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# Pair charged in Alfalfa County copper thefts

**By Marione Martin**

A Kansas stolen vehicle arrest of suspects led to discovery of stolen copper in Alfalfa County. Court records show on Feb. 16 Alfalfa County Sheriff's Deputy Loren Nusser was dispatched to Osage Road and County Road 720 to take a report of oilfield theft. Nusser made contact with David Gilley, SandRidge Energy pumper.

Gilley said he had been in contact with Harper County, Kansas, Deputy Melanie Miller who had worked a vehicle theft in her county. When she caught the suspect, she found wire like that used on oilfield sites. She did a search warrant on his phone, finding Google map routes saved to the phone that showed the phone had been on multiple well site locations in Alfalfa County.

Gilley stated after checking the well site, he found that two of them were missing copper wiring matching what Deputy Miller had found. Gilley took Deputy Nusser to the two sites where wire had been stolen.

The first location was a quarter mile east of CR720 on Osage Road. Taken from the site was approximately 500 feet of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch copper wire. Nusser was informed the wire taken and the cost of replacing it was approximately \$1,000.

On the site, he found a pair of small bolt cutter and a small pry bar that had been left behind during the theft.

The second location was a quarter mile west of CR720 on Osage Road. Taken from the site was approximately 500 feet of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch copper wire. Nusser was informed the wire and cost of replacement was about \$1,000. He also observed that several control and power boxes had been opened with several  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wires cut, but nothing had been taken. Gilley stated it would cost approximately \$250 to replace the wires that had been cut.

The total approximate value of all stolen and destroyed property is \$2,250. Gilley stated he would contact the sheriff's office if more property came up missing or destroyed.

Deputy Nusser than contacted Deputy Miller who said the situation started when a vehicle was stolen in her jurisdiction. She said on Feb. 15 the victim of this crime saw the vehicle and called the Harper County Sheriff's Office. Miller stated that after

a pursuit, they caught the individuals and arrested them for theft of a motor vehicle. Miller stated she observed the copper wire and noticed that it had a green insulating coating on it like that used in the oilfield. She then got the search warrant for the phone which showed the routes driven. Included were several roads and well sites in Grant and Alfalfa County. The images were forwarded to Nusser.

Hollie Ann Kelle, 33, of Ponca City, and Virgil Clayton Huckabey, 27, of Wichita, Kansas, have each been charged with two counts of entering with intent to steal copper. These felony charges are punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for one to five years or in the county jail for 90-120 days, a fine of \$100 to \$500; or both imprisonment and fine.

Both individual have also been charged with one misdemeanor count of malicious injury to property. This crime is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or both.

## Alfalfa County Assessor to enter contract with independent outside source for commercial inspections

**By Stacy Sanborn**

Alfalfa County Assessor Jennifer Roach and commissioners Nate Ross, Mike Roach and Garret Johnson discussed forming an agreement with an independent contractor to perform commercial visual inspections. She told them the new software in her office had not correctly converted all digital commercial data since the transition from the old software. The data was there, she said, but the pricing was wrong. As a result, no new values have been rolled out for any commercial property within Alfalfa County over the last two years, and a massive cleanup, all at once, was needed. She said that one way to do that was to have an outside source double-check everything she's done.

Going into more detail, she presented a proposal to have William B. Sisemore (DBA Green Country Valuations Services LLC) come in and look at every single commercial property in Alfalfa

County – even the exempt ones. Green Country Valuation Services LLC can have the work done in about one week's time, Roach said, adding that going this direction would also serve as kind of an outside audit.

The Green Country Valuation Services quote included 600 properties and was not over \$15,000. (Anything more would cost \$25 per parcel.) She said the contract states the company would enter the data but that she wanted to do that herself instead. The assessor said she wanted to pay from her cash account, and the commissioners gave their signatures.

The men then signed two private property access easements, each in District 3. One was for the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 4-25-10, and the other at the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 9-24-10. Next, County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger helped keep the paperwork straight on a few fund transfers. The first

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# Debunking health claims

**By Marione Martin**

Newspapers used to be printed with hot type, lead that was melted down and used in molds to make the lines of stories. Fitting stories into pages was tricky. Often you'd end up with a small space at the bottom of the page that needed to be filled. That's when you pulled out the "filler," a short story or a fun fact. The shorter ones might be a famous quote. At one time, the Alva Review-Courier featured such quotes provided as the Daily Curmudgeon, collected by former Alva resident Dan Baxter.

Nowadays with cool type methods, type set on computers, it is much easier. There are ways to adjust the type to add another line or two or condense the type slightly. It's also possible to edit on the fly, as the story is being laid out, although you risk the wrath of the story author when doing so.

Sometimes, you come up to deadline and have a larger hole to fill. In our case, we subscribe to the Associated Press for news on the state, national and international scene. But many small newspapers can't afford that subscription fee which runs hundreds of dollars a month.

As I look through various



publications, I tend to note stories I consider "fillers." The best ones are factual and offer information that applies to the people for whom the publication is intended.

I was looking through the latest AARP Bulletin and came across two pages of what I generally consider fillers. However, these were gathered in the "Your Health" section with nice graphics and the title "Health 'Truths' You Can Ignore." Each of these truths would be a dandy filler, but placed together, they make a fun, easily read feature. I won't attempt to list all of them, but here are a few you might find interesting:

- Claim: You need 10,000 steps a day to boost your longevity. What science shows: The latest research shows that as few as 6,000 steps a day can do it. One 2022 study found that adults 60 and older who clocked 6,000 to 8,000 steps daily had a 50 to 60 percent lower chance of early death.

- Claim: Running will damage your knees. What science shows: Studies in recent years reveal that running does not raise your risk of knee problems. In fact, pounding the pavement seems to protect your joints. Runners typically have stronger quadriceps muscles which help to protect the joint.

- Claim: You need to drink eight glasses of water a day: What science shows: There's no science behind that number. Urine color is a good indicator; it should be light to medium

yellow.

- Claim: Rest when you have back pain. What science shows: While it's fine to rest for a day or two after a back flare-up, studies over three decades show that you will recover faster if you remain active. Prolonged bed rest makes most types of back pain worse.

- Claim: Green or yellow mucus means you need an antibiotic. What science shows: Green or yellow mucus is a sign your body is fighting off an infection. Most respiratory infections are caused by viruses, not bacteria, and antibiotics don't work on viruses.

- Claim: You'll get sick if you go out with wet hair or no coat. What science shows: Going out in winter temperatures without a coat or with wet hair may make you shiver, but that alone won't make you sick. Colds are caused by viruses, not cold temperatures. A few studies have found that cold temperatures may suppress the immune response, so if you do encounter a virus, you may be more likely to get sick.

- Claim: The flu shot can give you the flu. What science shows: The vaccine is made from inactive pieces of the virus. People who say they got the flu after the shot may have picked up a different type of respiratory infection. It takes about two weeks for the shot to be fully effective.

- Claim: Coffee dehydrates you. What science shows: Caffeine is a mild diuretic, meaning it can stimulate your body to produce extra urine. However, research shows the liquid in coffee counteracts any dehydration effects. One study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that people produce the same amount of urine whether they drink coffee, soda, tea, a sports drink or water.

- Claim: Cranberry juice cures urinary tract infections. What science shows: Chugging cranberry juice won't help if you have bladder infection. If you have symptoms such as burning while urinating, you typically need antibiotics and care from your doctor. However, cranberries are linked to preventing, not treating, infections.

Hopefully you'll find this a good refresher on popular health myths that have proven to be false.

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This tract consists of 960 acres of excellent grassland, all contiguous, lying 12 miles northwest of Alva, Okla. 94 acres was planted to w/w. spar grass. It has excellent hunting potential and is watered by five ponds. Fences are good, 4 and 5-wire fences with some new over the past years. **NEW PRICE: \$1,300,000.00**

**SOLD:** 10 Acres - SE $\frac{1}{4}$  - 33-27-14, W.I.M. All minerals to you and sell with the farm. **PRICE: \$49,500.00**

**NEW:** 160 Acres - NE $\frac{1}{4}$  - 14-26-24, W.I.M., Harper County, Okla. This tract consists of 148 Acres of good cropland (primarily Grant Silt loam) and 12 Acres of fine sandy loam soils and 100+/- Acres in scattered grass fields. Located 8 miles north of May, Oklahoma, on Hwy 46. **NEW PRICE: \$192,000.00**

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

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**NEW:** 154 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$  - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 121 Acres of good cropland, the balance being 22 Acres of trees, grass, and waterways. There is excellent building potential. Just one mile east of Alva. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

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

**NEW:** 222 Acres - 206 Acres of good cropland (Meno Loamy Fine Sand and Nobsco sand soils), the balance 16 Acres of trees, grass, and waterways. Has three locations. Has City water and a water well. **PRICE: \$440,000.00**

**NEW:** 202 Acres - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , less two tracts and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 148 Acres of good grassland and 89 Acres of good cropland. Improvements include a hay shed, shop, two overhead bins, corrals, and lean-to. Has City water and a water well. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

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

**NEW:** 315 Acres of which 208 Acres is excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek Silt Loam, Dale Silt Loam), and the balance being 107 Acres of excellent grassland. Improvements include a 1,200 sq. ft. home, 30'x20' - like new, 32' x 60' shop w/ 16' lean-to, steel corrals, cements bunks with loafing shed, three overhead bins, N $\frac{1}{2}$  - 29-29-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OKLA. **PRICE: \$1,050,000.00**

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

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

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

**SOLD:** 150 Acres - SW $\frac{1}{4}$  less 10 Acre tract in 13-27-13, Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$345,000.00**

**SOLD:** 154 Acres SW $\frac{1}{4}$  - 19-27-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$425,000.00**

**SOLD:** 15 Acres NE $\frac{1}{4}$  - 25-27-13, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$475,000.00**

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

**SOLD:** 110 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$  - 29-26-14, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 160 Acres of excellent grassland. **PRICE: \$310,000.00**

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# Woods County Commissioners approve events on courthouse property

By Marione Martin

Monday the Woods County Commissioners approved the use of the courthouse area for two events but took no action on a third one. The commissioners approved the use of the lawn and the courthouse conference room for the Alva Police Department BBQ fundraiser on May 5 and 6. The conference room will be used for judging of the BBQ contests. Commissioner Randy McMurphy suggested they should provide the 911 dispatchers with plates of food.

The commissioners also approved the use of the courthouse lawn for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Alva Fire Department. It will be held on April 8.

No action was taken on the Farmer's Market which is planned to start June 3. County Clerk Shelley Reed said the days it will be open have not been decided yet. She also said that Dawn Shafer and her husband are now in the bouncy house business and would like to set up once a month at the Farmer's Market. The commissioners wanted more information about the bouncy house project so decided to wait to take action.

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An interlocal agreement was approved with Harper County which involves E911 services provided by Woods County. Phone tariffs for E911 services from Harper County are now coming to Woods County.

Commissioner David Hamil's District 1 wants to surplus a 2012 Cat Motorgrader and a John Deere Motorgrader. Hamil made the motion to declare the two pieces of equipment as surplus, and McMurphy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

BCE-Mach requested a road crossing permit for electric service in District 1. The location is 6-26-12 to 1-26-13, and the permit fee is \$500. The permit was approved.

The following monthly reports were approved:

- Court Clerk Office Balance \$75,905.54
- Court Clerk RM&P Balance \$12,356.76
- Sheriff's Office Collections \$2,928.33
- Sheriff's Board of Prisoners Expenses \$5,000.00

The meeting was paused briefly while Reed went to her office to retrieve bid documents. Two bids were received for John Smiley's District 3 for a tractor. Rother Brothers of Fairview bid \$183,630.41 and Western Equipment of Alva bid \$198,482.43. Smiley said he needs to transfer some money into the proper account to pay for the tractor,

which will need to be on a commissioner agenda. He also wanted some time to look over the bids. Hamil made a motion, seconded by McMurphy, to table the bids, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next the commissioners discussed quotes received for the Dacoma Fire Department building, using funds awarded in a REAP grant. The county oversees these fire department REAP grants. The commissioners approved the lowest quote of \$80,250 from Erikson Steel of Alva.

Under new business Reed told the commissioners that the pickup for Rural Water District No. 3 has arrived from Croft, and that will be on next week's agenda so the county can get reimbursement from OEDA.

The commissioners also approved warrants, claims and blanket purchase orders.

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was for \$100,000 from Helena Rescue M&O account 1321-3-8214-2005 to the Helena Rescue Capital Outlay account 1321-3-8214-4110 for a fire truck. The second was for \$19,091.16 from the County General M&O account 0001-1-2000-2005 to the County General Audit account 0001-1-4500-2005 for the audit for FY 20-21 that did not transfer over on the new EON Form. The last transfer was \$428,000 from District 3 Capital Outlay account 1102-6-4300-4110 to the District 3 M&O account 1102-6-4300-2005 for funding for M&O.

The last thing the men took care of was approving the General Ledger/Appropriation Ledger Reconciliation. It will be provided by the end of each month, and copies will be made for officers at the meeting. (Minutes, maintenance and operation payment warrants, and blanket purchase orders received approval earlier in the meeting.)

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This South Barber Forensics Team brought home the first place plaque at the Kiowa County meet. Members are – (from left) Cash Tomberlin, Danielle MacKinney, Rose Thompson, Megan Terrell, Jaden Allen, Reagan Grieve, Jacob Hughes, Trilbey Dorsey, Arrington Allen, Camron Dorsey, Cole Howland, Autumn Drake, Lynzee Wilbur, Dayton Masters, Tanith Erikson, Cody Tomberlin and Lily Schurter. Photo courtesy yearbook

## South Barber having a ‘strong start’ to forensics season

By Yvonne Miller

The South Barber Forensics team has had a strong start to their season, according to their coach Meagan Henry. So far, they've competed at Pratt, Medicine Lodge, Kiowa County, and Douglass. Overall, they brought home

the first place plaque at Kiowa County, and placed third at Douglass.

To qualify for a state competition, students usually have to place first or second overall at an invitational meet, Henry explained. However she said qualifying standards are based on entry

numbers, so at bigger tournaments, more students qualify.

There are currently ten events qualified for the State Championship meet: Autumn Drake & Arrington

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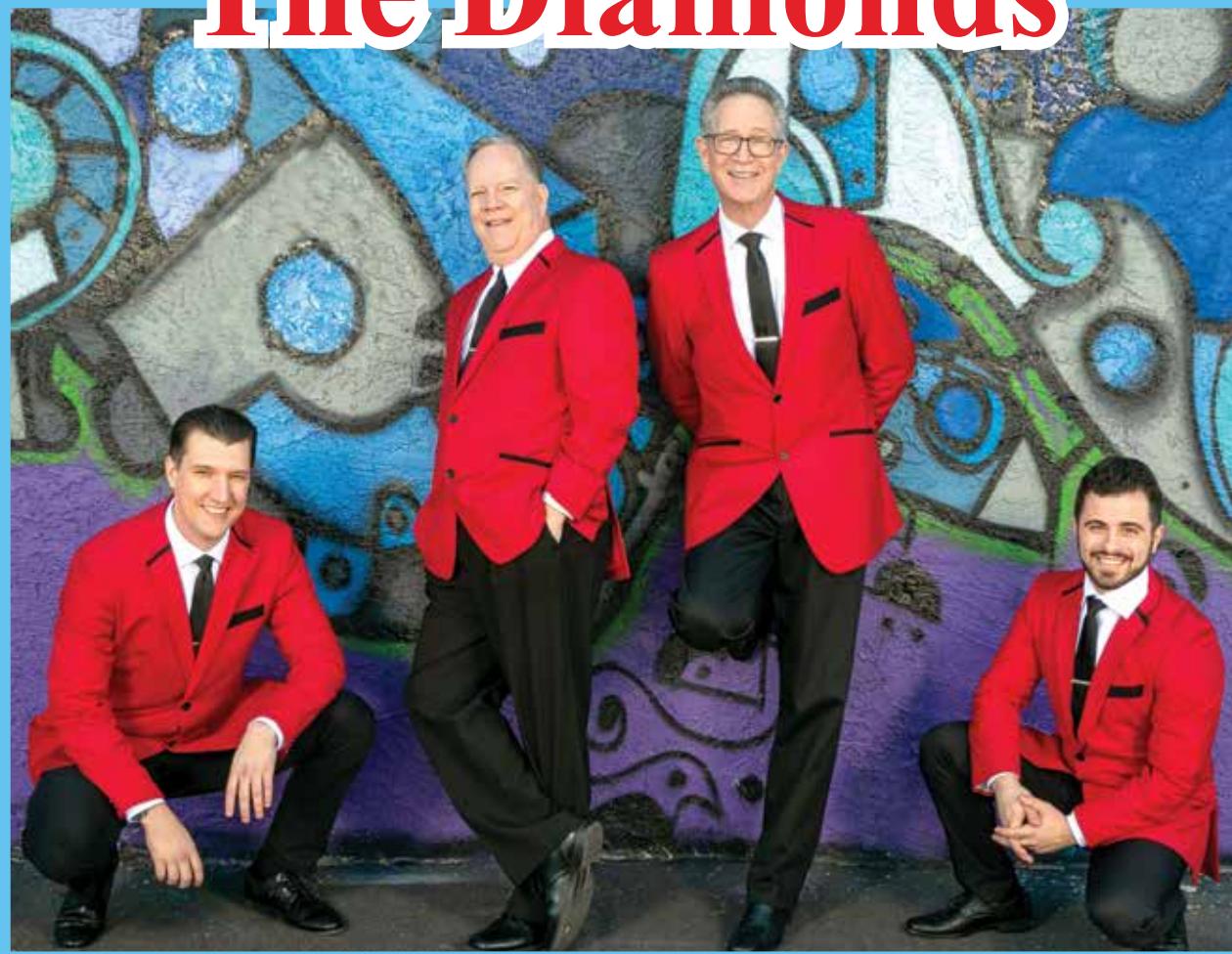


These are South Barber Forensics Team members who received third place competing at the meet in Douglass: (from left) Rose Thompson, Danielle MacKinney, Jaden Allen, Lynzee Wilbur, Autumn Drake, Arrington Allen, Teddie Hooker. Photo courtesy of yearbook

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## Senate Review

# Happy spring break; good luck to students at OYE

**By Senator Roland Pederson**

I always enjoy welcoming constituents to the Capitol. Last week, Dr. Rebecca D. Lewis, DO, FACOFP, served as the Senate's Doctor of Day. She currently practices full-scope family medicine with obstetrics at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, where she also serves as the chief medical officer. I greatly appreciate her spending the day here in our chamber, and it was an honor to recognize her for her service to the Enid community.

Last week, we celebrated Enid Day at the Capitol – it's always one of my favorite events of the year as we welcome visitors from the district to

showcase this outstanding community and all the positive things going on in the area. I appreciate all those who made the trip to Oklahoma City and stopped by my office.

Among the other constituents I had the honor of meeting last week was this year's Leadership Blackwell class. This is another great city in District 19, and it was a pleasure to meet with city and community leaders. I appreciate them visiting, and invite all my constituents to visit the Capitol and my office. It is always great to have representatives from our area have their voice heard.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy spring break and safe travels to your

destination. Many 4-H and FFA students from our district and from across the state will be traveling to the State Fairgrounds to exhibit their livestock projects at the Oklahoma Youth Expo. This is the world's largest junior livestock show, and thousands of animals have and will be shown by Oklahoma kids. I know they work hard all year with their animals, and I wish them the best of luck. Our office was able to help coordinate the OYE Legislative Showmanship, which my colleagues and I are all looking forward to.

I appreciate the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife's invitation to observe baby bears in southeast Oklahoma over the weekend. It is always a great time getting to see other parts of the state and what they have to offer.

I'm very pleased that SB 682 was unanimously approved by the Senate. This bill will make it easier for the Marshallese community to obtain their commercial driver license, which will offer them more job opportunities. I greatly appreciate the support of this bill in the Senate, and look forward to updating you as it makes its way through the House of Representatives.

Lastly, I'd like to update you on where we are at in the legislative process. We just began the sixth week of session. This is a short week due to spring break, and we will only be holding session on Monday and Tuesday. With the deadline to hear Senate bills on the floor coming up on March 23, we will have a lot to accomplish next week. A few of my bills that passed out of committee can still be heard before the deadline. If you'd like, you can tune in to live Senate sessions at oksenate.gov as we review the best policies for our state.

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator. I encourage you to visit the state Capitol and invite you to stop by my office on the fourth floor. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your concerns or if you have any questions regarding legislation. You can reach my office at 405-521-5630 or Roland.Pederson@oksenate.gov.

## SB Drama Class One-Act production will keep you laughing

Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m.; Matinee Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m.

**By Yvonne Miller**

A play that opens with the curtain call – and then cast members recalling everything they love about being in a play – with the exception of the play itself promises to bring comedic moments.

South Barber's Drama Class Teacher Meagan Henry announces her students are competing in the Regional One Act Festival April 22. In preparation, the class presents "Everything But" to the



public Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Admission is \$5. Henry said the play will keep audiences laughing.

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150	McCurtain Co, OK	Grazing, Hunting, Development	\$750,000	NEW
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11,391	McIntosh Co, OK	GILLESPIE RANCH - LAKE EUFAULA	\$23,887,500	NEW
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304	Woods Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Multiple Ponds	\$375,000	NEW
638	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Spring Fed Pond	\$1,116,500	NEW
313	Harper Co, KS	Native Pasture, Hunting, Ponds	\$719,900	NEW
300	Seminole Co, OK	Fishing, Hunting, Grassland	\$750,000	NEW
114	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Grassland	\$245,000	NEW
160	Meade Co, OK	Grassland, Agricultural, Hunting	\$160,000	NEW
300	<b>WOODS CO, OK</b>	<b>AUCTION COMING SOON</b>	<b>AUCTION</b>	<b>NEW</b>
161	Grant Co, OK	Agricultural, Grassland, Hunting	\$261,050	
24.67	Woods Co, OK	Custom Home, Pond, Grassland, Hunting	\$775,000	
156	Woods Co, OK	Res/Comm Development near Alva	\$499,000	
105	Meade Co, KS	Hunting, Grassland, Wetlands	\$95,000	
475	Barber Co, KS	Hunting, Grazing, Cropland w/Pond	\$849,000	new price
1.9	Taney Co, MO	D'monaco Luxury Resort	\$36,000,000	new price
2.5	Taney Co, MO	170 Room Hotel Development Project	\$8,500,000	new price
255	Ripley Co, MO	40-acre Private Lake & Improvements	\$1,350,000	Pending
1545	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting Land - Lodge - Springs & Creeks	\$2,999,000	SOLD
640	Woods Co, OK	5 Farm Land Auction	\$1,350,200	SOLD
159	Stafford Co, KS	Cropland w/ Pond, Hunting with House	\$645,000	SOLD
405	Ottawa Co, OK	High Yield Cropland in Welch, Oklahoma	\$1,700,000	SOLD
150	Sumner Co, KS	Development/Cropland/River Clearwater	\$879,900	SOLD
11,375	McIntosh Co, OK	FISHER RANCH - LAKE EUFAULA	\$19,900,000	SOLD
320	Woods Co, OK	Grassland Sec. 19-25N-13W	\$550,000	SOLD
897	Kingfisher Co, OK	8 Farms LAND AUCTION	\$2,548,772	SOLD
360	Lawrence Co, AR	25/ac Private Lake w/house & Hunting	\$1,295,000	SOLD
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# Obituaries

## KENNETH 'KENNY' LeROY CLARK

Kenneth LeRoy was born February 20, 1944, to Mildred (Critchfield) and Claude D. Clark in Penokee, Kansas. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on March 10, 2023 at the age of 79 years and 18 days. Although he was faced with insurmountable health challenges, he never lost his sense of humor and engaging spirit.

He grew up in Morland, Kansas, with his two brothers where his claim to fame was being a member of an undefeated eight-man state championship football team and a Golden Gloves boxer.

In 1964 Kenny married the love of his life, Donna Hoopes, thanks to a divinely orchestrated blind date. Kenny and Donna moved to Alva in 1964 after letting destiny decide their new home when Kenny closed his eyes and put his finger down on a U.S. map. He never doubted this decision to move to Alva and found it to be the perfect place to raise their two children, Brian and Lynette, and spend the rest of his life.

Kenny became well acquainted in the Alva community as the long-time owner of the Palace Barbershop, Charter Member of the Moose Lodge, long-term member of Lions Club, Friends Church, Card Club, Senior Nutrition Board, Salt Fork Square Dancers and Cemetery Board. Nearly every day, Kenny could be found at 818 or McDonald's sharing entertaining stories, jokes and conversations with his dear friends.

Anyone who stepped in Kenny's barbershop or met him, became quickly aware of his outgoing personality, keen sense of humor, generous nature and love of people. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Victor and Darrell.

He is survived by Donna, a loving wife of 59 years in May, a son, Brian Clark (wife Lisa), and a daughter, Lynette Brown (husband Jimmy), grandchildren: Taylor Wilson (husband Wade), Trevor Clark, Brendan Brown,



Austin Clark, Raegan Brown and two great-grandchildren Kasen and Kally Wilson.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to Friends Church or Traditions Health Hospice.

Funeral services will be held on March 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Wharton Funeral Chapel with Paul McCord officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony, Kansas. Online condolences may be made at [www.whartonfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whartonfuneralchapel.com).

## DANNA LEA DOW

Funeral services for Danna Dow will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Elm Grove Community Church in Chester, Oklahoma. She will

then be laid to rest at the Memorial Hill Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. Visitation with family present will be Friday from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Danna Lea, daughter of the late Susan Lee (Gooch) Brock and Vernon Brock, was born May 19, 1978, at Waynoka, Oklahoma, and passed away March 9, 2023, at her home in Fairview, Oklahoma, at the age of 44 years, 9 months, and 25 days.

Danna was raised and lived in Northwest Oklahoma a majority of her life where she graduated with the Alva High School Class of 1997. On March 15, 2010, Danna was united in marriage to Josh Dow in Fairview where they made their home. She and Josh have been blessed with two amazing daughters, Aydan and Hadlea. Of the various roles Danna held throughout her life working with children in the Fairview Public School and being a stay-at-home mom were the most gratifying to her.

Danna is survived by her loving husband, Josh and her two daughters, Aydan and Hadlea Dow; her sister, Sherri Pfeiffer and husband, Dwight, and their daughter, Madelyn; her father, Vernon Brock; her parents-in-law, Doug and Brenda Dow and LaGreta Metcalf; her brother-in-law, Justin Dow and wife, Kimberly, and their children, Jaden, Ian, and Phoebe; her sister-in-law, Abby Gaisford and her children, Lilly and

Xyler; her beloved pets; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Alva Public Schools (checks made to CFO) or Fairview Public Schools.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.marshallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com).

## WILDA FLAMING

Funeral service for Wilda Flaming will be Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Cherokee First Baptist Church. Viewing will be Friday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. with family present from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Cherokee. Online condolences may be made at [www.lanmanmemorials.com](http://www.lanmanmemorials.com).

Memorials may be given to First Baptist Youth Fellowship through the funeral home.

## JOHN CLARK MEYER

Graveside services for John Meyer will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Rev. Paul Kirk officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

John Clark Meyer, son of the late Leo August and Jessie Beulah (Clark) Meyer, was born July 13, 1944, at Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away March 13, 2023, at Enid, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years and 8 months.

John graduated Alva High School and attended Oklahoma State University. He was an accomplished mechanic and taught auto mechanics at the Northwest Vo-Tech Center for many years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and loved racing cars and motorcycles. He also enjoyed flying airplanes, fishing and shooting.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Jessie.

He is survived by his children, Ronnie Meyer and wife, Raelyn, of Haysville, Kansas, Lynda Crocker and husband, Dan, of Laverne, and Rique



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Meyer of Enid; his brother, Kenny Meyer of Alva; his sister Sharon Sebranek and husband, Larry, of Covington; seven grandchildren, Kylee Pfeider and husband, Ky, of Alva, Kale Crocker and wife, Morgan, of Cashion, Calin Meyer and wife, Paiton, of Goddard, Kansas, Jessica Robinson and husband, Blake, of Clearwater, Kansas, and Jaxon Meyer, Xander Meyer, and Knox Meyer, all of Enid; and two great grandchildren, Reid and Bo, and another great grandchild due this month; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oklahoma Fish and Game Commission.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at [www\\_marshallfuneralhomes.com](http://www_marshallfuneralhomes.com).

### **BURTON G. SMITH**

Funeral service for Burton G. Smith will be Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church in Kiowa, Kansas. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with family present from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home Inc. of Kiowa. Online condolences may be made at [www\\_lanmanmemorials.com](http://www_lanmanmemorials.com).



Burton G. Smith, son of the late George Smith and Shirley De Grange Smith, was born February 4, 1948, at Alva General Hospital. He passed away at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 7 days. Burton grew up on a farm in Harper County, Kansas. He graduated from Hazelton High School in 1966 as a valedictorian. Burton then started college at Kansas State University and later transferred to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He graduated with a bachelor's in sociology/psychology and a minor in mathematics in 1971.

Burton was united in marriage in 1971 to Jeannie Riggins of Alva, Oklahoma. From this union two children were born, a daughter, Misty Adair, and a son, Shane Smith, both of Alva. Burton moved his family to Wichita, Kansas, to work for the state of Kansas as a social worker. He later relocated to Pratt, Kansas, for a few years for social

work for the state. He advanced to social service supervisor of 12 counties for several more years. Sometime later, Burton returned to Alva and worked for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. He worked with Panhandle throughout the Midwest and later moved back home to Kiowa, Kansas, to assist in managing the family farm.

On July 28, 2000, he was united in marriage to Jan Murrow, his high school sweetheart. Through this union, Burton gained a son, Robert Willson, and a daughter, Sandra Birzer.

Burton is preceded in death by his parents, George and Shirley Smith; one brother, Michael, and two granddaughters, Michelle and Mikiah Crouch.

Burton is survived by his wife, Jan Smith of Kiowa, Kansas; daughter, Misty Adair and husband, Pat; son, Shane Smith and wife, Alicia, all of Alva; son, Robert Willson and wife, Nancy of Keller, Texas, and daughter, Sandra Birzer and husband, Jeremy of Wichita, Kansas. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, Wyatt Crouch and fiancé, Brittany Cunningham, Bridgitte and Weston Crouch, Austin Adair, Trinady and Olivia Smith, Brennan and Karsen Birzer, Gabriella and Lucas Willson; one great granddaughter, Josie Crouch; four siblings which includes brother, Spencer Smith and wife, Mary of Kiowa, Kansas, Doug Smith of Anthony, Kansas and sister, Sheila Mullenix and husband, Michael of Seymour, Indiana; sister, Cheryl Ransom and husband, Doug of Wakita, in addition to many nephews, nieces, other relatives, friends and his beloved dog Sadie Mae.

Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Christian Church or Byron-Amorita Cemetery through the funeral home.

### **JOE WALTER SURFACE**

Funeral services for Joe Surface will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Alva Wesleyan Church with Pastor Paul Kirk officiating. Burial will follow in the Garber Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Joe Walter Surface of Alva has gone home to be with his Lord on March 13, 2023, at the age of 73. He was born August 19, 1949, in Alva to Paul and

Hazel (King) Surface. He grew up on the family farm north of Alva where he farmed and ranched all of his life. Joe had a great love of music which led to his decision to major in Music Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State

University. While in college, Joe was a part of the Marching Band, Stage Band, and Campus Singers. While at Northwestern, Joe met the love of his life, Jean Marie Cinnamon. They were married in November of 1969 at the First Christian Church of Garber. Joe and Jean moved to the family farm north of Alva where they currently reside.

He was chosen as a Deacon and Elder of his church and was a member of the choir, later becoming choir director. Northwestern was a large part of Joe's life. He was an avid alumnus and played in the Alumni Band as well being a member of the Rowdy Rangers. Family was very important to Joe and his wife, Jean. The couple were blessed with four daughters and 12 grandchildren. A big part of Joe's later years were filled with trips to many different events because of his desire to be a part of everything happening in their lives.

Besides his parents, Paul and Hazel (King) Surface, he was preceded in death by his Aunt Nell Surface; his brother, Daryll and wife, Sandra; sister-in-law, Barbara Surface; sister-in-law, Donna Thralls and her husband, Mike; and brother-in-law, Richard Cinnamon.

Joe leaves behind to mourn his loss his loving wife, Jean; daughters, Stefanie and her husband Doug Ogburn, Stacie and her husband, Barry Vincent, Shellie and her husband, Steve Seabolt, and Sharie and her husband, Will Mitchell; 12 grandchildren, Ashten and her husband, Austin Child, Taven Vincent, Carli Seabolt, Gabren Vincent, Caleb Seabolt, Carson Seabolt, Eva Mitchell, Emory Mitchell, Braxton Ogburn, Libby Ogburn, Lillian Ogburn, and Elliana Mitchell; and a brother, Dwight Surface and his wife as well as a host of nieces and nephews.



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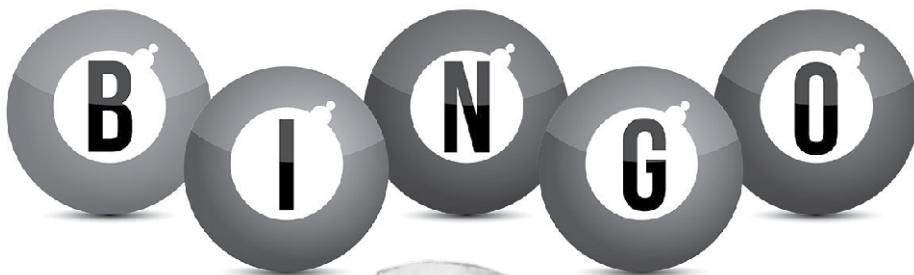
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Remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.marshallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com).

### **SHERRY DAYLE (YOUNG) WRIGHT**

Sherry Dayle Wright, Woodward, Oklahoma, the eighth daughter of the late Alfred Nathan and V. LaVaughn (Liston) Young was born Friday, September 6, 1963, in Waynoka, Oklahoma. She passed quietly from this life and was received by our heavenly father on March 13, 2023 at her home, surrounded by family and friends at the age of 59 years, 6 months and 7 days.

Sherry grew up in Waynoka, and was a 1982 graduate of Waynoka High School. As a child Sherry accepted Christ as her personal savior, was baptized and remained a member of the First Baptist Church, Waynoka, Oklahoma. She began her working career as a CNA geriatric nurse, caring for the elderly. She worked a short time in the office of Razien Metals, Woodward, Oklahoma, but spent most of her working years (17) as a registration clerk for the Woodward Memorial Hospital/Alliance Health, where she was a trusted and dedicated employee.

Sherry was a delightful and ornery girl. She was the PRINCESS of her family, doted on by her brother, sisters and parents. In her young days she loved participating in cheerleading, music, school activities and spending time with friends. She delighted in spending time with her children and grandchildren, teaching them to swim, fish and enjoy the outdoors. She loved boating, camping, traveling, motorcycle trips, fishing and her husband, Bob.

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To this union two children – Cody Lee and Cord Robert Wright were born. Sherry and Bob taught their children to explore and love the great outdoors. They introduced them to camping, hiking, off-road activities, boating, fishing, mechanicing, and other activities to numerous to mention.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, one sister: Terri Lynn (in infancy) two nephews: Adam Wright and Matthew Paul Nutter and one great-nephew: Trevor Palmer (in infancy).

She is survived by her loving husband: Robert (Bob) Wright of the home, two children: Cody Wright and his wife Melinda, Woodward, and Cord Wright, Woodward, four grandchildren: Zachary, LeAnn, Johnathan and Tinsley Wright, six sisters: Pamelia Bell, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Angela Holden, Plano, Texas, Alfreda Schulz, Oklahoma City, Arthetta Long and her husband Wayne, Douglas, Kansas, Arnetta Ball and her husband Marty, Marble Falls, Texas, Kristi Phillips, Lared, Kansas, and one brother: Alfred E. Young and his wife Lisa, Weatherford, two brother-in-laws: Jim and Bill Wright, two aunts: Wilma Lee Williamson, Felt, Oklahoma, and Sandra Gilreath and her husband James, Watonga, a host of nieces, nephews, many cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, 1620 Lincoln Avenue, Woodward, Oklahoma.

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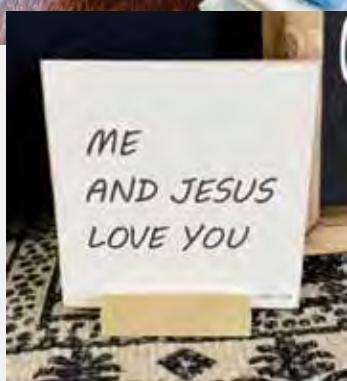


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## Carl's Capitol Comments

# Recreational marijuana loses by a long shot

**By Rep. Carl Newton**

I want to thank all of the voters from Northwest Oklahoma who got out and voted March 7 on State Question 820.



The question asked voters if they wanted to legalize recreational marijuana for those over the age of 21. The overwhelming response was No!

Of the 25.35% of voters who participated in this election, 62% opposed the question, v. 38% in favor. In 45 counties, the vote was closer to 70% against. In half a dozen counties, it was closer to 80%. The counties in our House District 58 voted against the measure in the following breakdown: Alfalfa – 78.5%, Garfield – 69%, Major 84.7%, Woods – 71.6%, and Woodward – 76.6%.

This shows that people are not ready to open the floodgates to recreational marijuana. State voters in 2018 approved medical marijuana with the prevailing belief that reasonable use for chronic pain or other illness was acceptable. But we've struggled with a number of issues since medical marijuana was legalized.

These include law enforcement having to crack down on illegal grows and the increasing presence of drug cartels and foreign land acquisitions in our state, which have created public safety issues. We've also seen a drain on local resources such as water and utilities. Voters also worried about granting greater access to this drug to our youth.

The Legislature has implemented a number of common-sense reforms to help better regulate the medical marijuana industry, but I'm glad to see voters chose not to move forward with broader recreational use.

In the meantime at the Legislature, we had a busy week hearing 163 bills on the House floor. We'll hear several hundred more before the March 23 deadline for bills to be third-read before passing to the opposite legislative chamber.

Several of my bills passed the House

floor last week. These include House Bill 1969, which would allow retired police officers to go to work in communities with a population of 4,500 or less and still draw their state pensions while earning salaries. Smaller communities need this help as many are experiencing a shortage of police and other law enforcement officers.

House Bill 1962 would allow any person age 14 to 16 who lives or is employed on a farm to apply for a farm permit authorizing them to operate any Class D motor vehicle while going directly to or from work or school. The only passengers allowed in the vehicle would be licensed drivers or siblings. This has been allowed in Kansas for 60 years without negative impact, and it will help out our farm kids and their parents in our rural communities.

We'll be back on the floor this week and next hearing the remainder of our House bills before the chamber of origin deadline.

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

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# Kiowa City hears more insurance quotes, mayor questions minutes and news coverage

**By Yvonne Miller**

The City of Kiowa's insurance for all city buildings, vehicles, equipment, generators and fire vehicles dominated discussion at the March city council meeting Monday night.

Mayor Bill Watson owns an insurance agency in Kiowa and the city routinely purchases their property insurance from him as a rep for EMC. The council decided to get bids from some other companies also to make sure they were getting the most cost-effective deal for the city – ultimately taxpayers.

Besides Watson, the other company who bid, was Conrade Insurance Group of Newton, Kansas. Darrell Conrade attended the council meeting to explain their coverage. Conrade provided each council member with a bound booklet with detailed information about their coverage of each piece of city property. This included property, equipment breakdown, crime, inland marine, general liability, professional/E&O liability, commercial automobile, cyber liability and a premium summary.

All councilmembers attended except Tom Wells was absent. Members present were: Janet Robison, BJ Duvall, Watson, Brian Hill and Jason Thayer. City Administrator Sam Demel, City Attorney Brandon Ritcha and City Clerk Sheila Smith were also present.

At a special meeting Feb. 27, Watson gave his bid to the city for the property coverage. Conrade didn't attend because they were reportedly swamped with storm damage claims. The council did not disclose Watson's details or financial figures so it would be fair regarding the other bids. They discussed to have Conrade attend this March meeting and present their bid. Conrade's presentation was nearly one hour. Afterwards Watson questioned him about many details.

When it was time to approve the Feb. 27 special meeting minutes, Watson had items he wanted amended. Watson also disputed some of the items that happened at the meeting as printed in the Newsgram. It mainly regarded the councilmembers' discussion that

they wanted to hear Conrade's bids at the March meeting. Watson disagreed Conrade should be allowed to present their bid since they missed the Feb. 27 meeting.

Regarding those minutes the council agreed to amend one line. "The second company had an emergency and will provide a bid at the next meeting." Then the council approved the minutes as amended.

Watson had given Demel his bid info. Thayer said Conrade supplied everything the council needed in their packet and Watson had not. Watson said he needs numbers on the city vehicles so EMC can provide specific figures. Robison and others questioned why his buildings are "lumped together." Watson replied they take 90 percent of that in their calculations.

The insurance renewal deadline is April 1. Hill said they need to know before the deadline details of EMC coverage and costs. Watson said he'll have those details to provide at a special meeting before April 1.

# Barber County Development works to bring Economic Development back into the county

As of March 1st, Barber County Development once again has "Boots on the Ground" when it comes to economic development. The board has engaged in a three-month contract with Kiowa County Economic Development (KCED), and is working with their Director Julie Lyon.

Lyon has been with the KCED for almost two years, and has been instrumental in increasing childcare capacity in Kiowa County, has been successful in obtaining multiple grants, and has experience with housing, business development and entrepreneurship. Lyon says "I have been envisioning regional collaboration for over a year now and believe with combined efforts, we can really have an impact on South Central Kansas. Barber County has great people and so many

opportunities.... I'm really looking forward to connecting the two!"

In partnering with Kiowa County, Barber County Development gains a team of skilled people, including grantwriters, a childcare specialist, bookkeeping, and multiple people working on behalf of Barber County. Lyon has already been in every town in Barber County, with

the exception of Sun City, which will be happening this week. Along with Lyon, Kingman County's Economic Development Director Leslie Schrag has been working in partnership with Kiowa County Economic Development. When asked about her involvement, Schrag says "It's great to be working with a team of people with different skill sets to assist Barber County Development in its commitment to growth and sustainability.

Local businesses and residents are key to rural Kansas' success, and we look forward to engaging with the Barber County communities."

Prior to working in Kiowa County, Lyon served as the Mayor of Stafford for almost four years, was on the Governing Body of the Kansas League of Municipalities, was the South Central Representative for the recent Statewide Housing Assessment Committee, and currently serves on the Kingman County Fairboard as well as the Leadership League of South Central Kansas.

Leslie has been with Kingman County for three years, previously worked for the Kingman Hospital for 17 years, and currently sits on the SouthCentral Kansas Economic Development District Board of Directors. Both Schrag and Lyon are entrepreneurs, each owning their own small business (liquor store and motel).



**Juliet Lyon**



**Leslie Schrag** County Economic

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# Fed criticized for missing red flags before bank collapse

By Christopher Rugaber and Fatima Hussein

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is facing stinging criticism for missing what observers say were clear signs that Silicon Valley Bank was at high risk of collapsing into the second-largest bank failure in U.S. history.

Critics point to many red flags surrounding the bank, including its rapid growth since the pandemic, its unusually high level of uninsured deposits and its many investments in long-term government bonds and mortgage-backed securities, which tumbled in value as interest rates rose.

"It's inexplicable how the Federal Reserve supervisors could not see this clear threat to the safety and soundness of banks and to financial stability," said Dennis Kelleher, chief executive of Better Markets, an advocacy group.

Wall Street traders and industry analysts "have been publicly screaming about these very issues for many, many months going back to last fall," Kelleher added.

The Fed was the primary federal supervisor of the bank based in Santa Clara, California, that failed last week. The bank was also overseen by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

Now the consequences of the fall of Silicon Valley Bank, along with New York-based Signature Bank, which failed over the weekend, are complicating the Fed's upcoming decisions about how high to raise its benchmark interest rate in the fight against chronically high inflation.

Many economists say the central

bank would likely have raised rates by an aggressive half-point next week at its meeting, which would amount to a step up in its inflation fight, after the Fed implemented a quarter-point hike in February. Its rate currently stands at about 4.6%, the highest level in 15 years.

Last week, many economists suggested that Fed policymakers would raise their projection for future rates next week to 5.6%. Now it's suddenly unclear how many additional rate increases the Fed will forecast.

With the collapse of the two large banks fueling anxiety about other regional banks, the Fed may focus more on boosting confidence in the financial system than on its long-term drive to tame inflation.

The latest government report on inflation, released Tuesday, shows that price increases remain far higher than the Fed prefers, putting Chair Jerome Powell in a tougher spot. Core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs and are seen as a better gauge of longer-run inflation, jumped 0.5% from January to February — the most since September. That is far higher than is consistent with the Fed's 2% annual target.

"Absent the fallout from the bank failure, it may have been a close call, but I think it would have tipped them towards a half-point (rate hike) at this meeting," said Kathy Bostjancic, chief economist at Nationwide.

On Monday, Powell announced that the Fed would review its supervision of Silicon Valley to understand how it might have better managed its regulation of the bank. The review will be conducted by

Michael Barr, the Fed vice chair who oversees bank oversight, and will be publicly released May 1.

A Federal Reserve spokesperson declined to comment further. A spokesperson for the California Department of Financial Protection also declined to comment.

By all accounts, Silicon Valley was an unusual bank. Its management took excessive risks by buying billions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities and Treasury bonds when interest rates were low. As the Fed continually raised interest rates to fight inflation, leading to higher rates on Treasurys, the value of Silicon Valley's bonds steadily lost value.

Most banks would have sought to make other investments to offset that

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### The Team's Priorities

- \*Assisting with an economic development job description and identifying local qualified potential director candidates

- \*Provide grant writing support and services as well as sharing what grants may be available

- \*Create and manage both website and social media account(s)

- \*County-wide efforts towards advancing economic development initiatives (prioritizing those set forth within the WSU 2022 Strategic Agenda)

- \*Work to connect programs and people across Barber County, with the goal of increasing the county's tax base

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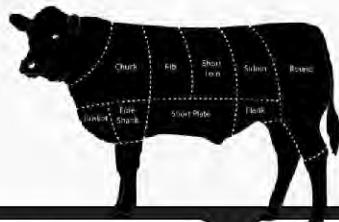


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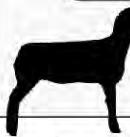


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risk. The Fed could have also forced the bank to raise additional capital.

The bank had grown rapidly. Its assets quadrupled in five years to \$209 billion, making it the 16th-largest bank in the country. And roughly 94% of its deposits were uninsured because they exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's \$250,000 insurance cap.

That percentage was the second highest among banks with more than \$50 billion in assets, according to ratings agency S&P. Signature had the fourth-highest percentage of uninsured deposits.

Such an unusually high proportion made Silicon Valley Bank highly susceptible to the risk that depositors would quickly withdraw their money at the first sign of trouble — a classic bank run — which is exactly what happened.

"I'm at a loss for words to understand how this business model was deemed acceptable by their regulators," said Aaron Klein, a congressional aide, now at the Brookings Institution, who worked on the Dodd-Frank banking regulation law that was passed after the 2008 financial crisis.

The bank failures will likely color an upcoming Fed review of rules that set out how much money large banks must hold in reserve. Barr said last year that he wanted to conduct a "holistic" review of those requirements, raising concerns in the banking industry that the review would lead to rules forcing banks to hold more reserves, which would limit their ability to lend.

Many critics also point to a 2018 law as softening bank regulations in ways that

contributed to Silicon Valley's failure. Pushed by the Trump administration with bipartisan support in Congress, the law exempted banks with \$100 billion to \$250 billion in assets — Silicon Valley's size — from requirements that included regular examinations of how they would fare in tough economic times, known as "stress tests."

Silicon Valley's CEO, Greg Becker, had lobbied Congress in support of the rollback in regulations, and he served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco until the day of the collapse.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat from Massachusetts, asked him about his lobbying in a letter released Tuesday.

"These rules were designed to safeguard our banking system and economy from the negligence of bank executives like yourself — and their rollback, along with atrocious risk management policies at your bank, have been implicated as chief causes of its failure," Warren's letter said.

The 2018 law also provided the Fed with more discretion in its bank oversight. The central bank subsequently voted to further reduce regulation for banks the size of Silicon Valley.

In October 2019, the Fed voted to effectively reduce the capital those banks had to hold in reserve.

Kelleher said the Fed still could have pushed Silicon Valley Bank to take steps to protect itself.

"Nothing in that law prevented in any way the Federal Reserve supervisors from doing their job," Kelleher said.

## Abortion pill access case: Judge wants 'less advertisement'

**By Sean Murphy and Jake Bleiberg  
Associated Press**

A federal judge overseeing a high-stakes case that could threaten access to medication abortion across the nation asked lawyers for the "courtesy" of not publicizing upcoming arguments, according to a court record released Tuesday that reveals new details of a move experts say is outside the norm for the U.S. judicial system.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk — who was appointed by former President Donald Trump and is known for conservative views — told attorneys during a status conference by telephone on Friday that because the case has prompted death threats and protests, "less advertisement of this hearing is better," according to a transcript of the meeting.

"And because of limited security resources and staffing, I will ask that the parties avoid further publicizing the date of the hearing," Kacsmaryk said, according to the transcript. "This is not a gag order but just a request for courtesy given the death threats and harassing phone calls and voicemails that this division has received."

Kacsmaryk did not specify who made threats.

"We want a fluid hearing with all parties being heard. I think less advertisement of this hearing is better," the judge said in asking lawyers not to Tweet about the hearing so that the court could avoid "any unnecessary circus-like atmosphere of what should be more of an appellate-style proceeding."

The judge said he planned to issue an order setting the hearing late on Tuesday, one day before the hearing in Amarillo, a Texas Panhandle community that has few direct flights and is more than four hours drive from the nearest major city. Kacsmaryk ultimately issued the order Monday, after The Washington Post reported on his attempt to keep the hearing under wraps.

Protests are now planned in Amarillo Wednesday, with the Women's March advocacy group urging people to rally outside the federal courthouse wearing judge and kangaroo costumes to decry Kacsmaryk.

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# City of Wichita settles fatal SWAT shooting for \$5 million

**By Margaret Stafford  
Associated Press**

The city of Wichita on Tuesday approved a \$5 million settlement of a lawsuit filed by the family of a man who was shot and killed by a police officer during a hoax call in 2017.

The settlement will go to the two children of 28-year-old Andrew Finch, who was shot by officer Justin Rapp as he stepped out of his house on Dec. 28, 2017, to see why it was surrounded by police.

Finch, who was unarmed, was shot by Rapp within 10 seconds of opening his door. Rapp has said that he thought Finch had a gun.

Finch's death drew national attention to "swatting," a form of retaliation in which someone reports a false emergency to get authorities, particularly a SWAT team, to respond to an address.

"While this settlement will not bring back our beloved Andy, it helps bring some closure as our family moves forward, especially Andy's two young

children," Lisa and Dominica Finch, Finch's mother and sister, respectively, said in a statement.

Investigators later determined the call was the result of a feud between two online gamers over a video game, Shane Gaskill of Wichita and Ohio gamer Casey Viner.

Authorities said Viner recruited Tyler R. Barriss to "swat" Gaskill. Barriss, a Los Angeles man who was known online for "swatting," called police from Los Angeles to falsely report a shooting and kidnapping at the Wichita address.

But the address they used was old, leading police to Finch, who was not involved in the dispute or playing the video game.

Barriss is serving 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to 51 counts in April 2019. Viner was sentenced to 15 months in September 2019 after pleading guilty to conspiracy and obstruction of justice. Shane Gaskill was sentenced in September 2022 to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to wire fraud.

Rapp was not charged and was later promoted from officer to detective. The city was dropped from the lawsuit but was responsible for Rapp's legal costs.

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Book 148 page 269: Judith L. Lee conveys unto Nathaniel L. Lee. The south half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, of Section 2, Range 30 South, Township 15 West of Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 271: Charles M. Graves and Tammy L. Graves convey unto Bryan Investments LLC. Lot 12 in Block 37 in the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 275: Dwain A. Reichert and Sarah R. Reichert convey unto Dwain A. Richest and Sarah R. Reichert, Trustees of the Dwain and Sarah Richert Trust. Lot 3 in Chapin's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 281: Michael A. Betzen and Nancy R. Betzen convey unto Barber County, Kansas. A tract of land in the southwest quarter in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 11 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 290: Carl N. Betzen and Marilyn A. Betzen convey unto Barber County, Kansas. A tract of land in the southwest quarter in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 11 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 294: Fredrick E. Betzen and Michelle R. Betzen convey unto Barber County, Kansas. A tract of land in the southwest quarter in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 11 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 298: Rose Marie Melton and Dwight D. Melton convey unto Barber County, Kansas. A tract of land in the southwest quarter in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 11 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 302: Jason Eugene Wright and Irene O. Wright convey unto Bryan Jackson and Rachel Jackson. Lot 4 and the north 90 feet of east 10 feet of Lot 5, in Block 176 in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa. Joint tenancy quit claim deed.

Book 148 page 305: William M. Trantham and Elaine J. Trantham Co-Trustees of the William M. Trantham Revocable Trust convey unto William M. And Elaine J. Trantham Trust. All block of 10–15, City of Sharon, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 307: Samatha Sue Romine convey unto Kaylah Ann Basoco and Alexander James Basco. Lots 8–10 in Block 2, and the south half of Lot 3, and all of lots 4 and 5 in Block 1. Quit claim deed.

Book 148 page 310: Mark C. Rucker conveys unto Clay Rucker. Lots 7–11 in Block 12 in Henton's Addition to the City of Sharon. Quit claim deed.

Book 148 page 311: Black River Farms LLC conveys unto DCT LLC. The south half of Section 7, township 31 Range 15 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 313: Chico Land Holdings LLC conveys unto DCT LLC. The south half of Section 7, township 31 Range 15 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 315: Robert D. Saunders and Robin H. Saunders convey unto DCT LLC. The south half of Section 7, Township 31 Range 15 West of the 6th

PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 148 page 319: Jacob R. Hudson and Colby E. Hudson convey unto Elm Creek Trader LLC. Lot 49 in Block 3, in Cook, Standiford and CO's Second Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Warranty deed.

## Mortgages

Book 249 page 265: Sam C. Baier and Bonnie R. Baier Family Trust to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The south half of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 33 South, Range 14 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$170,000.00.

Book 249 page 272: Sam C. Baier and Bonnie R. Baier Family Trust to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The south half of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 33 South, Range 14 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$75,000.00.

Book 249 page 382: Summer D. Graves to Citizen's Bank of Kansas. The east 10 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, in Block 92 in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$34,200.00.

Book 249 page 393: DCT LLC to Capitol Federal Savings Bank. The south half of Section 17, Township 31 South, Range 15 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$2,822,000.00.

Book 249 page 410: Misty Jo Magnison, Mandy Jo Thomas, Megan Jo Magnison and Jason Thomas to BancCentral. The east half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, and the west half of the northwest quarter of southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 34, all in Township 32 South, Range 13 West of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$50,465.00.

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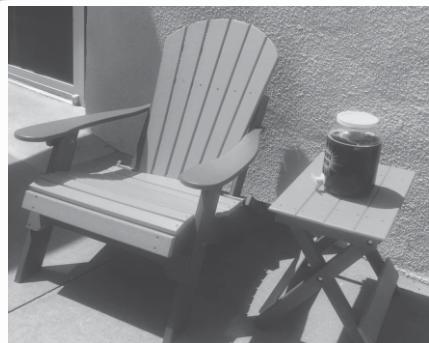
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Book 889 page 54: Frank S. Elliott and Terry L. Elliott convey unto Frank S. Elliott and Terry L. Elliott Revocable Trust. Southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 23, Range 12, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 56: Frank S. Elliott and Terry L. Elliott convey unto Frank S. Elliott and Terry L. Elliott Revocable Trust. A tract of land beginning at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 67: Wanda Gray convey unto Rhonda R. Riggelman. The west 110 feet of lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 33, Town of Jet, also known as New Jet, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 889 page 91: Ronnie Glenn Nickel and Kodee Nickel, Cody unto Ronnie Glenn Nickel. A tract of land lying in the northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 24 North, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 93: Ronnie Glenn Nickel and Kodee Nickel, Cody unto Ronnie Glenn Nickel. A tract of land

located in the northwest quarter of Section 34; Township 24 North; Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 193: Doug Foltz and Kathryn J. Nelson convey unto Marty G. Foltz and Tamara D. Foltz. A tract of land on the south 79 feet of lots 37 and 38, Hodgden 2nd Subdivision in Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 194: Sandra Luginbill convey unto Marty G. Foltz and Tamara D. Foltz. A tract of land on the south 79 feet of lots 37 and 38, Hodgden 2nd Subdivision in Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 198: Roger Dade Unruh convey unto Dustin Walker and Ray Walker. Lots 13–17, Block 10, in Highschool addition to the Town of Helena, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 889 199: David L. Frieden and Mary J. Frieden convey unto David L. Frieden and Mary J. Frieden as Trustees of the Frieden Family Trust. Southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 12 WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint Tenancy Quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 201: Janice Marie Bahr conveys unto Janice Marie Bahr and Jeff A. Bahr. Northwest quarter of section 10, township 28 north, range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy quit claim deed.

Book 889 page 203: Bret Frieden and Baillie Frieden convey unto Janice Marie Bahr and Jeff A. Bahr. South half of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 889 page 204: Cody Frieden

and Brettina Frieden convey unto Janice Marie Bahr and Jeff A. Bahr. South half of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 889 page 205: Kelly Frieden and Tiffany Frieden convey unto Janice Marie Bahr and Jeff A. Bahr. South half of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 889 page 214: Thomas Electric LLC convey unto Scott Foster and Kasandra Foster. Lot 3 and the north half of Lot 4 in Block 2 Gilmore's Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 889 page 238: Rod Vance and Ronna Vance convey unto Rhonda Vance. A 14-acre tract in the southwest corner of southeast and a 10-acre tract in the west half of the southeast of Section 16 Township 23, Range 10, MH, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

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Book 889 page 38: Jo Marie Drawbridge to Farm Service Agency. The southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 24 North, Range 10, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$238,140.00.

Book 889 page 69: Rhonda R. Riggelman to PrimeLending. The west 110 feet of lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 33, Town of Jet, also known as New Jet, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$29,750.00.

Book 889 pages 215: Scott Foster and Kasandra Foster to PrimeLending. Lot 3 and the north half of Lot 4, in Block 2 Gilmore's Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$138,000.00.

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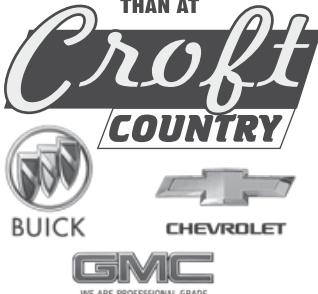
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## Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office Logs

### Tuesday, March 7, 2023

During this day were four traffic stops.

10:37 a.m. – Caller advised a controlled burn had gotten out of control in the 500 block of Pioneer.

2:25 p.m. – Medic needed in the 100 block of 2nd Street for a male who had fallen.

7:07 p.m. – Medic needed in the 300 block of 2nd Street for a male with possible kidney stone.

7:10 p.m. – Report of a possible car fire outside of Nescatunga.

### Wednesday, March 8, 2023

During this day was one traffic stop.

9:58 a.m. – Welfare check needed.

4:08 p.m. – Neighbor playing loud music in the 200 block of 5th Street.

5:25 p.m. – Medic needed on County Road 590 with a possibly with Covid.

### Thursday, March 9, 2023

During this day was one traffic stop.

3:11 a.m. – Medic needed in the 300 block of 2nd Street for a male who fell out of bed. No transport needed.

5:16 a.m. – Medic needed in Dewey Road for person having troubles breathing. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

11:58 a.m. – Report of a domestic disturbance on County Road 740. Caller advised her husband shook her head and put his hands in her face and tried to mush her face. Advised he had left the house but returned at 12:05 p.m.; Deputy advised the parties are

separated.

1:26 p.m. – Caller advised dogs were loose at 7th Street and Pennsylvania.

5:01 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver driving on the wrong side of the road on OK-45. Vehicle headed west out of Goltry towards Helena.

8:31 p.m. – Caller advised someone was trying to break into their house in the 400 block of 5th Street. Caller advised she was asleep when the banging started on the side of the house. Advised the dogs went crazy but she couldn't see anyone. Caller advised the banging stopped as soon as she turned on all the lights. Deputy found no one but would stay in the area.

### Friday, March 10, 2023

During this day were three traffic stops and one controlled burn.

9:58 a.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a male with a possible heart attack. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

### Saturday, March 11, 2023

During this day was one report of cattle out.

2:04 p.m. – Report of a male kicking a black dog while wearing boots in the 300 block of McDonalds Ave.

6:55 p.m. – Report of an unwanted person taking pictures of their house in the alley. Deputy was unable to find the subject.

### Sunday, March 12, 2023

During this day was one traffic stop. 1:20 p.m. – Medic needed in the 700 block of

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Grand for a Mel that was dizzy and had collapsed on the bed. No transport needed.

2:09 p.m. – Caller advised her ex-husband wouldn't return her children. She advised he was supposed to have the kids for two weeks and the next day would be the last day, but the husband said he wasn't going to return them. Advised he lives in Burlington and she lives in Magnum. Deputy was advised.

2:58 p.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree

Correctional Center for a male who was unconscious with head wound. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

2:34 a.m. – Medic needed on County Road 640 for a female having chest pains and high blood pressure. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

5:06 a.m. – Medic needed in the 900 block of Nebraska who wasn't breathing well. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

## Alfalfa County court filings

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

**Felony Filings**

Hollie A. Kellie, Ponca City, 32, has been charged with two counts of entering with intent to steal copper (\$730.50).

Virgil C. Huckabee, Wichita, Kansas, 27, has been charged with two counts of entering with intent to steal copper (\$730.50).

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Hollie A. Kellie, Ponca City, 32, has been charged with malicious injury to property (\$351.50).

Virgil C. Huckabee, Wichita, Kansas, 27, has been charged with malicious injury to property (\$351.50).

**Civil Filings**

LVNV funding LLC vs. Dorothy L. Gerber, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$239.14).

**Protective Order Filings**

Elisabeth Christine Sluder, Manchester, vs. Lynn Neal Sluder, Manchester: protective order (\$233).

Adley Gail Dean, Goltry, vs. Sarah Nichole Helton: protective order (\$223).

**Traffic Citations**

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### Wednesday

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

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club will meet at Cancun Mexican Grill.

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

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

### Friday

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

# Barber County court filings

### Criminal Filings

Summer Daisha-Dawn Roberts has been charged with theft of property or services, value \$25,000 to \$100,000 and Criminal damage to property.

William N. Fussell has been charged with possession of opiate, opium, narcotic or certain stimulant and use/possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia into the human body.

Sandra Roberts has been charged with use/possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body.

Aaron Walter Pulliam has been charged with violating a protective order and stalking/sexual assault/human trafficking per KSA.

John Paul Brees has been charged with possession of marijuana and driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

Braeden Bell has been charged with domestic battery and violating protective order.

### Civil Filings

Jeffrey L. Cope vs. Laurie McLemore: other civil.

### Limited Civil Filings

Kiowa District Hospital vs. Nancy Barton: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital vs. Basil W. Peppered: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital vs. Jaymie Lynn Lister: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital vs. Jennifer Mobley: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital vs. Ryan S. Dohm: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital

vs. Marsha Finch: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital vs. John Winchell: debt collection.

Terry Rhea vs. Winter & Sons, LLC: other contract.

### Small Claims Filings

Bill's Repair LLC vs. John Bogatay.

Farmers Co-op Equity Company vs. Dailene Johnson.

### Traffic Citations

Rodney Glenn Mustard has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Bryan Elliot Greer has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Teri Mobley Terrell has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Phoenix David Alan Schmidt has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Solan W. Smith has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Donnya Rose Swayden has been cited for maximum speed limits.

Brandon Adonay Orantes has been cited for maximum speed limits and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

William Lewis Day has been cited for maximum speed limits and failure to wear seatbelt.

Francis Michael Denning has been cited for overweight limits on wheels and axles.

Dustin Lance Saunders has been cited for maximum speed limits.

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