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Woods County Commissioner Randy McMurphy (right) wears in the members of the new Woods County EMS Board. From left are Bret Smith, Arden Chaffee, Matt Sutter and Joe Phillips. Photo by Marione Martin

Woods County EMS Board holds first meeting

By Marione Martin

The first meeting of the new Woods County EMS Board was held Monday afternoon in the county courthouse conference room. The board members were appointed on Oct. 18 by the Woods County Commissioners. The board will oversee how tax money from the county-wide 522 EMS district is distributed and spent.

The first order of business was the swearing in of the new board members by Commissioner Randy McMurphy. Reciting the oath of office were Bret Smith of Freedom, Matt Sutter of Waynoka, Arden Chaffee of Alva and Joe Phillips of Alva. Linda Hutchison has also been appointed to the board but she was unable to attend. Hutchison and her husband were injured recently in a motorcycle accident in Missouri and are still recuperating. She will be sworn in later.

McMurphy called the meeting to

order. An election of officers was held with only one person nominated for each office. Sutter was named chairman, Chaffee is vice-chairman, Phillips is secretary and Smith is treasurer. Sutter conducted the rest of the meeting with some coaching from McMurphy and Chaffee.

Pebbles Luddington, Freedom ambulance director, and Bridgett Gragg, Alva interim-ambulance director, and Commissioners' Assistant Amy Grimsley were also present. County Clerk Shelley Reed and County Treasurer David Manning were present for part of the meeting.

The FY2021-2022 Estimate of Needs for Woods County EMS Board was discussed. Manning said it was based on 80 percent of projected tax collections. The amounts on which the 80% is based are: Alva school district \$347,531, Waynoka school district \$244,426 and Freedom school district \$43,317.

Ten percent of the total is retained for the audit and ten percent is for possible delinquencies, leaving 80 percent for the budget. If any of that 20 percent is collected and not spent, it will be added to the next year's budget. McMurphy said the audit portion also includes the

\$10,000 per board member bonding required by the state. Since the EMS district has yet to collect any tax, the first year's bonding is being paid by the county commissioners.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the budget totaling \$577,521.20. The ad valorem taxes for the 522 EMS district will be part of the county tax bills sent out for the end of this year.

Next for discussion was the adoption of by-laws for the board. McMurphy distributed a sample copy from Butler, Oklahoma. He said that district has only one private ambulance service. McMurphy said they probably would want to table the by-laws until they have a chance to study them.

Luddington held up a thick notebook which contained information obtained from the state health department regarding 522 districts including sample by-laws. She offered to email the information to each of the board members and collected email addresses after the meeting.

Bank accounts were also discussed. McMurphy said they need to decide if money will be in one bank account, which would be easier to track, or if money would go into separate bank accounts for the three ambulance services in the county. Luddington said she'd prefer separate accounts, and the

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Too good to be true?

By Marione Martin

I had conversations last week with two different people about some fishy offers. One occurred to someone else, but the other affected me and the newspaper.



In the small towns of this area, people are used to sealing deals with no more than a handshake. "His word is his bond" statements abound. Admittedly, local attorneys may

disagree with the process, but we generally operate with trust in our fellow man.

This attitude is one of the reasons Tony Booth likes to purchase auto dealerships in small towns. He bought the family-owned Washburn Ford in Alva last year. Unfortunately, some people like to take advantage of this area's belief in honesty.

Three weeks ago on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6, I was working at the newspaper office when Rich Martinez came in to see me. He said he missed me on Tuesday when he stopped by. He spoke of talking with our ad salesman Bill and acted like they knew each other.

Martinez said he worked on diesel vehicles but he was recovering from surgery and couldn't do that right now. Instead Windy Ford had him doing other jobs like presenting this anniversary promotion to Alva businesses. He showed me a large laminated card that listed a number of free auto services in the "Neighborhood Maintenance Plan" from Windy Ford.

He asked how many vehicles the newspaper owned and pointed out we'd recover the \$59.95 cost with one free oil change. When I seemed reluctant to purchase the three plans, he offered to throw in three more at no charge to give to employees or use on personal vehicles. Eventually, he convinced me, and I agreed to the purchase. When he told me to make the check out to Neighborhood Maintenance Plan, not to Windy Ford, I was suspicious again but I made out the check.

I usually tell people that if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. I should listen to my own advice more often.

Last Thursday, Oct. 21, Bill told me that Windy Ford was upset about this promotion. It was not the promotion they agreed on. Bill was working with them on

ads to explain the situation. The first ad was in the Sunday Alva Review-Courier, and you can also see it in this edition of the Newsgram.

Later Eric Prins from Windy Ford stopped by the office to talk with me. He went to see City Attorney Rick Cunningham to tell his story, and Cunningham referred him to Assistant DA Westline Ritter. Windy Ford wants charges filed against Rich Martinez and his company, Creative Promotions. Ritter is looking into it.

Prinz said it all started when Martinez approached Service Manager Brian Wallis at Windy Ford. Wallis agreed to give one half-price oil change per customer. He signed an agreement but was never shown a copy of the half-price promotion to be sold to promote their business.

Later the dealership received some calls asking if the promotion was legit. Thinking it was the half-price oil change, they said it was.

It was only last week when someone brought in one of the laminated cards that they realized what was actually being sold. Prins said obviously the dealership can't afford to honor the 600-plus cards given out before they notified Martinez by certified mail to cease. All the money collected, as per the signed agreement, went to Martinez.

So that's the story behind the ad in today's Newsgram. As always, anyone charged in court is considered innocent until proven guilty. We don't know yet if any charges will be filed.

A Medicare Scam

Thelma Crouch of Alva came in last week to tell her story. It sounded like one of those "too good to be true" offers. She received a phone call from an Oklahoma area code. The caller had her name but asked her age. They said she qualified for free genetic testing to see if she carried any gene that might predispose her children to certain diseases.

Thelma said they mentioned Great Salt Plains Health Care in the conversation. That's where she receives care so it sounded legitimate. She agreed to let them send her the test kit.

A few days later while she was out, the box was delivered to her home. She started unpacking it but began to question the need for this test. She decided to call Dr. Linda McMurphy. Thelma learned her doctor did not order the test and was suspicious of it.

Since Dr. McMurphy was coming

to Alva later that day she stopped by to look over the kit. She told Thelma it was suspicious and didn't recommend sending it back. McMurphy suspected it was a way to get money from Medicare. Thelma gave her the package and contents and said she was going to talk to me.

While waiting for Dr. McMurphy to arrive, Thelma had another phone call. This one was from Medical Solutions with a Florida phone number. They wanted to verify she received the package. She told them she did, but she had decided not to do the test.

Thelma asked me to see what I could find out about these tests. A search of the internet quickly brought up articles from AARP, Consumer Affairs and USA Today. AARP invites people to call their helpline with possible scams and questions. Typically, helpline callers report being told by phone that their doctor said they are eligible for the free test and if the doctor prescribes it, Medicare will foot the bill.

An uptick in complaints about the so-called buccal swab tests, which involve collecting DNA from cells inside a person's cheek to screen for cancer, began after Medicare issued guidance March 16, 2019, saying it would cover, on a national basis, a Food and Drug Administration-approved genetic test for patients with advanced cancer.

Eligible patients are those with recurrent, relapsed, drug-resistant, metastatic, or stage III or IV cancer, and they must be seeking further cancer treatment, such as chemotherapy, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services says.

CMS officials urge Medicare recipients to report concerns about suspicious activity to its toll-free number, 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

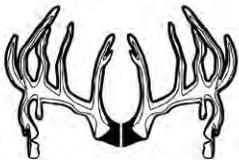
According to the USA Today report from Kaiser Health News, the scammers bill Medicare for the tests. The patients, who might never receive any results, typically pay nothing. But they risk compromising personal information and family medical history. And taxpayers foot the bills for tests that may be unnecessary or inappropriate.

Medicare pays an average of \$6,000 to \$9,000 for these tests, and sometimes as much as \$25,000.

AARP says if anyone other than your doctor offers you a genetic test, don't take the bait.



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320	Woods Co, OK	W/2 of Sec. 19-25N-13W	\$550,000	NEW
897	AUCTION	8 Farms in Kingfisher & Major Co, OK	\$2,548,772	under contract
1.9	Taney Co, MO	D'monaco Luxury Resort	\$36,000,000	NEW
2.5	Taney Co, MO	170 Room Hotel Development Project	\$8,500,000	NEW
312	Barber Co, KS	Lies in Sec. 2-34S-10W	\$546,000	NEW
194	Kingman Co, KS	Lies in Sections 8&9-30S-7W	\$399,900	NEW
363	Kingman Co, KS	Lies in Sections 5&8-30S-10W	\$1,200,000	NEW
319	Pratt Co, KS	NE/4 of Sec. 35 & NW/4 of 36-28S-13W	\$560,000	NEW
61	Sumner Co, KS	SE/4 of Sec. 23-33S-4W	\$150,000	under contract
120	Ottawa Co, OK	Income Producing, Corn-Alfalfa, Oil&Gas	\$950,000	
405	Ottawa Co, OK	High Yield Cropland in Welch, Oklahoma	\$1,750,000	
255	Ripley Co, MO	40-acre Private Lake & Improvements	\$1,390,000	under contract
3032	Roosevelt Co, NM	J-Lu Dairy Portales New Mexico	\$9,000,000	
275	Kingman Co, KS	Turn Key Recreational Property w/Lodge	\$749,999	under contract
149	Sumner Co, KS	NW4 of Sec. 1-30S-2W Ninnescah River	\$879,000	
155	Sumner Co, KS	NE4 of Sec. 33-32S-4W	\$287,000	
80	Russell Co, KS	W/2SE4 of Sec. 1-14N-12W	\$190,000	
1686	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$2,520,570	under contract
1335	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$1,995,825	under contract
600	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc. Grazing & Nice Corrals	\$897,000	under contract
360	Lawrence Co, AR	25 acre Private Lake 3000sq/ft Home	\$1,295,000	
660	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$825,000	
160	Harper Co, KS	SE4 of Sec. 15-35S-8W	\$285,760	
120	Harper Co, KS	Tract in NW4&SW4 of Sec. 10-35S-8W	\$214,320	
280	Woods Co, OK	Mult Legal Desc.	\$840,000	
280	Harper Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$500,080	
80	Grant Co, OK	W/2SW of Sec. 23-27N-7W	\$125,000	
525	Wayne Co, MO	525acres Hardwood Timber/135acre Lake	\$2,995,000	
6300	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$11,000,000	under contract
1	Alva, OK	16-unit New Construction Apt Complex	Call for price	
.76	Alva, OK	Other Place Restaurant Bar&Grill	\$450,000	
160	Alfalfa Co, OK	NE4 of 12-27N-10W	\$205,000	under contract
640	Beaver Co, OK	N/2 of 21-4N-22E & W/2 of 30-4N-23E	\$713,000	
12,032	Woodward Co,OK	Mult Legal Desc.	\$12,500,000	SOLD
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COMPUTER/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Adobe Basics	11/1	Th	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
LEADERSHIP/BUSINESS & INDUSTRY						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
The Simple Truths of Service (Customer Service Training)	11/9	Wed	12pm-1pm	15.00	15.00	No Fee
Cowboy Ethics: The Code of the West (Business/Personal Ethics Training)	1/6	Th	12pm-1pm	15.00	15.00	No Fee
Facilitation: A Job Skill	11/1	M	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
LUNCH & LEARN-LEADERSHIP/CUSTOMER SERVICE						
The Simple Truths of Service (Customer Service Training) - Includes lunch	11/9	Wed	12pm-1pm	15.00	15.00	No Fee
SMALL BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
The Simple Truths of Service (Customer Service Training)	11/9	Wed	12:00-1:00	\$15.00	\$15.00	No Fee
Cowboy Ethics: The Code of the West (Business/Personal Ethics Training)	1/6	Th	12:00-1:00	\$15.00	\$15.00	No Fee
Facilitation: A Job Skill	11/1	M	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
Adobe Basics	11/1	Th	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
SPECIAL SKILLS / INTEREST						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Cricut DIY: Fall Craft (Sign) <i>New!</i>	11/1	M	6:00-7:00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
HEALTH RELATED COURSES						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Childbirth Prep Class	11/13	Sat	1:00-4:00	35.00/couple	35.00/couple	No Fee
Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia	11/4 or 11/11	Th	11:00 AM-12:00 or 5:00-6:00	FREE	FREE	No Fee
AHA HEARTSAVER COURSES						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
First Aid CPR AED	11/9	Tu	5:30 PM	40.00	40.00	20.00
First Aid CPR AED	11/13	Sat	9:00 AM	40.00	40.00	20.00
WELLNESS & HEALTHY LIVING						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Macros 101 & Flexible Dieting	11/2-11/16	Tu	6:00-8:00	30.00	60.00	\$5.00
Macros 101 & Flexible Dieting	11/30-12/14	Tu	6:00-8:00	30.00	60.00	\$5.00
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Wide Area Search (PER-213) TEEX Course	11/12 - 11/14	F-S	8:00-5:00	FREE	FREE	
Refuse to Be a Victim-Force on Force Handgun Training for Civilians	11/6	Sat	9:00-5:00	120.00	120.00	No Fee
AR15 Basics - Fundamentals and Orientation to the firearm platform	11/1	M	6:00-8:00	20.00	40.00	No Fee
NFPA 70E Arc Flash Certification	11/8-9	M & Tu	8:00-5:00 M 8:00-12:00 Tu	250.00	250.00	85.00
Respirator Safety	11/2	Tu	1:00-2:00	\$10/person Call for company rate	\$10/person Call for company rate	No Fee
Respiratory Fit Testing (Need Medical Opinion Prior to Fit Test)	11/2	Tu	2:00-4:00	\$15/person Call for company rate	\$15/person Call for company rate	No Fee
CLEET CLASSES						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Active Shooter & Hostage Based Training- CLEET	11/18	Varies	8:30-4:30	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Practical Firearms with Force on Force Training-CLEET #21-2732	11/12	Varies	8:00-5:00	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Force-on-Force; Responding to Active Threats-CLEET	11/8	Varies	9:00-5:00	FREE	FREE	\$20.00
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLASSES						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Facilitation: A Job Skill (Virtual Training)	11/1	M	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
Adobe Basics (Virtual Training)	11/1	Th	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
WAYNOKA COMMUNITY CLASSES						
	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Facilitation: A Job Skill (Virtual Training)	11/1	M	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
Adobe Basics (Virtual Training)	11/1	Th	6:00-8:00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00

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COMPUTER CLASSES	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Computer Flex Hour Session 3 <small>skip 11/25</small>	11/4 - 12/2	Th	6:00 - 9:00	30.00	60.00	No Fee
Administrative Assistant Skills Training -In Person	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Leaders of Character	By Arrangement					
Essential Telephone Skills	By Arrangement					
Customer Service - Remember Me I'm the Customer	By Arrangement					
Professionalism- Be a Leader in the Workplace	By Arrangement					
Out Class the Competition	By Arrangement					
FISH- Positive Attitude Culture	By Arrangement					
Business & INDUSTRY - Virtual	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Communication	By Arrangement					
Teamwork	By Arrangement					
Leadership	By Arrangement					
Supervision	By Arrangement					
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY - Virtual	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Strategic Planning Basics	By Arrangement					
Ringwood/Meno Community classes	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
AAA - Driver Improvement	By Arrangement		9:00 - 4:00	20.00	40.00	6.00
Canton Community Classes	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
AAA - Driver Improvement	By Arrangement		9:00 - 4:00	20.00	40.00	6.00
AHA Heart saver Courses	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
First Aid/CPR/AED	By Arrangement		8:30 - 2:30	40.00	40.00	20.00
Heart saver CPR and First Aid	By Arrangement		8:30 - 2:30	40.00	40.00	20.00
HEALTH RELATED COURSES	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Certified Medication Aide (CMA)	11/29 - 12/14	Varies	8:00 - 4:30	315.00	630.00	125.00
Certified Medication Aid, CEU's (In Fairview)	11/16	Tu	8:00 - 4:30	32.00	32.00	No Fee
Feeding Assistant	By Arrangement	Varies	8:00 - 4:30	50.00	50.00	No Fee
Restorative Care Aide	By Arrangement	Varies	8:00 - 4:30	199.00	199.00	No Fee
Medic CPR/First Aid / AED	By Arrangement	Varies	8:00 - 12:00	45.00	45.00	15.00
Positive Approach to Care(workshop B & C - must complete A)	By Arrangement	Varies	Varies			
SPECIAL SKILLS/INTEREST	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
T Shirt Quilting Class <small>skip 11/23</small>	11/2 - 11/30	Tu	6:00 - 9:00	30.00	60.00	Supply List
Adult Basic Education/GED	TBD	M & W	5:30 - 8:30	No Charge	No Charge	No Fee
VEHICLE SAFETY COURSES	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
AAA - Driver Improvement Program	By Arrangement	Th or F	9:00 4:00	20.00	40.00	6.00
SAFETY COURSES	Dates	Day	Time	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	Lab/Book Test Fee
Excavation- Trenching and Shoring- Competent Person	By Arrangement					
Forklift - Meeting the 29 CRF 1910.178 Compliance	By Arrangement					
Confined Space- Competent Person	By Arrangement					
Fire Extinguisher Training - Hands On	By Arrangement					
Medical Evaluations- on Line	By Arrangement					
Respiratory and Quantitative Fit Testing	By Arrangement					
H2S PEC Clear	By Arrangement					
Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors (meeting DOT Reg: 49 CFR 382.603)	By Arrangement					
NEC 2020 Update	By Arrangement					

Obituary

LARRY K. BLACK

Larry K. Black, age 84, was born on September 9, 1937, in Salina, Kansas, to Dewey and Inez Black and passed from this life in Kiowa, Kansas, on October 25, 2021. Larry attended Emporia State University from 1955-1959. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962. After his time in the Army, he went to work for Beechcraft from 1962 to 1999, retiring from Beechcraft in October 1999.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Inez and Dewey Black; brothers, Roger Black and Andy Black; sisters, Norma Feaster and Shirley Campbell, and nephew, Danny Feaster.

Survivors include three nieces, Debbie Conrad, Jill Talley, and Jamie Terwort; eight nephews, Jeff Black, Jay Black, Ron Campbell, Mark Campbell, Bill Black, Bob Black, Chuck Black, Rich Black, and other family members and friends.

A graveside service for Larry will be Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Hardtner-Elwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.

Memorials may be given to Disabled Veterans through the funeral home.

BILLY BRUCE DOLLAR

Bruce Dollar, age 72 of Alva, Oklahoma, passed away October 8, 2021, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri.

Services were at 1 p.m. October 13, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Wellington, Texas with Derrick Thomas of Alva, Oklahoma, officiating.

Bruce was born on August 15, 1949, in Parmer County, Texas, to Billy Gene and Reta Dollar. He graduated from Farwell High School in Farwell, Texas, in 1967.

On April 8, 1970, Bruce was drafted into the United States Army and served

as a Medical Corpsman. While serving in the Vietnam conflict, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 11, 1971.

Bruce graduated with a Bachelors in Education from West Texas State University in 1974, and began teaching and coaching in Wellington, Texas, immediately following his graduation.

Bruce earned his Masters Degree in Sports Administration in 2008 from New Mexico Highlands University.

Bruce married Judy Carol Peters of Wellington, Texas, on December 27, 1975, at First Baptist Church Wellington. Bruce and Judy welcomed their only son, Billy, into the world on October 6, 1987, in Amarillo, Texas.

Bruce accepted his first football head coaching position in 1980 at Farwell High School following assistant positions in both Wellington and Stratford. He went on to be the head coach at Stratford, Sanford-Fritch, Kermit, and Dimmitt before he retired after 30 years of teaching and coaching in Texas. He then moved on to Tularosa, New Mexico, where in 2001 his Wildcats would win the 2A State Football Championship. In 2003, Bruce accepted the head coaching position in Alamogordo, New Mexico. In 2006 his Tigers were 5A State Runner-up after a loss to Mayfield High School. Bruce would go on to Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mexico, before retiring in New Mexico. Bruce finished his coaching and teaching career in Alva, Oklahoma, with his team earning the Girls 2A Track and Field State Runner-Up in 2015.

Bruce was able to coach his son Billy at Alamogordo as well as coach alongside him in Hobbs and Alva.

Bruce dedicated 45 years to the game of football, and 49 years to the education of young men and women across Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, earning numerous achievements and recognitions along the way. His faith and his family were most important to him, and he spent his retirement playing golf, and visiting his grandchildren.

Bruce was preceded in death by his

parents.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Dollar of Alva, his son Billy Dollar and wife Dusti of Conroe, Texas; four grandchildren, Raquel, Brayson, Barrett, and Riggen; two brothers, Warlick and Dennis, and two sisters, Cecilia (Polly) and Natalie.

BETTY LOU MCGOLDEN

Funeral services for Betty Lou McGolden were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Waynoka First Baptist Church with Reverend David Shaw officiating. Interment was in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC.

Betty Lou McGolden was the daughter of the late Ronald Knight and Phyllis (Howard) Knight, was born June 17, 1942, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away, October 22, 2021, at her home in Waynoka, Oklahoma, at the age of 79.

Betty Lou attended Waynoka Schools and graduated with the Class of 1960. Betty played basketball and was a Railroader Cheerleader. She also was an avid swimmer as a young girl. After high school she married Donald McGolden on October 23, 1960. It is their 61st wedding anniversary. They traveled to many places together and lived in many tiny apartments while following Don's oil field career.

Betty loved to quilt and enjoyed making quilts for her friends and family. She became an excellent fisherman. Betty loved taking care of children. She baby sat for several of the Waynoka teacher's children. Later in life, Betty co-owned and operated Waynoka Quilt Shop. This brought her a lot of joy. She also became a licensed beautician.

Granny, as she was called, enjoyed her grandchildren, Joe McGolden, Tyler McGolden and Breydon Benefield and her great grandchild, Gregory Knox

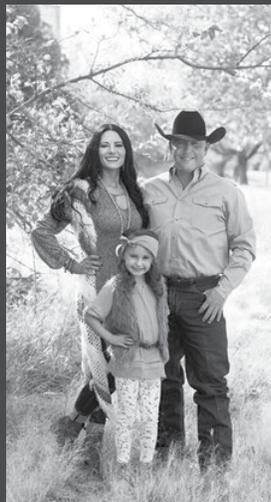
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SOUTH BARBER FALL SPORTS CULMINATE WITH HONORS

SOUTH BARBER CHIEFTAINS ARE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS – With a record of 7-1, the South Barber Chieftains won the District Championship on their home field Friday night. The team consists of: (Back row): Assistant Coach Berton Walz, Cade Simpson, Bryce Duvall, Brent Duncan, Ruston Erikson, Gatlin Jewell, Cole Howland, Caden Rathgeber, Tony Vasquez, Xander Myers, Lukas Dunham, Oakley Duvall, Head Coach Matt Cantrell; (Front row): Izick Howland, Camron Dorsey, Cody Tomberlin, Austin Swonger, Garen Cantrell, Cash Tomberlin, Leo Turner, Tyten Courson, Rylie Cox

South Barber hosts Playoff Game Thursday Night in Kiowa

By Yvonne Miller

Thursday night at 6 p.m., the lights will be on at the Chieftain football field in Kiowa. South Barber hosts Otis-Bison for the first round of the playoff games.

The Chieftains recently played Otis-Bison and defeated them 50-0. Head Coach Matt Cantrell was quick to say that Otis-Bison was without three of their starters that night. Cantrell expects a tougher game Thursday. South Barber is 7-1 on the season and has defeated six of their opponents by the 45-point rule.

If the Chieftains win Thursday night, they will play in regional competition. Cantrell said that would likely be a Friday game next week. After that is a sectional game, substate then the state championship game at Newton.

Of his team, Coach Cantrell said, "They've grown through the year, and are playing some of their best football. The seniors have shown leadership and we hope to keep it rollin'. These kids have sacrificed and given their best. I'm in my 27th year of coaching, and that's all you can ask for as a coach. We're excited to get to the playoffs."



SPIRITED ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK – South Barber High School cheerleaders break out their pink poms for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Cheering on their Chieftains are: (l-r) Jessica Jahay, Autumn Drake, Jazzmin Binning, Clare Pollock, Bianca Binning, Grace Cantrell, Jaden Allen, Arrington Allen

JUNIOR HIGH TORNADES GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WHIRLS TO SECOND IN LEAGUE

South Barber Junior High Tornadoes Girls Volleyball Coach Janet Cook told proudly that the team ended their season 2nd in the Heart of the Plains League (HOPL). Also coached by Assistant Coach Kay Roberts, the team finished 2nd in the HOPL Tournament. "What a year – our final record was 17-5," Cook said. "I'm blessed to do this job. They were so fun to coach and played so well – that's all I can ask of them! They always gave their all. They never gave up and had great teamwork." The team members (all who went out for volleyball this fall) are: (back l-r) Coach Janet Cook, Fiona Walz, Tanith Erikson, Lindsay Vasquez, Miley Turner, Lauryn Vasquez, Tribbey Dorsey, Assistant Coach Kay Roberts; (middle) Danielle



MacKinney, Reignie Coggins, Anessa Courson, Kenslea Schupbach, Lily Schurter and Lily Dunham; (front) Delanie Allen, Alyssa Sciara, Adrienne Simpson, Lydia Sciara, Candice MacKinney and Rose Tompson.

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SOUTH BARBER FFA ROCKS FINAL POLAND ANGUS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The South Barber FFA livestock judging team won the 28th and final Poland Angus Livestock Judging Contest. Team members are: Jessica Jahay, Bryce Duvall and Bianca Binning. Jessica was also 5th high individual and Bianca was 3rd high individual out of 103 participants and over 25 teams. Reagan Grieve, judging livestock for her first time, finished 26th out of 230 B team participants and Tyten Courson finished in the middle of the pack in the B division. South Barber's FFA thanks the Poland family for their years of dedication to 4-H and FFA youth.

Richard Poland, Jessica Jahay, Bianca Binning, Bryce Duvall, Brandon Poland

Bryce Duvall, Tyten Courson, Bianca Binning, Jessica Jahay, Reagan Grieve



The South Barber FFA Livestock Judging Team won the final Poland Angus Livestock Judging Contest. They stand with the Poland family (at left) Richard and (at right) Brandon. Members who won individual awards are: Jessica Jahay, Bianca Binning, Bryce Duvall.



This is the South Barber FFA Team who won the final Poland Angus Livestock Judging Contest. The members are: Bryce Duvall, Tyten Courson, Bianca Binning, Jessica Jahay, Reagan Grieve.

South Barber Cross-Country Turner Statebound

By Yvonne Miller

Leo Turner and Jazzmin Binning comprised South Barber's Cross-Country Team this fall. They are coached by mother and former cross-country runner Donna Binning.

Turner finished 3rd in the HOPL and Binning placed 9th. At Regionals in Wichita, Turner placed 11th which was the last seat to qualify for state. His best time was 18 minutes: 28 seconds. He competes at state this weekend in Victoria, Kan., at Plum Nature Trail.

Binning gave up regionals to play substate volleyball. At league cross-country her best time was 26:30.



A South Barber junior, Jazzmin Binning places 9th in the HOPL cross country.

Leo Turner, a freshman at South Barber, qualified for state cross-country at regionals.

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McGolden. and loved being with them, taking them fishing and to the city pool.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gregory McGolden; and two sisters, Susie Neel and Doris Ann Richardson.

Betty Lou is survived by her husband, Don, of Waynoka; her daughter, Dawn Benefield of Edmond; two brothers, James Knight, wife, Cecy, of Ft. Worth, Texas and Tilfred Knight, wife, Beth, of Clovis, New Mexico; many nieces and nephews who lovingly called her Aunt Boop. Thank you for being so caring and fun!

Memorial Contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oklahoma Children's Hospital.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM IVAN MURROW

William Ivan Murrow, 59, Haysville, Kansas, passed away Friday, October 15, 2021. He was born September 17, 1962, to Jerold Murrow and Norleen (Polson) Murrow in Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerold Murrow; siblings, Shelley Loman, Randy Murrow; grandparents, Ivan and Ella Polson, William and Dora Murrow; and by aunts, uncles and cousins.

William is survived by his wife Alisha Murrow; children, Dustin Murrow (Amber), Billy Murrow (Kimmy), Charles (Ted) Murrow, Jayden Speer, Bradley Murrow; mother, Norleen Murrow; several grandchildren; siblings, Debra (John), and Jerry; nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and an uncle.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the family present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, and funeral service will be 2 p.m., Friday, October 29, 2021, both at Smith Mortuary, Mulvane, Kansas. Interment will follow at Mulvane Cemetery. Visit www.SmithFamilyMortuaries.com to view the livestream of the service.



PAUL DAVID NUTTER

Memorial services for Paul Nutter will be 3 pm, Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the First Baptist Church. Inurnment will be in the Memorial Hill Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka.



Paul David Nutter was born November 27, 1949, as the eleventh child of Albert and Abbie Nutter at Clapper Memorial Hospital in Waynoka, Oklahoma, and passed away October 21, 2021, at Garfield, Kansas, at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 24 days.

He attended Rose Valley School where he was taught by his older sister, Alberta Bissantz, until the ninth grade when he transferred to Waynoka High School. He married Pamela Young in June 1966, and his son, Matthew Paul, was born in 1967. He graduated from Waynoka High School in 1968. He attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University for two years, and he had numerous vocational certificates for electronics and mechanics. In October of 1970, his daughter, Patricia Gail, was born. In 1993, Paul and Pamela divorced, and he later met Becky Cope who was his wife until her death in 2018.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Becky Cope; one son, Matthew Paul Nutter; a stepdaughter, Amanda Hall; his parents, Abbie and Albert Nutter; two sisters, Francis and her husband, Russell Geary, and Alberta and her husband, Louis Bissantz; five brothers, Pete and wife, Ruth Nutter, Jim and wife, Lena Nutter, Allen and wife, Emma Lou Nutter, Aaron and wife, Dell Nutter, Ray and wife, Jenny Nutter; and one sister-in-law, Lois Nutter.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia and husband, Kevin Ford, of Garfield, Kansas; a stepdaughter, April Stackhouse of Waynoka; three granddaughters, Autumn and husband, Ryan Weir, of Hillsboro, Kansas, Katie Inman of Waynoka, and Hope Hall of Alva; four grandsons, Cameron Smith of Wichita, Kansas, Blake Inman of

Waynoka, Lane Inman of Waynoka, and Johnny Hall of Alva; and two great grandchildren, Kreaklynn and Boone Inman of Waynoka.

Also surviving are two brothers, Larry and wife, Jean Nutter, of Crescent, and Don Nutter of Waynoka; one sister, Linda and husband, Dan Strohmeier, of Waynoka; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Kidney Fund.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

CECIL ROSS VICKERY

Cecil Ross, son of Susan Odell (Vance) and Cecil Fay Vickery, was born in Bessemer, Alabama, on May 23, 1964, and passed away on October 23, 2021, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 57 years and 5 months.

Cecil attended Bessemer School system graduating with the class of 1982.

Cecil worked as a manager at the local waffle house in Alabama and later he went to work at the Southeast Bolt and Screw Manufacturing Plant in Alabama.

He met the love of his life, Marian (Janey) Rubel, in 2000 in Bessemer, Alabama. In 2005 they moved to Woodward, Oklahoma, to help take care of Marion's father, James Taylor.

Cecil attended the Woodward Vo-Tech in oilfield safety later working for Patterson Drilling of Woodward. After a car accident Cecil was disabled and wasn't able to work and in 2010 they moved to Freedom, Oklahoma, to help take care of Marion's mother, Patsy James Waggoner.

Cecil was an avid fisherman and his last fishing expedition to Colorado was around the first of October. He was a craftsman with wood and metal, a blacksmith, making knives out of scrap



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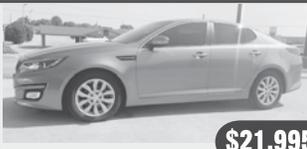
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Another person charged in Vance farm burglary

By Marione Martin

Charges have been filed against another person in the March 2020 burglary at the Vance farm south of Helena on Beckham Road. Ronna and Roderick Vance learned about a possible break-in from a neighbor, went to the site, and notified the Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office.

Property taken from the farm included four new television sets still in the box, six rifles, a pistol, a propane heater, a microwave, tools, floor jacks and coins.

On Dec. 18, 2020, Jared Orié Tullis, 46, of Enid, was charged with grand larceny and burglary in the second degree. On Jan. 4, 2021, Charity Ann Beckner alias Charity Ann Wade, 37, of Enid, was charged with grand larceny and burglary in the second degree. On April 4, Jordan John of Granite was charged with two felony counts of burglary in the second degree.

The new felony charge in Alfalfa County was filed on Oct. 22 against Crystal Gayle Cardoza, 45, of Enid. She is charged with conspiracy. This crime is punishable by imprisonment for up to ten years, or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both. A warrant has been issued for her arrest.

In a post Miranda warning interview on Dec. 28, 2020, Tullis told Deputy T.J.

Rockenbach and Sheriff Rick Wallace that when they returned to Enid from the Vance farm, Beckner called her friend Cardoza to help them unload the stolen items.

On June 2, Sheriff Wallace interviewed Jordan John with his attorney present. John stated he had heard Bryce Colbert's name come up maybe by Cody Sawyer. John stated Sawyer might have mentioned Colbert buying some stuff from Charity Beckner. John said he quit hanging with Beckner because she would use people just like she used Sawyer to go sell coins. John said he got a rifle from Sawyer that had been stolen from the Vance farm that he (John) had pawned.

In the interview, John stated that Sawyer told him that he (Sawyer), Beckner and Wilmont all went to the Vance Farm. Sheriff Wallace mentioned to John that \$600 to \$800 was taken by Beckner and Sawyer. John said it was more than that. Wallace said he heard it was probably \$20-30 thousand worth of coins, and John said probably, it was a lot of coins.

John said Crystal Cardoza went to the Vance Farm several times and tried to get John to go with her. He stated Cardoza went in a little blue car and took a bunch of rolls of copper wire.

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metal. He won ribbons for his jelly preserves at the Woods County Free Fair. He loved his dogs, maybe a little more than his wife of 21 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother and father-in-law.

Cecil is survived by his wife of Freedom, Oklahoma; sister, Karen Gilley of Phoenix City, Alabama; five children, Daniel Scott, Spencer Wagoner and significant other Amanda Sanchez, Shawn George, Gabrielle Rubel and Dakota Rubel; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Freedom Fire and Ambulance through Wharton Funeral Chapel. No services are planned at this time.

JAMES GRANVILLE WADLEY

Memorial services for James Granville Wadley will be 11 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Searle Wadley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

James Granville Wadley was born March 11, 1939, in Alva, Oklahoma, to Dr. Frank K. Wadley and Garnet Searle Wadley. In 1958 he married his high school sweetheart, Jarilyn Paul.

Jim died peacefully on July 4, 2021 at home. He was under Arkansas Hospice care and constantly surrounded by his wife and family for the last three months of his life.

Jim is survived by his wife Jarilyn, two sons, two brothers, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

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Tract II - 320 Acres - Excellent grassland

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UNDER CONTRACT

Tract IV - 80 Acres w/ improved pasture

This tract consists of 80 Acres of improved pasture, a nice home, a starter yard, multiple outbuildings, and much more. W½ SW¼ - 3-26-14, Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$250,000.00**

UNDER CONTRACT

Tract V - 68.4 Acres (More) excellent grassland, E½ SW¼ - 3-26-14, Woods County, OK. This tract has a large pond, a windmill, and a barn. This would make an excellent building site or development property. Will divide to suit buyer. Will sell in parcels of 10 Acres or more. **PRICE: \$4,500/Ac**

UNDER CONTRACT

Tract VI - 80 Acres cropland

N½ SW¼ - 9-27-15 Woods County, Okla.
 This tract consists of 78 Acres of cropland (primarily Tillman Silty Clay Loam, Vernon Clay Loam, and Grant Silty Clay Loam). **PRICE: \$150,000.00**

SOLD

Tract VII - 160 Acres cropland

SW¼ - 10-27-15 Woods County, Okla.
 This tract consists of 154 Acres of good cropland (primarily Bethany Silty Clay Loam, Grant Silty Loam, Tillman Silty Clay Loam, and Vernon - Knoco Complex Soils). A windmill waters it. **PRICE: \$340,000.00**

SOLD

Tract VIII - 114 Acres grassland

NW¼ - 1-25-16, Woods County, OK, less the SW¼ NW¼ and a 6-Acre tract in the NE corner. This tract consists of 114 Acres of good grassland. It has excellent hunting potential with turkey, and quail. Watered by a water well. **PRICE: \$170,000.00**

UNDER CONTRACT

Tract IX - 320 Acres grassland

With 82 Acres of improved grass. N½ - 9-27-15 Woods County, Okla. Good 5-wire fences, watered by a large pond. Located NW ¼, NW ¼, NW ¼, NW ¼. **PRICE: \$336,000.00**

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Everyone celebrated a wonderful evening!! Thanks again to the merchants for partnering with Northwest Family Services in this fundraising event!

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NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres Cropland - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 3-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This tract consists of 158 Acres of good cropland **PRICE: \$384,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 320 Acres - W $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. - This tract has been sprigged to Ozarka Bermuda grass and has new fences. **PRICE: \$640,000.00**

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 80 Acres Cropland - S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 3-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This 80 Acres is all cropland. **PRICE: \$180,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 196 Acres - 139 Acres cropland - 57 Acres grass. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ north and east of the railroad tracks in Section 17-24-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$330,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres - All cropland, new 5-wire fence, new steel corals, 312 ft. cement bunk line, 2 Ritchie Waterers, Rural water available. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 10-25-14 **PRICE: \$375,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 240 Acres - All grassland, new 5-wire fences, 2 Ritchie Waterers, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 10-25-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$400,000.00**

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 190 Acres -

Excellent cropland (Bethany Silt Loam, Tabler Silt Loam Soils), excellent Alfalfa farm, rural water. Lays SW of Capron, OK. 100 Acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & 90 Acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 22-28-13, W.I.M. Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$450,000.00**

NEW-SOLD - 160 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 14-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This tract consists of 158 Acres of good cropland with great improvements. **PRICE: \$400,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - Beautiful lake frontage on Lake Eufala. Hunting property, 205 Acres, 1-mile lake frontage, pool, shop, 2,440 sq. ft. home, completely remodeled, 410399 E. 1227 Rd., Eufala, OK. **PRICE: \$1,250,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres - All cropland (Pond Creek Silt Loam Soils) SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -11-35S-12W, Barber County, Kansas **PRICE: \$450,000.00**

NEW-SOLD - 320 Ac - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-25-12 Alfalfa Co., OK **PRICE: \$800,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac. - S $\frac{1}{2}$ -30-28-12 Alfalfa Co., OK **PRICE: \$780,000.00**

SOLD - 320 Ac. - N $\frac{1}{2}$ -22-27-13 Woods CO., OK **PRICE: \$900,000.00**

SOLD - 1,421 Ac - OK-KS Ranch **PRICE: \$2,300,000.00**

SOLD - 1,505 Ac - Sec 9,18,19-27-18 Woods Co., OK **PRICE: \$1,800,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -33-27-13 Woods Co., OK **PRICE: \$500,000.00**

SOLD - 320 Ac - E $\frac{1}{2}$ -32-27-13 Woods Co., OK **PRICE: \$1,100,000.00**

SOLD - 360 Ac - Sec 31 & 32-34S-12W Barber Co., KS **PRICE: \$650,000.00**

SOLD - 720 Ac - Sec 23, 35, & 26-28-20 Woods Co., OK **PRICE: \$900,000.00**

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This 1962 Chevy Impala decked out in white leather interior is on display at the Cherokee Car Show Saturday morning. Photo by Desiree Morehead



This bright green 1941 Ford sparks with visual energy at the Cherokee Car Show. Photo by Desiree Morehead



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An arrest warrant led to drug charges for Cherokee woman

By Marione Martin

A Cherokee woman arrested on a warrant and larceny of merchandise later had drug charges added.

According to court records, on Oct. 18 at approximately 8:31 p.m. Cherokee Police Chief Ryan McNeil was dispatched to the United Supermarket for a report of a female who would not leave the business after closing time at 8 p.m. Upon arriving at the business, McNeil observed the woman at the cash registers and recognized her as Sierra Bennett. He knew she had an active arrest warrant for failure to appear through the Cherokee Municipal Court.

McNeil approached Bennett and told her she was under arrest for the warrant. Bennett was placed in handcuffs, during which time McNeil discovered she had objects hidden in the right sleeve of her clothing. The items were discovered to be property belonging to the business, specifically a package of chewable children's aspirin and a package of KY brand lubricating jelly, which the business stated had a value of \$10.18.

McNeil advised Bennett she was also under arrest for shoplifting along with the warrant. Bennett made a statement that she took the items because she needed them because her liver was failing and she had no money. McNeil asked if she had any other illegal items on her person since she was going to jail,

and she stated no.

At the jail, Bennett was searched by a female jailer for Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office. The jailer discovered an item hidden in Bennett's bra. She asked Bennett what it was, and Bennett claimed it was her bra. The jailer had Bennett remove the item which was found to be a small plastic bottle.

The contents of the bottle were found to be four tablets of 2mg Alprazolam, two 10mg pills of Diazepam, and two quarter pills of an unknown medical. While searching the property brought into the jail by Bennett, the jailer discovered two additional 2mg tablets of Alprazolam in a pink wallet Bennett had on her person. Bennett stated that all the pills were legally prescribed to her but could not explain why they were not in prescription bottles with her name on them.

While Bennett was being changed into jail clothing, a small clear plastic cigarette wrapper containing a white crystal substance was found inside the her right shoe. The substance was field-tested by McNeil. The results showed a presumptive positive test for methamphetamine. Bennett denied the item was hers and stated it was not in her shoe when she came into the jail.

Bennett initially stated she wanted to speak with a lawyer but later said

she wanted to withdraw that request to speak with McNeil. He listened to Bennett who said she had been clean for over sixty days, and that she was passing her drug tests. Bennett explained that she was doing good and wanted to get her children back. According to the affidavit, Bennett said she got the methamphetamine from another person who she did not identify and that she was going to sell the meth to someone else because she needed the money.

Sierra Bennett, 28, of Cherokee, has been charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance – including possession with intent to distribute and with bringing contraband drugs into jail, both felonies. The distribution charged is punishable by imprisonment for up to seven years to life and/or a fine of up to \$100,000. The contraband charge is punishable by imprisonment for one to five years, or a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Bennett is also charged with three misdemeanors: (1) larceny of merchandise from a retailer, (2) possession of controlled dangerous substance and (3) unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bennett's bond has been set at \$10,000, and her next court appearance is set for Nov. 3.



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Woods County Excise Board approves annual budgets

By Marione Martin

This is a busy time of year for the Woods County Excise Board as they approve budgets from various county entities in addition to their regular work. The excise board met Monday afternoon in a special meeting at the courthouse with board members Joe Shirley, Bob Seivert and Chris Olson attending. Also at the meeting were County Clerk Shelley Reed and County Assessor Renetta Benson.

Board members approved the following monthly appropriations:

District #1	Highway	Cash	\$147,954.37
District #2	Highway	Cash	\$148,083.86
District #3	Highway	Cash	\$148,417.08
District #1	CBRI	Fund-105	\$13,301.63
District #2	CBRI	Fund-105	\$13,301.64
District #3	CBRI	Fund-105	\$13,301.64
Enhanced 911			\$15,331.80
Assessor's Fee			\$157.00
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\$2,251.08	County Clerk's Preservation Fee
\$2,200.00	Sheriff's Revolving Fund \$1,169.33
	Treasurer's Resale \$1,730.71
	Sheriff's Commissary \$28.82
	Sheriff's Service Fee, CHS \$7,288.99
	Mortgage Tax \$170.00
	Sheriff Drug Task Force \$503.00
	Federal Rescue Plan Act of 2021
\$436.05	Court Clerk Salary \$4,302.76
\$229.75	Court Clerk Records Mgmt & Pres

2021-22 Budgets

Excise board members examined and approved the following budgets for the 2021-22 fiscal year:

Woods County:	\$12,609,331.47
General	
Woods County	522 EMS:
\$577,521.20	General
Woods County Health:	\$1,105,672.35
General	
NW Career Tech Center	V-10:
\$12,932,442.27	General
NW Career Tech Center	V-10:
\$3,931,159.03	Building
Alva Public School	I-1:

\$15,547,041.76	General
Alva Public School	I-1:
\$3,298,639.32	Building
Alva Public School I-1:	\$700,139.93
Child Nutrition	
Freedom Public School	I-6:
\$1,413,885.73	General
Freedom Public School	I-6:
\$238,689.04	Building
Freedom Public School	I-6:
\$64,722.40	Child Nutrition
Waynoka Public School	I-3:
\$12,801,784.67	General
Waynoka Public School	I-3:
\$2,915,543.84	Building
Waynoka Public School	I-3:
\$1,090,675.39	New Sinking
Town of Freedom:	\$95,664.72
Town of Dacoma:	\$416,691.95
Woods County Visual Inspection:	
\$199,027.00	

Acknowledgment to the board given by County Clerk Reed regarding the transfer of appropriations within the Highway Fund from D#1 from the CIRB account to D#1 personal services account in the amount of \$17,506.64 and D#2 CIRB to D#2 personal services in the amount of \$17,506.63.

Woods County budget \$872,000 lower for this year

By Marione Martin

The Woods County estimate of needs budget for the fiscal year ending June

30, 2022, is about \$872,000 less than the previous year. This year the county budgeted \$12.6 million. The Health Fund is budgeted for \$1.1 million.

The three commissioners approved the budget during their Monday morning meeting at the courthouse. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Randy McMurphy, David Hamil and John Smiley. Also at the meeting were County Clerk Shelley Reed and Commissioners' Assistant Amy Grimsley.

The commissioners discussed and approved the Rural Water District No. 3 (RWD#3) application for a 2022 REAP grant in the amount of \$65,000. They also

passed the 2022 REAP Grant Resolution for RWD #3 for recommended DEQ water tower maintenance.

Each of the commissioners receives CIRB funds from the state. Hamil and McMurphy have been transferring those funds into an account to cover payroll. Smiley is leaving the funds for his district in the original account for now. The commissioners approved transferring Highway CIRB funds to the Highway Personal Services accounts for Hamil's District 1 in the amount of \$17,903.86 and for McMurphy's District 2 in the amount of \$17,903.87.

The commissioners approved payroll, warrants and claims.

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- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions

- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

Booster doses are also recommended for those who received the Janssen (J&J) Covid-19 vaccine. The requirement for the Janssen booster is you must be 18 and older and the initial Janssen vaccine must have been received two or more months prior to getting the Janssen booster dose.

CDC’s recommendation now allows for the choice of vaccine given as the booster dose. Eligible individuals may prefer the vaccine they originally received, and others may prefer a different booster.

Visit with your primary care physician with questions or concerns about receiving a different booster than the initial vaccine given to you.

“We are prepared and ready to serve our communities and eligible individuals with this next step in protecting Oklahomans against Covid-19,” said Regional Director Terri Salisbury. “Our County Health Departments and District 1 Mobile Units are happy to assist with booster doses right away.”

To schedule an appointment, call the Woods County Health Department at 580-327-3192 or visit vaccinate.ok.gov for available appointments.

Alfalfa County looking to hire part-time help for 911 department

By Stacy Sanborn

In last week’s Alfalfa County commissioner story, it was reported there were no changes to district boundaries. Though accurate and no actual boundaries changed, there was a slight change in population, causing residents of Nescatunga to be added to commissioner Marvin Woodall’s district. This moves their polling place to Jet.

This week, the commissioners – Marvin Woodall, Jay Hague and Mike Roach – signed approval on their usual documents and then addressed the other items on the agenda.

The AirMed Care Network needed some paperwork signed (commissioners recently signed AirMed papers on the county’s end). The three men signed those and then approved a request for the removal of Troy Shepard as a requisitioning officer and the addition of Jennifer Hensley. They also added

Kama Walcott as a receiving officer for the Alfalfa County Fairgrounds.

Next, commissioners approved using the courthouse lawn for a worship

service on Veteran’s Day, and finally, agreed for 911 Director Sarah Wagner to advertise hiring a part-time employee for her department.



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City of Kiowa water project well over half way finished, have unexpected news

By Yvonne Miller

When the Kiowa City Council opened their October meeting they were in for a few surprises. Councilmember Jason Thayer told his fellow councilmen he might not be there for the next meeting. In fact, he might be moving 1,500 miles away. "Just a heads up," he said.

City Administrator Sam Demel said the City of Kiowa received word that a Kiowa High School alum plans to give the city or some entity in Kiowa a \$200,000 gift for water conservation. Demel said until the gift is finalized no details will be released.

Mayor Bill Watson was present along with council members Brian Hill, B.J. Duvall, Thayer, Tom Wells, Janet Robison. City Attorney Brandon Ritcha was also present along with City Clerk Sheila Smith.

Demel reported on Kiowa's major waterline replacement project. BG Consultants who is the lead on the project held their meeting with city officials and others that day. The transmission line on Tri City Road to Hazelton from the city water wells near Sharon is 72 percent, he said. The water line replacement in Kiowa is 66 percent complete. Demel spoke of a gas line issue that is still unresolved regarding an additional 20 extra hours of work and roughly \$38,000 cost.

The council approved a payment

request from NOWAK, who is doing the line replacement for \$397,674.78. Also approved was a \$58,309.26 for BG.

Commissioner Harbaugh Explains Economic Development Interlocal Agreement

Barber County Commissioner Paul Harbaugh attended the meeting to explain an interlocal economic development agreement with Barber County, Medicine Lodge and Kiowa. The idea is to bring jobs and businesses to the county; retain young people to this area; improve the housing industry as there is a housing shortage in the county presently; improve the already "great" health care; and more.

Harbaugh reminded that in 2012 an interlocal agreement for economic development was formed with the county putting in \$60,000; Medicine Lodge putting in \$25,000; and Kiowa putting in \$15,000. Harbaugh said eventually some people got upset as they didn't feel it was transparent. Kiowa's council decided not to pay their share any longer and lost their two board seats.

Harbaugh said they are trying to get a new team together to move ahead and benefit the entire county. If Kiowa will join, Harbaugh said they can have a voting member on the new board. The board would hire a director. That person will seek grants and other revenue sources.

Mayor Watson said the city must check their finances before committing. Council wants to consider the possibility before they decide. Harbaugh said they need to know by November "because we want to try and have everything in place by January 1."

"It's best for the county to work together," Harbaugh said.

Kiowa's Police Department and the county entered a mutual agreement.

Fall Clean-up Dates, Other Council Action and Reports

The council set fall clean-up dates. This is when residents can set unwanted items on their curbs for others to take or have the city trash trucks pick up. No items like appliances, paint or tires are accepted.

Clean-up days for the north side of town is ongoing. Pickup is this

Thursday, Oct. 28. The south side of town will have the same service Nov. 1-4.

A discussion ensued about the city picking up cardboard for businesses including the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Store and the best day to do it.

When Police Chief Travis Petersen gave his report, Robison said she appreciates the chief going to EMS calls and helping.

City Superintendent John Duvall reported on several projects such as: rebuilding equipment; chip/seal on the streets; lower water pressure will be felt while the south water tower is cleaned. He planned to schedule a power outage for maintenance that will be two-to-four hours in the night. As of this Tuesday it's not yet scheduled.

Fire Chief Bill Duvall said he needs to buy fire hose, etc. He once again requested to know how much is in his budget before he purchases anything. This led to a spirited discussion of why many departments don't know the amount they have in their budget to make purchases.

"I was dumbfounded about why it can't be simple what the fire department budget is," Robison said. Hill said there is always a question about various department's budgets for years.

Demel presented the council members with sheets he made that show the budget of each department. He said this is so department heads can see where they are at.

Demel said the city has collected \$91,348.92 of the nearly \$130,000 they need to pay the arctic blast bill from February.

The city's display window will be filled with school art and from the art studio, Demel said.

In council items Robison said she hopes the plans to demolish the old hospital is still in the works. "It's an eyesore," she said. She also told her peers, "We've got to stay on the Helfrich drainage issue!"

Hill said a property on south 11th street needs cleaned-up. B.J. Duvall said there are more drainage issues to address. Also the city needs to sell old equipment.



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New school museum to be open during Kiowa's Fall Fest Sunday

Bake sale

By Yvonne Miller

This Sunday is not only Halloween, but it's Kiowa's Fall Fest from 2 to 5 p.m.



Now, that's a wheelchair from the old Kiowa Hospital. You'll find that and more at the Kiowa School Museum on Main Street. Photo by Yvonne Miller

There's all kinds of fun games, pumpkin carving and decorating contests, and Halloween costume contests. A highlight is the meat smoking contest and meal served downtown at 5 p.m.

If you haven't stopped by the new Kiowa School Museum it will be opened Sunday during Fall Fest from 2 to 5 p.m. The museum is located in the former RSI building at Main Street and 6th. The City of Kiowa

gifted the RSI building to the Kiowa Historical Society.

The society members worked diligently in the heat this summer getting great items from Kiowa High School and South Barber moved in and displayed.

It's a trip down memory lane for alums and citizens. You'll see school items from panel boards to score

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An early-day schoolroom with the old blackboard evokes days gone by. Photo by Yvonne Miller

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“Buy it when you see it.” Retailers dread holiday shortages

By Mae Anderson

NEW YORK (AP) — The Perfect Pigg, a gift shop owned by Ginger Pigg, is the go-to place for residents of Cumming, Georgia, to pick up gift items like kids toys and home goods.

But this year, store shelves might be a little sparse. Because of bottlenecks in the global supply chain, many stores like Pigg’s are scrambling to try to get all the inventory they can ahead of the crucial holiday shopping season.

“I’m a little stressed,” said Pigg, who has about 60% of the Christmas inventory she usually has at this time. Some stock she ordered in July hasn’t arrived yet. “I feel like I’ve done everything I could do,” she said. “I’m hoping and praying it all comes in.”

The global supply chain has been buffeted by a multitude of problems, from factories having to close due to COVID-19 surges, a lack of containers to ship items in, backups at ports and warehouses, and a shortage of truckers.

While bigger retailers like Walmart and Target have the power to buy their own containers, use air freight and take other steps to make sure they get inventory, smaller retailers are at the mercy of their vendors, who are increasingly suspending delivery guarantees and sometimes not communicating at all.

For Pigg, a pepper jelly she sells usually has a two-week turnaround time; now it takes four to six weeks to arrive, with no guarantee it will arrive at all. An order she placed for the jelly in July got delivered in October. And she’s having trouble getting miscellaneous things, like shopping bags, and candles, due to shortages of the wicks and glass jars the candles come in.

“It’s just been one thing after another,” she said.

Last year, Renee Silverman, owner of Irv’s Luggage in Vernon, Illinois, didn’t buy luggage ahead of the holidays — no one was traveling. This year, people are traveling and in need of luggage — but now the problem is finding luggage to sell them.

Inventory that was supposed to come in August and September has been pushed back to December due to supply problems. Silverman has tried spreading

orders between five or six vendors, such as Samsonite and Ricardo Beverly Hills.

Meanwhile, prices are rising due to a surge in shipping costs. At this time last year, ocean freight rates from China to the U.S. West Coast were \$3,847 per 40-foot container. Now, the same container will cost \$17,377 to ship, according to Freightos, a Hong Kong-based online freight marketplace.

Most vendors Silverman works with have raised prices one or two times over the past six months to offset the rising costs — normally they raise prices once every several years. So, she tried to place orders ahead of the price increases.

“I feel like I have 14 plates spinning in the air, not knowing what’s coming when,” she said. “Vendors don’t call back or don’t have answers.”

Most of the delays involve inventory coming from China, and to a lesser extent Thailand, she said. Her vendors have told her the delays stem from ports being backed up.

The average time it takes for ocean freight to go door-to-door has increased 45% over the last year, from 51 days to 74 days, according to Freightos. Ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, account for 40% of all shipping containers entering the United States. As of Monday evening, 73 container ships were at anchor, waiting to unload.

Normally, there’s no wait for container ships to unload, said Kevin Ke-

tels, a lecturer in global supply chain management at Wayne State University. “These are major delays,” he said.

Rob Pickering, owner of five Snapdoodle Toys & Games stores in the Seattle area, said ordering for the holidays has “been a real struggle.”

Big holiday orders that are typically placed in August were instead moved up to July. So, the company’s warehouse and stockrooms are fuller than normal for this time of year.

Still, some items that Pickering ordered in June and July haven’t arrived. Some smaller toy makers have already stopped taking and filling any more orders for the holidays. Some popular items, including Ravensburger puzzles and Bruder trucks, both imported from Germany, are likely to be gone from shelves long before Christmas, Pickering said.

“We are telling our customers to buy it when you see it, and don’t plan on hoping to buy it later in the season,” he said.

Some retailers have shifted production or created their own private label products to try to have more control over the stock they have on shelves.

Chris Lynch is co-founder of Everyday California, in La Jolla, California, a clothing brand with an online store and retail store, along with an adventure tour

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Facebook froze as anti-vaccine comments swarmed users

By David Klepper and Amanda Seitz

WASHINGTON (AP) — In March, as claims about the dangers and ineffectiveness of coronavirus vaccines spun across social media and undermined attempts to stop the spread of the virus, some Facebook employees thought they had found a way to help.

By altering how posts about vaccines are ranked in people's newsfeeds, researchers at the company realized they could curtail the misleading information individuals saw about COVID-19 vaccines and offer users posts from legitimate sources like the World Health Organization.

"Given these results, I'm assuming we're hoping to launch ASAP," one Facebook employee wrote, responding to the internal memo about the study.

Instead, Facebook shelved some suggestions from the study. Other changes weren't made until April.

When another Facebook researcher suggested disabling some comments on vaccine posts in March until the platform could do a better job of tackling anti-vaccine messages lurking in them, that proposal was ignored at the time.

Critics say the reason Facebook was slow to take action on the ideas is simple: The tech giant worried it might impact the company's profits.

"Why would you not remove comments? Because engagement is the only thing that matters," said Imran Ahmed, the CEO of the Center for Countering Digital Hate, an internet watchdog group. "It drives attention and attention equals eyeballs and eyeballs equal ad revenue."

In an emailed statement, Facebook said it has made "considerable progress" this year with downgrading vaccine misinformation in users' feeds.

Facebook's internal discussions were revealed in disclosures made to the Securities and Exchange Commission and provided to Congress in redacted form by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen's legal counsel. The redacted versions received by Congress were obtained by a consortium of news organizations, including The Associated Press.

The trove of documents shows that in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Facebook carefully investigated how its platforms spread misinformation about life-saving vaccines. They also reveal rank-and-file employees regularly suggested solutions for countering anti-vaccine content on the site, to no avail. The Wall Street Journal reported on some of Facebook's efforts to deal with anti-vaccine comments last month.

Facebook's response raises questions about whether the company prioritized controversy and division over the health of its users.

"These people are selling fear and outrage," said Roger McNamee, a Silicon Valley venture capitalist and early investor in Facebook who is now a vocal critic. "It is not a fluke. It is a business model."

Typically, Facebook ranks posts by engagement — the total number of likes, dislikes, comments, and reshares. That ranking scheme may work well for innocuous subjects like recipes, dog photos, or the latest viral singalong. But Facebook's own documents show that

when it comes to divisive public health issues like vaccines, engagement-based ranking only emphasizes polarization, disagreement, and doubt.

To study ways to reduce vaccine misinformation, Facebook researchers changed how posts are ranked for more than 6,000 users in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, and the Philippines. Instead of seeing posts about vaccines that were chosen based on their popularity, these users saw posts selected for their trustworthiness.

The results were striking: a nearly 12% decrease in content that made claims debunked by fact-checkers and an 8% increase in content from authoritative public health organizations such as the WHO or U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Those users also had a 7% decrease in negative interactions on the site.

Employees at the company reacted to the study with exuberance, according to internal exchanges included in the whistleblower's documents.

"Is there any reason we wouldn't do this?" one Facebook employee wrote in response to an internal memo outlining how the platform could rein in anti-vaccine content.

Facebook said it did implement many of the study's findings — but not for another month, a delay that came at a pivotal stage of the global vaccine rollout.

In a statement, company spokeswoman Dani Lever said the internal documents "don't represent the considerable progress we have made since that time in promoting reliable information about COVID-19 and expanding our policies to remove more harmful COVID and vaccine misinformation."

The company also said it took time to consider and implement the changes.

Yet the need to act urgently couldn't have been clearer: At that time, states across the U.S. were rolling out vaccines to their most vulnerable — the elderly and sick. And public health officials were worried. Only 10% of the population had received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. And a third of Americans were

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Kansas court wonders: Is it too late to rule on COVID law?

By John Hanna

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas’ top court wrestled Tuesday with whether a state law requiring judges to issue quick decisions after people file lawsuits against county COVID-19 restrictions is constitutional.

The state Supreme Court heard arguments from attorneys on a law enacted in March that requires district courts to rule within 10 days when someone sues over a county restriction. Three of the seven justices expressed skepticism during a Zoom hearing that the law is constitutional.

But the court is considering an appeal in a case involving a lawsuit against a mask mandate imposed last year by a school district in Johnson County, the state’s most populous county. And school districts aren’t covered by the law that applies to counties — and a separate one mandating the same expedited legal pro-

cess in lawsuits against school districts expired in June.

Kansas courts generally don’t rule when there’s not a live case involving parties needing a legal question resolved. Nevertheless, in July, a Johnson County judge handling the lawsuit against the school district struck down the law applying to county restrictions. He concluded that it denied counties their right to due legal process and interfered with the courts’ power to handle their own business.

Supreme Court justices first must decide whether the case should have been dead before it reached them, then whether the law applying to county COVID-19 restrictions violates the Kansas Constitution. If it says yes to the first question, district courts still will have to rule quickly on lawsuits against counties.

“Do we look at it as an abuse of dis-

cretion that the (district) court made this pivot?” Justice Dan Biles asked during the hearing.

The Supreme Court did not say when it would issue a decision. It declined in August to put the law applying to counties on hold temporarily while considering the case involving the school district.

Both the law applying to counties and the earlier law applying to school districts arose from the Republican-controlled Legislature’s opposition to Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly’s response to the coronavirus pandemic and later, local restrictions. Lawmakers rewrote the state’s emergency management laws several times.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt, a Republican running for governor, has argued that Johnson County District Judge David Hauber never should have ruled on the constitutionality of the law applying to counties. The case before him — and now before the Supreme Court — involved parents upset with a mask mandate imposed last year by the Shawnee Mission school district in the Kansas City area.

“Courts do not decide moot issues, particularly moot constitutional issues,” Brant Laue, the state’s solicitor general, told the court.

But Greg Goheen, an attorney for the Shawnee Mission school district, argued that the lower-court judge didn’t abuse his authority because counties can impose mask mandates that apply to schools. Counties still face a “very unworkable” deadline for settling legal challenges to COVID-19 restrictions, he said.

“And I think the (lower) court has the ability to raise that issue,” Goheen said.

The law says that if a judge doesn’t rule on a lawsuit over county restrictions within 10 days, the people challenging them prevail automatically. Chief Justice Marla Luckert suggested the provision is a “pretty heavy enforcement measure.”

Luckert added, “Isn’t there some right to have a day in court?”

But Laue argued that the Legislature has “a great deal of authority” in dictating how the state manages emergencies like the coronavirus pandemic.

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boards. Other interesting items are from the old hospital.

Historical society member Gayla Reed said the group is having a bake sale. They are giving away free yearbooks and South Barber plaques.

Go hunt the treasures and hide from the ghosts and goblins outside!



The vintage pieces from the old hospital are a hit with the school museum crowd. Photo by Yvonne Miller



When the KHS classes of 1970 and 1971 had their 50th reunion this Labor Day classmates met and reminisced, strolling down memory lane at the school museum. Graduate Linda Ives Hawkins enjoyed visiting with Stan Michael. Photo by Yvonne Miller

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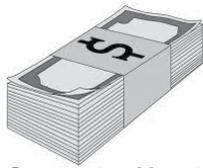
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Seven-day average of Oklahoma virus cases dips below 1,000

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The chief COVID officer for the University of Oklahoma said Tuesday that a decline in coronavirus cases statewide is likely due to more people being vaccinated combined with natural immunity of those previously infected, but he warns of a potential surge.

The seven-day average of virus cases in Oklahoma on Monday fell below 1,000 for the first time since

late July, according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Dr. Dale Bratzler said Tuesday that he is concerned the decline will lead to complacency in protecting against the virus.

“We’re seeing cases peak in some of the northern, colder states ... as people start coming inside” and virus variants emerge, Bratzler said.

The health department on Tuesday reported a seven-day average of

805 cases daily, four more than Monday, the first day since July 26 that the average was below 1,000.

The daily average reached a high of 2,806 on August 30 as a summer surge of cases blamed on the delta variant moved across the state.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data shows 49.7% of Oklahomans are fully vaccinated and 58.9% have received at least one dose of a vaccine.

Oklahoma Supreme Court blocks 3 new anti-abortion laws

By Sean Murphy

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma’s Supreme Court on Monday blocked three anti-abortion laws that were scheduled to take effect Nov. 1 that abortion rights supporters say would have devastated abortion access in the state.

In a 5-3 ruling, the court granted a temporary injunction that keeps the laws from taking effect. All three appointees of Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt dissented, and one judge didn’t vote.

One law would have required all doctors who perform abortions in Oklahoma

to be board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, which would have forced about half the abortion providers in Oklahoma to stop providing abortions. The other two would create new restrictions on medication-induced abortions.

“The Oklahoma Supreme Court recognized that these laws would cause irreparable harm to Oklahomans,” Nancy Northup, president and CEO of the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights, which helped challenge the laws, said in a statement. “All of these laws have the same goal: to make it harder to get an abortion in Oklahoma. We will

continue to fight in court to ensure these laws are struck down for good. Politicians should not be meddling in the private health decisions of Oklahomans.”

A spokeswoman for Attorney General John O’Connor didn’t immediately comment on the high court’s ruling.

Earlier this month, a district court judge temporarily blocked two other new anti-abortion laws from taking effect next month, including a measure similar to a Texas abortion ban that effectively bans the procedure after about six weeks of pregnancy.

But District Judge Cindy Truong allowed the three other anti-abortion laws to take effect Nov. 1, prompting the appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Abortion clinics in Oklahoma already are being overwhelmed by patients from Texas, where the U.S. Supreme Court allowed a law to take effect on Sept. 1 that made it illegal to perform abortions once medical professionals can detect cardiac activity, which is usually around the sixth week of pregnancy.

About 11 women from Texas received abortion services at the Trust Women clinic in Oklahoma City in August. That number increased to 110 last month, said Rebecca Tong, co-executive director of Trust Women. Similar increases are being reported at abortion clinics in Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

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thinking about skipping the shot entirely, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Despite this, Facebook employees acknowledged they had “no idea” just how bad anti-vaccine sentiment was in the comments sections on Facebook posts. But company research in February found that as much as 60% of the comments on vaccine posts were anti-vaccine or vaccine reluctant.

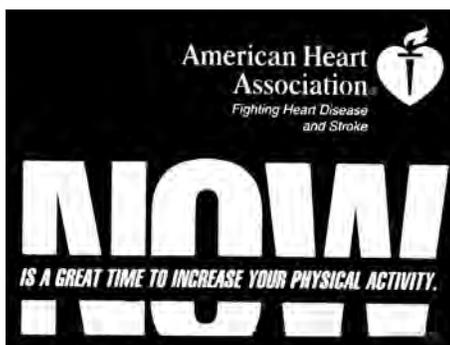
“That’s a huge problem and we need to fix it,” the presentation on March 9 read.

Even worse, company employees admitted they didn’t have a handle on catching those comments. And if they did, Facebook didn’t have a policy in place to take the comments down. The free-for-all was allowing users to swarm vaccine posts from news outlets or humanitarian organizations with negative comments about vaccines.

“Our ability to detect (vaccine hesitancy) in comments is bad in English — and basically non-existent elsewhere,” another internal memo posted on March 2 said.

Los Angeles resident Derek Beres, an author and fitness instructor, sees anti-vaccine content thrive in the comments every time he promotes immunizations on his accounts on Instagram, which is owned by Facebook. Last year, Beres began hosting a podcast with friends after they noticed conspiracy theories about COVID-19 and vaccines were swirling on the social media feeds of popular health and wellness influencers.

Earlier this year, when Beres posted a picture of himself receiving the COVID-19 shot, some on social media told him he would likely drop dead in six months’ time.



“The comments section is a dumpster fire for so many people,” Beres said.

Anti-vaccine comments on Facebook grew so bad that even as prominent public health agencies like UNICEF and the World Health Organization were urging people to take the vaccine, the organizations refused to use free advertising that Facebook had given them to promote inoculation, according to the documents.

Some Facebook employees had an idea. While the company worked to hammer out a plan to curb all the anti-vaccine sentiment in the comments, why not disable commenting on posts altogether?

“Very interested in your proposal to remove ALL in-line comments for vaccine posts as a stopgap solution until we can sufficiently detect vaccine hesitancy in comments to refine our removal,” one Facebook employee wrote on March 2.

The suggestion went nowhere until mid-April, when Lever said the company stopped showing previews of popular comments on vaccine posts.

Instead, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced on March 15 that the company would start labeling posts about vaccines that described them as safe.

The move allowed Facebook to continue to get high engagement — and ultimately profit — off anti-vaccine comments, said Ahmed of the Center for Countering Digital Hate.

“They were trying to find ways to not reduce engagement but at the same time make it look like they were trying to make some moves toward cleaning up the problems that they caused,” he said.

It’s unrealistic to expect a multi-billion-dollar company like Facebook to voluntarily change a system that has proven to be so lucrative, said Dan Brahmy, CEO of Cyabra, an Israeli tech firm that analyzes social media networks and disinformation. Brahmy said government regulations may be the only thing that could force Facebook to act.

“The reason they didn’t do it is because they didn’t have to,” Brahmy said. “If it hurts the bottom line, it’s undoable.”

Bipartisan legislation in the U.S. Senate would require social media platforms to give users the option of turning off algorithms tech companies use to or-

ganize individuals’ newsfeeds.

Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota, a sponsor of the bill, asked Facebook whistleblower Haugen to describe the dangers of engagement-based ranking during her testimony before Congress earlier this month.

She said there are other ways of ranking content — for instance, by the quality of the source, or chronologically — that would serve users better. The reason Facebook won’t consider them, she said, is that they would reduce engagement.

“Facebook knows that when they pick out the content ... we spend more time on their platform, they make more money,” Haugen said.

Haugen’s leaked documents also reveal that a relatively small number of Facebook’s anti-vaccine users are rewarded with big pageviews under the tech platform’s current ranking system.

Internal Facebook research presented on March 24 warned that most of the “problematic vaccine content” was coming from a handful of areas on the platform. In Facebook communities where vaccine distrust was highest, the report pegged 50% of anti-vaccine pageviews on just 111 — or .016% — of Facebook accounts.

“Top producers are mostly users serially posting (vaccine hesitancy) content to feed,” the research found.

On that same day, the Center for Countering Digital Hate published an analysis of social media posts that estimated just a dozen Facebook users were responsible for 73% of anti-vaccine posts on the site between February and March. It was a study that Facebook’s leaders in August told the public was “faulty,” despite the internal research published months before that confirmed a small number of accounts drive anti-vaccine sentiment.

Earlier this month, an AP-NORC poll found that most Americans blame social media companies, like Facebook, and their users for misinformation.

But Ahmed said Facebook shouldn’t just shoulder blame for that problem.

“Facebook has taken decisions which have led to people receiving misinformation which caused them to die,” Ahmed said. “At this point, there should be a murder investigation.”

FDA panel backs Pfizer's low-dose COVID-19 vaccine for kids

By Lauran Neergaard and Matthew Perrone

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. moved a step closer to expanding COVID-19 vaccinations for millions more children as government advisers on Tuesday endorsed kid-size doses of Pfizer's shots for 5- to 11-year-olds.

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted unanimously, with one abstention, that the vaccine's benefits in preventing COVID-19 in that age group outweigh any potential risks. That includes questions about a heart-related side effect that's been very rare in teens and young adults despite their use of a much higher vaccine dose.

While children are far less likely than older people to get severe COVID-19, ultimately many panelists decided it's important to give parents the choice to protect their youngsters — especially those at high risk of illness or who live in places where other precautions, like masks in schools, aren't being used.

"This is an age group that deserves and should have the same opportunity to be

vaccinated as every other age," said panel member Dr. Amanda Cohn of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The FDA isn't bound by the panel's recommendation and is expected to make its own decision within days. If the FDA concurs, there's still another step: Next week, the CDC will have to decide whether to recommend the shots and which youngsters should get them.

Full-strength shots made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech already are recommended for everyone 12 and older but pediatricians and many parents are clamoring for protection for younger children. The extra-contagious delta variant has caused an alarming rise in pediatric infections -- and families are frustrated with school quarantines and having to say no to sleepovers and other rites of childhood to keep the virus at bay.

In the 5- to 11-year-old age group, there have been over 8,300 hospitalizations reported, about a third requiring intensive care, and nearly 100 deaths.

States are getting ready to roll out the shots — just a third of the amount given

to teens and adults — that will come in special orange-capped vials to avoid dosage mix-ups. More than 25,000 pediatricians and other primary care providers have signed up so far to offer vaccination, which will also be available at pharmacies and other locations.

But for all that anticipation, there also are people who strongly oppose vaccinating younger children, and both FDA and its advisers were inundated with an email campaign seeking to block the Pfizer shot.

Dr. Jay Portnoy of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, said despite over 4,000 emails urging him to vote against the vaccine, he was persuaded by the data showing it works. Portnoy said he also was representing "parents I see every day in the clinic who are terrified of sending their children to school. ... They need a voice also."

Panelists stressed they weren't supporting vaccine mandates for young children — and the FDA doesn't make mandate decisions. FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter

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business.

He has been experiencing supply chain issues "across the board," he said. COVID-19 cases surged in Vietnam in July and August, forcing some factories that make hats and other headwear to shut down. And there have been transportation problems with manufacturers in China, where he gets items like hoodies and sweatshirts.

Lynch shifted some production closer to home. He's making popular items like hats and T-shirts in Tijuana, Mexico. But he's still facing delays due to a shortage in raw materials.

Christine Noh, CEO of Nohble, an independent chain of five shoe and apparel stores in New York and New Jersey, says she is terrified about the upcoming holiday season. Her inventory is down 58% and half the shelves in her warehouse are empty. Big shoe

brands like Nike and Adidas were heavily affected when factories in Vietnam closed.

Noh started a private label line to help make sure to have enough stock in stores. The line makes fleece athletic sets and basic tees. It's manufactured in Bangladesh, where she has a relationship with the factory.

"When we're placing an order with

them, we have more communication and visibility," she said. And she elected to air freight some of the clothes to make sure they come in.

Timing is key because of the short holiday window.

"If everything shows up in January, that's not really helpful," she said. "Hence, there's a feeling of everyone holding their breath collectively."

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board members agreed.

McMurphy said the board also needs to come up with a contract to be signed with each ambulance service to provide a paper trail as board members change in the future. In addition, he said they need to decide if they will make monthly or quarterly payments to the ambulance services. Chaffee made a motion to table the by-laws with Smith seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Next the board members had to decide when they want to meet for the remainder of this calendar year. After some discussion, Phillips made a motion that the next meeting be set for Monday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. Chaffee seconded, and the motion carried.

McMurphy said the board needs to decide on the term of office, but that wasn't on the agenda so it should be included next time. Chaffee clarified that they didn't want every board member's term to expire at the same time.

The final action was to set meeting dates for calendar year 2022. Those dates need to be filed with the county clerk before December 15 each year. Board members discussed meeting quarterly. Chaffee made a motion to meet the first Monday of every quarter at 1 p.m. and the motion was approved.

A video of the meeting may be seen at www.AlvaReviewCourier.com.

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Marks also said it would be highly unusual for other groups to mandate something that's cleared only for emergency use. Several advisers said they wished they could tailor the shots for the highest-risk youngsters, a decision that would fall to the CDC.

Dr. James Hildreth of Meharry Medical College said he ultimately voted in favor of the vaccine "to make sure that the children who really need this vaccine — primarily Black and brown children in our country — get it."

Pfizer studied 2,268 elementary schoolchildren given two shots three weeks apart of either a placebo or the kid dose. Vaccinated youngsters developed levels of virus-fighting antibodies just as strong as teens and young adults who got the full-strength shots. More important, the vaccine proved nearly 91% effective at preventing symptomatic infection — based on 16 cases of COVID-19 among kids given dummy shots compared to just three who got vaccinated.

The kid dosage also proved safe, with similar or fewer temporary side effects — such as sore arms, fever or achiness — that teens experience. At FDA's request, Pfizer more recently enrolled another 2,300 youngsters into the study, and preliminary safety data has shown no red flags.

But that study isn't large enough to detect any extremely rare side effects, such

as the heart inflammation that occasionally occurs after the second full-strength dose, mostly in young men and teen boys. The panel spent hours discussing if younger children, given a smaller dose, might face that side effect, too.

Statistical models developed by FDA scientists showed that in most scenarios of the continuing pandemic, the vaccine would prevent far more COVID-19 hospitalizations in this age group than would potentially be caused by that rare heart problem.

FDA's models suggested the vaccine could prevent 200 to 250 hospitalizations for every 1 million youngsters vaccinated — assuming that virus spread remained high, something that's hard to predict. FDA scientists also said younger kids likely won't have as much risk of heart inflammation as teens but if they did, it might cause about 58 hospitalizations per million vaccinations.

"I do think it's a relatively close call," said adviser Dr. Eric Rubin of Harvard University. "It's really going to be a question of what the prevailing conditions are but we're never going to learn about how safe this vaccine is unless we start giving it."

Moderna also is studying its vaccine in young children, and Pfizer has additional studies underway in those younger than 5.

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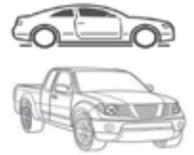
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9:12 a.m. – Report of three dogs chasing other dogs on the west side of Ingersol.

12:20 p.m. – Welfare check needed in the 200 block of 3 Street.

7:49 p.m. – Report of a vehicle vs. calf on Dewey Road between county roads 560 and 570.

7:50 p.m. – Welfare check needed on an inmate. Caller advised they hadn't heard from the person in a long time.

Thursday, October 21, 2021

During this day there was one traffic stop, one report of cattle out and four controlled burns.

6:57 a.m. – Report of a car vs. deer on OK-8 and Stateline Road. Advised she couldn't get her door opened

8:15 a.m. – A female came into the sheriff's office and requested a medic. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital.

8:59 a.m. – Report of a copper theft at County Road 730 and Coal.

12:08 p.m. – Report of two aggressive dachshunds in the 1100 block of Oklahoma. Owner put them up.

12:16 p.m. – Report of a

male with low blood sugar. No transport needed.

7:19 p.m. – Caller advised two juveniles were breaking into her shed at that very moment. Advised they pried the door open and were still inside. Officer found three juveniles and en route with them to the sheriff's office.

8:24 p.m. – Report of fraud. Advised they gave the person a total of \$6,200 to get their vehicle fixed and they were advised they only needed \$5,000.

Friday, October 22, 2021

During this day there were three traffic stops, one report of cattle out and one controlled burn.

6:41 a.m. – Caller wanted to talk to deputy about suspicious activity at a well site east of Byron.

2:28 p.m. – Medic needed for a male that was hit in the head with a bridle and was bleeding.

4:15 p.m. – Caller advised for the back 4-5 days about 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. he would hear gun shots around his property.

4:18 p.m. – Report of property damage at the airport.

5:07 p.m. – Caller advised an 18-wheeler ran off the road and almost hit a car head on. And was westbound on OK-412. Advised Major County.

6:20 p.m. – Caller advised he was headed west on Greer and almost hit a man on a four-wheeler.

9:50 p.m. – Medic for a male with chest pains. Medic

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Wednesday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is doing in person dining and delivery for homebound seniors. Please call 327-1822 until noon the day before to order. In person meals are at noon.

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club will meet at Cancun Mexican Grill.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday.

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

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

6 p.m. Caregiver Support Group meets every fourth Thursday of the month at The Homestead in Alva.

7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting at 623 5th St. (Youth Corr House), Alva on and Thursdays.

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From Page 44 Estate

Traffic Citations

Kobe Lee Bellows, Woodward, has been cited for improperly towing trailers. (\$249)

David James Neely, Konawa, Kansas, has been cited for overweight vehicle gross. (\$434)

Timothy Leroy Grim, Pond Creek, has been cited for overweight vehicle (axle). (\$684)

Fred Dawayne Grantz, Enid, has been cited for overweight vehicle (axle). (\$584)

Robert Darrell Keller, Medford, has been cited for speeding 15 mph over the speed limit. (\$264)

Gregory Lynn Alvey, Enid, has been

cited for speeding 31-35 mph over the speed limit. (\$399)

Kenneth Lee Trammell, Helena, has been cited for speeding 41 or more mph over the speed limit. (\$654)

Raegan Renee Scobey, Helena, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit. (\$100)

Brandi Lynn Barker, Enid, has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit. (\$264)

Natalie Rose Berryhill, Remus, Michigan, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit. (\$100)

Sherman Clayton Conley, Sperry, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit. (\$100)

From Page 45 Sheriff

took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Saturday, October 23, 2021

During this day there were two controlled burns, one report of cattle out and one traffic stop.

9:10 a.m. – Caller advised there was an issue with his dog and a female walking down the street. Advised a male got involved in the situation and advised him that he would put the dog down if it happened again. Caller advised he believes his dog now has been poisoned and was headed to the

vet with the dog.

9:37 a.m. – Medic needed for a male that was weak. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

7:51 p.m. – Report of two Labs out at the Jiffy Trip.

Sunday, October 24, 2021

During this day there were three reports of cattle out.

2:54 a.m. – Medic needed for a male with chest pains. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

7:43 a.m. – Medic needed for a female with possible heart attack. Medic took the patient to Share Medical Center.

10:42 a.m. – Report of an alarm going off in Jet. Deputy advised the building was secure.

5:04 p.m. – Reporting party advised there were goats out and someone was shooting at them. Advised 2 to 3 goats were shot.

6:20 p.m. – Medic needed for a female that got dizzy and hit her head and hand on the floor. No transport needed.

11:37 p.m. – Caller advised there was a dog barking on the corner by her house. Caller advised they had been ticked before because of the dog. Officer checked the area and there was no dogs.

Monday, October 25, 2021

6:25 a.m. – Report that a vehicle hit a deer north of Helena.

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