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KDH WINS “BEST THEME” WITH CHRISTMAS VACATION – The Kiowa District Healthcare crew borrowed “Cousin Eddie’s” ride from the classic movie “Christmas Vacation” and won the prize for “Best Theme” in Kiowa’s Lighted Christmas Parade Sunday evening. In the picture are: “Pigs” – Kate Thompson, Rae Brattin and Brooke Molz; “Trees” – Riley Girty and Bailey Ruthardt; “Sign Carriers” – Holly Cross, Krystal Galendo and Courtney Carter; “Candy Throwers” – Skylar Houlton and Janell Goodno; Van driver – Stephanie Armenta.

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The museum will be decorated for Christmas, while the Sod House itself will be decorated for a traditional 1890s pioneer Christmas. Visitors also can enjoy cookies and hot cider provided by the Friends of the Sod House. A drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. to give away a quilt made by the group to help with financial support for

the museum.

Operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society, the museum is located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8. The museum is open Tuesday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information contact Director Renee Trindle at 580-463-2441 or sodhouse@okhistory.org.

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We really depend on city employees

By Marione Martin

Last week I wrote about my granddaughter Jessica breaking her ankle while celebrating OSU's bedlam victory Thanksgiving week. Several people have asked, so I'll give an update. Jessica had surgery on her ankle Friday and is still recuperating at her parent's home.



Addie who had major surgery not quite two weeks prior to that is also doing well. She was improving so much her parents made her start back to school virtually last week. She's about a week behind, but she should be able to catch up soon.

The past week reminded me how much we rely on city employees. Wednesday afternoon I attended an emergency meeting of the Alva City Council. I've been to a lot of "special" meetings but I think that was my first "emergency" meeting to cover. Meetings are designated special when they are not on the previously approved annual schedule. An emergency meeting is when something has to be handled

"right now" with no time for giving several days' notice.

This emergency was a lack of water for people living north of Alva and being served by Rural Water District No. 1 which is based in Capron. The district buys water from Alva's system. Last Tuesday, the 8-inch waterline to District 1 developed a leak. Water pressure dropped, their water tower supply was depleted, and people (and livestock) had nothing coming out of faucets.

Alva's city engineer happened to be in town Wednesday for another reason so he looked at the situation. Alva water department employees were trying to dig down to fix the leak, but the line was buried very deep because it had to go under the river. When they dug out some dirt, the hole kept filling in with water.

A nearby 90-year-old 12-inch pipe for the system had been abandoned due to a leak. It was easy to reach since it crossed above the river water. The engineer proposed running about 1,000 ft. of plastic tubing through the pipe to the other side and hooking it up to bypass the leaking area in the 8-inch pipe. Unfortunately, getting a contractor to Alva on short notice to run the plastic tubing through the pipe was going to cost upwards of \$30,000. City Council

members agreed it had to be done and approved the expenditure.

That solution was going to be tried on Thursday. Meanwhile, water department employees continued digging to get to the buried pipe.

When Alva employees were finally being relieved on Thursday, another major break was reported in town at Noble and Aspen. This report came in somewhere around 5:30 p.m. when people were getting home from work.

I live on Aspen, but I didn't know about the leak until I happened to see a city posting on Facebook about three hours later. I was at work helping to get the Friday Alva Review-Courier finished.

I didn't head home until midnight. I wondered if the leak had been fixed but discovered the water department crew was still working on it. In fact, signs said Noble Street was closed just past Ash Street. I could see people working at the intersection ahead surrounded by piles of dirt and several large pieces of equipment. Bright lights were trained on the work area.

I sat in my car wondering how I would get home. Finally I decided to park on the side of Noble Street and walk to the intersection. I had to walk through some water, but made it through just fine. I poured some ice water from a pitcher in the refrigerator for an invigorating face cleansing and teeth brushing before bed. I drifted off to sleep to the sound of heavy equipment reassuring me that the water crew was on the job.

By the time everyone was waking up Friday morning, water service had been restored. The folks north of town have water too. It makes us appreciate how important that running water is in our lives. I'm sure we all have a new appreciation for the city workers who labored for several days straight to restore our water service.

At the emergency meeting on Wednesday, the city manager announced that the Thursday night employee appreciation meeting and meal was being moved to Friday so water department employees would be able to attend. The Noble and Aspen waterline break messed up that plan. I heard that few if any of the water department crew made it. They were probably getting some much deserved rest.

Carl's Capitol Comments

Bill would make marijuana inspection, testing similar to other meds

By Rep. Carl Newton

It's bill drafting time at the state Capitol. Representatives have until Dec. 10 to request bills be drafted for the 2022 legislative session, which convenes at noon on Feb. 7.

This year I'm requesting several bills.

One will address medical marijuana. I think it should be treated like all other medications, and one area I would like to address is inspections and testing. I want samples to be properly inspected and held by inspectors to standards similar to all other medicines.

We need a better handle on the variety of strains of this drug to better

provide safe medical product to our citizens. Growers who are handling their products in a proper manner should have nothing to worry about, but those operating illegally or with little concern for public safety should be shut down.

A second bill will address oil, gas and wind energy ad valorem protests that currently tying up tax dollars that should flow to schools and counties. Right now, county assessors are not allowed to communicate with each other, so when an oil or gas pipeline or a wind farm crosses county lines, this lack of communication delays the resolution

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Alva School Board hires architect for gym HVAC renovation

By Marione Martin

Alva Board of Education members took action Monday to explore adding air conditioning to the gymnasium. This would make it possible to hold the high school graduation ceremony in that location instead of the auditorium where seating is limited. It would also improve the ability of the school to hold summer athletic camps.

Superintendent Tim Argo said the contract with TriArch Architecture is to draw up engineering specifications for the HVAC renovation. They would also look at adding air conditioning to the old gym which could be used for a graduation audience overflow.

TriArch will be paid with money from the school's general fund, but it's expected the renovation of the HVAC system would come from ESSR funds. Right now the cost of the project is estimated at \$800,000.

Bids for the school's ionization upgrade for HVAC systems were opened. Only one company submitted a bid. Supt. Argo recommended the board reject the bid and go back to TriArch to refine the bid specifications. He added that a recent change in open bidding regulations will require the school to use open bidding for any amounts over \$100,000. Previously the requirement was for over \$50,000.

Shane Hansen made the motion to reject the Northwest Plumbing bid, and

it was passed unanimously.

All board members were present for the meeting including Jane McDermott, Hansen, Tiffany Slater, Karen Koehn and Larry Parker.

The Alva-Northwestern Shootout basketball tournament begins Thursday. Supt. Argo thanked Coach Shane Feely for leading the effort to host a tournament. He also acknowledged the work of Coaches Kris Gore and Dave Foster to prepare for the event. Thursday and Friday games will be held at Alva High School with the finals to be held at Perceful Fieldhouse on the Northwestern campus.

School board members approved two agenda items related to the tournament. They approved setting up an activity sub-account for Alva Tournaments to track revenue and expenses. They also voted to approve a list of approved expenditures for the tournament.

An out-of-state travel request from Alva FFA sponsor Randy Nation was approved. Students will be attending the Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest in Lyons, Kansas, on Dec. 10.

During his report, Supt. Argo said custodian Maria Samaniego will be moving from the high school to work at Longfellow Elementary. The board then hired John Holt as the new high school custodian.

The board approved a 12-month lease extension amendment to the Nov.

7, 2016, contract with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc. for the lease of a 2017 Collins Bus. Argo said the school had intended to lease a newer bus, but there aren't many 14-passenger buses out there right now.

Argo said a couple of board members helped him work on changes to several school board policies. He briefly covered each of the changes. Some were related to determining class size involving the school's student transfer policy. One involved an update on critical race theory including a complaint form. Students beginning with the 2021-22 freshman class will be required to take the naturalization test which will be given in the government class. Board members voted approval of the policy changes.

Board members approved the updated 403(b) plan document from American Fidelity which covers employee insurance plans.

In a routine item, the board approved voting yes for four new members of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Public School Investment Interlocal Cooperative.

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Argo said Sherrye Lovelace did her usual excellent job preparing the school's annual special education report. Once again, it met all the requirements from the state department. He said Lovelace was unable to attend Monday's meeting but he hopes to have her give a report on special education at the January board meeting.

He reminded board members of basketball homecoming Tuesday, Dec. 7, and the basketball tournament Dec. 9-11.

Finances

"We continue to collect very well in all five of our chargeable areas," said Supt. Argo. As of five months on the percentage toward the school's estimate of needs, collections have been 95 percent for gross production, 58 percent on motor vehicle tax, 52 percent of REA, and 42 percent on school land earnings. The county four mil collections were only two percent. Last year those were

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Pruett commends community support at Cherokee school board meeting

By Kathleen Lourde

The Cherokee Board of Education met Monday evening, Dec. 6, for a regular meeting.

Among the first items on the agenda was the principals' reports. High School Principal Lane Pruett said, "I want to start by thanking our community for their support.

"The One-Act team were state champions. They had three performances and sold raffle tickets on a Blackstone flat-top, and they've made \$9,273 to pay for rings and a few other things. They will surpass what they needed. We also had our FFA labor auction, and they netted \$20,941.75. So just those two things alone show what great community support we have."

What The Kids Have Been Up To

Pruett and Elementary Principal Keela Patterson told the board about some of the many activities students have been involved in since the last meeting.

The Veterans Day assembly recognized more veterans than usual this year: 29, said Pruett. FCCLA provided lunch for them.

On Nov. 16 was the elementary school's Title 1 Literacy Night, said Patterson. "We had an open house and a pretty good turnout. The Title 1 part of that is family involvement, parent engagement. Mrs. Cudmore is starting something new: she's going to start having things for parents to come and be a part of. The first one is this Friday,

Dec. 10, and it's just spending time with Santa. Santa's going to be there, we'll read a story and make some crafts, and this is so that families and kids will be spending time with each other in the school."

On Nov. 19, the sixth grade went to Northwestern Technical Center for the sixth grade career fair, which Pruett said was always popular.

On Dec. 3, the elementary school had an event called "Yo-Yo Around the World." David Cox demonstrated tricks with the yo-yo.

Today, Dec. 8, the school is taking 25-plus kids to an ACT prep workshop at NWTC, Pruett said.

Patterson said the elementary has started star testing, and she's very happy with the results so far. "We've already seen a lot of growth in our kids, and I am happy," she said.

Pruett commended Brent Failes for placing 20th overall at the state wheat show, where he was recognized for accomplishment. FFA also did well at the state livestock handling competition, where they placed third on the written test for the northwest area.

Basketball is in full swing, Pruett said. Elementary basketball teams have taken part in two tournaments recently. "Both the elementary girls and boys placed second at Pond Creek, and then our boys and girls both placed third at the Cherokee tournament," Patterson said.

The junior high basketball teams

also did well at the Cherokee junior high tournament – the girls' team was tournament champion and the boys team was runner up.

The high school basketball teams played two games last week at Medford, said Pruett, and yesterday, Dec. 7, they were scheduled to play in Billings.

"Thursday at Alva the NWOSU Shootout starts," said Pruett. "The girls will play Alva JV Thursday at 4:20 p.m. and the boys will play South Central from Kansas at 5:20 p.m. Thursday and Friday games will be at Alva High School, and Saturday games will be played at NWOSU."

Upcoming Activities

The elementary school will put on a Christmas program on Dec. 16, directed by Mrs. Weir, who has volunteered her time this year so the students can have a music program.

Semester tests will be Dec. 16 and 17, said Pruett. "The 16th, we'll take it in hours 5, 6 and 7; the 17th we'll take it in hours 1, 2, 3 and 4 and we'll have early release that day. So, Friday, Dec. 17, is an early release day."

The elementary school's AR party will be the Thursday before Christmas break, said Patterson. "We've changed how we do AR this year. Last year they had a goal that got them to the party. This year we made it more individualized, where they keep working toward new goals. We have 148 so far that will be coming to the AR party, who have met their AR goals."

Pruett closed his remarks by recommending that people local kids have a happy Christmas.

"ACB has a shoe tree, so if you like to go shopping go down to ACB and get a shoe off the tree and go help some kids out for Christmas," Pruett said. "There are over 100 students on the tree; it's a high need right now."

Other Board Business

The board approved the consent agenda, except for the minutes from the Oct. 12 meeting, to which a change must be made. Approved as part of the consent agenda were encumbrances, purchase orders and warrants for the general, building and child nutrition funds; the

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Macro forces take toll on commodity bulls

December is here market watchers! Although you'd never know it with these 70–80-degree temperatures! A dryer, warmer winter weather forecast expanded further north this week putting a major damper on natural gas prices this week that plummeted \$1.20 per mmBtu this past week. This is despite another increase in fertilizer prices that have taken another leg higher and expected to see monthly increases leading into the new year. The emergence of the Omicron COVID variant first reported last week that has since expanded to multiple countries including the US was factor of the significant volatility in energy as well as equity markets this week. After last Friday's plunge, crude oil prices continued to ease lower as the week progressed ahead of OPEC's meeting that concluded Thursday with the decision to increase production by 400,000 barrels per day for the month of January. Despite this decision however, the charts are beginning to consolidate and slow the downside momentum around the 200-day moving average at \$67.50. January crude closed the week at \$66.38. Although the release of strategic reserves by the Biden Administration to ease inflationary pressures on gasoline were not responsible for recent selloff, in my opinion, it had a similar effect. I would be surprised if OPEC allows this to continue. The extent to which countries implement restrictions on their economies in response to the Omicron variant will likely determine the timing and nature of OPEC's actions in the coming weeks and months. Having said that, Russia and OPEC will take every opportunity to pressure US oil producers that have increased drilling in recent months with crude prices above \$80 per barrel. The energy and equity markets weren't the only impacted by macro forces this past week with grain commodity bulls feeling the pressure as well. The wheat market was dealt the biggest blow with Monday and Tuesday bringing about an over 70 cent drop in KC wheat to below \$7.90. With recent heavy rains in Australia right at the start of winter wheat harvest, it was widely expected that production estimates would be revised lower in addition to quality deterioration. In fact, it was quite the contrary once the numbers were released with Australia now said to be harvesting a record crop reaching an all-time high of 34.4 million tons. The plunge in wheat prices began to consolidate mid-week with a 25 cent bounce Thursday saying the selloff was overdone. Just as we thought this market was back on the up and up, long liquidators were back on top Friday as Stats Can raised Canada's spring wheat estimates sharply above expectations. The market looked to stabilize mid-session, but continued the sell to close the day down 18 cents on March KC wheat to finish at \$8.24 ¼. French wheat conditions remain near perfect while US conditions remain near historic lows heading into dormancy. While the supply situation remains tight with varied conditions globally, a weaker demand tone was in focus this week across the grain complex. Breaking news also came across the wires late week that Russia is expected to set the wheat export quota from mid-February through June at 9.0 million tons, 2.0 million tons higher than last year. This export limit would also be the 3rd highest level during this period of the last eight years and therefore, no concern at all. The total grain quota including wheat, corn and barley is also expected to be raised to 14.0 million tons well above last year's 11.1 million tons. Potential export caps on Russian wheat has been feeding the market bulls for months that is now largely off the table. Further moves by Russia on the Ukrainian border could however stoke fears of export disruptions, but this has yet to be a real factor in the market. With the strong US dollar making US grains more expensive to overseas

buyers and the macro threats, demand will be in focus in the coming weeks balanced by supply disruptions. Exports have been dismal as of late across wheat, corn and soybeans and it was reported this week that the Chinese may be done buying for a while with increased purchases from Brazil as of late despite this being the prime time for US sales after harvest. Planting and conditions for emerged corn and soybeans in South America are progressing well with no major concerns. As corn and soybeans begin the battle for acres in the US, both futures contracts sustained a 3-day rally through the end of the week. Front month soybeans broke above the 50-day moving average that looked to be strong resistance as domestic processor demand remains strong. New crop November 2022 soybean futures closed the week at \$12.34. Between here and \$12.46 area may be a decent area to add downside protection on new crop intended acres. I'm beginning to think there is some more upside potential for December 2022 corn/milo that settled the week around \$5.52. The monthly USDA WASDE and Crop Production reports on December 9th will shed new light on the trajectory of grain markets. The US drought situation is a real concern for winter crops with no precip in the forecast. This also has beef herd liquidation continuing and a growing concern into next year. With cattle numbers declining amidst continued drought conditions while beef demand is at a 33-year high, these markets should continue to be well supported. Cash fats traded at \$142 this week with plenty of margin for the packers. The annual CattleFax seminar this week provided plenty of optimism for prices through 2025 for those producers that can maintain and build their herds amidst drought conditions. Beef demand from China that doubled from 2020 to 2021 is expected to continue climbing into next year. This is not to say that it's going to be a smooth ride higher, but the outlook is friendly given the conditions to own the physical cattle may not. Feed cost will also pose a challenge, but those who can figure out a program will likely be rewarded in a relatively short time. Keep extra hay reserves. Having said all that, I have been protecting the downside on cattle while keeping the upside open this week by utilizing Livestock Risk Protection (LRP), which I also offer through insurance, in addition to puts and hedges. It is basically a subsidized put option, but there are other differences as well including the ability to pay the premium after the coverage expires instead of upfront. To learn more about how these tools work and our perspectives on the cattle market, join us at Enid Brewing Company on December 14th at 6 PM for BREWS and NEWS. If you're ready to trade commodity markets, give me a call at (580) 232-2272 or stop by my office to get your account set up and discuss risk management and marketing solutions to pursue your objectives. Self-trading accounts are also available. It is never too late to start and there is no operation too small to get a risk management and marketing plan in place. Come see me every Thursday sale day at the Enid Livestock Market and let's talk markets! Wishing everyone a successful trading week!

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Woods County commissioners hear idea to bring federal jobs to county

By Marione Martin

After the Woods County commissioners handled routine items on the agenda, they heard from an unexpected visitor as new business. Randall Krause introduced himself as a former environmental consultant who is now living in Alva.

He said the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is looking for places to store used nuclear fuel. This consists of ceramic rods containing spent nuclear material that are bundled together and put in concrete cylinders.

Krause believes western Woods County is a good location for one of these federal storage facilities. The Avard Rail facility would provide transport, and he's located some nearby land that would be suitable for storing the containers. Currently the energy department has 75 such storage places in 33 states. They want to consolidate those into a few larger facilities.

Commissioner John Smiley asked if the rods are still radioactive and the danger involved. Krause said although there is still some radioactivity, that is sealed in by the cylinders. He told Smiley he could walk up and put his hand on it with no danger. Krause said after use, the rods are kept in cold storage water pools for five years before being put into the concrete pods.

"Avard is a perfect place" for storage, Krause said. There is a rail facility and land with low ground water levels.

He said the DOE has published a request for information. Those who are interested can respond. From those responses, the DOE will select some to be awarded grants to be used to hire geologists, civil engineers and others to determine if the site is feasible. At



Randall Krause (center) explains an idea for a federal installation to store spent nuclear fuel to the Woods County Commissioners Monday. Clockwise from front left are Commissioner John Smiley, Truman Cookson who accompanied Krause, Krause, County Clerk Shelley Reed and Commission Randy McMurphy. Photo by Marione Martin

the time of the determination, the county or other interested party can choose to quit or continue.

Commissioner Randy McMurphy asked if any of the current storage facilities have experienced problems. Krause said there have never been any safety issues or accidents. He said the storage units are designed to withstand natural disasters like floods or accidents like a plane crash.

Krause said 450 acres is the minimum amount of land required, but it does not need to be right at the railhead. The containers can be off-loaded onto semis to be taken to the site.

He said the storage facility would be a federal site with federal jobs including probably 24 security personnel earning around \$60,000 a year to start. There would also be supervisors.

Krause said the DOE has learned from history that it is better to start

slow. In the past, there has been a lot of controversy. Now they prefer to establish consent-based sites.

Smiley said, "What have we got to lose? We can always say no." McMurphy also expressed his interest in pursuing the idea.

The commissioners also recommended Krause talk to the Avard Rail Authority and gave him contact information.

Other Business

Commission David Hamil was absent due to illness. McMurphy and Smiley approved the following monthly reports:

- Assessor Collections \$257.00
- County Clerk Office Collections \$8,522.25
- Court Clerk Office Balance \$48,991.31
- Court Clerk RM & P Balance \$7,692.01
- Election Board Balance \$3,848.90
- Health Dept. Collections \$35.33
- Treasurer's Office Balance \$11,659.27

The auditor went over the SEFA (schedule of expenditures of federal awards) reports and made some adjustments. The commissioners approved the amended SEFA reports for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021.

Sandra Koehn who resigned was removed as requisition officer for the Woods County Election Board and Holly Blevins was appointed as requisition officer.

The commissioners approved and signed blanket purchase orders.

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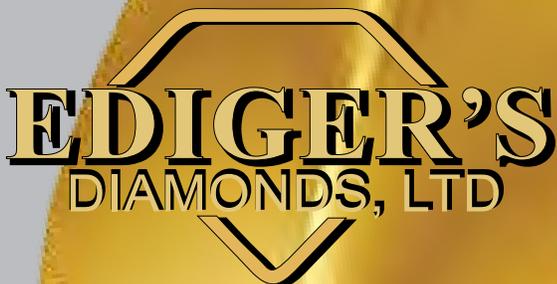
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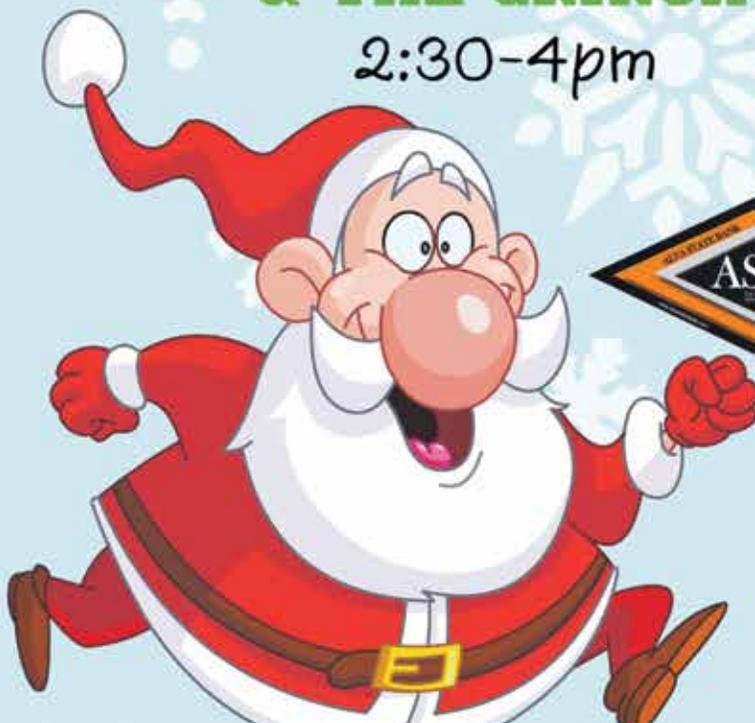
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SOUTH BARBER’S DRAMA CLASS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY – In Kiowa’s Lighted Christmas Parade Sunday evening, South Barber’s Drama Class won the “Best Lights” float. Under the direction of teacher Meagan Henry, the class presents the comedy “Bestest Bedtime Stories as told by Grandpa” this Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. (pending basketball tournament results). A matinee performance is Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

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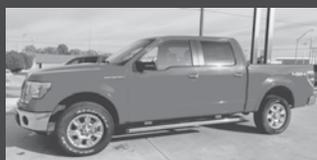
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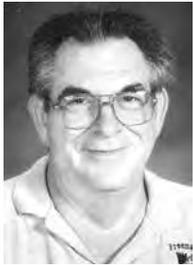
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Obituaries

JESSIE WAYNE BOHLER

Jessie Wayne Bohler, 76, of Eufaula, Oklahoma, passed away Saturday, December 4, 2021, at his home.

Jessie was born on December 19, 1944, in Laverne, Oklahoma, the son of Herman Werner and Meda Ellen Kinney Bohler. He graduated from Laverne High School in 1963. On February 4, 1966, Jessie enlisted in the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged on November 19, 1969.



On September 16, 1967, Jessie married Nancy Lynn Maxwell in Wellington, Kansas. They were happily married 54 years. In 1974, Jessie graduated from OSU Tech in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Eufaula First Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of the home; son, Stuart W. Bohler and wife Lois of Longtown, Oklahoma; daughter, Rachel L. Bohler of Longtown, Oklahoma; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Meda Bohler and two brothers, Robert and Charles Bohler.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2021, at the Eufaula First Church of God with Roger Burns officiating. Services are under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hbmfuneralhome.com.

ESTHER LAVON (HADA) IRION

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Wilkinson Funeral Service, 306 SW 1st in Buffalo. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 308 NE 2nd in Buffalo. Burial will follow in High Point Cemetery under the direction of Wilkinson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wilkinsonfuneralservice.com.

Esther Lavon (Hada) Irion was

born to Frank Kalman and Faye Ethel (Sheddy) Hada on June 24, 1934, in Alva Oklahoma, and was called home by her Lord and Savior on December 4, 2021.

Esther spent her childhood on the family farm in rural Woods County where she attended the Webber Country School and spent her teen years in Alva where she graduated as an Alva High School Goldbug with the class of 1952.

Esther met the love of her life, Charles Irion, at the car races in Alva. Esther and Charles were married a short time later in Buffalo, Oklahoma, on January 31, 1953. Esther and Charles spent a short time in Alaska while Charles was serving in the military. During this time Kathy, the first of their four blessings arrived. Shortly after returning to Buffalo, along came Terri, Linda and Rick.

Esther spent her young married life as a stay-at-home mom taking care of her children and providing childcare for other children. After all her children were off to school Esther began working for Dr. Dean Conklin Chiropractic Office in Buffalo. Then she began her job at Northwestern Electric in Buffalo where she retired from after 26 years.

After a little time in retirement, she worked part time in the kitchen at the Harper County Community Hospital. Esther spent her retirement years busy as ever doing the things she loved. If she wasn't spending time with her family, enjoying a cup of coffee with friends at the diner, working in her yard, helping with Team Kids at the Baptist Church, you might get lucky enough to catch her at home in front of the sewing machine making a new quilt or an entry for the Harper County Fair. Esther was a die-hard Oklahoma Thunder Fan and if they were playing, she was more than likely found, with her popcorn and Dr. Pepper, cheering them on with her friend Dovie Farmer. Esther was a member of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo, Harper County OHCE, and The Buffalo Red Hat Ladies.

Esther was preceded in the death

by her husband, Charles Irion; parents, Kalman and Faye Hada; sister, Elaine Trekell and brother, Kalman Hada Jr.

She is survived by her children, Kathy and David Masoner (of Fort Worth, Texas), Terri and R.L. Moore (of West Monroe, Louisiana), Linda and Jerald Hughes (of Enid), Rick and Dani Irion (of Buffalo); eight grandchildren, Nicole (Gary) Benavides, Lacie Huckaby, KD Masoner, Arica (Charlie) Lingerfelt, Natalie Moore, Shawn (Angie) Hughes, Linaka (Buddy) Probst, Vanna (Trey) Irion; 14 great-grandchildren, Chassady, Carissa and Christopher Pauda, Cody, Caden and Jaden Huckaby, Morgan and Molly Lingerfelt, Emme Hughes, Blakelea and Bentley Probst, and Stetson, Baylor and Brexlee Jones; and two great great-grandchildren, Julian and Maddux Pauda.

EILEEN MUELLER SPELLMAN

Eileen Mueller Spellman passed away peacefully on December 2, 2021, at the age of 86.

Eileen was born on September, Friday the 13th, 1935, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Max and Mary Irwin. Eileen's mother passed away suddenly when Eileen was 7, and soon thereafter she gained a beloved step-mother, Mary



Bailes, who cared for her and her siblings. Due to her father's job as a chemical engineer, the family moved frequently and Eileen lived in many places by the end of high school. Eileen graduated from Belvidere High School, New Jersey, in 1953. She went on to Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore and graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Eileen was working in Memphis, Tennessee, when she was introduced to the love of her life, Fred George, on a blind date on February, Friday the 13th, in the pouring rain. Fred asked Eileen out because he liked her Irish name and their first date was bowling. Fred and Eileen were married four months later on June 20, 1959, at St Therese the Little Flower

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GARDEN TIPS FOR WINTER!

- If precipitation has been deficient (1" of snow = ~ 1/10" of water), water lawns, trees, and shrubs, especially broadleaf and narrowleaf evergreens. Double check moisture in protected or raised planters.
- Check that gardening tools and equipment are in good repair—sharpen, and repair mowers, edgers, sprayers.
- Inspect your irrigation system and replace worn or broken parts. (HLA-6615)
- Control overwintering insects on deciduous trees or shrubs with dormant oil sprays applied when the temperature is above 40°F in late fall and winter. Do not use "dormant" oils on evergreens. (EPP-7306)
- A product containing glyphosate plus a postemergent broadleaf herbicide can be used on dormant bermudagrass in January or February when temperatures are above 50°F for winter weed control. (HLA-6421)

Tilling the Garden in Winter

Most would not think about tilling a garden plot, for vegetables or annuals, during the winter months. However, this is an excellent time to amend garden soils. Working the soil can be done in the spring too, but usually you are dealing with cold, wet soils then. It is wise to avoid working in wet soils because it destroys the soil structure. Of course, working in a dry soil can be difficult too, so it is best to work in a moist soil. If the soil is dry, water it several days before you plan to till it.

Applying two to four inches of organic matter such as leaf material, preferably chopped up or shredded, will help improve soil conditions as the organic material continues to break down through the winter months. In addition to improving soil tilth, tilling the garden during winter can expose overwintering pests such as insects to the freezing temperatures and reduce the potential for problems next spring.

Poinsettia Care

Newer cultivars of poinsettia, in addition to being very showy, have excellent keeping quality and stronger stems than older cultivars. When buying your poinsettia, choose a plant with well-expanded, well-colored bracts. Foliage should be medium to dark green with uniform coloring. Flowers should be present in the center of the bracts.

After you purchase your plant, do not expose it to chilling temperatures or cold drafts of air. In the home or other place of display, avoid cold drafts and excessive heat from heating ducts, TV sets or large incandescent lamps. Temperatures of 70°F or below (down to 55°F) are desirable to retain best bract color. Large plants can be placed on the floor if light is adequate.

Light plays an important role in retention of leaves on the plant. Place the plant in an area where it receives at least six to eight hours of direct natural or artificial light. A minimum of 75 foot candles is desirable where possible. This would be similar to the minimum light intensity required for good desk lighting in an office. Incandescent lights such as those found in most homes will give a truer, brighter bract color than most types of fluorescent light.

Many commercial growers use non-soil mixes of sphagnum peat, pine bark, vermiculite, perlite, or similar ingredients. When plants are grown in such non-soil mixes, it is sometimes difficult to decide when the plant needs water. If there is no heavy component (sand or soil) in the mix and a plastic pot is used, the pot can be lifted to determine its weight. If the plant is heavy, there is usually plenty of moisture in the pot; if it is lightweight, the medium is dry and a thorough watering should be given. Moisture needs can also be assessed by feeling the growing medium in the pot. Water when the top of the growing medium is starting to feel dry, but do not allow too much drying. Slight wilting of the plant is not harmful, but avoid severe wilting, which will cause leaves to drop.

Water the plant thoroughly. Make sure a small amount of water drips through the drainage holes of the container. If the plant is wrapped with decorative foil, punch a hole in the foil beneath the pot to allow excess water to escape. The plant should be placed on a saucer to prevent damage to the furniture or carpet.

Do not water the plant too frequently when the soil or growing mix is already wet or this may result in roots suffocating from lack of oxygen, causing the leaves to wilt, yellow, and drop.

Recent research has shown that poinsettias are not poisonous, but the plants are intended solely for ornamental purposes. Some people are allergic to the milky sap and may develop a rash when exposed to the sap. Avoid breaking the leaves and stems, as this will release the sap. It is wise to keep any houseplant out of the reach of small children and pets.



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Tract V - 68.4 Acres (100+ trees) cropland, E½ SW¼ - 3-26-14, Woods County, Okla. This would make an excellent building site or development property. Will divide to suit buyer. Will sell in parcels of 10 Acres or more. **UNDER CONTRACT**
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Tract VII - 160 Acres cropland
SW¼ - 10-27-15 Woods County, Okla. **SOLD**
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NEW - SOLD - 320 Acres - W $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. - This tract has been sprigged to Ozarka Bermuda grass and has new fences. **PRICE: \$640,000.00**

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 80 Acres Cropland - S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 3-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This 80 Acres is all cropland. **PRICE: \$180,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 196 Acres - 139 Acres cropland - 57 Acres grass. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ north and east of the railroad tracks in Section 17-24-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$330,000.00**

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

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

NEW - UNDER CONTRACT - 190 Acres -

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

NEW-SOLD - 160 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 14-25-14, Woods Co., Okla. This tract consists of 158 Acres of good cropland with great improvements. **PRICE: \$400,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - Beautiful lake frontage on Lake Eufala. Hunting property, 205 Acres, 1-mile lake frontage, pool, shop, 2,440 sq. ft. home, completely remodeled. 410399 E. 1227 Rd., Eufala, OK. **PRICE: \$1,250,000.00**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOLD - 360 Ac - Sec 31 & 32-34S-12W Barber Co., KS **PRICE: \$650,000.00**

SOLD - 720 Ac - Sec 23, 35, & 26-28-20 Woods Co., OK **PRICE: \$900,000.00**

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SOLD - 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on 6.95 Acres (MoL). 2,140 sq. ft. main level, plus 288 sq. ft. finished basement. 44884 Woodlake Drive, Alva. **\$280,000**



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SOLD 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & an office. 1,433 sq ft. Two car attached garage, fenced backyard w/ storage shed. Many updates! Great closets & storage! 902 Flynn, Alva. **PRICE \$150,000**



NEW: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom on main level (1073 sq ft) with the option to complete the partially finished basement for an additional 2 bedrooms & 1 more bathroom (879 sq ft basement). 1 car detached garage, currently a nice workshop. Covered patio and fenced backyard. 807 Locust, Alva. **PRICE: \$99,000**



SOLD 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom home. 1,350 sq ft. One car attached garage with basement underneath. Patio, 1100 Sq Ft barn with electric. Fenced backyard. Sits on 2 lots plus an additional tract of land to the South. .74 acres total. 902 Apache, Alva. **PRICE: \$149,000**



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From Page 18 **Obits**

Catholic Church in Memphis. Shortly after their wedding, Fred was deployed with the Navy.

Eileen and Fred were blessed with three children and being married to a naval aviator was exciting. Eileen and the family got to travel all over the world, including five states and two different countries. In their spare time they enjoyed bowling and square dancing together. She and Fred continued to travel after his retirement.

Eileen was a selfless volunteer. She spent many years volunteering for the Navy Relief Society, giving back to our military men and women. She was involved as a den mother for many years while her sons were in Cub Scouts and as a Girl Scout leader helping cadets and senior Girl Scouts, including her daughter. She became a patient volunteer for Hospice of North Central Oklahoma after moving to Ponca City. She assisted patients and their families for 25 years. Eileen loved her church, St. Mary's, and worked as a volunteer delivering communion to the shut-ins and was involved in the Rosary group.

Eileen is survived by her children Fred Max (Nicole) and Kathleen (Jeff); daughter-in-law Rachel; her grandchildren Carter, Sarah, Stephanie, and Andrew; and sister, Regina. Eileen is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 60 years, Fred; brother, Max; and son, Stephen.

Viewing will be 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2021, and rosary at 6 p.m. at Trout Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Interment will follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Alva. Arrangements are under the direction of Trout Funeral Home and Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 415 S. 7th St., Ponca City, OK 74601 or Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 445 Fairview Ave., Ponca City, OK 74601.

SHIRLEY A. STILES

Shirley Stiles will be laid to rest in a graveside service in the Debolt Cemetery at Arnett, Oklahoma, on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 1 p.m.



Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. The casket will remain closed. There is a book available for friends and family to sign at the funeral

home Wednesday until 5 p.m. and Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Shirley Annabelle Stiles was born June 16, 1935, to Jay Lee and Mary Marquez (Lyden) Young in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She passed peacefully on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the age of 86.

She was married to Charles Stiles in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1961, and together they raised one son and four daughters. She worked as a hairdresser and owned and operated the Snack Shack Restaurant in Arnett, Oklahoma. She and her husband loved raising and training thoroughbred racehorses. Shirley's kids and grandkids were her greatest joy. They retired to Alva, Oklahoma, in 1982 to be close to their daughters. Shirley lived a rich and full life and loved the Lord. Her greatest blessings were spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband "Chuck" Stiles; sisters, Lena Young and Ruthie Carmichael; daughter, Charlotte Campbell, and son-in-law, Rick Starks.

She is survived by her son, Norm Stiles; daughters, Melodie Starks, Cheryl Snowden, and Marilee Quick; two sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; fourteen great grand angels and many friends and family.

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

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From Page 6 **Alva**

at five percent. Argo said that's "pretty normal for this time" and expects it to look better by next month.

In the year to date totals, the school has had a revenue increase of about \$233,000 while spending about \$8,000 less than this time last year.

Gate receipts from football games are distributed among all the sports. Argo said they were down this year, mainly because of the Thomas game where it rained for most of the game. That means

softball, track, golf and soccer received about \$40 less than usual. The percentages for football and basketball were about the same.

Argo said some Alva High School baseball uniforms are being declared surplus. He listed several of the larger purchase orders. The school has encumbered \$48,532 toward a wheelchair lift for the stairs by the library. Those stairs lead to some basement classrooms which could be opened for use if the lift is added.

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From Page 8 Cherokee

treasurer’s and activity fund reports, and a request from the library to hold a “Pictures with Santa” fundraiser. The Oct. 12 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

The board also approved a new student transfer policy required by SB 783.

“This has been a big topic of discussion among lots of schools,” said Superintendent Bryce Schanbacher. The bill requires a certain amount of communication between schools as students transfer from one to another. Schools can refuse to accept a transfer for reasons like past delinquency. Students will be able to transfer two times during any school year, if they meet the criteria and are not denied by the school. The school has to have an official policy on transfers that includes specifics on the school’s enrollment capacity, and that policy has to be posted to the website.

“What we need to communicate clearly,” said Schanbacher, “is that no transfer is being revoked.” But in the future, transfers will be more closely scrutinized and tracked.

Superintendent Schanbacher told the board about some measures he’s taking to help the younger teachers make ends meet a little more easily, like being more flexible with leave.

For example, teachers will have a short-term leave option for times when they have to do something like close on a house in the middle of the day or conduct business that can only be done during school hours. The short-term leave would allow teachers to handle middle-of-the-day essential tasks, although that sort of leave will be tracked closely at first.

Schanbacher also said the over the Thanksgiving break, the City of Cherokee filled the drive-through dip at the elementary school. “The city stepped up big time to help us out with that,” he said.

All the lights in the high school parking lot have been updated. “They’re the newer LED style, and it’s much brighter out there,” Schanbacher said. He said he’s also worked out an agreement with Alfalfa County that, over the Christmas break, the county will help out with equipment and labor to fill in the holes at the high school parking lot using ground up asphalt donated to the school.

After the break, the board will start talking about some ideas Schanbacher has regarding using ARPA funds for summer school. In addition, the school is applying for a \$75,000/year three-year grant that would provide two hours of afterschool for children in grades K through 8.



Aline-Cleo November Student of the Month

Austin Ramey was chosen as the Aline-Cleo November Student of the Month. He is a junior and feels our school is unique because of the level of communication between the students.

His school philosophy is, “Try your best in class and pick good people to be your friends.” His inspiration comes from his grandpa and his technology teachers.

Austin’s favorite activities are weight lifting, carpentry and painting. His favorite quote is, “Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind.” ~ Robin Williams.

Austin is the son of Leroy and Jamie Ramey, Cleo Springs.

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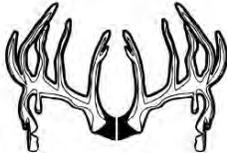
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160	Kiowa Co, KS	NW4 Sec. 27-30S-19W	\$228,000	under contract
200	Woodward Co, OK	Sec. 26-20N-20W	\$395,000	NEW
11,375	McIntosh Co, OK	Mult Legal Desc. Fisher Ranch	\$21,000,000	NEW
320	Woods Co, OK	W/2 of Sec. 19-25N-13W	\$550,000	under contract
897	AUCTION	8 Farms in Kingfisher & Major Co, OK	\$2,548,772	under contract
1.9	Taney Co, MO	D'monaco Luxury Resort	\$36,000,000	NEW
2.5	Taney Co, MO	170 Room Hotel Development Project	\$8,500,000	NEW
312	Barber Co, KS	Lies in Sec. 2-34S-10W	\$546,000	NEW
194	Kingman Co, KS	Lies in Sections 8&9-30S-7W	\$399,900	NEW
363	Kingman Co, KS	Lies in Sections 5&8-30S-10W	\$1,200,000	under contract
319	Pratt Co, KS	NE/4 of Sec. 35 & NW/4 of 36-28S-13W	\$560,000	NEW
120	Ottawa Co, OK	Income Producing, Corn-Alfalfa, Oil&Gas	\$950,000	
405	Ottawa Co, OK	High Yield Cropland in Welch, Oklahoma	\$1,750,000	
255	Ripley Co, MO	40-acre Private Lake & Improvements	\$1,390,000	under contract
3032	Roosevelt Co, NM	J-Lu Dairy Portales New Mexico	\$9,000,000	
149	Sumner Co, KS	NW4 of Sec. 1-30S-2W Ninnescah River	\$879,000	
155	Sumner Co, KS	NE4 of Sec. 33-32S-4W	\$287,000	
80	Russell Co, KS	W/2SE4 of Sec. 1-14N-12W	\$190,000	
360	Lawrence Co, AR	25 acre Private Lake 3000sq/ft Home	\$1,295,000	
660	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Des.	\$825,000	
160	Harper Co, KS	SE4 of Sec. 15-35S-8W	\$285,760	
120	Harper Co, KS	Tract in NW4&SW4 of Sec. 10-35S-8W	\$214,320	
280	Woods Co, OK	Mult Legal Desc.	\$840,000	
280	Harper Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$500,080	
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Matron of Honor is Lisa Decker and the bridesmaids are Madeline and Grace Smallwood. Best man is Scott Wells and the groomsmen are Jarod Wells and Daniel Buchanan. The ring bearer is James Smallwood and the flower girl is Sariah Wells.

The couple will wed on Dec. 12, 2021, at the Waukomis Christian Church. Kyle Kiner of the Cherokee United Methodist Church will officiate.

The couple resides and will continue to live in Cherokee.

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Students make leadership count in Washington, DC

Chapter President McKenna Mach, First Vice President Karleigh Decker, VP of Chapter Development Alexis Olson, VP of Public Relations Brooklyn McDonald, VP of Community Service Ian Kilmer, and VP of Membership Payden Dunigan, attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 2021 Capital Leadership Conference and the 2021 National Fall Conference (NFC) in Washington, D.C., Nov. 2-7.

Members participated in capital leadership where they advocated for Family and Consumer Sciences Education and for FCCLA with state legislators. The Timberlake chapter met with Senator James Inhofe's office and spoke about projects in the state and about the importance of Career Tech Education. Senator Inhofe was found to be an avid supporter of both CTE and FCS. Throughout NFC, attendees heard from keynote speakers, participated in leadership workshops, and made their voices heard. FCCLA members also received the opportunity to network with fellow youth leaders and learn more about future career and college options through exploring the career pathways of Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Education and Training, and Visual Arts and Design.

Timberlake Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America sent two members and their adviser to join more than 50 students and advisers from across the district to compete at the North 1 District STAR Events held this year at the Alfalfa County Fair Grounds in Cherokee. Jade Morrison of Helena competed in Level 3 Career Investigation, and Savanna Tharp of Goltry, competed in Level 2 Career Investigation. Both students brought home silver and 2nd place. They will move on to compete in Regionals this February.

On Nov. 13, the Timberlake FCCLA also took part in the Helena Fall Festival by having a float in the parade, selling French fries and funnel cakes, hosting a cake walk, face painting, and ring toss, and hosting a dessert silent auction. The community supported FCCLA in a

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- Boise City** - November 19th - (W) 46-0
- Tyrone** - November 26th - (W) 64-14
- Moutain View-Gotebo** - December 3rd - (W) 48-36

J.J. Pippin was voted the District MVP in a coaches vote. Teammates Ethan Jenlink and Merric Judd were named the offensive and defensive MVP. Pippin, Jenlink and Cade Severin were named as three of the district's representatives for next summer's Oklahoma 8-Man Coaches Association All-Star game. Colten Lormand of Timberlake was named as the first alternate. Tigers coach Brian Severin will be one of the coaches for the game.

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Alfalfa County signs resolution for allocating ARPA funds

By Stacy Sanborn

Commissioners in Alfalfa County had a three-page agenda this week, but most of that was declarations of surplus and resolutions for the equipment disposal. All were approved.

Marvin Woodall, Jay Hague and Mike Roach began their Monday morning meeting by approving and signing the usual documents, along with the annual safety bonus checks.

The three men also signed a resolution for allocating the federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. City Manager Mike Jones was in attendance to show his support. The resolution stated the Alfalfa Board of County Commissioners had received half (\$553,773.50) ARPA monies of \$1,107,547.00 from the United States Government, which may only be used for water, sewer and telecommunication purposes.

Alfalfa County consists of six cities/towns and one rural water (consisting of the remaining seven cities/towns) that all operate water systems.

All the cities/towns within Alfalfa County are experiencing high maintenance and operation costs, resulting in financial shortfalls in providing for its water distribution system maintenance and repair.

The Alfalfa County BOC has determined it is a qualifying and appropriate use of ARPA monies to be

appropriated and transferred to the city/town/rural water of Alfalfa County, Oklahoma.

The BOC will evenly split the minimum of 10 percent of the \$1,107,547 (as soon as the second half is received) between Rural Water (representing Burlington, Amorita, Byron, Ingersol, Lambert, Yewed and Nescatunga), Goltry, Helena, Jet, Carmen, Cherokee and Aline. The minimum amount will be \$110,754.70 split evenly of \$15,822.10 each as soon as the second half of the ARPA funds have been received.

Other business items handled during the meeting were the signing of the contract and lease documents for the vehicle recently purchased for the assessor's office. In addition, there were almost a handful of private property easements.

- In District 3 for the SE¼ of 5-23-9 to remove trees from the right-of-way and place them on farmer's land.

- In District 3 for the SE¼ of 4-23-9 to clean out a waterway.

- In District 3 for the NW¼ of 13-24-11 to clean out a waterway.

- In District 2 for the SW¼ of 33-27-12 to remove trees in the county's right-of-way and pile on landowner's land.

An ODOT Form 324a for Waterline Relocation for JP 30436(04), for District 3, received signatures and transportation of juveniles for the Secure Detention

Facilities Log for November 2021.

The commissioners approved monthly appropriations and alcohol beverage tax allocation as well.

Declarations of Surplus

- Declaration of surplus for Courthouse for 3-seater with arms chair, Inv. no. R102-100, Serial no. 3583

- Calculator, Inv. no. R203-100, Serial no. 720288

- Air Conditioner/Court Clerk Geothermal heat pump, Inv. no. R209-100.1, Serial no. RM33310535

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- Stepladder, Inv. no. R400-453.01, no serial number.

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huge way by participating and joining in the fun. The chapter looks forward to hosting more community events in the future.

Together with Timberlake FFA, a Timberlake Day of Thanks was planned for all students in the high school to give back to the community by doing service projects in all four main towns throughout the consolidated district. Projects ranged from raking leaves to cleaning community buildings to painting lines and hanging nets on a community basketball court.

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Timberlake Tigers celebrate with the gold ball after thier win over Mt. View-Gotebo, 48-36, Friday evening. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Timberlake's Merric Judd goes up for the ball in the end zone but the Mt. View-Gotebo defense knocked it away. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Cade Severin (99) and his team mates speaks with a reporter from K101 after their win against Mt. View-Gotebo for the State Championship. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Ethan Jenlink (2) and Cade Severin (99) try to take down the Mt. View-Gotebo offense. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



J.J. Pippin (14) reaches back to catch the pass to gain yards up the field. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



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Timberlake Tigers celebrate after the 48-36 win over Mt. View-Gotebo Friday evening for the Class C State Championship. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Timberlake's Pete Gwinn (13) blocks for Carter Sands (44) as he tries to make it up the field. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Timberlake's Avery Wallace (3) kicks the ball after a Tiger touchdown. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Children and adults alike cheer on the Timberlake Tigers as they play for the State Championship. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*



Timberlake cheerleaders Kailyn Mattingly, Hayli Watkins, McKenna Mach and Karleigh Decker. *Photo by Desiree Morehead*

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Senate Review ARPA to give Alva \$865,067, Cherokee \$260,061

By Senator Roland Pederson

Shortly after the 2021 legislative session ended in May, leaders of the Senate and House created the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding, a bipartisan, bicameral panel tasked with vetting and making recommendations to the governor on the use of our state's share of \$3.19 billion in federal dollars to help address costs and needs resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, and help Oklahoma be better prepared to deal with future such events.

Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the federal government is making nearly \$1.9 billion in funding available to the state of Oklahoma, with an additional \$1.32 billion more going to Oklahoma counties, cities and local communities. Monies can be used by local governments to respond to the public health and economic emergency, provide premium pay to essential workers, replace revenue lost to the pandemic, and make any necessary investments in critical infrastructure, including water, sewage and broadband access.

Counties throughout the state will receive a share of \$768.5 million, and 10 cities with populations over 50,000 will receive a total of about \$315.8 million. Those funds will be apportioned directly from the U.S. Treasury Department, and each county's allocation is based on population.

ARPA funding for counties in Senate District 19 include \$1,107,547 for Alfalfa County; \$11,859,412 for Garfield County; \$841,634 for Grant County; and \$8,456,746 for Kay County.

Municipalities and towns with populations under 50,000 will receive about \$238.4 million in total funding. They'll receive their apportionments through the state, based on population, and capped at 75% of their most recent budget as of January 27, 2020. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), the executive agency tasked with distributing funds to towns under 50,000, has teamed up with the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) to help those 579 communities

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Basketball Homecoming for Aline-Cleo was held before the game with Cimarron on Nov. 12. The emcee for the event was Stephanie Ewald. From left (back row) Brycen Buffalohead, Karlie Thomas, Austin Payn (King), Alexis Naugle (Queen), Hayden Dungan, Myah Cunningham; (front row) Al'Mariah Mitchell (Flower Girl), Joel Espinoza (Crown Bearer).

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of the protest.

I'm working on a solution to alleviate this problem and minimize the protests. I've talked with county and industry leaders, and so far they're supportive of my ideas. We want fair valuation of property and for the appropriate taxes to get to schools and counties for services that benefit students and county residents.

Another bill I'm considering would reduce the minimum age for a driver's license to 14 for farm use only. Many of our farm kids already drive hay trucks, tractors or other farm vehicles around the farm, so this bill would just make it legal. They still would have to wait until they turn 15 and a half to get a permit to drive in town.

While Dec. 10 is the deadline to request legislation to be drafted by House legal staff, bills and joint resolutions do not have to be formally introduced until Jan. 20. Just because a bill is drafted does not mean it will be introduced.

Even after the introduction deadline, the language of legislation can change before it gets to committee in the form of a proposed committee substitute. A bill can be further amended with floor

amendments before it is voted on in its chamber of origin, and it can be further amended in the opposite legislative chamber. Often it is not until near the end of session that the language of a bill is solidified.

This process allows the Legislature to fully vet legislation before making it law. Lawmakers often make changes to a bill to address unforeseen consequences from the original version of a bill or resolution.

It's also important to note that scores of bills filed last session and still in various stages of the legislative process will be eligible when the second session of the 58th Legislature gavel in.

Many bills filed last year remain active for consideration this year. Last year, 1,942 bills were introduced in the House and 298 House bills passed both chambers by the final deadline. Ultimately, 582 bills in total were signed into law by the governor this spring.

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

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Tuesday, November 30, 2021

During this day was one traffic stop.

6:28 a.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle at the junction of highways 11 and 38. Vehicle had not been stolen and the owner is in Enid and will come get the vehicle.

11:45 a.m. – Caller advised his son had just stolen his 2006 black Dodge and was headed to Cherokee. Juvenile was picked up at County Road 560 and US-64.

5:02 p.m. – ADT Commercial alarm going off at ACB Bank. Everything was okay. They were just doing tests.

5:42 p.m. – Medic needed for a person possibly having a stroke. Medic took the patient to Share Medical Center.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

9:09 a.m. – Report of a deer hung up on a fence on County Road 520 and Greer.

2:02 p.m. – Medic needed for a male with tachycardia. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

2:52 p.m. – Report of a fire in the ditch on Cleveland and OK-8.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:59 a.m. – Report of a stray dog in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania.

10:11 a.m. – Welfare check

needed on Lakeview Drive. Everything was okay.

12:53 p.m. – Welfare check needed in Jet. Deputy advised it appeared no one was home and they didn't make contact.

3:22 p.m. – Report of protective order violation on Hackaberry Drive.

3:25 p.m. – Medic needed for a male in respiratory distress. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

7:57 p.m. – Report of a vehicle vs. deer on OK-11 and County Road 750.

Friday, December 3, 2021

During this day were two traffic stops.

12:11 a.m. – Caller advised she heard a car alarm and then what sounded like a gun shot. Officer make negative contact.

10:42 a.m. – Caller advised he needed an officer in the 300 block of 2nd Street.

11:14 a.m. – Caller advised they found keys and a hitch at Osage Road.

12:53 p.m. – Medic needed for a woman who fell. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

8:39 p.m. – Caller advised they had a package stolen from them in the 400 block of Colorado.

9:46 p.m. – Medic needed for a male with low oxygen. No transport needed.

9:58 p.m. – Commercial

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fire alarm going off in Goltry.
Saturday, December 4, 2021
 During this day was one traffic stop.

5 a.m. – Medic needed for a female having trouble breathing and heart issues and who had surgery a week prior. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

6:40 p.m. – Report of a suspicious person at 11th Street and Grand. Juvenile was returned to the parents.

7 p.m. – Caller reported that her child's father made legal threats relating to a custody battle they were having. The caller was concerned and requested to speak to an officer. Caller was advised it was a civil issue and to call her attorney.

9:54 p.m. – Medic needed for a person having trouble breathing who has COPD. Medic took the patient to Kiowa Hospital in Kansas.

Sunday, December 5, 2021
 During this day were two traffic stops.

7:44 a.m. – Caller advised there was a well site on Coal Road that had the lock cut off a

building. Not sure if anything was taken, but was afraid his cows would get hurt.

1:43 p.m. – Caller advised she had a car stolen and was advised it was parked in front of City Hall in Goltry. Advised she had called it in after Thanksgiving and spoke to an officer. Caller wanted a deputy to come get it out before they drive all this way to pick up the vehicle. Dispatch asked if she had turned it in stolen. She advised no because the actual owner knew who took it and didn't want to turn them in. Caller advised now the owner wants to charge her \$40,000 for the vehicle. Deputy advised all was okay and keys put up.

4:17 p.m. – Caller advised his father yelled at him and attempted to (...) him and he told him to leave and he was concerned for his safety. Juvenile was released to his mother.

Monday, December 6, 2021
 7:02 a.m. – Report of two dogs missing in the 900 block of Grand. At 8:58 a.m., caller advised the dogs had been found.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

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

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club will meet at Cancun Mexican Grill.

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

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

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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 and Thursdays.

Friday

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

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.

Divorce Filings

Shawn Dale Sauls vs. Lisa Maria Sauls, Jet: divorce (\$262.14).

Paternity Filings

State of Oklahoma vs. Seth Bussell, Ames: paternity (with child support and/or custody).

Protective Order Filings

Jacob Allen Covington, Cherokee, vs. Phillip Logan Sharp, Cherokee:

protective order (\$173).

Traffic Citations

Shannon Ray Williams, Lahoma, has been cited for operate vehicle loaded in excess of registered laden weight (\$249).

Saul Velasquez, Topeka, Kansas, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Juan Jose Montalvo, Cherokee, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Phillip James Wallace, Edmond, has been cited for speeding 21-25 mph over the speed limit (\$319).

Juan Enrique Enriquez, Pasadena, Texas, has been cited for speeding 26-30 mph over the speed limit (\$379).

Abigail Sue Masters, Morrison, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Duston Wade Cox, Gage, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Two file for Cherokee School Board

By Marione Martin

One race has developed in school board filings in Alfalfa and Woods counties. Two people have filed for the Cherokee School Board seat 2: Heather Collins and Amber K. Wilhite.

Lindsey Callison has filed for the Burlington School Board, and Justin

Barney filed for Timberlake.

In Woods County, Jane McDermott filed for Alva, Phil Kirkpatrick for Freedom and Travis George for Waynoka.

Terry Ryel has filed for the Northwest Technology Center board position.

School board candidates may file until 5 p.m. today, Dec. 8.

From Page 42 Pederson

receive their funds. Municipalities have been contacted by email about the process for receiving their funds. For more information about that process, communities can contact OML at 1-800-324-6651.

To give you an idea of this portion of the funding, here are the estimated amounts for some of the communities in our area. The estimated funding for Alva

is \$865,067; Blackwell's estimate is \$1,146,088; the estimate for Cherokee is \$260,061; Enid will receive an estimated \$11,854,984; Garber's estimated portion is \$140,946; and Medford will receive an estimated \$164,001.

The ARPA funds being allocated to our state, counties and communities will go a long way to counter the impact of the pandemic, leaving us in a much stronger position should we face such an event in the years to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be your voice at our state Capitol. Please feel free to reach out if there is anything my office can help you with. You can contact me at 405-521-5630 or via email at Roland.Pederson@oksenate.gov.

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<p>Tues., Dec. 14th at 6 pm ONLINE ONLY</p>	<p><u>Schubert Estate Auction</u> Glassware, furniture, home decor 4125 W. Owen K. Garriott Rd., Enid, OK Oakwood Mall (Southwest Mall Entrance)</p>
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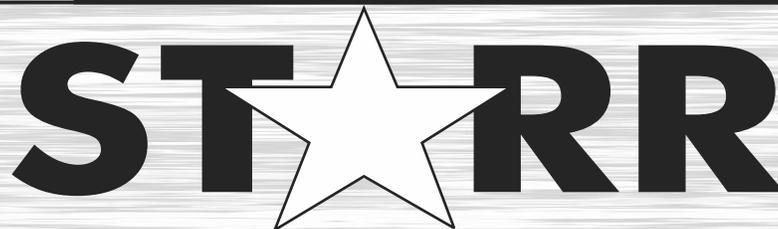


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