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Alva Recreation Complex 2017 Spring Soccer Enrollment

The Alva Recreational Complex is opening enrollments for Soccer with games to begin after spring break. Game times will be announced as soon as scheduling is complete. We do anticipate a need for coaches and sponsors. Games will be played at the Alva Recreational Complex (ARC).

Registration for soccer is open for age's 4 years – 8th Grade

Please check one of the boxes below

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\$20 - Played Fall '16 Soccer and has a jersey - Entry is nonrefundable. Team name _____

\$30 - Played Fall '16 Soccer but needs a new jersey. Entry is nonrefundable. Circle shirt size – YS(6/8) YM(10/12) YL(14/16) AS AM AL AXL

\$30 – **Did not** play Fall '16 Soccer. Entry is nonrefundable. Circle shirt size - YS(6/8) YM(10/12) YL(14/16) AS AM AL AXL

Kids will play on the same team in the spring as they did in the fall.

Enrollments are due **February 17, 2017 (\$10 Late Fee / Accepted one week after deadline)No enrollment after February 24, 2017**

Drop off money or check with entry form at the Alva Recreational Complex main office between 8-5 M-F.

Release Form

In consideration of the right and privilege to, and the use of the facilities for, participation in the Alva Recreational Complex, extended to the below name minor, I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of said minor do hereby unconditionally release and forever discharge the said Alva Recreational Complex, its officials, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, of and from all manner of actions, causes, and causes of action, suits, debts, controversies, executions, claims, demands for any and all injuries to said minor and/or any damage to or loss of property arising or occasioned by the participation of said minor in the Alva Recreational Complex program.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth (MM-DD-YY) _____ Male _____ Female _____

Age as of March 1, 2017 _____ Grade _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Name of Guardian _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Please circle one

Yes I give my permission for my child's photo on the ARC website and/or on the ARC Facebook page.

No I do not give my permission for my child's photo to be put on the ARC website and/or on the ARC Facebook page.

I would be willing to be a(n) Coach Assistant Coach Sponsor (\$50.00) If didn't sponsor in the fall – Name of sponsor or team _____

Check if you have a sibling the same age that needs to be on the same team / complete a separate form for each. Name of sibling _____

A limited number of enrollment fee scholarships are available. If you have any questions call ARC 580-327-6111.

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Lynn Says

A good idea for your postal carrier

By Lynn L. Martin

A business acquaintance, Aletha Kohlrus, called last week with the suggestion for this column: be nice to your postal carrier. She mentioned offering bottled water.



That's a great idea.

For many years, Vicky Hewatt at Lynn Martin Photography has pulled out her Tupperware stash of chocolate candy for the variety of postal carriers who visit 618 Barnes. Nearly always they take advantage of

it. The idea came to us after one Halloween where we had left our orange bowl of leftover trick or treat candy on the front table. Soon we noticed that not only did regular customers take advantage of the leftovers, but so did our postal-person.

Most of the Halloween candy was small candy suckers, so she upped the desirability by stocking a different container with the small Hershey bars that break into about four bite-sized pieces.

That has worked great. They really seem to appreciate the pick-me-up in the middle of the walking route. Also, if we have a customer that Vicky really likes for some reason, she may reward

them from her Tupperware box.

Our community's beloved UPS driver, Chuck Byrd, FINALLY took Vicky up on a free Hershey candy offer last month. He has turned her down for years, which no doubt is how he keeps his macho figure. I think he was overwhelmed with packages that day (probably the day before Christmas) and he was worn down.

I think Vicky breaking his will was her great triumph of 2016.

I hope that wasn't against company policy to give a small food gift to the UPS man? I did look up the U. S. Postal Rules and your postal carrier may accept a gift up to \$20 in value (but not cash).



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A Department of Corrections Cadet Class graduated Friday, Feb. 3, in ceremonies at the Northwest Technology Center in Alva. Front row, from left: Kisha Mason, JCCC; Gage White, WSKCC; Gage Nailon, WSKCC; Thomas Wilson, JCCC; Johnathan Jones, NFCC; Arnold Fobb, NFCC; Audra Hines, JCCC; Shannon Fuksa, JCCC; Christopher Mattingly, NFCC. Back row, left to right: William Sproul, JCCC; Jyrrred Cook, WSKCC; Courtney Carney, WSKCC; Joseph Bronaugh, JCCC; Alberto Giannotti, JCCC; Tommie McMathm, EnidCC; Joshua Rouse, NFCC; Ross Lowe, JCCC; and Blake Woodruff, BJCC. Photo by Lynn L. Martin

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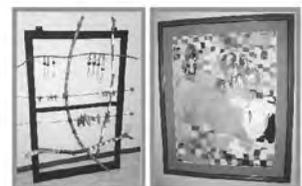
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Alva school board approves practice facility contractor

By Lynn L. Martin

The Alva Board of Education voted to hire Rick Scott Construction Inc. of Ponca City to complete the work on the Indoor Practice Facility – Phase II at a cost of \$544,900 minus a removed alternate of carpeting and floor finishing of \$18,857. Architect Roy Easley will be paid 7 percent for his services, which comes to about \$38,000.

Easley said the Scott Construction will be notified immediately, and then they have ten days to start on the project. He said the timeline for the project is 120 days, with a penalty of \$250 per day for exceeding that. He said it should not be difficult to complete the project in the allotted time.

Other bidders included RSM Development Inc. at \$732,600, Kline Mechanical Contracting Inc. at \$638,000 and Sports Facility Resources LLC at \$593,981.

A project cost breakdown was provided by Scott Construction:

- General Conditions – \$25,128
- Storm Drainage – \$24,784
- Concrete – \$86,472
- Carpentry and Drywall – \$27,363
- Ceramic Tile – \$15,298
- Painting – \$5,778
- Specialties – \$15,547
- Plumbing – \$65,278
- HVAC – \$184,812
- Electrical – \$75,573

Superintendent Steve Parkhurst said he called several other schools where Scott Construction Inc. had completed projects and heard excellent reviews. Board member Jane McDermott said she heard similar praise in a few calls she made, as did architect Roy Easley.

Sickness Affects Schools

The continuing upper respiratory illnesses and the flu bug has affected the Alva schools. For example, absences because of illness caused 1,039 fewer meals to be served in the last month. Superintendent Parkhurst said he and the other administrators have been keeping a close eye in the event the entire system needs to be shut down for a few days to halt the spread of illness. In general, each school site is seeing 90–93 percent attendance. However, one day 22 teachers were absent, either because of their illness or illness of their own children. At one time, the student absentee rate hit 11–12 percent.

In finances, Parkhurst said the State Department of Education reported the Alva District had too great a money carryover last year and proposed a penalty of \$19,000. The superintendent said he was familiar with other schools that had appealed such a penalty and were successful, so that is what he is planning to do. He also noted that gross production revenues are down to \$185,000 from a



Longfellow librarian Heather Hall holds some student-constructed model rockets that are used to help teach STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) concepts to the students.

previous month of \$220,000.

Longfellow librarian Heather Hall appeared before the board and told about some STEM projects they were executing with their students in building tiny rockets. The rockets were used to interest the students in science and math courses. They said they were appreciative of a donation of soda straws by Sonic Drive Inn. They were the right size to be the body of the rockets after the original straws proved to be too small.

Oklahoma Legislative Session

Parkhurst said he and other administrators visited the State Capitol and reported on proposed legislation including the Governor’s State of the State message. He said teacher pay raises were being proposed by everyone. He said there was talk by the governor of eliminating sales tax on groceries and eliminating the corporate income tax. Parkhurst said he wasn’t happy about the governor wanting to make it easier for charter schools to pull students (and funding)



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the Ag Page



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Alternatives in Crop Production for Woods County

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Dr. Josh Lofton, Asst. Professor, OSU Extension Plant & Soil Sciences Department

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Josh Bushong, NW Area Agronomy Specialist, OCES

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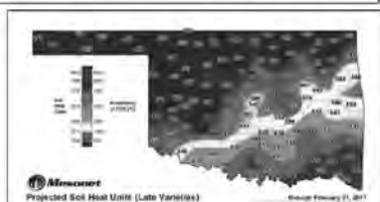
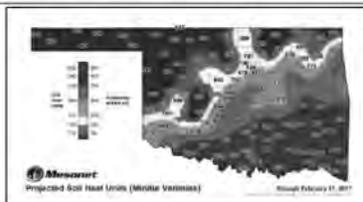
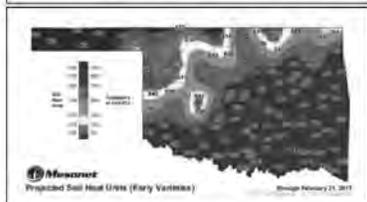
Budgets for Alternative Crops: Key Expenses & Cost Control Measures

First Hollow Stem Advisor – guidelines to terminate wheat pasture grazing For: February 21, 2017

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Cherokee schools update bullying policy

By Stephanie Lambert

The members of the Cherokee Public School board voted Monday night to give their bullying policy a much-needed update. The new policy, which comes from the Oklahoma State School Board Association (OSSBA), meets all requirements and will completely replace the old policy. The policy is detailed and contains thorough paperwork to document a bullying event if one occurs.

A board member asked whether bullying was a problem for Cherokee Schools, the response from school staff was "Not really, but it does happen. Parent and student conferences are normally enough to deal with the issue."

Amber Wilhite took the oath of office to become a new board member and the board voted to reorganize the board members, with TJ Allison as the vice president, and Amber Wilhite as the secretary/treasurer.

The consent agenda was approved, which consisted of the following items: Minutes of the Jan. 9 board meeting; General Fund encumbrances, purchase orders, balances, and warrants; Child Nutrition fund encumbrances, purchase orders, balances and warrants; Building Fund encumbrances, purchase orders, balances and warrants; Activity Fund Report (balances), Treasurer's Report and Fundraisers submitted (Softball & FCCLA).

The financial end-of-month cash balances, as of January 31, as follows:

General Fund	\$3,950,311.51
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Building Fund	\$215,539.19
Lunch Fund	\$52,252.16
Roof-Bond Fund	\$205,444.83
Building/Equipment	
Bond Fund	\$0.00
Complex Bond	\$75,653.40
Sinking Fund	\$649,024.96
Gifts Fund	\$30,615.53
CAS/Flood Insurance Fund	\$26,630.83

All Funds \$5,205,472.41

The softball teams, under the supervision of Keith Gunter, will be selling RADA Knife + Utensil products from Feb.13 through March 6. Estimated funds to be raised are \$1,500.

The FCCLA club, under the supervision of Heather Gottsch, submitted four fundraisers, which were approved. Nine members of the FCCLA have qualified to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting, and funds raised will go toward the trip expenses, which are approximately \$1,000 per child. A Community Dinner will be held some time in March. Parents Night Out will be held on Feb. 24 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students will provide games, crafts, and/or a movie for children attending. A paint party will be on April 15. Tickets will be available for purchase from students and there may possibly be a silent auction. Students will also be selling custom 'Cherokee Rustic Cuff' bracelets from April 1 through April 30.

The 2017-2018 school calendar (with approximately 1,100 hours) was approved by the board. There will be professional days for the teachers on Aug. 15 and 16, and school will begin

Aug. 17.

The board voted to approve pay application 4 and 5 for Cedar Ridge Construction.

Ruth Richmond, elementary principal, spoke of building issues in her principal's report. A kindergarten class has been forced to relocate to a different room to have class due to plumbing issues in their classroom. The class will be able to move back to their classroom as soon as the issue is fixed.

The junior high/high school principal's report indicated that the students are busy with sports. Spring softball practices have just started and basketball is going strong. Cherokee law enforcement will be holding an active shooter class on Saturday for those who choose to participate.

It was reported that Jessica Schaubacher has been teaching "Google Applications" professional training to Cherokee Schools staff members through the Career Tech. "It teaches a lot of ways to utilize the programs that we already have access to," a school staff member said.

Donna Anderson, superintendent, stated in her superintendent's report that staff has been working every day on bond issues. A baked potato dinner was held, complete with an informational bond video, to raise awareness about the bond and answer questions. Social media is being utilized as well to field bond questions and inform the public about the bond. Voting for the bond will be held on Feb. 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your regular polling place (if you are a registered voter). Early voting will be available at the county election board from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 and 10. If unsure where your regular voting location is, contact the Alfalfa County Election Board at 580-596-2718.



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160 Acres - All Cropland - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -19-28-12 Alfalfa County - **PRICE REDUCED: \$420,000.00**

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KIM DALLAS DALE

On February 1, 2017, Kim Dallas Dale, 63, joined His Lord and Savior. Celebration of life service was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Vining Community Church in Jet. Military honors were conducted by the United States Marine Corps.

Kim Dallas Dale was born on January 5, 1954, to Dallas (Tex) Dale and Nellie Corrilla (Ames) Dale, in Cherokee Oklahoma, and raised on the family farm north of the Salt Plains Lake. Kim graduated from Jet-Nash in 1972, enlisting the same year in the Marine Corps.

Kim married Keitha Ann Stiffler on July 3, 1975, in Nash. They moved to Garden Grove California until 1976, when Kim's active service ended, then returned home, where Kim had a job waiting for him at the Jet Co-op. In 1980, Kim used the G.I. Bill to enroll in college at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and obtained his bachelor of arts degree. Kim worked in various fields before coming to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (Byron Fish Hatchery) in 1994, retiring in 2009.

On September 13, 1988, Kim and

Keitha were blessed with the birth of their son Logan Phillip. He also retired as fire chief from the Nescatunga Rural Fire Department, and volunteered with Salt Plains Refuge and Byron Hatchery Watchable Wildlife Area.

Kim was a founding member of the Salt Fork Craftsman Blacksmithing Club. Ken Marshall introduced Kim to scratch building replica models during his first fight with cancer. In 2004, Kim started building a 1/92nd replica of the battleship USS Oklahoma that he presented to the Alfalfa County Courthouse in 2007 in celebration of Oklahoma's Centennial where you can still see it today! At the time of Kim's death, he was a board member of Vining Community Church and Nescatunga Rural Fire Department. Kim loved GOD, COUNTRY, FAMILY, COMMUNITY and the Sand Hills where he grew up.

He is survived by his wife Keitha of the home; son Logan and family of York, Alabama; brother Larry and Doris Dale of Haysville, Kansas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Kim has been reunited in Heaven with his parents, Dallas (Tex) and Nellie Dale, and brothers Neal, Bob and Dick.

Casey (Abbi), Sam, Gavin, Isaac, Brooke, and Desiree; six great-grandchildren, Hannah, Lakota, Chayce, Kash, Derrick, Tucker, and one on the way, Thomas; one brother, Phillip (Anita) Doherty of Amorita, two sisters, Victoria (Jerry) Blevins and Sharon (Melvin) Swafford both of Kiowa, Kansas.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Cherokee, with Father Bala Sagila Jesubas officiating. Burial followed in the Cherokee Municipal Cemetery, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the Tom Doherty Burial Fund, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

GERALD DEAN 'GARRY' NELSON

Funeral services for Gerald Dean "Garry" Nelson of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Alva, are pending with Wharton Funeral Chapel.

STEVEN JACK 'STEVE' PARR

LEAGUE CITY, Texas – Funeral services for Steve were held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 2 p.m. at First



Baptist Church in Cherokee with Rev. Garry McNeill and Rev. Tom Cooksey officiating. Burial followed at Byron-Amorita Cemetery with arrangements by Lanman Funeral Home Inc. of

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

Steven Jack Parr, 65, of League City Texas lost his battle with cancer at home the evening of Thursday, February 2, 2017. Steven was born in Cherokee, Oklahoma to Jack and Carol Parr on May 23, 1951. He attended school in Cherokee and graduated from CHS in 1969. While in high school he participated and excelled in track and basketball. He attended Oklahoma State University. While there, he became

THOMAS JOSEPH 'TOM' DOHERTY

Thomas Joseph "Tom" Doherty, 71, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, died Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita, Kansas.

He was born on September 7, 1945, in Cherokee, Oklahoma, the son of Edward W. Doherty and Dorothy (Cox)

Doherty. On January 17, 1969, he married Kathryn (Weeks) Doherty in Kiowa, Kansas.

He was a farmer, rancher and worked at the co-op elevator. He was a member of the St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Cherokee, and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Kathryn of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; sons Ed (Stacy) of Medicine Lodge, Tim (Michelle) of Kansas City, Missouri, and John (Mariah) of Kiowa; eight grandchildren, Amber, Tiffani (Matt),






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THE ROYAL COURT – The 2017 South Barber Basketball Homecoming Queen Madison Polson (center) with her escort Brian Farney are surrounded by everyone who is part of the royal court. They are: (Back row, from left) sophomore attendant Savannah Hughbanks and her escort Hernan Carbajo, junior attendant Idallis Shaffer and her escort David Belohlavek, senior candidate Savannah Hughbanks and her escort Spencer Kimmell, Queen Polson and Farney, senior candidate Anna Perez and her escort Gavin Doherty, freshman attendant Makenzie Watts and her escort Trevor Rooks, (kindergarten helpers in front) Lane Michael Clover, Taisen Ricke, Saige Schurter and Breckyn Hiltner. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*



Senior Brian Farney finishes adorning Madison Polson with the robe, flowers, autographed basketball and crown as the 2017 South Barber Basketball Homecoming Queen. He's ready to escort her to the royal seating area complete with black and gold columns of balloons. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*



SOUTH BARBER HOMECOMING QUEEN – Madison Polson is the 2017 South Barber High School Basketball Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Brandi and Clark Thom and David Polson. SBHS had lots to celebrate Friday night as both the Lady Chieftains and Chieftains easily defeated their homecoming opponent, Stafford. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

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involved in student government politics and served as senator. Upon graduation Steve accepted a job with Stran Steel in Houston. After two years there, he accepted a job with Aramco Oil Company as a liaison in different parts of the company. He spent seven years living and working in Saudi Arabia. He later returned to Houston and continued working with Aramco for a number of years. He remained working in the oil industry, but changed jobs and went to work for Chevron until his death.

Steven was a very insightful man who helped and worked with others. He was active in his church working with returning servicemen who were dealing with the complexities of their new life. Steven had the unique opportunity to travel the world and see many different sights because of his work.

Steven is survived by his wife, Linda, of League City, Texas; his sons Adam of Denver and Ryan of Alaska; step children Melissa Boudreaux and husband Jayson Reddy, Wendee Reddy, Brandon Reddy and numerous step-grandchildren; a step-great grandson; parents Jack and Carol Parr; brother David and his wife Nancy; sister Cheryl and her husband George and numerous nephews and their families.

Memorials may be given to the Quilting Ministry at Steve's church in Houston, because they are making quilts for veterans, or the Benevolent Fund at Cherokee First Baptist through the funeral home.

ALBERT E. WILLIAMS

Albert E. Williams, 88 year-old Woodward resident died Sunday, February 5, 2017 in Woodward. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Elmwood Cemetery with Billings Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

DAVID LESLIE YOUNG

David Leslie Young was born July 23, 1967, and died suddenly on Saturday, February 4, 2017. He was born in Alva to parents Robert and Patricia Young, and was raised in Cherokee.

He is survived by his sons Jacob Leslie, Zachary Alexander and Joey David Young; his mother and father, Robert and Patricia Young; sister Glenna Bevin; six nieces; three nephews; and multiple aunts, uncles

and cousins.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Roy and Opal Young, Jerald and Evelyn Leech and two nieces.

Graveside services will be held at Cherokee Municipal Cemetery on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 1 p.m.

Friends may call Lanman Funeral Home in Cherokee or online at www.lanmanmemorials.com.

Contributions may be made in David's memory to the Oxford House, 11708 North Victoria Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

DONALD DEAN ZAHORSKY

Funeral services for Donald Dean Zahorsky will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2017, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. William S. Kalfas officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Donald Dean Zahorsky, son of the late David Fred and Edith Elizabeth (McCoy) Zahorsky, was born February 9, 1930, at Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away February



5, 2017, at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Don graduated from Dacoma High School then enlisted in the United States Navy and served a tour in Korea and earned several service medals and was discharged in 1949. On May 12, 1954, he was united in marriage to Perilla "Pril" Becker at the Pleasant View Church near Dacoma. They bought a farm in 1954 and lived in Alva until they moved to the farm in 1972. He was a custom cutter for many years and ranched on their home place most of his life.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Pril; four brothers, David Jr., Roger, Darrell, and James.

Don is survived by his daughter, Sheri Snyder and husband, Jeffrey, of St. Louis, Missouri; three brothers, Delbert Zahorsky of Enid; Stanley Zahorsky and wife, Jan, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Carroll Zahorsky of Leawood, Kansas; one sister, Marlene McLean and husband, Perry, of Overland Park, Missouri; other relatives and many friends.

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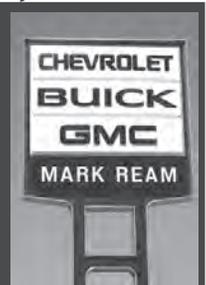
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By Marione Martin

For more than a quarter century, Richard Aldridge of Manchester has faithfully delivered the United States mail. After 26 years as a rural carrier, on Tuesday, Jan. 31, he retired. The Alva Post Office honored the occasion with a come and go reception Jan. 31 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. His wife, Barbie, and daughters, Brooke and Blair, were there to help him celebrate.

Aldridge was first hired as a substitute carrier for a rural

route out of the Burlington Post Office. Phyllis Otis was postmaster. He worked four years as a substitute before taking over the route full time.

The Burlington/Byron route serves 150 customers, and Aldridge drove approximately 115 miles each day to deliver their mail. He received a letter of congratulations from District Manager Julie Gosdin for his dedicated service of 26 years.



Richard Aldridge shows off one of the cakes from his retirement party held Jan. 31. The come and go reception was held at the Alva Post Office.



Richard Aldridge is flanked by two bosses. Phyllis Otis (right) hired him as a substitute rural carrier in the Burlington office. Alva Postmaster Jo Ellen Fleming (left) was his supervisor for the final years of his career.



Members of his family attend Richard Aldridge's retirement reception Jan. 31 at the Alva Post Office. From left are his daughter Brooke, Aldridge, his daughter Blair, and his wife Barbie.

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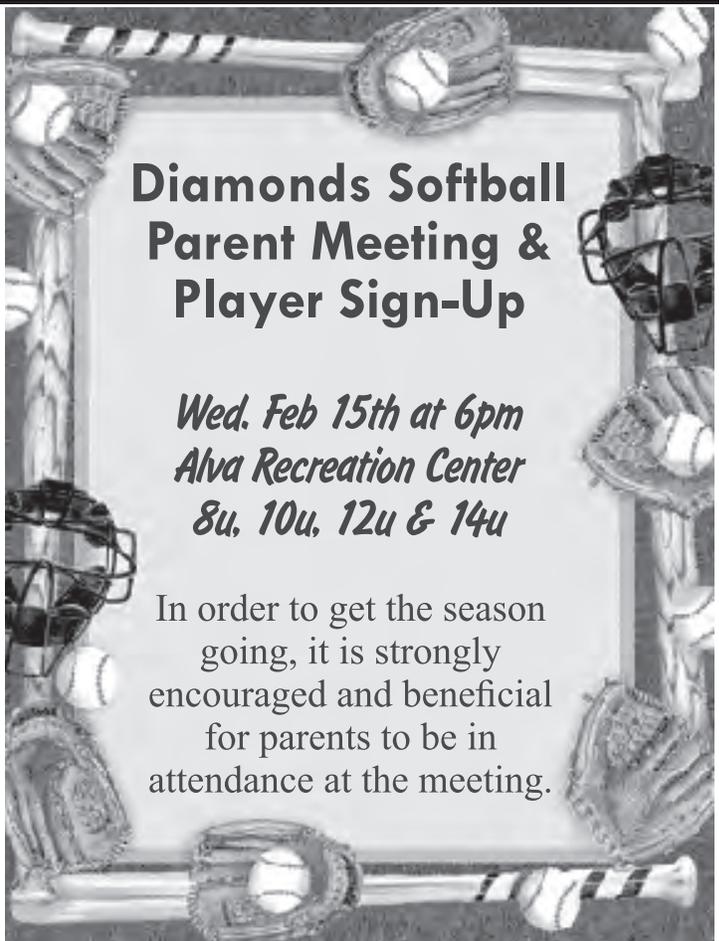


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The staff at Value Added Products (VAP) in Alva run a successful business making dough products that has endured 17 years. They put out a wonderful spread of breads, rolls, pizza, pastries, etc., at the annual investors meeting. Current staff includes: (front row, from left) Dirk Merle, president/CEO; Rudy Smith-Dunn, shipping/receiving manager; Justin Schroeder, maintenance coordinator; Neha Thunga, production manager; Verna Baier, production manager; Sharon Doctor, administrative payables/receivables; Juanita Cropp, QA Department; (back row) Ron Burnidge, HR Department; Aaron Diefenbach, production manager; Badri Jagannathan, QA manager; Danie Hinde, compliance coordinator; Tim Smart, maintenance manager; Tabitha Zeller, sales support; Tonja Lewis, director of plant operations; Cheyenne Keck, finance and admin controller. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

VAP shows a profit, has sales growth, \$2.2 million payroll

By Yvonne Miller

Investors in Value Added Products (VAP) gathered for their annual meeting Saturday at the Woods County Fairgrounds in Alva and were greeted with good food and even better news.

"You should be cheering," board treasurer Terry Graham and area CPA told the investors. That's because the cooperative dough plant made a six figure net profit the last fiscal year. "This is a huge milestone." Graham further

said, "We are in our 17th year. We've survived 17 years and we've paid our loans."

VAP CEO Dirk Merle shared more good news – that current customer growth is up 20 percent. He said through January of 2017 all of VAP's numbers are up. "Our net profit is ahead of projections."

Merle said VAP currently has 83 employees and had a \$2.2 million payroll for fiscal year ending May 31, 2016.

"Our payroll has a significant impact on the local economy," Merle said. The Alva plant is currently running "extended shifts," Merle explained. Workers start at 5 a.m., and dough products are made until 10 p.m. A cleaning crew comes in after to insure the plant is ready for the next day.

Before VAP Board President Bob Baker introduced Merle, he complimented the VAP CEO on recently obtaining his MBA with a 4.0 grade point average. Merle reportedly studied for it at nights and on weekends since 2013.

Merle spoke of VAP's challenges such as labor participation rate – having enough employees to operate the plant as they grow and labor cost increase. He said tightening of the labor market may equal opportunities.

He listed "two major factors" at present in the industry as labor participation and labor costs. Merle said

The Family of Mary Johnson would like to thank family and friends for all thoughtful deeds, prayers, kind words, flowers and food during our difficult time and loss of our loved one.

Special thanks to Pastor John Clapp and Beth Smith for a memorable service. Many thanks to the Alva Wesleyan Women for the delicious meal served after the service. Thanks to the Wharton Funeral Chapel for the special arrangements.

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effects of those factors has resulted in contraction in the amount of restaurants in America.

VAP has continued customer growth in K-12 lunch programs, the CEO said. “We are winning with our formulation of whole white wheat products.” He mentioned numerous customers to which VAP is successfully selling their unique products.

Merle reminded the wheat producing investors, “Gluten free is not a fad. It is a multi-billion dollar industry.”

Mentioning industry trends, Merle said VAP sees tightening on raw food costs, which is causing consideration for pricing actions. The Alva plant is currently below market pricing, he said.

“We must make sure our customers value our service,” Merle said. For example, he said have a chef show the customer 10 ways to use one VAP product.

VAP Has New Dough Capabilities

Merle told about new “dough forming equipment” VAP purchased that allows them to form dough that can be transformed into a variety of products. He said by using the forming equipment, VAP is expanding on new technology and keeping up with industry trends.

He thanked OSU for purchasing

a smaller version of the forming equipment for VAP to try for research and development (R&D) before purchasing the larger machines. “We are now equipped to handle significant volume.”

The advantage can be reduced manufacturing cost when using the forming equipment. “We don’t even have to turn on our proofer. This means less cost,” Merle said. “Ours is a convenience product. This is a big opportunity for us.”

He provided a “customer value chart” of different versions of dough they produce from scratch, sheeted raw, sheeted proofed to parbaked.

“We’re really not interested in producing our own parbaked dough,” Merle explained of what was on the cutting edge in VAP’s beginning. He said their focus now on that chart is from scratch to the sheeted range.

“We’re in the forming business now,” the CEO said. He has plans to really introduce it at a national pizza show in March. “Our focus is on the process and product,” he said. “We are pioneering new products that align with our technology.”

Merle said they have plans for some new products and taking some existing ones up a notch. At the annual

meeting, investors sampled a variety of pizza from breakfast to pepperoni. Made from sheeted dough, a rolled up product filled with ham and then glazed was outstanding. A variety of sweet rolls made with sheeted sweet dough were beyond delicious. A variety of breads, rolls, pastries, pizza and baguettes were piled high on trays for investors to take home.

The CEO said, “We are perfecting our take and bake dough.” VAP’s delicious dough products that have been sold at their retail store on-site will be available at a different location in Alva soon, to be announced.

Merle said VAP will be a Globally Certified Plant in May. “We need more feet on the street selling our products.”

VAP Board of Directors

Three members of the VAP Board of Directors were up for reelection. They were Dean Goll, Ronnie Truelock and Kent Kisling. All three were retained on the board by acclamation. Nominating Committee members Jerry Garnett, Paul Kinzie and David Lyon were also retained by acclamation.

Also at the first of the meeting, an auditor from Campbell, Shaffer and Company, P.C., from Enid presented a favorable audit of VAP for the investors.



This is the current board of directors for Value Added Products (VAP), a cooperative in Alva owned by investors who are primarily farmers and landowners. The VAP plant was designed to add value to the wheat crop, as dough products are created there. Current board members are: (back, from left) Terry Graham, treasurer; Bob Baker, president; Dean Goll, vice president; Ronnie Truelock and Dusty Albright; (front) Gregg Glass, Dirk Merle, CEO; Yordon Karber and Steve Sterling. Board member Kent Kisling had a conflict and could not attend the meeting. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

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Waynoka freshman Talyn Hagelberg (left) grabs the rebound in competition with Freedom's Katlynn Galemore (15) and Summer Ralston (22). Galemore had six points in the contest while Ralston had 15 points. *Photo by Lynn Martin*

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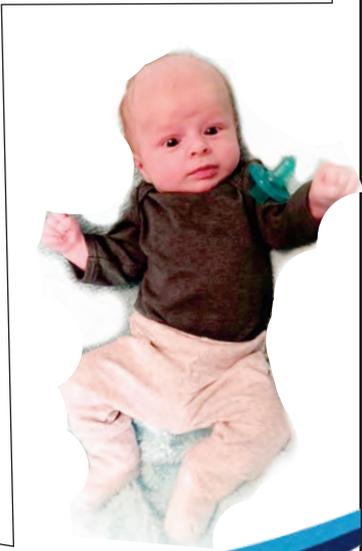
During the morning of Sunday, January 22nd, Tiffany texted me while I was working and said she didn't think Colt was getting any better. We really made sure he was drinking lots of fluids. Later that day about 4:30 Tiffany called me and said she didn't think Colt was breathing well and asked if I thought we should take him back to Urgent Care. I said, "yes" and alerted Dr. Lawrence and told him of Colt's worsening condition and pending arrival.

When Tiffany arrived, I noticed Colt was extremely pale and barely able to breathe. Kasady Bradford immediately saw that Colt was in a bad way and took him to one of the trauma rooms where she, Dr. Lawrence, and Shelby Bates got to work. It didn't take long before Dr. Lawrence requested Air Evac and called in additional nurses and EMT's to help. At that moment it became extremely clear that my son was in a fight for his life. As I sat there with my other son and wife, trying to maintain my composure and to help where needed, ShiAnn Farris, Brooke Meyer, Crystal Avila, Jasper, Amber, Britney, and Kandice Allen all showed up and quickly began to help save my son.

Long story short: Air Evac, staffed by Jeremy, Katie, and Greg, arrived and helped in the ER before flying my son to Wesley Children's Hospital in Wichita where Colt was diagnosed with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and spent the next 7 days in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit fighting to stay alive. The next few days were a roller coaster of highs and lows. While in the PICU Colt received amazing care by a variety of Doctors and Nurses who you could tell genuinely cared. On Sunday, January 29th, Colt was transferred out of the PICU to the general kids' floor before being discharged two days later.

I mention each one of the people listed above by name because I want them to know what an amazing job they did, how much it meant to me and my family, and how much I am, and will always be, eternally grateful for what they did. I have thanked the majority of them and have gotten the typical humble "it's our job" or "it's just what we do" statement from every one of them because that is what people in the emergency services professions are supposed to say but I could see their faces while they saved my son how hard it was on them too. I firmly believe that God put each and every one of those people at Share Medical Center, Air Evac, and Wesley Children's for a reason and without the combined effort of everyone involved my son would not have survived.

Anyway, we are home now. Although those 10 days were extremely stressful on Tiffany and I...and our whole family...we are just really glad we were able to experience them versus planning a funeral.



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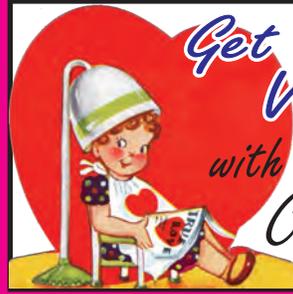
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Few candidates file for city offices so far

By Marione Martin

Only a few candidates have filed so far for the Oklahoma municipal election on April 4. The filing period began Monday at 8 a.m. and continues today, Feb. 8, until 5 p.m. at the county election board offices.

Alfalfa County has had five candidates file as of 1:30 p.m. They are:

- Cherokee Commissioner at Large (Mayor): Karen Hawkins
- Cherokee Ward 1 Commissioner: Michael Lee West
- Burlington Board of Trustees: Jack Davis
- Carmen Board of Trustees: Chris Moore
- Helena Board of Trustees: Paula Burkes

Burlington has only one trustee position open. Both Carmen and Helena have two.

Woods County Election Board, located in the Professional Building in Alva, had six filings by 5 p.m. Tuesday:

- Alva City Treasurer: Trent Goss
- Alva City Council, Ward 1 Seat 1: Daniel Winters
- Alva City Council, Ward 2 Seat 1: Christopher Eckhardt
- Alva City Council, Ward 3 Seat 1: Troy Brooks
- Waynoka City Council, Ward 1 Seat 1 (unexpired term): Harold R. Oliver
- Waynoka City Council, Ward 3 Seat 2: Brad Perot

Only two Alva City Council seats are not available for filing. Six positions will be open. During this filing period, Seat 1 in each of the four wards in Alva will be open. Due to a delay in paperwork approval, two other Alva council positions will be open for filing next week, Feb. 13-15. Those are Ward 2 Seat 2 and Ward 3 Seat 2.

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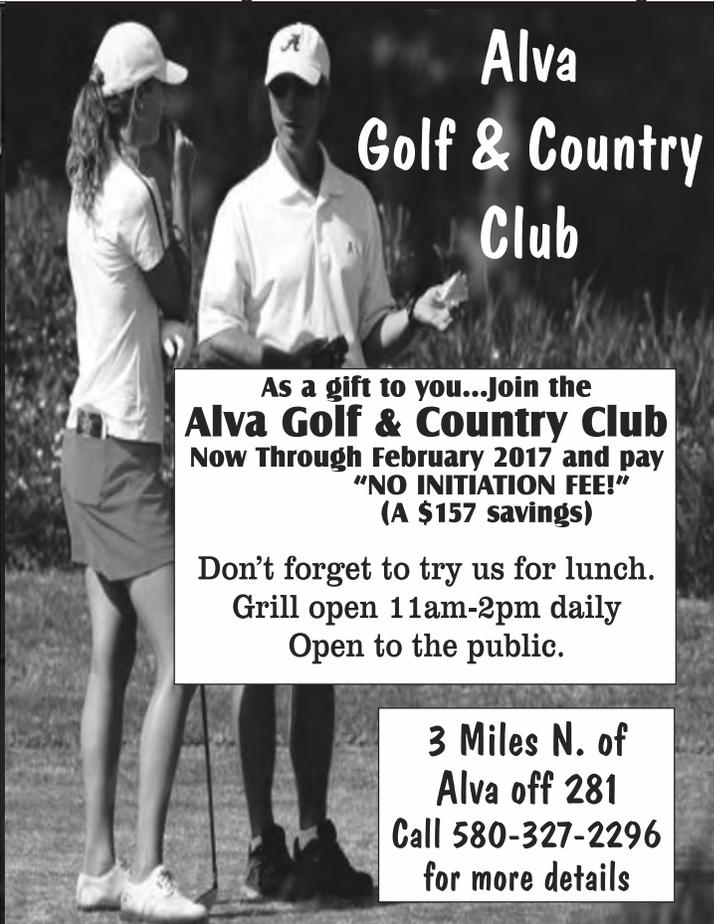
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Kansas Cattle Drive

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Chef Alli and Debbie Lyons-Blythe will do a cooking demonstration while talking about life on the ranch. Justin Talley will present on pest control in beef. KC Olson will present on fall

burning of native pastures to control sericea lespedeza.

Montana stockman Curt Pate will join us this year. For more than a decade, Pate has conducted demonstrations and clinics on stockmanship, colt starting and ranch horsemanship throughout North America and Europe. A nationally recognized stockmanship instructor, Pate teaches techniques on how to put the proper pressure on cattle at a different angle and at varying amounts to help move them comfortably and without a negative experience – for the stockman or the livestock. Pate will be in the Kansas Cattle Drive's new Demo Arena twice throughout the day. One

demo will be called Horsemanship for Stockmanship and the last will be Cattle Handling on Foot.

If you have kids, or are just a kid at heart, come visit the FFA Fun Zone where there will be plenty to do for all ages. Come get your picture with Willie the Wildcat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, plan on eating at the food trucks parked just south of the high school or go to downtown Buhler and visit all the shopping and dining attractions the small town is packed with. There will be a great line up of these speakers and more throughout the day – you won't want to miss it!

Tractor Safety Training Course

By Tim Marshall, County Agent

The Hazardous Occupation Training, more commonly known as the ATractor Safety@course, will be offered again this year for youth who intend to operate farm machinery. If you are 14 or 15 and plan on driving a tractor for someone other than your parent or a legal guardian, you **MUST** take this course in order to protect the farmer you will be working for. If you took the course last year and received a certificate, that certificate is still valid and you need not repeat the course. If your 14th birthday is later in 2017, you can take the course but will not receive your certificate until you turn 14.

This year's training will be held at the Pratt County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or until completion of the driving obstacle course). Lunch will be served on site and the meal cost is included in your registration fee. Students will need to bring a pencil to the training.

Pre-registration is required. Because we are limited on space and the number of participants, you must fill out the registration form, a participation form, and pay a small non-refundable registration fee prior to April 21st. Enrollment will be done on a first come, first served basis and each county will initially be limited to ten participants, so get your forms turned in early.

Youth who do not reside in Barber, Pratt, Stafford, Kingman or Kiowa counties are eligible to sign up for this training with a registration fee

and will be placed on a waiting list. If youth from the sponsoring counties do not fill all available space by April 21st, those on the waiting list will be enrolled in order of registration. The registration fee will be refunded for those on the waiting list if no spot becomes available for them. Anyone who registers after the April 21st deadline will be charged a registration fee if space is available for them to participate.

Enrollment packets can be obtained by contacting the Barber, Pratt, Stafford, Kingman or Kiowa County Extension Offices. Deadline for the reduced fee enrollment is 5 p.m. on April 21st. If you cannot attend this training, please contact the Barber County Extension Office at 620-886-3971 or tmarshall@ksu.edu to find out the dates and locations of other training sessions across the state.



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Kiowa council nearing purchase of second generator for city

By Yvonne Miller

Kiowa's City Council held their February meeting Monday night. Mayor Brandon Farney called the meeting to order with members present including: R.L. Simpson, Russell Molz, Brian Hill and Tom Wells. Councilman Bill Watson arrived about 20 minutes later. Kiowa City Administrator Lou Leone, City Attorney Laurel McClellan and City Clerk Marlo Rugg also sat at the table.

Discussion of purchasing a second generator for the city so they can power the entire city at once during a power outage was discussed at length. Leone said they have a \$600,000 cap on the cost.

The administrator said the city currently pays a \$3,800 per month charge to Southwestern Power Pool (SPP). This is for Kiowa's capacity whether they use it or not. If the city can get the second generator in place before July 1, they will not have to pay that SPP charge for the remainder of 2017. Otherwise the city will have to pay.

Leone said that \$3,800 per month can instead go to help pay for the generator. Getting the second generator in place is a priority for the city. Leone has a few generators as possibilities.

Appointments to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) EMP3 Board of Directors received council approval. Director No. 1 is Leone and the Alternate Director is Mayor Farney. Rugg is already a director and her position is good through next year. The purpose of these appointments is to insure that Kiowa's best interest are represented, Leone said.

The council approved a motion to

direct the mayor to sign Resolution No. 277. This allows the city to provide and receive assistance during a disaster event. This is for KSMAP (Kansas Mutual Aid Program) for utilities. This resolution simply updates contact information.

Leone reported that since the city's surplus sale at the last meeting, the items purchased have been picked up by the new owners. Since the sale, Kiowa man Gary Winchell submitted a \$200 bid for the old ambulance. The council approved the sale.

A Spring Burn Period of March 13-31 was approved by the council.

At the request the city administrator, the council granted his request to pay the KMEA bill when it arrives to the city. This is so the city isn't behind by a month in paying for their electricity and can pay the bill in a timely matter. That bill ranges from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per month. Therefore it exceeds Leone's \$5,000 spending limit. That's why the council agreed to make the exception.

At the end of the meeting, the council held an approximately 10-minute executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties. Leone said no action was taken upon return to open session except adjournment.

Administrator Leone Reports

Leone said he's advertising for a water and wastewater operator position in the city's water department. City employee Nathan Lambert previously held that position and transferred to general labor.

Regarding the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) Surveys, city residents are supposed to fill them out to help the city

in applying for grants to help with major improvement projects. The city mailed a survey to every resident. The city still needs to collect 174 surveys. The city is calling those who have not responded.

Leone is working with other entities in the county (schools, hospitals, police and fire departments and the EMS) to prepare for a live disaster drill. Officials are considering the week of March 13 to conduct a table-top exercise. This will help them prepare for the county-wide live disaster drill April 18.

The KPD will now handle the animal control and code enforcement duties. This means the police department will now enforce the dog tag requirements. Recently a pit bull dog was running loose and was picked up by animal control. The owners will go before the judge. Staff also reported that a cat bit someone. The cat's head was sent in and tested for rabies. The test was negative.

The council authorized Mayor Farney to sign Ordinance No. 441 regarding dog vaccinations. It states that a dog must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian.

Police Chief Johnson said the department received their 800 megahurt radios. The council authorized Mayor Farney to sign documents that allow the radios to be registered and tied into the county and statewide emergency systems.

Chief Johnson told the council he had a quote for the KPD three shotguns of about \$190. The new guns are \$499 each. The council said it would be fine to sell them to the sheriff's department if they want them.

Leone reported there is a problem with the baby pool at the Kiowa Swimming Pool. He said they believe a leak has caused a huge cavity in the sidewalk around the little pool. He administrator said the city will try to have the dangerous problem fixed before the pool opens, but he can't promise that it will be.

The council agreed to donate \$50 to Project Prom. They also agreed to waive the \$50 rental fee for the community building so Melissa Simpson can hold a painting fundraiser there for the Steve Johnson family to help with their expenses incurred with their sick baby girl.

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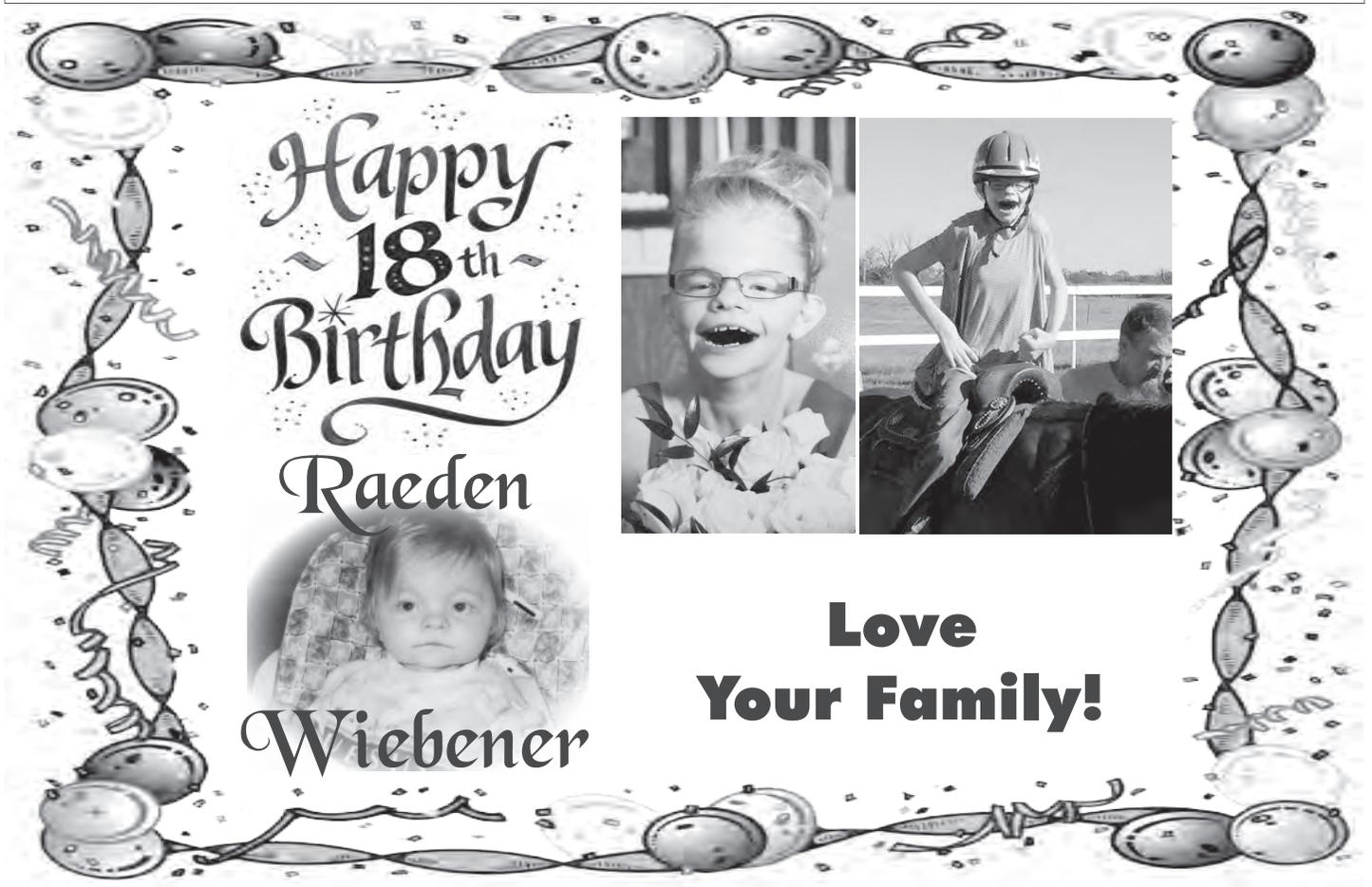
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The Eagles Blake Lee (13) fires a shot in the homecoming game Saturday night against Waynoka. Lee scored seven points in the contest. *Photo by Lynn L. Martin*

Freedom's Lance Bolar (12) goes up for the shot being defended by Waynoka's Tabor Budy (24). In the background is Waynoka's Josh Castillo (13) and Freedom's Casey Luddington (00). Waynoka won the contest 57-38. *Photo by Lynn L. Martin*



Waynoka Lady Railroader Shelby Seiger (20) drives around Freedom Lady Eagle Nicole Hughes (10) in the game Saturday night. Seiger scored 17 points for Waynoka while Hughes had 4 points for Freedom. Waynoka won the contest 53-25. *Photo by Lynn L. Martin*

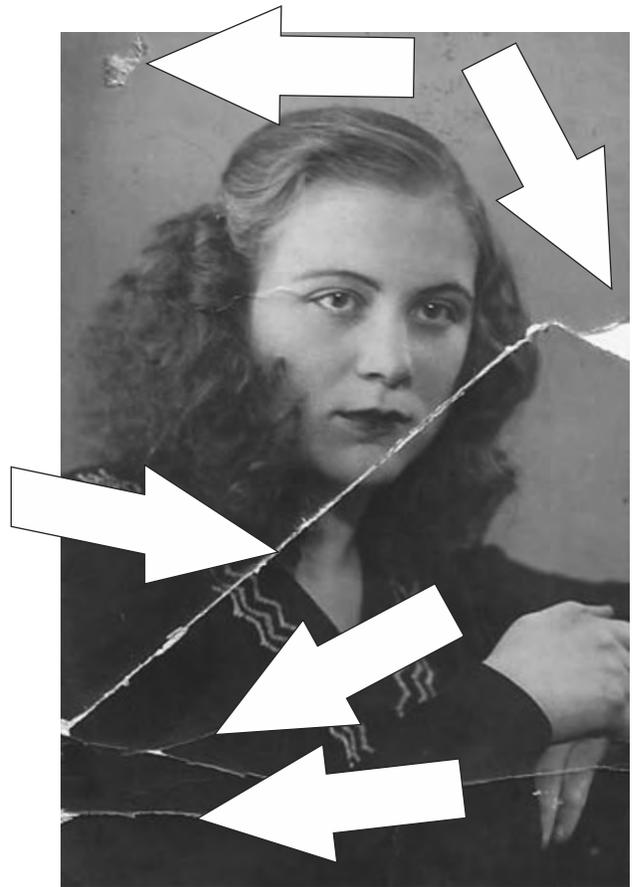
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Champion's lament: Bill Belichick notes that New England is playing catch-up once again

By Arnie Stapleton

The New England Patriots have some more catching up to do.

Bill Belichick hardly took time to relish the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history when he declared "in all honesty, we're five weeks behind in the 2017 season to most teams in this league."

After overcoming a 25-point deficit to win their fifth title, the Patriots will pick last in the NFL draft April 27 in Philadelphia. Last year, they were stripped of their first-round pick in the "Deflategate" ruling that included a September suspension for Super Bowl 51 MVP Tom Brady.

Cleveland had the worst record in the league at 1-15 and will pick first, followed by San Francisco, Chicago and Jacksonville. Among the possible top picks is Texas A&M edge rusher Myles Garrett, whom many project will follow in Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller's footsteps.

Between now and draft weekend, prospective rookies will be poked, prodded and peppered by NFL personnel. Some players will get extra scrutiny at the NFL combine in a month or on their pro days in March because of discipline issues or health concerns.

Some have already seen their stock slide based on poor decisions or plain bad luck, and others are steadily climbing all the mock drafts.

Two running backs who are projected high picks — Leonard Fournette of LSU and Christian McCaffrey of Stanford, skipped their bowl game a year after Notre Dame linebacker Jaylon Smith cost himself millions by blowing out his left knee in the Fiesta Bowl.

Smith was projected as a potential top-five pick before his injury, and instead went to the Dallas Cowboys in the second round with the 34th overall pick. The difference in guaranteed contract money is about \$19 million.

McCaffrey, the 2015 Heisman Trophy runner-up, sat out the Dec. 30 Sun Bowl between Stanford and North Carolina after an injury-marred 2016 season "so I can begin my draft prep immediate-

ly." Three days later, Fournette said he would miss LSU's Citrus Bowl matchup with Louisville on Dec. 31 to rest an injured ankle.

Both would love to be like Dallas rookie running back Ezekiel Elliott, who led the Cowboys' turnaround from bottom-feeder to the NFC's top playoff seed. Elliott didn't like Fournette and McCaffrey bailing on their teammates, tweeting, "I would do anything to play one more time with my brothers in that scarlet and gray."

When others pointed out he skipped his senior season to enter the draft, Elliott tweeted: "there is a difference between not coming back for your last year and not finishing your last season."

Tell that to Jake Butt. Michigan's star tight end is this year's cautionary tale after tearing an ACL in the Wolverines' 33-32 loss to Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

Other college stars who will draw extra attention from teams trying to pry the Lombardi Trophy from Belichick and Brady:

JOE MIXON: The Oklahoma running back set the school's single-season record for all-purpose yards last season, but he was suspended for the 2014 season after punching a woman in the face. Mixon's lawyers released video in December of him breaking Oklahoma student Amelia Molitor's jaw and cheekbone in July 2014, and heavy criticism of Mixon and Sooners coach Bob Stoops followed. Mixon gave a tearful public apology a week later.

CHAD KELLY: The Ole Miss QB is both a character concern and a health risk. He was leading the SEC with 2,758 passing yards when he tore his right ACL and lateral meniscus and underwent surgery in November. His long list of off-the-field troubles include getting kicked off the Clemson team in 2015, an arrest after a bar fight in 2014 and sparking a brawl at his brother's high school football game. "I've made stupid mistakes in the past. I can't deny that," he said. "But ... I've learned from it."

SETH RUSSELL: Like Kelly, Bay-

lor's QB went to the Senior Bowl, where he sat in on meetings and observed practices even though he couldn't play in the game. Russell broke his left ankle in a loss at Oklahoma in November. He had 2,126 yards passing with 20 touchdowns and eight interceptions, and also ran for 506 yards and eight more scores. He was 14-3 as the Bears starter.

SHAWN OAKMAN: Baylor's career sacks leader went undrafted last year after finishing his eligibility in 2015. He was indicted last July on a charge of sexually assaulting a woman. The school was criticized after Oakman was seen on the sideline at the Bears' game against Rice in 2016. Coach Art Briles was removed last year following a report alleging the private Baptist university mishandled complaints of sexual assault, a cloud that could hang over other Bears prospects.

DALVIN COOK: The Florida State running back has both a long list of accomplishments and arrests. He topped 1,000 yards in all three seasons and ran for 46 career TDs. He's No. 2 on the ACC career charts in yards rushing and is the ACC's all-time leader with 5,399 yards from scrimmage. His run-ins with the law include accusations he punched a woman outside a bar, brandished a firearm and mistreated dogs.

COREY DAVIS: The Western Michigan wide receiver might not work out at the combine in Indianapolis because of ankle issues. Davis could have been a high draft pick had he left after his junior year last season, but he returned for his senior season and had 97 receptions for 1,500 yards and 19 TDs. That gave him 331 catches for 5,278 yards and 52 TDs overall.

MALIK HOOKER: The Ohio State All-American safety will miss the combine after undergoing hernia surgery. He returned three of his seven interceptions for TDs last season when he also made 74 tackles and broke up 11 passes. Ohio State co-defensive coordinator Greg Schiano has compared the 6-foot-2, 205-pounder to former NFL All-Pro safety Ed Reed.

Former Waynoka resident dies in fatal crash

By Marione Martin

A fatal one-vehicle wreck claimed the life of a former Waynoka resident Sunday morning. Layne Michael Meriwether, 23, of Stillwater was pronounced dead at the scene with head, leg and trunk internal injuries, according to the highway patrol report.

The wreck occurred at an unknown time before 7:13 a.m. Feb. 5 on State Highway 51, 405 feet west of county road Hackelman in Payne County. The location is four miles west of Stillwater.

Trooper JJ Finney, who investigated, reports that Meriwether was driving a 2006 Ford F250 eastbound on State Highway 51 when the pickup departed the roadway to the right, rolled one-quarter time and struck a tree. He was pinned in the vehicle for about one hour and 20 minutes and was extricated by the Stillwater Fire Department using the Jaws of Life and Shredder tools.

The report describes the weather as foggy and seatbelts were not in use. The condition of the driver and the cause of the collision are still under investigation.

Meriwether was a 2012 graduate of Waynoka High School. His father Michael Meriwether is principal of Waynoka Public Schools. The Waynoka Board of Education canceled their meeting Monday night.

School election is Tuesday

By Marione Martin

Polls in Oklahoma will be open for the regular school election next Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters in two school districts in Alfalfa County will have a chance to vote. In the Cherokee district, voters will decide whether to approve a bond proposition. Timberlake school district will be voting for a board of education position, Office No. 2. There are three candidates for that office: Quentin Sturgeon, Jay Jenlink and Chris Clift.

Woods County has two schools with board races. In the Waynoka district, three people have filed for the Office No. 2 positions: Travis George, Mindy Zook and Jennifer Rich.

Freedom School has three board positions open with two candidates for each. Filing for Office No. 2 for a full term are Concha Herrera and Donald Simmons. Candidates for Office No. 4, unexpired term, are Sandra J. Kamas and Robert N. Babcock. Office No. 5, unexpired term, candidates are Shane Morris and Raul Galindo.

Former Edmond high school band director sentenced

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — A former Edmond high school band director who was charged with soliciting sex from a student has been sentenced.

The Oklahoman (<http://bit.ly/2kJ9GBY>) reports 29-year-old Cameron Kyle Kedy pleaded guilty on Friday to second-degree rape. He was sentenced to 10 years probation and was ordered to complete 20 hours of community service.

Defense attorney John W. Coyle III says Kedy will also have to register as a sex offender for life.

Kedy admitted to having sex with an 18-year-old student, who told authorities that she and Kedy had sex "way less" than 20 times, while he was a band director at Edmond Memorial High School.

Prosecutors say the alleged offense occurred between August 2014 and May 2015.

Kedy resigned from the high school in May 2015.

Information from: The Oklahoman, <http://www.newsok.com>

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Oklahoma family given conflicting details of veteran's death

TALIHINA, Okla. (AP) — The family of the second veteran to die in recent months at an Oklahoma Veterans Center says he almost died at the Talihina facility once before because of a choking hazard that went undetected.

Relatives of 70-year-old Leonard Smith told the Tulsa World (<http://bit.ly/2lkB9G5>) that they were notified of his death last week by a nurse practitioner who said his death was accidental. But the Navy veteran's family said it wasn't until Friday that they learned, through the newspaper, that his death was under investigation by multiple state and federal agencies.

Smith's niece, Christine Cornwell, said the deputy director of the center,

Doug Elliott, called the family later that day to inform them that the information originally given of Smith's death was wrong.

"He said that what I was initially told was wrong. That the plastic (discovered in Smith's throat) was not removed prior to his death, as the nurse practitioner had said, but after he passed, as was printed in the newspaper," she said.

Cornwell said the circumstances of Smith's death were disturbingly similar to an incident that occurred two years ago, when she received an urgent phone call saying her uncle had choked on a piece of meat and was being taken to a hospital.

Smith's death came four months after

the death of a resident who was discovered with maggots in a wound.

State lawmakers recently filed emergency legislation to try to shut down the facility. On Friday, Republican Sen. Frank Simpson said Smith's death was "further evidence" that the facility should be closed and moved to another city as soon as possible.

He proposed a bill in January to relocate the veterans at the Talihina center. If approved, it would take effect immediately.

The center wouldn't be commenting on the investigation, said Shane Faulkner, public information officer at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center has earned nearly \$2 million for selling more than 400 baboons for medical research

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Over the past four years the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center has earned nearly \$2 million for selling more than 400 baboons for medical research.

The university announced in 2015 that it would end its baboon program within four years, The Oklahoman (<http://bit.ly/2kA3s4g>) reported. The decision came after the program, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health, received criticism from animal welfare groups.

Records show that the university is

still selling baboons for research. Animal welfare advocates are concerned because they fear baboons will be treated the same way at another laboratory.

The National Institutes of Health said in a statement that the baboons will be used to "support biomedical research that seeks fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability."

James Tomasek, vice president for research at the university, said in a state-

ment that OU is "winding down" its program on schedule.

"Since this program is funded by the National Institutes of Health, we actively communicate with the NIH regarding plans and provisions for baboons, including relocation options and eventually closing the NIH-funded facility," Tomasek said.

According to data obtained by the newspaper, 16 institutions purchased baboons for research between 2012 and 2016 from the university.

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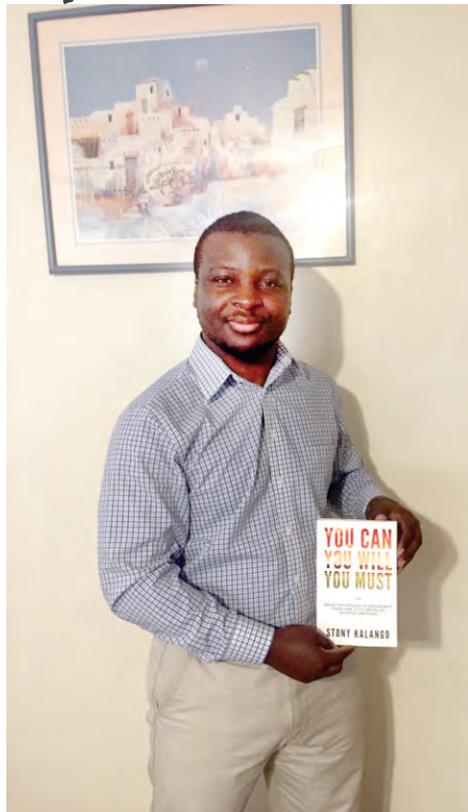
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“We are changing the world one woman at a time!” Project Pink Founder Miranda Allen said. She informally chatted with visitors at Project Pink’s Open House, one of whom was former Kansas Congressman Dennis McKinney who, with his church group from Greensburg, volunteered to help with the transformation of the former hospital into a welcoming home for expectant mothers to rebuild their lives. Allen thanked the many individuals and groups who volunteered their time to help make Project Pink a reality in Kiowa, Kansas. She said volunteers are the key in so many ways to making this place continue as a loving environment for women as they prepare for motherhood and learning/improving life skills. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*



Some of the expectant mothers and their other children enjoy sitting in the living room at Project Pink into which they are settling as their home during a time they start rebuilding their lives. The women are required to work and/or volunteer in the community during their stay at Project Pink. As guests at the facility they can cook for themselves and clean. Volunteers are encouraged to donate their time, expertise in a certain area, service, food, money, etc., to help these women succeed. The day of the open house a registered lactation consultant, Julie Fields, came from Pratt to visit with the expectant mothers. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*



This is just one of the many rooms furnished and decorated by volunteers at Project Pink to provide a welcoming atmosphere for expectant mothers who call the Kiowa, Kansas, facility home for this time in their lives. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

ABOVE: Project Pink Vice Chairman Brenda Myers (at right) visits with two of the visitors at Project Pink’s Open House in Kiowa, Kansas. The women, Anne Burkes and Diane Grice of Alva, tour the building and are some of many who offer their volunteerism at this facility. They donated a freezer to Project Pink that day. The non-profit organization is designed to provide a loving, life-affirming home for pregnant women. A goal of Project Pink is to help women rebuild their lives and gain life skills. Visitors were impressed with the transformation of the former hospital into cozy rooms to house expectant mothers and, in some cases, their children. This is made possible by volunteers who adopted a room to furnish and decorate. Volunteers can help the expectant mothers in a variety of ways from mentoring to donating food, maternity clothes, money, etc. Also in the picture is former Kansas Congressman Dennis McKinney who came to the open house to see the finished facility in operation as he and his church group from Greensburg volunteered and helped with the transformation of the building. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

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Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin has proposed a major overhaul of the state's tax code,

Encourages lawmakers to increase taxes on fuel, tobacco and sales as part of an effort to eliminate the corporate income tax and the sales tax on groceries

By Sean Murphy,

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin proposed a major overhaul of the state's tax code on Monday, encouraging lawmakers to increase taxes on fuel, tobacco and sales as part of an effort to eliminate the corporate income tax and the state sales tax on groceries.

In her 30-minute State of the State address to the Oklahoma Legislature, the Republican said the changes to the sales tax are necessary as the state shifts from a manufacturing-based economy to one based on services.

"By expanding the sales tax base, this allows us to eliminate the state sales tax on groceries and the corporate income tax," Fallin said. "And it may be possible in the future to further lower the sales tax rate."

Her proposal to eliminate the sales tax on groceries was met with a bipartisan standing ovation from legislators on both sides of the aisle.

Fallin is trying to minimize the impact of a roughly \$870 million hole in the budget, or nearly 12 percent of state spending, that threatens to decimate funding to core state agencies that have seen budgets slashed in recent years amid a downturn in the energy industry.

But it's unlikely her fellow Republicans in the GOP-controlled Legislature will wholeheartedly embrace the governor's plan to raise taxes or even broaden the sales tax base.

"We're always open to discussion,"

said Senate GOP leader Mike Schulz. "It doesn't mean that we could put 25 or 36 votes up there for any of those measures at this point."

Because of a state question approved by Oklahoma voters in 1992, any tax increase requires a three-fourths vote of the Legislature, or 76 votes in the House and 36 votes in the Senate.

Schulz, a Republican from Altus, said he's particularly concerned that increasing the fuel tax would disproportionately affect residents of rural communities who often have to drive farther to work, school or church.

New House Speaker Charles McCall said last week that newly elected Republicans who spent much of last year campaigning for office heard from constituents who are wary of further increases in the state's income tax.

"I believe the people are communicating to the Legislature that given the current economics, they don't want to see further increases in taxes, but those things will be discussed," said McCall, a Republican from Atoka.

House Democratic leader Scott Inman, whose caucus' support would be needed for any tax hike to pass the House, described Fallin's budget as a "mixed bag," praising her plan to cut the grocery tax and increase teacher pay. But he criticized her proposal to hike taxes on cigarettes, fuel and services that he said would unduly burden the poor and working-class Oklahoma residents.

"Today she offered up more than \$1 billion worth of new taxes on the backs of middle-class and working-class Oklahomans," said Inman, an Oklahoma City Democrat. "While our caucus wants to find new revenues, we fundamentally disagree with the idea that shifting the tax burden from the wealthiest Oklahomans to the poorest of Oklahomans ... is the way to produce prosperity and growth in Oklahoma."

The governor is proposing to increase the state's tax on gasoline and diesel, currently among the lowest in the nation at 17 cents and 14 cents per gallon, respectively, to a regional average and dedicate that revenue to pay for transportation projects. Her proposal calls for increasing the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel to 24 cents per gallon.

The governor also proposed \$60 million in her budget to fund an annual \$1,000 across-the-board teacher pay hike that would be funded mostly through her plan to broaden the sales tax.

"The pay raise may need to be phased in and it may be targeted, but it must be done," she said.

Legislative leaders have said raising the salaries of public school teachers is a major goal this year. Teacher pay has not been increased since 2008 and the state faces a chronic teacher shortage as experienced educators seek higher-paying jobs elsewhere.

The Legislature convened on Monday and must adjourn before the last Friday in May.

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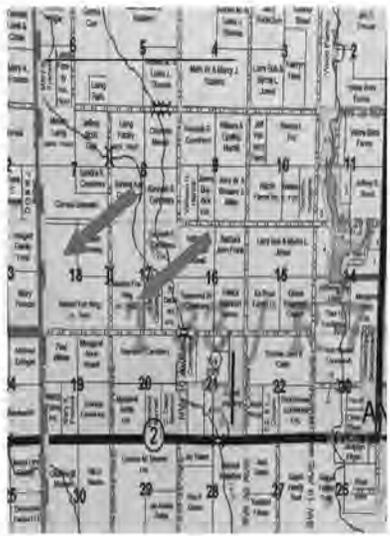
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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office log

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

6:32 a.m. Reporting party (RP) needed an ambulance for her husband, who was in a lot of pain and had COPD. His doctor advised to go to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid. Advised Cherokee ambulance and Nescatunga first responders. Medic with the patient en route to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

7:37 a.m. Officer had a traffic stop on Grand.

8:10 a.m. RP advised a of small fender bender at the Jiffy Trip.

10:47 a.m. RP advised they have a skid steer on a fire. They have two units from Forestry there but need the foam unit to come up it out. Nescatunga Fire Department en route. Advised fire was out.

12:15 p.m. Officer took dog to the vet clinic.

12:54 p.m. RP advised of a starving or malnourished dog at the Jiffy Trip in Carmen. Advised who the dog belonged to. Several people have pictures of the dog on social media. Owner picked the dog up from the Jiffy Trip and took it back home. Deputy made contact with the owner. Owner advised the dog had just had a litter of puppies and that was when she lost the weight. Owner stated he took the dog to the vet. The vet advised to get the puppies weaned as soon as possible and the dog was rewormed. Puppies were given to a dog rescue in Enid. Owner also owned two other dogs and were in good health and show no signs of abuse.

2:44 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at

Grand.

3:25 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Ohio.

5:36 p.m. RP advised of smoke coming west of town, not sure of the location. Advised he was going to check. Advised about 1 mile west on Greer and 1 miles north. Cherokee Fire Department (CFD) en route. CFD advised it was a controlled burn.

3:55 p.m. RP stated the car she was behind was swerving into the ditch and then back across the center line. She stated it was turning onto the Dacoma Road. Transferred to Woods County.

4 p.m. Controlled burn on County Road 570.

4:27 p.m. RP advised of a reckless driver at Fifth Street and Kansas in Cherokee. RP advised a small blue car going 45 mph towards Cherokee High School. Advised officer.

5:10 p.m. Deputy has one male in custody; transporting back in county.

5:46 p.m. Civil papers were served.

5:49 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at Grand and Adam.

6:03 p.m. Civil paper were served.

8:33 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop in Jiffy Trip parking lot.

9:19 p.m. RP wanting a welfare check on her friend that had bought a lot of alcohol. Advised officer. Officer en route. RP called back wanting to know if contact was made. Advised RP the officer was on scene and talking to the friend. Officer advised everything was okay.

11:19 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop

at Garvin and Highway 8.

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7 a.m. Accident; no one was hurt. Advised the car was in the middle of the field. RP left and went to get a different car and headed back to wreck sight. Notified the sheriff and OHP called first.

8:30 a.m. Officer had a traffic stop south of Cotton Wood Bridge.

1:32 p.m. RP advised her sister beat her up and she wanted an officer to come do a report. Sheriff and deputy en route.

3:30 p.m. RP stated there was a vehicle in front of him that was driving across the center line and into oncoming traffic. Notified officer.

3:52 p.m. RP stated he had a man down unresponsive but breathing. Medic paged. Officer reported the patient could talk but was very disoriented. Medic asked for paramedic intercept. Made contact with Major County.

5:31 p.m. Officer had a traffic Stop at Highway 11 and County Road 610.

5:56 p.m. RP stated there was an ongoing dispute about a neighbour's dog attacking her dogs again. She has threatened to shoot the dog. Deputy advised of the situation. Deputy en route.

6:50 p.m. RP advised a female may be having a problem with her husband. Advised officer. Officer en route.

Thursday, February 2, 2017

12:20 p.m. RP advised of a grass fire 2 miles east of the four-way north of Cherokee. Paged CFD.

12:40 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop 2 miles east of the four-way stop north of Cherokee.

4:24 p.m. RP stated there was a Toyota flat-bed is travelling at 40 mph and weaving back and forth across the center line. Contacted OHP and also notified deputy about situation. OHP responded back that both troopers were busy on other calls. Deputy asked if the RP was still following the truck. They said no. Deputy made negative contact.

9:33 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop east of County Road 610 and Highway 11.

9:42 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on County Road 700 and Highway 11.

10:08 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 64.

Friday, February 3, 2017

6:37 a.m. RP advised of a black cow at

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From Page 6 Alva

away from public schools, although, he said, he didn't think it would be too great a problem in northwest Oklahoma. He said in the metropolitan areas, the effect could be significant.

The board approved a licensing agreement with Pel Industries Inc. of Rogers, Arkansas, so the firm can pay a license fee for the use of Goldbugs logos on various items of clothing such as T-shirts, hooded pull-overs, sweat pants, shorts, headwear, etc. The superintendent said this request is driven by Wal-Mart, which wants to sell the products in their stores. In the past, the district has profited about \$250 with the license revenue. It is not an exclusive license and may be canceled by either party at any time.

Next year's school calendar was amended and ap-

proved. An additional teacher in-service day was added the first week of school, beginning Aug. 14. Spring break is now scheduled to run March 19-23, which is a week later than the initial calendar. It matches NWOSU's spring break and the vacation break of other schools.

Two letters of retirement or resignation were received. Teacher Gail Swallow is retiring in May after 28.5 years in the Alva system. Longfellow Principal Steve Shiever is resigning to become superintendent at Leedy. The district hired Kathryn Reiman as a paraprofessional at Longfellow.

The board accepted with "appreciation" a gift of \$9,000 from Todd and Mary Margaret Miller to purchase furniture for the Indoor Practice Facility.



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Noon Alva Kiwanis Club meets at Champs Restaurant.

Noon Narcotics Anonymous meets at The Wesley House, 1027 8th St., Alva (by the college).

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

Thursday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior

Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is open for games and other activities. Exercise is scheduled each day at 11 a.m. Transportation provided upon request.

11:30 a.m. Woods County Retired Educators Association will meet at the Homestead Retirement Center, 901 Homestead Drive, Alva, in the activities room. The lunch is the "special of the day." Tina Ruding, Northwest Oklahoma Center for Aging, will discuss updates and incentives.

Noon Alva Rotary Club meets at Champs Restaurant.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

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

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

7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1027 8th (Wesley House) in Alva every Monday and Thursday.

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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 Alva Review-Courier will not intentionally alter or delete any of this information. If it appears in the courthouse public records, it will appear in this newspaper.

Misdemeanor Filings

Jeffery Baughman, 23, Blackwell, has been charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (\$412.75).

Civil Filings

Scott M. Thornton, Helena vs. Jason Bryant Warden, Kathy Milbers and Dan Grogan (\$280.64).

Divorce Filings

Patricia Reese, Carmen vs. Stephen Edward Reese, Cherokee: divorce (\$262.14).

Traffic Filings

Jacob Aaron Salinas, Cherokee, has been cited for operating a vehicle on which all taxes due to state have not been paid (\$235.25).

Kimberly Nicole Adkison, Lahoma, has been cited for failure to comply with compulsory insurance law (\$255.25).

The following individuals were cited for failure to wear seatbelt (\$20): Simon Junior Estrada, Duncan; Steven Glen Bidy, Thomas; and Gabriel Matthew Skirlock, Edmond.

The following individuals were cited for speeding:

Jeffery Baughman, Blackwell, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$210.75).

Nikke Kay Longacre, Glenpool, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$210.75).

Zachary Taylor Pierce, Norman, has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (\$250.25).

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FEB 10 – BASEBALL @ WEST TEXAS A&M – 6 PM

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FEB 11 – SOFTBALL vs TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE @ GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS – 1:30 PM

FEB 11 – SOFTBALL vs LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN @ GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS – 4 PM

FEB 11 – BASEBALL @ WEST TEXAS A&M – 6 PM

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Barber County Sheriff's Office log

January 30, 2017

Sheriff Small and Undersheriff Brewer investigated a burglary in Kiowa.

Medicine Lodge Rural Fire Department responded to a grass fire on Clover Road.

Deputy McLemore and Deputy Suchy investigated a prowler on Crazy-horse Road.

January 31, 2017

Medicine Lodge ambulance transported patient from West First Street to Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Kiowa ambulance transported patient from Miller Street to Kiowa Hospital.

February 1, 2017

Kiowa ambulance transported patient to St. Francis Hospital.

February 3, 2017

Sheriff Small and Deputy Suchy investigated a runaway out of Sharon, Kansas.

February 4, 2017

Deputy McLemore investigated domestic disturbance in Sharon, Kansas.

Deputy Miller assisted MLPD on

a welfare check at resident on Curry Lane.

February 5, 2017

Kiowa ambulance responded to call on Hartdner shortcut, no transport.

During the week officers received seven reports of cattle out, four reports of goats out and assisted five other agencies.

ARRESTS

Takita D. Stone, W/F, 55. Arrested by KWPD. Charges: abuse of a child. Released on Feb. 3, 2017, on \$10,000 surety bond.

From Page 48 Sheriff

County Road 720 and Highway 11. Unable to locate the owner.

7:45 a.m. Controlled burn 2 miles west of Byron.

8:08 a.m. RP advised a black cow lying down on the side of the road on U.S. Highway 64 east of Jet before County Road 720. Owner contacted.

9:31 a.m. RP advised of a cat being stuck in a drain at Fourth Street and Oklahoma. Advised animal control.

1:15 p.m. Controlled burn south of

Byron.

1:19 p.m. RP advised a 63-year-old man having abdominal pains. Paged medic. Medic with patient en route to Bass Hospital in Enid.

2:10 p.m. RP advised of a medical emergency at the Bank of Kremlin in Goltry. Advised a female had passed out and was not responding. Helena medic and Goltry first responders. Medic with patient in route to St. Mary's in Enid.

6:51 p.m. RP advised saying there was some liquid in the roadway on a location and there was tracking going into this location; he's not sure what it was. He also stated there was some also in a bar ditch. Advised deputy. Deputy en route.

8:08 p.m. Grant County called to relay a call they got on cattle being out. RP was called to gather more information. RP called back with the brand.

9:08 p.m. RP stated medic was headed out to a medical call for a woman who was bleeding. Medic with the patient en route to St. Mary's.

9:20 p.m. Cherokee Manor needed an ambulance for a 49-year-old male. Medic en route. Medic with the patient en route to Share Medical Center in Alva.

10:46 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Grand.

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7:47 a.m. RP advised a bull was out at the Cherokee Elementary School. Called several possible owners.

9:40 a.m. RP called in smoke west of Aline. Aline Fire Department requested

at County Road 520 and Blaine Road. Advised needed Cleo Springs Fire Department. Advised Major County of a controlled burn.

11:14 a.m. Officer had a traffic stop at 11th Street and Grand.

12:24 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop at County Road 710 and Highway 11.

12:48 p.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at Grand.

1:35 p.m. RP advised of a reckless driver by Aline.

2:26 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop north of Cottonwood bridge.

2:36 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop north of Cottonwood bridge.

2:40 p.m. Officer had a traffic stop north of Cottonwood bridge.

4:47 p.m. RP advised a yellow Dodge or Ford pick up travelling at a high rate of speed. Came up on them suddenly; he thought they were going to run them over.

5:53 p.m. RP advised they needed an ambulance; couldn't give an address. Medic was paged.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8 a.m. RP advised they reported a black calf out at the junction of highways 45 and 58 on the southwest quarter. Called owner and he will take care of the situation.

5:07 p.m. RP advised there appears to be a lot of white smoke coming from a lot where cows were feeding but didn't see any flames. Sent out to Burlington.

Monday, February 6, 2017

8:27 a.m. Deputy had a traffic stop at Highway 9 and Carmen.

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305	Woods Co-OK	NW/4, 31-23N-13 & NE/4, 36-23N-14W	\$457,500	SOLD
160	Woods Co-OK	NW/4, 8-27N-16W	\$225,000	contract pending
12,032	Woodward Co-OK	Multiple Legal Desc.	\$12,500,000	SOLD
160	Grant Co-OK	NE/4, 36-27N-7W	\$225,000	contract pending
160	Grant Co-OK	SE/4, 13-25N-13W	\$300,000	SOLD
81	Garfield Co-OK	NE/4, 28-23N-7W	\$250,000	
160	Texas Co-OK	NE/4, 33-2N-18E	\$200,000	contract pending
160	Major Co-OK	NE/4, 34-21N-16W	\$208,000	contract pending
400	Major Co-OK	w/house&Barns 26-23N-15W	\$650,000	NEW
56	Kay Co-OK	w/house&pond 33-29N-2W	\$225,000	NEW
2000	Clark Co-KS	Multiple Legal Desc.	\$1,700,000	contract pending
440	Morton Co-KS	Multiple Legal Desc.	\$900,000	SOLD
33,000	Hamilton Co-KS	Multiple Legal Desc.	\$15,000,000	SOLD

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