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Five taken to hospital Sunday from Kiowa's Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store

KGS says no gas leak

By Yvonne Miller

Mid-morning Sunday, Feb. 5, Kiowa's Fire Department and EMS responded to a call at the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store at 800 N. 7th St., in Kiowa, Kansas.

Kiowa Fire Chief Bill Duvall told the Newsgram that five people who were inside the store experienced shortness of breath symptoms and were taken to the Kiowa District Hospital. The individuals were reportedly treated and released.

Channel 12 (KWCH) from Wichita sent a camera crew to Kiowa to investigate. They reported that a possible gas leak caused the people to feel ill.

Duvall confirmed to the Newsgram that he called Kansas Gas Service to investigate and they did. The Newsgram contacted KGS Monday to get the results of their search. Kansas Gas Service PR Manager Dawn Tripp sent the following statement to the Newsgram:

"Kansas Gas Service responded to an odor report yesterday at 800 N. 7th Street, Kiowa, KS. (which is the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store). No issues were identified with Kansas Gas Service's facilities. Checks were also made inside the customer's structure and to available appliances, with no gas leaks or other issues identified. We are continuing to work with the customer on any additional checks that may be needed. Safety is always our top priority, and we encourage anyone who suspects

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Woods County commissioners accept another opioid settlement check

By Marione Martin

The Woods County commissioners had a lengthy agenda for Monday morning's meeting, but Randy McMurphy was the only one present at the 10 a.m. start time. Commissioner David Hamil was out of town attending a livestock show, and Commissioner John Smiley was on his way from Waynoka. After a delay of about 10 minutes, Smiley arrived so the meeting could begin.

After approving the minutes from Jan. 30, the commissioners approved the following monthly reports:

- Assessor Collections \$985.95
- County Clerk Collections \$7,263.10
- Court Clerk Office Balance \$80,922.17
- Court Clerk RM&P Balance \$12,017.01
- Election Board Balance \$6,972.11
- Health Dept. Collections \$0.00
- Treasurer's Office Balance \$8,471.68

The monthly appropriations were approved. Then the commissioners considered road crossing permits. Select Energy's check did not arrive so those permits could not be considered. Smiley made a motion, seconded by McMurphy and passed to accept the D & B Oilfield permit application. It is located in District 3 from 28-24-14 to 32-24-14 for a water line with a permit fee of \$500. Smiley said it's located on County Road 470.

The commissioners were surprised that reimbursement had already arrived for the Waynoka Fire Department REAP grant. That money had been paid out to Waynoka FD so the commissioners happily accepted the \$44,065.20.

A transfer of appropriations within the general fund was approved. Due to a clerical error, the \$8,991.17 was in

the Sales Tax Prof. Svc. account, and it was transferred to the Reval/Prof. Svc. account.

The commissioners established a new fund for Opioid Abatement Settlement #1251. The settlements must be tracked through a separate account. Last week, they accepted a settlement check for around \$2,200. At Monday's meeting, they accepted another check from the Janssen Ok subdivision opioid settlement for \$2,582.88.

Regarding an agenda item that listed the surplus and removal from inventory of a 1027 Cat 140M3 Motorgrader for District 3, Smiley said the leased equipment went back in August. McMurphy objected that the county couldn't surplus something they don't own. However, County Clerk Shelley Reed said they get written up by the auditor if they don't put leased equipment on the inventory list. The commissioners approved removing the item from inventory.

Last week the commissioners declared an HP computer from the county clerk's office as surplus. At this meeting, they approved the junking of the computer.

Last week, a 2008 Ford F-350 was sold by sealed bid to Damien Starks for \$500. At this meeting, the commissioners approved removing the vehicle from inventory.

The commissioners voted to approve an ODOT claim form for title for 11 parcels in the amount of \$7,525 assigned to Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc. for a project in District 1.

A service agreement between the county election board and Northwest Shredders was approved in the amount of \$30 quarterly.

After approving blanket purchase orders, the commissioners voted to adjourn.

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A whole lot of rules

By Marione Martin



At some time in high school, I remember learning about Robert's Rules of Order. I don't remember if it was in a social studies class or an English class, but I do remember wondering if I would ever have a need for the information.

First published in 1876, Robert's Rules of Order still are used in running meetings from legislative chambers to corporate conference rooms. Members of the original author's family continue to be involved in updates to the rules.

I first experienced Robert's Rules in action when I joined a club. Then I attended my first governmental meeting, the Rolla (Missouri) city council, when I was around 19 years old. I was filling in for my husband Lynn who was the news director at KALV radio station where I worked as an advertising copywriter. I remember very little about that meeting except that the room was filled with a lot of men who smoked constantly and forgot to censor their language. My hair and clothing reeked of smoke afterward.

Fast forward several years to the early 1970s. I was assigned to cover city council meetings for KALV in Alva. I'd take notes during the meetings and go back to the studio building to type my story on a manual typewriter. I pity the announcers who had to read those first stories and ad lib around my typing errors. My typing improved a lot after I had to read my own stories on air!

I continued to cover the city council meetings, off and on, through the sale of KALV, the growth of the Newsgram and the acquisition of the Alva Review-Courier. I also attend other meetings where Robert's Rules provide structure to the proceedings. Through those experiences, I've learned a lot about the rules, sometimes referred to as parliamentary procedure. The rules can be modified through by-laws or statutes or ordinances, but they generally apply in all the governmental meetings I attend.

Over the last year or so, the Alva City Council has had a number of motions on which members stated "abstain" instead of "yes" or "no." I was foggy on whether or not "abstain" is counted as a vote so I

did a little research.

I came across information posted online by Sarah E. Merkle, JD, CPP-T, PRP who is one of five attorneys in the world to have earned the credentials Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher and Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Here's what she had to say on the subject:

First, in parliamentary procedure land, an "abstention" is simply a voter's decision not to vote. It's when a motion comes up for a vote, and (1) you don't want anyone to know what you think about that issue, (2) you disagree with the guy next to you but don't want him to know, (3) you aren't sure what you think, (4) you lost track of business a while back and don't know what the vote is about, or (5) you totally miss that a vote is happening because you're thinking about golf. So you just don't vote.

Now hopefully at this point you're asking, "If an abstention is a decision not to vote, why ask the people who aren't voting to announce that fact to everyone?" Good question. Asking vote-abstainers to identify themselves is just one of several points of confusion people have about how abstentions work.

1. Always Ask for Abstentions

No. As I've talked about before, per Robert's Rules, abstentions should not be called for, counted, or recorded. Why? Because no member can be required to vote, so when you ask people to tell whether they voted, you're asking them to make a record of their decision to not go on record.

2. Never Ask for Abstentions

No. Point one aside, there are two circumstances when you should ask people who are abstaining to identify themselves. (1) You're part of a public body (elected/appointed officials) and have a responsibility to make a record of your participation on votes for the benefit of constituents. Or (2), you're counting the vote, and those voting are fewer than the number required for a quorum. You wouldn't want members to question whether a quorum was present for that vote, and so recording the number of abstentions clarifies that you had a quorum. Totally fair.

3. Abstentions Should Be Counted as Votes "Cast"

Wrong. The issue here is whether

to count abstentions as votes cast when you're trying to determine whether you have a majority. In other words, if you're on a board of 12, all of whom are present, and 10 people vote and two abstain, do you need six yes votes to win or seven? You need six according to the default definition of majority, which is "those present and voting." So yet another reason not to ask for abstentions. They generally have no effect on the vote anyway. But once in a while they do. See my next point.

4. Abstentions Never Affect the Vote Result

Wrong again. Abstentions affect the vote result if your governing documents define majority differently – as the number of individuals present or the number of total members. Under either of these definitions, using the example above, you would need seven votes to win. In this case, even though an abstention is still not counted as a vote cast, it effectively acts as a "no" vote because the basis for a majority is a fixed number.

Hopefully, the above information clears up any misunderstanding you might have. My main concern is in writing stories. Now I know that if all eight members of the city council are present and a vote is six in favor (yes), one against (no) and one abstaining, the final vote is 6-1. The abstention doesn't count. And just in case there's a question during a meeting, most of the governmental meetings I attend have an attorney present to provide an answer.

Alva Citizen Petition Audit

In a final note, the City of Alva Citizen Petition Audit by the State Auditor and Inspector's office has been completed after nearly four years. The state agreed to do the audit after the required number of signatures were collected and verified on a petition. It covers June 2013 to June 2019.

Although it lists some minor concerns, the audit did not find any fraud or anything that needed to be pursued further. A story in the Sunday, Feb. 5, edition of the Alva Review-Courier covers the findings and non-findings related to the concerns listed in the petition. The story is also online at www.alvareviewcourier.com. To read the full audit online, go to:

<https://www.sai.ok.gov/Search%20Reports/database/Alva%20City%20of%20Web%20Final.pdf>

Alva Recreation Complex 2023 Spring Soccer Enrollment

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

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Alva School Board hears about literacy, teacher retention

By Marione Martin

At their regular meeting on Monday, the Alva Board of Education heard reports from all five school principals on action steps in the updated strategic plan. Board members present were Jane McDermott, Tiffany Slater, Shane Hansen, Karen Koehn and Larry Parker.

Superintendent Tim Argo went over each of the action steps before asking the principals to speak. The first step was to “educate parents on the common language of student engagement and content area literacy.” Shane Feely reported that Washington School held a book walk for literacy night. Alysson Tucker said Longfellow School held a literacy night at the fall parent-teacher conferences. Lincoln School had a “Literacy for All” night in September and another literacy night in December, according to Jenny Webster. Stephanie Marteney said Alva Middle School had a food truck for sixth grade literacy night and a reading fair for seventh graders. Dr. Vickie Nighswonger reported Alva High School seniors had a reality check event with Woods County Extension where they were given scenarios about adult life and asked to make decisions about budgeting and other adult skills.

Next, Supt. Argo asked Marteney to discuss the “Grow Your Own” program for recruiting new teachers. She said a survey of staff showed 19 who are interested in going back to college for

degrees. She also found that several of the paraprofessionals already have education degrees. On Nov. 30 those interested met with NWOSU instructors to look over their transcripts and discuss courses needed. Then Dr. Oswald with NWOSU reported that an anonymous donor provided money for summer class tuition scholarships. These will only be available to paraprofessionals with preference given to those located in northwest Oklahoma and based on financial need.

The third action step is to provide time during the school day for teachers to meet together in PLCs (professional learning communities) allowing them to use data to improve student outcomes. Each of the principals spoke on their efforts to arrange schedules to allow time for these meetings.

Finally, Supt. Argo spoke about the school’s efforts to improve teacher retention. He listed the following:

- Short term leave is part of teacher contracts. This allows teachers to leave early to attend their children’s events or for an hour or two for needed appointments or other partial day needs. Argo said he goes to a lot of meetings, and he is not aware of any other school in the state that includes this in teacher’s contracts.
- Stipends are given to all staff and have been distributed the past seven

years.

• A 3.5 percent increase has been given to all extra duty stipends. This rewards teachers who give up their time off to be involved in extra-curricular activities.

• A partnership with NWOSU gives Alva School staff free passes to athletic contests at the university while those at NWOSU get in free at Alva school athletics.

• Staff members have access to the indoor practice facility for workouts by request.

• The Grow Your Own program also increases retention.

• The school has added five additional steps to the teacher salary schedule.

• The school accepts out of state years of service for teachers.

Superintendent’s Report

While the strategic plan presentation took up a major part of his report, Supt. Argo covered several other items.

He notified the board of two resignations. Dalton Rose has resigned as middle school basketball assistant coach. Nicole Briggs has resigned as a paraprofessional at Washington School.

Argo gave board members a three-page handout listing the bills filed in the state legislature which began their session on Monday. He focused on bills of interest to schools and education.

A special meeting is planned during the day on Monday, Feb. 13, to allow administrators, transportation department employees and the IT department to look at capital planning for future capital improvements to the school district.

Finances

Supt. Argo reports that revenue received continues to exceed that of last year. Through January, the school district had collected about \$590,000 more revenue compared to the same period last year. Expenses for the district were also up about \$252,000 compared to last year.

Argo said the district continues to collect more in gross production than last year. REA and the county 4 mill (ad valorem taxes) are also up. However

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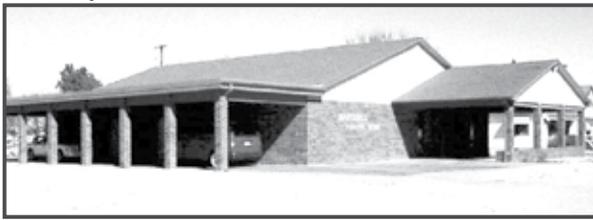
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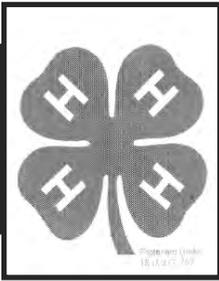
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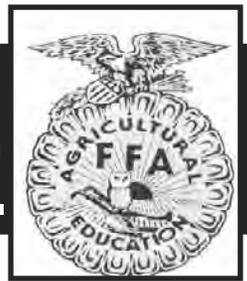
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The store has remained closed since the Sunday incident. Phone calls to the local business go unanswered. The company’s website has no contact numbers for the press or public relations – not even in the “Contact Us” section. A corporate phone number shared by the local store manager to the Newsgram was only for employee-related issues and was an all-automated system with no chance to speak to a person.



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motor vehicle tax revenue is lagging behind last year and school land earnings show a small decrease.

All activity fund accounts are in good standing, and there were no fundraisers to report. However, there was an inner-account transfer from the cheerleader account to student council to pay for homecoming t-shirts purchased by the cheerleaders.

Looking at the general fund, Supt. Argo said \$2,100 has been encumbered for professional development with the K20 Center. He said they will be concentrating on professional learning communities, part of the strategic plan.

An open purchase order of \$12,813.50 with Share Medical Center will cover the services of a nurse for a student’s medical needs. McDermott asked some questions, and Argo said the nurse has already started. Share Medical will be paid for the number of hours the nurse actually works which may not equal the purchase order amount. On days when the student is absent, no nurse will be needed.

A purchase order of \$8,130 with BancCentral was listed for re-cabling to improve the high school infrastructure such as door locks and moving servers.

Back last summer, some band equipment was ordered. The band director was recently notified that company had gone out of business and money was refunded. A new purchase order was issued for \$3,299 to Midwest Music for the equipment which was reordered.

In the building fund, Argo pointed out an open purchase order for Greydog Mechanical for future needs. Another \$6,000 to Greydog was listed to replace an HVAC unit at the middle school.

Kyler Construction had a purchase order for \$94,000 on the cafeteria remodeling. Another purchase order for Treat Solutions for \$6,195.80 was

for janitorial supplies.

In the child nutrition fund, there was a \$200,000 purchase order for Kyler Construction which is the federal allotment which will be used toward the cafeteria remodeling. Vendetti Plumbing is being paid \$1,200 for repairs to a dishwasher at Washington School.

School board members voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda and the purchase order encumbrances.

Other Business

Board members approved hiring two applicants for non-certified positions for the remainder of the school year. Rayna Taylor was hired as a teaching assistant, and Morgann Martin was hired as a paraprofessional.

The extra duty assignments were revised to add Mia Jones who helped in January and February with middle school basketball. Crystal Murrow was added as the head sponsor for the junior class.

The board voted to approve a supplemental appropriation for the gift fund. A \$50,000 donation from Alva State Bank will be used as specified for music for middle school and high school vocal and band programs.

Supt. Argo thanked Share Medical Center CEO Kandice Allen and Principal Feely for working out a contract between the school and Share Medical for a nurse for the remainder of the school year. Argo called it a “trial run” with the possibility of contracting for other services in the future. He pointed out the school already provides occupational therapy and physical therapy. He mentioned the possibility of getting some certified training for staff on how to handle injuries. The board members approved the contract with the hospital for the nurse.

A video of the meeting may be viewed at www.AlvaReviewCourier.com.

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NEW—960 Acres, N½ SW¼ and the NW¼ - 17-27-15, W½ SW¼, W½ SE¼, E½ SW¼ - 8-27-15, S½ NE¼, E½ SW¼, SE¼ - 7-27-15, E½ SE¼, NW¼ SE¼ NE¼, SW¼ - 18-27-15 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. **PRICE: \$1,350,000.00**

SOLD 140 Acres - SE¼ - 33-27-14, W.I.M. All minerals are intact and sell with the farm. **PRICE: \$495,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - NE¼ - 14-26-24, W.I.M., Harper County, Okla. This tract consists of 148 Acres of good cropland primarily of pond creek silt loam and Grandfield Fine Sandy loam soils and 12 Acres in scattered grass fields. Located 8 miles north of May, Oklahoma, on Hwy 46. **NEW PRICE: \$192,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - SE¼ - 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**

NEW - 1.54 Acres with 3 Morton Buildings
 1.) 60'x81' Machine Shed with cement floor
 2.) 48'x63' Shop Building with cement floor, office, and bathroom
 3.) 36'x54' Three-sided Horse Barn - Located just west of the water tower at 202 W. Monroe Ave. in Cherokee, Okla. **NEW PRICE: \$100,000.00**

NEW—154 Acres - NW¼ - 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 - 153 Acres - NE¼ - 9-1-13, E.I.M., Texas County, and

72 Acres - S½ S½ SW¼, and the S½ N½ SW¼ all in Section 25-2-13, E.I.M., Texas County. Both tracts have been in the CRP program but have expired. Both tracts have excellent Goodwell, Oklahoma area. **PRICE: 153 Acres—\$165,000.00 and 72 Acres—\$90,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres Excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek Silt Loam and Grant Silt Loam Soils) with all minerals intact. It is watered by a windmill. Located east of Alva, Okla. SE¼ - 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 Nobscot sand soils), the balance being 16 Acres of trees and grass at three locations. Has excellent hunting potential. Located 3 miles north and 2¼ west of Ringwood, OK. W½ SE¼, and the SW¼ less 18 Acre tract in 29-23-10, W.I.M., Major County, Okla. **PRICE: \$440,000.00**

NEW—202 Acres - NE¼, less two tracts and the N½ SE¼ - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 132 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 - NW¼ - 20-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract has 146 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Grant 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 1200 sq. ft. home, 50'x100' shed - like new, 32' x 60' shop w/ 16" lean-to, steel corrals, cements bunks with loafing shed, three overhead bins. N½ - 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, the balance being 111 Acres of grass. NW¼ - 19-27-7, NE¼ - 24-27-8, W.I.M., Grant County, Okla. EXCELLENT HUNTING, EXCELLENT STOCK FARM. **PRICE: \$575,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - Blue Ribbon Farm - Excellent cropland (Pond Creek Silt Loam Soils), rural water. NE¼ - 15-28-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

NEW—474 Acres E½ and the NW¼ - 24-27-13, W.I.M., Grant County, Okla. This tract consists of 443 acres of good cropland. **PRICE: \$1,200,000.00**

NEW - 320 Acres - W½ - 11-25-14, Woods County, Okla. 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**

NEW - 150 Acres - SW¼ less 10 Acre tract in 13-27-13, Grant County, Okla. **PRICE: \$345,000.00**

NEW - 150.4 Acres SW¼ - 19-27-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$425,000.00**

NEW - 150 Acres NE¼ - 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), the balance being 206 Acres of good grassland. E½ - 10-28-14, Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$525,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - NW¼ - 29-26-14, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 160 Acres of excellent grassland. **PRICE: \$310,000.00**

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 Vacant Lot - 902 4th Street, Alva **PRICE: \$25,000**

SOLD



Remodeled home with nice apartment in the back! Main house - 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1344 sq ft. Privacy Fence, Storage Shed. Apartment has 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom. It is 480 sq ft, and is accessible through the alley, 418 Sherman, Alva. **PRICE: \$146,000**

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Deadline to request absentee ballot for March 7 special election approaches

Voters in Alfalfa County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the March 7 Special Election should apply now, County Election Board Secretary Stephanie Jantz said today.

Absentee ballots are available to any registered voter, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested. No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20. Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the county election board office located at 602 W. 5th St., Suite 3, Cherokee.

Jantz reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed, and returned by mail to the county election board. "With some exceptions, all absentee ballots must be notarized before being returned. Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned correctly in order to be counted," Jantz said.

Voters exempt from having a ballot notarized include those who are physically incapacitated, those who care for physically incapacitated individuals that cannot be left alone, and voters confined to nursing homes. Those voters may opt to have their ballot witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents

living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact Voting Service Officers in their units for absentee application forms. Residents living overseas may obtain absentee voting applications from any United States military installation or United States embassy or consulate. Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Those who need to complete a new Voter Registration Application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the county election board no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Registered voters who become physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, and cannot make it to the polls, still have an opportunity to cast their ballot.

Alfalfa County Election Board Secretary Stephanie Jantz said that state law permits voters who become emergency incapacitated after 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, to vote under special provisions. Jantz said emergency incapacitation is something most voters don't think about.

"Voting is our constitutional right, but life happens. Injury, illness, or even

childbirth can prevent a voter from being able to go to the polls. That's why it's important to make sure voters know their rights in the event of an emergency."

If you or someone you know becomes physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, contact your county election board as soon as possible. Jantz says election board officials will work with you to make sure you have all of the necessary information to cast your ballot. Forms and information can also be found on the Oklahoma State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections.

Also, sample ballots are now available for the March 7 election at the county election board. Voters can download a sample ballot when they become available online, using the state election board's OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or pick up a copy at the Alfalfa County Election during normal business hours.

Jantz reminds voters that sample ballots are specific to each person.

"If the OK Voter Portal indicates that you have no sample ballots available, it means you are not eligible to vote in an upcoming election. We recommend checking the OK Voter Portal to make sure you have an election before heading to the polls."

Jantz said sample ballots will also be posted outside every precinct polling place on Election Day, so voters can review them before casting their votes.

The Alfalfa County Election Board is located at 602 W. 5th St., Suite 3, Cherokee and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the Election Board at 580-596-2718 or alfalfacounty@elections.ok.gov.

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Murdock's Minutes 1116 Senate bills filed by Jan. 19 deadline; about 25% will become law

By Sen. Casey Murdock

Despite the recent round of winter weather, folks have stayed busy at the state Capitol, getting ready for the beginning of the 2023 session, which began Monday, Feb. 6. In recent days and weeks, our appropriations subcommittees have been holding budget hearings so that members can see how the current year's appropriations are being utilized, and hear presentations on the anticipated fiscal needs of agencies in Fiscal Year 2024, which begins next July.

Our deadline for filing legislation ahead of the session was Jan. 19, and 1116 Senate bills and 18 Senate joint resolutions were filed. Keep in mind that not every bill that is filed will make it though the committee and floor votes, and of those that are supported in our chamber, many of those bills may not get a hearing or receive support on the House side. By the end of session, only about 25 percent of those bills make all the way to the governor's desk and get signed into law.

I want to remind everyone that the Senate offers streaming audio and video with closed captioning from the Senate chamber as well as from all committee rooms at oksenate.gov. Through our website you can also look up committee and floor agendas, read or download legislation, and find other information to help you keep up with events and issues in the Senate.

Of course one of my favorite things is when people actually make the trip to the Capitol to visit in person. I know it's

a long drive from our part of the state, but the multi-year Capitol restoration project has been completed, and I would encourage everyone who can to come and see how beautiful everything is now. There are free tours for the public, and even a new museum about the Capitol.

Session can be pretty hectic, between back-to-back committee meetings, floor sessions and other meetings and events, but I want to be able to say hello when organizations, school groups and individuals from back home come to the Senate, so please contact my executive assistant, Lindsey Hutcheson, at 405-521-5626, or you can email her at Lindsey.Hutcheson@oksenate.gov to coordinate your visit.

Just this past week, I was very proud to welcome a group of fifth graders from Shattuck, along with teacher Lysnia Sprouse, for Colonial Day at the Capitol. This annual event has been sponsored since 2022 by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, and coordinated by alumni of the Colonial Williamsburg and George Washington Teacher Institutes. Colonial Day is aimed at bringing American history to life for students from around the state. Participants dress in colonial-period clothing, meet with historical character interpreters, and participate in teacher-led interactive sessions. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this memorable celebration of American history.

It is my honor to serve you in the Oklahoma State Senate. You can reach me by calling 405-521-5626 or emailing Casey.Murdock@oksenate.gov.

Darrin Lancaster hired as Alfalfa County's new emergency manager

By Stacy Sanborn

After the usual orders of business received tending, the Alfalfa County commissioners – Nate Ross, Mike Roach and Garret Johnson – announced hiring Darrin Lancaster as the county's new emergency manager. Hopefully, Lancaster will begin serving in that capacity by this summer, pending retirement from his current position as a state trooper. In the interim, Laura Dugger will fill the position.

When it came time to review bids, the three commissioners rejected all submissions due to changing or incorrect specs. Those bid packages were for constructing a building for Carmen Rescue and then a new pickup to be used in District 3. Afterward, officials approved County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger to solicit bids on a new four-wheel-drive half-ton pickup for that same district.

Next, the men declared a surplus on a 2006 IHC 7600, followed by approving a request for new account numbers for the Chart of Account (for EMPG Grant Personal Services as 1212-2-2700-1110 to pay salary for EM for the reimbursement grant). They then signed approval of the transfer from EMPG Grant M&O 1212-2-2700-2005 for \$15,000 – that is, \$5,000 for FY 20-21 and \$10,000 for FY 21-22 — from EMPG Grant for salary reimbursement to EMPG Grant Personal Services 1212-2-2700-1110.

The commissioners approved a request for assistance from the state on the EOP Plan Revised FY 2021 SEFA and Revised FY 2022 SEFA, followed by their five-year bridge plan.

They took care of two private property access easements in District 3 to clean ditches and remove trees: one for the SW ¼ of 32-26-9 and the other for the SW¼ of 10-23-9.

Correction: In last week's Newsgram, it was incorrectly stated that Cherokee would be the hardest hit of any school in Alfalfa County in regards to the

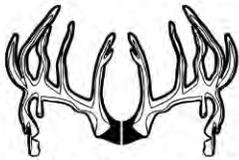
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1035	Barber Co, KS	Agricultural, Hunting, Grassland	\$1,966,500	NEW
304	Woods Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Multiple Ponds	\$375,000	NEW
638	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting, Grazing, Spring Fed Pond	\$1,116,500	NEW
313	Harper Co, KS	Native Pasture, Hunting, Ponds	\$719,900	NEW
475	Barber Co, KS	Hunting, Grassland, Agricultural	\$795,000	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
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
660	Barber Co, KS	Hunting on Little Bear Creek	\$825,000	SOLD
525	Wayne Co, MO	135/ac Private Lake - Hardwood Timber	\$2,690,000	SOLD
363	Kingman Co, KS	Lies in Sections 5&8-30S-10W	\$1,200,000	SOLD
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Clean-up Kiowa project debated by city council

By Yvonne Miller

The Kiowa City Council held a special meeting Monday night to try and clarify some ground rules for the Clean-up Kiowa project and an invoice that was billed to the city regarding the latest project – the Ted Sanberry property with three dilapidated structures on 9th Street that Jeff Bryan bought and hired an excavator to demolish.

It all started in November of 2021 when Bryan joined with the City of Kiowa in a Clean-up Kiowa project and the old Kiowa Hospital was demolished. At that point the verbal agreement with costs for future projects was the city would pay one-third, money from donations of community members would pay one-third, and the landowner of a dilapidated property would pay one-

third.

Since that first project the city has received more donations estimated at \$30,600 for the clean-up project, according to City Clerk Sheila Smith.

All councilmembers attended, including Mayor Bill Watson, Janet Robison, B.J. Duvall, Brian Hill, Jason Thayer and Tom Wells. City Administrator Sam Demel sat at the table as did Clerk Smith.

Demel opened the meeting and referred back to the Oct. 10 minutes. He said to the council, “We discussed one-third, one-third and one-third. But the council never voted on it. They voted to set up for council to receive funds. (...) We need a procedure in place – how properties are selected? At what point does the council approve a project?”

Demel said, “It’s still not clear.”

At times there were so many side conversations among councilmembers that you weren’t sure who to listen to at that second.

Wells said he’s visited with Bryan and said, “I think it’s worth some of the cost because it’s cleaning up the city.”

Duvall doesn’t want the city to be property owners all around town. Hill said the city or the donors have to own the property. Referring to the property owners of the dilapidated properties, Hill said, “Obviously they weren’t responsible enough to take care of their own stuff. Now we’re rewarding their behavior by giving them their property with a free clean-up. That’s not fair.”

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South Barber hosts Central Christian for Basketball Homecoming Friday

Class 1A Div II – Sub-state boys and girls basketball tournament at South Barber Feb. 23–March 4



On Friday night one of these senior women will be crowned the 2023 South Barber Basketball Homecoming Queen. From left: Meagan Terrell, Jazzmin Binning and Lynzee Wilbur. Photo by Yvonne Miller

By Yvonne Miller

Friday night, February 10, the South Barber Chieftains celebrate their basketball homecoming. One of three senior women will wear the crown at a coronation during halftime of the boys game where the Chieftains and Lady Chieftains welcome the Central Christian Cougars for hardwood action.

The 2023 South Barber Basketball Queen Candidates are: Jazzmin Binning, Meagan Terrell and Lynzee Wilbur.

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Kindergarten helpers are Cooper Brattin, son of Charley and Nikki Brattin; Lincoln Howland, son of Desiree Howland; Kimber Adams, daughter of Jessica Adams; and Faye Kuhr, daughter of Ashley Kuhr and the late Alex Kuhr.

Meet South Barber's Homecoming Queen Candidates

The daughter of Donna and Garret Binning, Jazzmin Binning is the reigning Miss South Barber. Her extra-curricular activities throughout high school include: FFA, NHS, Student Council, drama, forensics, vocal,

gymnastics, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track and cheer. She has held offices in Student Council, FFA, 4H, her class, and the Gelbvieh Junior Livestock Association. In the fall she plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University and participate in track and cheer. After graduation, Binning wants to pursue a degree in business finance and accounting. Jazzmin hopes to become an accountant or a human resources consultant.

Megan Terrell is the daughter of Teri Mobley and Brian Terrell. This year, she is involved in FCCLA, Yearbook, and forensics. Terrell has been on the honor roll throughout her entire high school career and was named Student of the Month. Her favorite class is baking and pastry-making because she loves learning how to bake and make new things. Terrell's most significant achievement is getting into a CNA class because it's a step toward her dream career. After high school, she plans to attend nursing school at Missouri State University as she wants to become a registered nurse. Terrell's grandpa is her hero, and her favorite quote is, "It's impossible to start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one."

Lynzee Wilbur is the daughter of Jamie Day, who is her hero. At SBHS, Wilbur is actively involved in tennis, forensics, Scholar's Bowl, FCCLA, soccer, and is class secretary. She has been on the honor roll and also qualified to compete in State Forensics the past two years. Her favorite high school memory is going on the trip to State Forensics during her junior year. Wilbur's favorite class is Government because she enjoys learning about the country's politics and playing Jeopardy. In the future, Wilbur plans to attend Northern Arizona University with a double major in psychology and criminal justice. She hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement.

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Obituaries

ROGER DEAN KASSIK

Funeral services for Roger Kassik will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Michael Floyd officiating. Private burial will be in the Union Center Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.



Roger Dean Kassik, son of Fred and Velma (Sweeney) Kassik, was born on May 10, 1938, at Dacoma, Oklahoma, and passed this life on February 2, 2023, at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 2 days.

He attended 12 years of school at Dacoma Public School, graduating high school in 1956. He also attended college for one year at Northwestern State College at Alva. Roger was a member of the basketball and baseball teams while attending school and also of the F.F.A. chapter for four years. He enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard and served our country for a few years until receiving his Honorable Discharge.

Always being the high achiever at most anything he chose to accomplish, farming and ranching were at the top of his list. He started early in life towards a goal of success in that career and accomplished that goal on February 2, 2023, when he passed this life on earth to be with our Heavenly Father.

Roger was blessed with his loving and hardworking parents and two little sisters, Sharon Rae and Vickie Lou. Roger started driving the 1938 Allis Chalmers tractor at age 8 or 9 and that began his lifelong career of a dedicated farmer/rancher. He was very adamant at becoming the proud and successful husband, dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather that he was until his final day on earth.

He and his high school sweetheart, Pauline, actually met in third grade at Dacoma. While getting his education, one of his pleasures was teasing the girls in his class, with one of them being Pauline. If you were to ask his sisters today, I'm certain they could tell you of some stories and pranks he had for them also. But on the other hand, he was proud

of them and would have their backs in time of need.

Roger and Pauline started dating in high school. With a few bumps along their journey, they became engaged and married July 31, 1958. (Had to wait until after harvest and the ground all tilled, Fred said). It became a familiar statement through the years that spilled over into many long hours of hard work.

Later in the marriage, one of the joys of their lives, Lynni Rojean was born on June 21, 1962. Of course, the fun and experience of parenting is a whole new life of cherished memories. Five years later there was news of a new baby coming and of course, no sonograms those days so it would be a surprise of the gender. On February 21, 1967, "It's a Girl" was announced and her name would be Dawn DaLene. So now we have our little family and continue trying to maintain that goal of successful farming.

The years have passed (like 70 some) and time started taking its toll on Roger's health, beginning with pneumonia of a high degree came with a vengeance, then soon cancer appears, and also damages his healthy body, along with heart issues apparent as well.

His battle has been ongoing for several years, but with the care of wonderful doctors and nurses, loving friends and family jumping in to help Roger the best they could Roger has continued on his journey of life and goals. He also turned a helping hand to others when things got rough. He was often a man of few words but was strong and caring, and to this day, if you were to look on his office bulletin board you will find several uncashed checks written by farmers and friends just like him.

Besides his parents, Fred and Velma, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Gene Greb.

Roger is survived by his wife, Pauline of Dacoma; his daughters, Lynni Greb of Dacoma and special friend, Matt Lynn, of Plains, Kansas, and Dawn Burkes and special friend, Michael Floyd, of Dacoma; sisters, Sharon Higby and husband, Mike, of Turpin, and Vickie Deaton and friend, Walter, of Auburn, Kansas; three grandchildren, Koy Koehn of Dacoma, Baye Burkes and wife, Mollie, of Oxford, Kansas, and

Gage Burkes of Oxford, Kansas; three great grandchildren, Brooklyn Burkes, Ashura Burkes, and Ophelia Burkes; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Share Medical Center.

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

Just recently he heard God calling, "Roger, It is time to rest my faithful servant, friend. Job well done!"

HERBERT FRANCIS LANDWEHR

Herbert Francis Landwehr, 77, of Sharon, Kansas, died Saturday, February 4, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his entire family.



He was born on May 17, 1945, in Hardtner, Kansas, the son of Herbert W. Landwehr and Monica (Boor) Landwehr. On June 30, 1965, he married the love of his life, Vonda (Mathews-Bird) Landwehr in Sharon, Kansas. They were married 57 years. He was a devoted husband and friend. Herb often spoke of his love for Vonda.

Herb was born the only son in a family of nine children. From a young age, Herb began working alongside his dad, mom and sisters on their family farm. In grade school Herb contracted the polio virus. As a result he was left crippled in his left leg, but in true Herb fashion, he pushed through this obstacle to not only overcome it, but to become a gifted high school athlete. This grit and determination resulted in him being given the opportunity to play college football, and served him well throughout his life.

After high school, Herb devoted his life to hard work and providing for his family. He worked for Barbara Oil Company and the Sharon Co-op before returning back to his love of farming, ranching and agriculture alongside his wife Vonda, and his dad. Herb also returned back to the oilfield as a contract pumper for over 30 years. He continued to farm and ranch up until his death.

He was a member of the St. Boniface

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Catholic Church, Sharon, Kansas, the Knights of Columbus, the NRA, cofounder of the Sharon Valley 4-H Club, and also a member of the Hazelton COOP board.

Herb loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He enjoyed many years of hunting with his sons, grandkids, family and friends. He was also a skilled horseman, and enjoyed riding horses and working cattle on horseback. He had a sincere love and respect for all things nature.

Herb's greatest love and devotion was to his family and his faith. He dedicated his life to honoring and instilling the value of the love of family, and the importance of faith.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Vonda Landwehr of Sharon, Kansas, are four sons, Herb (Myriam) Landwehr of Sharon, Mike (Debbie) Landwehr of Derby, Kansas, Ron (Rhonda) Landwehr of Sharon, and Randie (Dana) Landwehr of Stockton, Missouri; one daughter, Alisa (Chad) Boyce of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; 14 grandchildren, Kristine (Andy Larkin) Landwehr, Herb (Laura) Landwehr, Heath (Alyssa) Landwehr, Vonda Landwehr, Kirsten (Josh) Kramer, Kaitlyn (Kyle) Wasinger, Ronnie (Morgan) Landwehr, Ryan (Jamie) Landwehr, Riston (Jaycee Patton) Landwehr, Randie (Shawna) Landwehr, Landon (Tristin Cross) Landwehr, Celie (Logan Kiser) Landwehr, Emmie (Dewey Doze) Landwehr, and Brooke Boyce; ten great-grandchildren, Jocelyn, Hayes, Brooks, Nora, Mia, Rose, Maggie, Oaklee, Randie and Slade; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents and by eight sisters, Monica Hendricks, Patricia Adelhardt, Theresa Smith, Celie Landwehr, Aggie Shogrin,

Rose Leis, Louise Martin and Eunice Hansard.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, 67104. Rosary/vigil service will be on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Sharon, Kansas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Boniface Catholic Church with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah presiding.

Burial will follow in St. Boniface Cemetery, Sharon, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

EDITH DONNETTE STAUFFER

A celebration of Donnette's life was held on February 7, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Wharton Funeral Chapel. Her final resting place followed at Short Springs Cemetery near her family. Online condolences may be made at www.whartonfuneralchapel.com.



Edith Donnette, the oldest child of Maxine (Ole) and Orie Beryle Stauffer, was born July 12, 1947, in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and passed away on February 3, 2023, in the care of Mercy Hospice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(Edith) Donnette was named after her maternal grandmother Edith (Crawford) Ole and paternal Aunt Phyllis Donnette (Stauffer) Beck. Very few people could get by calling her anything other than "Donnette" but when the nephews and niece came along, they seemed to get by with a challenging "Edith" every now and then. Although her given name was how we knew her best, she was also known as sister, aunt, friend, partner-in-crime, caregiver, and confidant.

As a life-long resident of Alva, Donnette was a member of First Christian Church and graduated from Alva High School in 1965, worked several years at TG&Y, and retired from the Alva

Farmer's Co-op in 2014. While at the Co-op, she seemed to have a knack for being successful at the various positions she held – from the fertilizer plant to the office. There weren't many local farmers who could get one over on Donnette.

Family was very important to Donnette. She attended more ballgames and stock shows than most parents, cheering on her niece and nephews and continuing that support with the great nieces and nephews. As the family historian and keeper of the family photo boxes, Donnette knew most of the people in the pictures and made a scrapbook for each of her niece and nephews.

Bowling was a pastime Donnette enjoyed and spending time with her bowling buddies was an important part of her life. Although the bowling might not have been the primary focus, the friendships she developed along the way certainly were. She was also a fix-it person and wasn't afraid to get her hands dirty whatever the project. Although the outcome was not always what she expected, she was always ready for the next time.

Donnette was preceded in death by her parents Orie and Maxine; brothers, Craig and Kurt; nephews, Dustin Graves and Clayton Stauffer; her partner, Jarilyn Link; and bonus niece, Hallie Link.

She is survived by her sister, Jeannette and husband Roger Graves; brother, Kim and wife Arlene Stauffer; and sister-in-law, Sharry (Stauffer) and husband Brad Thompson. But perhaps the most important people to carry her legacy forward are her niece and nephews: Derick (April) Graves; Damon (Janette) Stauffer; Brian Stauffer; Carol Stauffer; Kevin (Nick) Stauffer-Rossi; Kyle Stauffer; Kelly (Amanda) Stauffer; and bonus nephews, Daryl and Dusty McCormick. The list continues with great nieces and nephews: Sulus, Clyde, and Myah Graves; Braden, Katelyn, and Colette Stauffer; Gauge, Axel, and Coulter Stauffer; and Hunter and Aspen Stauffer. Donnette is also survived by her extended family and many friends she considered family.

In honor of Donnette's life, please consider a gift to the Dustin Graves Memorial Scholarship Fund or to the Clayton Stauffer Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund. Gifts may be made in care of Wharton Funeral Home.

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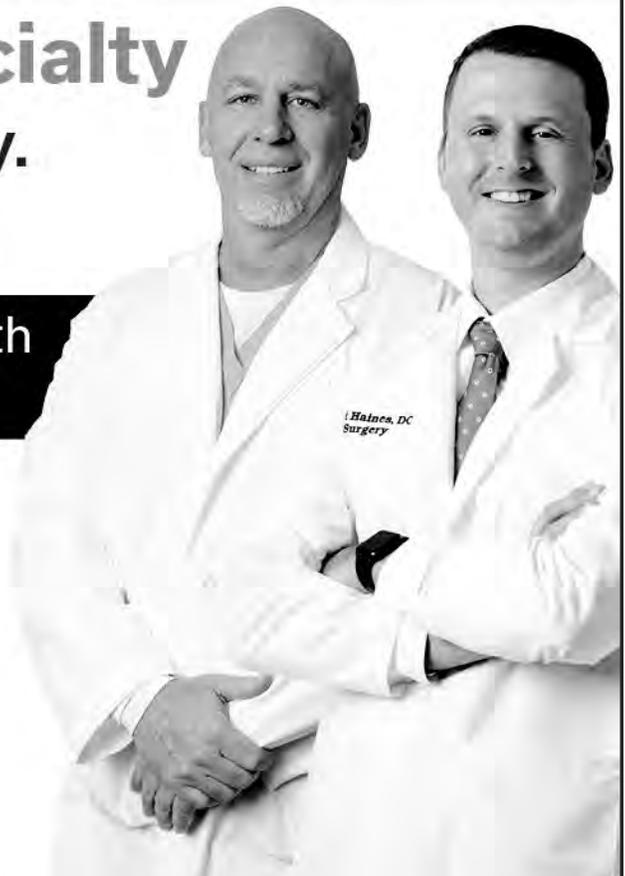
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Carl's Capitol Comments

Education will again get the largest appropriation of state dollars

By Rep. Carl Newton

By the time you read this in print, the first session of the 59th Legislature will have started. The Oklahoma Constitution specifies that each year the legislative session is to begin at noon on the first Monday in February and adjourn no later than 5 p.m. the last Friday in May. If we go beyond that, we have to call a special session.

One of the first orders of business each year is to hear the governor's annual State of the State Address, in which he explains his budget priorities for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. While the governor details his requests, it is up to the Legislature to determine the actual spending plan for state revenues. As it does every year, education will once again get the largest appropriation of state dollars followed by other areas such as transportation, health care, public safety, human services and others. I anticipate we'll have some robust discussions this year about tax

reform and the need for continued state savings.

Once we hear from the governor, our legislative work begins in earnest. During this first week, we will have first and second reading of bills and assign them to various committees. Committee chairs then begin working with the authors of the bills to understand what the legislation will do and what impact it will have on state residents. If a bill has a fiscal impact, it is assigned first to an Appropriations & Budget subcommittee. If it passes, it is then eligible to be considered by the full A&B Committee. This committee also is responsible for passage of all legislation that supports the state budget each year, including the overall general appropriations bill.

This year, I am the chair of the A&B Subcommittee for Natural Resources as well as a member of the full A&B Committee. I also will serve on the Public Health and the Rural Development

committees.

We have 16 new members in the House this year. They attended a swearing-in ceremony and Organizational Day, but being in the chamber for the governor's State of the State address will be another first for them. They also are learning the inner workings of getting legislation assigned to committees and the need to communicate with committee members to ensure their legislation is understood so they can secure its passage.

More than 3,000 bills and resolutions were filed by deadline this year. But as in every year, only about 400 of those will make it through the entire legislative process to be signed into law.

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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**Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the
month at 10:00 am at the Alva Public
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February 11

In-house program - Past and Present map of the City of Alva - Angela Courson, Sanborn Maps - Sandra Ott, First Families of the Twin Territories, Settlers and builders of Oklahoma - Dorothy Erickson

March 11

In-house program. Remembering Alva's Past - Please share your memories of Munson hatchery, Golden Crust Bakery, old movie theaters, old drug stores, clothing shops, cafes, and service business members will share their stories.

April 8

The Cowboy Up program will be held at the Cherokee strip museum in the fireside room. Renee Trindle, the director of the sod house, will present the program about life in the Cherokee Strip. Trindle will discuss the Cattle Companies that were active in the strip. She will also share other documented stories of the strip. Local historians will also add local stories to the program.

May 13

Family history center (ancestry.com) - Mrs. Dowling from Woodward and present program.

June - July

NO PROGRAMS

August 12

Genealogist/Historian will present a program about the Dawes Rolls and researching your Native American Heritage.

September 9

OHS Historian will present the program about the causes of the Great Depression, its effect on NW Oklahoma, and how it complicated the lives of families living in the area. In addition, local historians will be available to share local stories.

October 14

Attend the WSG Conference in Wichita, Kansas, the 2nd Saturday of October. More information will be provided later.

November 11

Unearthing Cemetery Records, using cemetery records to cover forgotten history - Lenny Reed

December

Annual Christmas Social





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Wheat Production Meeting

Fertilizer Top Dressing, Management Issues & Price Outlook

March 9, 2023

5:30 p.m. (Light Snacks)

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Trent Milacek

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- Price Protection Strategies
- Wheat Market 2023 Outlook

Wheat Management for Spring

Josh Bushong

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- Adjusting for 2023 Growing Conditions

Over-The-Counter Antibiotics Moving to Veterinary Prescription

Barry Whitworth, DVM, Area Food/Animal Quality & Health Specialist

As of June 2023, Livestock Producers will no longer be able to purchase Livestock Antibiotic Products Over-the-Counter (OTC).

Injectable OTC antibiotics, oral forms of OTC antibiotics, and intramammary OTC antibiotics will no longer be available without a prescription from a veterinarian. Many of these products; oxytetracycline (LA200), tetracycline, penicillin, and sulfur drugs are commonly used on farms and ranches in Woods County. All categories of livestock producers will be impacted including backyard poultry, goats, swine and beef cattle. Any antibiotic product will require a veterinary prescription.

In 2021 the FDA finalized GFI # 263 which provided the framework for the pharmaceutical industry to voluntarily change the remaining medically important food/animal OTC antimicrobial drugs to Rx drugs. This continues the FDA's policy of using medically important antimicrobial drugs for animal health and under the supervision of a veterinarian.

For livestock producers that have a relationship with a veterinarian, very little will change in June. However, for livestock producers who do not use a veterinarian, obtaining antibiotics for their animals after June 2023 will require the establishment of a valid veterinarian-client-patient-relationship.

Now is the time for producers to begin to prepare for this change. A producer should establish a good working relationship with their veterinarian. Producers should take an inventory of their antimicrobials. Producers should take that list to their veterinarian and learn what information will be needed to get a Rx for that product or products. Producers need to prepare early to avoid any interruptions in treatment.

Woods County Spring Livestock Show

Monday - February 13th
8:30 am – Swine Show
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Tuesday - February 14th
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Teegun Allison and Kamren Newton during the camo-themed day at the elementary school petting zoo during Waynoka FFA week.



Tayen Redgate, Alivia Seamen and Marlie Pitts dressed up for Career Day on Wednesday during Waynoka FFA week.

By Brea Beck

During FFA week, the Waynoka FFA Chapter is very active in the community. It is also a good time to appreciate the great organization and what it does for our country.

On Monday, the dress up theme was Hawaiian. Donuts were taken to the co-op to “Thank a Farmer.”

Tuesday, the dress up theme was Red, White and Blue! The chapter hosted a “Feed the Leaders” breakfast. We opened this up to the teachers, faculty/staff at the school, first responders, EMT’s, dispatchers and the police. It was a great turnout!

Wednesday, the dress up theme was Career Day. Students also participated in doing “Anything but a Backpack.”

There were different things brought such as buckets, wagons, feed sacks, a basketball cart, ice chests and even a toddler!

Thursday, the dress up theme was camouflage. We put on a petting zoo for the elementary students. Animals included in the petting zoo were a donkey, a ferret, a turtle, doe goats, sheep and pigs. There was also a chapter meeting, with guest speaker Brandon Baumgarten.

Friday, the dress-up theme was Flannel Friday. Students also participated in “Driving a Tractor to School Day.”

Saturday finished FFA Week with the local stock show.



Addley and Charles Hanson stand with their “Anything but a Backpack” idea for Waynoka FFA Week.

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Races develop in Alva, Cherokee, Waynoka elections

By Marione Martin

Halfway through the municipal filing period, races have developed in Alva, Cherokee and Waynoka. The filing period continues until 5 p.m. today, Feb. 8. All positions are four year terms unless noted otherwise. Following are those who have filed as of noon in Alfalfa and Woods counties.

Alfalfa County

Two people have filed for the two trustee positions for the Town of Burlington: Natalie Hill and Janet Maltbie.

The Town of Byron has two openings for trustees and one for town clerk, but no one has filed.

Three people have filed for the three open positions for trustee in the Town of Carmen, but no one has filed for town clerk-treasurer. Those filing for trustee are Lee McDowell, Jerry Gumaer and Larry Schwahn.

Filing for the Town of Helena three trustee positions are Kristen Shepard,

Lisa Zink and John A. Masquelier. Chandra Mattingly has filed for the town clerk-treasurer office.

The Town of Goltry has three openings on the board of trustees but only two candidates have filed so far: Vernon Sanders Jr. and Brian Severin. Filing for the Goltry town clerk-treasurer is Brandon Severin.

Filing for the three trustee four year positions in the Town of Jet are Amanda Tucker, Melissa Jenlink and Warren Worman, Jr. In addition, Walter Iorger has filed for the two year unexpired term on the board of trustees. Renee' Christine has filed for the town clerk-treasurer position.

Two candidates have filed for the City of Cherokee commissioner, Ward 2 seat: Chelsey Guffy and Paul E. Michael. Filing for the commissioner, Ward 4 seat is Adrienne Wessels.

Woods County

As of noon Tuesday, Kama Luddington had filed for Town of

Freedom board of trustees, office 1. Patricia Dauphin filed for town clerk-treasurer. No one had filed yet for the board of trustees, office 2 position.

The Town of Dacoma has two openings on the board of trustees but no one had filed so far.

A race for mayor has developed in Alva. Kelly Parker, who currently holds that office, and Taylor Dowling, who is a city councilmember for Ward 2, have both filed.

Jim L. Darr has filed for city marshal, a position currently held by Jim Scribner. No one had filed for city clerk.

Four positions are open on the Alva City Council, and the incumbents have filed for each of those spots: Garret Lahr for Ward 1, Seat 2; Gail Swallow for Ward 2, Seat 2; Sadie Bier for Ward 3, Seat 2; and Randy Stelling for Ward 4, Seat 2.

For the City of Waynoka, incumbent Susan Bradford has filed. For the Waynoka City Council, a race has developed for the Ward 1, Seat 1 position with Donald Cummins and Austin Durkee both filing. Jay Adair has filed for Ward 3, Seat 1, and Tim Crissup has filed for Ward 4, Seat 1. No one has filed for the Ward 2, Seat 1 office.

Waynoka has two unexpired two year terms for city council. Wesley Hope has filed for the Ward 1, Seat 2 position, and there have been no filings for the two year Ward 2, Seat 1 opening.

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Valentine's Day

From Page 18 **Kiowa**

Duvall agrees the landowner is getting their property cleaned up for nothing.

Wells again mentioned the benefit of ridding the town of unsightly properties and improving the community.

Hill said if the city had the right zoning and code enforcement law those property owners should have gotten fined hard enough to take action. Wells said Bryan told him if the city had enforced their codes, this problem might not have escalated to this point. That's why the city needs to pay their third of the cost.

In 2022, Bryan donated \$25,000 to the city for the clean-up project. He recently had a bill sent to the city for \$13,820 from Redhawk of Alva for the Sanberry property clean-up on 9th

Street. Bryan hired an excavator and had told the Newsgram the clean-up would cost about \$26,500. Demel told the council that \$13,820 bill is just for the trash and landfill charge.

Thayer said, "In the spirit of the donation," he thought the money was to clean up several properties around town – not have one person buy up many properties and have the city pay for the clean-up. "I don't want to take advantage of the taxpayers."

Council members threw out many comments in this two agenda items special meeting that lasted one hour in regular session. Mayor Watson said he remembered how this project started. This group goes out to the owners of dilapidated properties and makes them

the offer (one-third, one-third and one-third) and then a decision is made.

The council decided to make a motion about becoming a part of this Clean-up Kiowa project. Councilmember Thayer wrote the majority of the document. To be a part of this, there is an application process that the property owner fills out if they want to be a part; next there is an outreach process where council reaches out to the taxpayer to see if they want to participate; this can be done one property at a time or in groups; it will be done by sealed bids for approval or disapproval of the council and property owner; the council will take each case as it comes in. The council approved the motion unanimously.

The agenda also called to pay the Redhawk invoice. Duvall raised the question of Bryan's authority to have a bill sent to the city. The council agreed to table payment of the invoice until their regular meeting next Monday, Feb. 13.

At the end of the meeting the council entered executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. The session extended to 55 minutes with no action taken upon return to open session except to adjourn.

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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office Logs

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
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 7 p.m. – Medic needed in the 600 block of Kingman for female choking. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.
 8:42 p.m. – Report of a silver car sitting at the park the last few nights. Officer made contact. All was okay. Driver just listening to music.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
 During this day were three traffic stops.
 8:29 a.m. – Caller advised the rear breaks on his propane truck were on fire. Advised he was at OK-8 and Hughes Road.
 9:09 a.m. – Welfare check needed on East Street.
 11:51 a.m. – Medic needed in the 100 block of Choctaw for a female having heart issues. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.
 3:51 p.m. – Report of two dogs tied up in the 700 block of Massachusetts. Advised they didn't know if they had access to food and water and were worried it might be too cold for them to be out there. Officer advised all was okay.

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 5:50 a.m. – Caller advised his vehicle had been broken into in the 100 block of 6th Street. Advised nothing was taken at that time.
 8:31 a.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a male with a head injury. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.
 11:50 a.m. – Alarm company advised of a business alarm and they were unable to make contact. Officer advised it was a false alarm.
 1:43 p.m. – Caller advised she got home and there was a large dog in her yard and it wouldn't let her get out of her car. Officer arrived and advised the dog took off running. The dog was behind Cavali's and the owners were on their way to try to catch the animal.
 9:01 p.m. – Medic needed for person with an excessive nose bleed. No transport needed.

Friday, February 3, 2023
 During this day were four traffic stops.
 12:12 a.m. – Report of a male not acting right at the Jiffy Trip. Officer advised everything was okay.
 12:26 a.m. – Report of a vehicle vs. deer accident on OK-11. No injuries and no airbags were deployed.
 5:58 a.m. – Alarm company advised of a business alarm going off at Dollar General.

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From Page 36 **Sheriff**

Officer advised everything was okay.

8:01 a.m. – Burglar alarm going off in the 1200 block of Grand and they couldn't reach the keyholder. Officer advised everything was okay.

10:35 a.m. – Report of an unwanted male sleeping in the laundry room at Chaparral Apartments.

9:57 p.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle in Jet. Looks to have front end damage and pulled into the co-op. Now headed north on OK-38. Advised the vehicle was now parked in front of the Town Hall. Deputy arrived and advised all was okay.

Saturday, February 4, 2023
 During this day was one controlled burn.

10:38 a.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for male with low blood pressure. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in

Enid.
 5:47 p.m. – Medical alarm went off in the 300 block of Grand. All was okay. Employee accidentally hit the button.

Sunday, February 5, 2023

7:19 a.m. – Helena officer requested a deputy for a drug drop at James Crabtree Correctional Center. Advised he had the subject trapped behind the prison. The subject was now reported in Helena in a gray Chevy Cruze. Officer advised the vehicle was going south on OK-45 and not stopping. Dispatch advised OHP and Garfield County. Garfield County advised they had the subject at a Jiffy Trip in Enid.

1:22 p.m. – Report of a hold-up alarm going off in the 400 block of Grand. Alarm company was unable to get ahold of the keyholder. Advised it was a false alarm.

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

Misdemeanor Filings

Cody Lee Dalrymple, Jet, 40, has been charged with domestic assault and battery in presence of minor (\$276.50).

Marriage License Filings

Abram Zacharias Unger, Attica, Kansas, and Ashley Nicole Drake, Kiowa, Kansas: marriage license with certificate (\$5).

Traffic Citations

Cody Jay Murrow, Cherokee, has been cited for operating vehicle on which all taxes due to state have not been paid (\$249).

William Charles Kurtz,

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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

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

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

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.

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From Page 37 Alfalfa

Kiowa, Kansas, has been cited for overweight vehicle (axle) (\$249).

Ethan Cordell Montgomery, Bristow, has been cited for failure to carry insurance verification (\$269).

Cole Wayne Richter, Fairview, has been cited for speeding 11-14 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Wildlife Filings

Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline, has been cited for shooting from a public roadway (\$739).

Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline, has

been cited for hunting without a license (\$264).

Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline, has been cited for attempted possession of buck deer not legally taken (\$5,989).

Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline, has been cited for head lighting deer (\$1,239).

Ronnie Glen Nickel, Aline, has been cited for hunting with aid of motor vehicle. (\$1,239).

Gentry P. Nickel, Aline, has been cited for possession of buck deer not legally taken (\$2,989).

Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 888 page 412: Rocky Anthony and Vicki Anthony convey unto Carl Austin Newton Jr. Lots 9-12, Block 14, first addition to the Town of Aline, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 888 page 416: Philip L. Sumner and Jennifer Sumner convey unto Philip L. Sumner and Jennifer Sumner, trustees of the Sumner Family Revocable Trust. Northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma.

Warranty deed.

Book 888 page 458: Cyndee J. Palmateer and Craig R. Palmateer convey unto David Alan Hodges and Robin Louise Hodges. Lots 15, 16 and 17 in Block 9 in the First Addition to the Town of Aline, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 888 page 461: Nathaniel Sam Mattison conveys unto Erika Klein Braver. Lots 3 and 4 and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 11, WIM. Quit claim deed.

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