Amy Wallace, eighth grader at Aline-Cleo, was chosen as the November Student of the Month.

Her school philosophy is to achieve good grades and be the best she can be. She believes her school is unique because, “Even though we are different people, we all work together to achieve a single goal.”

Mrs. Swart has inspired her that she can take charge when no one else is willing.

Amy loves reading books and being with her friends. Her favorite quote is, “Maybe someday everyone will be awesome to each other.” ~ Kid President

She is the daughter of Austin and Dacia Wallace of Aline.

Margaret Goss will be one of several performers of Christmas songs to be heard at the Sod House Museum on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Aline-Cleo
November Student of the Month

ALINE, Okla. — The beautiful sound of the dulcimer will be showcased in traditional songs during the Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1-3 p.m. at the Sod House Museum.

The holiday music will be performed by area musicians and stringed groups including the Silver Strings from Carmon, a mountain dulcimer group, hammered dulcimer musicians Margaret Goss and more.

Goss began playing about 13 years ago and has added other stringed instruments to her musical collections including bowed psalteries, autoharp and mountain dulcimer.

In addition to performances by the area musicians, the Sod House Museum will have traditional decorations along with cookies and hot cider provided by the Friends of the Sod House.

This year, the Friends of the Sod House will have a “Nine Patch” quilt that will be given away in a raffle at the open house. The museum will be decorated for Christmas with the Sod House itself decorated for traditional 1890s Pioneer Christmas.

The Christmas Open House is a “thank you” for the continued support of the museum. Operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society, the museum is located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8. The museum is open Tuesday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information contact Director Renee Trindle at 580-463-2441 or sodhouse@history.ok.gov

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Christmas is for giving … within a budget

By Marione Martin

Christmas is a little over two weeks away, and I haven’t started my gift shopping. Luckily, a lot of those on my list are teenagers and young adults who are happiest with a money gift.

Christmas in “the old days” meant I’d get a new doll, some new socks and underwear, and a stocking (a real wearable sock) filled with an apple, an orange and a candy cane. Occasionally my bachelor uncle out in Wyoming would send gifts. Once it was twin dolls, one with white skin and one with dark skin. My maternal grandmother, a talented seamstress, would usually make me a dress.

Christmas and gift giving have changed a lot since those days. Kids often clamor for the new toy of the moment. In some families, there are those who compete to give the biggest and most expensive gifts. Others keep it simple and homemade.

I was curious how much people spend nowadays on gifts so I typed a question into my internet search engine. That led to more questions, and here are some interesting things I learned:

How much will Americans spend on gifts?

Deloitte research suggests that overall holiday spending in 2022 is expected to match 2021 levels closely, at $1,455 per consumer. According to the NRF, consumers plan to spend $998, on average, for holiday gifts this year.

How much will parents spend per child?

When it comes to their gift recipients, kids are the top priority for parents (54%), followed by their spouses. In 2021, American parents spent an average of $276 per child and $251 on gifts for themselves and their partners, and they’re expected to spend similarly this year.

How much will people spend on themselves this year?

In the age of self-care, many people are prioritizing themselves when it comes to holiday purchases. A recent study found that US adults plan to spend $183 on themselves this holiday season, with two-thirds of purchases being on clothing.

What will the Christmas Price Index (CPI) be this year?

Each year, PNC puts together a whimsical list of how much each gift from the classic holiday song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” would cost today. In 2021, the total US CPI was $41,205.58, a 5.7% growth compared to 2019.

This year, “a partridge in a pear tree” would cost $222.68, up 6% due “entirely to the cost of this tree.” The price of “two turtle doves” would be $450, an increase of 50% and “the most changed gifts in the index this year.”

Four Gift Rule

A trend that has gained traction over the past few years on social media is the “four gift rule.” Parents pledge to give their offspring just four presents: Something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read.

Other parents have come up with variations such as the Rule of 10, adding six more gifts to the original four: something to wear on your feet, something to make, something to do, something to play as a family, something to give to others, and something to do for others.

What is the five gift rule?

In the Five Gift Rule, the first four gifts are the same – something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read. But the 5th? The 5th is the real winner. It’s something they need or want but don’t really know it.

How much money can a parent gift a child in 2022?

The annual exclusion limit (the cap on tax-free gifts) is a whopping $16,000 per person per year for 2022 (it’s $17,000 for gifts made in 2023). So even if you do give outrageously, you wouldn’t have to file a gift tax return unless you went over those limits.

Do I have to report money my parents gave me?

You most likely won’t owe any gift taxes on a gift your parents make to you. Depending on the amount, your parents may need to file a gift tax return. If they give you or any other individual more than $32,000 in 2022 ($16,000 per parent), they will need to file some paperwork.

Giving Money

Giving money as a gift – or even asking for money as a gift – used to be considered tacky. But not anymore. “Money is an appropriate gift,” says etiquette expert Elaine Swann, founder of The Swann School of Protocol. “Studies say that it is the most welcomed gift – the one gift that most people want.”

If you’re creative or crafty, there are numerous ways to give your money gift an extra zing. There’s the balloon pop where you fill balloons with cash and inflate them. Be careful. I saw a video online of an outdoor party where the honored person opened a box containing helium balloons with a tail of money. Before anyone could react, the balloons carried the money far up into the sky and out of sight!

A nother idea is to put money in the center of a toilet paper roll with an amusing note. The one suggested is “I just in case you get crap for Christmas, use this!”

There are other ideas involving containers like using a Play Doh container for the “dough.” Or fill a clear jar with candy and put the cash in the middle. Try a box of chocolates, replacing some of the candy with cash.

For kids or fun-loving adults, there’s the scavenger hunt. Try hiding a $20 in a good book, even a coloring book. Attach money to the tips of an umbrella so when it’s opened, it’s raining money.

How do I stop overspending on Christmas presents?

If you have a problem with not knowing when to stop buying gifts, try these tips from becomingminimalist.com:

• Set a budget. Before the holiday shopping season even begins, decide how much money you want to spend.

• Limit self-gifting. While you’re browsing you come across that perfect sweater or electronic gadget that throws your budget under the bus.

• Establish expectations early. Let gift recipients know if you need to cut back this year.

• Look for shortcuts to make travel cheaper. Booking airplane tickets well in advance is a good way to save.

• Track spending. Keep a list of what you bought for each person and the cost so you don’t go over-budget.

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Santa Claus Appearance!
Alva Assistant Coach Taylor resigns

By Marione Martin

During the Alva Board of Education meeting Monday, Superintendent Tim Argo announced the resignation effective Dec. 18 of Jennifer Taylor who has assisted at the high school in both basketball and softball. “She has been an integral part of both of those programs, and we will really miss her,” he said. “They have an opportunity as a family to move closer to home.”

As part of accreditation, the school district is required to prepare a dropout and remediation report. Argo said Alva had one dropout for the FY21-22 school year. He expressed appreciation for the work Terri Smithey has done to update those files and be aware of transfers.

The school is a year behind in the remediation report because it is obtained from the state regents, and it lags a year behind. Going into the FY20-21 school year, Alva had 29 students enrolled as full-time students at state universities. No students needed to take remediation classes in English or science. Six students were required to take remediation classes in math, which means a zero level course, Argo said. These numbers do not include out-of-state students or part-time students.

Bids were scheduled to be opened Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6, for the high school cafeteria remodeling project, Argo said. The estimated cost is $150,000 or more. Money for this will come from the child nutrition fund carryover.

He announced that Cecely Franz has been named the Alva district teacher of the year, and the rising star is Maya Stewart.

Strategic Planning

Lincoln Elementary Principal Jenny Webster provided the board with an update on the Culture and Community portion of the Strategic Plan. She said a discipline committee has been established with administrators, teachers and parents from each school site.

Webster described the ways students at the schools are recognized, rewarded and challenged for positive behavior and values.

Parents were asked to take a survey through an app that was sent out or at parent-teacher conferences. They had 178 responses with six questions reaching goal levels. Two were slightly below goals for 2024. One involved teachers assigning “homework that helps my child learn.” The other was that “students in my child’s school are well behaved.”

Next Supt. Argo gave a presentation on school finance. He explained local revenue sources and how a district receives federal aid. He also told the board there’s no such thing as a school being “off the formula.” Some are described that way when they receive no foundation and salary incentive aid from state appropriations. However, all districts receive transportation funding from the state.

In surveys, the highest priority for facilities was in roof repair and replacement. On Nov. 8, Corbin Merz Haney (architects) looked at roof repair and replacement, ADA access to the vocal room and the Lincoln School library foundation wall and floor slope.

Student Proficiency

Washington Principal and District Curriculum Coordinator Shane Feely presented FY 21-22 data on student testing. He said Covid had the biggest impact on early childhood learners which he read was a national trend. He said third graders, the first year of testing, were compared to FY18-19 scores before Covid and showed a drop in scores. From fourth grade on, students were compared to their test levels the previous year.

Most of the students showed improvement in ELA (English language arts) and math. Fourth grade math was a “bright spot” because they improved to 60 percent proficiency, reaching the strategic plan goal level, said Feely. He talked to teachers and was told this class was a very mathematically minded group. Fifth and sixth grade students showed a decrease from the previous year in both English and math. Eighth graders showed a decrease in math proficiency.

“Those are worrisome numbers, obviously,” said Feely. “We’ve been spending quite a bit of time with ICLE, the International Center for Leadership and Education, the last three years, and we’ve been working with teachers about prioritizing standards and then creating common formative assessments so we see if our tier one instruction is actually making a mark. If it’s not, then we need to go back and change something.”

He said he is concerned about the declining trend in proficiency levels as students move into the higher grade levels. He said those declining trends are predictive of where students are headed with ACT scores when they get to high school which is a predictor of college success. He believes the key is to change the instructional model that teachers are using with coaching.
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Cherokee School's basketball season is heating up

By Kathleen Lourde
The Cherokee Board of Education held its regular monthly board meeting Monday, Dec. 5. Both principals were at ball games that evening, so Superintendent Bryce Schanbacher read their reports to the board.

In the high school, October students of the month were Brant Failes and Kinsy Roberts. The junior high October students of the month were Wyatt Parker and Lyndzee Wessels.

FCCLA students went to Fairview this Wednesday to compete in their basic Star events. The semester tests will be given on the 15th and 16th.

In the elementary, Christmas Program preparations underway; the performance will be on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 5:30.

The elementary academic team won district today, Schanbacher said.

Sports
The principals' reports noted that the boys junior high basketball team placed third in the junior high tournament.

Abby Guffy, Aiden Sanborn and Brant Failes comprised the state runner up team in the livestock handling finals held in Oklahoma City.

The girls cross-country team received the Distinguished Academic Award for having at least a 3.5 GPA and in the top 10% in 2A cross country.

Both boys and girls high school basketball teams will play in the Canton basketball tournament this week.

In the elementary, basketball teams were playing in Burlington the night of the meeting. They play Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. here against DCLA – “I think that’s a makeup game,” Schanbacher said. “Then they play Medford here at 4:30 p.m. next Monday, I think.”

Other Board Business
In what was a very short meeting, the board approved the consent agenda, consisting of minutes of past meetings; general, building, child nutrition funds’ encumbrances, purchase orders and warrants; treasurer’s report, activity fund report; and fundraisers. The fundraiser request approved was for the library; they’d like to offer pictures with Santa, as they did last year.

Schanbacher went over the financial reports. The only unusual expenditure was a payment of almost $6,200 to Independent Diesel Services for repairs made to the yellow bus. “Everything else is normal monthly expenses,” he said. “It’s pretty much business as usual.”

Superintendent’s Report
Superintendent Schanbacher said he didn’t have much to report. “I visited a little today with the city about the sidewalk project,” he said. “They’ve started Phase 2. Right now we’re not a part of that; it’s just not a commitment we can make at this time.” First bids will go out on the project, and once they’re awarded people will have a better idea of when Phase 2 will be complete.

Schanbacher warned that he was told this summer would be the soonest it could happen.

A few days after the last board meeting, Schanbacher was notified that a Sandridge tax protest decision didn’t go the school’s way. “We lost 100% of what they protested,” he said. “So we’ll have some conversations about options concerning our bond issues with those tax protest decisions. That’s going to be a big hit for a lot of people. As of right now, we make adjustments to our budget, and we didn’t count on that money.

“Other than that, there’s not much else to report; we’re finishing up the first semester,” he said.

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned.
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He said Alva’s teachers are working hard, but he believes “it has more to do with what we culturally believe school is supposed to be in Alva, how it’s supposed to look. We want to change that.” He said chronic student absenteeism is also a factor.

Financial

Supt. Argo reports gross production collections are $400,000 above last year’s levels. Motor vehicle tax is lower, and all other collections are above last year’s levels. The district has collected $743,000 this year to date than last year while expenses are $414,000 more than last year at this point.

In the activity fund, the board approved a fundraiser, a penny war, held last month at the middle school. Argo reported the funds from the elementary schools’ color run were distributed with Lincoln, Longfellow and Washington schools each receiving $3,714.07.

In the child nutrition fund, Argo said the number of lunches served saw a dip in October, but the levels are back up for November. However, the number of breakfasts served in November was down a little. He reported continued positive feedback from middle school and high school students about the order-ahead lunch option.

General fund purchase orders totaled $864,377.53 and payroll of $304.50 for a year-to-date total of $11,387,538.92. A large encumbrance of $809,312.61 to Kyler Construction is for the HV AC project in the gym. This amount will be reimbursed with ESSER funds. Repairs to the activities coach bus cost $31,442.76 which included transmission replacement and repairs to the four-way flasher, the AC system, and exhaust pipe as well as four new tires.

A purchase order of $1,365 to Oklahoma FFA was to pay membership dues. Art supplies cost $1,058.20. Two purchase orders for $1,038.24 and $1,375 are for graduation supplies. A purchase from Metadot of $1,347.60 is for IT department software for the help desk and asset management. A software purchase of $1,782.46 for the ELL (English language learners) program will facilitate record keeping of learning plans for students.

The building fund purchase orders approved totaled $222,615.06 for a year-to-date total of $556,175.12. This included an encumbrance of $216,115.39 to Kyler Construction for the HVAC project. This is the school’s match for the project and is not reimbursable. Other expenditures were for custodial supplies and $1,000 for repairs and maintenance of the high school boiler.

The child nutrition fund expenditure of $295.50 was for cleaning kitchen hoods at all schools. Year-to-date purchase orders total $501,686.37.

Other Business

All school board members were present for the meeting. The board approved a revised extra duty salary schedule to add $2,000 for Chris Eckhardt as multi-media coordinator. Supt. Argo said this is to recognize Eckhardt’s extra time and effort on these projects. Changes were also approved to the extra duty salary assignments to add Brandon Ellis as assistant basketball coach for the sixth grade and to add Eckhardt.

With improvements both financially and economically in the district, the board members voted to approve a professional development stipend of $500 for all full time employees who attend the safety training meeting.

As they are required to do quarterly, the board approved school board policy FE related to class capacity numbers. Argo said these have not changed. Capacity limits are posted on the school website under the enrollment tab.

An out-of-state travel request from Alva FFA sponsor Randy Nation for students to attend the Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest was approved. It will be held Dec. 9 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The board also approved a contract with Corbin Merz Haney on the roof replacement project. The architectural firm will be paid six percent of the total construction cost which will be determined by bids. Argo said the architectural firm has worked with Chisholm, Waynoka and Pioneer schools.

A video of the entire meeting may be viewed at www.AlvaReviewCourier.com.
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Waynoka FFA members attended the “Made for Excellence” and “Advanced Leadership Development” camps on Dec. 3 and 4. MFE explores topics such as self-esteem, motivation, goal setting and teamwork. ALD explores topics such as communication, team leadership, personal growth and careers. Members got to listen to speakers, enjoy a magic show and dance, and had a great time learning how to become better leaders and meeting new people. From left: Hunter Durkee, Makinze Smith, Tayen Redgate, Korbin Ferguson and Stetson Nix.

Waynoka FFA members joined the Waynoka 4-H members in preparing to-go orders as well as serving dine-in meals at the annual Waynoka Community Sunshiner Dinner on Nov. 19. Jessica Goucher provided entertainment for the guests. From left: (front row) Jay Beck, Briston Beck, Raegan Wilson, Addley Hanson and Paisley Reed; (middle row) Oakley Whitaker, Tayen Redgate, Makinze Smith; (back row) Marlie Pitts, Brylee Beck, Davin Budy, Jessica Goucher, Thomas Mathes.
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Alfalfa County officials discuss ARPA hardship funds

By Stacy Sanborn

The first Monday of the month marks the day commissioners get to sign extra paperwork. In Alfalfa County, Mike Roach, Jay Hague and Marvin Woodall tackled theirs, starting with previous meeting minutes, M&O payment warrants, and blanket purchase orders. They also signed off on monthly officer reports; Court Clerk RM&P reports; highway expenditures; appropriations, and the alcohol beverage tax allocation.

Next was a claim form for JP 30467(04) Alfalfa County ROW Parcels 1, 2, 3, & 4, and then a transfer form on a bookcase hutch from the emergency manager’s office to the commissioners’ office (Inv. no. EM 106 100.02, Serial no. HON10700).

They took no action on a contract with Noble Systems (for the 911 office) but went on to discuss the resolution for a Covid-19 ARPA hardship for employees (HB 1064 regarding county officer salary). In the discussion, Hague proposed an amount of $1,200, which Woodall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On transference of said funds, County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger said per D.A. Chris Boring letters needed to be signed by all officers, and to date, one signature was lacking. Schwerdtfeger recommended addressing the matter in an officer’s meeting and emphasized that she wants her employees to get raises.

Commissions opted to take no action this week on the agenda item regarding a federal lands access program project memorandum.

**Appropriations**

- 911 Phone Fees (1201) $6,587.02
- ARPA-LATCF $52,116.60
- ARPA of 2021 (1566) $237.14
- Assessor Revolving Fee (1204) $111.52
- CBRI 1103 $36,933.90
- County Clerk Lien Fee (1208) $406.44
- Court Clerk RM&P (1209) $1,652.10
- Court Clerk RM&P (7210) $69.75
- Educational Trust (7605) $7,290
- Election Board SL-2 MO $210
- Emergency Medical Service (1304) $8,260.90
- Enhanced 911-ST (1332) $11,765.44
- Fair Improvement - ST (1310) $5,773.75
- General Govt - ST (1311) $22,625.90
- Highway (1102) $507,151.93
- Highway ST (1313) $26,019.78
- Rural Fire (1321) $34,447.56
- Sheriff Forfeiture (1225) $338
- Sheriff Service Fee (1226) $2,842.49
- Sheriff Sales Tax (1319) $6,765.15
- Treasurer Mortgage Cert (1230) $45

**Alcoholic Beverage Tax**

- Aline $430.45
- Amorita $97.36
- Burlington $317.71
- Byron $94.80
- Carmen $922.39
- Cherokee $3,781.80
- Goltry $643.11
- Helena $3,938.80
- Jet $504.75
- Lambert $12.81

Total: $10,743.27.

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NEW - 160 Acres - SE4/ - 33-27-14, W.I.M. This tract has 160 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Grant Silt Loam and Pond Creek Silt Loam soils) and is watered by a windmill. All minerals are intact and sell with the farm. They are pricing at the present time. PRICE: $495,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres, N1/2 SW1/4 and the NW1/4 - 17-27-15, W1/2 SW1/4, W1/2 SE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, 33-27-15, E1/2 NESW, E1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4 - 17-27-15, E1/2 SE1/4, NNW1/4 SE1/4, SW1/4 - 18-27-15. This tract consists of 160 acres of excellent grassland, all contiguous, lying 12 miles northwest of Alva, Okla. 94 acres was planted to wheat, winter grass. It has excellent hunting potential and is watered by five ponds. Fences are good, 4- and 5-wire fences with some new over the past three years. PRICE: $1,350,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres - NE1/4 - 14-26-24, W.I.M., Harper County, Okla. This tract consists of 148 Acres of good cropland (primarily Vernon Clay Loam and Granfield Fine Sandy Loam soils), and the balance being 4 acres in scattered grass fields. Located 8 miles north of May, Oklahoma, on Hwy 46. NEW PRICE: $192,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres - SE1/4 - 25-27-15, W.I.M. This tract has 167 Acres of good cropland (primarily Grant Silt Loam and Vernon Fine Sandy loam soils.) Watered by a windmill. PRICE: $375,000.00

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NEW PRICE: $900,000.00

NEW - 154 Acres - NW1/4 - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 146 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Hardiman Fine Sandy Loam soils). The farm has rural water and lies north of the Alva Industrial Park. PRICE: $925,000.00

NEW - 315 Acres of which 208 Acres is excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek Silt Loam, Dale Silt, and the balance being 107 Acres of excellent improvements include a 1200 sq. ft. home, 50’x100’ shed - like new, 32’x60’ shop w/ 16’ lean-to, steel corrals, cements bunks with loafing shed, three overhead bins. N1/2 - 29-27-12, W.I.M., Grant County, Okla. PRICE: $1,050,000.00

NEW - 316 Acres - Grant County, Okla - 15 miles west of Medford, Okla on SW1/4 11-20-13 Acres is good cropland, and the balance being 111 Acres

SOLD - 160 Acres - Blue Ribbon Farm - Excellent Cropland (Pond Creek Silt Loam Soils), watered, rural water, NE1/4 - 15-28-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. PRICE: $550,000.00

SOLD - 164 Acres NE1/4 and the NW1/4 - 24-27-13, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. This tract consists of 443 Acres of very good cropland (primarily Grant Silt Loam and Pond Creek Silt Loam soils) and 31 acres of grass and trees, watered by two windmills, and the northwest quarter has good hunting potential. PRICE: $1,200,000.00

SOLD - 120 Acres - W1/2 - 11-25-14, Woods County, Okla. This tract has an excellent stand of oak, buffalo grass, New fences and cross fences, good water, bunk lines, corrals, and shade on a paved road. PRICE: $750,000.00

SOLD - 120 Acres - SW1/4 - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. PRICE: $345,000.00

SOLD - 120 Acres SW1/4 - 19-27-12, W.I.M., Alva, Alfalfa County, Okla. PRICE: $425,000.00

SOLD - 120 Acres NE1/4 - 25-27-13, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. PRICE: $475,000.00

SOLD - 160 Acres of which 74 Acres is good cropland (Hardiman Silt Loam & Woodward Complex Silt Loam), and the balance being 206 Acres of good grassland, E1/2 - 10-28-11, Woods County, Okla. PRICE: $625,000.00

SOLD - 160 Acres - NW1/4 - 29-26-14, Woods County, Okla. This consists of 160 Acres of excellent grassland, 20 Acres was seeded to SW-Sper, and the balance being 72 Acres of native grass, trees, and Eagle Chief Creek. This farm has excellent hunting potential and is selling with 80 Acres of minerals. Located 6 miles south of Alva to Avard Road. Then, 4 miles west to farm. PRICE: $390,000.00

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Kiowa District Hospital, manor kitchen construction to begin mid-January

Covid numbers have risen

By Yvonne Miller

The Kiowa District Hospital Board of Directors met Nov. 28 with all members present including Chairman Pat Myers and members Marcia Cantrell, Chantae Simpson, Jeff Miller and Jim Parker. CEO/CFO Janell Goodno also sat at the board table with COO Philip Anton. Hospital personnel also attending were Chief of Staff Dr. Paul Wilhelm, RHC Manager Lacey Volker, Business Office Manager Tara Girty, Hospital DON Robyn Whitaker, Manor DON Brandy McKitrick, Interim CFO Gene Kaberline, Accountant/Biller Courtney Larson, and Foundation President Judy Schrock.

An Employee Retention Credit (2021) was on the agenda. This is a government funded program that would primarily benefit the manor. The bottom line is it could mean about $200,000 for the manor. It could mean $5,000 per employee for 2020; and $7,000 per employee for the first three-quarters of 2021. The hospital’s audit firm BKD is now Forvis. They will act as adviser to the hospital to see how many employees may qualify and if it would be profitable to move forward.

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KDH October Statistical and Financial Reports

Interim CFO Gene Kaberline is training accountant/biller Courtney Larson. Together they presented the hospital and manor financial and statistical reports. With years of experience working with Critical Access Hospitals, Kaberline spoke at length to the board sharing his expertise regarding cost reports, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, audits and much more.

Statistics show that October was on the slower side. There were 14 admissions to the hospital. Of those there were 55 total days of care – 15 acute days and 40 swingbed days. Total outpatient visits were 689. Some of the departments with the largest numbers were: lab, 305 visits; therapy, 126 visits; X-ray, 79 visits; ER, 49 visits.

The hospital showed a loss in October of $414,956. Kaberline pointed out that operating expenses were up due to three pay periods. In the future, this will be accrued rather than coming as three pay periods in two months of the year.

The hospital’s total operating revenue was $433,931 (that includes $4141 340B discount drug revenue). Expenses totaled $943,634. This made a loss from operations of $509,702. The addition of mainly tax revenue $94,746 curbed the loss to $414,956.

The manor has been full, running with a census of 25. In October the manor’s total operating revenue was $156,698. Total operating expenses were $294,958. Non-operating expenses were up at the manor due to the transfer of money for the kitchen remodel project. This made a loss of $138,260. With tax revenue and other income, the manor’s loss was reduced to $26,386.

Moving to the comparative balance sheets for the hospital and manor showed total cash in all funds was $2,182,907.

Girty reported that for October the accounts receivable were at $1,153,858. The average days in AR were 31 and total payments made were $409,548. The days in AR is considerably smaller than previous months.

At the end of October the hospital and manor showed a combined loss of $1,219,739. Total assets are $11,818,549. The board approved all the statistical and financial reports as presented. They also approved the list of bad debt. Following executive session the board approved financial assistance cases.

Regarding the 2022 Audit Schedule, Forvis will do the preliminary audit December 19. The 2022 Annual Audit will be completed by the last week in January, then work will begin on the cost report. This helps determine Medicare reimbursement for the hospital.

The next meeting of the board is Wednesday, Dec. 28.
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By Marione Martin

When Waynoka Mayor Susan Bradford asked the Woods County commissioners for financial assistance with a new waterline, the commissioners expressed a willingness to do so. However, they said the City of Waynoka would need to advertise for bids so they’d know the total amount needed. The new waterline will connect current waterlines to property newly annexed into the city where a developer is building an entertainment venue and RV parking. According to a legal notice for the bidding, the waterline is about 8,500 feet long and will use 6 inch PVC pipe.

Bradford told the Newsgram she is confident the new facility will benefit the county and Waynoka through increased ad valorem and sales tax revenue.

On Monday, Bradford brought the two bids to the commissioners’ meeting. She said UTS bid $121,216.74 while Core and Main bid $110,659.86. The low bidder, Core and Main, said they have the materials in stock.

Commissioner Randy McMurphy made a motion for the county to pay up to $110,659.86, seconded by Commissioner John Smiley. McMurphy, Smiley and Commissioner David Hamil all voted in favor. The project will be paid for using county ARPA funds.

The commissioners approved the following monthly reports:
- Assessor Collections $324.00
- County Clerk Collections $42,788.46
- Health Dept. Collections $77.00
- Treasurer Balance $6,594.68

The commissioners voted to approve the transfer of funds from District 2 CBIR to the ETR fund for payment in the amount of $10,000. This is a no-interest loan that McMurphy used to purchase road materials.

A resolution declaring a gun from the Sheriff’s Office as surplus and removing it from inventory was approved. Apparently the gun was disposed of years ago but never removed from the inventory.

The commissioners also approved blanket purchase orders and minutes of the last meeting.
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DEMONSTRATING A NATURAL TALENT - Tamara Bogatay intently paints on one of her unique farmhouse creations. She does this at her booth during Kiowa's Vendor Show Sunday afternoon. The show was packed with vendors and shoppers. Photo by Yvonne Miller

MOMS SUPPORTING THEIR KIDS AND TEAM - Christina Duvall and Liz Humphrey offer many homemade desserts at their booth at Kiowa’s Vendor Show during the town’s Christmas in the Heartland celebration. As moms of South Barber athletes, they are helping raise money to pay for new team shirts. Photo by Yvonne Miller

Waynoka FFA member Kennedy Zook placed 5th at State in the Ag Policy Division at the FFA Speech Contest held on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Stillwater. From left: Kennedy Zook, Scott Blubaugh

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Happy ‘Who-lidays’ from Kiowa’s Lighted Christmas Parade

HAVING A WHOLE LOTTAS FUN IN WHOSVILLE - Members of the SBHS drama class became part of the Dr. Seuss Whosville Christmas community on their colorful, fun float they created for the Kiowa Christmas Parade. They won the Christmas Star Award for most festive and best Christmas spirit. Students are (from left): Autumn Drake, Arrington Allen, Cash Tomberlin, Jaden Allen, Kyle Dotts. Photo by Yvonne Miller

YOU’RE A MEAN ONE MR. GRINCH – At Kiowa’s Christmas Parade, a hand-cuffed Grinch takes up the rear with law enforcement following him to ensure Christmas will not be damaged. You’ll have to ask Willem Mostert if his favorite color is green. Photo by Yvonne Miller

By Yvonne Miller

The lime green, hairy, stinky, cranky, totally misunderstood Grinch was the highlight of Kiowa’s Lighted Christmas Parade Sunday evening. Main Street was lined with folks bundled up to protect themselves from the December chill. Kiowa’s Chamber of Commerce sponsors the parade that culminated the afternoon of downtown activities. This year’s theme was “Happy Who-lidays” from The Grinch!

Participants used their creativity to make floats depicting the magical Christmas community of ‘Whosville’ created by Dr. Seuss. Winners received $50 Kiowa Bucks. They are: Jingle Bell Award – Catholic Church; Christmas Star Award – South Barber High School Drama Club; Silver Bells Award – Richard Becker; and the Do You See What I See Award – Adriaan, Piper and Willem Mostert.

Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped with the fire at our property on Oklahoma Street. To the Volunteer Fire Department, police, Red Cross, our neighbors and friends, we can’t say enough. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and loving community. And let us all remember the importance of working smoke alarms as this enabled everyone to safely escape the fire.

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Texas cop didn’t say ‘gun’ before fatal shooting, search

By Jake Bleiberg
Associated Press

A Texas police officer who fatally shot a Black woman through a rear window of her home three years ago didn’t say the woman was holding a gun before he pulled the trigger and never mentioned the weapon before searching the house, the officer who was with him that night testified Tuesday.

Fort Worth Officer Carol Darch’s testimony in Aaron Dean’s murder trial for killing Atatiana Jefferson spoke to a key issue in the case: whether Dean saw Jefferson’s gun before he opened fire. Dean’s lawyers say the white officer saw the weapon, while prosecutors contend that the evidence will show otherwise.

Darch, 27, took the witness stand on the second day of the long-delayed trial and recalled Dean shooting the 28-year-old Jefferson while the officers were responding to a call about an open front door on Oct. 12, 2019. She acknowledged having memory problems because of two strokes she has suffered since then.

The case was unusual for the relative speed with which, amid public outrage, the Fort Worth Police Department released the body-camera video of the shooting and arrested Dean, who quit the force days after the shooting. Since then, it has been repeatedly postponed because of lawyerly wrangling, the terminal illness of the officer’s lead attorney and the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, Darch recalled that she and Dean thought Jefferson’s home might have been burglarized and that they went into the backyard, guns drawn, looking for signs of forced entry. She said as she scanned the back of the yard, she heard Dean yell and fire a shot before she could fully turn around.

Bodycam footage showed that neither officer identified themselves as police at the house. Dean’s attorney said Monday that Dean opened fire after seeing the silhouette of Jefferson with a gun in the window and a green laser sight pointed at him.

Darch testified that when she turned, all she could see in the window through which Jefferson had just been shot were “eyes as big as saucers.”

“The only thing I could see was eyes, really,” she said. “I couldn’t see if it was a male or female. Just eyes.”

Darch testified that Dean never said “gun” before he opened fire and that he didn’t mention a weapon as the two of them rushed into the house, a recollection supported by body camera footage played in court. In the footage, the officers could be heard yelling “hands up” and “show me your hands” as they searched the house. But Dean couldn’t be heard mentioning a weapon until he was looking at the gun next to Jefferson’s body. Darch recalled seeing the laser sight on the dropped gun.

Once inside, Darch said her sole focus became the wailing of Jefferson’s 8-year-old nephew, who witnessed the shooting.

Zion Carr, now 11, has offered contradictory accounts of whether his aunt pointed her pistol out the window.

He testified on the trial’s opening day that she always had the gun down, but said in a recorded interview soon after the shooting that she pointed it at the window.

A preliminary report on the crash may be available in about 10 days while determining the cause of the crash could take up to two years, Holloway said.
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BILLY ‘BILL’ J.D. ANDERSON
The funeral for Billy “Bill” J.D. Anderson, 90-year-old former Enid resident, was held Monday, December 5, 2022, in the Henninger-Hinson Chapel.
Bill was born to Robert “Bill” and Lena (Gilley) Anderson on May 4, 1932, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and died Wednesday, November 30, 2022, in the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison, Arkansas.
He is survived by his wife Sue (Morgan) Anderson of Jasper, Arkansas; five sons and nine grandchildren.

ROXIE LORENE BLUNK
Roxie Lorene Blunk was born June 9, 1947 to John and Iris Snead in Hardtner, Kansas, and passed away at her home December 2, 2022, at the age of 75.
On August 27, 1966, Roxie married her high school sweetheart, Randy Blunk. To this marriage two children were born, Rod and Ronda.
Roxie grew up in Hardtner, Kansas, and spent most of her time playing with neighbor kids or helping her daddy until she started school. Little did she know when she started the first grade, her future husband was in the second grade. Roxie loved sports, but girls were not allowed to participate so she chose to become a cheerleader. She also played the snare drum and was the majorette in the marching band. The highlight for her was marching in the Northwestern Homecoming Parade. Roxie was also chosen as Miss Hardtner and participated in the Miss Cinderella Pageant. Roxie’s parents taught her the importance of religion by taking her to Sunday School at a young age. She had perfect attendance almost every year. When she started high school she began teaching the little kids in Sunday School. Roxie loved little kids and enjoyed babysitting as well.
After graduating from high school, she attended cosmetology school in Pratt, Kansas. In 1966 after she and Randy Blunk were married, they moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where Randy was enrolled in pharmacy school. Roxie worked as a waitress for 3 ½ years to help put Randy through pharmacy school. She loved being a waitress, because all the other waitresses’ husbands were also in college.
Roxie’s favorite thing in the whole world was being a Granny to Whitney, Kadee, Chloe, Dakota and Cort. She was so proud of her grandkids and loved going to watch them participate in their activities. She was always their #1 fan.
For 40 years Roxie cooked for up to 11 men at a time during their harvest years. She was an amazing cook and loved taking care of the crew. Roxie also enjoyed playing bridge with her lady friends twice a month. The General Store was also a highlight for Roxie. Her job was taking care of all the toys. She will be missed by all!
Roxie is preceded in death by her parents, John and Iris Snead.
She is survived by her husband, Randy Blunk; her son, Rod Blunk and wife Julie of Hardtner, Kansas; her daughter, Ronda Hall and husband Shannon of Loco, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Chloe and Cort Blunk, Whitney, Kadee Belle, and Dakota Jo Hall.
Service for Roxie will be Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hardtner United Methodist Church. Viewing will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. with family present from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Kiowa. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.
Memorials may be given to Interim Hospice or Elwood Township Fire Department through the funeral home.
The family suggests casual dress for the service.

VALDA LIDJA JIRGENSONS
Valda Lidija Jirgensons née Spengelis, 99 years old, of Valdosta, Georgia, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2022.
Valda was born in Ludza, Latvia, to Janis and Pauline Spengelis on February 9, 1923. She went to secondary school in Rezekne, Latvia, and attended the Riga Conservatory of Music. Valda and her family fled to Germany during WWII. She married Leonids A. Jirgensons on October 20, 1946, while residing in the Displaced Persons camp in Eutin, Germany. In 1952, they were able to immigrate to the United States with their then two-year-old son, Dainis. An accomplished pianist and organist, Valda taught at the MacPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was very active in the Latvian community. In 1961, with Dainis and their two daughters, Aija and Nora, the family moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Leo taught classical languages at Texas Tech University. While there Valda earned two Masters degrees, one in German and the other in Organ Performance. After Leo passed away in 1982, she moved to Aiva, Oklahoma, and later to Valdosta, Georgia, sharing a home with her daughter Aija.
Valda is preceded in death by her husband Leonids A. Jirgensons, and her brother, Bruno Spengelis.
Valda is survived by her children, Dainis Jirgensons, Aija and her husband Jim Shrader, and Nora Nance; grandchildren, Alek and his wife Andrea Nance and Alexandra Rodgers; and great grandchildren, Eva and Esme.
Valda’s family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the Hospice of South Georgia. A according to her wishes, Valda’s remains were cremated and will be scattered on the waves of the Baltic Sea, home once again in Latvia.
Kind words and expressions of sympathy can be left at the family website at www.musicfuneralservices.com.

JERRY JAMES ‘JJ’ LOUTHAN
Jerry James Louthan, “JJ,” passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. JJ was born August 12, 1973, in Garden City, Kansas, to James Louthan and Barbara Chaloupek Louthan. He passed away after a long-fought battle with cancer on November 2, 2022, at the age of 49.
On January 1, 1994, JJ was united in marriage to Niki Strohmeyer. To their marriage came five children, Brannan, Jack, Payne, Judah and Myka.
JJ was all about family. He and Niki had family night each week where they would play games, watch movies and just enjoy being together. Every year the entire family would go on vacation.
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A SWEET MERRY CHRISTMAS – Ellie Wright is anxious to give Santa her list at Kiowa’s Christmas in the Heartland. Mrs. Claus hands Ellie a bag of candy that might be as sweet as she is.

Photo by Yvonne Miller

MESMERIZED BY SANTA – Little 18-month-old Lonnie Sanders is wide-eyed as his daddy sits him on Santa’s lap and he looks up at the long white beard. Lonnie is as cute as his jacket is red to start celebrating the Christmas holiday at Kiowa’s Christmas in the Heartland.

Photo by Yvonne Miller

GRANDMA WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY – Meagan Henry and her children (from left) Norah, age 4; Ronan, age 7; and Torin, age 2, stop to give Santa Claus their Christmas wish lists at Kiowa’s Christmas in the Heartland Sunday afternoon. Meagan’s mom Homer Masters has a birthday on Christmas Day and said she never misses a chance to visit with Santa and join her grandkids in the fun.

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together. JJ enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids in all their activities and he especially enjoyed coaching with the Yankees and Arrows teams. JJ was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with friends. Everyone who knew him will always remember his smile and his laugh, it was one of a kind just like he was!

JJ was preceded in death by his parents and an infant child Judah.

He is survived by his wife Niki, three sons, Brannan and wife Samantha of Alva, Jack of Alva, Payne of Alva, one daughter, Myka of Alva, five grandchildren, Chloe, Troy, Kylee, Ronan, and Octavia all of Alva, two siblings, a brother, David Louthan of Stringtown, Oklahoma, and a sister, Katricia Hickerson and her husband David of Colorado. He was also loved by many other family members and friends.

There will be a celebration of life on January 14, 2023, in Alva at The Bull. Memorial contributions can be made to the Louthan Love Fund, PO Box 781, Alva, OK 73717.

THE MOST FUN IS VISITING – At Kiowa’s Vendor Show during Christmas in the Heartland, the community building was full of vendors and shoppers. At Brenda Myers booth, visiting with friends is one of the best parts of the season – and then shopping! From left: Bea Thurman, Brenda Myers, Melva Armbruster, Jeanette Brattin and Glenna Reif. Photo by Yvonne Miller

Facebook parent Meta threatens to remove news from platform

Associated Press

Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. said Tuesday it will be “forced to consider” removing news content from its platform if Congress passes legislation requiring tech companies to pay news outlets for their material.

The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act, if passed, would allow news companies to collectively negotiate with social platforms over the terms on which their material appears on their sites.

Meta said it would rather pull news from its platforms than “submit to government-mandated negotiations that unfairly disregard the value we provide to news outlets.” The value, Meta said in a statement tweeted by spokesman Andy Stone, includes “increased traffic and subscriptions.”

Meta, which is based in Menlo Park, California, has taken similar stands in the past. Last year, it briefly blocked news from its platform in Australia after the country passed legislation that would compel tech companies to pay publishers for using their news stories. It later struck deals with Australian publishers.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a Democrat from Minnesota and the bill’s sponsor, said the legislation simply allows news organizations to band together to negotiate better prices for their news content with “the biggest companies the world has ever known.”

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Waynoka’s Daycen Cunningham (8) takes down Tipton’s offense. Photo by Desiree Morehead
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By Margaret Stafford
Associated Press

Two Kansas high schools are investigating after students at one school reportedly yelled racist and offensive taunts at the other school’s basketball team.

Topeka High School’s team was subjected to “racial slurs, threats and disgusting taunts,” during a game on Saturday with Valley Center High School, Coach Geo Lyons said in a Change.org petition. He also said Valley Center students used a Black baby doll to taunt his team during the game.

Lyons has started a petition asking that Valley Center High School fans be removed from sporting events.

Lyons did not return a message from The Associated Press on Tuesday. But he told KSN-TV that his son was shooting a free throw when the Valley Center student section chanted an expletive. He also alleged that racial epithets were used and his team was told they were going to be hung.

“I had a down locker room, I’m talking about tears were flowing in that locker room,” Lyons said.

Valley Center officials issued an apology Monday to Topeka High School for “inappropriate language and behavior” by students during the game.

The district said in a statement that Topeka and Valley Center officials worked to prevent any other negative interactions when the game ended.

The Black baby doll was part of a class assignment that requires students to “parent” the baby for a few days, the district said. It was not brought to the game intentionally to taunt Topeka High School but “without context, seeing the baby and images of the ‘baby’ caused hurt and concern to many, and for that we are very sorry,” the statement said.

Valley Center Superintendent Cory Gibson had a “fruitful” conversation about the incident with representatives of the NAACP on Tuesday, spokeswoman Amy Pavlacka said. Gibson and Valley Center High School Principal Bruce Lolling also visited with patrons from both cities to discuss the situation.

“After the district, we sent a letter to all VCHS families and students explaining there would be follow-up consequences for those students involved, and that we, as a community, should learn and grow from this experience,” the statement said.

Topeka schools Superintendent Tiffany Anderson said in a letter to district patrons that the incident has been reported to the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

She said the Topeka district appreciated Valley Center’s apology but they hope the district will take appropriate steps to address what occurred with those involved.

“I am so grateful for our coaches, principal (Rebecca) Morrissey and the mighty Trojans at Topeka High who modeled the conduct we expect from our students and we hope that it sets the example of what excellence looks like for others to learn from moving forward,” Anderson wrote.

Oklahoma man charged in killings of 4 men found in river

By Sean Murphy

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Oklahoma man accused of killing and dismembering four men in eastern Oklahoma was charged Monday with four counts of first-degree murder.

Okmulgee County District Attorney Carol Iski announced the charges against Joseph Kennedy, 67, at a news conference.

The dismembered bodies of Mark Chastain, 32, Billy Chastain, 30, Mike Sparks, 32, and Alex Stevens, 29, were found Oct. 14 in the Deep Fork River in Okmulgee, a town of around 11,000 people that is about 40 miles (65 kilometers) south of Tulsa. The men were believed to have left a house in Okmulgee on bicycles the evening of Oct. 9.

Iski said video from a nearby business places Kennedy at his Okmulgee scrap yard that night when authorities believe the men were shot and killed. She said investigators also found blood and personal items, including a broken set of dentures, in a field near the scrapyard, as well as 7.62-caliber shell casings.

Evidence from Kennedy’s cellphone also place him near a bridge where the men’s dismembered bodies were discovered, Iski said.

Iski said DNA evidence from blood found inside one of the vehicles Kennedy drove and on a pair of his sneakers also link him to the crime.

Court documents filed last week indicate Kennedy told a woman in Gore, Oklahoma, that he killed and dismembered the four men because they were stealing from him.

“He told her they were all against him, and he just lost it and he just started shooting,” Iski said. “She said that he told her that after he shot them, that he cut them up.”

Iski said she has not made a decision on whether to seek the death penalty.

Kennedy’s court-appointed attorneys have declined to comment on the case.

Kennedy was arrested Oct. 17 in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, while driving a stolen vehicle, Okmulgee Police Chief Joe Prentice said. He was later extradited to Oklahoma.
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Small Claims Filings
Rodney G. Heitfeld, Fairmount vs. Donal Joseph DeWett, Mill Creek and Kala DeWett, Mill Creek: forcible entry and detainer. ($68)

Divorce Filings
Kodee Lou Nickel vs. Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline: divorce. ($262.14)

Traffic Citations
Sean Kyle Roark, Olathe, Kansas, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit. ($100)

Wildlife Filings
Joshua W. Allen, Burlington, has been cited for headlighting (thermal). ($1,289)
Joshua W. Allen, Burlington, has been cited for shooting from a public roadway. ($739)

Barber County traffic report

Rodney Joe McGinnis has been cited for maximum speed limit.
Brandon Jay McCamey has been cited for maximum speed limit.
Kalynn Alafair Roy has been cited for maximum speed limit.
Ausencio C. Ortega Aguilar has been cited for maximum speed limit.
Jason Eric Douglas has been cited for maximum speed limit.
Reno J. Talbott has been cited for transporting an open container.
Dylan John Collins has been cited for maximum speed limit.

Florida beach erosion uncovers wooden ship from 1800s

By Mike Schneider and Freida Frisaro

DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, Fla. (AP) — Severe beach erosion from two late-season hurricanes has helped uncover what appears to be a wooden ship dating from the 1800s which had been buried under the sand on Florida’s East Coast for up to two centuries, impervious to cars that drove daily on the beach or sand castles built by generations of tourists.

Beachgoers and lifeguards discovered the wooden structure, between 80 feet to 100 feet (24 meters to 30.5 meters), poking out of the sand over Thanksgiving weekend in front of homes which collapsed into rubble on Daytona Beach Shores last month from Hurricane Nicole.

“Whenever you find a shipwreck on the beach it’s really an amazing occurrence. There’s this mystery, you know. It’s not there one day, and it’s there the next day, so it really captivates the imagination,” said maritime archaeologist Chuck Meide, who on Tuesday led an archeological team from St. Augustine, Florida to examine the beach find.

Hurricane Ian made landfall in late September on Florida’s southwest coast and exited into the Atlantic Ocean over central Florida. Nicole devastated much of Volusia County’s coastline in early November, leaving behind homes collapsed into the ocean after they had been made vulnerable to erosion from Ian.

“It’s a rare experience, but it’s not unique, and it seems with climate change and more intense hurricane seasons, it’s happening more frequently,” Meide said of the discovery.

The archeological team on Monday and Tuesday removed sand and made a shallow trench around the structure’s wooden timbers, took measurements and made sketches in an effort to solve the 200-year mystery. The digging team members went from using shovels to trowels and then their hands as more of the frame was exposed, so as not to damage any of the wood.

“It’s going a lot quicker today but it does take a lot of time,” said Arielle Cathers, one of the members of the team, as she knelt in the sand around the trench unearthing parts of the timber frame with a trowel. “You want to go really carefully.”

Meide, who serves as the director of the research arm of St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum in Florida, said he is convinced the structure is a shipwreck because of how it was constructed and the materials such as iron bolts that were used.

It’s not unusual for items to wash up, or become uncovered along beaches, after storms. In Martin County, which is about 160 miles (257 kilometers) south of Volusia County, the skeletal remains of six people believed to be from a Native American burial ground were unearthed by Nicole’s wind and waves. A historical steamer-style trunk and other items also washed onto beaches.

After the initial discovery two weeks ago, sand from waves reburied the ship’s timbers that had become visible on Daytona Shores Beach. Members of the archeological team this week don’t intend to uncover the entire length of the ship, but merely enough to measure it, draw it and possibly take some wood samples to test for its origins.
Alfalfa County Arena Events
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December Arena Events
10th - Santa Store
10th - Holiday Happenings
15th - American Plains Coop Meeting
17th - Kelsey Chuckie
Breakaway Roping Clinic
17th - Energy Transfer’s Christmas Party

Tumbling Every Tuesday Evening Exhibit Building
All Events Are Listed on our Facebook Page

Animals and Pets
Lost
850# Steer. Branded ST on left hip. NW of Hardtner, KS (last seen going north on Gyp Hill Rd). If found call 580-445-5145

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Alfalfa County Sheriff’s Office log

Tuesday, November 29, 2022
8:36 a.m. – Medical alarm went off on OK-45. Advised everything was okay. The people were just checking the alarm.

9:26 a.m. – Caller advised of a person with a gun shooting at his dog in the 100 block of 6th Street. Caller advised the dog had been shot. Dog was taken to the vet in critical condition.

11:06 a.m. – Medic needed in the 400 block of Main for a male who had been exposed to sewer gas and was breaking out in hives. No transportation needed.

8:11 p.m. – Medic needed at Jefferson Road and County Road 550, for a male who had collapsed with blood coming from his mouth and was unconscious. Medic took the patient to Share Medical Center in Alva.

10:08 p.m. – Caller advised their father had thrown and hurt them. Advised the father was intoxicated and the caller was injured. No transport needed and subjects were separated.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
During this day were one traffic stops and one report of cattle out.

5:53 a.m. – Caller advised she almost hit a truck and trailer in the road at OK-8 and OK-45 intersection. She only saw the truck because the driver had a flashlight. Deputy advised roadway was clear and the truck and trailer will remain in the ditch, waiting for parts.

7:49 a.m. – Report of a commercial alarm going off in the 300 block of Grand. All was okay.

8:30 a.m. – Report of dogs loose in the 900 block of Massachusetts. Caller advised she had a gun and will use it if the dog comes at her, as she was trying to get to her vehicle to go to work. Officer requested assistance. Officer advised and a taser was deployed.

7:49 a.m. – Report of a commercial alarm going off in the 300 block of Grand. All was okay.

9:35 a.m. – Report of dogs loose in the 900 block of Massachusetts. Caller advised she had a gun and will use it if the dog comes at her, as she was trying to get to her vehicle to go to work. Officer requested assistance. Officer advised and a taser was deployed.

12:30 p.m. – Report of a grass fire at Major Road and County Road 510.

8:29 p.m. – Medic needed for a person with a cut on his foot and it won’t stop bleeding. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Friday, December 2, 2022
During this day there were two traffic stops.

6:38 a.m. – Alarm company

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Sheriff

advised of a silent alarm at Gateway Bank. Keyholder was called but was not contacted. Officer advised the bank was secure and appears everything was okay.

1:29 p.m. - Report of a suspicious person at United.

4:02 p.m. - Medic needed for a male who fell and his EKG wasn't good. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital.

4:59 p.m. - Report of a small SUV at an oil field site east of the Cozy Curve. Deputy made negative contact.

8:36 p.m. - Report of a truck that had flipped over in the canyon west of Cherokee on Greer Road. No transport was needed.

8:37 p.m. - Report of a fire on Jefferson Road and County Road 550.

Saturday, December 3, 2022

During this day was one report of cattle out.

9:24 a.m. - Report of a pit bull out in the 400 block of Broadway, running loose and being vicious.

9:56 a.m. - Report of the same dog in the 1000 block of Massachusetts.

5:27 p.m. - Report of a reckless driver at 11th Street and Grand.

Sunday, December 4, 2022

2:51 p.m. - Fire department needed in the 400 block of Central for a heater that was smoking and sounding like it was blowing up. Carmen Fire Department responded.

4:06 p.m. - Report of a dog running loose in the 900 block of Pennsylvania. Officer advised the dog charged and he shot the dog. Officer transported the canine to Salt Plains Vet. Another officer was en route with the owner.

5:40 p.m. - Medic needed in the 300 block of 5th Street for a female having trouble breathing. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 148 page 28: John W. Ricker conveys unto Legacy Trader LLC. Lot 14 in Hibbard's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 29: Adam Foulkrod and Samantha Foulkrod convey unto Kevin A. Kirkbridge. Lots 11 and 12 and the south half of the vacated alley adjacent to and on the north side of said lots, in block 1 in Cook, Standiford and Co’s Second Addition to City of Medicine Lodge. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 31: Raphael N. Gehlen conveys unto Shawn Finch and Marsha Finch. Lots 1 and 12 in block 9 in Highland

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Wednesday
9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, has in person dining and delivery for homebound seniors. Please call 327-1822 until noon the day before to order.
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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Senior Teegun Allison (2) hands the ball off to sophomore Landon Sieger (36) who runs the ball to gain yards up the field. Photo by Desiree Morehead

Railroader Landon Sieger (36) is able to catch the ball and gain yards for Wyanoka. Photo by Desiree Morehead

The Waynoka Railroader cheering section shows their school spirit by chanting with the cheerleaders and rooting for the Railroaders. Photo by Desiree Morehead
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