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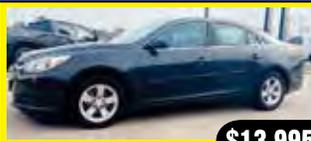
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Miller's to celebrate 50 years of marriage

Larry Don Miller and Brenda Anne Diel were married July 23, 1971, at the Cherokee First Baptist Church. They lived in the Amorita area before moving to Cherokee in 2000. Larry worked with his dad, Buck Miller, for many years at Amorita Propane. Larry was later the Heat and Air Foreman for AEC Services in Cherokee for 19 years before retiring in 2014.

Brenda ran the Burlington Café for a number of years. Brenda was later the Director of the Alfalfa County Emergency Medical Services for 20 years before retiring in 2012.

Larry and Brenda were both EMTs and helped save countless lives in the Amorita and Cherokee communities.

Their children are Travis and Tammi Miller, and Shane and Stephanie Miller. They have been blessed with three granddaughters: Taylor, Kaitlyn and Taryn Miller.

The family is hosting an anniversary celebration at the Cherokee First Baptist Church on their 50th anniversary at 6 p.m. Please join us to wish them congratulations, with dinner and cake.

If you cannot attend but would like to send a card, they may be sent to 1621 S. Oklahoma, Cherokee, OK 73278.



Larry & Brenda Miller - 1971



Larry & Brenda Miller - 2021

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Saying goodbye to a Woods County treasure

By Marione Martin

Alva and Woods County lost a treasure last week with the passing of Ray Dean Linder. Over the years, he garnered accolades in his career as a judge. He was also recognized for his sports broadcasts.



I first met him in his role as a radio sportscaster. He began that career in 1962 and thankfully consented to continue when my husband Lynn and I took ownership of KALV radio in 1969. Why would someone who was so successful in his judicial career agree to give up his weekends to travel long distances covering football and basketball games? It certainly wasn't the pay!

Having played baseball, basketball and football in high school at Waynoka and following that with baseball and football at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Linder was well-versed in sports. Surely he enjoyed continuing an active sports role through broadcasting. I would think that watching young men and women work hard and give their best in sports competition was a nice break from dealing with court cases where the opposite attitude was often displayed.

Linder broadcast around 2,000 high school and college basketball and football games in a period of 28 years before he gave up the travel to concentrate

on his judicial career. Even though he was a graduate of rival SWOSU, he was inducted into the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 for his years as the voice of Ranger sports.

In September 2015, the new Dean Linder Press Box was dedicated at the NWOSU football stadium. University President Dr. Janet Cunningham said in the 28 seasons Judge Linder was the voice of the Ranger, "we were blessed and a bit spoiled to have one of the best broadcasters in Oklahoma behind the microphone."

Introducing Linder at the event, his longtime sports traveling companion Ben Buckland said, "I am incredibly honored to have been beside and behind this man to see him at his very broadcasting best, and to ride thousands of miles with him and to learn how I can be a better guy." Buckland said Linder taught him about integrity and how to act when you're around other people in a social or business setting.

Concluding his speech on that occasion, Linder said, "It has been the grandest thing I've ever done, and I've never missed anything any more in my life than I miss being directly involved with Ranger athletics. It may seem a little strange that a guy who played in four conference championships in football, four conference championships in baseball and who pitched in the first small college world series while wearing blue and white can be so proud of the red and black. Be proud of where you are,

who you are and who you support."

Judge Linder served 46 years on the bench before his retirement at age 79. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma law school in 1960, he was County Attorney for Woods County. When court reform went into effect on Jan. 13, 1969, each county was given an Associate District Judge position. Linder became Woods County's first associate district judge. In 1982, he ran for district judge and was elected.

Judge Linder presided over all kinds of cases from probate to traffic to murder. The most memorable was the State vs. Terry Nichols, who had been convicted in federal court of the conspiracy to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building and involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of eight federal agents. Nichols' charges in the state case involved the 161 others who died in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building. Linder presided over the case for 20 months, handling legal motions made by attorneys for Nichols and for the state before the trial was held before another judge.

Upon Linder's retirement, Chief Justice Joseph Watt of the Oklahoma Supreme Court heaped significant praise on him. Watt explained what Supreme Court judges do, "We grade papers from all the district judges who have rendered decisions for folks who are unhappy with those decisions. They appeal those cases up to us.

"I can tell you after 23 and a half years, which has been my tenure thus far on the Supreme Court, I don't think it has been more than once or twice that we have had the opportunity to grade Judge Dean Linder's papers, because he has been that outstanding as a trial judge.

"Since I've been on the court, I've had the opportunity to converse and see the work of the 280 plus judges in the state of Oklahoma, and I can tell you without any reservation that the finest judge in this state in the last 40 years – and probably in the history of the state – is the man sitting here right in front of me.

"I met him when I first went on the bench in 1985. I was so impressed that I said to myself, 'If I can ever be half the judge that Ray Dean Linder is, I will have had a great life.'"

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New Burlington Superintendent Kevin Brown brings prior admin experience

Has administrative, coaching and teaching experience; Brings wife and 8th grade son

By Yvonne Miller

Burlington Public School’s new superintendent Kevin Brown said,



“My passion is to try and be the best I can be at this job. I coached many years and enjoyed it – but I’m in to this side of it now. I liked being a principal and superintendent.

I feel very fortunate to be here at Burlington.”

Describing himself, Brown said, “I’m a small town western Oklahoma guy. I was raised in the country – I was a farm kid.” Raised in Gracemont, in Caddo County, Brown said, “It was a town about the size of Burlington.” His parents still live at Gracemont, nestled in between Anadarko and Binger. Brown continues to have cattle and hay there with his dad.

Brown comes to Burlington from Hammon where he was superintendent and coach taking his boys basketball team to state last year. This was his second time at Hammon where his

teams made it to state twice during his first time there.

The four previous years he was superintendent at Duke. He also coached and his teams made it to state in 2016 and 2018. The first time he left Hammon it was to be at Cement as elementary and high school principal one year. Then he went to Binger-Oney as junior and high school principal there two years and coached. His first teaching job was at Buffalo then to Mountain View/Gotebo. He coached at Tipton and then Cyril which was his first state semi-finalist basketball team.

After high school Brown played basketball one year at USAO in Chickasha. Then he went to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford where he earned his bachelor’s degree in education, history and physical education in 1996. He later earned his master’s degree in education administration in 2011 from SWOSU.

Brown Talks His Family, Philosophy and More

Now starting his superintendent role at Burlington, Brown, his wife Lacy and their 8th grader son Bode

Raines are living in one of the school-owned houses. He has an older daughter who is a teacher at Thomas; a son who lives in Woodward; a daughter in school at Southwestern; and a son who is a 6th grader at Snyder.

Describing his love of being a superintendent, Brown said, “On the administration side that’s just kinda my personality. I’m a type A get things done kind of guy. Being a coach all those years you learn how to be a leader. Leading a district is really no different than leading a team. There’s just more players in the game. It’s just where my heart is. I like to try and make a difference. When you’re in a leadership role, you can make a difference on an entire district – on an entire community.”

When asked about his philosophy of dealing with young people, Brown said, “Kids have to know that you care about them – that your heart is in the right place. They have to know that you are knowledgeable and that you know what you’re talking about. It comes down to – especially these days – to motivate them to be better than they thought they could be.”

“I always try to have good relationships with people. My heart is in the right place. I try to make the best of every situation,” Brown said.

What are his hobbies? “I play a little golf. I love to hunt (deer and birds) whatever is in season and fish. I’m a country boy. I mess with the cattle and the hay – you know it’s in your blood.”

Brown described Lacy as “a homemaker” and said “She’s a small town country girl who likes being outdoors.”

Focusing on his new job, Brown said, “We’re so fortunate that Burlington is obviously in good shape financially. And we have a good staff.”

“I want to try and make Burlington the best we can be. We want to get our enrollment up. We are looking into adding programs and curriculum. I want it to grow and prosper. My goal is to prepare the kids for whatever life throws at them.”

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Obituaries

DONALD LEE MAXWELL

Memorial services for Donald Lee Maxwell will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Katie Hill officiating. Private family services will be held at a later date. He was cremated at his request under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Donald Lee Maxwell, son of the late Herbert and Mary (Beck) Maxwell, was born March 23, 1929, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away July 4, 2021, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 92 years, 3 months, and 23 days.

Donald is survived by three sons, one stepdaughter, one nephew, ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be made through the funeral home to a trust set up for the children of Lonnie Bolar.

CALVIN HARVE 'JAKE' NEWTON

Calvin Harve "Jake" Newton, son of the late Carl and Beatrice Wyman Newton, was born April 5, 1934, in Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, and passed from this life at his home on July 18, 2021, at the age of 87 years. On March 31, 1956, he was united in marriage to his "sweet thing" Mary Anne Circle,

and to this union four girls were born. Two months ago their family had a big celebration to commemorate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Jake started working at the age of four, milking cows, then jockeyed race horses as his youth ended. He graduated from Cleo Springs High School in 1952. He later joined the Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. When he moved back to Kiowa, Kansas, he was a farmer, rancher, hunter, fence builder, card player and gardener.

Jake was known for his smile and love of people, which was shown by his generosity and daily distribution of donuts, vegetables, and eggs to Kiowa and surrounding communities.

Jake is survived by his wife, Mary Anne; four daughters, Connie and Butch Rooks of Kiowa, Kansas, Laurie and Rock Shelite of Kiowa, Kansas, Lisa Newton of Kiowa,

Kansas, and Shelly and Mitch Merklein of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Rose Gillig and Judy Matheny; two brothers, Clark (Joyce) Newton and Robert Newton; eight grandchildren, Robyn (Casey) Whitaker, Heather (Brad) Grabar, Candi (Justin) Madux, Heath (Liz) Shelite, Todd (Rachel) Shelite, Holly Rooks, Kali (Joe Faircloth), Erin (David) Nicholson.

Besides his parents, Jake is preceded in death by four sisters, Ila Brandt, Ineta Rader, Ida Opperman, and Joyce Swart; three brothers, Lloyd Newton, Bill Newton, C.A. Newton; two infant siblings and granddaughter, Lauren Merklein.

Celebration of life service for Jake will be Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Kiowa, Kansas. Burial with military honors will be in Riverview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Kiowa. There will be viewing at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. with family present 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.

Memorials may be made to Kiowa Chamber of Commerce through the funeral home.

PHILLIP SIMPSON

Phillip Simpson, 78, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, died Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Ascension-Via Christi St. Francis, Wichita, Kansas.



He was born on June 12, 1943, in Anthony, Kansas, the son of Robert C. Simpson and Marjorie (Rozzelle) Simpson.

In 1965, he married Joyce Ditgen. She preceded him in death on July 7, 2021.

Phillip was raised on the family farm, where one of his favorite pastimes was helping his father assess the value of horses for trade with his brother, Richard. He often reminisced about riding Palominos and Big Bays with names like Chief and King.

Phillip suffered from asthma his entire life, but much more so as a child. His mother often predicted weather patterns based solely on his breathing.

He walked to the nearest one-room school house, Reutlinger #10, as a grade school student. The family soon moved to

town (c. 1957) and he graduated from Medicine Lodge High School in 1961.

Phillip's occupations ranged from oil field roughnecking in his early days, to owning his own trucking and dozer equipment, and even running his own filling station in Medicine Lodge. He sold insurance all across the state of Kansas for the Knights of Columbus, earning several major awards. In his later years he 'moved dirt', as he called it, for Inslee and Gorilla Construction before retiring in the late 2010s.

As a father, he was a gentle but vibrant giant. He worked to make his sons self-sufficient and kind, teaching them car repair, fishing and the importance of laughter. As a friend he was ornery, fun-loving, and honest.

Phillip passed away with his sons and daughters-in law in attendance, as well as nephew Paul Shelite, after suffering long-time respiratory issues.

His cheerful demeanor, broad smile and hearty laugh will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are three sons, Christopher Dean Simpson and wife Kelley of Jacksonville, Florida, Shawn Michael Simpson and wife Melissa of Kiowa, Kansas, and Brian Jon Simpson and wife Kimberly of Kansas City, Missouri; Six grandchildren, Tanner David Chamblee, Brittany Marie, Cade Anthony, Adrienne Rozzelle, Audrey May, and Anthony James Simpson; one brother, Richard K. Simpson of Cape Coral, Florida; one sister, Mary Rucker of Sharon, Kansas; many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, Anthony Layne "Tony" Simpson, and two sisters, Phyllis J. Shelite and Evelyn R. Pierce.

Visitation will be on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, with Father Mark Brantley presiding. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge.

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Burlington takes on new administrative leadership for the 2021-22 school year

School starts Wednesday, Aug. 11

By Yvonne Miller

As the Burlington Public School Board of Education met for their July meeting a new superintendent and new high school principal were in place. They are Superintendent Kevin Brown and High School Principal Gerrett Spears.

All five board members were present including President Terry Graham, Robert Hill, April Kisling, T.J. Rockenbach and Aaron Smith. Minutes Clerk Tracy Granados was also present. The only guest at the meeting was Shawn Hooker who is the new girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

The group moved from the superintendent's office to the IETV room.

All are gearing up for the new school year that starts Wednesday, Aug. 11. The school day will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. The school has an Enrollment Night/Open House on Monday, Aug. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. All students will enroll that evening. Principal Spears announced that sports physicals are once again offered free by appointment at the Kiowa District Hospital Rural Health Clinic on July 14, 21, 28 or 30 from 8 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Hirings and Burlington School Board Action

The board hired Brook Keast as administrative assistant/activity fund custodian for the 2021-22 fiscal year. This was after the board held an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of Keast position and to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the performance of the superintendent.

Superintendent Brown discussed

changes to the extra duty schedules for the upcoming school year. He recommended changes as the athletic director is now Gerrett Spears, and for concession ordering and FCA. The board approved the changes and also stipends that will be added for the counselor Gayle McNett and girls' golf coach Shawn Hooker.

A change was approved for the school calendar to take the day off Aug. 27 for the county teachers meeting that was moved from Aug. 20.

The following encumbrances, change orders and warrants received board approval: General Fund: Encumbrances 1-93 for \$470,747.07 and Warrants 1-35 for \$100,981.24; FY '21 Encumbrance 292 for \$8,498.97 and Reserve Warrants 1194-1216 for \$8,832.66; Building Fund: Encumbrances 1-2 for \$55,779.75 and Warrant 1 for \$48,279.75; FY '21 Encumbrance 9 for \$17,000.49; Child Nutrition Fund: Encumbrances 1-11 for \$49,552.50 and Warrants 1-2 for \$177.50.

The June activity fund report was approved by the board as was the activities calendar and fundraisers for 2021-22 school year.

The board approved budget revisions for 2020-21. They also approved the quote with Edgenuity for \$6,500 for the school's online curriculum for the the upcoming year.

As the July meeting was the start of a new fiscal year for the school, the board approved numerous housekeeping reorganizational items as they do each year. The names of the superintendent, principals, secretaries, staff are repeatedly listed for these positions such as: receiving agents; signators for expenditures; banking actions; etc. Those details are on file at the school office for anyone wishing to see the

details.

Administrative Reports, Handbook Changes

The superintendent reported that book orders for the new school year are completed or are in progress. Administrators continue to look at additional extra-curricular options for students. Brown said the OSSBA Conference is Aug. 26-29 and he, all board members and Principal Spears are registered to attend.

Principal Spears reported that he's met with teachers and staff. He said that administration recently completed the class schedules for the 2021/22 school year. The school website is in the progress of being updated and should be referred to for current information regarding the upcoming school year. The School Handbook was updated and can be located on a bar on the website. Spears also said students have been busy this summer – both coaches said athletes made positive progress at basketball camps – FFA students recently attended Alumni Camp.

Spears discussed changes made to the school handbook for the upcoming school year. One of those was expanding availability to insurance to include students in the 3-year-old program.

Additionally, there were updates and/or changes to policies regarding visitor passes, textbooks and supplies provided by the school, administration of medication, corporal punishment, students who drive to school, the activity schedule, school assemblies, eligibility verification processes, off campus lunch, cell phones and the hat/hoodie policy. The details of these changes can be found in the 2021-22 school handbook on the school website.

The student handbook was approved by the board for the new school year. There was a change to the hat policy which says that hoodies are not to be worn up. Another approved change was the addition of vaping to the drug policy.

Students are allowed to have their cell phones at school. Superintendent Brown explained when entering a classroom, students put their phone in a designated place in plain site, determined by the teacher. He mentioned that everyone has a Chromebook.

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Alfalfa county clerk to go out for bid on old elevator property

By Stacy Sanborn

Most of what the Alfalfa County commissioners did in their meeting Monday was conventional. Marvin Woodall, Jay Hague, and Mike Roach signed maintenance and operation payment warrants, blanket purchase orders, and previous meeting minutes before moving on to several equipment disposal resolutions. Those resolutions were:

- A Poweredge T320 Processor (Invoice no. H220 100.48, Serial no. CM-0FHW0J-71070-591-0123-A02)
- A Dell Optiplex 660 (Invoice no. H220 100.37, Serial no. 7T7TWR1)
- A 9040 N Printer (Invoice no. H220 100.30, Serial no. JPDL65R04)
- A Dell Optiplex 990 (Invoice no. H220 100.35B, Serial no. 7RLTWR1)
- A Power Shot 5x14 15 (Invoice no. H205 100.01, Serial no. 21302063006787)
- Four burgundy chairs (Invoice no. 102 100.01, Invoice no. 02 100.05, Invoice no. 102 100.06, and Invoice no. 102 100.07)

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NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 320 Acres - W $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. - This tract has been sprigged to Ozarka Bermuda grass and has new fences. It has a 287 Acre wheat base with a proven yield of 31 bushels. Has cement bunks, corrals, and shades on a paved road. **PRICE: \$640,000.00**

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 80 Acres Cropland - S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 3-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This 80 Acres is all cropland (Wetbeth silty clay loam and Devol fine sandy loam soils) and has a new perimeter fence. **PRICE: \$180,000.00**

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 196 Acres - 139 Acres cropland - 57 Acres grass. 5-wire fence around grass, some new. Land watered by a pond and waterwell. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ north and east of the railroad tracks in Section 17-24-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$330,000.00**

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

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

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 190 Acres - Excellent cropland (Bethany Silt Loam, Tabler Silt Loam Soils), excellent Alfalfa farm, rural water. Lays SW of Capron, OK. 100 Acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & 90 Acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 22-28-13, W.I.M. Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$450,000.00**

NEW-SOLD - 160 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 14-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This tract consists of 158 Acres of good cropland (Devol Loamy Sand & Carville fine sandy loam soils) with great improvements - corrals - tub & chute, 400' bunks, overhead bin, windmill & tank, three automatic waterers, new 5-wire fences. **PRICE: \$400,000.00**

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

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres - good grassland. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 20-26-15, W.I.M., Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$224,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 157 Acres cropland, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 29-28-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OK. **PRICE: \$475,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres cropland, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 28-28-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OK. **PRICE: \$410,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres cropland, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 28-28-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OK. **PRICE: \$420,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres cropland, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 35-29-13, W.I.M., Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$485,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres cropland, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 29-29-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OK. **PRICE: \$465,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 169 Acres cropland, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 14-28-13, Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$420,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres excellent grassland. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 21-29-14, Woods County, Oklahoma. **NEW PRICE: \$240,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 160 Acres - 88 Ac. Cropland - 72 Ac. Grassland with beautiful 4,100 sq. ft. home w/ 1,156 sq. ft. attached garage. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 35-29-15 38004 McClain Road, Woods County, OK. **PRICE: \$690,000.00**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOLD - 360 Ac - Sec 31 & 32-345-12W Barber Co., KS **\$650,000.00**

SOLD - 560 Ac - Sec 28 & 33-28-16 Woods Co., OK **\$728,000.00**

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SOLD - 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 1,850 sq. ft. New covered patio & fenced backyard. Many updates! Beautifully remodeled home. 1831 W. Maple, Alva. **\$190,000**

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Gottsch named adviser mentor award recipient at National Leadership Conference

Heather Gottsch, Cherokee FCCLA adviser, is one of 13 honorees across the nation selected by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to receive the 2020-2021 Adviser Mentor Award. FCCLA honored all Adviser Mentor Award recipients during the Hybrid National Leadership Conference, June 27–July 2, in Nashville, Tennessee.

All FCCLA advisers have the opportunity to be recognized as an adviser mentor. To achieve this award, advisers must first earn Master Adviser Recognition. Such recognition can be accomplished by devoting two years to new adviser assistance, assuming adult leadership roles in FCCLA, conducting adviser workshops, attending training workshops, and utilizing national and state FCCLA resources.

In seven years as the Cherokee FCCLA adviser, Gottsch has advised a chapter with over 100 affiliated members. Those members have received numerous awards at the state and national level. There have been 44 members qualify for State STAR Events; six 3rd place winners, eight 2nd place winners, and ten state champions. In addition, the chapter has 6 national gold medalists and one silver medalist. Nineteen different FCCLA Virtual Business Challenge teams have qualified for the National Championship, with two earning 3rd place, five national runner-up teams, and two national championship teams. The chapter also boasts a state officer, nine district officers, two district presidents, and an FCCLA/Kikkoman Japanese Exchange Program scholarship recipient during this seven-year span.

In addition to providing opportunities for students, Gottsch has served in numerous capacities as a leader and mentor to other FCCLA Advisers. Through both unofficial and official mentor roles, she serves as a resource for new and continuing teachers who are looking to grow their own FCCLA chapters or who need advice and resources to use in their family and consumer sciences classroom. Gottsch was named an FCCLA Master Adviser in 2019 and has been selected by her peers three times as teacher of the year.

“Adviser mentors are crucial to our continued growth at FCCLA,” said Sandy Spavone, executive director of FCCLA. “Their knowledge, experience,



and devotion to the organization is shared with incoming advisers, who carry out their learned skills throughout the entire program. Our mentors are an instrumental reason we can continue to flourish and evolve.”

FCCLA student success is predominantly due to the guidance, support, and leadership of chapter and state advisers. To serve as an adviser requires an enormous amount of time, energy, and commitment. Exceptional advisers continuously go above and beyond by staying well informed, connecting students to opportunities and resources, and making significant contributions to FCCLA on the local, state, and national level.



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Kiowa City Council hears about new home for school museum, water project 22 percent complete

Simpson resigns from council, Robison to fill his term

By Yvonne Miller

At the July 12 meeting of the Kiowa City Council they had a full agenda. Mayor Bill Watson opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and also gave the prayer. Saying the prayer was usually something that Councilmember R.L. Simpson did, but he had resigned his position the previous week.

Local woman Janet Robison was appointed by the mayor to fill Simpson's unexpired term. She took the oath of office from City Clerk Cady Tucker before taking her seat at the council table for the first time. The rest of the council members present were: B.J. Duvall, Brian Hill, Jason Thayer and Tom Wells. City Attorney Brandon Ritcha also sat at the council table along with City Administrator Sam Demel.

BG Consultants Say Waterline Project is 22 Percent Complete

The BG Consultants report was given by Brian Foster, BG's Manhattan office manager. Foster was in Kiowa as they had a progress meeting on Kiowa's ongoing waterline replacement project earlier that day.

Foster presented BG's pay request of \$226,999.03 to the council. That's approximately 22 percent of the work completed, he said. The timeline to complete the project is next fall according to the contract. "Hopefully we'll finish before that – but no guarantees," he said.

Foster said there's been lots of discussion about the transmission main line northeast of Kiowa along Tri-City Road. Workers are getting close to the area where there's been leaks in the past. They are getting into the shale/sandstone material. Foster said BG decided to do vidding to the pipe in that area. That's the process of laying sand underneath and around the pipe. It's a line item in the cost of the project.

"We have about 9,000 feet of the 50,000 feet laid," Foster said. Most agree the problem areas are the middle five miles along Tri-City Road. He said they currently have 10,000 feet of pipe that needs vidding and (the vidding part) is not in the project budget. The worst case scenario is it would cost around \$30,000 more, he said. Demel confirmed it's worth the extra expense.

Working from the northeast corner of town the NOWAK crews doing the waterline project are conducting pressure testing and tying services back over.

Simpson Resigns from Council, Replaced by Robison

Mayor Watson said that the previous Monday before this meeting, Councilmember R.L. Simpson submitted his resignation, effective immediately. Mayor Watson appointed Janet Robison to fill his unexpired term as was reported in the Newsgram last week. The council

approved Robison's appointment. The article on Robison told of her total involvement in the Kiowa community.

As Simpson was council president, the group had to select another. They approved Councilmember Brian Hill as council president.

Drafting the City of Kiowa's 2022 Budget

An agenda item was drafting the 2022 budget. Stan Busby with Busby, Ford and Reiman discussed the draft budget. This is based on the city's estimated value determined by Barber County Clerk Debbie Wesley until she sets the exact levies later in the fall, about November. He explained passing a revenue/neutral rate that keeps the rates the same. A letter must be sent to the county to notify them if the city (or any entity included) plan to exceed their revenue/neutral rate. That deadline for the letter to be received by the Barber County Clerk was yesterday.

Busby made a summary sheet that he distributed to council members. Busby said while valuation amounts are not yet exact, a drop is anticipated. The city's valuation in 2021 was \$5.596 million. Your 2022 valuation dropped by 1.48 percent, he said. The city's delinquency (the people who didn't pay taxes last year) was 2.64 percent.

As a result the mill rates for 2021 were 46.043. To collect the same dollar amount you have to collect 46.736 because your valuation dropped. One mill equals approximately \$5,500, Busby said. The revenue/neutral rate is 44.355.

Discussing the budget, council members are aware they may have to consider possible cuts. They continue for the second year to take no pay as council members.

Demel said he's put \$30,000 in the budget for repairs at Kiowa's Community Building. He knows they'll probably need much more as they tackle

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the women’s restroom to make it ADA accessible. “We’ll adjust the amount accordingly,” Demel said.

The city will have to publish their budget between Aug. 10 and 20.

More Kiowa City Council Action, New Home for School/Museum

On behalf of Kiowa’s Historical Society, Gayla Reed and Cindy Archuleta addressed the council. Reed told them the Historical Society is taking over the RSI Building at Main and 6th Street. It will house school memorabilia and be a second museum for the society. This museum will be open two partial days/week.

Reed said, “We’ll pay the insurance on the building. We ask that the city pay for our utilities.” The council agreed to pay their City Bill (includes trash, water, sewer, utilities) until the end of 2021.

She also said they are going to clean out the RSI Building and requested the city provide a dumpster. Wells said they can use one he has available. Council members thanked the women for trying to improve Kiowa’s appearance. They mentioned a grant for having murals painted on the side of the new museum building.

Council approved hiring an intern for up to 400 hours for the electric department at the rate of compensation set by city administrator.

Regarding a time change for Sunday liquor sales, the council approved Ordinance 466. This came from a ruling by the Kansas State Legislature. Kiowa’s council voted 4-1 to allow retail Liquor Store Sunday sales from 9 a.m., instead of noon as the law was previously. Thayer cast the no vote.

The council adopted Resolution 21-109, which allows Kiowa to join the

Homeland Security Mitigation Plan. Demel explained this is so the city can receive (FEMA) money in the case of a natural disaster.

Demel sometimes uses the police department’s pickup to conduct city business (i.e. driving to Tri-City Road to check on water project and other city visits to residents, etc.). He said the KHP told him that was not a good idea. The council does not have an issue with it and attorney Brandon Ritcha said he’ll research it further. For now the city administrator will continue to use the pickup to conduct city business.

Giving staff reports, Fire Chief Bill Duvall said he’s had the new truck out. Police Chief Travis Petersen said he’s been busier at night and requested that the sheriff’s department will send a deputy sometimes at night.

City Superintendent John Duvall reported that the city sewer ponds are full with all the rain and they are pumping. The pump at the city pool went out. A push mower needs replaced.

The cost for all the new electric water meters is approximately \$90,000. Duvall confirmed with the electronic meters, city workers can drive down streets and get meter readings.

The city needed to get more 35 foot electric poles. Demel said they were able to purchase some from the City of Anthony for one dollar over their cost.

Under council items, Robison asked what can be done to fix all the washed out property in front of Kiowa’s General Store. The problem is the ditches are silted shut, she said. “We’ve got to have a plan.”

Tucker mentioned “delinquent payments – some of which are constantly delinquent.”

Demel said Kiowa’s Burn Site is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. He’s keeping it open on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays noon to 6 p.m., through the end of July.

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Plains Youth and Family Services and the Board of County Commissioners of Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, and a detention service agreement by and between ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc. and the Alfalfa County BOCC.

A private property access easement for District 2 received approval for the NE ¼ of 33-26-11 for placement of fill-dirt for that property.

Next, the commissioners accepted County Clerk Laneta Unruh to solicit bids for the old elevator property on Lot 7, less the railroad, including the alley. Also, lots 8 and 9 of Block 14 in Cherokee Original, more or less 6,500 square feet. (That property is located on the north side of Main Street between Oklahoma Street and Ohio Street in Cherokee.) They will advertise the bid in the county newspaper twice over four weeks, with the bid period closing on Aug. 13.

The final approval made was for a material request form for District 2.



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Oklahoma sues federal agency over coal mining oversight

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma is suing the U.S. Department of the Interior over the federal agency's plan to strip Oklahoma of its jurisdiction to regulate coal mining on tribal reservations, Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Monday.

The lawsuit, filed last week in federal court in Oklahoma City, names as defendants U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and that agency's acting director, Glen-

da Owens.

The U.S. Department of the Interior notified the state earlier this year it planned to strip Oklahoma of its jurisdiction to regulate surface coal mining within the Muscogee Nation reservation following last year's U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt decision, which determined the tribe's reservation in eastern Oklahoma was never disestablished by Congress.

"The Department of the Interior and other defendants in this case are dead

wrong about their decision," Stitt said in a statement. "They are attempting to unlawfully federalize mines that have been regulated by Oklahoma for almost 40 years by ignoring the clear limitations in the McGirt decision."

Stitt claims that the decision applies only to criminal jurisdiction.

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on the lawsuit.

Big infrastructure bill in peril; GOP threatens filibuster

By Lisa Mascaro And Kevin Freking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bipartisan infrastructure deal senators brokered with President Joe Biden is hanging precariously ahead of a crucial Wednesday test vote as senators struggle over how to pay for nearly \$1 trillion in public works spending.

Tensions were rising Tuesday as Republicans prepared to mount a filibuster over what they see as a rushed and misguided process. With Biden preparing to hit the road to rally sup-

port for his big infrastructure ideas — including some \$3.5 trillion in a follow up bill — restless Democrats say it's time to at least start debate on this first phase of his proposals.

"It is not a fish or cut bait moment," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., describing the procedural vote as just a first step to "get the ball rolling" as bipartisan talks progress.

Six months after Biden took office, his signature "Build Back Better" campaign promise is at a key moment that

will test the presidency and his hopes for a new era of bipartisan cooperation in Washington.

White House aides and the bipartisan group of senators have huddled privately since Sunday trying to wrap up the deal, which would be a first phase of an eventual \$4 trillion-plus package of domestic outlays — not just for roads and bridges, but foundations of everyday life including child care, family tax breaks, education and an expansion of Medicare for seniors.

Biden calls it a "blue-collar blueprint for building an American economy back." He asserted Tuesday that Americans are overwhelmingly in support of his plan and "that's the part that a lot of our friends on the other team kind of miss."

The other team begs to differ.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and some outside groups decry what they call Biden's "spending spree," and McConnell has said big spending is "the last thing American families need."

A core group of Republicans are interested in pursuing a more modest package of traditional highway and public works projects, about \$600 billion in new funds, and say they just

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Oklahoma health officials plead for residents to vaccinate

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A coalition of Oklahoma health officials on Tuesday pleaded with Oklahomans to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as the number of cases and hospitalizations rise in the state.

Aaron Wendelboe, an epidemiologist at the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health, said hospitalizations have nearly tripled since June. The state health department reported a seven-day average of 733 new cases daily, double the average of 364 from a week ago.

"On average, each infected person with COVID is transmitting it to 2.9 other people," compared to each infected person who transmitted the illness to two people in June, Wendelboe said.

The health department reported a three-day average of 409 people hospitalized with COVID, almost four times the average of 116 in late June, topping 400 for the first time since early June.

Assistant Deputy Health Commissioner Buffy Heater said 90% of those hospitalized are unvaccinated, "which further indicates to us that vaccines are safe and continue to be effective against all strains or all variants of COVID."

Oklahoma ranks ninth in the nation with 209.2 new virus cases per 100,000 residents, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Britney Spears' conservatorship case sparks legislative push

By Meg Kinnard

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Prompted by Britney Spears' conservatorship fight, a bipartisan legislative effort has emerged to reform the process created to protect the rights of more than 1 million people across the United States under the protective arrangements.

On Tuesday, Reps. Charlie Crist and Nancy Mace unveiled "The Free Britney Act," designed to give more options to people placed under conservatorships. Those include the ability to talk about their situations with caseworkers — over any objections from their conservators — and petition a court to replace their conservators without having to "prove wrongdoing or malfeasance."

"This is just a commonsense approach to doing what is right, to making sure that rights are balanced," Crist, a Florida Democrat, said during a virtual news conference on Tuesday.

Both Mace, a Republican from South Carolina, and Crist said it was Spears' passionate plea last month that a judge end the conservatorship that controls her life and money that spurred their proposal.

"What she had was an opportunity to do is bring to light, to shine a light, on those abuses," Mace said. "Her situation is a nightmare, and if it can happen to Britney Spears, it can happen to anyone in this country."

Speaking in open court, Spears

condemned her father and others who control the conservatorship, put in place as Spears underwent a mental health crisis in 2008. Spears said that the arrangement has compelled her to use birth control and take other medications against her will, and prevented her from getting married or having another child.

Spears' father and his attorneys have emphasized that she and her fortune, which court records put at more than \$50 million, remain vulnerable to fraud and manipulation. Under current law, the burden is on Spears to prove she is competent before the case could end.

Mace and Crist said they expected more bipartisan support for the measure, which would also provide at least \$260 million in grant funds for states to hire caseworkers or conservators.

The #FreeBritney movement has already crossed party lines.

"Everyone deserves control over their own body. Period," U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts, the fourth-ranking House Democrat, tweeted last month following Spears' testimony.

Some House Republicans have invited Spears to testify before Congress. The political arm of the House Republican caucus sent texts that described Ms. Spears as "a victim of toxic gov't overreach & censorship."

Earlier this month, Florida Republican U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, a close ally of former President Donald Trump, made a brief appearance addressing the Spears supporters outside the downtown Los Angeles courthouse, at one point shouting "Free Britney!"

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Kansas debate heats up over nursing homes' visitor rules

By John Hanna

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Families and advocates for the elderly in Kansas argue that with most nursing home residents vaccinated against COVID-19, some facilities' visiting rules need to be relaxed, though the delta variant's spread is making operators nervous.

A state official who investigates complaints against nursing homes and the elder-care focused Kansas Advocates for Better Care are calling on the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to crack down on homes that aren't open enough. They're concerned that the delta variant will prompt new lockdowns.

The aging department says it is working to ensure that residents and families have a voice in visitation policies, though some industry officials still see a need to proceed with caution.

The debate shows how operators feel they're still facing tough choices after nursing homes were COVID-19 hot spots early on during the pandemic. It also shows how residents' and families' anguish and anger still linger.

"We hear about the threat of the COVID and the death from COVID, and its real," Camille Russell, the state's long-term care ombudsman, said Tuesday. "What we don't understand is the pain and suffering and neglect and deaths that happen when there are not other people in the building."

Clusters of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes accounted for fewer than 5% of the 324,000 cases reported by Kansas as of Monday but for nearly 39% of the state's 5,200 reported deaths — more than 2,000 of them.

More than 90% of those cases and deaths happened before May 4, but they're still happening, with nine active clusters as of last week. Meanwhile, confirmed delta variant cases grew by 84% during the 10-day period that ended Monday.

"It's not time to fling the doors open with no guidance," said Debra Zehr, CEO of LeadingAge Kansas, which represents nonprofit aging-services providers.

Limits on visitors, including lockdowns early in the pandemic, were aimed at preventing people from bringing COVID-19 into nursing homes, where elderly residents were particularly vulnerable to severe complications.

"Our families — our base — have basically been very, very supportive for the most part," said Elizabeth Howarth, administrator of the Homestead Health Center in southwestern Wichita.

State and industry officials said homes' current visitation policies are driven by guidance from federal and state regulators and health officials. The guidance calls for restricting visitors when more than 10% of a county's COVID-19 tests are positive and fewer than 70% of a home's residents are vaccinated.

The state said its overall positivity rate was 8.1% on Friday, but the figure has been as high as 11.2% this month. The federal government says more than 84% of Kansas nursing home residents have been fully vaccinated, while the rate for staff is 55%.

Homestead Health in Wichita does not limit how many times family members can visit residents each week. But it requires appointments, keeps visits to 45 minutes and allows two adult visitors per resident.

Those policies took effect in March, when about 90% of the residents had been vaccinated. Howarth said most family members didn't want to visit without being vaccinated themselves.

And, she added, "That pandemic train is still coming down the track."

The aging department says it had received 40 calls about homes' visitation rules on a telephone hotline this year through July 13, without any citations. Deputy Secretary Scott Brunner said the agency told homes in December that they must discuss with all residents what they

want and what's possible with visitors.

As for getting more aggressive about cracking down on homes that restrict visitors, he said, "We have to weigh more than just one consideration at a time."

Russell said the long-term care ombudsman's office took up 40 complaints from May 10 through July 10 and received hundreds of calls.

"Some facilities have perhaps gotten comfortable with being in charge of when residents can receive visitors," said Margaret Farley, executive director of Kansas Advocates for Better Care. "COVID is still lingering as a good excuse."

In Ness City, Tatum Lee's frustration with rules at the local county-run nursing home where her grandfather lives pushed her to seek a Kansas House seat last year. Once in office, Lee, a Republican, sponsored a bill that sought to prevent county-run homes from restricting visits. It didn't pass.

She's still frustrated that visits with "my papa" are limited to an hour. Lee said family members monitor conditions and care at homes.

She said that last year, she had to ask workers at the local home when she saw them out in the community to give her grandfather hugs for her. Lee said she and others worry that homes will shut out visitors again if the area sees another wave of cases.

Lee also said families monitor their relatives' care and, "It matters to the health of these residents."

Ken Kennedy, a retired educator, said his mother's isolation early in the pandemic at the Prairie Sunset Home in Pretty Prairie, west of Wichita, was "the worst part of it all." In the fall, the home began putting up a tent in its courtyard for in-person visits, allowing him and other family members to see his mother regularly before she died in December.

The home's administrator, Aaron Kelley, said residents thrived once restrictions were lifted. Prairie Sunset posts regulators' guidance for visits on its website, but Kelley said he's not having employees police them strictly, adding that, "Somebody's going to hug somebody."

"We've got to get back to humanity," Kelley said.

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need more time to negotiate with the White House.

Biden has been in touch with both Democrats and Republicans for several days, and his outreach will continue "until he has both pieces of legislation on his desk to sign them into law," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday.

While Biden proposes paying for his proposals with a tax hike on corporations and wealthy Americans who earn more than \$400,000 a year, the bipartisan group has been working almost around the clock to figure out a compromise way to pay for its package, having dashed ideas for boosting the gas tax drivers pay at the pump or strengthening the Internal Revenue Service to go after tax scofflaws.

Instead, senators in the bipartisan group are considering rolling back a Trump-era rule on pharmaceutical rebates that could bring in some \$170 billion to be used for infrastructure.

Ten Republicans would be needed in the evenly split Senate to join all 50 Democrats in reaching the 60-vote threshold required to advance the bill past a filibuster to formal consideration.

Republicans are reluctant to open debate as the bipartisan bill remains a work in progress.

At a private lunch meeting Tuesday, McConnell and others urged Republican senators to vote no, according to a person granted anonymity to discuss the session.

"We're not going to vote to proceed to a bill that doesn't exist yet," Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri said afterward.

Some senators want to delay the vote to Monday. "We're making progress, but we need more time," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, one of the members of the bipartisan group.

By setting the vote now, Schumer is trying to nudge negotiations along, a strategy both parties have used before. If it fails Wednesday he can set another vote to proceed to the bill later.

Many Republicans are wary of moving ahead with the first, relatively slim package, fearing it will pave the way for the broader \$3.5 trillion effort Democrats are preparing to pass on

their own under special budget rules that only require 51 votes. Vice President Kamala Harris can break a tie.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been working to keep restless Democrats in her chamber in line, as rank-and-file lawmakers grow impatient with the sluggish Senate pace.

Liberal Democrats, in particular, are eager to make gains on Biden's priorities — with or without Republicans.

"Time's a wasting, I want to get this work done," Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., the chairwoman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, told reporters Tuesday.

Jayapal warned against giving Republicans too much time to negotiate the deal away. "We have all the history in the world to show that this is what Republicans do time and time and time again," she said.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, dismissed the Senate's bipartisan effort as inadequate. He wants more robust spending on the transportation elements and said, "We want an opportunity to actually negotiate."

Democrat John Yarmuth of Kentucky, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, said if the bipartisan

effort fails in the Senate, Democrats will simply include some of the infrastructure spending in the broader package they are compiling with Biden's other priorities.

Democrats hope to show progress on that bill before lawmakers leave Washington for their recess in August.

The legislative maneuvering marks a major test of Biden's ability to deliver on a massive package of economic promises and reforms he made during his campaign.

Biden is making the case that America needs to make up for lost time with fresh federal outlays to shore up its aging infrastructure and households struggling to recoup from a shifting economy and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The economy has come back to life as more Americans have gotten vaccinated and Biden's earlier \$1.9 trillion relief package has coursed through the country. Employers have added an average of nearly 543,000 jobs a month since January, with Federal Reserve officials anticipating overall economic growth of roughly 7% this year that would be the highest since 1984. Yet there is also uncertainty as employers say they're struggling to find workers at the current pay levels and inflation concerns have yet to abate.

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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office logs

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

2:26 a.m. – Medic needed for a male who had a motorcycle accident earlier and needed to go to the hospital. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

9:54 a.m. – Caller advised someone broke into the Carmen pool. They broke the lock on the kids pool and cut the barbed wire from the kid pool to the pump house.

4:42 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver on OK-45.

8:54 p.m. – Report of a small grass fire on County Road (CR) 580 and Grady Road.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

1:52 a.m. – Caller advised her husband kicked her out of the house and would not allow her to get her things. She would like to come the sheriff's office and speak to a deputy. Deputy had one adult male in custody.

9:44 a.m. – Medic needed for a male with possible renal failure. Medic with patient en route to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

11:04 a.m. – Medic needed for a male with shortness of breath. No transport needed.

4:26 p.m. – Report of an animal issue in the 400 block of Pennsylvania.

6:46 p.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle west of CR 580 and Greer.

10:13 p.m. – Caller advised of people around abandoned home with flashlights in the 400 block of Pennsylvania. Officer advised all was okay.

Thursday, July 15, 2021

During this day there was one traffic stop.

2:45 a.m. – Caller advised of a pick-up at a pumping unit that shouldn't be there on OK-8 and 8B. Deputy advised all was okay and was just checking the wells.

9:52 a.m. – Medic needed for a male having a chest pains. No transport needed.

10:54 a.m. – Caller advised someone had stolen a trailer from his farm and he wanted to make a report.

1:07 p.m. – Report of a possible animal cruelty near Hillsdale but advised the owner lives in Alfalfa County.

Friday, July 16, 2021

During this day there were two traffic stops.

1:20 a.m. – Medic alarm went off on CR 700. Medic en route. Medic transported the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

9:30 a.m. – Person came in the sheriff's office saying he needed a protective order.

10:47 a.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Ohio.

5:01 p.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle at Sandy Beach.

Saturday, July 17, 2021

5:20 a.m. – Welfare check needed.

1:25 p.m. – Caller needed for a person who had fallen and hurt shoulder. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

2:15 p.m. – Report of a cash room panic alarm. They advised everything was okay.

2:58 p.m. – Report of a loose dog in the 400 block of Kansas.

4:15 p.m. – Medic needed for a male laying in driveway bleeding from his head and he is conscious but barely alert. No transport needed.

4:15 p.m. – Caller advised of four people with two vehicles who were out at the crystal dig area that is closed off. When the RP asked them to leave they cussed at him and threatened him, so he left them alone.

5:56 p.m. – Report of copper thefts at two wells sites on Craig Road and CR 630.

6:25 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver on CR 620. Advised they were turning into the 100 block of Texas. Officer had one adult male in custody.

8:18 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver on Grady Road and OK-58. Officer had one adult male in custody and vehicle impounded at the Jiffy Trip.

8:41 p.m. – Report of two block dogs out in the 200 block of Duncan.

9:54 p.m. – Medic needed for a

female having diabetic episode. No transport needed.

11:59 p.m. – Medic needed into the 300 block of 3rd Street for a female who had fallen out of bed. No transport needed.

Sunday, July 18, 2021

During this day there was one traffic stop.

1:54 a.m. – Medic needed for a male experiencing extreme pain in the bladder area. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

2:30 a.m. – Caller advised there was an unauthorized black Chevy at County Road and Kay Road. Advised the male stated he was going to Alva, but upon inspection, after the male had left, the caller advised there were wires cut and had been taken.

6:14 a.m. – Person advised he hears a woman screaming for help at the Carmen Library. Deputy found no one around.

11:06 a.m. – Report of a semi vs. a camper accident at the four-way stop. No transport needed.

6:24 p.m. – Welfare check needed.

6:47 p.m. – Report of a person who smelled strongly of alcohol and was fixing to get behind the wheel at Jiffy Trip. Officer advised everything was okay.

9:06 p.m. – Caller advised a man was outside their house yelling and says they stole some of his property. Caller advised they didn't know who they were but thought he lived in the house next door.

9:35 p.m. – Barber County needed help for a male that had fallen and was unresponsive. And they can't get to him because he was blocking the door.

10:22 p.m. – Report of a little white dog loose on 2nd Street and Colorado.

10:30 p.m. – Medic needed for a male with chest pains. Medic en route with the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Monday, July 19, 2021

3:46 a.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was pulling a trailer full of oil well parts. The vehicle matched the description of a vehicle that has been stealing from wells. Deputy made contact and searched the vehicle. Report of a possible second subject. Deputy had subjects in custody.

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The Cherokee FFA and 4-H had 17 members compete in the commercial cattle grading contest in Cherokee — (from left, first row) Teagan Rose, Gavin Guffy, Stetson Metcalf, Austin Hensley, Autumn McMahan, Kendal Collins; (second row) Juan Castro, Riley Hensley, Abby Guffy, Brant Failes, Breck Failes, Perry Poe, Price Poe, Aubree Hughes. Not pictured: Kaden Littlefield, Case Littlefield, Hannah Hensley.

Cherokee FFA hosts commercial cattle grading contest

On Friday, July 16, several FFA chapters, 4-H clubs and adults traveled to the Cherokee Salebarn to compete in the 1st Annual Cherokee Commercial Cattle Grading Contest. All contestants evaluated 15 animals following a cattle grading school presented by Cherokee FFA Advisor, Christy Snider and retired Perkins-Tryon FFA Advisor Roger Jennings. Upon conclusion of the contest, all attendees were fed a free lunch.

Awards were presented to the Top 10 individuals in each of the three divisions, FFA, 4-H and Adult/PeeWee. In addition to the awards, the top 4-H and FFA individuals received \$100 cash sponsored by the Cherokee Ag Boosters. The top three 4-H and FFA teams were also presented with metal

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From Page 30 Contest



FFA High Individual — Cherokee FFA Vice President Abby Guffy presents a \$100 bill and a clipboard to Abigail Burton of the Stillwater FFA.

plaques. Snider stated, “For our first attempt, I was pleased with the crowd. This contest teaches students why cattle markets are what they are.”

4-H Division

Individuals: 1st Ridge Garrett, Logan Co., 2nd Bridger Arrington, Logan Co., 3rd Teagan Rose, Alfalfa Co., 4th Garrett Perrin, Logan Co., 5th Gavin Guffy, Alfalfa Co., 6th Leighton McNair, Logan Co., 7th Breck Failes, Alfalfa Co., 8th Lyndi Ward, Logan Co., 9th Aubree Hughes, Alfalfa Co., 10th Price Poe, Alfalfa Co. Teams: 1st Logan County – Mulhall-Orlando, 2nd Alfalfa County – Cherokee, 3rd Logan County – Crescent.

FFA Division

Individuals: 1st Abigail Burton, Stillwater, 2nd Jessica Otto, Wilson (Henryetta), 3rd Brant Failes, Cherokee, 4th Preslee Watley, Stillwater, 5th Hagen Cundiff, Perkins-Tryon, 6th Maysen Garrett, Crescent, 7th Josh Peetoom, Stillwater, 8th Brandt Gazaway, Stillwater, 9th Matthew Taylor, Wilson (Henryetta), 10th Jake Odom, Perkins-Tryon. Teams: 1st Stillwater, 2nd Perkins-Tryon, 3rd Cherokee.

Adults/PeeWee Division

1st Kayce Arrington, Mulhall-Orlando, 2nd Robby Branscum, Stillwater, 3rd Daniel Neely, Wilson (Henryetta), 4th Ryan Arrington, Mulhall-Orlando, 5th Claudia Garrett, Crescent, 6th Kaleb Wood, Perkins-Tryon, 7th Mark Garrett, Crescent, 8th Perry Poe, Cherokee, 9th Charley Ward, Mulhall-Orlando, 10th Stetson Metcalf, Cherokee.

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Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 872 page 478: Ryan Clark and Brianna Hop convey unto Ryan Clark and Brianna Hop: lots 6 through 12, block 9, in the Original Town of Burlington, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 872 page 654: Mary K. Genres and Jim S. Haggard, successor co-trustees of the Katherine U. Haggard Living Trust, Bonnie J. Haas, Trustee of the Bonnie J. Haas Trust, Susan Kay Poston and Christine Lynn Hurt, convey unto G. Dwight Wessels and Kathie R. Wessels, co-trustees of the revocable trust: lot 3 and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 4, township 26 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 872 page 666: Terri Lynn Sullivan, co-trustee of the Janet Sue Sullivan Revocable Trust, Mary K. Genre right and Jim S. Haggard, Successor Co-Trustees of the Katherine U. Haggard Living Trust, Bonnie J. Haas, Trustee of the Bonnie J. Haas Trust, Susan Kay Poston and Christine Lynn Hurt convey unto Colton Budy: the south half of the southwest quarter of section 33, township 27 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 872. Page 686: Jamie Bender conveys unto Joshua Jantz and Delissa Jantz: lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 in Garber's Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 872 page 984: Charles David Woods, as attorney-in-fact for Betty L. Woods, via durable power of attorney recorded with the Alfalfa County Clerk, conveys unto Robert Moreland III: Lot 4 of Block 3 in the Duncan Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 873 page 7: Norman Eugene Woodall conveys unto Erika Denton: lots 17 through 22, inclusive, and the west half of lot 23, block 27, Town of Helena, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 873 page 43: David A. and Kelli D. Curry convey unto William L. Curry: lots 13 and 14, Block 30, Original Town of Carmen, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 873 page 100: Brent Goss and Colleen Goss convey unto Charl L. Duel and Scott E. Nolting: Lot 10 in Block 21 in the Original Town of Carmen, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 873 page 110: Kalei Cell conveys unto lots 10, 11 and 12 in block 15 in First Addition to the Town of Aline, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 873 page 111: John V. Kerr and Dru A. Kerr convey unto Lucinda R. Reneau: Lot 26, Pinkerton's Second Subdivision in the northeast quarter of section 10, township 26 north, range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Mortgages

Book 872 page 468: Billy L. Lancaster and Trudy J. Lancaster, to Fairview Savings and Loan Association. The northwest quarter of section 34, township 26 north, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$240,000.00.

Book 872 page 639: Brian Gordon and Kathy M. Gordon, unto Farm Credit of Western Union. The west half of the southwest quarter of section 17, township 26 north, range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$1,600,000.00.

Book 872 page 659: Revocable Trust agreement of G. Dwight Wessels and Kathie R. Wessels, to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The west half of the northwest quarter of section 4, township 26 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$101,000.00.

Book 872 page 671: Colton Budy, to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The

south half of the southwest quarter of section 33, township 27 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$147,000.00.

Book 872 page 687: Joshua Jantz and Delissa Jantz, to ACB Bank. Lots 1 and 2, in Block 1, in Garber's Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$124,000.00.

Book 872 page 735: Bobby J. Elliott, to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The northeast quarter of section 9, township 23 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$175,000.00.

Book 872 page 749: Debbie L. Stout, to NBC Oklahoma. A tract of land in the southwest quarter of section 29, township 28 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$245,532.06.

Book 872 page 763: Bobby J. Elliott, to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The northeast quarter of section 9, township 23 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$110,100.00.

Book 872 page 770: Bobby J. Elliott, to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The northeast quarter of section 9, township 23 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$290,675.00.

Book 872 page 985: Robert Moreland, III, to ACB Bank. Lot 4 of block 3 in the Duncan Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$52,000.00.

Book 873 page 44: Warren E. Worman Jr. and Karla J. Worman, to Primary Residential Mortgage. The surface only of the south half of lot 14, and all of lots 15, 16 17 and 18 and the north half of lot 19 and the north 9 feet of the south half of lot 19 All in block 18 TOWN of New Jet, Oklahoma. Note: \$84,973.00.

Book 873 page 56: Randy Lancaster and Rajean Robin Lancaster, to Community Bank. All that part of the west half of section 29, township 28 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$631,325.38.

Book 873 page 66: Randy Lancaster and Rajean Robin Lancaster, to Community Bank. The north half of the southeast quarter of section 27, township 28 north, range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$631,325.38.

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Civil Filings

DCP Operating Company LP, Oklahoma City, vs. Alfalfa County Assessor, Cherokee: tax appeal (\$174.14).

Great Salt Plains Midstream vs. Alfalfa County Assessor, Cherokee: tax appeal (\$174.14).
BCE-MACH LLC, Gainesville, Texas, vs. Alfalfa County Assessor, Cherokee: tax appeal (\$174.14).

Protective Orders Filings

Christopher Daniel Orr and Logan James Jett Orr vs. Janetta Renee Orr, Jet: protective order (\$223).

Traffic Citations

Kory Wade Faulkner, Alva, has been cited for speeding 16-20 mph over the speed limit (\$279).

Brianne Louise Strohm, Fairview, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

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KWPD/Barber County Sheriff's office (BASO) responded to a reckless driving complaint near the Methodist Church.

Medicine Lodge Police Department (MLPD)/BASO responded to a domestic disturbance call near E. Santa Fe Avenue.

BASO responded to multiple cattle out calls.

MLPD responded to a dog at large call on N. Main Street.

BASO responded to a pig call on S. US-281

MLPD responded to a request to speak to officer on N. Adams Street.

MLPD responded to an animal call on Curry Lane.

MLPD responded to a fireworks violation call near Oak Street.

July 13, 2021

BASO responded to multiple cattle out calls.

BASO responded to a suspicious package report on N. Cherokee Street.

MLPD responded to a criminal trespassing report on N. Cedar.

BASO responded to an investigation request on N. Cherokee Street.

BASO responded to a lost/stolen property report near KS-2 and US-281.

MLPD responded to an open 911 line on S. Iliff Street.

BASO responded to a pig call on S. US-281.

July 14, 2021

MLPD responded to request to speak to officer at their office.

BASO performed funeral escort.

MLPD responded to dog at large to Bowe's.

BASO responded to cattle out on N.E. Tri City Road.

BASO responded to theft on US-281.

BASO responded to pig out on US-281.

KWPD performed a VIN inspection on Main Street.

BASO responded to request to speak to officer on E. Central Avenue.

KWPD responded to citizen assist on Valley Road.

KWPD responded to EMS call on South 9th Street.

MLPD responded to request to speak to officer on West Central.

BASO performed welfare check on Avenue A in Hazelton.

July 15, 2021

BASO responded to cattle out on US-281.

BASO responded to cattle out on N. US-281.

BASO responded to animal cruelty in Hardtner.

BASO responded to request to speak to officer.

BASO responded to suspicious activity on US-281.

BASO, KWPD and MLPD responded to attempt to locate on KS-2.

MLPD responded to criminal threat on N. Adams.

BASO responded to a hitcher on US-160.

BASO responded to theft in Hardtner.

BASO responded to request to

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Suspect in shooting of 2 men on I-40 in Oklahoma identified

ANTLERS, Okla. (AP) — Authorities have identified the man suspected of shooting and injuring two men on Interstate 40 in eastern Oklahoma after they helped him when the vehicle he was driving ran out of gas.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said Monday that they are searching for Lee King, who drove off from the scene of the shooting near Vian and hours later fled on foot into the woods near Antlers — about 130 miles southwest (209 kilometers) of there — after being pursued by police.

John Derek Riggs, 39, and Jake Myers, 32, who are both from Arkansas, had been shot in their vehicle and then were found lying on the interstate at about 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, the OSBI said.

The OSBI said that Riggs and Myers were seen on surveillance video at a convenience store in Vian buying a gas can and gas for King. The OSBI said it's believed they were good Samaritans who were trying to help the suspect after

he ran out of gas and didn't know him previously.

After the shooting, King fled in the vehicle he'd been driving, which officials said Monday matches one stolen Saturday morning in a carjacking in Oklahoma City.

At about 4:30 a.m. Sunday, a police officer in Antlers tried to pull over King because the car he was driving was stolen. King led the officer to a dead-end road and then took off on foot into a heavily-wooded area in Antlers, OSBI said.

OSBI said King was last seen in Antlers around 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The OSBI said he's known to have connections to the Houston and Shreveport, Louisiana, areas.

OSBI said Riggs and Myers were taken to hospitals in Arkansas, where they were in critical condition but expected to survive. One was shot in the face, the other was shot multiple times in the torso.

Community Calendar

Wednesday

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

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club will meet at Cancun Mexican Grill.

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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speak to officer on Currie Lane.

BASO responded to traffic hazard on S.E. US-281.

BASO responded to cattle out on US-281.

MLPD responded to EMS call at Red Dirt Jack's.

KWPD responded to motorist assist on 6th Street.

BASO responded to cattle out on Tri City.

MLPD responded to citizen assist on Iliff Street.

July 16, 2021

BASO/MLPD assisted Harper County in attempting to locate an individual on Rodeo Drive.

MLPD/BASO assisted with a funeral escort.

KWPD responded to an animal call near 4th and Drumm Street.

BASO responded to a harassment call on E. Washington Avenue.

MLPD responded to a 911 accidental dial on N. Cedar Street.

BASO responded to a citizen's assist on Aetna Road.

BASO responded to a request to speak with officer.

BASO responded to a reckless driving complaint on River Road.

BASO responded to a 911 accidental dial on Santa Fe Ave.

BASO responded to a reckless driving complaint near the Harper County Line.

MLPD responded to multiple fireworks violation calls.

July 17, 2021

MLPD/BASO responded to a suspicious person call on S. Spring Street.

KWPD responded to a citizens assist near Main Street and 4th Street.

BASO responded to a lost/stolen property call on S. Rodeo Drive.

BASO responded to a dog at large call on W. Washington Avenue.

BASO responded to a lost/stolen livestock call on S.E. Lone Tree Road.

MLPD responded to a dog at large call near Second and First avenues.

MLPD responded to a dog at large call at Citizens Bank.

MLPD responded to a request to speak with officer on Market Street.

BASO responded to a 911 accidental dial on Dickinson Street.

MLPD responded to a motorists assist on N. Iliff Street.

BASO responded to a cattle call on Tri City Road.

July 18, 2021

MLPD responded to a commercial alarm on N. Iliff Street.

MLPD responded to an EMS call on S. Oak Street.

BASO responded to a welfare check on Drumm Street.

BASO responded to a cattle call on US-281.

BASO responded to a request to speak with officer on Campbell Street.

MLPD responded to a suspicious person call on N. Walnut Street.

MLPD responded to a request to speak

with officer on W. Second Avenue.

BASO 1 performed traffic stop.

MLPD 2 performed traffic stop.

Fire/EMS

July 12, 2021

Hazelton Fire Department responded a commercial fire alarm on W. Main Street.

July 13, 2021

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a call on W. Third Avenue.

Kiowa EMS responded to a call on E. Delaware.

July 14, 2021

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to Attica Long Term Care.

Kiowa EMS responded to EMS call on S. 9th.

July 15, 2021

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a call on N. Iliff Street.

July 16, 2021

Kiowa EMS responded to a call on S. 8th Street.

July 18, 2021

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a call on S. Oak Street.

Kiowa Fire Department responded to a call on Rumsey Street.

Kiowa EMS responded to a call on Osage Road.

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