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Tuckers celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

In today's changing world, few things are more inspiring than a marriage where love has stood the test of time. Charles Tucker and Jane Ann Johnson met while attending Burlington High School and were married on July 16, 1960, at the Burlington Christian Church. Soon after, they piled the few things they owned into a Volkswagen Beetle and headed to Weatherford, Oklahoma, to attend SWOSU. Before they knew it, they were expecting their first child and navigating moves to pharmacy and dental school before settling in Alva.

Through the years, Charles has enjoyed being a wonderful dentist, an average hunter and a dreadful farmer. His truest passion remains studying the human body through integrative health and alternative medicine. His favorite saying is, "I'm going to keep dancin' till I can't dance anymore!"

Jane has enjoyed life to the fullest! After raising her three children, she has donated her time to countless church gatherings, hosted more showers than she can count, cooked a ridiculous amount of food for others and attended clubs, meetings and card games galore.

In their 21,900 days together, they have been blessed with three children, Tony Tucker, Darla Helms and Monte Tucker; six grandchildren, Carson Helms, Taylor Tucker, Quincy Helms, Chantz Tucker, Ashley Tucker and Addison Helms; and countless memories including them all.

They have shared tremendous joy through weddings, births and graduations and great sadness including the loss of their son Monte

16 years ago. They adore the people of Alva, are in amazing health and could quite possibly outlive us all!

Though their family is spread far and wide, we didn't want to miss the opportunity to celebrate this

momentous occasion. Please help us shower Charles and Jane Tucker with greeting cards as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 16th. Cards can be mailed to PO Box 388 in Alva.



Jane Ann and Charles Tucker - 1960

Two coronavirus cases confirmed in Freedom

By Marione Martin

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) reports two additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Woods County. The two new cases are located in the zip code associated with Freedom. This raises the Woods County count to 11 with seven recovered. The other nine cases are in the Alva zip code.

Among other counties in the area, Alfalfa County remains at one case, Harper County lists two cases, Major

County 15, Woodward County 15 and Garfield County 132.

As of Tuesday, July 14, there are 21,738 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Oklahoma, an increase on Tuesday of 993, according to OSDH. There are four additional deaths; none occurred in the past 24 hours. One was in McCurtain County, male in the 65 or older age group. One was in Oklahoma County, female in the 65 or older age group. Two were in Tulsa County, one female in the 18 - 35 age group and one male in the 50 - 64 age group. There are 428 total deaths in the state.

There are 546 people currently hospitalized.

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Alva will be a less interesting place

By Marione Martin

We were saddened at the newspaper to learn of the passing of Jewel LeDou.



I first knew Jewel as a police dispatcher. After her retirement, she was quite active in the Woods County Senior Citizens in Alva, serving for a long time as their president. Jewel was also an employee of the Newsgram for a

time.

In 2008 we were having difficulty finding reliable people to work on Tuesday nights getting the Newsgram ready for distribution and mailing. It seemed that some college students and other young people had too many activities or too much of a social life to commit to one night a week.

My late husband Lynn decided senior citizens were the answer. He went over to the center in Alva and talked with people there. Jewel was the first to take him up on the offer. Beginning in August 2008, Jewel was a regular on our Tuesday night crew.

Not only was she reliable at showing up and earning her pay, but she also acted as a recruiter for us. Through her efforts, we enlisted other seniors for the Tuesday night work. We still have several retirees on our crew, including another former police dispatcher. Jewel worked for us

about eight years before she decided she could no longer continue due to health.

We provide snacks as an extra incentive for our Tuesday Newsgram crew, and Jewel always brought brownies. Just like Jewel, the brownies tended to have an extra measure of spice. She added peanut butter chips, Heath chips and other flavors. Sometimes there was an almond flavor or even cinnamon.

We also heard about Jewel's various adventures. She and Linda Joseph were members of the self-named weed patrol (not the kind that gives you a high). With spray bottles and spades in their hands, they patrolled the streets and public areas for weeds sprouting in cracks that made our streets unsightly. Every spring, Jewel wrote a letter to the editor about the careless spread of grass clippings into the streets.

Jewel regaled us with fun stories of what it's like to raise three girls. For a time, her daughter Julie also worked Tuesday nights. We assured her we knew all about how she behaved when she was a kid.

Working in the police station gave Jewel a wealth of tales. She told us about some interesting experiences when the local station had a jail cell. With a mischievous grin, she assured us the Alva officers avoided pulling her over on traffic stops because she always demanded they frisk her.

Jewel was never shy about voicing her opinion, but she always did it in a good-humored way. She made regular appearances at city council meetings.

Alva will be a less interesting place without Jewel LeDou in our midst.

Scams Target Oklahomans

Last weekend, I ordered some gift cards online for grandchild birthdays. These were general cards, not store brands. With three teenage grandchildren celebrating birthdays in July and some other things coming up, I had several cards on the list. It's nearly impossible to shop for teens unless you have a very specific request.

Shortly after placing my order I received this email: "There are a variety of scams in which fraudsters try to trick others into paying with gift cards from well-known brands. To learn more about some common scam attempts that may involve asking for payment using gift cards please click on the button below

or contact us now." I was pleased to see they are watching out for me.

The AARP commissioned a survey of more than 600 Oklahoma adults, age 18 and older. They found that nearly one in three have been targeted by a con artist pretending to represent a government agency.

Imposter scams were the most common type of fraud in the state last year, according to federal data. Thieves often impersonate Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration and U.S. Census Bureau workers.

These crooks use every available resource such as phone calls, emails and text messages. We even receive scam faxes at the newspaper office. A couple of times the faxes have been for former employees who are now deceased.

A fax received recently was a very obvious scam. The sender was using a word processor with fill in the blanks capability but didn't know how to do it properly. Supposedly someone with the same last name died in another country leaving no will. The sender offered to handle the legal paperwork to obtain the inheritance, which totaled several million dollars, for a small percentage of the haul. No doubt the sender wants their share up front before the settlement is finalized.

I've had a couple of emails using my work address that have tried to blackmail me. The writer says they've been monitoring my emails and search usage as well as accessing my computer camera to gather some very embarrassing material. They threaten to release said material to my contacts unless I send them a specific amount in Bitcoins. They helpfully explain how to obtain Bitcoins. This is an easy one to delete since I haven't been doing or searching for anything embarrassing. On top of that, my computer doesn't have a camera.

I do have a camera on my laptop at home, but I rarely use a computer there. By the time I go home, I've had my fill of computers. It is a good idea to cover your computer camera unless you're actually using it as sophisticated hackers can sometimes take control. A small piece of opaque tape will do the job.

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Cherokee School Board approves school reopening plan

By Kathleen Lourde

Cherokee Public Schools held its regular monthly school board meeting Monday evening.

After approving the consent agenda (consisting of minutes of past meetings, encumbrances, warrants, purchase orders, fund balances, and the treasurer's report), the board voted to adopt several policy changes and a plan for opening school in the fall.

The policy changes appeared to center around changes needed to make sure that instruction takes place even if the school has to close partially or completely for periods of time as cases of covid-19 in the area rise and fall. Policies amended or adopted had to do with attendance, a medical exemption review committee process for eligible exemptions and documentation of decisions, online instruction, screening of students and

staff, use of school property, and the official opening plan.

Cherokee Schools Opening Plan

Cherokee Public Schools has developed its plan for opening school in the fall. Called the Open and Stay Open 2020-2021 COVID-19/Pandemic Plan, it states that school will reopen to students on Aug. 14.

"Our goal is to OPEN and STAY OPEN," the plan states. "We will be proactive and start school with restrictive practices and increase those measures if cases of COVID-19 in the community and county start to increase."

The plan details new sanitation measures, and what the school will do if they learn a staff member or student has tested positive for COVID-19.

When school opens, students and staff in grades 6-12 will wear masks (staff were asked for their input on the controversial

issue as well, and the results were in favor of mask-wearing). The facilities and buses will be disinfected with sprayers every evening. Breakfast will be given in students' rooms, and lunch periods will be staggered.

The plan also outside three general risk levels and their associated plan. Plan A will require students learn via distance learning one day a month; Plan B (depending on the number of COVID-19 cases) will be a mix of in-class and online learning; Plan C would be a completely virtual learning environment.

Other Business

The board also made some changes to the calendar, designated as surplus 35 youth football helmets that were out of date and no longer met regulations, and approved changes to the school handbook. The school's contract with Kan-Okla was also approved.

Alfalfa County to go out for bid on ambulance

By Stacy Sanborn

Monday morning's commissioner meeting in Alfalfa County had an extensive amount of paperwork for officials to sign. Jay Hague, Stan Tucker, and Marvin Woodall spent the better portion of the meeting signing off on maintenance and operation payment warrants and blanket purchase orders. Minutes from last week's meeting were approved too.

With no road-crossing permits, the men moved on to talk about a burn ban. Since the heavy rain to the area over the weekend, they decided that implementing a burn ban was unnecessary.

Next, three new personal services accounts were put into place. They were Cash B Personal Services (1226-2-0400-1110), Enhanced 911 Cash Personal Services (1201-2-3600-1110), and 911 Cash Sales Tax Personal Services (1332-

2-3600-1110).

The items that followed were approved quickly: Commissioners signed off on the county clerk to go out for bid for Alfalfa County a Type III Ambulance for the Ambulance District, a \$9,000 fund transfer from Goltry Rescue M&O (1321-3-8215-2005) to Goltry Rescue Capital Outlay (1321-3-8215-4110) for purchases, a \$40,000 transfer from ST 911 M&O (1332-2-3600-2005) to ST 911 Personal Services (1332-2-3600-1110) for payroll, and lastly, a \$30,000 fund transfer from Fairgrounds M&O (1310-4-8048-2005) to Fairgrounds Personal Services (1310-4-8048-2005) for payroll for Tyler Mead.

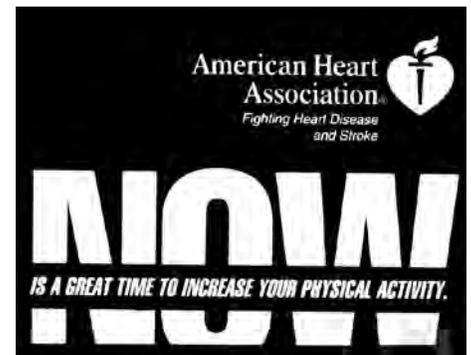


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Freedom School Board gets its start-of-school (and anti-COVID) ducks in a row

By Kathleen Lourde

Freedom Public Schools plans a number of strategies for mitigating the risk of students and staff catching COVID-19 when students return in the fall. A four-page document detailing all of it is available through the school.

But among the measures, school buses will be set up to encourage social distancing. Sanitation dispensers will be in many locations throughout school buildings. Students' temperatures will be taken every day before getting on the bus or coming into school. All staff members' temperatures will be taken as well.

If a student has a temperature of 100.4, they will be isolated in a special room until a parent can pick them up. Those students cannot return to school until they have either a test showing they're negative for COVID-19 or until they've stayed home ten days after showing symptoms and three days after their fever is gone (without using fever-reducing medications).

Those students, though, will be able to keep up with their schoolwork because of new curriculum the school voted to purchase at this meeting.

That curriculum would replace the existing curriculum for English, reading and social studies classes. The cost of \$53,324.37 is covered by a federal grant. The new curriculum includes all

workbooks and everything students and teachers should need, said Weber. The curriculum works whether taught in the traditional way or online, which was a significant reason in the decision to choose it. In addition, "the curriculum also has professional development (materials) for teachers," said Shelite.

Professional Development Opportunities Announced

Superintendent Weber announced two upcoming conferences: EngageOK – the state department of education's summer education conference that usually travels around the state – is being held online this year July 15-17. The virtual conference provides free online professional development on a wide array of topics, including "Teaching the Tulsa Race Massacre," the new state academic standards for science, and much more. All teachers and administrators may attend the conference.

Another conference coming up is the OSSBA conference, which will be held Aug. 27-30, Weber said.

Principal Shelite told the board that all teachers would be coming back to the school building to do professional development on July 21. The training will center on new curriculum and new formats that are mandatory. "Also, they'll hopefully be doing CPR in the afternoon," said Shelite.

New Phys Ed Teacher Hired; Other Personnel Matters

Phys ed teacher Austin Beene has submitted his resignation. The letter, which was read aloud in the meeting, gave no reason for the resignation but expressed appreciation for the opportunity he had at Freedom Schools. The board voted to accept his resignation.

After returning from executive session to discuss applications and applicants for the open physical education position, the board approved hiring Ethan Kennedy as physical education teacher for FY 21 and approved his first-year teacher contract as well.

In other personnel news, the board voted to:

- Contract with Frieda Burgess for federal programs.
- Approved Brooke Meyer as adjunct instructor for anatomy and physiology at NWTC for FY21.
- Approved the following as adjunct teachers: Katie Strehl (third and fourth grade reading) and Bretta Matthews (Biology 1 and Physical Science).
- Approved the certified contracts for Sara Bowman (\$51,269), Darci Immell (\$41,883), Teresa Kennedy (\$51,238), Bretta Matthews (\$49,758), Shelly Province (\$46,765), Margaret Woodard-Smith (\$48,948), Katie Strehl (\$45,387), Grace Contrarez (\$39,558), Cindy Wilson (\$53,191) and Samantha Wilson (temporary) (\$38,689).
- Extra duty stipends were also approved.

Auditorium Sound System To Get Overhaul

The board also approved contracting with Devine's to update the sound for the school auditorium. "It was approved through federal grant funds to completely update our auditorium to make it up to date," said Weber.

Morris asked, "Is this system a lot simpler than what's in there?"

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South Barber Board hires Kathie Kersten as PK-12 counselor

Re-organizational meeting; High school handbook changes; Jerry Holt recognized

By Yvonne Miller

Monday night the South Barber School Board of Education held their July meeting with all members present. They again met at the high school library to allow for social distancing as they

have several months.

President Mark Pollock called the meeting to order with Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and Board Clerk Julie Johnson on either side. Board members attending were: Emily Lohmann, Ryan

Molz, Brian Quick, Deb Helfrich, Mike Miller, Jenna Mostert. Elementary Assistant Principal Kaynette Scheck was present and 7-12 Principal Brent Shaffer was present via Internet. IT Director Luke MacKinney was also present.

As this was the re-organizational meeting, the board reorganized with all remaining the same: Mark Pollock, president; Bryan Quick, vice president; Board Clerk Julie Johnson; Deputy Board Clerk Luke MacKinney; and Treasurer Rhonda Rhodes.

The board approved hiring Kathie Kersten of Kiowa as the Pre-K – 12 counselor. Kersten has 40 years in education. The first three years were at the middle school level in Illinois; the next 13 were at South Barber teaching home economics; the last 24 years were at Anthony where she was a counselor. She is married to local farmer/rancher Randy Kersten and they have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Employee contracts for the 2020-21 year received board approval. Payment of monthly expenditures totaling \$102,896.02 were approved by the board.

After retiring at the end of the 2020 school year, Jerry Holt was recognized for his 58 years in education, of which 40 of those were at South Barber teaching upper level mathematics. Dr. Miller presented him with a gift and refreshments for all at the meeting.

The board held three executive sessions for: legal; contracts; and negotiations.

Employee contracts for the 2020-21 year received board approval. Payment of monthly expenditures totaling \$102,896.02 were approved by the board. Teacher negotiations were approved.

Changes to the student handbook regard electronic devices. The consequences are listed for violation of the cell phone rule. Student cell phones are not allowed in the building during school hours.

There will be specific dress requirements for homecoming attendants and queen candidates.



Jerry Holt receives a gift from Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and the South Barber School board as he retires after 40 years at the high school. From left, front: Deb Helfrich, Emily Lohmann, Ryan Molz; (back) Mark Pollock, Jenna Mostert, Holt, Miller, Bryan Quick and Mike Miller. Photo by Yvonne Miller



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Obituaries

AUGUSTINE 'AUGIE' HORATIO LEDESMA

Augustine was born on August 28, 1934, to Bartolo and Juana (Martinez) Ledesma in Avard, Oklahoma. He passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020, at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, Wichita, Kansas, at the age of 85.



Augie grew up in Avard and graduated from Alva High School in 1952. He was proud to be an Alva Goldbug. After graduation, Augie attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1956 with a BS degree in secondary education/physical education. He also played baseball while in college and was a member of the "N" Lettermen's Club.

Augie married Iva LaJune Murrow on February 2, 1957, in Clayton, New Mexico. Following their marriage they made their home in Jefferson, Oklahoma, and then Lovewell, Kansas, before returning to Alva in 1958. To their marriage four children were born: Elena, Charmaine, Michael and Teresa.

Augie's teaching and coaching career took him to Maize, Wichita, Little River, Belle Plaine and Conway Springs,

all in Kansas, where he retired after 43 years of teaching and coaching football, boys and girls basketball, and boys and girls track. He was fondly called "Coach Dad" by his girls teams because when he coached his daughters they heard them yell "Dad" and the others adopted the endearment. He coached all of his kids in various sports.

Augie loved baseball, in which he coached his son in summer leagues, and was a die-hard NY Yankees fan, through thick and thin. His football passion was with the OU Sooners and watched them whenever they were on TV.

Augie also had a fondness for monkeys; his kids don't know why, but he loved getting monkey/chimp gifts and even had two statues of them on each side of his porch to welcome visitors. He kept current on world affairs and loved to do crossword puzzles. He eventually moved to Haysville, Kansas, where he resided to be closer to his dialysis treatments.

Augie is survived by his four children: Teresa Wessels (of Colby, Kansas), Michael and Tracy Ledesma (of Berryville, Arkansas), Charmaine and Scott Rathgeber (of Kiowa, Kansas) and Elena and Glenn Hayes (of Guthrie, Oklahoma); five grandchildren: Shandi Roesener and husband Colton, Alex Ledesma, Kentra Staats and husband Colby, and Michael and Whitney Hayes; four great-grandchildren: Henley and Tristan Roesener and Easton and Kyler Staats; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, LaJune; his parents; his brothers Frank and Sam Ledesma; his sisters Julia Arredondo, Juanita Starks and Mary (Martinez) Hemmingway and their spouses; son-in-law Ado Wessels; and a grandson, Matthew Ledesma.

Private/family graveside services will be held at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Father Bala Sagili, pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.whartonfuneralchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to: The Kansas Dialysis Association, PO Box 47095, Wichita, KS 67201 or Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S Market,

Wichita, KS 67202 or at their website: www.Hynesmemorial.org.

JEWEL ELAINE BULLARD DAVISON LEDOU, 'THE 'MAYOR'

Jewel was born on March 12, 1936, in Fairview, Oklahoma, to Charles Ambrose Bullard and Sarah Olive (Bays) Bullard. Jewel graduated from the Dacoma School System.



While in high school she was involved in singing, plays, pep club and Glee Club and was Miss Dacoma. After graduation she attended NWOSU.

Jewel was joined in marriage to Dean Davison on September 19, 1956. To their union three girls were born, Deana Dian Broekhuizen, Julie Ann Helm and Shelley Machell Reed. On August 4, 1988, she was married to Kenneth LeDou.

Jewel worked for Southwestern Bell as a telephone switchboard operator. She was best known for dispatching for the Alva Police Department, Fire Department and EMS, serving as chief dispatcher for many years. Jewel joined the Lord July 12, 2020, at the age of 84 years and 4 months.

Jewel is preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, three sisters and her Grandson Elliot Burton.

She is survived by her daughters Deana and Geert Broehhuizen (Grove, Oklahoma), Julie Helm and significant other John Shepherd (Alva), and Shelley and Mark Reed (Dacoma); her Bonus children Ken LeDou (Yvonne) and Mark LeDou (Martha); her grandchildren DesiRae Wiersig, Erica and Bobby Kraft, Mindy and James Eslinger, Audra and Chris Qualls, Valerie and Adam Schmidt, and Sam Ledou; great-grandchildren Gretchen and Reichen Kraft, and Cole, Hagan and Griffen Wiersig; Ian Eslinger, Avery Qualls, Samara and Ari Schmidt; many other relatives and friends.

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NEW - SOLD - 320 Ac - N½ SE¼ & NE¼ & N½ SE¼ of Sec 13-27-17 W.I.M Woods Co., OK **\$475,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 320 Ac - NW¼ & W½ NE¼ SE¼ NE¼ NW¼ SE¼ 4-25-12 Alfalfa Co., OK **\$800,000.00**

NEW - SOLD - 80 Ac - N½ SW¼ 16-26-13 Woods Co., OK **\$220,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - S½-30-28-12 Alfalfa Co., OK **\$780,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - SE¼-13-28-13 Woods Co., OK **\$400,000.00**

SOLD - 320 Ac - N½-22-27-13 Woods Co., OK **\$900,000.00**

SOLD - 240 Ac - Sec 33-275-8W Kingman Co., KS **\$440,000.00**

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

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

SOLD - 160 Ac - NW¼-33-27-13 Woods Co., OK **\$500,000.00**

SOLD - 320 Ac - E½-32-27-13 Woods Co., OK **\$1,100,000.00**

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

SOLD - 160 Ac - SW¼-2-27-13 Woods Co., OK **\$375,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - NE¼-31-27-12 Alfalfa Co., OK **\$360,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - SE¼-9-27-15 Woods Co., OK **\$300,000.00**

SOLD - 160 Ac - Sec 29 & 32-28-16 Woods Co., OK **\$160,000.00**

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

SOLD - 160 Ac - W½W½-1-27-13 Woods Co., OK **\$340,000.00**

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

SOLD - 240 Ac - Sec 5-28-16 Woods Co., OK **\$475,000.00**

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Commercial Property: Between Shepherds & Days Inn Motel on Hwy 64 East of Alva - 3.15 Acres. **PRICE: \$300,000.00**

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Lots 1 & 2, Block 42, Original Town of Alva Corner of 2nd & Flynn St. **PRICE: \$49,000.00**

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UNDER CONTRACT

1,521 Sq. Ft. 3bed/2bath, 1 car attached garage, fenced backyard. Storm cellar, great location, many updates! 720 Apache, Alva **PRICE: \$119,000**

UNDER CONTRACT

3 bed/2 bath, 1,815 sq ft, 2 car attached garage & new 2 car attached carport. Dining room, living room, laundry, Master suite, new roof. Corner lot. Great neighborhood located near high school, city pool & park. 629 Apache Dr. Alva. **\$120,000**

UNDER CONTRACT

3 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1704 Sq. Ft., 2 car garage. Updated and move-in ready! Two living rooms, master suite, laundry, fenced backyard, covered patio, fire pit storage shed. Located in a great neighborhood on a street with limited access. 1809 Locust Alva, OK **NEW PRICE \$145,000**

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Call 580.327.0344 to enroll. Classes below are held at the Alva Campus, 1801 11st St., Alva, OK, unless specified.

COMPUTER/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
HiSet- High School Diploma Alternative Class	8/24-10/5	M	6:00-8:00	50.00	50.00	25.00
Paraprofessional Training	8/25, 8/27, 9/8, 9/10, 9/15, 9/17, 9/22 & 9/24	Tu & Th	4:30-7:30	150.00	150.00	No Fee
ACT WorkKeys testing is approved through OSDE for Tier 1 (Title I) Paraprofessional certification. This test can be taken onsite at either Northwest Technology Center Campus for an additional \$30.						
SMALL BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Starting a Pop-Up Shop	8/13	Th	6:00-7:00	15.00	15.00	No Fee
On-Line Sales and Marketing - Basics (One hour class, pick your time) <i>New!</i>	8/3 or 8/6	M or Th	12:00 - 1:00 6:00 - 7:00	Free	Free	No Fee
On-Line Sales and Marketing - Level II (One hour class, pick your time) <i>New!</i>	8/10 or 8/13	M or Th	12:00 - 1:00 6:00 - 7:00	Free	Free	No Fee
Introduction to Inventory Management for Retail	8/20	Th	7:00-8:00	15.00	15.00	No Fee
FARM FINANCIAL MANGEMENT	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Goal Setting / Planning / Marketing/Risk Management/Balance Sheet/Record Keeping (Class also includes Seminar on September 30, 2020)	8/20, 9/3, 9/17 & 10/1	Th	6:00-7:30	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Fee
CULINARY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Restorative Care Aide	Call to Enroll	F	Varies	199.00	199.00	No Fee
Advanced EMT, Emergency Medical Technician	Call to Enroll					
Medic 1st CPR/First Aid & AED	Call to Enroll		8:00-12:00	45.00	45.00	15.00
First Aid CPR AED	8/4	Tu	5:00 - 11:00	40.00	40.00	20.00
Babysitting Safety w/Friends and Family CPR in Partnership with OSU Extension Office	7/16	Th	10:00-2:30	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$5.00
Basic Life Support Provider	8/8	Sat	8:00-1:00	40.00	40.00	20.00
Basic Life Support Provider Renewal Course	8/6	Th	5:00-8:00	25.00	20.00	20.00
HeartCode BLS- Call for more information	www.heart.org			25.00	25.00	20.00
WELLNESS & HEALTHY LIVING	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
School Bus Driver Refresher Training	6/30	Tu	5:30 - 9:30	50.00	50.00	No Fee
EMR, Emergency Medical Responder	Call to Enroll			450.00	450.00	150.00
Law Enforcement I: Careers in Law Enforcement	Call to Enroll	Varies	6:00-9:00	500.00	500.00	No Fee
Practical Firearems- CLEET #18-4221	8/4 or 9/22	Tu	9:00-1:00	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Practical Handgun Applications- CLEET #19-3949	8/11 or 10/9	Tu	9:00-5:00	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Traffic Stops; Simulator Based Shooting Decisions- CLEET #18-4243	7/27	M	8:30-4:30	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Patrol Shooting Encounter & Decisions Training- CLEET #18-4244	7/20	M	8:30-4:30	FREE	FREE	No Fee
Private Security Guard Phase I & II Combo <i>Best Deal!</i>	8/31-9/28		6:00-10:00 M	199.00	199.00	
Private Security Guard Phase I	8/31-9/19	M & Sat	8:00-5:00 S	125.00	125.00	20.00
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLASSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Starting a Pop-Up Shop & Intro to Inventory Management for Retail	8/20	Th	6:00-8:00	25.00	50.00	No Fee
WAYNOKA COMMUNITY CLASSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
The Power of Teamwork - Inspired by the Blue Angels	7/16	Th	11:00-12:00	15.00	15.00	No Fee
Leaders of Character	8/20	Th	11:00-1:00	15.00	15.00	No Fee

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Call 580.227.3708 to enroll. Classes below are held at the Fairview Campus, 801 Vo-Tech Dr., Fairview unless specified.

COMPUTER FLEX HOUR CUSTOMIZED 1-ON-1 TRAINING in Microsoft Office Suites - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access & Outlook, Intro to Windows and the Internet *An instructor will be present to facilitate your work. Textbooks are provided to aid in your learning. These will be left in the classroom. Enroll in 4 weeks of 2 hour blocks Minimum- 8 hours*

Paraprofessional Training	8/22, 8/25, 8/27 & 8/29	S, Tu & Th	Sat, 8:00 - 5:00 Tu & Th, 5:00 - 9:00	150.00	150.00	No Fee
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LEADERSHIP/BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Leaders of Character	Call to Enroll		9:00-12:00	15.00	30.00	
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People	Call to Enroll		8:30 - 4:30	329.00	329.00	40.00
The 5 Choices to Extraordinary Productivity	Call to Enroll		8:30 - 4:30	199.00	199.00	40.00
Project Management Essentials	Call to Enroll		8:30 - 4:30	199.00	199.00	40.00
Leading At the Speed of Trust	Call to Enroll		8:30 - 4:30	199.00	199.00	40.00
The 4 Essential Roles of Leadership	Call to Enroll		8:30 - 4:30	279.00	279.00	40.00

SMALL BUSINESS/EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Business Plan Workshop - NEW	8/26	W	8:30 - 10:30	15.00	15.00	

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Goal Setting / Planning / Marketing/Risk Management/Balance Sheet/Record Keeping (Class also includes Seminar on September 30, 2020)	8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/13	Tu	7:00 - 8:30	50.00	100.00	

SPECIAL SKILLS / INTEREST	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Adult Basic Education/GED	Call to Enroll	M & W	5:30 - 8:30	No Charge	No Charge	

HEALTH RELATED COURSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Certified Nurse Aide, Long-term Care	8/17 - 9/3	M-Th	8:00 - 4:00	475.00	950.00	100.00
Advanced Certified Med Aide-Respiratory & Gastric	Call to Enroll	Varies	8:00 - 4:00	255.00	255.00	No Fee
Advanced Certified Med Aide-Respiratory & Gastric	Call to Enroll	Varies	8:00 - 4:00	255.00	255.00	No Fee
Feeding Assistant	Call to Enroll	Varies	Varies	50.00	50.00	No Fee
Restorative Care Aide	Call to Enroll	Varies	Varies	199.00	199.00	No Fee
Medic 1st CPR/First Aid & AED	Call to Enroll	Varies	Varies	45.00	45.00	15.00
What's Spirituality Got to Do With It	Call to Enroll			15.00	15.00	
What Do You See	Call to Enroll			15.00	15.00	

AHA HEARTSAVER COURSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
First Aid/CPR IAED	Call to Enroll	Tu	Varies	40.00	40.00	20.00

AHA BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COURSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Basic Life Support Provider	Call to Enroll	Varies	Varies	40.00	40.00	20.00
HeartCode BLS- Call for more information	www.heart.org			25.00	25.00	20.00

AHA ONLINE COURSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
All American Heart Association CPR and First Aid online courses provide a flexible alternative to classroom based training. These are AHA blended learning courses that consist of 2 parts. In Part 1 students complete the online curriculum. Part 2 is a check off guided by an AHA Instructor at the Northwest Technology Center campus which takes approximately one hour. After completion, the student will obtain an official AHA e-card. Enroll online at www.heart.org				Varies	Varies	Skills Check-Off 45.00

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
Online Medical Evaluations	Call to Enroll					30.00
Respiratory Fit Testing (Need Medical Opinion Prior to Fit Test)	Call to Enroll		2:00-4:00	\$15/person Call for company rate	\$15/person Call for company rate	No Fee
Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors	Call to Enroll		8:00-10:00	40.00	40.00	No Fee
Fire Safety w/Hands on Fire Extinguisher Training	Call to Enroll		9:00-10:30	30.00	30.00	No Fee
PEC Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Clear	Call to Enroll		8:00 - 12:00	30.00	30.00	35.00

OSHA SAFETY TRAINING	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
10 Hour OSHA General Industry	Call to Enroll			\$75/person Call for company rate	\$75/person Call for company rate	
10 Hour OSHA General Industry	Call to Enroll	M & Tu	7:30-5:00 M 8:00-12:00 Tu	\$75/person Call for company rate	\$75/person Call for company rate	\$25.00
30 Hour OSHA General Industry	Call to Enroll	M-Th	8:00-4:30	\$250/person Call for company rate	\$250/person Call for company rate	\$35.00

OTHER COURSES	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	ID Tuition	OD Tuition	FEES
iPhone/iPad	8/25 & 9/1	Tu	5:00 - 9:00	15.00	30.00	

AAHN's Place foster care facility again discussed at town meeting in Kiowa

AAHN's owner and other staff speak at meeting, defend their position ; Hopes to be in place by October at former Guest Lodge location in Kiowa

By Yvonne Miller

An estimated 50 to 60 people attended a town hall meeting at South Barber High School in Kiowa, Kansas, July 8. The subject regarded AAHN's Place, a foster care facility that is two years old in Wellington, Kansas. Now the owner, Derrick Prichard, and his partner, Hamendra Bhakta, want to open a 12 bed facility in Kiowa that would house up to 12 foster care boys age 13-18. They have plans to transform the old Guest Lodge motel into the facility.

As reported at previous meetings, some community members question why AAHN's selected Kiowa for their new location. Some of those people have expressed concern about AAHN's locating in Kiowa. One of those is South Barber Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller. He called this town hall meeting and invited AAHN's Place owners and staff to explain their plan.

Prichard told the crowd this was his first-ever town hall. "I'm here to answer your questions and be transparent." He spoke of the lengthy process, nearly a year-and-a-half, for AAHN's Place to become accredited. He said the Kiowa facility will be accredited and held to high standards.

Distributing material about AAHN's

Place, Prichard said, "Our goal is to help youth develop pride in themselves and restore hope for a positive future and life."

Prichard and Bhakta, his business partner of 10 years, opened the Wellington facility April 30, 2018. They attended high school together at Wichita West. Bhakta owns the former Guest Lodge in Kiowa they plan to remodel. AAHN's is licensed through the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and accredited by CARF. It will be a 12-bed facility for boys age 13-18, placed by foster care agencies in Kansas.

He said they started with a counseling center, that turned into AAHN's Place. AAHN means pride. Bhakta said, "The Guest Lodge is not making anyone any money; it's behind on property taxes. This could be a win/win situation for everybody – the county, the town, the kids. We're here to provide jobs. We're here to help kids." Later during the question and answer period, Kiowa business woman and school board member Deb Helfrich asked Bhakta why he had not paid his property tax. He admitted it was because the building was not generating any income.

"There's been a lot of misinformation passed around," Bhakta said. He

mentioned an article from the Alva Review-Courier/Newsgram. "Yes, we made a lot of mistakes – we're not perfect. We're coming to Kiowa a lot better prepared than we did at Wellington." He said the article features quotes from the police chief and school superintendent that says "We got better."

He mentioned a quote in that article made by Kansas Representative Cheryl Helmer who told the Newsgram, "You'll never see Derrick Prichard again. He's going to dump those kids."

Bhakta said, "That is the furthest thing from the truth." He turned to the Wellington AAHN's Place Director Ashley Shuck and asked her how often Prichard is at that facility. She replied, "Derrick is here at least twice a week if not more."

Bhakta said the quote in the Newsgram article that "hurt me the most" was Helmer's claim that Prichard has numerous foster care facilities throughout southern Kansas under various names.

"I assure you we have only one facility," Bhakta said. He offered the crowd a challenge to anyone who is opposed to what AAHN's is doing. "If anyone can provide the name of one facility, other than AAHN's Place in Wellington, that Derrick or I are affiliated with, we will walk away from this project and you'll never hear from us again."

He then turned it over to their director Ashley Shuck. She is a Wellington resident who said AAHN's Place has forever changed her life for the better. She is "passionate about our vision." She bragged on the kids who have excelled at AAHN's. She told of their success at school and doing community service projects. She became emotional as she told about abuse some of these foster kids have endured.

"It takes a village to raise a child. I believe Kiowa can be part of that village," Shuck said. "I know it's true

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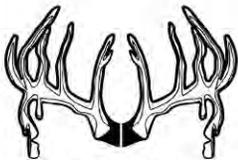


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900	Livingston Co, KY	Kentucky Wildlife Retreat	\$4,400,000	NEW
900	Pope Co, IL	Illinois Trophy Property	\$2,600,000	NEW
160	Woods Co, OK	SW4 of 18-29N-15W	\$245,000	
403	Major Co, OK	Cimarron River, w/tractors&implements	\$550,000	NEW Price
190	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc. NW of Hardtner-KS	\$237,500	NEW Price
270	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc. NW of Hardtner-KS	\$450,000	NEW Price
20	Woods Co, OK	Tract in NW4 of 5-24N-13W	\$110,000	
560	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 29&30-26N-15W W/Improvements	\$900,000	
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462	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc. NW of Hardtner-KS	\$687,500	NEW Price
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40	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 17-27N-13W	\$110,000	under contract
160	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 17&20-24N-15W	\$240,000	
320	Woodward Co, OK	Sec. 11&12-24N-18W Large Pond	\$375,000	
2.17	Alva, OK	Angry Bull Saloon Bar&Grill	\$500,000	
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160	Woodward Co, OK	SE4 of 26-20N-22W	\$360,000	
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1320	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	Call for price	under contract
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70	Woods Co, OK	Tract in NE4 of 6-23N-13W	\$105,000	
305	Harper Co, KS	E/2 of Sec. 23-31S-7W	\$488,000	SOLD
240	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 29&30-26N-15W W/Improvements	\$300,000	SOLD
80	Woods Co, OK	W/2NW 24-29N-15W W/Improvements	\$200,000	SOLD
280	Barber Co, KS	Mult Legal Desc.	\$395,000	SOLD
500	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 4&9-22N-13W Cimarron River	\$750,000	SOLD
720	Barber Co, KS	Sec. 22,23&27-33S-12W 3 Ponds	\$864,000	SOLD
160	Woods Co, OK	NW4 of 7-28N-14W	\$278,400	SOLD
160	Woods Co, OK	Sec. 15-26N-15W & Sec. 22-26N-15W	\$208,000	SOLD
950	Major Co, OK	Mult Legal Desc.	\$1,100,000	SOLD
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Car show, rally added to Alva Crazy Days event



Alva murals like this one will be included in the Mural Rally route Saturday morning. In this 2019 photo, artist Don Gray puts the finishing touches on an Alva mural located on the west side of Holder Drug.. Photo by Marione Martin

By Marione Martin

It's Crazy Days in Alva Saturday, and new events have been added to the fun. Merchants will be opening stores early to beat the heat and give shoppers a chance at bargains.

Saturday is also the date of the Crazy Cool Boulevard Cruise with live music from bands scattered along Oklahoma Boulevard, food trucks and a parade of interesting vehicles cruising back and forth. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and find a good seat to watch.

For the first time this year, the cruise will include a Saturday morning Crazy Cool Car Show and Mural Rally. The car show will be from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the parking area on the east side of the courthouse. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc., are welcome in the show and rally, and there's no entry fee. Food trucks will be on hand along with a deejay providing musical entertainment. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in various categories.

The mural rally will add to fun for drivers. Norville Ritter said the rally will be from 8:45 to about 9:45 a.m. Participants will draw for one of three routes. Then packets will be distributed containing a list of murals and a map.

At each mural on the list, a photo must be taken of the vehicle with the mural. Ritter said time for each mural stop is estimated at two minutes. The winner will be the vehicle and driver with mileage closest to the official distance. Time will also be kept and will serve as the tiebreaker.

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Legion Rider Ronald James gives Fourth of July salute to veterans at Hardtner Parade



Legion Rider Ronald James gives salute to veterans at the Hardtner Fourth of July Parade. Photo by Yvonne Miller

By Yvonne Miller

A true patriot, Legion Rider from Post 69 in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Ronald James stepped off his motorcycle to offer a tribute to veterans as the highlight of Hardtner’s Fourth of July Parade.

“Thanks once again for having us in Hardtner, Kansas – one of the greatest places to be in the United States,” James said. Mentioning the east and west coasts, James said with a laugh, “They just keep flying over us and wonder what we’re doing down here.”

“I can’t help but look around here and see all these beautiful, wonderful friends of mine – family of mine. We’re all family because of the men and women, both past, present and future, that have done all that they have – so much so that some have given their life to keep us free and happy here in this glorious United States,” James said.

Calling his group the Legion Riders and Family, James said the American Legion actually started in 1919 during

World War I in France when soldiers congregated at “the legion” to talk about their day.

“That was in March 1919 and in September 1919 Congress immediately recognized us – The American Legion – as a club that needed to be. From that point we have grown to about 15,000 posts around the nation and world. Anywhere there is a military post there is a legion. We have over 20 million members and are going strong. We love what we do – we do it for our military men and women – past, present, future.”

James asked the crowd to recognize the veterans in the crowd and those who have passed with a round of applause. There was thunderous applause and waving of the red, white and blue. The Medicine Lodge Legion Riders formed in 2007. They give to multiple charities such as Wounded Warriors.

As he concluded, James said, “God bless America. We love you all.”

Lights Over Alva approved to use Woods County Courthouse lawn

By Marione Martin

Before the meeting began Monday, the Woods County Commissioners signed a sympathy card for County Clerk Shelley Reed. Her mother, Jewel LeDou, passed away on Sunday. First Deputy Clerk Grant Gibson filled in for her at the meeting. All three commissioners were present: David Hamil, Randy McMurphy and John Smiley.

The commissioners gave permission for the use of the courthouse lawn for the “Lights Over Alva” event on Aug. 29. The night of live music, games and food trucks is designed to welcome university students back for the fall semester. The public is also welcome to attend.

The treasurer’s office monthly report was approved. The balance for June was \$36,052.19.

The commissioners approved the partial assignment of easement rights between the county and BCE-Mach, LLC in Section 10-28N-15W. Hamil said this involved the relocation of some lines.

A light bar and siren for District 1 was declared as surplus to be junked.

The commissioners voted to approve a juvenile detention services agreement with Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Services, Inc. in Garfield County. The rate of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, will be \$40 per day per child.

The annual service agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp. in the amount of \$2,716.32 was approved.

The commissioners also approve blanket purchase orders, the treasurer’s office monthly report, warrants and claims.

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First federal execution in 17 years; another set Wednesday

By Michael Balsamo

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — The federal government on Tuesday carried out its first execution in almost two decades, killing by lethal injection a man convicted of murdering an Arkansas family in a 1990s plot to build a whites-only nation in the Pacific Northwest.

The execution of Daniel Lewis Lee came over the objection of the victims' relatives and following days of legal delays, reviving the debate over capital punishment during a time of widespread social unrest. And the Trump administration's determination to proceed with executions added a new chapter to the national conversation about criminal justice reform in the lead-up to the 2020 presidential election.

Just before he died at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, Lee, professed his innocence.

"I've made a lot of mistakes in my life, but I'm not a murderer," said Lee, 47, of Yukon, Oklahoma. "You're killing an innocent man."

The government is scheduled to execute two more men this week, including Wesley Ira Purkey on Wednesday for the killing of a Kansas City teenager in 1998. But legal experts say the 68-year-old Purkey, who suffers from dementia, has a greater chance of avoiding that fate because of his mental state.

The decision by the Bureau of Prisons to move forward with executions — the first since 2003 — has drawn scrutiny from civil rights groups and the wider public. Relatives of Lee's victims sued to try to halt it, citing concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 135,000 people in the United States and is ravaging prisons nationwide.

Critics argued the government was creating a manufactured urgency for political gain. One of Lee's lawyers, Ruth Friedman, said it was "beyond shameful that the government, in the end, carried out this execution in haste."

But Attorney General William Barr said, "Lee finally faced the justice he deserved. The American people have made the considered choice to permit capital punishment for the most egregious fed-

eral crimes, and justice was done today in implementing the sentence for Lee's horrific offenses."

Barr had said earlier that the Justice Department had a duty to carry out the sentences, partly to provide closure to the victims' families and others in the communities where the killings happened.

However, relatives of those killed by Lee in 1996 argued he deserved life in prison rather than execution. They wanted to be present to counter any contention the execution was being done on their behalf but said concern about the coronavirus kept them away.

Lee's lawyers tried multiple appeals to halt the execution, but ultimately the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 early Tuesday that it could move forward. He died at 8:07 a.m. EDT.

The victims' relatives noted Lee's co-defendant and the reputed ringleader, Chevie Kehoe, received a life sentence.

Kehoe, of Colville, Washington, recruited Lee in 1995 to join his white supremacist organization, known as the Aryan Peoples' Republic. Two years later, they were arrested for the killings of gun dealer William Mueller, his wife, Nancy, and her 8-year-old daughter, Sarah Powell, in Tilly, Arkansas, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) northwest of Little Rock.

At a 1999 trial, prosecutors said Kehoe and Lee stole guns and \$50,000 in cash from the Muellers as part of their plan to establish a whites-only nation.

Prosecutors said Lee and Kehoe incapacitated the Muellers and questioned Sarah about where they could find money and ammunition. Then, they used stun guns on the victims, sealed trash bags with duct tape on their heads to suffocate them, taped rocks to their bodies and dumped them in a nearby bayou.

A U.S. District Court judge had put a hold on Lee's execution on Monday, over concerns from death row inmates on how executions were to be carried out, and an appeals court upheld it, but the high court overturned it.

On Tuesday morning, Lee had a pulse oximeter on a finger of his left hand, to monitor his oxygen level, and his arms, which had tattoos, were in black re-

straints, IV tubes coming through a metal panel in the wall.

He breathed heavily before the drug was injected and moved his legs and feet. As the drug was being administered, he raised his head to look around. In a few moments, his chest was no longer moving.

Lee was in the execution chamber with two Bureau of Prisons officials, a U.S. marshal and his spiritual adviser, described by a prisons spokesperson as an "Appalachian pagan minister." They and Lee didn't wear masks.

One of the senior prison officials announced Lee's time of death, and the curtain closed.

There have been two state executions in the U.S. since the pandemic forced shutdowns nationwide in mid-March — one in Texas and one in Missouri, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Alabama had one in early March.

Executions on the federal level have been rare, and the government has put to death only three defendants since restoring the federal death penalty in 1988 — most recently in 2003, when Louis Jones was executed for the 1995 kidnapping, rape and murder of a young female soldier.

Since then, the Justice Department has continued to approve death penalty prosecutions and federal courts have sentenced defendants to death.

In 2014, following a botched state execution in Oklahoma, President Barack Obama directed the Justice Department to conduct a broad review of capital punishment and issues surrounding lethal injection drugs.

The attorney general said last July the review had been completed, allowing executions to resume. He approved a new procedure for lethal injections that replaces the three-drug combination previously used in federal executions with one drug, pentobarbital. This is similar to the procedure used in several states, including Georgia, Missouri and Texas.

State executions have fallen steadily since the 2003 federal execution, according to data compiled by the Death Penalty Information Center. States put to death 59 people in 2004 and 22 in 2019.



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Oklahoma school board forms panel to address Redskins mascot

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma school board decided to appoint a committee that would reevaluate the district's Redskins mascot amid conversations about removing controversial names and images across the country.

Union Public Schools board members voted unanimously Monday to form the panel, a move that comes seventeen years after previous boards had voted unanimously to keep the mascot. Critics say the term and image of the mascot are racist because they historically referred to the scalp of a slain Native American sold for bounty.

The committee, which will be announced next month, will include advisers from the Creek and Cherokee nations along with students, faculty and alumni. They plan to make a recommendation by December.

Superintendent Kirk Hartzler told the Tulsa World that he would like to see the mascot changed, but the committee could decide to support keeping it.

"In a democracy," he said, "each gen-

eration has to make its own decision."

About 5% of Union's 15,816 students are Native American and Alaska Native as of October 2019, according to the district's website. Union's district includes portions of Tulsa and the adjacent suburb of Broken Arrow.

Tulsa's population of nearly 4 million people is 9.4% American Indian and Alaska Native, last year's census data shows.

The vote coincidentally happened on the same day that Washington D.C.'s NFL team dropped "Redskins" as its name and mascot, school district officials said. Native American advocates and experts have long criticized the name they call a "dictionary-defined racial slur."

Ken Kinnear, a board member, said the mascot was never intended to offend Native Americans when it was chosen in 1945.

Michael Hamilton, who was the only person to speak against the mascot change during Monday's vote, said

changing the mascot will "offend tens of thousands of people who take pride in the name."

Hamilton watched his father defend the name before in 2003, where many others approved of the decision to keep the mascot, saying the term represented a positive figure.

Meanwhile, protesters in support of changing the mascot gathered outside before the board meeting to express their concerns.

"We're living in a teachable moment," said one protester. "If there was ever a time to make a change and teach children that racism is not OK, this is it."

National discussions about removing racist symbols began after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Floyd, a Black man, died after a white officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes in Minneapolis. His death sparked protests worldwide against racial injustice and police brutality.

From Page 12 Barber

Superintendent Reports on Financial Gifts and More

The superintendent said he wants to keep everything as normal as possible for the start of the fall semester. He's posting schedules, etc., on South Barber's website, etc.

• The district thanks the Kansas Health Foundation and Sunflower

Foundation for awarding South Barber USD 255 \$3,521 to support the Summer Food Program.

• Dr. Miller thanks the Kiowa General Store for donating \$600 to the South Barber music program. "We appreciate your support, we could not do it without you!"

• An anonymous financial donation of \$150 for the schools to use as needed is appreciated.

• Carla Shearer CEO of SCTELCOM was given the Honorary Chieftain Award last night for her dedicated service and commitment to USD255 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Shearer and

SCTELCOM provided timely and free internet connection to 26 South Barber families in the school district from the middle of March to the end of May!

• KSDE has South Barber USD 255 on their list of approval at the state board meeting in the amount of \$46,000 for a Mental Health Liaison Position in South Barber USD 255.

• Dr. Miller said he appreciates all the guests and information at the Legislative Update – Town Hall Meeting. Guests included Senator Larry Alley, Representative Kyle Hoffman, Dr. Schwandt, and Mrs. Carla Shearer CEO SCTELCOM.

The board approved several pages of routine business that comes with reorganizing for the new school year. All of this information is on file at the central office for the public to see if desired.



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equipment?" asked Phil Kirkpatrick. Weber answered it would be put up for surplus once it had been replaced.

Cafeteria Ice Maker to Be Replaced

The board discussed whether to repair or replace the cafeteria ice maker. "About the beginning of July, the school icemaker went out," said Weber, adding the evaporator had rusted out and there were some other problems as well. The bids on repairing or replacing the ice maker were from Modern Appliances, which is the company the school bought their refrigerator through last year, Weber said. The ice maker can be repaired for \$2,200 with a 90-day warranty or it can be replaced for \$3,199 with a three-year parts-and-labor warranty. The board voted to purchase the new ice maker.

Other Business

In addition to approving the consent agenda (previous minutes, treasurer's report, encumbrances and warrants, activity fund expenditures and policy updates), the board handled several

other matters, getting things in place for the students to return in the fall. The board voted to:

- Accept concurrent-enrollment post-secondary credits as credits toward high school graduation.
- Accept dual enrollment credits, including math and science from Northwest Technology Center (NWTC). "Northwestern and NWTC have gotten together and Northwest is having some of their teachers teach college level math and biology to high school students at the career tech," said Shelite. "They can get career tech credit and college credit."
- Accept their regular agreement with NWTC to allow Freedom High School students to take certain classes there.
- Approve the use of signature stamps for official signatures with permission before use for the following people: Shane Morris (board president), Russell Reed (clerk), Shan Wilson (deputy

clerk), Bryant Weber (superintendent), Michelle Shelite (principal) and Patricia Dauphin (finance secretary).

- Retain Gabbart Communications as the contractor for the website for FY2021. "This is a reduction in cost from last year," said Weber. "It's about \$1,000 than last year." The cost is \$1,418.57.
 - Move money from the Class of 2020 Fund – since they've graduated – and transferring it into the Freedom Activity Fund so it can be used for other things, Weber explained. "We have paid seniors our their \$500 as approved at the last board meeting," he said.
 - Approve the only milk bid they had – and usually ever have – which was from Hiland.
- Present were board members Shane Morris, Robert Babcock and Phil Kirkpatrick, along with Principal Michelle Shelite and Minutes Clerk Patricia Dauphin. Superintendent Bryant Weber participated via conference call.

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Senate Review

Treasurer reports signs of resilience in state economy

By Senator Roland Pederson

First and foremost, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last few months. It's been a true honor to serve District 19 over the past four years, and I'm looking forward to another four-year term. There will no doubt be many challenges come our way, but I know if we work together for the betterment of Oklahoma, we will prevail.



While it seems like most news over the past few months has been negative, I'd like to share a little positivity with you this week. Although COVID-19 has had a drastic impact on our state's economy, the latest state treasurer's report cites that our economy is showing signs of resiliency in some areas. Gross income tax collections in June were actually up 2.1 percent from June 2019, and motor vehicle taxes saw a 12 percent increase compared to the previous June.

Although some tax collection areas are seeing an increase, the gross production tax on oil and gas was down significantly – by nearly 79 percent compared to June 2019. A loss of GPT collections will have an immediate impact on the state's

economy and budget for fiscal year 2021. We are keeping a close eye on the monthly treasurer reports and what these revenues mean for next year's budget.

I'd also like to remind you about the 2020 Census that is still ongoing. Now more than ever, it is crucial that we get our fair share of federal funding for important core services like our schools, health care facilities and roads.

If you've not returned your census form and only have a P.O. box mailing address on file, you should've received a post card alerting you that a census taker may drop off a census invitation to you soon or will visit later for an interview. The postcards also have instructions on how to respond to the questionnaire online or via phone.

Starting July 16, if you haven't responded to the census, you may receive a visit from a census taker to facilitate your response to the questionnaire. All census offices will conclude this work by Oct. 31. If you don't want a knock on your door from a census taker, I recommend completing the census online at 2020census.gov or by calling 1-844-330-2020 as soon as possible.

As of May 6, Oklahoma ranked 42nd in the nation in response rate with a state average response of 56.3 percent, which is about five points lower than the national average of 61.9 percent. Across District 19, Alfalfa County's response was 44.3

percent, Garfield's was 62.2 percent, Grant's was 47.5 percent, and Kay's was 60.3 percent. Let's all work together to make sure everyone counts this year. If we don't, we won't have another chance until 2030 when the next census is taken.

Finally, I'd like to remind you all to reach out to my office if you are struggling to receive your unemployment benefits. My executive assistant, Angie, has been very helpful working with constituents and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to facilitate the benefit payment process. If we can help you, please let us know.

Thank you again for the honor it is to be your state Senator. I'm excited to see what the next four years will have in store for our state. Please remember to reach out to my office if there is something I can do to assist you. You can contact me at 405-521-5630 or Roland.Pederson@oksenate.gov.

Blick graduates from Emporia State University

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Shuck brought a 16-year-old girl who has been an AAHN's Place resident and worked so hard that she was able to graduate from high school this year. The girl told how "AAHN's Place saved my life." She listed some of the foster kids community service projects such as ringing the Salvation Army Bell, picking up trash around town and volunteering with the church.

Question and Answers for AAHN's Place Reps, Some Explosive Words

Shane Holt, who grew up in Kiowa said he's spent eight years away because "I thought this was a nasty place." Holt said to Superintendent Miller, "To push children away from my hometown where I was this little kid without a father and a mother who was working hard ..." He said that many in the community helped raise him. He said, "I am appalled," and then called for the firing of the school superintendent and apologized to AAHN's Place representatives. Deb Helfrich said to Holt, "How dare you come in here and attack this man that way." Helfrich said she came to the meeting to understand, find out further information and to be informed.

"To accuse us that we're trying to push out children, that we're trying to hurt children..."

"Let's hear the information before we form an opinion." The crowd broke into applause for Helfrich and her comments.

Guest Dr. Jamie Schwandt, a former foster child who has a distinguished military career, spoke. Schwandt brought lots of education on the subject of foster care homes, accountability and for profit and not-for-profit homes.

Prichard said AAHN's Place is a for-profit organization, "but we don't make a profit." They use the Armaan Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

"We are in a learning curve," Prichard said. "When we started we weren't perfect. That first year was a tough year

– a costly learning experience. As a for-profit, we can't take cash donations. We get donations of clothing and food. It's beyond words how accepting the community has been, but we don't rely on community donations to stay open. Our funding is through the state for the youth that we serve."

South Barber High School teacher Pam Malone asked Prichard, "When you were considering Kiowa for AAHN's Place what did you see in the school system and town that you thought would meet the needs of the kids that you serve?" He answered, "A small town has heart, passion and offers unity that some of the youth we serve desperately need."

He said AAHN's quickly realized they could not meet the needs of some of the kids from the Kansas City area as "they were more challenged and traumatized." AAHN's really focused on south central, southwest part of the state – small town, rural community. "We felt like we could better meet their needs," Prichard said.

As far as the school system, Prichard focused on special education and said of 20 youth (at the Wellington facility) they would maybe have three or four with special ed needs or an IEP. He said a small town and small school system gives the foster care kids a better opportunity to succeed. "We'll have 12 kids max capacity," Prichard said of the Kiowa facility.

Aimee Bryan asked about specific jobs that will be available at AAHN's. Prichard listed a director, case manager, part to full time maintenance person, at least 15-20 part and full time staff. He said they'll have therapists do onsite visits as needed.

What percentage of kids are there longer than six months to a year? Probably over 75 percent of their kids stay longer than six months, he said.

Prichard explained AAHN's started as an emergency shelter so sometimes youth stayed there just one to three nights. Then they became a residential facility about one year into it.

South Barber's IT Director Luke MacKinney asked numerous informed questions as he has been heavily involved in foster care services many years. He confirmed a facility gets more money for children with higher level of

needs. MacKinney asked many detailed questions of Prichard. Along with Dr. Schwandt, the men had a nearly hour-long conversation about foster care – far too many details for this story.

Tamara Bogatay, a Hardtner resident who works in Kiowa, spoke briefly about her support of foster care as she grew up with it in her home. She said that Kiowa needs businesses so she implores people to support AAHN's Place.

Heather Miller, wife of Superintendent Miller, grew up in small town and supports foster care. "I know what resources are available in small towns and cities. We just have one police officer and a volunteer fire department." She stresses person to person contact. She also asked about their timeline and licensing on the Kiowa facility.

Prichard said "I care about your opinions and your community. I'll talk to whoever wants to talk." He said they have to meet many requirements to get their license. As for the timeline, Prichard said they are looking at October. "As quickly as we can without going too fast."

"Some things you've heard are just not true. It is true that early on we had lots of calls. It's not true that the fire department comes out every time the police are called," he said. Shuck added that the Wellington facility now averages only one call to the police weekly.

When asked his opinion of how the town meeting went, Dr. Miller said. "Shane Holt was inappropriate but we learned a ton of information. It was good our community got their questions answered. Overall it was a productive night. I like hearing back from the public."

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Hailey Dotson



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From Page 14 **Obits**

Family visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Wharton Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020, at the Alva Wesleyan Church with Rev. Paul Kirk, officiating. Private burial will follow at Alva Municipal Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.whartonfuneralchapel.com.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Alva Senior Citizen Center and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in the care of Wharton Funeral Chapel, 1302 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK, 73717.

HAROLD F. MELROSE

Harold F. Melrose passed from this life on July 9, 2020, at his home in Enid with family by his side. He was born January 13, 1924, on a farm southeast of Carmen, Oklahoma, to Adam Lee and Cora Esther Galer Melrose. He attended school at Rich Valley and Carmen. He and Frances Peck were married June 4, 1941 at Cleo Springs, Oklahoma. They farmed in the McWillie area. He also worked at the state school for boys in Helena, Oklahoma. After the death of his wife, Frances, he moved



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He and Winnie (Krob) Helterbrake were married August 23, 2009, at the Elm Flat Christian Church near Cleo Springs.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie of Enid; children Joan (Paul) Cook of Helena, Leroy (Pat) Melrose of Oklahoma City, Laura (David) Reising of Yukon, and Mary Beth Gray of Piedmont; stepchildren Len (Vicki) Coulter of Aline, Myron (Debra) Coulter of Aline, and Loretta Coulter of Enid; seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 19 step-great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren; sisters Wanda Nickel (of Waggoner), Vera Hughes (of Ponder, Texas) and Marilyn Huff (of Kettering, Ohio); and step-brother Gary (Doris) Booze of Aline.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Cora Melrose; stepmother, Grace Bruner Melrose; wife, Frances; brothers, Marvin, Eldon and Laverne; sister, Virginia Ryel; stepbrother, Oval Booze; stepsisters, Jean Jack, Joyce Krepel and Nadine Harvey; infant twin grandsons, Ryan and Brandon Gray and great-granddaughter, Dani Melrose.

Graveside service for Harold will be Monday, July 13, 2020, at 9 a.m. at Good Hope Cemetery with Pastor Dean Holt and Len Coulter officiating. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Helena. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Helena Nazarene Church, Elm Flat Christian Church, or Hospice Circle of Love through the funeral home.

CECIL DEAN SHAFER

Cecil Dean Shafer, son of Raymond Mitchell and Beulah Estella (Arndt) was born in Alva, Oklahoma, on October 17, 1938. He passed away on July 9, 2020, at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 22 days.

Cecil was a graduate of Alva High School. He married Delores Marie (Chick) on March 16, 1956. He worked as an auto mechanic at Washburn Motor in Alva for 35 years. He loved to fish, enjoyed working on cars and loved his cats.

Cecil is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Delores, his brothers: Jess, Raymond Jr., Gerald and Johnny, two sisters, Velma and Verla.

He is survived by, his children: Patricia, Linda, Carol, Christopher, James (Jim) and Teresa. He is also survived by his brother Allen, many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Creature Concerns for the care of cats through Wharton Funeral Chapel.

IMAGENE MARGARET TYREE

Imagene Margaret Tyree, daughter of the late Jene Vaughan and Margaret Victoria (Umber) Tyree, was born September 15, 1930, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away July 6, 2020 in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 89 years, 9 months, and 21 days. She requested



that she be cremated and that there be no services.

She taught school several years, then served as an administrator at NWOSU.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Harry Tyree; and her brother-in-law, Milt Lehr.

Imagene is survived by one brother, Jon Vaughan Tyree and wife, Glenda, of Granada, Colorado; one sister, Rebecca Jane Lehr of Alva; her sister-in-law, Bernice Tyree; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Friends of the Alva Public Library.

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

Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office logs

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

During this day there were nine traffic stops.

8:09 a.m. – A fire had rekindled outside of Goltry.

2:08 p.m. – Report of a grass fire on County Road 640 and Bryan.

4:26 p.m. – Medic needed for a female with chest pain. Medic en route with patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

4:33 p.m. – Report of a possible drunk driver driving around the lake.

5:31 p.m. – Medic was needed for a male who had fallen and couldn't get up. No transport was needed.

10:36 p.m. – Medic needed for a female who had fallen. No transport was needed.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

During this day there were five traffic stops and one report of a controlled burn.

11:01 a.m. – Report of a grass fire on OK-45.

12:26 p.m. – Caller advised she had taken the dog across the street. Advised it was tied up to the door without any

food or water and would take it back when the owner got home.

6:42 p.m. – Report of a fight in the jail between two inmates.

Thursday, July 9, 2020

During this day there were nine traffic stops.

Friday, July 10, 2020

9:05 a.m. – Alfalfa Electric Cooperative reported a fire on County Road 750 and Aline Blacktop.

10:16 a.m. – Welfare check needed in the 600 block 2nd Street.

3:37 p.m. – Medic needed for a male who is bleeding. Medic en route with patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

4:06 p.m. – Caller wanted a person removed from their property in the 100 block of Ohio.

Saturday, July 11, 2020

During this day there were three traffic stops.

12:02 a.m. – Caller reported someone had hit their garage door so hard with a hammer it came off the garage door on County Road 750.

1:33 p.m. – Report of a dog that had

been hit and was out at Iggy's.

6:07 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver on US-64.

7:26 p.m. – Report of a car accident on Garvin Road and County Road 650. No one hurt, just minor scratches.

9:29 p.m. – Report of a building that fell down in Goltry.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

6:30 a.m. – Medic needed for a male who woke up dizzy and wanted to go to the hospital. Medic took patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

8:09 a.m. – Caller advised of someone going in the building that fell down the night before in Goltry.

4:03 p.m. – Caller advised of a suspicious person at Dollar General.

10:47 p.m. – Caller advised he and his brother were fighting and his brother punched him. Advised he didn't need medical and he had left the scene.

Monday, July 13, 2020

7:21 a.m. – Officer advised someone had hit his squad car and the back passenger side bumper was messed up.

7:54 a.m. – Medic needed for a female who fell. No transport needed.

Alfalfa County real estate

Real Estate Transfers

Book 858 page 715: Kip Len Hungford, Craig Alan Hungerford and Colette McBride as Co-Trustees of the Ken Allen Hungerford Revocable Trust and Marilyn Hungerford revocable Inter Vivos Trust, convey unto Mahlon Boehs and Laurie Boehs. Northwest quarter of section 34, township 24N, range 10, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 858 page 723: Kenneth D. Speldie and Christina Speldie, husband and wife, convey unto Larry Rex Angle and Phoebe Jan Angle. Northwest quarter of section 35, township 29, range 10, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 858 page 834: Judy Morris, a single woman, and Jason Ray White, a single man, convey unto Lenora Jane Bateman and Ronald Jeffrey Bateman. The south half of lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in block 26, in the Original Town of Jet, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty

deed.

Book 858 page 850: Larry Rex Angle and Phoebe Jan Angle convey unto Bryn Cormack and Bryce Cormack. Northwest quarter of section 32, township 29 north, range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 858 page 868: Sherry Ann Canning, a single woman, and Steven J. Bongtrager, a single man, convey unto Stanley D. Bontrager. Beginning at the point 547 feet south of the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 26 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 858 page 899: Mary Sue Hale and Stuart A. Hale convey unto Carolyn S. Fellers as trustee of the Carolyn S. Fellers Revocable Trust. A tract of land situated in the southeast quarter of section 3, township 26 north, range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 858 page 823: Ryan L.

Hodgden and Jo Dell Hodgden, to Stride Bank. The southeast quarter of section 7, township 23, north, range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$150,000.00.

Book 858 page 852: Bryn Cormack and Bryce Cormack, to Great Plains National Bank. Northwest quarter of section 32, township 29 north, range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$160,000.00.

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Barber County Sheriff's Office logs

June 29, 2020

BASO responded to a report of cattle out on Curry Lane.

MLPD and BASO responded to a report of criminal trespass on S. Main Street.

KWPD investigated a report of a suspicious person on N. 9th Street.

BASO assisted a motorist on Ridge Road.

MLPD responded to a noise disturbance on W. First Avenue.

MLPD responded to a dog complaint on N. Walnut Street.

BASO performed a VIN inspection.

BASO responded to a traffic hazard on US-281.

KWPD and BASO responded to a possible burglary on Main Street.

KWPD and BASO investigated an open window on 8th Street.

June 30, 2020

MLPD and BASO investigated an open door on W. Central Avenue.

MLPD and BASO responded to a report of a reckless driver on US-281.

BASO responded to a possible disturbance on Main Street.

BASO responded to a traffic hazard on KS-2.

MLPD responded to a report of a suicidal subject on Market Street.

MLPD performed a welfare check on N. Cedar Street.

MLPD responded to multiple requests to speak to an officer.

BASO responded to a report of cattle out on KS-2

BASO performed a VIN inspection.

BASO responded to an accident on River Road.

BASO and KWPD investigated a report of suspicious activity in Hardtner.

MLPD responded to a report of a

reckless driver on N. Cedar Street.

July 1, 2020

MLPD responded to a residential alarm on High Street.

MLPD responded to an open door on Hackney Street.

MLPD responded to a parking complaint on Lisa Circle.

MLPD responded to EMS call on North Cedar.

July 2, 2020

BASO responded to cattle out on US-281.

BASO responded to cattle out on Currie Lane.

BASO performed multiple VIN inspections.

BASO responded to cattle out on Sun City Road.

KWPD performed multiple VIN inspection.

MLPD responded to Lost Property on Currie Lane.

KWPD responded to 911 call at city pool.

MLPD responded returning lost property on Cleveland.

MLPD perform a civil standby on Medicine Boulevard.

BASO and MLPD responded to driving complaint on US-281.

MLPD responded to suspicious person on North Walnut.

BASO responded to driving complaint on the Hardtner shortcut.

July 3, 2020

BASO responded to a request to speak to an officer in Sharon.

MLPD responded to a fight at the city pool.

MLPD performed a civil standby.

KWPD and BASO responded to a request to speak to an officer at the cop.

MLPD investigated an open door on E. First Avenue.

MLPD responded to a report of found property at White's.

KWPD responded to a report of a reckless driver.

BASO responded to a report of cattle out on Curry Lane.

MLPD investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on E. Second Avenue.

MLPD responded to a commercial alarm at Casey's.

MLPD assisted a motorist.

July 4, 2020

BASO assisted with traffic control for the parade.

BASO investigated a report of theft in Hardtner.

BASO and MLPD responded to a suicidal subject in Sharon.

MLPD responded to a request to speak to an officer on Curry Lane.

BASO responded to an incident on US-281.

MLPD responded to a report of cattle out on Curry Lane.

July 5, 2020

MLPD investigated a report of harassment on E. Robie Street.

BASO investigated an abandoned vehicle on River Road.

BASO investigated a report of theft.

MLPD performed a civil standby.

MLPD responded to a report of fireworks violation.

BASO performed nine traffic stops.

ARRESTS

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, David M, Howell, Attica, W/M, 47. Charges: Court order.

FIRE/EMS

June 30, 2020

Lake City Fire Department and Medicine Lodge EMS responded to an accident on River Road.

Medicine Lodge Rural Fire Department and Kiowa Rural Fire Department responded to a grass fire on Gerlane Road.

July 1, 2020

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a call on North Cedar Street.

July 2, 2020

Hardner Fire Department and Medicine Lodge Rural Fire Department responded to a grass fire on US-281.

July 4, 2020

Union Chapel Fire Department and Kiowa EMS assisted in traffic control for the parade.

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a call in Sharon.

Kiowa Rural Fire Department responded to a grass fire on KS-2.

Kiowa EMS responded to a call in Hardtner.

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July 5, 2020

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Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 145 page 242: Curtis McLemore, a married person, conveys unto H.J. Ligenstoffer and RaeLynn Ligenstoffer, husband and wife. A tract of land in lots 7 and 8 in block 79 in the City of Hardtner, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy quit claim.

Book 145 page 243: Margaret A. Bloomer and Mike Bloomer, wife and husband, convey unto Anthony M. Farrar and Andrea M. Farrar, husband and wife. The north half of lot 11 and the east 175 feet of the south 40 feet of lot 12 in block 1, in Hammond's Second Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 145 page 244: John R. Peirson, a single person, conveys unto Anthony M.

Farrar and Andrea M. Farrar, husband and wife. The north half of lot 11 and the east 175 feet of the south 40 feet of lot 12 in block 1, in Hammond's Second Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 145 page 251: Nancy Ellen Sutton Gore, a married person, conveys unto Christopher Scott Grant and Solana Michel Grant. Lots 1-4 and east 25 feet of lot 5, block 46, City of Hardtner, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 145 page 266: Randy L. Conrad and Julie Conrad, husband and wife, conveys unto Howard C. Erikson and Amy D. Erikson, husband and wife. All of lot 7 and the west 10 feet of lot 8 in block 127 in

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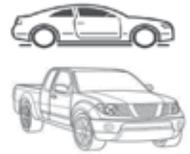
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the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 145 page 267: Roland N. Spencer, a single person, conveys unto Gerald M. Woodward Jr., and Terry L. Woodward, husband and wife. Lots 22 and 24 and a strip 4 feet wide north and south and 47 feet east and west out of the southeast corner of lot 20, all in block 1 in Currie's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 145 page 268: Bryan G. Hellman, a single person, conveys unto Mary D. Hellman and Steven P. Hellman, wife and husband. The southeast quarter of section 8, township 31 south, range 10 west of 6th P.M., Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Mortgages

Book 238 page 14: Bret A. Mott and Jana Mott, to Community Bank. Tract 1 the west 13 feet of lot 5 and all of lot 6 in block 17 in City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$153,000.00.

Book 238 page 34: Diel Properties, LLC, to High Plains

Farm Credit. The north half of section 34, township 34 south, range 12 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$600,000.00.

Book 238 page 43: Anthony M. Farrar and Andrea M. Farrar, to Legacy Bank. The north half of lot 11 and the south half of lot 12, in block 6 in Regnier's Amended, revised second addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$20,625.00.

Book 238 page 194: Cindy L. Tyler and Clint L. Tyler, wife and husband, to Loanpot.com. The west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 10, township 30 south, range 13 west of the 6th PM. Note: \$220,000.00.

Book 238 page 214: Henry Ernest Theilen and Melinda Theilen and husband and wife, to The People's Bank. Lot 4, 5, and 6 block 175, Town Company's Addition, City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$156,000.00.

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Barber County court filings

Criminal Filings

William R. Brown has been charged with criminal threat; criminal restraint; violate protection order and domestic battery.

Jeremiah Powell has been charged with domestic battery.

Rocky Lynn Davis has been charged with violation of protection order.

Civil Filings

Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc vs. Williams Ag LLC: debt collection.

Woolsey Energy Corporation vs. Wayne L. Wilmot: other real property.

Limited Filings

Hibbards Prescriptions Plus vs. Linda Stubbs: debt collection.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Derek Mayfield: debt collection.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Todd Kaiser: debt collection.

Dakota Lonker vs. Brandon Graham: debt collection.

Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs. Stephanie Bacon: debt collection.

Small Claim Filings

Stephen Tyler McLemore vs. Samuel Lee Hall.

Domestic Relations

Teresa Jean Hargett vs. Rocky Lynn Davis: protection from abuse.

State of Kansas vs. Lewis W. Rose: paternity.

Sarah Cataldo vs. Shane Cataldo: domestic other.

Clarissa Williams vs. Casey Jordan Williams: protection from stalking.

Debi Riener vs. Scott Riener: marriage

dissolution/divorce.

James H. Burke vs. Peggy Y. Burke: marriage dissolution/divorce.

Jerica Hargis vs. Jeremiah Powell: protection from abuse.

Kamri Theis vs. Brandon Grant: paternity.

Traffic Filings

Hearl Wesley Boen has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$171).

Krissa Leigh Britsch has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$183).

Jason Andrew Crockett has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$153).

Harry W. Dawson has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$45).

Harry W. Dawson has been cited with vehicle liability insurance required (\$108).

Matthew Christopher Edwards has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$189).

Brent Jordan Fischer has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$153).

Cameron Charles Gaisford has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$183).

Andres Goche has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$195).

Royce Allen Horswill has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$183).

Trenton Lee Hunter has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$177).

Miranda Sue Israel has been cited for driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked (\$108).

Whitney Dawn Jordan has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$153).

Daniel E. Maloy has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$363).

Dustin Steve Mouradian has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$207).

Jose Pando Germes has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$195).

Clayton Ray Walker has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$207).

Taylor Madison Wiebener has been cited for maximum speed limits (\$195).

Community Calendar

Wednesday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is doing only carry out meals. Please call 327-1822 until noon the day before to order. Meals will be ready for pick up at 10:30 a.m.

Noon-1 p.m. Goldbug Gulp and Gallop will distribute free meals for all children under 18 through July 31. Drive through the Washington Elementary School circle drive (south side) in Alva. Pick up only. 580-327-1647 for more information.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open Tuesday through Sunday.

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

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

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

Friday

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