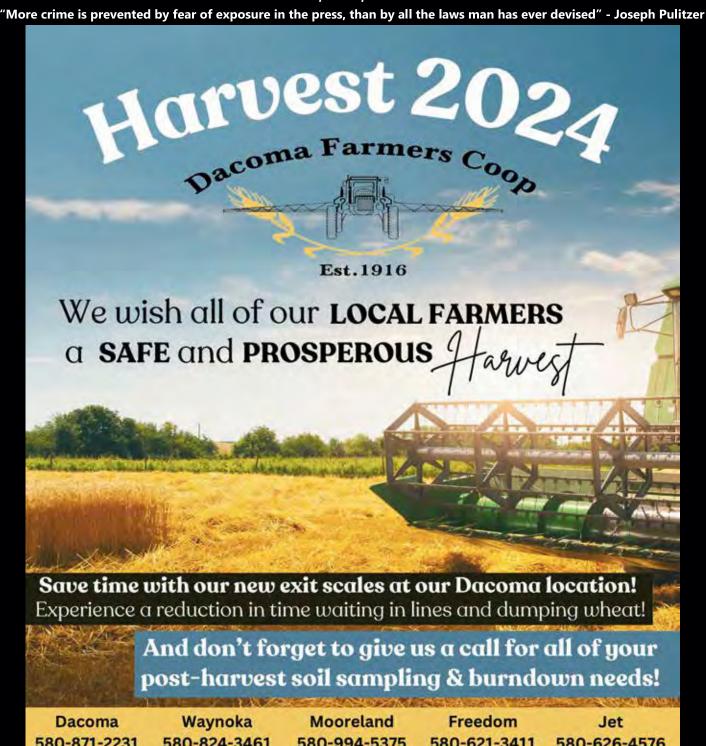
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Woods County deputy clerk receives advanced certifications

Woods County Deputy Clerk Chelsie Cummings recently achieved Advanced I and Advanced II certifications through the County Training Program (CTP). CTP is part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and is mandated by state statute and authorized under the Commission on County Government Personnel and Training.

Cummings completed a minimum of 39 hours of instruction for her Basic Certification before completing an additional 30 hours to achieve her Advanced I Certification. To achieve her Advanced II Certification, Cummings completed an additional 30 hours for a total of 99 hours of coursework. Cummings was honored at the 2024 County Clerks and Deputies Association of Oklahoma Annual School held recently in Durant.

The County Clerks and Deputies Association of Oklahoma, in partnership with CTP, instituted a voluntary certification program in 1992, which included an initial basic level of certification. In 2000, the program adopted an advanced I level. In 2004, an advanced II level was added. Since the program's inception, more than 535 clerks and deputies have successfully attained certification.

Coursework for county clerks and their deputies encompasses subjects such as basic accounting; the county budget process; managing personnel; land records; and customer service. The program also contains courses focused on the Oklahoma Statutes, the Open Meetings and Open Records Acts, and a variety of courses on supervisory skills.

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Murrows to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murrow of Alva will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June. The couple was married at the First Baptist Church in Hammon, Oklahoma, on June 1, 1974, with Reverend Roger Woodson officiating.

Charles is self-employed and stays busy operating Murrow Real Estate and Auction. Shirley retired from Northwestern Oklahoma State University as the Registrar. Both love spending time with their grandchildren and enjoy their time on the farm.

Charles and Shirley have been blessed with two children: daughter Charlise and her children Jaxon, Dylan and Adisyn, and son Cody and wife Crystal and their children, Brooklyn and Jenna.

The family requests your presence, no gifts please, at a come and go reception in honor of the couple's golden anniversary on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Runnymede Hotel in Alva



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- 6:30 p.m. Oklahoma Swing



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Is Al interfering with your Google searches?

By Marione Martin



Internet searches, available on cellphones and computers, have made answering questions so much easier. The "assistants" like Alexa have given break parents from answering never-ending those questions from

children.

artificial But now we have intelligence or AI added to our searches. Unfortunately, AI seems to be more interference than help when we search sometimes. Recently, PC Magazine published an article titled "How to Remove AI from Your Google Search Results." It said that Google had rebranded its Search Generative Experience as AI Overviews. You can't turn it off, but there are some tweaks that will put it more into the background.

Switch Back to Web Results

Google has a new search filter called Web, which essentially returns you to traditional search results. If AI snippets are annoying, get rid of them by clicking the Web filter underneath the search bar. If it isn't visible, click the More button and select it from the menu that appears. (I couldn't find "Web" until I typed in something to search. Then it showed up under "More.")

Once the Web filter is selected, the AI Overview panel will be removed from

Google search results. Unfortunately, you can't set it to be the default view for searches, meaning you'll have to manually choose the tab each time Google serves up an AI result.

Also keep in mind that this filter isn't a magic button that brings back the old Google. It's simply meant to be for web links what the Image filter does for images. That means YouTube previews and search snippets won't appear when this filter is used — it is web links only all the way down. Still, it's nice to have any reprieve when Google is trying to stuff AI into any and every feature.

Turn Off Experimental Features

Another option is to try and undo some of what you may have already enabled. Google houses experimental features in Google Labs, which you can access via labs.google.com or by clicking the flask icon on the top-right corner of Google.com while signed into a personal account.

Mobile users have a built-in shortcut to the Search Labs page. Just tap the flask icon in the top-left corner of a Google search result page to see experimental AI features. Tap on each feature and turn them off individually.

Inaccurate AI Overview Responses

Google is pushing back on criticism of the responses being served up by AI Overviews, arguing that people are focusing on "uncommon queries" that it has been quick to clean up.

From saying the best way to keep toppings on pizza is with a little glue, to claiming President Andrew Jackson graduated from UW-Madison in 2005, accuracy did not seem to be a strong suit of AI Overviews. That's a problem when these AI-generated responses now take over much of the search results page.

In a statement provided to Business Insider, Google said, "The vast majority of AI Overviews provide high-quality information, with links to dig deeper on the web. Many of the examples we've seen have been uncommon queries, and we've also seen examples that were doctored or that we couldn't reproduce.

"We conducted extensive testing before launching this new experience, and as with other features we've launched in Search, we appreciate the feedback," Google adds. "We're taking swift action where appropriate under our content policies and using these examples to develop broader improvements to our systems, some of which have already started to roll out."

As such, if you get an AI Overview answer that seems a little questionable, you may want to do your own research before believing everything you read.

(I was intrigued about the response to keeping toppings on pizza so I tried it out. Glue was mentioned but only in the context of a statement that the purpose of cheese is not to be the glue holding pizza together.)

As always, whatever your search results turn up should be verified by looking at the source and checking several other sources.

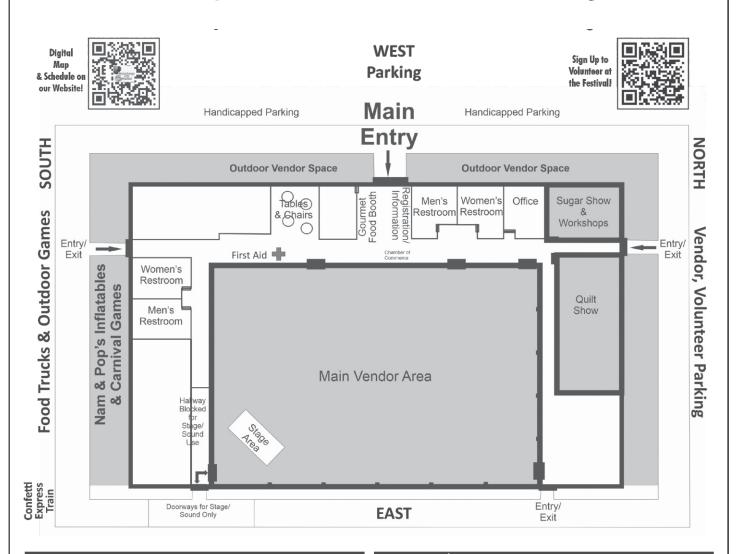
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53rd Nescatunga Arts Festival 2-Day Event - May 31-June 1, 2024

May 31: 4-9 p.m. | June 1: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Alva Recreation Complex/Pete & Ruth Leslie Fieldhouse, 1887 Goldbug Blvd, Alva, OK







Schedule of Events & Activities

Friday, May 31

 Poppin' Around Alva Shopping Event - Shop Alva Businesses for chance to win prizes! Scan the QR code for details)

4-9 p.m.

• Fine Arts/Crafts Booths Open; Live Entertainment inside Pete & Ruth Leslie Fieldhouse (see QR code for full slate of entertainment, 6 acts slated through 9 p.m.); Food Trucks south of building; Quilt Show; Maxwell Bowman, NASA Solar System Ambassador with activities; Nam and Pops Inflatables (obstacle course with pool, waterslide, bounce house) & Carnival games - \$5 daily wristbands/unlimited play; Outdoor Lawn Games (corn hole, oversized checkers, oversized Jenga, oversized Connect 4, oversized tic tac toe, checker tables); Interactive Button Making Booth with Melissa Robell/Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge; Balloon Animals; Face Painting with Bailey Ann's Art & Design, glow in the dark paints!

<u>4-7 p.m.</u>

 "Bake" section of Sugar Show - fruit pie/homemade bread/sweet bread/fudge/candies contest/opens to public at 6 p.m.

7-9 p.m.

FREE Axe Throwing with Okie Axe Slingers, lawn south of building

Saturday, June 1

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Articles about Entertainment, Artists/Crafters/ Sugar Show, Family Activities & More!

8:30 a.m.

 Opening Ceremony, Alva Boy Scouts present colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem - Joplin Bradt, Prayer - Alva Church of God pastor Sheryl White, Welcome -Alva Chamber of Commerce Board President JoDe Bradt

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Live Entertainment inside Pete & Ruth Leslie Fieldhouse, 11 acts slated through 4 p.m.; Fine Arts/Crafts booths open; Food Trucks; Quilt Show; Maxwell Bowman, NASA Solar System Ambassador with activities; Outdoor Lawn Games (corn hole, oversized checkers, oversized Jenga, oversized Connect 4, oversized tic tac toe, checker tables); Balloon Animals; Face Painting
- Sugar Show: 9 a.m. Judging, north end of building, 10:30 a.m. Sugar Show opens to the public for People's Choice Voting, Sugar Show Awards; 1, 2, 3 p.m. Sugar Show Workshops

<u>10 a.m.-4 p.m.</u>

- Nam and Pops Inflatables (obstacle course with pool, waterslide, bounce house) & Carnival games - \$5 daily wristbands/unlimited play
- FREE train rides on the Confetti Express loading on lawn south end of building

10 a.m.-noon

- FREE Bradt's Menagerie Portable Petting Zoo on lawn south of building 2:30 p.m.
 - Poppin' Around Alva Receipts from Purchases in Alva businesses Due Back at Festival/Winners announced around 3 p.m./must be present to win



4 - 9 pm -- 8:30 am - 4 pm Alva Recreation Complex 1887 Goldbug Blvd., Alva, OK

Bake Friday 4-7 p.m. Cake Saturday 8 a.m. - Noon Make Saturday 1, 2 & 3 p.m.







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Our website includes articles about our fine artists, crafters, Sugar Show artists, entertainers and fun activities!



The Nescatunga Arts Festival is sponsored by the Nescatunga Arts and Humanities Council, Inc., in cooperation with the Alva Chamber of Commerce, the City of Alva Chamber of Commerce, the City of Alva & the Alva Recreation Complex.

Burlington School talks school safety, hires, accepts resignation

By Yvonne Miller

Burlington Board of Education President April Kisling called the May 16 regular monthly meeting with five board members present including Robert Hill, Terry Graham, Lindsay Callison and T.J. Rockenbach. Superintendent Gerrett Spears, Elementary Principal Stan Pedersen and Minutes Clerk Brook Keast were also present.

After the meeting opened, the board toured the new gym and fitness center for approximately an hour to let them see all the updates that were completed before returning to the superintendent's office to conduct business.

Superintendent Spears on School Safety to Awaiting Money for Teacher Pay Raises

As school safety priorities are a top concern across the nation, Superintendent Spears discussed different priorities regarding school safety, both in the classroom and building/facility upgrades at Burlington.

Spears reminded those present that last September Burlington received a School Safety Grant for \$92,000 per year for three years. The board discussed and approved items bought with that grant money since that time at board meetings.

Money from the school safety grant is used to cover a list of expenses he presented to the board, including locks for classroom doors, replacing exterior windows, installing vinyl covers on windows (blocking visual from outside the building while allowing staff to see out), along with technological safety upgrades.

Spears said, "Since the board has voted on what to do, those will be the plans. As of now, we are just going with what is needed and approved."

The board did not vote on any priority but discussed that the windows have been on the list for 15 years and they want those to be replaced before the grant money is gone.

Giving a financial update for the district, Spears said the school still awaits money from the Oklahoma State Department of Education for the teacher pay raises. He hopes to have that money before the June board meeting. He learned that a representative of Targa Resources did reach out to the county assessor's lawyer and offer a settlement. However, the offer was "extremely low" and will not be accepted but does open communication for negotiation.

The last coffee chat was in May and will resume in August. These will begin monthly again when school is back in session. The school will be open normal business hours throughout the summer to ensure projects and reports are complete.

Spears gave an update on improvements happening around the school this summer including painting the little gym; painting outdoor poles; cleaning; striping parking spots; and a new floor in the cooking area of the cafeteria. Talking with the Newsgram

Tuesday, Spears was hard to catch and he said, "We are trying to save money and do some projects ourselves, so today, I am pulling up tile!"

Spears will be on stage at the summer CCOSA conference receiving recognition for the school as he was part of the emerging leaders academy that took place throughout the last school year.

Hirings, Resignations and Burlington School Business

Later in the meeting the board entered executive session to discuss the ongoing evaluation of the performance of the superintendent, and employment of a new teacher's aide and a janitor.

Jeremiah Smith was hired as full-time janitor and maintenance for the 2024-25 school year. Kaci Hughes received board approval as a teacher's aide for 2024-25.

A quote from Haddock for classroom technology was approved, as was a quote from Big Ideas for kindergarten–12th grade math curriculum. Spears said this is getting the school two Promethean boards, one for Title 1 reading and the other as a floating board for school and community activities.

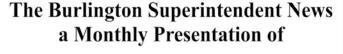
The board accepted Mica Andrew's resignation as library media specialist and ERATE specialist and thank her for her years of service. The board approved signing an application for temporary appropriations, for the 2024-25 school year. They also approved the April Activity Report. Purchase of pipe fencing on the north side of the new gymnasium for parking was tabled. The Consent Agenda was approved. Monthly encumbrances, warrants and change orders were also approved.

The board reviewed and approved unused personal days for certified and non-certified personnel. The approved rate is \$40 per day for full-time personnel and \$20 for part-time personnel to happen on the May payroll for 10-month employees and the June payroll for 12-month employees.

After discussing the OSSBA Policy CDCC with amendments for the education tax credit, the board approved it

Spears said all planned school-

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Senate Review

Messy but transparent budget process

By Senator Roland Pederson



This week is the last week of regular Session, and Sine Die Adjournment is scheduled for May 31, 2024. Midweek, budget negotiations ground to a halt, but as of Wednesday, the governor, Senate

leadership, and House of Representatives leadership agreed on the budget. This is good news as we are near the deadline for our only required constitutional session obligation, to pass a budget. We are applauding the transparent process that got a little messy at times over the overview of budget numbers.

On Tuesday, I was honored to present Mashall Reigh from Medford with a citation on the Senate Floor. Marshall is the recipient of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Game Warden of the Year Award. His wife, Shana, and many of his fellow wardens were alongside Marshall for this prestigious award presentation. He has

been with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation since 2004, and he and his wife and daughter are passionate about the outdoors and hunting and fishing. Marshall is a second-generation game warden following in his father's footsteps. Congratulations Marshall on a job well done.

On Wednesday, I was honored to present Gerrett Spears, the Superintendent of Burlington Public Schools with a citation on the Senate Floor for his stellar leadership in earning the Professional Oklahoma Educators (POE) statewide School Character Award. This award is given to schools that regularly provide teaching opportunities through their curriculum to promote character-building to their students. Under the leadership of Mr. Spears, Burlington Schools underwent a rigorous application and evaluation process to receive the POE School Character Award. Congratulations to Mr. Spears and Burlington Public Schools for their outstanding and continued success and dedication to their students.

On Monday, May 27, I will participate in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Woodring Wall of Honor. This occasion is a time to reflect on the tragic loss of life and honor those who have lost their life in defending our nation. Family members of military service members were recognized and honored for their sacrifice to our nation. Lest we never forget those who have fought for our freedom.

Please remember to donate blood if you are able. With the Memorial Day Holiday, recent severe weather, and quickly approaching summertime, blood donations are even more important. So please donate blood if you can.

In closing, as the session draws to a close, I will split my time between Legislative work and harvest time. I pray that each of you is enjoying the fruits of your endeavors, and I look forward to serving you during my last term in office. If I can be of service to you or your family, please reach out to my office. You can reach me at 405-521-5630 or Roland.Pederson@oksenate. gov.

Murdock's Minutes Northwest Oklahomans are making a difference

By Sen. Casey Murdock



It was another eventful week at the Capitol with the continuation of budget negotiations, finalizing

finalizing
legislation that
has advanced out
of conference

committees, and approving executive nominations.



I've had the honor of carrying several nominations for my constituents. These individuals will serve our state on various boards and commissions, sharing their expertise and representing the voices of northwest Oklahomans. It is great to have our area represented in a number of sectors, and I am confident that these individuals will provide invaluable insight in their respective roles.

I enjoyed welcoming Frances Gamez-Martinez to the Capitol this week to serve as a Senate page. Frances is a student at Woodward Christian Academy and is an intelligent young lady with a bright future. She witnessed the legislative process firsthand and helped us with various tasks throughout the week. Additionally, she got to meet with Attorney General Drummond over lunch, which was insightful as she plans to pursue a criminal justice degree.

We've had the opportunity to

recognize some incredible teams from our district over the past few weeks. To add to the success in our area, the Fairview girls track team won the Class 2A Academic State Championship for the third consecutive year. Additionally, the Fairview boys baseball team was named Class 2A Academic State Champions earlier this year. Congratulations to these student-athletes and their coaches on an incredible year. I wish them continued success.

While it has been a momentous few months, there is now just one week remaining in the 2024 legislative session. We have officially reached a budget agreement, and I look forward to updating you as the governor reviews this budget and we approach Sine Die adjournment on May 31.

It is an honor to serve as your voice at the Capitol. Please contact my office at Casey.Murdock@oksenate.gov or 405-521-5626 if I can be of assistance to you.



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Carl's Capitol Comments

Final budget legislation on its way to the floor

By Rep. Carl Newton



After weeks of negotiating a state budget in public meetings, it's rewarding to have a product House and Senate leadership and the governor have agreed upon. Over the next week, we'll hear

final budget legislation in committees and on the floor of each chamber.

I appreciated getting to be in the room and give input during this part of the process this year. This is beyond what I've done in the past as chair of the Appropriations & Budget Natural Resources Subcommittee – delivering reports on priorities for our area of the budget. This year, I got to weigh in on the entire process.

This is a good budget. We've agreed to appropriate \$12.47 billion to state agencies to deliver programs and services to meet the needs of Oklahomans. This is well below the \$13.96 billion we are authorized to appropriate, saving about \$1.5 billion, which is responsible as we plan for potential future shortfalls. Economists say it takes about \$6 billion to get us through any shortfall period, and with the \$4.5 billion we already have in state savings accounts, this puts

us right on target

There were some winners and losers in this budget. Neither side got everything they wanted, including members of my subcommittee. I wanted to put some money into water research, for instance, but that did not get approved.

Still, there are some very worthwhile expenditures in this budget. Here are a few of the highlights:

Education

\$16.1M supplemental to fix FY24 funding issue for teacher pay for off-formula schools

\$25M additional funding into the school funding formula

\$2.65M to pay student teachers

\$4.2M to cover costs for student assessments

\$27.6M for CareerTech to address its waitlist

\$240M for new engineering and science facilities at OU and OSU

\$20M for animal diagnostics lab at OSU's College of Veterinary Medicine

Public Health and Human Services

\$30M to OHCA to increase long-term care provider rates

\$30M to increase reimbursement rates for developmental disability service providers

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Public Safety and Judiciary

\$74M to complete the new DPS training facility

\$2.5M for DPS academy to train more Highway Patrol troopers

\$27.5M for new OSBI headquarters building

\$18M toward county sheriff pay raises

\$10M in additional funding to help victims of domestic violence

\$2.5M to sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) funding

\$1.5M to address the rape kits backlog

\$2.85M for OETA to replace rural transmitters to improve severe weather/public safety alerts

Transportation and Infrastructure

\$200M to Rural Economic Transportation Reliability & Optimization (RETRO) Fund

\$12.7M to OK Water Resources Board to leverage federal funding in community water supply

\$41M for airport economic development projects

\$1M for aerospace and aviation education

Miscellaneous

\$350M for the new Oklahoma Capital Assets Maintenance and Protection Fund to cover deferred maintenance at state properties, state parks and public colleges and universities

\$45M in disaster relief to help tornado-impacted counties

As always, if I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may reach me by email at carl.newton@ okhouse.gov, or phone me at 405-557-7339. God bless you and the State of Oklahoma.

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320	Roger Mills Co, OK	Spring Fed POND, Grazing, Hunting	\$576,000	NEW
318	Roger Mills Co, OK	Grazing, Creek, Corrals, Hunting	\$540,600	NEW
76	McCurtain Co, OK	Glover River in McCurtain County, OK	\$1,500,000	NEW
300	McCurtain Co, OK	Historic Ranch in McCurtain County, OK	\$2,100,000	NEW
525	McCurtain Co, OK	Sportsman's Paradise on Little River	\$1,837,500	NEW
620	Meade Co, KS	Grazing - CRP - Hunting	\$1,260,000	NEW
1,894	Morton Co, KS	Dryland Farm Ground-CRP-Homestead	\$1,650,000	new price
980	Blaine Co, OK	Income Producing Quarry w/Mining Lease		new price
525	Wayne Co, MO	135/ac Private Lake - Hardwood Timber	\$2,895,000	new price
242	Comanche Co, KS	Agricultural, Grassland, Hunting	\$363,000	new price
412	Barber Co, KS	Hunting, Agricultural, Grazing	\$1,075,000	1.00 X 10 (0.00 cm.
138	Kingfisher Co, OK	Cropland, Hunting, Grassland	\$415,000	new price
39	McCurtain Co, OK	Platted Residential Dev near Golf Course		new price
504	McCurtain Co, OK	Land + Home, Timber, Wildlife	\$3,700,000	new price
638	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Spring Fed Pond	\$1,084,600	new price
114	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Grassland	\$245,000	A see so House See
24.67	Woods Co, OK	Custom Home, Pond, Grassland, Hunting		
156	Woods Co, OK	Res/Comm Development near Alva	\$499,000	new price
1.9	Taney Co, MO	D'monaco Luxury Resort	\$36,000,000	21230 10125
2.5	Taney Co, MO	170 Room Hotel Development Project	\$8,500,000	
304	Woods Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Multiple Ponds	\$365,000	SOLD
780	Texas Co, OK	Grassland, Grazing, Hunting	\$741.000	SOLD
Lots	McCurtain Co, OK	Convenience Store - Recently Built	\$3,675,000	SOLD
880	Kiowa Co, KS	Agricultural, Hunting, Grass Land	\$1,760,000	SOLD
632	Woods Co, OK	Pond + Hunting Greenleaf Creek	call for price	SOLD
680	Seminole Co, OK	6 Tracts - North Canadian River	AUCTION	SOLD
11.242	McIntosh Co, OK	GILLESPIE RANCH - LAKE EUFAULA	\$23,600,000	SOLD
290	WOODS CO, OK	Little Sahara State Park 14 Tracts	AUCTION	SOLD
780	Alfalfa Co, OK	6 Tracts - CLASS 1 SOILS - Cropland	AUCTION	SOLD
477	Barber Co, KS	Grassland, Hunting, Ponds	\$950,000	SOLD
381	Kay Co, OK	Cropland 3 tracts near Blackwell OK	\$933,450	SOLD
255	Ripley Co, MO	40-acre Private Lake & Improvements	\$1,350,000	SOLD
1545	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting Land - Lodge - Springs & Creeks	\$2,999,000	SOLD
640	Woods Co, OK	5 Farm Land Auction	\$1,350,200	SOLD
405	Ottawa Co, OK	High Yield Cropland in Welch, Oklahoma	\$1,700,000	SOLD
150	Sumner Co, KS	Development/Cropland/River Clearwater	\$879,900	SOLD
11,391	McIntosh Co, OK	FISHER RANCH - LAKE EUFAULA	\$19,900,000	SOLD
897	Kingfisher Co, OK	8 Farms LAND AUCTION	\$2,548,772	SOLD
360	Lawrence Co, AR	25/ac Private Lake w/house & Hunting	\$1,295,000	SOLD
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W¹/₂ - 32-29-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE**: \$685,000.00

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NEW - 2 - 80 Acre tracts - A HUNTING PARADISE! Tall grass, trees and tree lines, brush, plum thickets - deer everywhere! S1/2 SW1/4 - 12-19-23, W.I.M. and N1/2 NW1/4 - 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: 355 Acres - Excellent Hunting & Grazing with Live Water. This tract consists of 355 Acres, which 127 Acres is improved arrass and the balance being 228 Acres of good native grassland in the property of the provided and a live-water creek. This tarm has excellent unting with the live water, trees, and canyons. SE½, S½ NE½-22-27-16, and the W½ SW½, SW½, SW½ NW¼-23-27-16, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE:** \$650,000.00

NEW: 870 Acres - Excellent Hunting, Grazing, Live Water. This tract consists of 870 Acres, which 204 Acres is improved grass, with the balance being 666 Acres of good native grassland. This at No. 12 Re en (3 N) s vi ReAb (10 ds, windmills, and two live-water creeks, one of which is Red Horse Creek. The hunting potential is unbelievable with the beautiful canyons and the live water running down through them. Located in Sections 2, 10 & 11 - 27-17W.I.M. Woods County Okla. **PRICE:** \$1,400,000.00

NEW - 80 Acres - Excellent Cropland - This tract consists of 80 sellen grodurð af firm eilt þaga seils), has rural Luga Rilles varð af Ava ar FW Luga seils), has rural 27-15, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. PRICE: \$240,000.00

NEW - 280 Acres - Excellent Stock Farm This tract consists of

280 Acres, of which 186 Acres is good cropland (primarily Bethany silt loam, Yahola fine sandy loam, and Grant silt loam soils) and the balance being 94 Acres of grass and waterway, in N 12 c. of that he in P in July 45 Th s farm would make an excellent stocker or cow-calf operation. NW/4 & W/2 WE/4 - 22-28-13, W.I.M., and E/2 NE/4 - 21-28-13, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE:** \$675,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres - Excellent Cropland - This tract consists of 160 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek silt loam, Devol candy loam, and Crant silt loam soils). This tract has a new 5-wire arc 1 1 28-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. PRICE: \$475,000.00

NEW - 400 Acres - "A Hunting Paradise" - Tall grass, trees, cropland, good fences - 1/4 mile from Salt Fork River. This tract consists of 400 Acres of which 151 Acres is good cropland and the The ben 249 Acres of excellent grass. "This is trophy deer country. Don't miss your chance to have a hunting place to call your own. SE½ - 24-28-15 & SW½ & W½ SE¼ - 19-28-14, W.I.M. Woods County, Okla. PRICE: \$775,000.00

NEW - This tract consists of 960 acres of excellent grassland, all contiguous Lying 12 miles northwest of Alva, Okla. 94 acres was spar grass. It has excellent hunting potential and is watered by five ponds. Fences are good, 4 and 5-wire fences with some new over the past years. **NEW PRICE**: \$1,350,000.00

NEW-154 Acres - NW1/4 -29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This consists of 121 Acres of good cropland, the balance being 22 grass, and waterways. There is excellent building potential. Just one mile east of Alva. PRICE: \$550,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres Excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek Silt Lorn, and Creek Silt Lorn Soils) with all minerals intact. It is to the windmill. Located east of Alva, Okla. SE1/4 - 27-27-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. PRICE: \$485,000.00

NEW - 315 Acres of which 208 Acres is excellent cropland, and the halance being 107 Acres of excellent grassland.

10 mm include a 1,200 sg. ft. home, 32 x 60 shop w, 16 lean-to, steel corrals, N½ - 29-29-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OKLA. PRICE: \$1,050,000.00

NEW - 160 Acres - Blue Ribbon Farm - Excellent cropland (Pond Se & Slit Foum Soils), rural water. NE½ - 15-28-11, W.I.M., Analia County, Okla. PRICE: \$550,000.00

MEW - 320 Acres - W½ - 11-25-14, Woods County, Oklahoma. This part is an excellent stand of Ozark Bermudagrass. New County and State on a paved road. PRICE: \$750,000.00

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From Page 8 Burlington

owned house renovations are complete. One house will be empty on June 30, but it will be occupied by another staff member. Regarding the daycare, Spears said it is in full with a waiting list. The staff will begin working towards STARS IV this summer.

Principal Pedersen Reports on Many Things

Elementary Principal Stan Pedersen said there are five students enrolled in summer remediation, which will be held June 3-13 and taught by Tracy Granados. Summer library hours will be in June and July on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The

math curriculum selected was Big Ideas and will be ordered for K-12th grades in both digital and text. Pedersen stated he is receiving quotes for other curriculum from teachers for next year. Spears and Pedersen went through the submitted wants and needs for next year for each

Pedersen will collect information from other schools about their AR programs to get ideas for next year. Spears presented the third and fourth nine-week honor rolls. The summer task list was also presented and included tasks to be completed over the summer by 12-month staff. The old weight room is being updated to be used as Title I space. A draft summer activities list was provided and will be sent out to the public once completed. One high school student will come to summer school. Seven students are enrolled in a driver's education class this summer.

The board held a special meeting April 29 with five board members present: the superintendent, principal and clerk. The board approved payment Building Fund encumbrances, \$74,000, and warrants, \$74,000.

Alfalfa County Sheriff Rick Wallace makes interesting find in old vault

By Stacy Sanborn

The upcoming new 24-25 fiscal year called for Garret Johnson, Mike Roach and Nate Ross of the Alfalfa County commissioners to sign many resolutions into effect. Those included designating the Cherokee Messenger and Republican as the official county newspaper, designating the first deputies for the county's officers, and designating interest for several accounts, including the Ambulance District, Sales Tax Fairgrounds, Invest Highway Cash Funds, and Assessor Cash. The commissioners also signed resolutions for the following items:

- Designating county depository banks,
- Directing deposit of reimbursement of election board expenses,
- Designating requisition and receiving officers (Roach added Roberta Jamison as a requisitioning officer),
- Interest rates paid on non-payable warrants, and
- Application temporary appropriations.

After signing the resolutions, the three men signed the detention services agreement by and between ROCMND Area Youth Services Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners of Alfalfa County, and the TM Consulting software lease and maintenance agreement. Both agreements are for the new fiscal year as well.

Next, Johnson, Roach and Ross approved the treasurer's office's investment policy and disaster recovery plan and the Sheriff Cash Training Fund account apportionment.

On the latter, soon-to-be-retired



sheriff Rick Wallace was on hand to explain what it was for. He said he went into an old vault where they kept the funds from inmate bookings and found some envelopes containing cash. The oldest held \$76 and was from 1993. Wallace said that cash was used as "buy money" to buy stolen property or drugs, and upon talking to the state auditor, he was advised to get it back into the training fund. The other monies rightfully belonged to the inmates who were booked all those years ago and should be returned to them.

The sheriff said he made contact with the people, except one who wasn't answering, which was probably due to them having current felony warrants. One person was due to receive \$12.51 (to go out via certified mail) and got a kick out of receiving the call for such a small amount. Sheriff Wallace explained that it was their money and that it was only right to return it. The commissioners approved Wallace's actions.

Before exiting the meeting, Wallace said he had a piece of art on the wall he'd like to donate to the courthouse. It was of the Alfred P. Murrah building commemorating the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995.

The commissioners approved minutes from last week's meeting, payroll warrants, blanket purchase orders, and maintenance and operation warrants for payment earlier in the meeting.

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4-7 p.m.

"Bake" section of Sugar Show

7-9 p.m.

FREE Axe Throwing with Okie Axe Slingers, lawn south of building

Saturday, June 1

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fine Arts/Crafts Booths; II Live Entertainment Acts; Food Trucks; Quilt Show; Maxwell Bowman, NASA Solar System Ambassador with activities; Outdoor Lawn Games; Balloon Animals; Face Painting

10:30 a.m. Sugar Show opens to the public/People's Choice Voting 1, 2, 3 p.m. Sugar Show Workshops

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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South Barber Students Shine



Riley is Miss South Barber —At the end of her junior year, Riley Michel was crowned Miss South Barber. For her talent, Riley performed the Serious Solo Act that qualified her for the state forensics meet. She will represent her school in the Miss Cinderella Talent Show and Pageant this fall during NWOSU's football homecoming. She is the daughter of Christina and John Duvall and Lance Michel. Photo by Yvonne Miller



Queen and Princesses Illuminate the Stage with Beauty —The newly crowned Miss South Barber Riley Michel has help at the pageant with these little delicate girls as sweet and pretty as their party dresses are lush. (L–R) Jenna Hendrix, Avrianna Paasch, Piper Mostert, Maddie Molz, Ila Mott, Norah Henry, Harper DeVries, Kennadie Cox. Photo by Yvonne Miller



South Barber Salutatorian Sings — At South Barber's 2024 Commencement, Class Salutatorian Autumn Drake performs a solo with the beloved school accompanist and teacher Nikki Brattin. Photo by Yvonne Miller

at End of 23-24 School Year



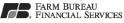
South Barber Valedictorian/Salutatorian —Briggs Jewell is Valedictorian and Autumn Drake is Salutatorian of the SBHS Class of 2024. Their Principal Steven Neal said they were academically .04 apart. Photo by Yvonne Miller

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run in a relay race at South Barber's Elementary Track Meet. Photo by Yvonne Miller

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! – Brianna McKean is ready for her chance to FIGHTING SIBLINGS! —Sister and brother Danielle and Joshua MacKinney are a hit at the South Barber 7-12 music concert when they invade the stage as dueling dinosaurs during a band performance under the direction of Erin Place. Photo by Yvonne Miller



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The 2024 Aline-Cleo class reunion has come and gone

The 1974 50th year host class members, David Keltch, Frank Elliott, Fonda Dietz Bloyd, Paula McBride Baker, Steve Myers, Debbie Beckwith Cox and emcee Wayne Kiner, entertained 58 graduates and guests at the Aline Senior Center on May 11. Karan Meyer, former 1974 class sponsor and veteran teacher, was presented with a corsage. Meyer has spent 57 of her 58 years in education teaching Aline-Cleo students. Also recognized was Lary Weeks, another veteran career teacher.

Three 2024 graduating seniors – Gabrielle Taylor, Hayden Dugan and Myah Cunningham – were in attendance. Dugan and Cunningham were both awarded \$500 alumni scholarships.

The '40s and '50s graduates at the reunion were all Aline Bluebirds. Cordelia Frey Anthony, who graduated 75 years ago in 1949, received special recognition, as did Charles "Junior" Kerr (1959), Cliff Seifert (1958) and Stella Kinney Lavicky (1956).

Other Aline graduates in attendance

were Kay White Reihm, Merlin Reihm, Myra Martin Turner and Linda Barrows Shelite, all from the 1961 class, Pamela Thomas Baggett (1965), Beth Cupp Bloyd (1966) and Brenda Sims Dixon (1968).

The Cleo Springs Class of 1966 was represented by Dennis Ring and Larry Harms.

Aline-Cleo Cougar attendees, not previously mentioned, were Cary Anthony (1970); Becky Bloyd Smith, Billy Sacket Junior and Mike Elliott (1971); Steve Irwin, Kenneth Baker, Allen Cox and Rhonda Dietz Hungerford (1972); Lori Watkins Irwin, Kent Thomas, Jerry Hall, Carl Newton, Thelma Simpkins Lucas (1973), Jerry Bloyd (1975); Carla Newton (1976); Regina Morris Keltch 1978; and Jaden Bloyd (2019).

Time was taken to acknowledge the recent deaths of graduates, teachers, and support staff from the Aline and Cleo communities.

Deceased Cleo Springs Bearcats

include Janie Stiles Nightingale (1954); Betty Kirkendall Granger (1961); Sherman Hipple (1960); August Drechsler (1946); and Marilyn Brown Sacket (1954). Colleen Shelite Weber (1959), Marie Lee Dillard (1961), Lawrence Weber (1954), Stanley Tolle (1964), and Doug Phillips (1968) are the recently deceased Aline Bluebirds.

Two Aline-Cleo Cougars are no longer with us. They are Leslee Bottoms (1973) and Mickey Mittelstet (1970).

Aline-Cleo faculty/support staff deaths included Larry Moore, FFA instructor from 1977 to 1988; Ruby Regier, cook and bus driver; Nancy Frey Smith, English teacher; and Charles Frech, technology education instructor.

The Class of 1975 is "on deck" to host the next Aline-Cleo Class Reunion, tentatively scheduled for May 10, 2025. Make plans to attend. Don't be the one who looks at the post reunion photos and regrets a missed opportunity.

High winds cancel wedding at Capron Saturday

By Marione Martin

Saturday night, May 25, the Mesonet weather station at Cherokee recorded a wind gust of 58 mph at 7:20 p.m. In Capron, guests were gathered outdoors in a large tent for the Gavin McCullough and Anna Motycka wedding. High winds collapsed the tent, sending about 30 people to area hospitals. All have been released except for one person with a punctured lung. Most people only ended up with scratches and bruises. Many of the wedding guests were first responders, rendering immediate assistance to those injured. Since the wedding was so abruptly interrupted, the couple is now making plans for a future ceremony.

Storm Reports

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM) provided the following information from the Saturday night storms:

Delaware County Emergency Management reports damage to homes, trees and power lines in southern Delaware County.

Garfield County Emergency Management reports baseball sized hail at Boomer and Keowee SSW of Hillsdale. Numerous homes were damaged by hail.

Mayes County Emergency Management reports multiple homes and structures damaged around Prior and Salina

Nowata County reports damage to trees in the Wann area. One power pole is down with a downed tree entangled in power lines.

Owasso Emergency Management reports utility poles down. No structure damage or injuries.

Ringwood Emergency Management reports wind damage west of Ringwood with multiple tree limbs down.

Rogers County Emergency Management reports widespread damage to homes, structures and power lines in and around Claremore. Claremore First Baptist Church and the County Courthouse were damaged. Owasso Fire, Police and EMS are assisting with search and rescue. Washington County Emergency Management is providing light towers. Wagoner County and Broken Arrow Emergency Management are on the scene to assist.

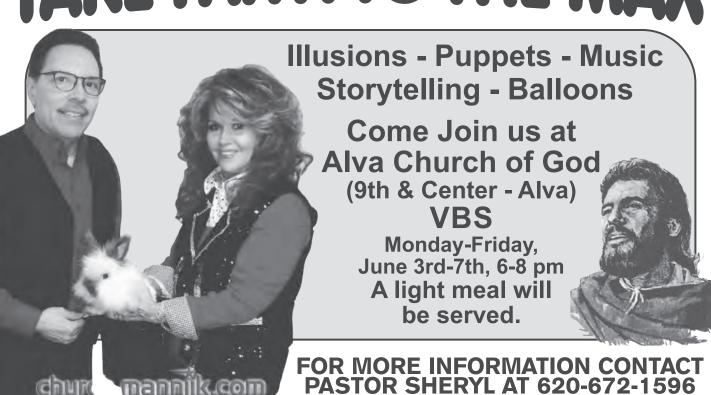
Woods County Emergency Management reports wind damage and multiple injuries at an outdoor wedding northeast of Capron.

Woodward County Emergency

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Management reports a mobile home with roof damage and trailers overturned near Mutual. Two barns were destroyed and numerous power poles were damaged.

Damage assessments are ongoing.

Power Outages

At the height of the storms, more than 24,000 outages were reported statewide. There were approximately 14,300 outages remaining Sunday morning. Areas with the highest outages were Rogers, Mayes, McCurtain, Delaware and Bryan counties.

Wide variety of fine artists, crafters to display at 53rd **Nescatunga Arts Festival**

As of May 23, 50 fine artists, crafters and special event booths have registered to be a part of the 53rd Nescatunga Arts Festival May 31-June 1 at the Alva Recreation Complex in Alva, Oklahoma. Booth space will be inside the Pete and Ruth Leslie Fieldhouse with a few outside on the lawn.

The festival will kick off Friday, May 31, from 4 to 9 p.m. and continue on Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists and crafters will be open for sale, and live entertainment will take place inside the building. Food trucks serving up BBQ, Mexican food, bratwursts, hamburgers, philly steaks, lemonade, sno cones, smoothies, pies and more will be located just south of the building both days, as well as plenty of family fun activities.

Visit www.nescatunga.org/blog for more information.

Several volunteer opportunities are available at this year's festival. Please visit the SignUp Genius link at https:// bit.ly/nesfest24volsignup if interested in helping in some capacity.

Booth space is still available if anyone would like to register as a fine artist, crafter or author. More information and registration forms are available at www. nescatunga.org.

Those participating in this year's festival are listed below according to entries in Fine Art, Fine Arts AND Crafts, Crafts, and Student Entries. Each list is provided in alphabetical order.

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Woods County Commissioners approve budgeting contracts

By Marione Martin

The Woods County Commissioners approved contracts with a budgeting service during their regular meeting Commission Tuesday morning. Chairman Randy McMurphy opened the meeting with Commissioner John Smiley and District 1 Foreman Damien Starks present. County Clerk Shelley Reed also attended.

After approving payroll, warrants, claims and minutes of the last meeting, the commissioners considered a couple of changes on a federal government registry. Reed said that Treasurer Rachel Spellman-Hughes has been updating information since she took office. She found that the federal SAM (System for Awards Management) site would not work with post office boxes. They only wanted the street address. The commissioners approved changing the addresses for the county clerk's office and the sheriff's office.

The commissioners approved a contract for services between Woods

County Health Department and County Budgeting Services LLC for FY24-25 in the amount of \$1,500. They also approved a contract for the county with County Budgeting Services for \$7,800, an increase of about \$300 over the previous year.

The Woods County Health Department Estimate of Needs for FY 2024-2025 was approved in the amount of \$1.327,000.

Under new business, Smiley said he talked with the City of Waynoka about remodeling of the senior citizens building there. He learned if they spend over \$125,000 on the project, they need to hire an architect. McMurphy said they need to secure the services of an architect to determine the specifications for the project and then go out for bids. On the senior citizen building project in Alva, Smiley said he talked to the city attorney but he needs to talk with someone from the City of Alva.

After approval of blanket purchase orders, the meeting was adjourned.

Obituaries

'POLOCK' RAYMOND RICHARD **CZERNIAK**



"Polock" Raymond Richard Czerniak of Amorita, Oklahoma, passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. He was 81 years old.

Polock was born on July 16, 1942, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Victor and Virginia Czerniak. Growing up, he was so very proud of his Polish heritage. He developed a passion for riding motorcycles, a passion that never went away. He was a truck driver by trade. He worked for various companies and individuals, such as Young and Cooper out of Wichita, Kansas; Ross Kasparek, for whom Dad hauled cattle; and Magill Truck Lines and SMX, both out of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Dad's CB handle was Polock. And to this day, that's the only name so many people know this man as. He was so proud of being called Polock, telling people, "I are one."

In 1975, Polock met and married Cheryl Shirley. They knew each other only about two weeks when they decided to get married and were married 25 years before getting divorced. Being divorced did not stop the relationship that my parents had. Anytime my dad had any type of health issues, my mom was always right there to nurse him back to health. On December 31, 2016, my parents remarried at the Manchester Bar that was owned at the time by one of my dad's closest friends, the late John Cutright, located in Manchester surrounded by family and many, many friends.

Anyone who knew Polock quickly discovered that he was definitely one of a kind. He never knew a stranger and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need. He loved to ride motorcycles and drink with his buddies. He was very loyal to his friends and would do anything for them in a

Dad held many Easter egg hunts at his home. It was a great turnout every

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time! Dad started the whole Santa Claus at Christmas. Every year around Christmas, kids from all over the area would travel to the Amorita-Byron area to see Santa! Even when it wasn't Christmas time, he would see kids who would just stare at him thinking he was actually Santa. Dad would totally play that out telling kids how he was always keeping an eye on them to make sure if they were good or bad. They believed him. Dad loved bringing joy to others!

Anyone who knew this man was getting more than they bargained for. He was a very onery man, but always in a good way. He was always telling stories and being entertaining. Dad held a few different tattoo parties, where those who showed up would partake of food, drink and a definite good time.

On Feb. 5, 2007, Polock became a member of the American Legion Post #69. He was so honored and proud to be a part of this group.

Polock is survived by his wife, Cheryl Czerniak of Amorita, Oklahoma; his daughter, Kristina Czerniak; his honorary son, Troy Roach (the big guy) of Kiowa, Kansas; his sister, Jackie Dinse (Dale) of Lake Alfred, Florida; his nieces, Monica Whitehurst (Brian) and Cindy Merchant; nephew, Victor Raymond Pruett; grandsons, Chance Czerniak (Jessica) of Alva, Brayden Thomas of Oklahoma City, and Zachary Thomas of Alva.

Polock is preceded in death by his parents, Vic and Virginia Czerniak; his sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Sid Pruett; his daughter, Anita McGaugh; his stepson, Anthony Shirley, as well as many of his friends.

We will not be doing a Celebration of Life, but instead a Celebration of Polock. His Last Ride will be Saturday, June 1, 2024, starting at Dovie's Bar at 11 a.m. and ending at the Manchester Bar. The Celebration of Polock will take place at 2 p.m. at Donnie and Fran LaBrue's ponds directly beside the Byron Fish Hatchery. For those that don't know where the ponds are, we will have the general areas marked with balloons. We will be sharing stories of Polock as we sit around remembering the amazing life of this great man. It will be BYOB for those who wish to partake in memory of Polock.

Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc., of Kiowa, Kansas. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanfuneralhome.com.

CLARA LOUISE FRECH



Funeral services for Clara Frech were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Alva. Burial followed at the Carmen City Cemetery under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary, LLC. She will lie in state at Marshall Funeral Home, Alva.

Clara Louise, daughter of the late Albert Frederick and Maryanne Priscilla (Dotterer) Brune, was born June 21, 1938, in Alfalfa County, and passed away peacefully

surrounded by family May 22, 2024, at her home northeast of Carmen, Oklahoma, at the age of 85 years, 11 months and one day.

Clara grew up in rural Alfalfa County, graduating from Lambert High School in 1956. On August 1, 1956, she was united in marriage to Johnny F. Frech at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Enid, Oklahoma. They raised their family of four children in the Carmen area on the farmstead except for a brief period in Houston, Texas.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and later became a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Alva, Oklahoma. Clara was a stay-at-home mom and was always there for her children and all of their many friends. She was an accomplished painter of acrylics and charcoal, she also enjoyed cooking for her family and sewing. After her children were a little older she was a relief mail carrier.

Besides her parents, Albert and Priscilla, she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 65 years, Johnny; her daughter, Shirley Lanning; her brother, Clarence Brune; and her brother-in-law, Darrel Rise.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Beth Schoeling and husband, Gary, of Alva; her sons, Paul Frech and wife, Donita, of Bixby, and Chris Frech and wife, Cecilia, of Enid; her sister, Dorothy Rise of Rogers, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Cody Frech and wife, Emily, of Broken Arrow, Cortney Frech of Bixby, Kyle Schoeling of Alva, and Seann Lanning of Hampton, Virginia; two great granddaughters, Sophia Chastain and Allison Frech, both of Broken Arrow; her son-in-law David Lanning of Edmond; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the mortuary

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to the Zion Lutheran Church, Humanity Hospice Discretionary Fund, or the Carmen Fire and Rescue.

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

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to her caregivers, Donna Anderson, Marty Crosley, and Laney Neal.

CHARLES WILLIAM 'BILL' GROH



Charles William "Bill" Groh was born June 23, 1934, in Alva, Oklahoma, the son of Adolph Martin and Lela Belle (McReynolds) Groh. He completed this life at his home at

Concordia Retirement Center in Oklahoma City on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Bill was raised in Alva where he graduated from Alva High School in 1951. He then attended Texas Tech where he graduated with a degree in engineering.

Bill went to work for Santa Fe Railroad as a civil engineer where he lived in Amarillo, Texas; Topeka, Kansas; Oklahoma City; Chicago, Illinois; and Los Angeles, California. After his retirement he and his wife, Avalon, moved to The Coves at Grand Lake where they lived for 22 years. They then moved to Oklahoma City to be closer to family in 2016.

Bill married Avalon Gloe Atkinson on May 1, 1954, in Wichita, Kansas. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2016, after being married 61 years.

Bill is survived by his son, Charles W. Groh Jr. and his wife Debbi of Oklahoma City; his daughter, Chalon Campbell and her husband Bill of San Antonio, Texas; his grandchildren, Wesley Groh, Tyler Groh, Alex Cedillo and her husband Esteban and Carson Campbell; his greatgrandchildren, Estella Avalon Cedillo, Anderson Emilia "Andi" Cedillo and Esteban Fitzwilliam "Fitz" Cedillo.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 30, in the chapel of Concordia Retirement Center.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Hospice, 201 NW 63rd St., Suite 230, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

LOIS ANN HUDGINS

Memorial services for Lois Ann Hudgins will be at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel, Alva, 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2024, with John Bizzell officiating. Services are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home.

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

GLEN L. PIPER

Glen L. Piper, 84, was born June 28,



1939, to William Piper and Ina Speer Piper in Cottonwood Falls, Arizona. He passed away on May 21, 2024, at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt, Kansas.

When Glen was five months old, his father died from a work-related accident, so his mother moved him and his older brother, Roy, to Dodge City, Kansas, near family. Glen was an outstanding athlete in baseball and basketball and graduated from Dodge City High School in 1957. Glen was the first high school All-American basketball player for Dodge City High School and for the state of Kansas and was featured in Sports Illustrated magazine. He was recruited by over 20 Division I universities but chose to attend the University of Colorado, where he could play both basketball and baseball.

After getting injured at CU, Glen returned to Dodge City where he was recruited to play basketball and baseball for Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. He became a college All-American while at NWOSU in both baseball basketball, setting numerous university records. Glen also received the Outstanding Education Major of the Year while attending NWOSU, obtained his master's degree in education, and met his future wife, Donna Schupbach of Burlington, Oklahoma, who was also a student at NWOSU.

On June 7, 1963, Glen and Donna were married at Donna's family home in Burington, Oklahoma. From there, Glen began his high school teaching and coaching career, starting in Hugo, Colorado, then on to Medicine Lodge, Kansas, then on to Kiowa, Kansas. He

was voted coach of the year in both Colorado and Kansas in multiple sports.

Glen then took a job as head men's basketball and baseball coach at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, where he also was a business and finance instructor. From there, he became the Dean of Students and head men's basketball coach at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas.

Eventually, Glen and Donna moved back to Kiowa, Kansas, where he was South Barber School District Superintendent for many years. He then became the Hugoton School District Superintendent in Hugoton, Kansas.

After retiring from 44 years of public education, Glen became a lobbyist and integral part of the Kansas State Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas, representing the western half of Kansas. Glen also received numerous state teaching awards for his time spent in Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. He received the NWOSU Outstanding Award. Graduate Education inducted into the NWOSU Sports Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the Dodge City High School Ring of Honor to name a few.

He was always focused on his family and after attending multiple high school/college athletic games and activities for all three of his children, Glen and Donna were able to attend various school and athletic activities for their multiple grandchildren in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. They also were able to see their three great grandchildren soon after their births.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ina Piper of Dodge City, Kansas; his brother, Roy Piper of Dodge City, Kansas; his mother and father-in-law, Floyd and Mathilda Schupbach of Burlington, and sister-inlaw, Karen Garvie of Burlington.

Glen is survived by his wife, Donna Piper of Pratt, Kansas; sister-in-law, Diedra Piper of Dodge City, Kansas; inlaws, Colleen (Cole) Ward of Oklahoma City, and Charles Garvie of Burlington; sons, Troy (Karma Sanders) Piper of Burlington, and Ty (Trina) Piper of Holliday, Texas; daughter, Trina (Kyle) Piper-Hughbanks of Alva; nieces, Lori (Monty) Allen of Dodge City, Kansas,

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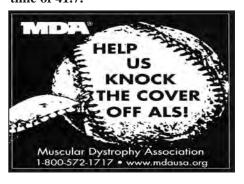
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South Barber sophomore Lily Schurter took 3rd at State in the Discus throw – 118' 6".



Running the 300M Hurdles at state, Austin Swonger placed 5th with a time of 41.7.



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Charis (Justin) Gallas of Nichols Hills, and Jana Lindley of Burlington; nephews, Allan Piper of Augusta, Kansas, and Brent (Vanessa) Garvie of Burlington; grandchildren, Abby (Ethan) Towsend of College Station, Texas, Taylor Piper of Fort Worth, Texas, Garrett Pipe and Katy Piper of Holliday, Texas, Ridge (Adrienne) Hughbanks of University City, Missouri, Sabrina Hughbanks of Dodge City, Kansas, and Savannah Hughbanks of Riverside, Ohio; great grandchildren, Lynen Townsend and Braxtan Townsend of College Station, Texas, and Thomas Hughbanks of University City, Missouri; and many great nieces and nephews.

Glen was an outstanding athlete, coach, educator, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and was a man of integrity. He will be missed greatly by friends and family.

Viewing will be on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. in Kiowa from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. with the family present from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The graveside service will be held at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery near Burlington, on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Matt Schupbach officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made out to the South Barber Food Bank through the funeral home as a tribute to Glen who aspired to never see a child go hungry.

ROY GLEN WILSON



Memorial services for Roy Wilson will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, Waynoka. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral

Home of Waynoka.

Roy Glen Wilson was born in Comanche, Oklahoma, on March 28, 1955, and left this earth surrounded by his family, May 7, 2024, at the age of 69 years and 38 days. He is preceded in death by his parents, P.D. Wilson and Willadean (Jantz) Wilson; brother, Ross Wilson; and loving caring daughter, Angel Lynn Boyd.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Regina of the home, Waynoka; sons J.D. Jackson and wife, Nickie, of Foss; Randy Noyes and partner, Tabitha Powers; Butch Wilson and wife, Jackie, of Shelbyville, Kentucky; grandchildren, Aaron Williams and wife, Shasta, of Fairview; Allie Haney and husband, Kolt, of Leedy; Madison and Mackenzie Boyd, both of Fritch, Texas; Kasen and Rhielan Jackson, and Teytum and Leyla Lee of Foss; Brittany Reeves of Shelbyville, Kentucky; Savannah and Noah Noyes; and great-grandchildren Rowan and Jasper Williams, and Lynnlee Haney.

Also surviving are brothers Robert Wilson and wife Nadine of Newalla, Ron Engle-Wilson and wife Carolyn, of Idabel, Roger Wilson and wife Maricarol of Carmen; brothers-in-law Doial Dauphin and wife Marilyn of Waynoka, Aaron Dauphin of Waynoka; sisters-in-law Reynna Samareis and husband Theodore (of Idaho Falls, Idaho), Eugena Karp (of Woodward) and Patricia Dauphin (of Freedom); many nieces, nephews and friends.

Roy spent his early years in Perry, Oklahoma, moving to Carmen, Oklahoma, in 1964. He graduated from Carmen-Dacoma High School in 1973. He was a member of the first eight-man Oklahoma All-Star Football Team. Roy pursued a career in the oilfield, and over his 40-plus years he was involved in all facets of operations, including production, completions and his forté, drilling. Roy enjoyed the opportunity to mentor young men who became interested in drilling operations. Over his career he touched many lives!

Roy loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them; he always had a little jingle for the grandkids. He will be missed!

The family wishes to thank all those at Beadles Nursing Home for all the compassion and comfort that they gave to Roy while he was in their care.

Also, a special thanks to all the doctors and nurses that attended to Roy while he was hospitalized.

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Fine Art Entries:

Marcia Francine Campbell, Tulsa; Yusuf Etudaiye, Tulsa; Salye Gorrell, Enid; Josh Hinton, Pond Creek; Warren Little, Alva; Elliott Ridgway, Tulsa

Fine Art AND Handmade Crafts Entries:

Anissa Boor, Laverne (also Sugar Show); JoDe Bradt, Alva; Angelia Case, Alva; Valarie Case, Alva; Jennifer Croy, Yukon; Lezlie Gilbert, Enid; April Kellman, McLoud; Jill Longan, Perkins

Megan Moore, Ames; Amanda Ramirez, Carmen; Jessica Reeves, Alva; Mikel Robinson, Woodward; Kristy San Soucie, Hardtner, Kansas; Katlin Smithey, Alva; Blair Tillery, McLoud

Handmade Craft Entries:

Better Together Creations/ Cheesecake, Alva; Jim and Beverly Blevins, Fairview; Vickie Bright, Enid; Casey Canaan and sister Nikki Salisbury – "Crafty Sisters," Alva; Madi Carey, Woodward; Lorraine Case, Alva; Anne Haight, Alva; Phil Henderson, Enid; James McCaslin, Yukon; Julie Osborn, Enid; Lauri Paine, Pryor; Jami Pittman, Okmulgee; Denaye Prigmore, Alva; Isabella Ridgway, Tulsa; Mary Riegel, Alva; Jem Stephens, Alva; April Stewart, Burlington

Student Entries:

Chloe Lehr, Alva; Eliza Liggenstoffer, Hardtner, Kansas; Eva Lopez-Castro, Oklahoma City; Ingrid Maldonado, Alva

Beatriz Penaflor, Shattuck; Lucas San Soucie, Hardtner, Kansas; Adrienne Simpson, Kiowa, Kansas; South Barber Junior High/High School Students Display, Kiowa, Kansas

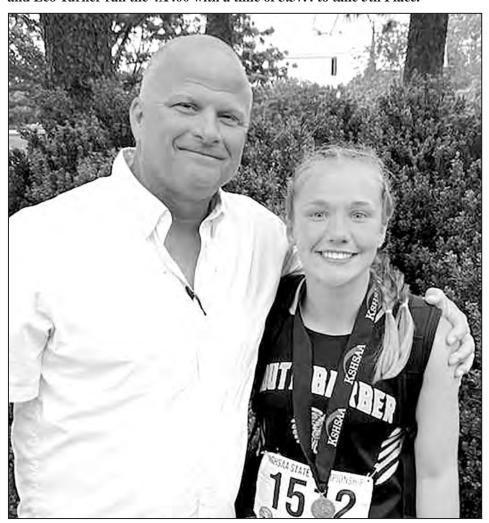
Special Event Booths:

A few special event booths will be at this year's festival including balloon twisting, face painting, and representatives with the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge and NASA, who will be bringing children/adolescent activities.





At state the SBHS "A" Team Austin Swonger, Joshua McKinney, Garen Cantrell and Leo Turner ran the 4X400 with a time of 3.37.4 to take 5th Place.



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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

traffic stops and one controlled with the alarm.

len vehicle.

12:32 p.m. – Alarm compa-

Grand. All was okay. Keyhold-During this day were two er advised there were problems

6:05 p.m. - Caller advised 1:19 a.m. - Report of a sto- of a stolen corral on Garvin Road. Report was taken.

10:16 p.m. – Caller advised ny advised of a motion alarm of a vehicle sitting vehicle going off in the 800 block of her house, in the 700 block of

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Pennsylvania, with their lights on. They were pointed at their ty advised of a possible drunk back yard and back of the house. Officer en route. Officer advised the owner was unloading stuff in the shed and they will turn off controlled burns. their lights. All was okay.

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

traffic stops, three controlled out.

at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a male. Medic took

5:59 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver in a gold Ford Grand Marque, headed towards Major County.

reckless driver in a white, older model pick-up. Advised they pulled out in front of them on Grand and did a donut then pro- controlled burns. ceeded to leave in the opposite direction. Also advised there appeared to be another individual on foot trying to catch up with the truck. Caller advised he would talk to a deputy.

10:23 p.m. – Woods County requested aid from a deputy for a possible robbery in progress at Johnson and County Road 510.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

During this day were four traffic stops, three controlled burns and one report of cattle

3:48 p.m. – Caller wanted to speak to a deputy. She advised of an individual from Carmen harassing them by calling and texting and would not leave her

4:14 p.m. – Report of a small grass fire on OK-8.

9:06 p.m. - Woods Coundriver eastbound on US-64.

Friday, May 24, 2024

During this day were two

10:09 a.m. - Reporting party advised of a silver truck that During this day were three was smoking real bad going south on Grand. Cherokee Fire burns and two reports of cattle Department en route to the vehicle at 9th St. and Grand to put 8:32 a.m. - Medic needed the fire out. All was okay and the truck was towed away.

2:19 p.m. - Caller stated the patient to Bass Hospital in his sister has taken off with his medicine and want to see if someone could get them back. Deputy advised the caller that the nurse had been advised.

8:08 p.m. – Caller advised 8:20 p.m. – Report of a of someone riding a dirt bike in Carmen on city streets.

Saturday, May 25, 2024

During this day were two

12:26 p.m. – Grant County advised of a call about copper theft. They advised the caller says it's in Grant County, but it possibly could be in Alfalfa County.

12:42 p.m. - Report of a small fire on County Road 740 and Canadian Road. Caller advised they had the fire out, but it was around an electrical pole and thinks it needs to be looked

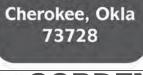
1:09 p.m. – Medic needed at Jiffy Trip for an 84-year-old female who had fallen and hit her head. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Sunday, May 26, 2024

2:43 p.m. – Alarm company advised of a residential front door not secure on OK-8. Deputy advised the front door was

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breaks in the glass but nothing okay. big enough to get through.

advised of a front door in the way. Medic cleared of scene. 200 block of Gate that was not

secure but there were some secure. Officer advised all was

1:28 p.m. - Medic needed 2:49 p.m. – Alarm company on the south side of the spill-

Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Douglas Jet Jr. and Melis- tract of land containing 5.0103 sa Jett and Juliana Diane Jett acres of land, more or less, convey unto Jeremy S. Hickman and Megan R. Hickman. The east half of the northwest quarter, also described as Lot 3 and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter located in Section 4, Township 25N, Range 10, WIM. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Hungerford conveys unto Kory Hungerford. The south 42 feet of Lot 2 and the north 21 feet of Lot 3, Block 5, Myers Addition to Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 899, page 409: Earl W. Frech and Doris M. Frech convey unto Donald A. Dreher II. Lots 19-24 in Block 51 in located in the southeast quarthe Original Town of Carmen, ter of Section 7, Township Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Ouit claim deed.

Book 899, page 419: Joe \$350,000.00. David Holderbee conveys unto Braden Nichols. Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 42, in the Original Town of Goltry, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 899, page 474: Warren R. Schurter and Terza J. Molz and Chantel R. Molz to

Schurter convey unto Eric Book 899, page 383: John Molz and Chantel R. Molz. A located in Lot 3, also known as the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 28 north, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 899, page 527: Lee E. Selby and Darla D. Selby Book 899, page 401: Kyle convey unto Brandy Centeno and Javier Centeno Cama. Lots 16-18 in Block 6 in the Town of Goltry, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 899, page 413: Tyson Kolb and Krystal Kolb to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. A tract of land containing 35.16 acres, more or less, 27N, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note:

Book 899, page 422: Braden Nichols to Primelending. Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 42, in the Original Town of Goltry, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$80,950.00.

Book 899, page 479: Eric

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

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

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

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3-6 p.m. Food distribution 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

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From Page 37 Alfalfa

Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. A tract of land containing 5.0103 acres of land, more or less, located in Lot 3, also known as the northeast quarter

of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 28 north, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$435,648.00.

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.

Civil Filings

Discover Bank vs. Glenda D. Lepe, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$252.14).

Small Claims Filings

Angela Lynn Dreher, Carmen, vs. Service Oklahoma: lost title (\$58).

Arthur J. Coffman vs. Service Oklahoma: lost title (\$58).

Protective Order Filings

Kasey Lashette Springer vs. Dawson MacCoy Springer, Carmen: protective order (\$173).

Traffic Citations

Holly Rochelle Hinton, McCurtain, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Roberto Miguel Salazar, Oklahoma City, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Eric Robert Dye has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Ashley M. Bradley, Goltry, has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Paul Travis Howerton, Longdale, has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Chandler Buller, Cherokee, was cited with not wearing seatbelt (\$20).

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'God was with us,' Eslinger said about an EF-2 tornado that destroyed her home near Anthony

By Yvonne Miller

"We could barely stand the pressure - we had to cover our ears It was so loud - a high-pitched sound like a whistle. We had been watching the weather and knew a storm was coming. It looked really scary to the west. Someone called and said we should go to the shelter. We went down into the storm cellar which is 20 yards north of the house. About 10 minutes later it just hit. It was horrible. I think it lasted a couple minutes. I was thinking positive. God was with us the whole time." It was hailing when they entered the cellar. "I really just thought we had really bad wind and hail. I was praying for my garden and our animals."

Kandi Eslinger was describing an EF-2 tornado that destroyed her home Saturday evening on May 25. Her farm is located on the north side of Highway K-2 about eight miles west of Anthony, Kansas.

She was in the cellar with her daughter Jaci, 17 who will be a senior at Chaparral High School next fall. A friend Chris Duwe was also in the cellar with them.

"When we opened the cellar door, I saw the whole top of my house was gone," Eslinger said. The first person to greet them was a storm chaser who came right to the storm cellar to see if they were okay.

Not only did it destroy the house, the tornado smashed and twisted all three of their pickups, a car, the garage, her camper, a goat shed and much more. It also destroyed a shed across the highway where her son had lots of items, all destroyed. There was a 2X4 run rough a pickup and windows were broken out of everything.

She has a large patio on the west side of her home. It was perfect, mainly untouched. She had put her 4-wheeler there and it barely moved. She has 150 tomato plants that were fine. The grills, the table, etc., were all unharmed. Her garden was not damaged. Jaci was really concerned over her goats which turned out to be okay.

"It's crazy the things that it destroyed and the things that God protected," Eslinger said. One of those crazy things is "It's a weird thing that people found \$1 bills with a stick stuck through them," she said. Her shower curtain was wrapped upward toward the ceiling that is no longer there.

The strangest thing she's learned is that her neighbors who live six miles to the north – their house was destroyed by a tornado 20 years ago to the day on the Saturday of Memorial Weekend.

She estimates at least 100 people were at her place helping clean everything. They brought skid steers and all types of equipment. Her pictures and legal documents were all in plastic tubs so are saved.

"Things I thought could save, I guess I couldn't," She said men brought trailers to put things in like some pieces of furniture and her piano. However, because everything was drenched, it started to mold.

"The dogs, goats and garden are good. We are fine. The tornado destroyed and God protected," Eslinger said. "God has always been there and I know He will take care of all my needs. I'm so overwhelmed by the amount of family and friends who have supported us and helped with everything. I'm at peace with all this – it's just stuff." "I'm overwhelmed with the love shown to us. We're taking this one-day-at-a-time." She is the secretary at the Anthony Elementary.

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