12itc, Inc, bid \$13,988.73 per year with a five-year contract and a set-up fee of \$2,100; Banc Central estimated \$11,000 that will be billed hourly and will be based on actual equipment costs; SPI of Alva bid \$10,408.94 on an hourly fee multi-year contract. The superintendent recommended the BancCentral offer because the other two wanted to replace all the IT equipment in the school with their own. BancCentral will make use of what is there. Also, Miller believes they can control their costs better with the BancCentral offer. Also, the BancCentral hourly rate was only \$65 per hour. In the past, the district has paid almost twice that.

The board did a bit of housekeeping by approving the Universal E-Rate contract service. One fundraiser was approved for the fine arts department that will include a bake sale, desert sale and spaghetti dinner.

The board also agreed to join up with Oklahoma Public School Resource Center for professional development training. It will cost a fee of \$1,500, but they will come and train staff free of charge. The main reason for the service is better monitoring of testing of students. Principal Shelite believes this service will replace three other services the district has.






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Waynoka bond election passes, school board reorganizes

By Stacy Sanborn

Waynoka's Board of Education (BOE) held their regular monthly meeting March 5. All members were present and welcomed two new members to occupy seats No. 3 and No. 5. John Hanson and Garret Gum were administered the oath of office, preceding the reorganization of the board. Former President Rick George was voted to serve as the new clerk, opening the president's seat (No. 2) to be taken over by Travis George. John Hanson, Clint Olson, and Garret Gum took over seats No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

Members looked over the financial reports of various fund accounts on the consent agenda. The funds, including the general, building, coop, activity, child nutrition, bond and gift, were all approved, along with February's meeting minutes.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Scott Cline gave his report next, giving members financial information of the school's expenditures as of last month. More money was spent this year as compared to last, but still comes in under the amounts spent two years ago. He explained that the amounts reported did not include the tractor and bus, as they have not yet been expensed.

The superintendent reminded everyone that Oklahoma's regular

legislative session is open and several important issues regarding the financial emergencies surrounding public education are set to be addressed. Session will close on the 25th of May.

Cline mentioned the school's bond election that was scheduled to take place the next day (March 6). The election date has passed as of the date of this publication.

The \$8.9 million bond garnered 73 percent of the majority vote to pass. (Only 60 percent majority vote is required to pass a school bond election.) The number of those who voted in favor came in at 232, while 85 voted against.

Items on the bond proposal:

- To construct, furnish, and/or equip a new media center; a new classroom addition, at least a portion of which will be of safe room construction; and a security entrance at the existing school building
- To acquire and install and/or repair and/or replace HVAC systems at the existing school building
- To construct, furnish and/or equip a field house at the football field to include restroom(s) and concession(s)
- To acquire and install a metal roof on the existing school building
- To renovate the current elementary building into an administrative center
- To perform renovations at the existing school building

The BOE approved the renewal with Employee Evaluation Systems Inc. for OKTLE for the 2018-2019 school year. The following board policies were also approved:

- BD School Board Internal Organization
- BD-R1 Board of Education Clerk (Regulation)
- BD-R2 Board of Education Minutes Clerk (Regulation)
- BD-R4 Board of Education Minutes/Encumbrance Clerk (Regulation)

All five board members approved the to update the sound and video system in the multipurpose building, opting to have certain features replaced by Burrows Pro Audio in Weatherford. The cost comes in at just above \$45,000.

The motion to possibly purchase a action to update the sound and video system in the multipurpose building was made and passed. They decided to purchase the vehicle from Pete Eischen Chevrolet in Fairview for \$43,760 and reception is about six weeks out.

Another item approved for purchase was a 2018 24-foot aluminum custom gooseneck stock trailer.

The last few agenda items were to approve the declaration of surplus on three items: 2005 GMC Yukon, 2003 24-foot gooseneck Travalong trailer, 1999 W-W Trailer Sales All Around 14x5 bumper pull trailer.

No new business was introduced and the meeting adjourned.

A special BOE meeting will be held later this month at 5 p.m. on March 22.

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Superintendent Williams and Principal Shaffer contracts renewed, Principal Stoddard resigns

South Barber cheer sponsors resign; Insurance costs increase, vehicle purchase considered

By Yvonne Miller

Following executive session Monday evening, the South Barber Board of Education renewed the contracts of Superintendent Dr. Andi Williams and Principal Brent Shafer to 2020.

This was at the regular, under one March meeting of the board for USD 255 in Kiowa, Kansas. An agenda item was the resignation of K-6 Principal Eric Stoddard. His resignation was accepted in a single, unanimous vote with co-cheer sponsors Shawna Schupbach and Melissa Rector who is moving to Pratt.

Board Vice President Mark Pollock called the meeting to order in the absence of president Steve Allen. All other members attended including: Bryan Quick, Deb Helfrich, Mariah Doherty, Mike Miller and Melissa Simpson. Superintendent Williams and Board Clerk Julie Johnson also sat at the board table.

Williams provided board members with a list of the school's insurance premiums from the last 10 years.

Johnson researched the issue, which showed the proposed payment for 2018 is \$94,000. The same coverage was \$55,000 in 2008.

The board advised Williams to "shop around." The superintendent said she will look to the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) for guidance.

In her report to the board, the superintendent said the school is adding to the CTE Pathways: comprehensive agriculture science; construction and design; family and consumer science; business finance; government and public administration.

Teacher Pam Malone is teaching pathways as the school is growing this area, Williams said.

Before the board approved current bills, Johnson explained extra expenses as follows:

- The new track, \$176,683.18 (paid mainly with insurance money from the storm)
- Insurance policy, \$94,015
- Ag Farm roof, \$4,021
- Rec Commission transfer,

\$44,560.64

Those additions make total bills approved \$604,991.10.

Student Achievements and Upcoming Events

Principal Shaffer congratulated the Chieftains basketball team for third at the state tournament. The principal said, "The best part for me was when (senior) Dakota Vickers (who is not a starter) and shot from top of the key (made a three-pointer.)"

Shaffer said SB students had great results at the Heart of the Plains League (HOPL) Academic Olympics @ PCC.

SB's team was third overall in small schools (competed against ALL schools: Haven, Clearwater, Pratt, Conway Springs, HOPL schools, etc. (Top 3 recognized) – Cole Coggins – Accounting 1st Overall; Nora Gugelmeyer – Algebra I 2nd Overall, English 1 2nd Overall; Taylor Pollock – Biology II 1st Overall; Fernando Fernandez – Chemistry 2nd Overall; Adrienne Allison – Geometry 3rd Overall;

4th HOPL (take out Division 2 like ML or Macksville then add back HOPL schools) – Cole Coggins – Accounting 1st; Taylor Pollock – Biology II 1st, Pre-Calculus 3rd; Adrienne Allison – Geometry 1st; Haylie Drake; Nora Gugelmeyer – Algebra I 2nd, English 1 2nd; Savannah Hughbanks – Algebra 2/Trig 2nd; Fernando Fernandez – Chemistry 2nd, Computer Science 5th, Physics 3rd; Brandon Baysinger – Computer Software Apps 4th; Erik Reimer – Geometry 3rd; Trae Rathgeber – Physics 5th; Katie Holcomb – Spanish 2 5th; Ines Jakob – Health 5th.

The track and boys tennis season is beginning.

At the HOPL music contest at Cunningham the SBHS received a I (Superior) rating and two ratings of II (Excellent). Shaffer said soloists Sterling Rector and Joseph Bowden received I ratings.

High School cheer tryouts are Friday at 11 a.m.



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ELSIE LEE DeVORE

JET, Okla. – Graveside service for Elsie Lee DeVore will be Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery north of Jet with arrangements by Lanman Funeral Home Inc. of Cherokee. Viewing will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with family present from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.



Lee was born on September 16, 1935, in Jet and passed from this life on March 11, 2018, in Enid. Lee was raised in the Jet community by her mother, Elsie Marie (Miller) Fischer. Lee worked for the Army Corp of Engineers in maintenance and for Great Salt Plains State Park. Lee met A.D. DeVore while volunteering in the hospital where A.D. was hospitalized after returning from the Korean War. A.D. had enlisted and served in the Army before his high school graduation, so he returned to Jet High School to finish, graduating with Lee in May of 1953. They were married in December of 1953. After marriage A.D. and Lee lived in New Mexico and south Texas, before moving back to Jet. She was a member of the Jet United Methodist Church. She had also attended Vining Church and the Cowboy Church in Byron. Her

faith was very important to Lee, and she enjoyed serving in the church in various capacities.

Those who preceded Lee in death include her husband, A.D.; mother, Elsie Marie Fischer; brothers, Glen, Curtis and Sonny Fischer; and sister, Merry Ellen McDowell.

Survivors include her son, Murray DeVore and wife, Jeannette; one grandchild, Joseph DeVore; sister-in-law, Jennie Fischer, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to the Cowboy Church in Byron through the funeral home.

ILA (WANGER) WOOD

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Wharton Funeral Chapel with Reverend Kevin Fields, Barnes Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow in Freedom Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.whartonfuneralchapel.com.



Ila Louise, daughter of Sadie (Stewart) and Charles A. Wanger, was born near Freedom, Oklahoma, on January 21, 1928. She passed away at Beadles Nursing Home on March 10, 2018, at the age of 90 years, 1 month and 17 days.

She graduated from Houston Valley Rural School and attended Freedom High School.

Miss Wanger was married to Harold Knabe on October 13, 1944, at Buffalo, Oklahoma, and to this union two sons and two daughters were born. They lived in Freedom, Oklahoma. In 1959 they moved to Alva. Mr. Knabe passed away June 6, 1970.

She married “Woody” Wood, May 23, 1972, at El Reno, Oklahoma. She worked along side of Woody moving heavy equipment and cared for him and their home for 36 years.

Mrs. Wood was preceded in death by her husband, “Woody” Wood; son, Jimmy Roger Knabe; her mother and father; daughter Rene Kasperek; sisters, Phyllis Rhodes, Faye Rose, Marilyn Bindrum, Ludella Spurlock and Betty Trekkell; and grandson Jay Keith Leech.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Knabe and Linda of Alva; a daughter, Carolyn Shook and husband James of Gracemont; a special granddaughter, Paula Kletke and her special great-granddaughter, Darian Carothers, both of Alva; sisters Linda Olson of Enid, and Janice Jamieson and husband Darrel of Enid; brothers Harold Wanger, Max Wanger and wife Janet all of Alva; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren other relatives and friends.

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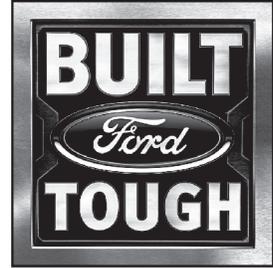
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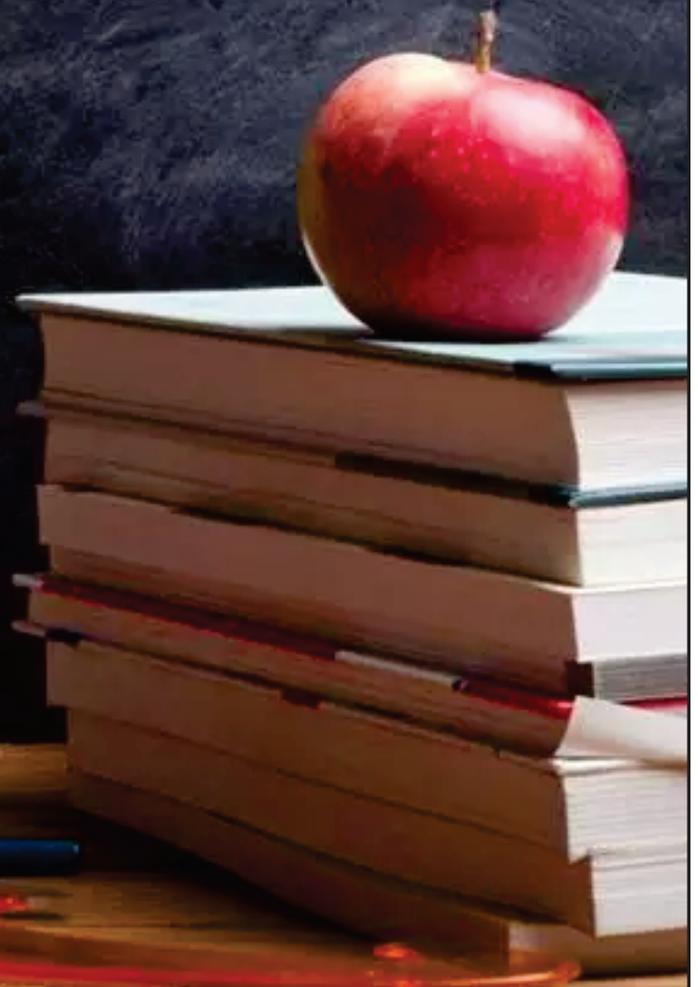
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OSBI agents arrest Major County sheriff

By Ryan Miller, Enid News & Eagle

FAIRVIEW, Okla. – Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation announced Monday that Major County Sheriff Steven Randolph was placed under arrest.

Last November, District 26 District Attorney’s Office requested OSBI agents investigate Randolph concerning allegations of Randolph having a confrontation with his daughter’s boyfriend in May 2017, according to OSBI.

In the May incident, Randolph pulled his sheriff’s vehicle in front of the boyfriend vehicle, reached through the open window of the boyfriend’s truck and grabbed him by the clothes near his neck and threatened to kill him, according to OSBI.

Randolph’s wife persuaded Randolph to let go of the boyfriend, and Randolph then pointed his gun toward the roadway and fired a shot, according to OSBI.

The investigation reached a head Monday with Randolph’s arrest on three misdemeanor counts: assault and battery, malicious injury to property and reckless conduct with a firearm, according to OSBI. Randolph was arrested at Blaine County Sheriff’s Office and booked into Blaine County Jail.

Texas man accused of defrauding two Alfalfa County farmers

By Marione Martin

A Texas man is facing criminal charges in two cases involving Alfalfa County residents.

According to court records, Special Agent Paul Cornett, assigned to the investigative unit of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, looked into a report of hay picked up in Alfalfa County without payment. He learned that during December 2017, Roland Pederson began communication with a man who identified himself as Dean Ewing, a Texas resident.

Pederson and Ewing reached a verbal agreement that Ewing would purchase two semi-trailer loads of alfalfa hay, paying Pederson \$135 a ton. They agreed that Ewing could bring a check for both loads when he picked up the second load of hay.

On Jan. 12, 2018, Ewing went to the Burlington Co-op to weigh his trailer and proceeded to Pederson’s farm. Pederson’s employee used a tractor to load the hay. Another trip to the co-op showed the hay weighed 44,900 lbs.

On Jan. 18 Ewing returned to the Pederson farm, after getting a weight at the co-op. He said he had forgotten to bring the check for payment but would like to purchase a third load of hay. Pederson and Ewing agreed he could bring the check when he returned for the third load. The second load of hay weighed 43,300 lb.

Ewing never returned for the third load of hay and never paid for the two

loads he had picked up. On Jan. 31, Ewing texted Pederson asking for his address and said “I’ll get you taken care of.” Pederson texted his address and has not received any payment. The total value of the hay, approximately 44.1 tons at \$135 a ton, is \$5,900.

On March 6 in Alfalfa County, Warren Dean Ewing, 51, of Dodson, Texas, was charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain property by trick or deception, false statements or pretenses or confidence game, a felony. This crime is punishable by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not more than ten years, or by a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Also on March 18, a felony bogus check charge was filed against Dean Ewing, alias Warren Dean Ewing, with an address of Hollis, Oklahoma. Ewing is charged with giving an employee of Curtis Newlin a check for \$8,633.60 that was not honored by the bank due to not having sufficient funds in his account.

Ewing appeared with his attorney on March 12 on both charges. Bond was set at \$1,500 in each case. He has posted an appearance bond, and his next appearance in court is set for April 4.

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Alfalfa County commissioners approve blue ribbons for children at risk

By Brian Thomas

The Alfalfa County Board of Commissioners met Monday morning in their regular meeting. All commissioners were present, as well as Nancy Lambert and Laneta Unruh. After the call to order, Lambert gave the invocation, then the flag was saluted.

The commissioners approved the minutes from the previous meeting, the

M & O warrants for payment, and the blanket purchase orders. There were no road crossing permits to approve.

Private property access easements on SW/4 of 22-25-12, NW/4 of 27-25-12, and SE/4 of 27-25-12 to remove trees for drainage were approved. The commissioners allowed the revision to the January Transportation of Juveniles for Secure Detention Facility Log for cor-

rection.

Commission Chairman Jay Hague submitted a request from a constituent that the gazebo and trees can be decorated with blue ribbons during the month of April. The blue ribbons are to bring attention to April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. The commissioners approved the designation, then a motion to adjourn was approved.

After termination of Kiowa Police Chief, other officer resigns

By Yvonne Miller

At the February meeting of the Kiowa City Council, the council voted to reject Chief Steve Johnson's letter of resignation and then voted to terminate him with one no vote as was reported in the Newsgram.

At the council's March meeting

Monday night, following executive session, City Administrator Lou Leone said that the council voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of KPD Officer Warren Howerter.

When asked about the future of the Kiowa Police Department and who is protecting the City of Kiowa, Leone

answered. He said that currently the Barber County Sheriff's Office is patrolling Kiowa as is the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Leone said the city plans to advertise for a new chief and officer. "We haven't even advertised yet, but had six applications already," he told the Newsgram.

Video released of Oklahoma bond agent fatally shooting man

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Prosecutors have released video of the fatal shooting of an Oklahoma man by his bond agent — who was acquitted in the case — that shows the man asking why

he was being arrested before he's shot.

A jury found Chasity Carey not guilty Friday of first-degree murder in the Aug. 9 death of Brandon Williams. Jurors were shown the video in court.

Carey called Williams to her Stillwater office planning to revoke his bond and arrest him.

The video shows Carey, her son and Williams talking before Carey closes a door. Williams stands and is told to put his hands behind his back, but refuses and asks "Why?" He then moves out of camera view.

Carey then pulls a gun from a desk and fires once, fatally striking Williams in the back. Carey testified that the shooting was self-defense.

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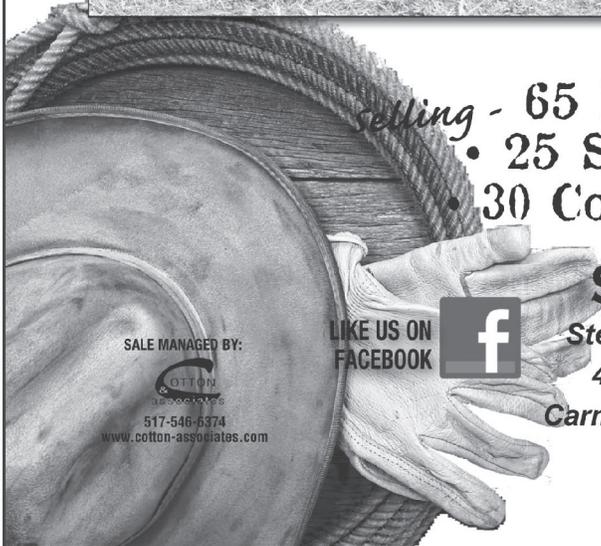
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Dozens of child abuse charges filed against Missouri couple

CAMDEN, Mo. (AP) — A northwest Missouri couple is charged with more than 50 felony counts of child abuse and neglect involving a 9-year-old girl.

Ray County authorities say the girl was abused for months, including allegedly being struck with an ax.

The Kansas City Star reports 29-year-old Mario Barreto, of Camden, is charged with 29 counts of child abuse or neglect. And 25-year-old Melissa Holloway, also of Camden, faces 22 counts of child abuse or neglect and one count of hindering prosecution. The child was in the care of Barreto, a relative of the girl.

Both pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

Court records indicate the girl was hospitalized in February with several injuries, including fingers on her right hand that were allegedly crushed with an ax head.

Online court records don't indicate the couple has attorneys.

Marijuana bill fails in Senate ahead of ballot vote

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A bill that would legalize and regulate medical marijuana in Oklahoma has failed to pass in the Senate amid concerns over anticipating a vote by residents.

The Tulsa World reports that Oklahoma voters will go to the polls June 26 to determine if a state question to legalize medical marijuana should pass.

Democratic state Senate Minority Leader John Sparks says it's bad policy to preempt the public's vote on a state question. He says it could create confusion if both the bill and the state question passed.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Sen. Ervin Yen, has put his measure on a procedural motion to reconsider the vote.

Yen says the ballot question as written would legalize recreational marijuana, whereas his measure would legalize and also regulate medical marijuana.

Oklahoma Senate passes bill to close sex offender loophole

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma lawmakers have approved a bill to close a legal loophole that allows sex offenders to live near their victims.

Senate Bill 1221 passed unanimously Monday and would prohibit an offender from loitering within 1,000 feet of a victim's home or living within 2,000 feet of them. A similar bill is pending in the House.

Lawmakers have championed the cause of Danyelle Dyer, who exposed the loophole when her uncle who molested her when she was 7 moved in next door. The Associated Press typically doesn't identify victims of sexual abuse but did so with Dyer's permission.

Many states prohibit sex offenders from living within a certain distance of a school or day care, but the AP found last year 44 states don't specifically bar them from living near their victims.

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Oklahoma Senate OKs adoption bill LGBT group is fighting

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A bill that opponents say would allow religious-based adoption agencies to discriminate against same-sex couples, single people and non-Christians has cleared the Oklahoma Senate.

Senate Bill 1140 passed 35-9 Tuesday and now heads to the House.

The bill would cover child-placing agencies that block adoptive parents who do not meet the agencies' religious or moral standards.

Republican Sen. Greg Treat sponsored

the bill and said it would protect that practice from potential lawsuits.

Gay rights advocates say the measure is unnecessary and would keep children from loving homes. The group Freedom Oklahoma launched a campaign Monday to kill the bill.

Similar laws have been passed in at least seven other states, including Alabama, South Dakota and Texas last year. A bill with similar language has been introduced in U.S. Congress.

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Kansas family adopts 4 siblings at once

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — Four siblings in the Kansas foster care system have all been adopted by the same family.

Johnson County District Court Judge Kathleen Sloan made the adoptions official on Monday for Alisia, 17; Bradley, 16; Cody, 15; and Emma, 11, the Kansas City Star reported.

Eric and Phyllis Watson received their licenses in August 2015 to become foster parents with the potential to adopt. Adoption agency KVC Kansas called the Watsons the next day with their first case: four siblings looking for a home where they could stay together.

"We were thinking one foster child at a time. Maybe two?" Eric Watson said. "We weren't thinking four at once."

The children came from an Overland Park home that saw a failed marriage, substance abuse and neglect. Biological grandmother Susan Bustamente said the children were always well-behaved thanks to Alisia.

"She's been a mother to those kids since she was three years old," Bustamente said. "They've had a hard life but they're strong."

Officials said the children likely would have been split into separate foster homes had the Watsons not taken

them in, and Alisia might have aged out of the system.

"It's rare to see kids in the system, especially teens, find this perfect of an ending," said Kiersten Stolxenber, a case worker at KVC Kansas.

Eric Watson works as the youth director at Faith Baptist Church in Olathe, where the children also attend school. Phyllis Watson works at an optical lab.

"I really believe, honestly, that God's hand has been all through this process," Eric Watson said.

Sloan called the adoptions "the best hearing that any judge gets to have in the United States."

At least 13 kid-on-kid sex assault cases on bases in Kansas

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — A decade after the Pentagon began confronting rape in the ranks, the U.S. military frequently fails to provide justice to the children of service members when they are sexually assaulted by other kids on base.

An Associated Press investigation finds that sex assault cases occurring

where military kids live and learn often die on the desks of prosecutors. Criminal investigators shelved an unknown number of reports.

Instead of punishment or rehabilitation, offenders may be shuffled into the civilian world.

The Pentagon doesn't know the extent of the problem. On two bases in

Kansas, records the Army acknowledges are incomplete document at least 13 sex assault cases among children or teens since 2007. Fort Riley accounted for 12, while Fort Leavenworth recorded one case.

Pentagon officials promised to take "appropriate actions."

3 cases of measles confirmed in Johnson County

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — Three cases of the measles have been confirmed at a child care facility in suburban Kansas City.

The Johnson County, Kansas, Department of Health and Environment says on its website Tuesday that all three cases are in children under the age

of 1, who are too young to be vaccinated. The department says it has reached out to contact those at risk for the disease.

The affected children and people they have been in contact with will be excluded from the facility for three weeks.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. Cases in the U.S. are rare since creation of the vaccine, but the illness kills 146,000 people worldwide each year.

The disease is spread through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing.

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Graduation rates stagnant for men's NCAA Tournament teams

By David Brandt

A study of teams in the NCAA Tournament shows that graduation rates for men's basketball players have become stagnant and that the sport's governing body may need to raise academic standards to get them moving upward again.

The most recent report from the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport shows a 78 percent graduation rate for men's basketball players among the 68 NCAA Tournament teams in this year's field. Broken down further, there's a 92 percent graduation rate for white players and a 74 percent rate for black players.

The numbers from the past three years for the men have stayed fairly flat — including the racial disparity. Richard Lapchick, the study's primary author, says the NCAA could potentially change that trend with stricter academic requirements.

"I strongly believe that the NCAA needs to raise the Academic Progress Rate so that the peg is closer to a 60

percent graduation rate rather than 50," Lapchick said. "Almost all the teams in the tournament are already above that rate."

The graduation rates are much higher for the 64 teams in the women's NCAA Tournament field. The programs combined for a 92 percent graduation rate and there's a much smaller difference between white players (94 percent) and black players (91 players). The three percent difference is the lowest in the 16-year history of the study.

"I think the women are the model for the men," Lapchick said. "We can say we want 100 percent but realistically we're always going to have a little shortfall. So 92 percent is pretty amazing."

Lapchick said that the NCAA's implementation of the Academic Progress Rate (APR) in 2004 has helped result in a substantial boost in graduation rates. According to the study, the overall graduation rate for men's basketball players in the tournament has climbed 20 percentage points since 2006 — including 25 percent for black athletes and 16 percent for white.

Schools are now required to score a 930 in the APR on a scale of 1,000 or they face potential penalties, including postseason and recruiting restrictions. The 930 APR benchmark — which all 68 men's tournament teams reached this year for the first time — is equivalent to a 50 percent graduation rate.

This year's study shows that 56 of 68 NCAA Tournament men's teams graduated at least 60 percent of their basketball players in 2018. Twelve schools had a 100 percent graduation rate, including Bucknell, Creighton, Davidson, Duke,

Gonzaga, Kansas State, Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, Penn, Villanova and Wright State.

Lapchick said the numbers show that schools are ready to raise the APR standard.

"It wouldn't really be a hardship on schools, but it would be an added incentive," Lapchick said.

NCAA spokeswoman Emily James said in an email that the organization's academic committee "continually re-evaluates the rate and benchmarks, including its predictive relationship to" Graduation Success Rate.

Lapchick said that the 18 percent difference in the graduation rates of white and black men's basketball players remains troubling, even if that's tied for the smallest gap since the study was started more 16 years ago. In 2011, there was a 32 percent difference.

"Race remains a continuing academic issue, not only in college sports, but also in higher education in general," Lapchick said.

The study's racial discrepancy in men's basketball graduation rates mirrors similar reports.

A recent study done by Shaun R. Harper at the USC Race and Equity Center found that about 55 percent of black male student-athletes in all sports graduated from college within six years at the 65 schools that comprise the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac 12 and Southeastern Conference.

That's compared to about 60 percent for black undergraduate men overall at the same schools and 69.3 percent of student-athletes overall for the graduating classes of 2013 through 2016.

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CHIEFTAINS TAKE THIRD AT STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, LOSING ONLY TO STATE CHAMPIONS — The South Barber Chieftains in Kiowa, Kansas show off the 3rd Place trophy they won at the state basketball tournament in Class 1A Division II last Saturday in Dodge City at the United Wireless Arena. The last time the Chieftains placed at state was in 2011 when they took fourth. It was in 2009 when the Lady Chieftains took third at state. In the opening game SB beat Otis-Bison 51-42. They lost to No.1 Seed Almena-Northern Valley who became state champions. SB lost to them 53-43 and were within three points in the final minutes. The Chieftains took 3rd after decisively beating Sharon Springs — Wallace County 74-41. Team members shown with their coaches and managers are: (Front L-R) Trevor Rooks, Head Coach Tim Carey, Kobe Carey, Trae Rathgeber, Dakota Vickers and Eric Paozin; (Back) Cade Wright, Erik Reimer, Zane Lyons, Neal Gugelmeyer, Cole Coggins, Gage Cantrell, Dane Coggins, Emilio Perez and Assistant Coach and Athletic Director Steve Roberts. Photo by Yvonne Miller



TRAE IS TEAM LEADER — At the pre-state pep rally for the Chieftains, Head Coach Tim Carey praised senior Trae Rathgeber as the team leader and said Trae led the team to state. As point guard, Trae scored 17 points at state and pulled down 10 rebounds. Photo by Yvonne Miller



COLE LEADING SCORER FOR CHIEFTAINS AT STATE — Cole Coggins scored the most points for the SB Chieftains at state with a total of 53. He pulled down 20 rebounds. Photo by Yvonne Miller



KOBE CARRIES HIS WEIGHT FOR CHIEFTAINS — Kobe Carey hustles on both sides of the ball for the Chieftains with 23 total points and 19 rebounds at the state tournament. Photo by Yvonne Miller

NEAL BRINGS CONSISTENCY TO CHIEFTAINS — Neal Gugelmeyer put up 34 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Chieftains at the state basketball tournament. Photo by Yvonne Miller



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Student walkouts planned across US to protest gun violence

By Collin Binkley

From Maine to Hawaii, thousands of students planned to stage walkouts Wednesday to protest gun violence, one month after the deadly shooting inside a high school in Parkland, Florida.

Organizers say nearly 3,000 walkouts are set in the biggest demonstration yet of the student activism that has emerged following the massacre of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Students from the elementary to college level are taking up the call in a variety of ways. Some planned roadside rallies to honor shooting victims and protest violence. Others were to hold demonstrations in school gyms or on football fields. In Massachusetts and Ohio, students said they'll head to the statehouse to lobby for new gun regulations.

The coordinated walkout was organized by Empower, the youth wing of the Women's March, which brought thousands to Washington, D.C., last year. The group urged students to leave class at 10 a.m. local time for 17 minutes — one minute for each victim in the Florida shooting.

Although the group wanted students to shape protests on their own, it also offered them a list of demands for lawmakers, including a ban on assault weapons and mandatory background checks for all gun sales.

"Our elected officials must do more than tweet thoughts and prayers in response to this violence," the group said on

its website.

It's one of several protests planned for coming weeks. The March for Our Lives rally for school safety is expected to draw hundreds of thousands to the nation's capital on March 24, its organizers said. And another round of school walkouts is planned for April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado.

After the walkout Wednesday, some students in Massachusetts say they plan to rally outside the Springfield headquarters of the gun maker Smith & Wesson. Students and religious leaders are expected to speak at the rally and call on the gun maker to help curb gun violence.

At Case Elementary School in Akron, Ohio, a group of fifth-graders have organized a walkout with the help of teachers after seeing parallels in a video they watched about youth marches for civil rights in 1963. Case instructors said 150 or more students will line a sidewalk along a nearby road, carrying posters with the names of Parkland victims.

The walkouts have drawn support from companies including media conglomerate Viacom, which said it will pause programming on MTV, BET and all its other networks for 17 minutes during the walkouts, and students will temporarily take over MTV's social media accounts.

The planned protests have drawn mixed reactions from school administrators. While some applaud students for taking a stand, others threatened discipline.

Districts in Sayreville, New Jersey, and Maryland's Harford County drew criticism this week when they said students could face punishment for leaving class.

In suburban Atlanta, one of Georgia's largest school systems announced that students who participate might face unspecified consequences.

But some vowed to walk out anyway. "Change never happens without backlash," said Kara Litwin, a senior at Pope High School in the Cobb County School District.

The possibility of being suspended "is overwhelming, and I understand that it's scary for a lot of students," said Lian Kleinman, a junior at Pope High.

"For me personally this is something I believe in, this is something I will go to the ends of the Earth for," Kleinman said.

Other schools sought a middle ground, offering "teach-ins" or group discussions on gun violence. Some worked with students to arrange protests in safe locations on campus. Officials at Boston Public Schools said they arranged a day of observance Wednesday with a variety of activities "to provide healthy and safe opportunities for students to express their views, feelings and concerns." Students who don't want to participate could bring a note from a parent to opt out.

Meanwhile, free speech advocates geared up for a battle. The American Civil Liberties Union issued advice for students who walk out, saying schools can't legally punish them more harshly because of the political nature of their message. In Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Texas, some lawyers said they will provide free legal help to students who are punished.

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No, a tornado did not carry home nearly 130 miles

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — A Kansas official has debunked a widely shared story that recently resurfaced on Facebook about a woman named Dorothy whose Oklahoma home supposedly flew nearly 130 miles before landing outside Wichita.

Sedgwick County spokeswoman Kate Flavin told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the story is not true.

The story was published in 2015 by the World News Daily Report and re-

cently circulated again on Facebook. It claimed a woman named Dorothy Williams and four members of her family were carried in their Tulsa, Oklahoma, mobile home over northern Colorado before landing on an unoccupied car in Kansas.

"This is false; it did not happen," Flavin wrote in an email, noting the publication's website states the content is not true.

The story claims no one was injured

in the home's 4-hour-plus flight amid winds that reached speeds of more than 220 mph. The story is accompanied with photos of storm damaged properties.

The website includes a disclaimer that states, in part, that, "All characters appearing in the articles in this website - even those based on real people - are entirely fictional and any resemblance between them and any person, living, dead or undead, is purely a miracle."

New Mexico school plans different action over gun violence

By Susan Montoya Bryan

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — While students across the country plan walkouts to protest gun violence, teens at a New Mexico high school still reeling from a deadly shooting in December have organized a "walk-up" to help unify a rural campus with varied ideas on school safety.

Students at Aztec High School asked administrators if they could gather around the flag pole Wednesday to honor the 21 students killed in recent months in school shootings — 17 in Florida, two in Kentucky and two of their own.

They also will be kicking off a campaign centered on 21 pledges, which will try to engage students and bolster school safety in a rural community where some are pushing to arm willing teachers.

Principal Warman Hall said in an interview that Aztec is still recovering so student leaders wanted to avoid a contentious debate or demonstration as other students around New Mexico and the U.S. organize against violence, with some calling for new gun regulations.

Hall said the bulk of students at Aztec High don't want the discussion to revolve around politics but positive actions to make their campus safer. That includes reaching out to students who are alone, making it a point to make new friends, talking with their families and even writing their congressional repre-

sentatives.

The students want to feel empowered, but they did not want to feel like it was their only option to walk off campus, Hall said.

"It was the kids who asked for something that's not political," he said. "Our kids sit on both ends of the spectrum, and we have a diverse community when it comes to gun rights and gun control."

Not far from the borders of Arizona and Colorado, Aztec relies on oil and natural gas drilling along with a tourism industry built on the high-desert landscape, its fishing opportunities and connections to Native American culture.

Citing Aztec's small-town values, English teacher Cynthia Mortensen said the community has been more interested in identifying strategies to improve safety rather than being consumed by the gun debate.

"For the most part, we have a different climate here," Mortensen said of the town.

A military veteran and former law enforcement officer, Mortensen is among those who support training teachers to carry a concealed weapon. The idea would include a background check and structured training through the sheriff's department to certify teachers who are interested.

Supporters are circulating a petition to allow teachers to have concealed

weapons, and they have held a few rallies.

Mortensen was locked in her classroom with her students during the Dec. 7 shooting. They were grabbing books, scissors, rulers and whatever they could find to use as a weapon against the gunman.

"I believe there needs to be mental health programs and prevention, and we have to do all the other things to address this, but we cannot leave teachers and classrooms unprotected," she said.

Casey Jordan Marquez and Francisco "Paco" Fernandez were killed when 21-year-old William Atchison pretended to be a student and entered Aztec High. Authorities have said Atchison, who once attended the school, planned the attack but the victims weren't specifically targeted.

Investigators said it's likely more could have died if Fernandez had not walked into the bathroom where the gunman was preparing for the attack. Atchison shot Fernandez, then walked into the hallway and encountered Marquez. He immediately killed her.

Atchison killed himself after randomly firing in the hallway and a computer lab.

Authorities found a thumb drive on Atchison's body that said, "Work sucks, school sucks, life sucks. I just want out of this (expletive)."



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Lawyers: Remove prosecutors trying football sex assault case

BIXBY, Okla. (AP) — Attorneys for four ex-high school football players charged in Oklahoma with sexually assaulting a former teammate want the prosecutor trying the case removed because they say his office has close ties with the accuser's family.

Court paperwork filed Tuesday seeks to disqualify Matt Ballard and

other prosecutors in his office on grounds the relationships jeopardize the Bixby High School students' chance of a fair trial.

The four teens charged have pleaded not guilty to second-degree rape by instrumentation. Their attorneys say there was "roughhousing" but no assault. The Associated Press is not naming the de-

fendants because they may be tried as juveniles.

Ballard said in a statement he won't step aside.

Prosecutors also are investigating whether school officials took too long to tell police after a 16-year-old boy said he was assaulted in September with a pool cue.

Oklahoma senior Khadeem Lattin gets last shot at NCAA glory

By Cliff Brunt

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma big man Khadeem Lattin wanted to cap his college career the right way, but his team's regular-season fade put its fate in the NCAA Tournament selection committee's hands.

The Sooners lost eight of 10 down the stretch, and the only remaining starter from the 2016 Final Four squad had to wait and see if he'd return to the tourney. As the at-large teams were announced in alphabetical order on the selection show Sunday, Lattin got more and more worried.

Once he learned the Sooners were in, his focus shifted quickly.

"It was a little nerve racking," he said. "Just up there, just looking — N, O — all right, here we go. It was nerve racking for sure, but I'm glad

we got to do it my senior year. I'm glad we got to the tournament, but we're not satisfied with that."

He's not satisfied because he knows what it feels like to go further. As a freshman, he was a reserve on a squad that reached the Sweet 16.

The next year, he played with All-American guard Buddy Hield and started all 37 games. In one of his best moments, he scored on a tip-in at the buzzer to beat West Virginia in Norman. On a team with seniors Hield, Ryan Spangler and Isaiah Cousins, Lattin found his niche.

"The role he had was great," Hield said. "He was the lonesome one that was always free roaming. He was the shot blocker in the back, the one that would catch all the alley-oops. He did so much for us. He was the Energizer bunny."

Lattin now gets to finish his career

alongside Trae Young, the nation's leader in points and assists per game. The 10th-seeded Sooners play No. 7 seed Rhode Island in a Midwest Regional first-round game Thursday in Pittsburgh.

Lattin averages 6.8 points and leads the team with 6.0 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game while shooting a career-best 59.9 percent from the field.

"He's done a great job for us," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "Probably more on the defensive, shot blocking side, and yet, at times, he's scored the ball too. He's had a real good career."

Jordan Woodard, last year's senior leader, is gone. That forced Lattin to expand his impact beyond his play.

"He's our biggest vocal leader," Oklahoma guard Christian James said. "I would say since day one, he's been the biggest leader. We always get a burst off of his defense. He always brings energy."

Lattin lost his starting job to Jamuni McNeace late in the season after starting 94 consecutive games, but he continued to have a good attitude.

"He's handled it well," Kruger said. "He's been around a long time. He knows that with him and Jamuni, the combination of the two have had consistently good production in points and rebounding. They've done a really good job, different guys, different nights throughout the season."



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Oklahoma secretary of state resigns from governor's cabinet

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma Secretary of State Dave Lopez is resigning from Gov. Mary Fallin's cabinet, saying he needs to focus more on his "personal and business endeavors."

Fallin's office confirmed Tuesday that Lopez plans to stay on the job until March

30.

As secretary of state, Lopez served as a top adviser to Fallin on policy and legislative issues. In January he took over the additional responsibilities on Fallin's cabinet as secretary of education and workforce development.

Lopez submitted his letter of resignation to Fallin's office last week.

Fallin in a statement thanked Lopez and noted he was particularly instrumental in working with business leaders on the "Step Up" plan to raise taxes for a teacher pay raise. That bill failed to pass the House.

From Page 4 Lynn

phone from ringing, and all it takes is someone dialing *67 before your number to thwart it and show up as "Blocked" on your caller ID. Here's an FAQ on the feature.

T-Mobile: Scam ID and Scam Block

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T-Mobile includes two network-level layers of protection against robocallers, and both are free. Scam ID will identify known nuisance callers when your phone rings. It does that automatically without you having to install or sign up for anything.

You've got the option of enabling Scam Block to prevent those calls from ever popping up in the first place. To turn on Scam Block, dial #ONB# (#662#) from your T-Mobile phone. To disable it, just dial #OFB# (#632#). Like AT&T's tool, T-Mobile will only prevent known scammers and fraud calls. Telemarketers

and spam calls will still get through.

There's also a third option, but it's another that costs extra money. For \$4 per month, you can subscribe to T-Mobile's Name ID service. It can "identify any caller's name and location and block any personal number, even if it's not in your address book." It also identifies organizations such as telemarketing agencies, political orgs, and survey callers. Name ID is included for free if you have a T-Mobile One Plus plan.

Verizon Wireless: Caller Name ID (\$2.99 per month)

For no charge, you can block up to five phone numbers that you want to prevent from contacting you. However, blocks expire after 90 days and aren't very helpful against robocallers with numbers that change every day.

If you really want to combat spammers, you'll have to pay for Caller Name ID, which identifies suspected bunk calls and lets you block those numbers in the future or report them. A free 10-day trial is available to help you decide whether the extra monthly fee is worthwhile.

OPTION C: PROTECT YOURSELF WITH THIRD-PARTY APPS

There are a number of services such as Nomorobo, RoboKiller, Hiya, and others designed to prevent robocalls from ever ringing your phone. Most of them require a monthly (or annual) subscription. At their core, these services rely on a constantly updating list of robocallers, spammers, and fraudsters and use that database to stop nuisance calls. (When I say constantly updating, I mean they're identifying thousands of bad numbers every day.) A call comes in, and the service runs it against that huge list of scam numbers. If it finds a match,

the incoming call gets shut down before it reaches you.

All of them allow you to maintain your own personal blacklist of numbers that might be bothering you and whitelist those you want getting through. Some work by downloading a dedicated contacts list — separate from your regular contacts — to your phone. But both iOS and Android have recently given these services more leeway in taking control over your phone app and stopping the jerks from ever reaching you. On iPhone, you'll have to enable them in the Settings app and give them caller ID permissions before they can start working. Apple shows you how to do that step-by-step right here.

I'd recommend looking into each of these services to see which one you like best. All of them are largely well-reviewed by customers, and all offer free trials to get started. One of these will ultimately be what you need to really fight back against the robocalls. It's just a matter of finding your favorite.

OPTION D: BUY A PHONE FROM SAMSUNG OR GOOGLE THAT AUTOMATICALLY IDENTIFIES SPAM CALLERS

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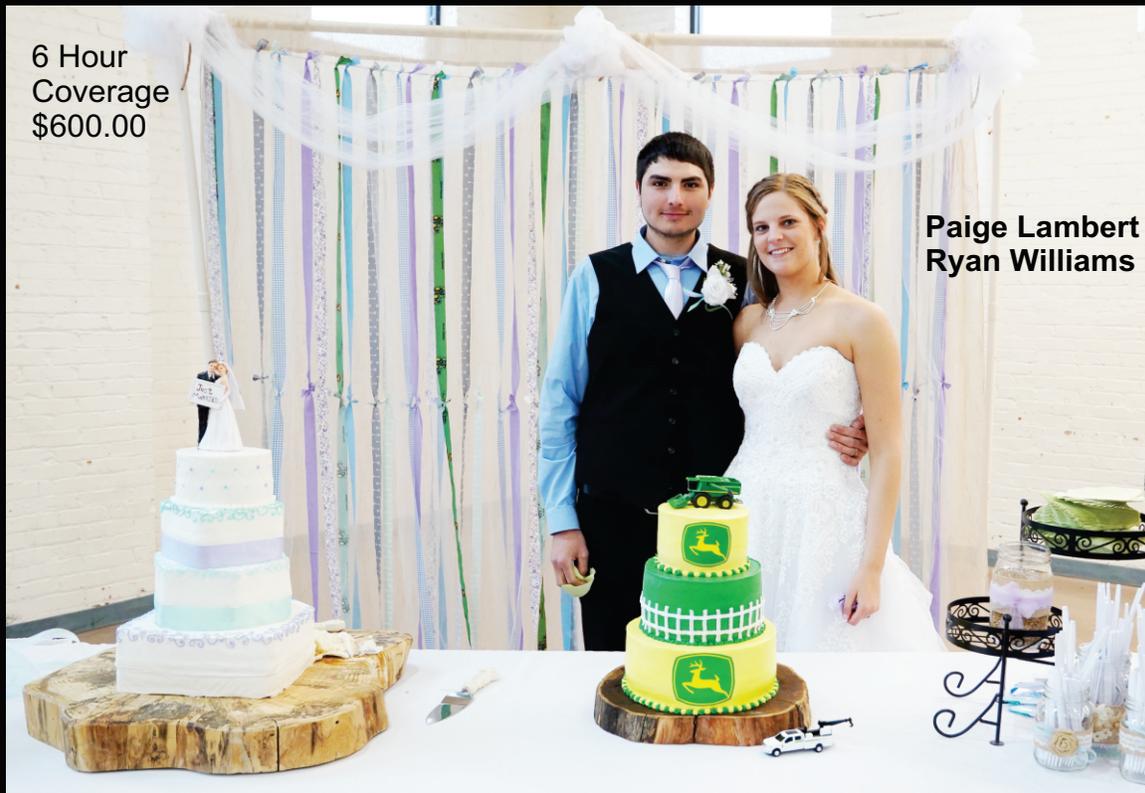
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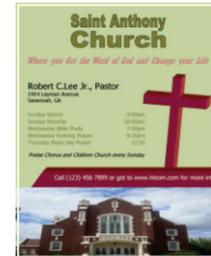


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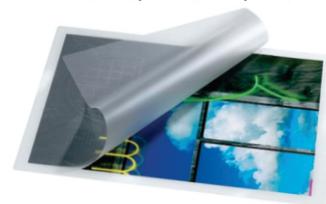


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Felony Filings

Warren Dean Ewing, Dodson, Texas, 51, has been charged with felony value – false pretenses/bogus check/con game (\$402.75).

Warren Dean Ewing, Dodson, Texas, 51, has been charged with obtaining cash and/or merchandise by bogus check (\$402.75).

Misdemeanor Filings

Dustin Ray Grant, Kiowa, Kansas, 41, has been charged with leaving a scene of accident involving injury

(\$276.50).

Civil Filings

Bank of America vs. Matthew Glen Elliott, Burlington: breach of contract (\$242.14).

Midland Funding LLC vs. Franquy Lynn Solis, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$229.14).

In the matter of applicant vs. Monica Elaine Lopez, Amorita: name change (\$154.14).

Divorce Filings

Jesse Michael Bowden, Helena, vs. Julie Ann Rausch-Bowden: divorce (\$252.14).

Traffic Filings

Dustin Ray Grant, Kiowa, Kansas, has been cited for operating a motor vehicle at a speed not reasonable or proper (\$294).

Xaylen Blace Stearns, Ringwood, has been cited for failure to carry insurance verification (\$269).

Vance Edward Yandle, Cherokee, has been cited for failure to carry insurance verification (\$269).

Brendon James Brown, Alva, has been cited for driving without drivers license (\$304).

Brendon James Brown, Alva, has been cited for failure to carry insurance verification (\$269).

Luis Omar Martinez, Arkansas City, Kansas, has been cited for failure to carry special permit (\$249).

The following individuals have been cited with speeding:

Talem Marie Galbraith, Enid, has been cited for speeding 15 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Vance Edward Yandle, Cherokee, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$224.50).

Tristen Baylee Morgan, Pampa, Texas, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$224.50).

The following individuals have been cited with failure wear seatbelt (\$20):

Sergio Hernandez, Dodge City, Kansas; Dakota Buckley Ray Knabe, Alva; and Dustin Ray Grant, Kiowa, Kansas.

Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 822 page 945: Justin Packard and Rhonda Packard, husband and wife, grantors, convey unto First State Bank of Kiowa, grantee, northwest corner, section 13, township 26 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quitclaim deed.

Book 822 page 970: Eric E. Ludeman and Susan F. Ludeman, husband and wife, grantors, convey unto Eric E. Ludeman Family Trust, grantee, W/2, section 12, township 28 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma; NE/4, section 11, township 28 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma; E/2SE/4, section 2, township 28 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma; N/2NE/4, section 1, township 28 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma; SE/4, section 7, township 28 N,

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Book 822 page 984: 33.33% Undivided Interest to Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Tim Parsons IRA, grantor, conveys unto 16.66% Undivided Interest to Equity Trust Company

Custodian FBO Scott Spinella IRA and 16.66% Undivided Interest to Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Wesley Schubert IRA, grantees. NE/4, section 13, township 28 N, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 822 page 986: Steven R. Eckhardt and Cyndee Eckhardt, grantors, convey unto Jeremy Severe and/or Debbie Severe, grantees, Lots 9 through 12, block 1, Dunavant's Lakeview Addition, section 5, township 26N, range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office logs

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

7:05 a.m. Caller advised his truck had been broken into. Advised he hadn't touched it to see what was missing. Sheriff en route.

1:08 p.m. Controlled burn at the refuge. Advised of a hot spot north side of the lane. Unspent fuel was burning in the interior. Trucks can't get to it.

2 p.m. Woods County requested Aline and Carmen for mutual aid.

3:20 p.m. Civil papers served.

7:08 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 64 and County Road 670.

7:40 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Second Street and Kansas.

7:48 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop east of County Road 680 on State Highway 11.

8:08 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Grant Road and Cemetery.

8:46 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on State Highway 11.

8:53 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at Jiffy Trip.

9:18 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at junction of highways 48 and 8.

9:42 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at State Highway 45 and County Road 640.

9:56 p.m. Caller reported seeing people running from a barn in Ingersoll and she wanted to talk to a deputy about a possible burglary. Advise deputy and he texted the caller. Deputy advised a report was taken.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

12:34 a.m. Officer had a traffic stop on 12th Street and Grand.

6:55 a.m. Caller advised their dog was missing.

10:02 a.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on State Highway 11 and County Road 560.

1:38 p.m. Woods County advised of a grass fire started by some guy working on electrical poles at County Road 750. Paged Amorita and Byron Fire Department and Nescatunga Fire Department.

4:04 p.m. Report of cattle out.

5:57 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop.

7:03 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on State Highway 58 and Cotton Road.

7:32 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop.

7:47 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at co-op parking lot.

7:52 p.m. Caller stated there was someone going up and down the alley behind Kay Avenue and Face Stuffers. Advised officer. Officer made contact with the individual and advised not to be riding the four-wheeler on the streets of the City of Cherokee.

7:53 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on Caddo and State Highway 58.

8:14 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on State Highway 58 and County Road 660.

8:27 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at State Highway 8.

8:38 p.m. Caller from Grant County needing help for someone bleeding. The caller was crying and difficult to understand. Was able to get location. Called Woods County with the information.

10:01 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop

on State Highway 8.

11:11 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on State Highway 11 and County Road 660.

11:35 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop U.S. Highway 64 and County Road 570.

Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:19 a.m. Deputy advised of a bull wagon westbound on State Highway 54, headed toward Jet, that was all over the road. Deputy made contact with the vehicle.

10:41 a.m. Caller advised he thought his wife may have had a stroke. Medic en route. Medic with patient en route to Bass Hospital in Enid.

1:28 p.m. Cattle missing.

5:02 p.m. Cattle out at junction of highways 45 and 8.

6:04 p.m. Cattle out on State Highway 58 and Osage Road.

6:30 p.m. Caller reported a person burning stuff, maybe trash, at the end of Persimmon Lane. Advised Nescatunga Fire Department. They advised the person was putting out the fire.

9 p.m. Cherokee Manor needed a medic for a male that fell and hit his head. Medic en route to Kiowa Hospital.

9:54 p.m. Officer requested a medic for a male with a gunshot wound to the upper arm. Medic en route. Deputy advised sheriff. They advised the vehicle will be a black Pontiac with Kansas plates. Advised OSBI. Medic with patient en route to Bass Hospital in Enid. Victim gave permission to search his car. His vehicle was secure.

10:38 p.m. Report of loud music in the 300 block of Main.

Friday, March 9, 2018

12:24 a.m. Medic needed at the Cherokee Manor. Medic with patient en route to Kiowa Hospital.

9:57 a.m. Caller advised she had several calls from a man named John. John said he was investigating fraudulent sweepstakes. Caller stated he hangs up when she asks him where he was calling from.

10:22 a.m. Cattle out north of Cherokee.

11:30 a.m. Caller advised of a minor accident. A lady had hit his company vehicle. Caller would like an officer for a report. Officer en route.

11:39 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at junction of highways 8 and 64.

See Alfalfa Page 48

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Criminal Filings

John Blick Jr. has been charged with possession of opiate, opium, narcotic or certain stimulant; possession of marijuana; use/possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body and vehicle liability insurance required; unknown circumstance.

Kyle R. Rose has been charged with liquor; purchase/possess/consume by minor 18-20 years; unknown.

Leandra Rachelle Haro has been charged with possession of opiate, opium, narcotic or certain stimulant; use/possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body; driving while suspended; first conviction and vehicles; unlawful acts; e.g., registration.

Michael Everett Sowter has been charged with possession of opiate, opium, narcotic or certain stimulant; possession of para with intent to manufacture/plant/cultivate and use/possess

with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body.

Civil Filings

Terry M. Ricke vs. Barber County, Kansas: other.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Dusty J. Atchison: mortgage foreclosure.

Limited Civil Filings

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital & Physicians Clinic vs. Steve Hixson: debt collection.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Angela Witham: debt collection.

Discover Bank vs. Travis G. McCauley: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital & Physicians Clinic vs. Joshua Gross: debt collection.

Kansas Kids Heart Center vs. Dale Dvorak: debt collection.

Synchrony Bank vs. Anita Birdwell: other contract.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital & Physicians Clinic vs. Cheryl Heard:

debt collection.

Small Claims Filings

Farmers Cooperative Equity Company vs. Angela G. Witham.

Ginger A. Dierkesen vs. Adriana Jensen.

Domestic Relations Filings

Payton LeeAnn Horn vs. Randall Paul Horn: marriage dissolution/divorce.

Dena Ann Ward vs. Ricky Allen Ward: marriage dissolution/divorce.

Traffic Filings

Alexis K. Allen has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$213).

Garrett German has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$159).

Stephanie Rhene Johnson has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$171).

Taylor Shay Keller has been cited for driver fails to provide required information/aid at accident scene (\$158).

James Paul Manders has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$177).

From Page 46 Alfalfa

11:45 p.m. Officer advised he was going to observe a female that was possibly intoxicated and causing problems at The Watering Hole.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

12:16 a.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at State Highway 45 and County Road 650.

6:28 a.m. Black cow on State Highway 45 and County Road 680.

8:33 a.m. Caller advised of an aggressive pit bull that keeps getting out. Caller advised they did not want animal control or deputy. Caller advised they cannot get out to feed livestock unless the caller waves a gun at the dog. Then the dog will run back home.

2:30 p.m. Caller advised of stolen tag off his motor home and wanted to report it. Advised deputy.

5:04 p.m. Bonfire at County Road

730 and Highway 38. Sent Nescatunga and Jet fire departments. Advised parties about the burn ban. They put the fire out.

6:07 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at 12th Street and Grand.

8:48 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Ohio.

9:10 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Grand.

9:18 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Grand.

10:16 p.m. Medic needed for a male vomiting blood and had bloody stool. Medic en route. Medic with patient en route to Bass Hospital in Enid.

10:34 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at Third Street and Oklahoma.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

1:45 a.m. Caller thought she heard what sounded like gunshots to the west of her house. Notified sheriff.

9:20 a.m. Caller advised of banging noises from his neighbors and looked like someone was throwing furniture out the front door. Officer advised he made a positive contact with the homeowner. Advised she was cleaning off the front porch.

5:04 p.m. Caller advised of four pit bulls running around in Amorita in an aggressive manner. Made two attempts to get ahold of the dog owners.

6:31 p.m. Caller advised a vehicle inside of a machine shop was on fire and the structure was about to catch fire as well. Advised Goltry and Helena Fire Department.

6:51 p.m. Caller wanted to report vandalism to rental property in Aline. His back fence was down. Advised he was getting ready to go inside of the property and was asking for a deputy. Advised him to wait for the deputy.

7:10 p.m. Alarm company advised an alarm going off in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania. Everything was okay.

9:11 p.m. Two dogs loose on Highway 8 and Comanche Road.

10:23 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop north of Cherokee.

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:54 a.m. Medic needed for a male that had COPD and couldn't breathe. Medic en route. Medic with patient en route to Bass Hospital in Enid.

8:52 a.m. Caller advised of a calf out on State Highway 11.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is open for games and other activities. Exercise is scheduled each day at 11 a.m. Transportation provided upon request.

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club meets at Cancun Mexican Grill.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

Thursday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is open for games and other activities. Exercise is scheduled each day at 11 a.m. Transportation provided upon request.

11:30 a.m. Woods County Retired Educators Association will meet at the The Homestead Retirement Center, 901 Homestead Drive, Alva, in the activities room. Guest speaker will be Kyle Hughbanks, Banc Centran Association president, who will tell about the new facility and branch offices.

Noon Alva Rotary Club meets at Cancun Mexican Grill.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

3-6 p.m. Food distribution every Thursday, Alva Wesleyan Food Bank, 818 Lane St.

7 p.m. Alva Moose Lodge men's meeting is held every Thursday.

7 p.m. La Leche League meets the third Thursday of the month at the Alva First Baptist Church. LLL is a breastfeeding group supporting pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1027 8th (Wesley House) in Alva every Monday and Thursday.

8:15 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 1027 8th (Wesley House) in Alva.

Friday

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

Barber County Sheriff's Office log

March 5, 2018

Kiowa Fire Department and Deputy Woods responded to a possible gas leak on north Sixth Street in Kiowa.

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from north Cherry to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from west Third to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

March 6, 2018

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from south Oak to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Medicine Lodge Rural Fire Department, Kiowa Fire Department, Hardtner Fire Department, Hazelton Fire Department responded to a grass fire east

of Kiowa.

Sharon Fire Department responded to a grass fire east of Kiowa.

Deputy Paasch responded to a 911 hang up on southeast U.S. Highway 281.

March 7, 2018

Deputy Suchy investigated reckless driving on U.S. Highway 281 south of Elm Mills.

March 8, 2018

Sharon Fire Department and Deputy Suchy responded to a fire on east First in Sharon.

Deputy Suchy did a civil standby on Naron Road.

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from east Washington to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

March 9, 2018

Rebecca Ann Dunn, Medicine Lodge,

See Sheriff Page 52

320 +/- Acres of Kiowa County Land AUCTION

Date: Mon. March 19th, 2018 Time: 1:30pm
Sale Site: Hamm Auction Center, 107 NE SR 61, Pratt KS 67124
Land Located: HWY 183 & 54, 13.4 miles S. to "W" Road,
then 1 1/2 mi. East, 1 mi. S. & 1/2 mi. East
Owners: Effie A. Johnson Heirs

Tract 1 will sell at 1:30pm; Legal Desc: NW4 of 34-30-18 Kiowa Co. KS. Surface Rights Only. **Land Desc:** Pasture, Grass, windmill. 154 +/- acres; **Earnest Money on Tract 1:** \$10,000.00 Down Day of Sale. Balance at Closing. **Title Ins:** 50% Buyer; 50% Seller; **Escrow Agent Closing Fee:** 50% Buyer; 50% Seller; **Title Company:** Pratt County Abstract; **Closing:** On or Before April 19th, 2018; **Possession:** On Closing; **Taxes:** Prorated to Day of Closing;

Tract 2 Mineral Interest Sells Immediately after Tract 1

Legal Description: NW 4 of 34-30-18 Kiowa Co. KS.

Earnest Money on Tract 2: \$1,000.00 (Currently has Production). **Mineral Title Opinion:** Split 50% Buyer, 50% Seller; **Closing:** On or Before April 19th, 2018; **Taxes:** Prorated to Day of Closing;

Tract 3 Legal Desc: SW4 of 27-30-18 Kiowa Co. KS. Surface Rights Only. **Land Desc:** Pasture, Grass windmill. 156 +/- acres **Earnest Money on Tract 3:** \$10,000.00 Down Day of Sale. Balance at Closing. **Title Ins:** 50% Buyer; 50% Seller; **Escrow Agent Closing Fee:** 50% Buyer; 50% Seller; **Title Company:** Pratt County Abstract; **Closing:** On or Before April 19th, 2018; **Possession:** On Closing; **Taxes:** Prorated to Day of Closing;

Tract 4 Mineral Interest Sells Immediately after Tract 3:

Legal Description: SW4 of 27-30-18 Kiowa Co. KS.

Earnest Money on Tract 4: \$1,000.00; **Mineral Title Opinion:** Split 50% Buyer 50% Seller; **Closing:** On or Before April 19th, 2018; **Taxes:** Prorated to Day of Closing;



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ATTENTION: March 15th is the last day to Short Rate your wheat for the 2018 crop. If you intend to graze out any acres of wheat that's currently insured instead of taking them to grain, you can save 60% of the premium by Short Rating. A form must be signed by March 15th. Call us as soon as possible.

If you intend to hay around the edges or "patch out" areas, please let us know at least a week before you would like to swath this spring. An appraisal needs to be made on these acres in order to account for bushels hayed. Appraisals are important to keep your farm averages up, and to keep the claims process as smooth and quick as possible when claims are encountered. **Do not destroy without consent!**

A field appraisal will be needed for Rye acres if you leave cattle on it after March 15th because it can not be shortrated.

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Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 143 page 222: Evelyn M. Hull, a single person; and Dallas H. Hull Jr. and Cherie M. Hull, husband and wife, grantors, unto Scott A. Hull and Cheyann E. Hull, husband and wife. All the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 9, township 32 south, range 12 WIM, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 143 page 227: Shawn Walter Tillotson, a single person, and Tammy Sue Hargett and Paul Hargett, her husband, grantors, unto Walter Lee Tillotson, grantee. The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 25, township 32, range 12 west. General warranty deed.

Book 143 page 228: John W. Clarke, a single person, grantor, unto Jared Lee Bowman and Corrinne Bowman, husband and wife, grantees. Lots 6 and 7 in block 2 in Regnier's Amended Revised Second Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 143 page 229: Bobby A. Winger and Marion E. Winter, wife and husband, grantors, unto Eric Rykeer and Ramona Ryker, husband and wife, grantees. Lots 20 and 22, except the west 15 feet of lot 22, on second Avenue west in the Original Townsite of the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 143 page 230: Sandra D. Densmore and Steve Densmore, wife and husband, grantors, unto Eric Ryker and Ramona Ryker, husband and wife, grantees. Lots 20 and 22, except the west 15 feet of lot 22, on second avenue west in the Original Townsite of the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 230 page 160: Barbara J. Bedwell and Thomas W. Bedwell to Citizens Bank of Kansas. The southwest quarter of section 5, township 32 south, range 12 WIM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$125,000.00.

Book 230 page 170: Jared Lee Bow-

man and Corrinne Bowman, husband and wife, to USAA Federal Savings Bank. Lots 6 and 7 in block 2 in Regnier's Amended Revised Second Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Note: \$135,000.00.

Book 230 page 202: Herbert M. Landwehr IV and Laura K. Landwehr, husband and wife, to Community Bank. Commencing at a point 30 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 21, township 32 south, range 10 WIM. Note: \$40,000.00.

Book 230 page 211: Ted D. Colborn, a single person, to Farm Service Agency. The east half of the west half of section 16, township 33 south, range 11 WIM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$260,000.00.

Book 230 page 217: Matthew J. Colborn, a single person, to Farm Service Agency. The west half of the west half of section 16, township 33 south, range 11, WIM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$237,000.00.

From Page 52 Sheriff

driving a 2008 Saturn Aura had boards hit her vehicle from trailer belonging to TR Service and Rental in Pratt, driven by Richard W. Mosshart, Cunningham. Unknown damage, no injuries, investigated by Deputy Paasch.

Deputy Paasch investigated a

suspicious vehicle on Rattlesnake Road.

March 10, 2018

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from south Cherry to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Deputy Paasch investigated a suspicious vehicle on Rattlesnake Road.

Deputy Paasch and Sheriff Small investigated reckless driving at the Barber County State Lake.

Deputy Paasch investigated a suspicious person at the scenic overview.

Deputy Paasch investigated a suspicious person at the Corner Stop in Kiowa.

Deputy Miller investigated a 911 hang up on southwest Sun City Road.

March 11, 2018

Deputy Miller investigated suspicious activity at the fairgrounds in Hardtner.

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital to St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita.

During the week officers received five reports of cattle out, performed one public assist and assisted two other agencies.

ARRESTS

March 10, 2018

William Kenneth Wilburn, Medicine Lodge, W/F, 26. Arrested by BASO. Charges: possession of controlled substance, possession drug paraphernalia and contributing to a child misc.

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