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Payton O'Neil

O'Neil named Aline- Cleo January Student of the Month

Payton O'Neil, freshman, was selected as the January Student of the Month at Aline-Cleo High School.

Her school philosophy is, "to get her work done at school and to be the best dressed."

She thinks her school is unique because everyone is allowed to express who they are.

Payton is inspired by her family and friends.

Her favorite activities are basketball, cheer and crafting.

Her favorite quote is, "Give a girl the right shoes and she can conquer the world." ~ Marilyn Monroe

Payton is the daughter of Brandy and Christyn O'Neil of Aline.



Makinze Smith with one of her champion goats.

Jackpot updates

By Alivia Seaman, Waynoka FFA Reporter

On Jan. 27, several FFA members traveled to Laverne to compete in the Way Out West Cattle Show. Morris Litzenberger placed first in class with

his Simmental Heifer. Jake Inman placed second in class and received Reserve Shorthorn Plus Heifer. Alivia Seaman placed first in class, Reserve Champion

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Music is good for the brain

By Marione Martin



Looking through a magazine recently, I saw an article about using music to improve health. It described the use of music in managing pain and in lifting depression.

This reminded me of the ways my family used music. I didn't come from an especially musical family. We enjoyed listening to music, but no one in my family took music lessons of any kind ... except for the two summers I took piano lessons. I enjoyed learning to read simple music, but I was terrible at practicing.

My husband's family was different. My mother-in-law's mother had been a piano teacher. It seemed that everyone in my husband's family could sing, and some could play the piano. It was a rule in their household that every child must take music lessons, either vocal or instrumental. My husband chose vocal. Sometimes, when a large number of his family gathered, church hymnals would appear, and we'd all join in singing our favorites. It was one of the ways his family bonded.

When the family was summoned to Texas because my mother-in-law seemed to be near death, we all gathered in her large bedroom on a Sunday afternoon and sang. All her children, several in-laws and grandchildren joined in singing church songs. It conveyed a sense of unity that sometimes was missing in our regular interactions, and she found it comforting.

Much later, when my husband was in the nursing home and not doing well, our daughter drove to Alva on a Sunday morning to visit. She sang several of his favorite church songs, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Some of the other residents said they enjoyed it too.

Thinking of all this, I decided to do an internet search on the benefits of music. I found a number of interesting studies, but an article from Harvard Health Publishing caught my eye. It was written in 2020 by Andrew E. Budson, MD, a member of Harvard Health's editorial advisory board.

Why is music good for the brain?

Can music really affect your well-being, learning, cognitive function, quality of life, and even happiness? A recent survey on music and brain health conducted by AARP revealed some interesting findings about the impact of music on cognitive and emotional well-being:

Music listeners had higher scores for mental well-being and slightly reduced levels of anxiety and depression compared to people overall.

Of survey respondents who currently go to musical performances, 69% rated their brain health as "excellent" or "very good," compared to 58% for those who went in the past and 52% for those who never attended.

Of those who reported often being exposed to music as a child, 68% rated their ability to learn new things as "excellent" or "very good," compared to 50% of those who were not exposed to music.

Active musical engagement, including those over age 50, was associated with higher rates of happiness and good cognitive function.

Adults with no early music exposure but who currently engage in some music appreciation show above average mental well-being scores.

Those are pretty impressive results, to be sure. However, this 20-minute online survey has some limitations. For one, it included 3,185 US adults ages 18 and older; that is a small number if you are extrapolating to 328 million people across the country. For another, it is really a survey of people's opinions. For

example, although people might report their brain health as "excellent," there was no objective measure of brain health such as an MRI scan, or even a test to measure their cognition.

Lastly, even if the ratings were true, the findings are only correlations. They do not prove that, for example, it was the exposure to music as a child that led to one's improved ability to learn new things. It may be equally likely that those children brought up in more affluent households were both more likely to be exposed to music and to be given a good education that led to their being able to easily learn new things later in life.

But let's assume that the results of the AARP survey are indeed true. How can music have such impressive brain effects? Although we don't know the answers for sure, developments in cognitive neuroscience over the last few years have allowed us to speculate on some possible mechanisms.

Music activates just about all of the brain

Music has been shown to activate some of the broadest and most diverse networks of the brain. Of course, music activates the auditory cortex in the temporal lobes close to your ears, but that's just the beginning. The parts of the brain involved in emotion are not only activated during emotional music, they are also synchronized. Music also activates a variety of memory regions. And, interestingly, music activates the motor system. In fact, it has been theorized that it is the activation of the brain's motor system that allows us to pick out the beat of the music even before we start tapping our foot to it!

Use it or lose it

Okay, so music activates just about all of the brain. Why is that so important? Well, have you ever heard the expression, "If you don't use it, you'll lose it"? It turns out this is actually true

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780	Texas Co, OK	Grassland, Grazing, Hunting	\$741,000	new price
242	Comanche Co, KS	Agricultural, Grassland, Hunting	\$387,200	
412	Barber Co, KS	Hunting, Agricultural, Grazing	\$1,075,000	
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477	Barber Co, KS	Grassland, Hunting, Ponds	\$950,000	SOLD
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897	Kingfisher Co, OK	8 Farms LAND AUCTION	\$2,548,772	SOLD
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in the brain. Brain pathways – and even whole networks – are strengthened when they are used and are weakened when they are not used. The reason is that the brain is efficient; it isn't going to bother keeping a brain pathway strong when it hasn't been used in many years. The brain will use the neurons in that pathway for something else. These types of changes should be intuitively obvious to you – that's why it is harder to speak that foreign language if you haven't used it in 20 years; many of the old pathways have degraded and the neurons are being used for other purposes.

Music keeps your brain networks strong

So just how does music promote well-being, enhance learning, stimulate cognitive function, improve quality of life, and even induce happiness? The answer is, because music can activate almost all brain regions and networks, it can help to keep a myriad of brain pathways and networks strong, including those networks that are involved in well-being, learning, cognitive function, quality of life, and happiness. In fact, there is only one other situation in which you can activate so many brain networks all at once, and that is when you participate in social activities.

Dance the night away

How do you incorporate music into your life? It's easy to do. Although the AARP survey found that those who actively listened to music showed the strongest brain benefits, even those who primarily listened to background music showed benefits, so you can turn that music on right now. Music can lift your mood, so put on a happy tune if you are feeling blue. Up-tempo music can give you energy. And if you combine music with an aerobic and social activity, you can receive the maximum health benefit from it. Participate in a Zumba class. Do jazz aerobics. Jump to the rhythms of rock & roll. Or, better yet, go dancing.

From Page 2 Jackpot

Crossbred Steer and Reserve Grand Overall Steer.

On Jan. 20, Makinze Smith traveled to Fairview to compete in the Gloss Mountain Showdown. She was Champion Senior Showman in the goat wether division, first and fourth with her wethers and third with her breeding doe.

Waynoka FFA invites the public to join them on Saturday, Feb. 3, for their local stock show located at the Waynoka School Ag Farm. The show will begin at 10 a.m.

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UNDER CONTRACT
NEW - 311 Acres - Excellent cropland. This tract consists of 311 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Grant Silt Loam soil). It has 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of good grassland, a large tank with a solar pump, and a new set of steel corrals. This farm has everything done. S $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12-35S-13W, Barber County, KS. **PRICE: \$950,000.00**

NEW - 2 - 80 Acre tracts - A HUNTING PARADISE! Tall grass, trees and tree lines, brush, plum thickets - deer everywhere! S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 12-19-23, W.I.M. and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 13-19-23, W.I.M., Ellis County, Okla. Location of property: From Arnett, go 8.5 miles east on Hwy 60 to County Road 190, then go 1 mile south to a hunting paradise. **PRICE: \$160,000.00 per 80 Acre tract**

NEW - 160 Acres - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 25-27-15, W.I.M. This tract has 157 Acres of good cropland (primarily Grant Silt loam and Vernon fine Sandy loam soils.) Watered by a windmill. **PRICE: \$375,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 5-27-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. This tract has 106 Acres of excellent grassland and 54 Acres of good cropland. It has 20 Acres of good grassland, a 20' x 20' metal building with concrete floor and interior plumbing, a shipping container, and four other outbuildings. It has a new 5-wire fence and rural water on a paved road. Excellent hunting. **PRICE: \$430,000.00**

UNDER CONTRACT
NEW - 160 Acres - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 6-27-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. This tract has 157 Acres of excellent cropland and 3 Acres of good grassland. It has new 5-wire fences, a small pond, and a windmill. Rural water is available. Excellent hunting on a paved road. **PRICE: \$320,000.00**

NEW - 960 Acres - N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 17-27-15, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 8-27-15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 7-27-15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 18-27-15
This tract consists of 960 Acres of excellent grassland, all contiguous, being 112 Acres of new alfalfa, 100 Acres of new alfalfa, and 748 Acres of new alfalfa. 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 years. **NEW PRICE: \$1,350,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 3-24-13, W.I.M. This tract has 123 acres of good cropland (primarily Waynoka Fine Sandy Loam and Milan Loam soils) and the balance being 37 acres of good grassland. The grass is fenced separate from cropland. Watered by a windmill. **PRICE: \$300,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 20-28-13, W.I.M. This tract has 158 Acres of good cropland (primarily Waynoka fine sandy loam and Grant silt loam soils). It is watered by rural water. **PRICE: \$475,000.00**

NEW - 338 Acres, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying east of the RR right-of-way
This tract consists of 298 Acres of good cropland and the balance being 40 Acres of good grassland. Borders Hwy 11 at Capron, Okla. **PRICE: \$750,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 17-26-13, W.I.M. This tract has 157 Acres of good cropland (primarily Grant silt loam and Pond Creek & Burford loam soils). Watered by a solar pump. **PRICE: \$390,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres - "A Hunting Paradise" Excellent grass, heavy tree population, several canyons with large pond. Excellent wildlife habitat. From Waynoka, Okla., go 7 miles north on Hwy 14 to this road, then go 2 miles west to property. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 34-26-16, W.I.M. **PRICE: \$300,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 222 Acres - 206 Acres of good cropland, the balance being 16 Acres of good grass. Has excellent hunting potential. W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the 222 Acre tract in 29-23-10, W.I.M., Major County, Okla. **PRICE: \$440,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 33-27-14, W.I.M. All minerals are intact and sell with the farm. **PRICE: \$495,000.00**

SOLD
915 Acres - A Sportsman's dream - Borders Cimarron River in
Section 10 of the Legal E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lot 2 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 28-27-18 NW NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 1/2 SW & SW NW - 27-27-18, Woods Co., Okla. **PRICE: \$1,100,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 154 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract has 122 Acres of good cropland, the balance being 22 Acres of trees, grass, and waterways. There is excellent building potential. Just one mile east of Alva. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres Excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek Silt Loam
and Grant Silt Loam Soils) with all minerals intact. It is watered by a solar pump. Located east of Alva, Okla. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 27-27-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$485,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 146 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 20-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract has 146 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Dale Silt Loam and Hamilton fine Sandy Loam soils). The farm has rural water and lies north of the Alva Industrial Park. **PRICE: \$525,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 315 Acres of which 208 Acres is excellent cropland, and the
balance being 107 Acres of excellent grassland. Improvements include a 1200 sq ft home, 32' x 60' shop w/ 16' lean-to, steel corrals. N $\frac{1}{2}$ - 29-29-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OKLA. **PRICE: \$1,050,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 316 Acres - Grant County, Okla - 15 miles west of Medford,
Okla. on St. Hwy 11. 205 Acres is good cropland, and the balance being 111 Acres of good grass. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 19-27-7, W.I.M. and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 24-27-8, W.I.M., Grant County, Okla. **EXCELLENT HUNTING, EXCELLENT STOCK FARM. PRICE: \$575,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres - Blue Ribbon Farm - Excellent cropland (Pond Creek
and Grant Silt Loam soils) with rural water. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 15-28-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 474 Acres E $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 24-27-13, W.I.M., Woods
County, Okla. This tract consists of 443 acres of good cropland. **PRICE: \$1,200,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 320 Acres - W $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11-25-14, Woods County, Oklahoma. This tract has an excellent stand of Ozark Bermudagrass. New fences and cross fences, good water, bunk lines, corrals, and shade on a paved road. **PRICE: \$750,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 320 Acres of which 114 Acres is good cropland (primarily
Waynoka Fine Sandy Loam & Woodward Complex Soils), and the balance being 206 Acres of good grassland. E $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10-28-14, Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$525,000.00**

SOLD
NEW - 160 Acres - Excellent Cropland, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section
35-27-30W Kingman County, Kansas. **PRICE: \$440,000.00**

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House & Large Shop on 7 Acres (Mol) on paved road. House has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1800 sq ft, 2 living rooms, laundry, new metal roof & windows. Detached metal garage. Metal shop is 40'x70', concrete floors, two overhead doors. 573 Comanche Ave, Dacula, OK. **\$200,000**



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SOLD
5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3,964 sq.ft., oversized 2.5 car attached garage. Newly built 22x28 detached garage. Storm Cellar. Fenced backyard. Covered patio. 2 living areas. Large media room with wet bar. Fireplace. Laundry room. Tall knotty pine cathedral ceilings. Granite countertops. Large center kitchen island. Large master suite with his & hers closets. Beautifully remodeled in 2014. 1833 Cherry St, Alva. **PRICE: \$450,000**

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Oklahoma City woman found on JCCC property

By Marione Martin

On Thursday, Jan. 25, officials at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC) in Helena detained a woman they said was on prison property without authorization. Agent Travis Crawford with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) was contacted. At approximately 9 a.m. Crawford responded to the Alfalfa County Detention Center to contact Helena Police Chief Jim Dykes who had detained the suspect, Brooke L. McNew. Crawford and Dykes arrested McNew on felony complaints, and Dykes transported McNew to the detention

center to be processed.

Chief Dykes said he responded to JCCC after a call for service. Staff from JCCC observed McNew on the prison property without authorization. She was observed with a purse that contained several packages. The packages contained three cellular phones, three charging blocks, three charging cables, approximately 2.2 ounces of marijuana, a container of THC wax, approximately 3 pounds of raw tobacco, 19 SIM cards, 2 sets of earbuds, two lighters, one SIM card key, one pipe and four razor blades.

Brooke LaDawn McNew, 32, of

Oklahoma City, has been charged with three felony counts: (1) unauthorized entry into a prison, (2) bringing contraband (drugs) into penal institution and (3) bringing contraband (cellular phones) into penal institution. The first charge is punishable by imprisonment of one to five years, a fine of \$500 to \$1,000, or both fine and imprisonment. The second is punishable by imprisonment for one to five years, a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or both fine and imprisonment. The third charge is punishable by imprisonment up to two years, a fine up to \$2,500 or both fine and imprisonment.

Alfalfa County commissioners sign resolutions for equipment disposal

By Stacy Sanborn

Resolutions for disposing of the items declared surplus last week were signed this week by the Alfalfa County commissioners.

Garret Johnson, Mike Roach and Nate Ross convened Monday morning to take care of that paperwork, along with the minutes from last week, blanket purchase orders, maintenance and operation warrants for payment, and payroll warrants. They also signed a letter of support for the CED's application regarding the Bridge Investment Program.

Last week, the commissioners tabled an agenda item relating to the correction

of serial numbers for the District 1 inventory list but have since determined no corrections were needed.

However, something that did need correction was the declarations of surplus for the radios from the sheriff's office. Those were four Kenwood radios (invoices B601 100.47, B601 100.48, B602 100.08 and B601100.49; serial numbers 81000567, B2A02006, 70800618 and 22933210); Radar Progressive Electric (invoice B628 100.08, serial number 460); and a Radio Shack scanner (invoice B628 100.1, serial number 60011304).

Additional items the three officials declared surplus were the treasurer's office computer workstations. Those were invoice C218 100.69, serial

number 2UA437158R; invoice C218 100.72, serial number MXL9325D3T; invoice C218 100.73, serial number MXL9235D44; and invoice C218 100.67, serial number 2UA43389V.

The equipment disposal resolutions were for all those items, and two in-car video systems (invoices B239.100.02 and B239.100.04; serial numbers DUR2-0284474-018141 and DUR2-045311); an Echo tiller/cultivator (invoice R440-100, serial number 506900022404); a Senco finish nailer (invoice R416-100, serial number 14250118); a Stalker radar (invoice B628 100.15, serial number DB003896); and a Watchguard dash cam (invoice B613 100.08, serial number DVR2-064246).

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We will also recognize Jo Decker this month as she has retired as the Gallery Director after 13 years serving as the Graceful Arts Gallery Director and Art Class teacher to many Alva students. Jo is stepping down as the gallery director but will continue to teach art classes each week after school. Join us as we wish Jo best wishes on her retirement and welcome Alice Putnam as the new Gallery Director. Alice has been working with us for the past year and we are pleased to have her take the reins of the gallery.

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One of these three seniors will be crowned as the South Barber 50th Anniversary Basketball Homecoming Queen Friday night in Kiowa: (from left) Jaden Allen, Jessica Jahay and Autumn Drake. Photo by Yvonne Miller

South Barber hosts 50th Anniversary Basketball Homecoming Friday night

By Yvonne Miller

This Friday night, Feb. 2, the South Barber Chieftains host the Stafford Trojans for the school's 50th Anniversary Basketball Homecoming.

Spirit Week culminates Friday with a pep rally at 2:30 p.m. The queen coronation is at halftime of the boys' varsity game. Three senior women were chosen as the homecoming candidates. They are Autumn Drake, Jaden Allen and Jessica Jahay.

Senior escorts are Briggs Jewell, Bryson Rathgaber, Lukas Dunham and Xander Meyers. Underclassmen attendants and their escorts are freshmen Reignie Coggins and Garen Cantrell; sophomores Lily Schurter and Urijah Cruz and juniors Riley Michel and

Oakley Duvall.

Kindergarten helpers are Sutton Rhodes, son of Matt and Lindsey Rhodes; Tucker Blevins, son of Tyler and Kelsie Blevins; Brooklyn Kraft, daughter of Kaleb and Nicole Kraft; and Remi Miller, daughter of Mylo and Heather Miller.

Queen Candidate Autumn Drake

Autumn is the daughter of Nate and Robin Drake. She is involved in youth group, vocal, band, drama, forensics (her favorite), and is the NHS and Student Council president. Autumn is also the FCCLA vice president, and is co-captain in cheer, basketball and volleyball. She has received honorable mention all-league in volleyball two years, and has been on the superintendent and principal's honor roll every quarter. Autumn has also received her bronze, silver and gold honor pins. Autumn said one of her biggest achievements was getting top five in talent and overall in the Miss Cinderella pageant at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Autumn's

future plans include attending NWOSU in the fall of 2024 and going into music education to become a music teacher. Her favorite verse is Psalm 18:32: "It is God who arms my strength and keeps my way secure."

Queen Candidate Jessica Jahay

Jessica is the daughter of Julie and Eric Jahay. She is currently president of FFA and 4H, vice president of student council, treasurer of FCCLA, a member of NHS, cheer co-captain, and participates in volleyball, basketball, drama, and forensics. She has received her bronze, silver and gold honor pins; the Star FFA Greenhand Award; the Chapter FFA degree; and has been on the principal's honor roll. Jessica's favorite class was Mrs. Beecher's Bio 2 class. She is proud of competing at the National Western Stock Show and placing third overall showman. Her older brother, Cody, is her hero, because he always pushes her to be her best and

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holds her accountable. Next year, Jessica will be attending Colby Community College as she works towards becoming an agricultural education teacher.

Queen Candidate Jaden Allen

Jaden is the daughter of Amanda Ferrell and Travis Peterson. Jaden is involved in tennis, cheer,

Student Council, FCCLA, drama, and forensics. She has been on the honor roll and has been selected as student of the month twice. She is most proud of her involvement in forensics, where she has competed at state the past two years. History is her favorite class because the

senior class gets really competitive during Jeopardy games. Jaden said that her hero is her mom because she has helped her through some really tough times. In the future, Jaden plans to attend cosmetology school and pursue a career as an aesthetician.

Woods County Commissioners discuss grants for community buildings

By Marione Martin

Monday under new business, the Woods County Commissioners discussed work at the Alva and Waynoka senior citizen buildings. Present for the meeting were Chairman Randy McMurphy and commissioners David Hamil and John Smiley.

McMurphy said he did some checking on the possibility of USDA grants. He said in each case, the grants must be applied for by the city. The grants are based on the income of residents in the community. He said Alva could apply for a grant based on 15 percent of the project cost up to \$50,000. Waynoka could apply for a grant of 35 percent of the cost up to

\$50,000. The grants are for community buildings. McMurphy said the grant might be worth pursuing for Waynoka but was not so sure about Alva. The commissioners intend to use APRA funds on the projects.

The commissioners approved a letter of support addressed to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation supporting the Circuit Engineering District #8 for the BIP

(bridge investment program). This is a federal grant for bridges, and the grant would be used on a bridge in Woods County District 1.

An Oklahoma Department of Transportation claim form for a bridge project in District 1 was also approved.

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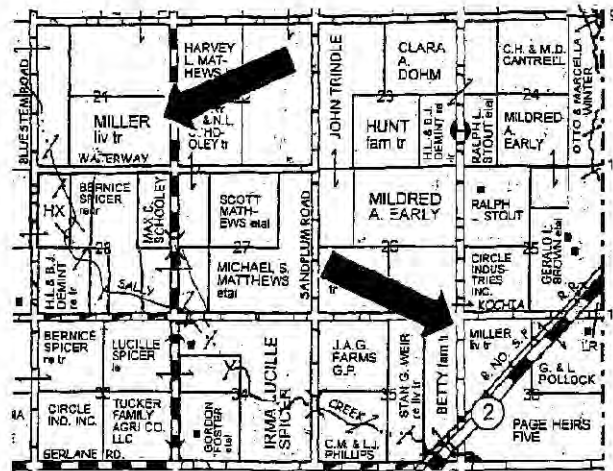
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The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19. Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the County Election Board office located at 602 W. 5th St., Suite 3, Cherokee.

Jantz reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed and returned by mail to the County Election Board. "With some

exceptions, all absentee ballot affidavits must be notarized before being returned. Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned on time in order to be counted," Jantz said.

Voters exempt from having an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physically incapacitated individuals that cannot be left alone. Voters who request a "physically incapacitated" ballot must have the signature on their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact the Voting Services Officer in their unit for an Absentee Ballot Application.

Residents living overseas may obtain Absentee Ballot Applications from any United States military installation or United States Embassy or Consulate. Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Those who need to complete a new Voter Registration Application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the county election board no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The Alfalfa County Election Board is located at 602 W. 5th St, Cherokee, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the election board at 580-596-2718 or alfalfacounty@elections.ok.gov.

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SOUTH BARBER CHIEFTAINS BASKETBALL TEAM — These students comprise the SBHS basketball team: (back l-r) Urijah Cruz, Lukas Dunham, Xander Myers, Briggs Jewell, Oakley Duvall, Bryson Rathgeber; (front) Garentrell, Tyler Archuleta, Austin Swonger and Brayden Duvall.

Chieftains have close games in 54 Classic

By Yvonne Miller

SB Chieftains Head Boys Basketball Coach Shawn Hooker said of his team's performance in the 54 Classic Tournament, "We were in every game – losing to Skyline by 10, beating Attica by 13 and losing to Stafford by four in the Consolation Championship game. I felt like defensively we played pretty good – only allowing 41 points per game. But we have to give our opponents credit for their defense also. They took us out of our rhythm and made it difficult to score."

Coach Hooker listed the Chieftains leading scorers:

Oakley Duvall 6'3" Junior scored 14 ppg; Lukas Dunham 6' Senior scored 10 ppg; Bryson Rathgeber "Who deserves some special recognition as our leading rebounder for the tournament. As an undersized post at 5'11" he consistently goes to battle and comes out on top," Hooker said.

The Chieftains were off for the Girls 54 Classic. Hooker said, "Our practices now consist of getting back to basics offensively and we continued to work on being more aggressive on defense focusing on our defensive principles and toughness."

South Barber's Basketball Homecoming is this Friday, February 2. The public is invited to a pep rally at 2:30pm in the gym. It's South Barber's 50th Anniversary. Hooker invites everyone to come out to the game as the Chieftains host Stafford. "We're expecting a tough physical game." Of the game against Attica to be played Tuesday (last night), Hooker said, "I expect them to come ready to play."



SOUTH BARBER LADY CHIEFTAINS — This team took 5th place at the 54 Classic: (back l-r) Asst coach Shana Coggins, Trilbey Dorsey, Tanieth Erickson, Jaden Allen, Autumn Drake, Jessica Jahay, Lily Schurter, Arrington Allen, Lily Dunham, Miley Turner and head coach Savannah Coggins; (front row) manager Jeff Jahay, Reignie Coggins and Kenslea Schupbach. Team manager Noah Allen is not pictured.

Lady Chieftains take 5th at 54 Classic

By Yvonne Miller

Last week South Barber's Lady Chieftains played in the 54 Classic at Cunningham. Their head coach Savannah Coggins said the girls lost their first game to Kinsley 26-23. SB won their second round game against Skyline 42-37. Then SB won their consolation game 37-30 over Cunningham. So SB girls won fifth place at the 54 Classic. Coggins said the team is 5-7 on the season thus far.

The following are the stats for the three games combined that Coggins supplied:

Autumn Drake, sr, 8 pts, 15 rebounds, 3 assist, 3 steals;
Jessica Jahay, sr, 22 pts, 16 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists;
Arrington Allen, sr, 13 pts, 18 rebounds, 6 assist, 7 steals;
Lily Schurter, so, 35 pts, 23 rebounds, 10 steals;
Reignie Coggins, fr, 15 pts, 17 rebounds, 9 assist, 11 steals;
Kenslea Schupbach, fr, 9 pts, 3 assist, 7 rebounds, 11 steals;
Jaden Allen, sr and Miley Turner, fr.

Coach Coggins said, "They stepped up big for us this week when we got in some foul trouble."

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BARBER COUNTY CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS – The Barber County Conservation District held a poster contest, showcasing students' artistic talents. Using the theme "One Water," students created their own design. South Barber elementary winners are: Kindergartener Tucker Blevins; 2nd Graders Grady Hutson and Taten Graves; and 4th Grader Hayden Hutson. These talented students were recognized at Barber County Conservation District's 74th Annual Meeting this past weekend in Medicine Lodge. Britney Rucker – KWCH Morning News Anchor and Reporter was the featured speaker and posed with the kiddos.



SWKMEA DISTRICT HONOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE – By audition these South Barber elementary and junior high students earned a place in the Southwest Kansas Music Educators Association (SWKMEA) District Honor Choir. Their vocal teacher Erin Place escorted her students to Dodge City for their December 20 training and concert. They spent the morning rehearsing with a guest director and then held a noon concert. Shown directly after their performance were elementary students: Jancey Goodno, Chloe Whitaker, Cara Whitaker, Alana Edstrom, Makenna Brattin, Remi Quick, Morgan Quick, Liam Brattin and Channing Humphrey. The junior high student was Alyna Wilson.

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HAROLD EDWARD WANGER



Funeral services for Harold Edward Wanger will be held at Wharton Funeral Chapel on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2 p.m. with Kevin Fields officiating. Burial will follow in

Alva Municipal Cemetery. There will be a visitation with family present from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.whartonfuneralchapel.com.

Harold Edward, son of Sadie (Stewart) and Charles A. Wanger, was born on January 19, 1933, on a farm north of Freedom, Oklahoma. He passed away on January 29, 2024, at the age of 91 years and 10 days.

During the Korean War he was

drafted into the Army in 1951. He was honorably discharged in 1953 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his service he attended college at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, receiving his Bachelors of Education and a Masters of Education.

Harold was married on December 23, 1956, in Alva at the Barnes Street Church of Christ to Wanita Fay Campbell. To this union four children were born: Freya, Fonda, Paul (through adoption) and John (through adoption).

After they were married, they moved to Liberal, Kansas, where Harold started his teaching career. After teaching in Liberal they moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas, where Harold taught for over 35 years and he retired in 1998. Wanita and Harold moved to Alva in 2000 to enjoy retirement.

Harold loved to fish and work in his garden. As long as he can remember he


always had a large garden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanita, on September 14, 2017; and his two daughters, Freya Michelle and Fonda Sue. Harold was also preceded in death by his parents and seven sisters: Marilyn Bindrum, Ida Woods, Faye Rose, Ludella Spurlock, Betty Treckell, Phyliss Rhodes and Linda Olson.


Harold is survived by his two sons and their wives, Paul and Annette of Kiowa, Kansas, and John and Cristina of Grapevine, Texas; three grandsons, Yosef, Ian and John II; two granddaughters, Evelina and Brooklyn; a sister, Janice; a brother, Max; a number of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

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KDH implements Adopt-a-Resident, offers chronic care management

More tax credits available to save you money

By Yvonne Miller

Work is proceeding nicely on the childcare facility expansion; new equipment will arrive soon for the hospital; manor improvement projects are ongoing; tax credits are still available for you to save money and help KDH make improvements; and much more.

The Kiowa District Hospital Board of Directors President Pat Myers called their first meeting of 2024 to order on Jan. 23 in the KDH Kirkpatrick conference room. All board members attended: Marcia Cantrell, Chantae Simpson, Jeff Miller and Jim Parker. Also present were CEO/CFO Janell Goodno; COO Philip Anton, Chief of Staff Dr. Paul Wilhelm, Business Office Manager Tara Girty, accountant/biller Courtney Larson, Facilities Director Brad Applegarth, Hospital DON Robyn Whitaker, Quality Manager/biller Brandy Campbell, Chronic Care Nurse Heather Rankin; and RHC Manager Lacey Volker.

Applegarth updated the board on the expansion of the childcare facility expansion. The metal roof, windows and siding will be going up in the next few weeks. They'll start plumbing, electrical, etc. Applegarth said they are going with natural gas heat to avoid electricity cost. They are close to being on schedule for a June 1 target date.

The spa remodel at the manor should get going in the next three to four weeks. They have the shower, cabinetry and whirlpool. Contractors are coming this week. He said additional equipment (steam hood, range hood, shelving and food warmer) are being installed in the manor kitchen.

The board approved Casey Whitaker to do paint and repair work at the manor. The board had previously approved \$26,000 for painting the outside of the Manor. Among several bids, Applegarth recommended going with Whitaker, who bid \$6,000 for the painting and labor to replace bad wood, with KDH providing about \$7,000 in materials for repairs. Applegarth said many other projects are planned. He thanked the hospital foundation for paying nearly all the costs for the manor improvements. He said they've ordered a door for the nurses'

station and a new service hall door. They are also updating the public bathroom.

Regarding tax credits, Goodno reported KDH still has about \$150,000 remaining. Someone who planned to take advantage of the tax break declined. KDH has until the end of 2024 to get these claimed. She expects \$30-40,000 of that should be claimed soon. Any unused credits will go back to the Department of Commerce.

As stated in various reports around the Kiowa community, the Scott and Ruby Circle Charitable Trust has invited several local non-profits to submit funding request letters in the amount of \$40,000. Goodno said the KDH Foundation will submit a letter for eight manor beds, mattresses and frames; three exam tables for the RHC and one special table for Dr. Bliss to use for adjustments.

As part of the KDH Childcare Center, Goodno said they will submit another letter for outdoor playground equipment in the amount of \$38,000 to the Circle Trust.

Goodno said she's met with the South Barber Ministerial Alliance and Deb Kolb of Barber County United. They are writing a coalition letter for the purchase of a van. They're calling this project South Barber Community Transportation. It would bring back the Kiowa Manor Auxiliary: volunteers who would operate this vehicle, which would be parked at the manor. It would be used by community members who need transport to medical, dental and vision appointments. The manor would carry the liability on the van. Maintenance, gas, etc. would need to be built into the grant. They will request \$98,000 for two years. Thereafter, other sources of financing would be needed and Goodno said she has ideas. The project will need an auxiliary director to handle scheduling and other duties.

For years KDH has accepted Oklahoma Medicaid (SoonerCare) at the RHC. The paperwork and credentialing is time consuming and it's only 2.1 percent of KDH patients. Now, Oklahoma is moving all of its patients to SoonerCare Select, which requires ever more credentialing. Therefore the board

will no longer participate in what is now SoonerCare Select.

Adopt-a-Resident and Chronic Care Management

A new KARE program at the manor stands for Kindness & Affection with the residents providing enrichment within their lives. You have an opportunity to adopt a resident at the manor. Volunteers would spend a few hours a month with their resident, send cards and gifts, share a meal, and so forth.

Volker and Rankin are offering a program called Chronic Care Management, which could greatly help patients with a care plan and keep them living their best life. Forty percent of Americans have 2+ chronic diseases. Chronic Care Management is a program through Medicare for patients with two or more chronic diseases (hypertension, COPD, A. fib., arthritis, diabetes, Alzheimer's). Talk to one of these women about chronic care – they are passionate about it.

KDH Statistics and Financial Reports

Larson presented the statistics and financial reports for the hospital and manor business conducted in December. Total admissions were 14, which made total days of acute and swingbed care 60. Of those numbers, 44 were swingbed and 16 were acute.

Outpatient visits totaled 832. Some of the busiest departments were the lab with 333 visits, therapy with 243, X-ray with 79, and ER with 59. The clinic recorded 476 visits.

Hospital expenses were way higher due to a recording error. Larson explained they discovered that supplies coming out of central supply were not being charged to the various departments using the supplies, thus the large adjustment to Purchases/Operating Supplies. This inflated operating expenses. She said accounting for the supplies was corrected.

This made total operating expenses \$1,129,375. Total operating revenue was \$644,539. This made a loss from operations of \$484,836. The addition of

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Brazil, facing calls for reparations, wrangles with its painful legacy of slavery

By Eleonore Hughes

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The executive manager for institutional relations at a Brazilian state bank took the microphone before roughly 150 people at a forum on slavery's legacy in his country, which kidnapped more Africans for forced labor than any other nation.

"Today's Bank of Brazil asks Black people for forgiveness," André Machado said to the mostly Black audience at the Portela samba school in Rio de Janeiro.

"Directly or indirectly, all of Brazilian society should apologize to Black people for that sad moment in our history," he said, reading a statement to audience members who sat watching from plastic chairs, their eyes fixed upon him.

Brazil — where more than half the population self-identifies as Black or biracial — has long resisted reckoning with its past. That reluctance has started loosening.

Public prosecutors have begun probing Bank of Brazil, Latin America's second-largest financial institution by assets, with \$380 billion, for its historical links to the slave trade. Their investigation could yield a recommendation, an agreement or filing of legal action, and they invited Bank of Brazil to start a dialogue with Black people at the Portela school in the working-class Madureira neighborhood.

Ghyslaine Almeida e Cunha, a spiritual leader of the Afro-Brazilian religion Umbanda, traveled from the Amazonian city of Belem for what she called "an historic moment." She welcomed the apology and announcement of measures, though the bank stopped short of pledging compensation.

"I came to say — on Portela's sacred soil — that, yes, we do want reparations," said Cunha.

Brazil enslaved more people from Africa than any other country; nearly 5

million kidnapped Africans disembarked in Brazil, more than 12 times the number taken to mainland North America, according to estimates from the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade database. Brazil was the last country in the Western Hemisphere to abolish slavery, in 1888.

Valongo Wharf in Rio, which UNESCO calls "the most important physical trace of the arrival of African slaves on the American continent," was only excavated in 2011.

Discrimination remains, and Black and biracial Brazilians are more likely to be poor, imprisoned and die violently. Fewer than a third of managerial positions are held by those groups, and they comprise one quarter of representatives in Brazil's Lower House of Congress.

On Dec. 7, a Senate committee heard experts arguing that Brazil needs to prioritize compensation. And when Carnival kicks off next week, a samba school parading before tens of thousands of spectators and millions more TV viewers will present the story of a Black man whose family is seeking reparations.

Brazil's nascent clamor for reparations joins existing movements abroad. In the U.S., New York, California and Illinois have established task forces on the issue. In November, the African Union partnered with Caribbean countries to form a "united front" to persuade European nations to pay for "historical mass crimes". Institutions such as Harvard University and the Bank of England have been confronting their historical ties to the slave trade, although neither has endorsed direct financial reparations.

And in 2021, President Joe Biden expressed support for a federal commission to study a national plan for reparations for Black Americans, but he has not supported any of the efforts at the state level.

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tax revenue and other non-operating revenue was \$156,251. This reduced the hospital's December loss to \$328,585.

With 24 residents the manor showed an overall loss for December of \$33,339. The combined balance sheets for the hospital and manor in December showed: cash-on-hand, \$1,448,978; Net Accounts Receivable, \$1,302,792; Due from Medicare, \$200,002; Uncollected taxes, \$871,224. An overall loss of \$834,954 as of December 31, 2023

The board approved all the financial and statistical reports, bad debt that will be turned over to collections, etc.

Highlights of the CEO Report: Taylor Binder is the employee spotlight of the month. In the past 24 months KDH has received \$575,000 in grants.

Current Staffing Update: Manor-Night RN; Manor-C.N.A.'s; Hospital-Housekeeping Tech. Purchasing Clerk Medical staff appointments were approved: Shaden Mohammad, MD (vRad); Rona Gazaway, MD (vRad).

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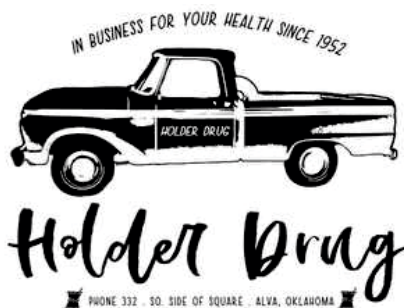


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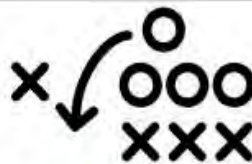
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Such discussions in the U.S. inspired Brazilian nonprofit Educafro to sue the federal government in May 2022, Irapuã Santana, the lawyer who filed the suit, told The Associated Press. The organization, which fights for better access to education for Black and biracial Brazilians, is demanding an apology and a fund to combat racism, among other measures.

Brazil long projected itself as a inclusive democracy that had left racism behind. Only in recent decades has there been a concerted effort to publicly debunk that myth. The country has so far mostly dealt with slavery's legacy through affirmative action, particularly its 2012 law obliging public universities to reserve a certain number of spaces for Black people.

But many on the right argue the past is irrelevant, and deny that any compensation is due. They are likely to fight any widespread push for reparations.

"What debt? I have never enslaved anyone in my life," Jair Bolsonaro said in a TV interview in 2018, months before he won the presidency. The former leader and current standard-bearer for the right has questioned the basis for quotas, saying Black and white people should be treated equally. In October, his son proposed ending race-based quotas, and almost one-third of senators supported the measure.

Advocates for further atonement disagree.

"Faced with the horror of 350 years of slavery, quotas are insufficient. We need to expand the discussion on reparations," said lawyer Humberto Adami, president of the Racial Equality Commission of the Brazilian Lawyers Institute.

That demands for reparations are for the first time being heard in public,

prominent places is partly a reflection of the political climate ushered in by leftist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who took office in January 2023. Last year, prosecutors started investigating Bank of Brazil, which is cooperating.

Its largest shareholder at one point was José Bernardino de Sá, a slave trader responsible for transporting around 19,000 Africans to Brazil, according to historical research that sparked prosecutors' investigation. João Henrique Ulrich, who in 1842 was caught running a slave barracks in Angola's capital, was a bank director for almost a decade.

Beyond individual ties, the institution allowed clients to declare enslaved Black people as financial assets to guarantee loans that built the economy — one example of how "slavery is central to Brazil's formation," said Thiago Campos Pessoa, one of the historians.

In addition to apologizing, Bank of Brazil announced measures to facilitate jobs for Black people and said it "works intensely to confront structural racism."

Bank of Brazil declined a request for an interview, instead referring AP to its Nov. 18 statement read at Portela and its recent initiative to finance projects benefiting Black women.

Lula appointed Tarciana Medeiros to lead the bank, and she is its first-ever Black president. He has pledged to further racial equality, and created the country's first ministry dedicated to the issue.

The family of João Cândido, who served in the navy two decades after Brazil abolished slavery, hope a more receptive executive branch will finally hear their pleas.

After witnessing a sailor's flogging, Cândido led a revolt against regular whipping by officers in 1910. He and

fellow mutineers were tortured, and only two survived — including Cândido. Kicked out of the navy, he and his family missed out on pension benefits and promotions, then he fell into poverty, according to prosecutor Julio Araujo, who also leads the Bank of Brazil probe.

Cândido's family is demanding compensation from the federal government. They also want him inducted into the nation's official pantheon of heroes, Adalberto Cândido, 85, the sailor's only living son, said in an interview in Sao Joao de Meriti, on Rio's outskirts.

Reparations "would make a difference because we are a modest family. We've always earned the minimum wage, which in this country is a joke," said Cândido, who started working at 14. He spoke in front of Cândido's last home, where a colorful mural depicts his story.

That story will take center stage in one of the top Carnival parades. In the warehouse where samba school Paraíso do Tuiuti is constructing its giant floats and fashioning gold-sequined sailor costumes, references to slavery abound — such as a print of French painter Jean-Baptiste Debret's depiction of a slave being whipped.

Jack Vasconcelos, who created the school's parade theme, said he decided to honor Cândido because violence reminiscent of slavery continues to occur. He cited a Black delivery man's whipping with a dog leash by a white woman in Rio last year.

That delivery man will perform as Cândido during the parade, which aims to help society remember slavery — one form of reparation, Vasconcelos said.

"But we also need to fight for tangible reparations, not just contributing to memory," Vasconcelos added.

Israeli forces dressed as women and medics kill 3 militants in West Bank hospital

By Aref Tufaha, Melanie Lidman and Wafaa Shurafa

JENIN, West Bank (AP) — Israeli forces disguised as civilian women and medics stormed a hospital Tuesday in the occupied West Bank, killing three Palestinian militants in a dramatic raid that underscored how deadly violence

has spilled into the territory from the war in Gaza.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meanwhile ruled out a military withdrawal from Gaza or the release of thousands of jailed militants — Hamas' main two demands for any cease-fire — casting doubt on the latest efforts to end

a war that has destabilized the broader Middle East.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces opened fire inside the Ibn Sina Hospital in the West Bank town of Jenin. A hospital spokesperson said

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there was no exchange of fire, indicating it was a targeted killing.

Israel's military said the militants were using the hospital as a hideout, without providing evidence. It alleged that one of those targeted had transferred weapons and ammunition to others for a planned attack, purportedly inspired by Hamas' Oct. 7 assault on southern Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

Security camera footage from the hospital shows about a dozen undercover forces, most of them armed, wearing Muslim headscarves, hospital scrubs or white doctor's coats. One carried a rifle in one arm and a folded wheelchair in the other.

NETANYAHU REJECTS HAMAS'

DEMANDS

Netanyahu, speaking at an event elsewhere in the West Bank, denied reports of a possible cease-fire deal to end the war in Gaza and repeated his vow to keep fighting until "absolute victory" over Hamas.

"We will not end this war without achieving all of our goals," said Netanyahu, who is under mounting pressure from families of the hostages and the wider public to reach a deal. "We will not withdraw the Israeli military from the Gaza Strip and we will not release thousands of terrorists," he said.

On Tuesday, Hamas' top political leader Ismail Haniyeh said the group was studying the latest terms for a deal, but

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deal, but that the priority was the “full withdrawal” of Israeli forces from Gaza and that any agreement should lead to a long-term cease-fire.

He said Hamas’ leadership had been invited to Cairo to continue talks. The militant group, which has reached lopsided exchange deals with Israel in the past, is expected to demand the release of thousands of Palestinian prisoners — including high-profile militants — in exchange for the remaining hostages.

Qatar and Egypt, which mediate with Hamas, have held talks with Israel and the United States in recent days. U.S. officials said negotiators had made progress toward a deal, including the phased release of the remaining hostages over a two-month period and the entry of more humanitarian aid into Gaza.

The war in Gaza began when hundreds of Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel, killing about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting about 250 others. Over 100 were released during a weeklong cease-fire in November in exchange for 240 Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

Israel’s offensive has killed more than 26,700 people in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-run territory. The ministry count does not distinguish between fighters and civilians, but it says about two-thirds of the dead are women and minors.

A strike on a residential building in the central town of Deir al-Balah on Tuesday killed 11 people, including four children, according to Associated Press reporters who saw the bodies at a hospital.

The war has leveled vast swaths of the tiny coastal enclave, displaced 85% of its population, and pushed a quarter of residents to starvation.

HOSPITALS HAVE BECOME BATTLEFIELDS

Israel has come under heavy criticism for its raids on hospitals in Gaza, which have treated tens of thousands of Palestinians wounded in the war and provided critical shelter for displaced people.

Gaza’s health care system, which was already feeble before the war, is on the verge of collapse, buckling under the scores of patients as well as a lack of fuel and medical necessities because of Israeli restrictions and fighting in and near the facilities.

Israel says militants use hospitals as cover. The military says it has found underground tunnels in the vicinity of hospitals and located weapons and vehicles used in the Oct. 7 attack on hospital grounds.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said Israeli forces raided the Al-Amal Hospital in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis on Tuesday, where about 7,000 displaced people were sheltering.

The rescue service said Israeli tanks lined up outside the hospital were firing live ammunition and smoke grenades at the people inside. Raed al-Nims, a spokesperson for the aid group, said everyone was ordered to evacuate.

The Israeli military said without elaborating that its forces were operating in the area of the hospital but not inside it.

WEST BANK CRACKDOWN

Violence in the West Bank has also surged since Oct. 7, as Israel has cracked down on suspected militants, killing more than 380 Palestinians, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Most were killed in confrontations with Israeli forces during arrest raids or violent

protests.

The military said that in Tuesday’s hospital raid, forces killed Mohammed Jalamneh, 27, who it said was planning an imminent attack. The two other men killed, brothers Basel and Mohammed Ghazawi, were hiding inside the hospital and were involved in attacks, the military said.

The army statement said Jalamneh was armed with a pistol but made no mention of an exchange of fire.

Hamas claimed the three men as members, calling the operation “a cowardly assassination.”

Hospital spokesperson Tawfiq al-Shobaki said there was no exchange of fire, and that Basel Ghazawi had been a patient since October, with partial paralysis.

“What happened is a precedent,” he said. “There was never an assassination inside a hospital. There were arrests and assaults, but not an assassination.”

Tuesday’s raid took place in the West Bank town of Jenin, long a bastion of armed struggle against Israel and the frequent target of Israeli raids, even before the war began.

Israel captured the West Bank, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel withdrew troops and settlers from Gaza in 2005, but imposed a stifling blockade on the territory, along with Egypt, when Hamas came to power in a violent takeover in 2007. It maintains an open-ended occupation of the West Bank, where more than half a million Israelis now live in settlements.

The Palestinians claim these territories as part of their future independent state, hopes for which have increasingly dimmed since the war began.



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Monday, January 22, 2024

5:39 p.m. - Report of a pitbull
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and people coming into her
business. Officer unable to find
the dog.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

During this day were six traffic
stops.

11:45 a.m. - Medic needed for
a female to be transferred to
Bass Hospital in Enid.

12:25 p.m. - Caller advised
he heard gunshots and yelling
from the house behind his
house. Deputy en route to Jet

to speak to the subject.

2:12 p.m. - Report of an alarm
going off in the 900 block of
Kansas. Officer advised all
was okay.

**Wednesday, January 24,
2024**

During this day were five
traffic stops.

1:46 a.m. - Medic needed in
the 200 block of Ash Avenue
for a female. Medic took the
patient to Fairview Hospital.

7:40 a.m. - Medic needed in
the 800 block of Main Street.

11:12 a.m. - Deputy needed

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3:37 p.m. – Cherokee Schools called to advised that if the alarm company calls in, it was a false alarm. They don't need the fire department.

7:52 p.m. – Medic needed in the 200 block of Central for a person with severe stomach pain. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Thursday, January 25, 2024

During this day were two traffic stops.

3:20 a.m. – Reporting party advised the property owner advised there was a fire in one of the rooms at "the motel." When asked for the location, the caller hung up. Dispatch called the reporting party back and no one answered. Dispatch called the Cherokee Inn and they said there was no fire. Called the Salt Plains Motel, there no fire. Owner notified the county that they were aware the reporting party had been harassed by an individual in the past. Officer was advised.

2:15 p.m. – Medic needed in the 400 block of Illinois for a female who fell. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

7:27 p.m. – Reporting party advised a man and woman were inside a residence in the 7th Street and Ohio area arguing, when the female exited the house and got on a

bike and left, heading towards Dollar General. Then the male also exited the house, yelling at the female. He also got on bike and began chasing. Officer was notified. Officer was unable to locate anyone in the area.

Friday, January 26, 2024

During this day were two traffic stops.

1:56 p.m. – Alarm company advised of a carbon monoxide alarm going off in the 500 block of Main. Alarm company advised it was a false alarm.

Saturday, January 27, 2024

During this day were seven traffic stops and one report of cattle out.

11:50 a.m. – Report that a tree had fallen and damaged their neighbors' car. Advised to contact her insurance company.

5:15 p.m. – Medic needed at the Smok Shak for a male that seemed dazed. Medic took the patient to Share Medical Center in Alva.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

During this day was one traffic stop.

1:38 a.m. – Medic needed in the 200 block of 6th Street for a female who a severe migraine. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

6:33 a.m. – Medic needed at United for a female with severe flu symptoms. Medic

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took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

9:47 a.m. – Medic needed on County Road 560 for a female who fell going down the stairs and needed assistance. She had a possible broken ankle and shoulder out of place.

Medic took the patient to Share Medical Center in Alva.

3:13 p.m. – Report of a theft at County Road 590 and Aline.

Report of people stealing firewood. Deputy advised issue was resolved.

4:28 p.m. – Medic needed in the 200 block of Randolph for a female having a seizure. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Alfalfa County court filings

According to the affidavits and petitions on file, the following individuals have been charged. An individual is innocent of any charges listed below until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is a matter of public record and may be obtained by anyone during regular hours at the Alfalfa County Courthouse. The Newsgram will not intentionally alter or delete any of this information. If it appears in the courthouse public records, it will appear in this newspaper.

Felony Filings

Brooke Ladawn McNew, Oklahoma City, 32, has been charged with unauthorized entry into prison; bringing contraband drugs into penal institution and bringing contraband cell phone into penal institution (\$1,335.75).

Misdemeanor Filings

Sarah Elizabeth Green, Nash, 41, has been charged with obtaining cash and/or merchandise by bogus check (\$366.50).

Civil Filings

Midland Credit management Inc. vs. Leonard Davis, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$239.14).

Small Claims Filings

Henry A. Tidwell, Carmen, vs. Jeffrey Skaggs, Cherokee: small claims (\$108).

Divorce Filings

Mindy Kate Ramos vs. Heriberto Ramos, Arkansas City, Kansas: divorce (\$272.14).

Traffic Citations

Over Patterson, Alva, has been cited for operating vehicle without a valid driver's license (\$249).

Hector Casas, Katy, Texas, has been cited for operating vehicle without a valid driver's license (\$249).

Dakota Lee Amix, Kingston, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Joshua Ian Melson, Drumright, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Richard Dean Jackson, Cherokee, was cited with not wearing a seatbelt (\$20).

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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.

Thursday

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

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

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

Friday

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

6-8 p.m. The First Friday Art Walk will be held in downtown Alva.

Are insects drawn to light? New research shows it's confusion, not fatal attraction

By Christina Larson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a moth to flame, many scientists and poets have long assumed that flying insects were simply, inexorably drawn to bright lights.

But that's not exactly what's going on, a new study suggests.

Rather than being attracted to light, researchers believe that artificial lights at night may actually scramble flying insects' innate navigational systems, causing them to flutter in confusion around porch lamps, street lights and other artificial beacons.

"Insects have a navigational problem," said Tyson Hedrick, a biologist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who was not involved in the research. "They're accustomed to using light as a cue to know which way is up."

Insects do not fly directly toward

a light source, but actually "tilt their backs toward the light," said Sam Fabian, an Imperial College London entomologist and co-author of the study published Tuesday in the journal *Nature Communications*.

That would make sense if the strongest light source was in the sky. But in the presence of artificial lights, the result is midair confusion, not attraction.

For the study, researchers attached tiny sensors to moths and dragonflies in a laboratory to film "motion-capture" video of flight — similar to how filmmakers attach sensors to actors to track their movements.

They also used high-resolution cameras to film insects swirling around lights at a field site in Costa Rica.

This allowed them to study in detail how dragonflies will circle endlessly around light sources, positioning themselves with their backs facing the beams. They also documented that some insects will flip upside down — and often crash land — in the presence of lights that shine straight upward like search lights.

Insect flight was least disrupted by bright lights that shine straight downward, the researchers found.

"For millions of years, insects oriented themselves by sensing that the sky is light, the ground is dark" — until people invented artificial lights, said Avalon Owens, a Harvard entomologist who was not involved in the research.

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