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Timberlake, Cherokee continue in football playoffs.

By Marione Martin

Of the four area teams from Alfalfa and Woods counties in football playoffs, two won their games and will continue while two lost, ending their seasons.

The two Alfalfa County teams, Timberlake and Cherokee, chalked up wins Friday night and will continue this week in the quarter-finals on the road to the state championship games.

In Class C the Timberlake Tigers defeated Mt. View-Goteo 54-8. This Friday at 7 p.m. the Tigers will host Paoli in Helena. Paoli beat Oaks Mission last week 62-36.

Also in Class C, the Waynoka Railroaders fell to Ryan 52-22 last week. Ryan advances to play at Medford this Friday.

In Class B-II the Cherokee Chiefs were victorious against Copan 36-8 last week. The Chiefs will travel to Seiling for a quarter-final game this Friday at 7 p.m. Seiling beat Thackerville last week 66-6.

In Class 2A-II the Alva Goldbugs fell to the visiting Beggs Golden Demons 43-0 Friday. Beggs continues to play at Vian this Friday.



From left: (front row) Veronica Castro, Alissa Pfleider, Emma Smith, Maggie Johnson, Regina Wimpee; (back row) Jae'Lyn Pickering, Jennifer Salinas – district officer, Madilynn Salmon, Kaylee Eckhardt, Kynli Patterson, Addy Bickerstaff, Davin Budy – state first vice president, Tessa Littlefield, Talyn Allison, Ryan McDonald, Wiley Jones – district officer, Montana Ledford.

Cherokee FCCLA attend District STAR events

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, nine Cherokee FCCLA competitors traveled to Fairview for District STAR Events, along with five timekeepers and three officers. STAR Events, which stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition, provides students with opportunities to present various research, service, and career preparatory projects to judges.

Competition Results

A. Bickerstaff, 1st – Career Investigation Level 3

M. Johnson – Career Investigation Level 1

R. Wimpee – Children’s Literature Level 1

R. McDonald – Repurpose & Redesign Level 1

Cherokee Competitors Placing 2nd

E. Smith – New Member Facts

A. Pfleider & M. Salmon – Professional Presentation Level 1

Also competing were M. Ledford and J. Pickering.

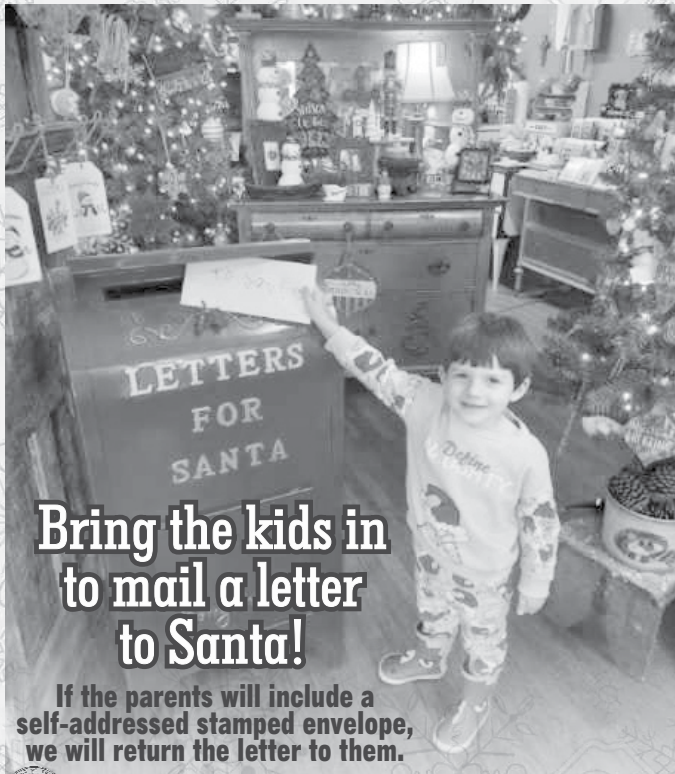
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Alva changes to commercial trash service beginning Dec. 2

Remembering my younger veteran brother

By Marione Martin



In case you haven't seen the announcement by the City of Alva, trash service will be switched to Waste Connections beginning Monday, Dec. 2. The company is already making deliveries of poly carts to Alva residents, but trash should go into the Alva containers through the end of November. The announcement was made on the City of Alva app and on Facebook. By the way, you can download the free City of Alva app through your usual app store or go to alvaok.org to find the link for the download.

There will be some changes with the switch to commercial service. There will be no alley pickup of residential trash. Instead, containers must be placed curbside or street-side by 6 a.m. on the day of trash pickup. Trash will be picked up once a week with locations varying with days of the week. When the new poly carts are delivered, look for an information sheet wrapped around a cart handle that will tell you where to place your container and what day your area will be serviced.

Residents who have legitimate reasons why they are not physically able to take trash poly carts to the curb should call City Hall at 580-327-1340 and talk to Heather. Arrangements will be made to have your trash picked up by hand.

If you have City of Alva poly carts, the city will be picking them up after the commercial service starts.

When Waste Connections begins their service Dec. 2, the City of Alva office will still serve as the go-between. If you have problems, concerns or questions, contact the city office. They will then relay as needed to Waste Connections. You can report issues on this and other city services through the City of Alva app as well.

Remembering my younger brother

Last week I wrote about veterans and included a photo of my older brother



Tom Derrickson wears an army uniform. He served in Vietnam.

in uniform. Since I also mentioned my younger brother Tom, my daughter sent the column to his daughter Rhonda. She shared a photo I had not seen of Tom in his uniform. My daughter Marisa suggested I write about some of my memories of Tom so here goes.

Gene was seven years older than me while Tom was 22 months younger. Since Tom and I were close to the same age, we spent a lot of time together while Gene was in school and with his older friends. However, one of the earliest stories repeated to me in family lore occurred before Tom's arrival. I wasn't yet walking when Gene went a little too far teasing me. I chomped down on his big toe.

Growing up with brothers meant I was constantly on guard against sneak attacks. They loved to creep up behind me and start tickling. But I learned to react quickly, propelling a swift kick to the shin and running away.

Despite these sneaky attacks, Tom and I spent many happy hours building roads for his toy cars in the sandbox or playing house with my dolls (he was the dad and always left for work). As a toddler, Tom followed me everywhere, and I endeavored to keep him out of trouble. By the time I was six-years-old, Tom was outgrowing me and wearing the same size of clothing. In fact, for

a staff Halloween party, Mom dressed me in Tom's boy clothes and him in my dress as our costumes.

In our younger years, we lived on a farm with an adjacent wooded area. During the summer, we frequently went on family walks through the woods. One day, I decided it was a great day to visit the woods and Tom followed along. Unfortunately, we didn't mention this walk to Mom.

Tom and I had a great time. I remembered landmarks from previous walks as I led the way. When we emerged from the woods we discovered people calling for us and had to face the wrath of Mom. We agreed never to walk in the woods again without an adult.

After our parents purchased the local weekly newspaper and job printing business, Tom and I enjoyed hanging out at the office. Occasionally we were drafted to help assemble pages for some printing jobs, but mostly we entertained each other. We had plenty of paper for drawing. Once during an argument, I used a pencil as a weapon. My brother carried that little dot of lead on his cheek into adulthood. And yes, I got into trouble for that one too.

When dad built a darkroom at the newspaper office, he made it two stories because our ceilings were so high. The upper story was used to hold newspaper archives, but it had a nice window and a shelf. The intent may have been to use it for extra office space. Instead Tom and I claimed it for a space ship. We drew our control panel on the wooden counter and flew through the galaxy while watching for formidable foes.

It was inevitable that as we grew older, we grew apart. Entering my teen years, I objected to having a younger brother expecting to be involved in everything I did. Many years later, we reconnected when Tom came to work at the Newsgram and later the Alva Review-Courier as the head press operator. Although he's been gone many years, I and several of the newspaper staff still remember his dry wit and corny jokes.

I hope you have fond memories of your siblings.

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South Barber school board hires, considers changing school hours

- Recognizes Nikki Brattin as Teacher of the Year
- Christmas Bonus for all SB staff
- USD#255 now offers entry level training for CDL, needs bus drivers



South Barber’s Teacher of the Year receives a gift from Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller. Photo by Yvonne Miller

By Yvonne Miller

South Barber’s Board of Education conducted their Nov. 12 business in just over one hour. All members were present as President Mark Pollock called the meeting to order: Emily Lohmann, Karen Watts, Mike Miller, Brett Mott, Jarrod Inman and Bryan Quick. Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and Board Clerk Alyssa Gonzales also sat at the table.

Shortly after the meeting began Dr. Miller recognized Nikki Brattin, fourth-grade teacher, as South Barber’s Teacher of the Year.

“She’s always positive. The kids love her. Mrs. Brattin is respected and liked among her peers. She is so deserving of this honor,” Miller said. The superintendent told her, “You represent effort and hard work. It’s hard to be a great teacher! We are blessed to have you. Thank you.” The superintendent presented her with a gift.

Brattin and her family moved to Kiowa in August 2020 and she has taught nearly four years in various capacities. An accomplished pianist, she also served as accompanist.

Mike Miller thanked the administration and teachers for organizing such a meaningful Veterans Day program – the “younger students for being so well-behaved and the older kids for such good presentations.” Miller, a veteran himself, said the vets attending the VFW Veterans Day dinner and program Monday night discussed how much they appreciated South Barber’s program for the community.

Dr. Miller said that South Barber USD 255 is now an official Entry Level Driver Training Center for Commercial Drivers License and School Bus Endorsements. He said the Kansas Supervised Driving requires 12 hours of driving. He said the district is in need of bus drivers in the most likely near future. The new activity bus arrived on Oct. 29.

South Barber School Board Action

Payment of monthly expenditures totaling \$612,700 received board approval.

Discussing Christmas bonuses for all staff, the board voted to give \$100

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NEW - 155 Acres - Excellent stock farm - This tract consists of 142 Acres of cropland (primarily Grant silt loam and Reinach sandy loam soils). Has new 5-wire fences, steel corrals, and bunk line. Borders State Hwy 64 West of Jet, Okla. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 10-25-10, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$350,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - Excellent Diversified Farm - This tract consists of 160 Acres, of which 105 Acres is good cropland (primarily Yahola fine sandy loam and Grant silt loam soils), and the balance being 55 Acres of good grassland, trees, and spring creek, which also runs through the property. Improvements include a 30'x40' shed with 15' lean-to. New steel corrals and a water well with tank and solar panel. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 25-29-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$375,000.00**

NEW - 2 - 80 Acre tracts - A HUNTING PARADISE! Tall grass, trees and tree lines, brush, plum thickets - deer everywhere! S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 12-19-23, W.I.M. and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 13-19-23, W.I.M., Ellis County, Okla. Location of property: From Arnett, go 8.5 miles east on Hwy 60 to County Road 190, then go 1 mile south to a hunting paradise. **PRICE: \$160,000.00 per 80 Acre tract**

NEW - 80 Acres - Great Home-Site Potential - Potential Hunting! Excellent grassland and scattered trees throughout, which makes for excellent hunting. Good five-wire fences, a nice set of corrals, and a solar well for water. From Waynoka, OK, go 2 miles north on Highway 14 to Comanche Road, then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 25-25-16, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$208,000.00**

NEW - 160 Acres - Excellent Cropland - This tract consists of 160 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek silt loam, Devol silt loam, and Ham silt loam soils). This tract has a new 5-wire fence and a Hitchie automatic waterer. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-28-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$475,000.00**

NEW - 560 Acres - "A Hunting Paradise" Tall grass, brush, trees, plum thickets, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Salt Fork River. It also has a good water well, solar electricity, an older barn, and 5-wire fences. Several big bucks have been taken off this property. This tract also has 85 Acres of good cropland. W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 32-29-14, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$1,200,000.00**

NEW: 355 Acres - Excellent Hunting & Grazing with Live Water. This tract consists of 355 Acres, which 127 Acres is improved grass and the balance being 228 Acres of good native grassland and cropland. This tract has good 5-wire fences and is watered by a solar well and a live-water creek. This farm has excellent hunting with the live water, trees, and canyons. SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 22-27-16, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 23-27-16, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla.

NEW: 870 Acres - Excellent Hunting, Grazing, Live Water. This tract consists of 870 Acres, which 204 Acres is improved grass, with the balance being 666 Acres of good native grassland. This tract has new 5-wire fences and is watered by ponds, windmills, and two live-water creeks, one of which is Red Horse Creek. The hunting potential is unbelievable with the beautiful canyons and the live water running down through them. Located in Sections 2, 10 & 11 - 27-17W.I.M. Woods County Okla. **PRICE: \$1,400,000.00**

NEW - 80 Acres - Excellent Cropland - This tract consists of 80 Acres of good cropland (all Grant silt loam soils), has rural water, and lays 4 miles west of Alva on Hwy 64. E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 25-27-15, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$240,000.00**

NEW - 280 Acres - Excellent Stock Farm This tract consists of 280 Acres, of which 186 Acres is good cropland (primarily Bethany silt loam - Yahola fine sandy loam, and Grant silt loam soils), and the balance being 94 Acres of grass and waterway, with 33 Acres of that being Bermuda grass. This farm would make an excellent stocker or cow-calf operation. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 22-28-13, W.I.M., and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 21-28-13, W.I.M., Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$675,000.00**

NEW - 400 Acres - "A Hunting Paradise" - Tall grass, trees, cropland, good fences - $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Salt Fork River. This tract consists of 400 Acres of which 151 Acres is good cropland and the balance being 249 Acres of excellent grass. "This is trophy deer country." Don't miss your chance to have a hunting place to call your own. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 24-28-15 & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 19-28-14, W.I.M. Woods County, Okla. **PRICE: \$775,000.00**

NEW - 154 Acres - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 29-27-13, Woods County, Okla. This tract consists of 154 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 - 315 Acres of which 208 Acres is excellent cropland, and the balance being 107 Acres of excellent grassland. Improvements include a 1,200 sq. ft. home, 32' x 60' shop w/ 16' lean-to, steel corrals, N $\frac{1}{2}$ - 29-29-12, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, OKLA. **PRICE: \$1,050,000.00**

NEW: 160 Acres - Blue Ribbon Farm - Excellent cropland (Pond Creek silt loam soils), rural water. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 15-28-11, W.I.M., Alfalfa County, Okla. **PRICE: \$550,000.00**

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Freedom surpluses van in brief meeting

By Kathleen Lourde

The Freedom Board of Education met briefly Nov. 13.

With an essentially three-item agenda, the Freedom school board approved the surplus of a 2009 12-passenger van and gave school administration the authority to dispose of it.

The board also approved the consent agenda, consisting of minutes of the

Oct. 16 meeting; activity fund reports; district policies: CKAH, CKAH-P, Cardiac Emergence Response Plan, FGBD, EMI, DBCA, DOBD, DOAC, DO; and encumbrances for the general, building and child nutrition funds. They also signed warrants for the general, building and child nutrition funds.

The board had no new business to review, and the meeting adjourned.

Carmen woman charged with child abuse

By Marione Martin

A Carmen woman has been charged with child abuse and her newborn son was placed in DHS custody.

According to court records, on Sept. 20, 2023, Alfalfa County Deputy Sheriff Loren Nusser provided an affidavit and information in District Court charging Cassie Marie Curry, with one count of child abuse as a result of her being pregnant and using methamphetamine. District Attorney's Investigator Steve Tanio reviewed the affidavit and information determining Nusser had met with Curry on Sept. 17, 2023, in Carmen regarding a disturbance. During the interaction Nusser observed Curry to be under the influence of methamphetamine. According to the affidavit, Curry admitted to Nusser she was approximately seven months pregnant and had last used methamphetamine approximately three days prior.

Tanio reviewed medical records which indicated on Jan. 2, 2024, Curry was admitted to Integris Bass Baptist Health Center in Enid for bleeding in pregnancy. The examining physician noted that during the examination, Curry admitted to a history of drug use/abuse with the note "meth use last night." Curry gave birth to a baby boy on Jan. 2, 2024.

On Jan. 2, another doctor reported Curry's and her baby's urine drug screens were positive for methamphetamine, and a DHS referral was made. As a result, a foster family was identified and a custody order from the court was placed in the infant's chart. A drug screen of the infant on Jan. 2 was analyzed by United States Drug Testing which reported that it determined the umbilical cord was positive for the presence of amphetamine and methamphetamine.

Tanio conducted online research of medical journals regarding methamphetamine use during pregnancy. An article in the National Library of Medicine, National Center for Biotechnology Information, regarding "Methamphetamines and Pregnancy Outcomes" concluded that "continuous methamphetamine use

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By Senator Roland Pederson

November 11 is the most sacred day for our country. It is a day to remember and honor those who have served and sacrificed for our American freedoms. I want to pause and send a heartfelt Thank You to all veterans in our community and those around our great nation and the world.

Election Day was a testament that the Electoral College works as it was intended, to protect rural interests and rights with the election of the United States president. Even though former President Trump won the popular vote, he also secured enough electoral college votes to win. This demonstrates that the electoral college served Oklahoma and rural areas well. This also verified that there is a great divide between rural and urban areas of the United States. This new chapter in our nation brings new hope that we all can unite and work together as one nation under God.

The month of October moved quickly, and there were lots of events within the district.

On Oct. 3, Terry and I attended

the Air Force Ball at Vance Air Force Base at the Stride Bank Center. This was a celebration of 77 years of Air Force heritage and the Greater Enid Community's partnership with Enid AFA Chapter 214.

On Oct. 12, Terry and I participated in the Town of Lamont's Fall Festival and Parade. This was an enjoyable day for families and an opportunity to celebrate the Lamont community.

During the interim, there have been several interim studies conducted. Interim studies are used to help legislators drill down into important topics, which may be used for legislation in the next session. On Oct. 21, I attended the Agriculture and Rural Affairs interim study at the Oklahoma Capitol. The topic was the Invasion of Woody Species on State-Owned Properties. When non-native plants are introduced to our ecosystem, our native plants must compete for sunlight and water which interferes with the natural balance of the environment. Since the State owns many acres in Oklahoma, this was an important study.

The United Way of Enid held its NW 37th Annual Chili Cook-off on Oct. 25. I participated in the taste testing which I always enjoy. Participants of the Chili

Cook-off shared their culinary skills. This was a fun event for everyone and an opportunity to raise money for a great foundation.

At 2 p.m. on Nov. 13, I was officially sworn in for my final term as your Oklahoma State Senator for District 19. Other senators who won their respective seats, along with 14 new senators, were also sworn in. It is an honor for me to be sworn in for my final term as your Oklahoma State Senator. I want to extend my sincere appreciation for you putting your trust in me to represent you at the State Capitol.

The Soil Conservation Area 1 meeting in Cherokee was held on Nov. 14. This was a great opportunity for me to speak to the importance of Soil Conservation, and I shared the updates of the drought commission. I want to emphasize the importance of soil and water conservation practices in the state of Oklahoma. Together, we must protect our soil and water resources for the future.

In closing, please feel free to reach out to my office if I can be of service to you and your family. If you need assistance, please reach out to my office. You can reach me at 405-521-5630 or Roland.Pederson@oksenate.gov.



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Alva Business Manager Stephen Ford (left) and Alva Chamber Co-Director Magen Lehr (right) discuss the placement of a large Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn with Woods County Commissioners. At the table are commissioners John Smiley (front) and David Hamil. *Photo by Marione Martin*

Woods County Commissioners approve 20 ft. Christmas tree on lawn

By Marione Martin

Magen Lehr, co-director of the Alva Chamber of Commerce, attended the Woods County Commissioners meeting Monday morning to discuss placement of a large Christmas tree. Alva Business Manager Stephen Ford arrived a few minutes later.

Lehr said a resident has a spruce tree that is 20 feet tall that they are giving to the Chamber. She wanted to place the tree near the stage at the west side of the courthouse, digging a hole and installing a pipe to support it. She said the tree would be carried across the lawn to the location. The pipe would be removed and the hole filled in afterward.

Commissioner Randy McMurphy objected to the location because he doesn't want any heavy equipment on the courthouse lawn. He said it should be placed near the street where a telehandler truck could reach from the street.

Having experience with the large

Christmas tree installed each year in Freedom, McMurphy recommended they install a bigger pipe permanently and cap it off at ground level after the tree is removed so it won't interfere with mowing.

He also wanted guy wires installed to support the tree. He said they should be decorated so they are visible to keep people from running into them. McMurphy said the tree could go on the south side of the courthouse lawn where there is an open area.

Lehr and Ford agreed to that location, and the commissioners approved the installation along with other Christmas decorations. The Chamber is planning a tree lighting ceremony like the ones previously held after Thanksgiving. However, this one will be on Friday, Dec. 6, to kick off the weekend Christmas events. Alva Mayor Kelly Parker is scheduled to throw the switch turning on the lights.

In addition to Chairman McMurphy, Commissioners David Hamil and John Smiley were present for the meeting. County Clerk Shelley Reed was also in attendance. In addition to Lehr and Ford, visitors were Commissioner-elect Shane Vore and Alex Mantz of OG&E.

The commissioners approved the following monthly report: Election Board Balance \$11,739.67.

A letter of support for OCCEDB's (Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering District Board) grant proposal for a federal LCTM (low carbon transportation materials program) grant was approved by the commissioners.

On the new building site for the senior citizens center in Alva, the commissioners approved a Pinnacle topographic survey at a cost of \$5,000 to come from ARPA funds. The site is in Block 20 of the Original Townsite of

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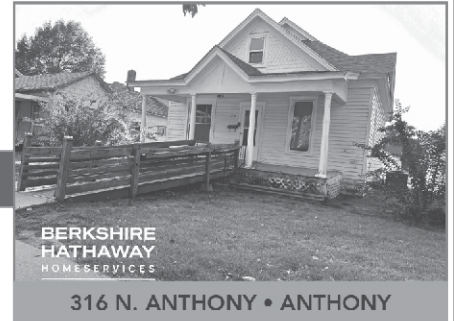
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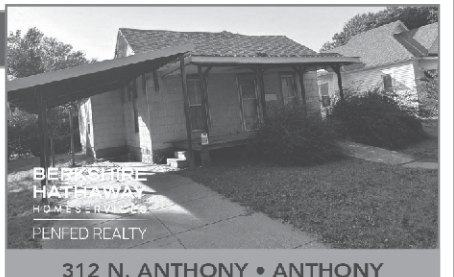
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Alva on Choctaw St. just east of the old Armory. McMurphy said their quote was \$500 less than the other surveyor. The survey give engineers the information needed to determine water drainage at the site.

Previously the commissioners approved Enviro-Tech to do an environmental survey at the same location. This survey will show what

might be underground at the location. Hamil said he talked to them, and there was a delay because they need to contract out for the work.

The commissioners voted to approve requisition and receiving officers for the Sheriff's Office. Randel McCullough and David Cummings are requisition officers while Shannon Morris and Dakota

Davis are receiving officers.

Under new business, the commissioners acknowledged a letter from Sheriff McCullough stating that David Cummings has been named as undersheriff.

The commissioners also approved minutes of previous meetings and blanket purchase orders.



The Aline Fire Department recently received a \$16,475 grant from Plains All American Pipeline Co. for the purchase of a vehicle extrication combination tool, which will be used to rescue trapped victims in an automobile accident. From left: Clayton Pinter, Plains Pipeline; Kayla Campbell, Aline City Clerk; Mike Irwin, Aline Fire Department.

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VAP in business 25 years

- Showed profit for Fiscal Year 2024
- A \$2M upgrade nearly complete, two-week closure slowed orders

By Yvonne Miller

At the annual meeting of Value-Added Products (VAP), CEO Steve Sterling told a small group of investors that Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 was profitable (\$167K) for the investor-owned cooperative. Revenue increased 4.4%. He happily reported that VAP ended the FY current on A/P (accounts payable), with property taxes paid to date, and current on loan payments and interest due.

The Alva cooperative incorporated Aug. 6, 1999, so turns 25 in 2024. VAP was formed to add value to the hard, red, winter wheat grown by farmers in this area. The cooperative manufactures frozen dough products, primarily pizza crust, many describe as the perfect combination of fluffy and light bread with just the right crunch.

VAP currently employs 37 full-time, six part-time and two contract employees at their plant located on the south end of Alva along US-281. Sterling said VAP's BRC audit is completed and a certified AA rating. It was an announced audit.

"I'm very proud of my team for that. It's the highest rating you can get on an announced audit."

Giving a VAP business review, Sterling said, "It takes about \$300,000 average monthly costs just to show up!" That does not include cost of ingredients, packaging, scrap, repairs, etc. Those monthly costs are (some of which will increase next year) current loan payments, employee health insurance, insurance, utilities, salaries, and property tax.

Because VAP has used their dough-making equipment for 25 years, it was well beyond its life expectancy and needed an upgrade. To finance this upgrade, Sterling said that VAP obtained a \$2 M bank loan. VAP was also rewarded with a USDA REAP grant that will match 25 percent up to \$500K for modernization expense to reduce energy use.

As reported in July, the upgrade began then. "It's a fact we're slow right now following the updates," Sterling said. "We lost momentum with the

project and people ordering ahead of time to fill their pipeline when we were going to be closed for two weeks." Contractors completed the installation in two weeks.

"This was the first big step of our planned updates with adjustments and calibration continuing. Still more modernization in VAP's future," Sterling said.

The plant is currently running one-shift only in a four-day work week: three production days; and one sanitation day.

As of Nov. 4, Sterling said VAP had A/P of \$107,292.59; and A/R of \$312,283.73. "YTD revenue is down about half a million," he confirmed. As it has since VAP's inception, their FY runs from June 1 to May 31. Sales YTD through September '24 were \$1,457,006. The next annual meeting will be in Fall 2025.

"We've made enormous progress on reconditioning the facility. We're going to get more volume soon. We've got some great prospects for new business,

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From Page 20 **VAP**



VAP Board of Directors in 2024 – From left: Jake Kelln, Gordon Karber, Mike Martin (secretary), Steve Sterling (CEO), Dean Goll (vice president), Jay Lohmann (president), Bob Baker. Not pictured: Biron Shirley, Gregg Glass and Dan Purvis.

and our R&D team has been busy making samples for these potential customers,” Sterling said of their product sales.

When asked if there is an outlet locally where individual shoppers can purchase VAP crusts, Sterling replied unfortunately not at this time.

So far completed in the update (or in progress) are: Spiral updates – all four; conveyor belts, electronics, freezer ceiling, decking, ammonia coils (proofer/dock), dock seal, and silo diverter valve replaced.

More projects still planned for 2024

include: Form and Frys – new drives and programming, update mixer cage hardware, replace ammonia pipes/insulation, recondition paper cutter, continue updating main line hardware, replace several main line belts, update forklift/power jacks, install capacitor bank, install new VFD, control panel, and motor for booster compressor.

When asked about VAP stock values, Sterling said, “We are replacing 20-year life equipment with more to do. We still make a unique premium product vs. competition. With time, stock should slowly regain value with infrastructure updates and debt paydown. Our greatest asset is our people. VAP does employ over 40 people in our small community, including great benefits, a four-day work week, and a great vacation and time off package.”

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Alfalfa County officials to go out for six-month bids

By Stacy Sanborn

While fellow commissioner Mike Roach was on vacation, Garret Johnson and Nate Roach were enough to meet a quorum on Monday at the Alfalfa County commissioner meeting. The two men had to sign a massive stack of maintenance and operation warrants for payment, which took up the bulk of the meeting. They also signed blanket purchase orders and last week’s minutes.

After that, they reviewed six-month bids, and though they wished Roach was there for it, they went ahead and voted for County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger to begin the process.

Next up was a \$14,850 transfer from the County General Work Comp account 0001-1-2300-1234 to the County General Property Insurance account 0001-1-2300-2065 to cover the second installment of the ACCO-SIG insurance. (This amount was sent as a reimbursement for the previous fiscal year, and the commissioners asked the auditor if they could apply it to this year.)

Regarding storm damages from May of last year, the commissioners voted to take the claim out of the deductible fund, which is \$10,000. Thus, \$10,000 will be taken out of the total claim.

Johnson and Ross signed two resolutions for equipment disposal. Both were out of District 2 and for 2015 Alera leather guest chairs (Inv. no. D2 100-100.15, no Serial no. and Inv. no. D2 100-100.16, no Serial no.).

Lastly, the two commissioners accepted a letter from the Ann Holmes Foundation for a \$5,390 donation for vests for the Alfalfa County sheriff.



Felicia Green (right) of the City of Waynoka holds a \$750 check presented by Kristi Sproul of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) to the Waynoka EMS. PSO donated a total of \$11,000 to rural volunteer fire departments and EMS crews near its North Central Wind Farms. Others in the area receiving PSO donations are Waynoka Fire Department, Dacoma Fire Department and Aline Fire Department

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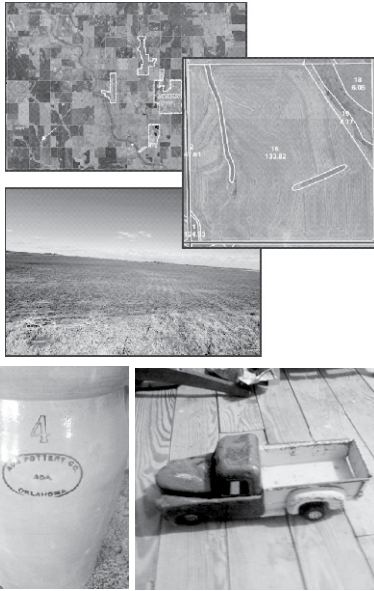
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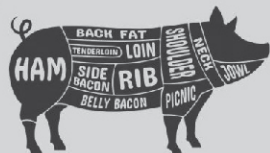


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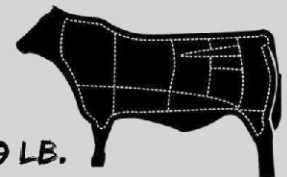
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Obituaries

DONALD REXFERD 'REX' BEAGLEY

Graveside services for Donald Rexferd "Rex" Beagley will be 1 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the Freedom Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. Full obituary may be viewed on our website: www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

CHRISTY AUTUMN DAUGHERTY



A memorial service for Christy Autumn (Phillips) Daugherty will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the First Baptist Church in Davenport, Oklahoma, with Pastor Mike Mitchell officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva, Oklahoma.

Christy Autumn Daugherty, daughter of Robert and Debra Snyder, was born October 10, 1976, in Stroud, Oklahoma, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on the evening of November 9, 2024, in Burlington, Oklahoma, at the age of 48 years old.

Christy was raised in Davenport and graduated from Davenport Public Schools in 1995. After high school, she entered the workforce and for many years worked in retail sales, and eventually opened a daycare in her home. Later in life, Christy attended Southern Nazarene University for adult studies and obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2012. She used that degree to further her career as the Human Resource Information Systems Analyst for Charles Machine Works Inc. in Perry, Oklahoma, for 12 years.

After graduating high school, Christy married her sweetheart, Kenny, on July 4, 1995, in Davenport at the First Baptist Church. Throughout their marriage, they have lived in the following communities: Stroud, Cushing, Davenport, Oklahoma City, Midwest City, Covington and Burlington.

Christy dedicated her life to her husband who coached high school sports for the last 24 years, and to her four sons and the numerous activities that they all were involved in. If she wasn't attending

a sporting event that her husband wasn't coaching, she was attending a sporting event for one of her kids and for several years it was both at the same time. She was an avid supporter of her family and everything they liked to do, and loved watching her husband coach their sons. She also enjoyed reading, playing games, spending time at the lake in the camper, and always loved being at all the family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Judy Phillips.

Christy is survived by her husband, Kenny, of Burlington; her parents, Robert and Debra Snyder, of Chandler; her parents-in-law, Ken and Sarah Daugherty, of Davenport; her children, Dylan Daugherty and wife, Hailey and granddaughter, Lynnlie, of Lucien, Oklahoma, Dalton Daugherty and wife, Bailey and granddaughters, Gracelyn, Brynleigh, and Leighton, of Wellston, Oklahoma, Drake Daugherty of Alva, and Derrek Daugherty and girlfriend, Sophia Aleshire, of Alva; her brother, Robert Snyder of Midwest City; her sister, Melissa Seeley and husband, Richard, of Chandler; and several other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the funeral home or for her two sons' education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

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

MARJORIE MAXINE HOLDERBY

Marjorie was born January 28, 1928, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed from this life on November 8, 2024, in Fairview, Oklahoma.

She attended school in Alva.

She married Wayne Richter in April 1946.

They lived and farmed at Lambert, Oklahoma, until moving five miles west of Aline, Oklahoma, around 1954. She loved being a farmer's wife. This included baking, canning, growing large gardens, running tractors, and raising three kids. She always enjoyed hosting multiple nieces and nephews at the farm.

She came from an era of hard workers and always seemed to enjoy it. She also worked jobs outside the

home for extra money: cooking at Aline School, wrapping meat at the locker, and working for Coles Flowers until Wayne's death in 1969 after 25 years of marriage. She later moved to Cherokee, Oklahoma, to be closer to work and later worked for Holderby John Deere.

Nine years later she married Willard Holderby. Upon Willard's death in 2008 after 30 years of marriage, she moved back to her farm at Aline, where she lived until moving to Cheyenne Wyoming in 2010 to live with her daughter, Marsha and son-in-law, Phil. That lasted six years and then she informed her family that she was moving back to Oklahoma because the weather in Wyoming was too long and cold in the winter.

She moved into the Fairview Fellowship Assisted Living for several years until she broke her hip and later broke her femur at which time she had to reside at the Fairview Fellowship Home. She also broke her other hip and later her knee in 2024. Possibly, these injuries were a result of her stubbornness, determination and "I can do it myself" attitude. We all loved this strong-willed, stubborn lady so much.

Thank you to all the Fellowship Home Staff who took such wonderful care of her. Mom talked of them often as to how great they were to her. Also, Traditions Hospice took such loving care of Mom and looked after every need she had in the end.

Those preceding Marjorie in death include her parents, Russell Kasperak and Helen (Snyder) Kasperak Sternberger; husbands, William (Wayne) Richter, and Willard W. Holderby; son, Russell Wayne Richter and wife, Brenda; two brothers, Jimmy Parker and Max Kasperak; two sisters, Georgie Lee Cole and Joanne Roberts; son-in-law, Doug Phillips; niece, Glenda and nephews, Russell and Edwin.

Survivors include her daughters, Dianne Waynell (Richter) Phillips and Marsha Maxine (Richter) Kiner and husband, Phil; grandchildren, Wayne Richter and wife, Dana, Marti Salas, Cory Lynn Phelps, Matt Phillips and wife, Monica, Rebecca Dalrymple, Zola Williams, Lora Miller, Beth Holderby, David Holderby, and Jeremy Holderby; great grandchildren, Paige Salas, Bailey Salas, Mikayla Phelps, Cole Richter,

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Brock Phillips and wife, Megan, Samantha Phillips, Taylor Knopf and husband, Thomas, Damion and Katelin Frederick, Renea Duncan, Victoria Thompson, Stephen Duncan, Blake and Tristen Miller; great-great grandchildren, Aspen Phillips, Theo Knopf, and Finley Miller.

Graveside service for Marjorie was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery south of Cherokee. Arrangements were by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanfuneralhome.com.

Donations can be made to the Fairview Fellowship Home or to the Maple Grove Cemetery through the funeral home.

DEE ANN SCHAEFER KERR

Dee Ann Schaefer Kerr of Warrensburg, Missouri, passed away on November 15, 2024. She was born on December 23, 1942, in Alva, Oklahoma, to Andrew and Ruth (Boyce) Schaefer. Dee grew up in agricultural communities in Colorado and Oklahoma, a connection she cherished and maintained throughout her life.



She attended Arizona State University, where she met and fell in love with Robert (Bob) Kerr. They were married on September

9, 1970.

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Dee is survived by her husband, Bob; son, Andy; daughter, Kayla; granddaughter, Julianne; sister, Janice (Gary) Scheimer of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the exchange students she hosted over the years: Vania (Bolivia), Sergey (Russia), Seymon (Russia) and Orsi (Hungary).

After retiring from Whiteman Air Force Base, the Kerrs stayed actively engaged in their community. Dee was a passionate advocate for accessibility and a strong supporter of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She was known for educating others on what true accessibility means. Dee and Bob served on the Universal Design Kansas City committee, where she was intentional about raising awareness and promoting the importance of creating accessible spaces for everyone.

Dee also served as a senator with the Silver Haired Legislature and as a board member for several organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Fuller Housing, Old Drum Dog Park, and WILS. She was a long-term Rotarian and an unwavering champion for her community.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the Millstones Barn 380 MO-30 Business, Warrensburg, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, monetary gifts may be made to the Old Drum Animal Shelter. The best way to honor Dee's memory is to find someone who needs a friend — and be that friend.

BETTY JANE STONE

Our beloved mother and grandmother, Betty Jane Stone, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on November 13, 2024, at the age of 76.



Betty was born on January 3, 1948, in Enid, Oklahoma, to Jay and Doris Stone. She attended school in Enid and graduated from Enid High School. Over the years, she lived in Enid and Okeene before settling in Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Betty was the co-owner of the Okeene Meat Processing Plant before working for Waldon in Fairview, Oklahoma. Later, she dedicated herself to a rewarding career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, starting as a Cadet at James Crabtree Correctional Center on August 19, 1985, and retiring as a Sergeant on August 31, 2005. Betty formed many lasting friendships during her years of service, cherishing those connections deeply.

A true bargain hunter, Betty had a passion for garage sales, often exploring them with her sister, Doris. Auctions were another favorite pastime, and she took pride in sharing stories of her treasured finds. Among her prized collections were quilts lovingly sewn by her mother. She could often be found searching for gems at the Cherokee Thrift Store and enjoyed decorating her home with her beloved collections.

Betty was known for her warmth, patience, and dedication to her family. She adored her grandchildren, who were the stars of her life. She spent countless hours capturing their moments at events like sailing events, school plays, basketball games, and rodeos.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Doris Stone, and her grandson, Tyler Highfill.

She is survived by her two daughters: Lisa Ackerman and husband, Brett, and Tricia Angle and husband, Mark; her grandchildren, Sarah Summers, Jessica Palmer (and husband Issac), Toby Highfill, and Kayla Highfill; her great-granddaughter, Brileigh; her sister, Doris Posey; and her brothers, Jay Stone and Larry Stone.

A small gathering of family and friends to celebrate Betty's life will be Saturday November 23, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Municipal Cemetery. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Cherokee. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanfuneralhome.com.

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during pregnancy is associated with preterm delivery and low-birth weight, both of which contribute to neonatal morbidity and mortality.

On Nov. 13, 2024, in Alfalfa County District Court, Cassie Marie Curry, 38, of Carmen, was charged with child neglect, a felony. This crime is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding life imprisonment, or by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Candidate filing begins for Alfalfa County boards of education

Candidate filing for the boards of education begins Monday, Dec. 2, for nine Alfalfa County school districts.

Those who wish to file for a board of education office must submit a Declaration of Candidacy to the Alfalfa County Election Board, Dec. 2, 3 or 4, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Candidate filing packets are available on the state election board website at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/candidate-filing.html> and at the county election board.

In addition to the Declaration of Candidacy, candidates must also submit a Voter Registration Verification Form, which can be obtained from the county election board or by logging into the OK Voter Portal at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.html>. Information on the Voter Registration Verification Form must match the information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy.

Stephanie Jantz, secretary of the Alfalfa County Election Board, reminds candidates that Contests of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, December 6 by 5 p.m. and may only be filed by another candidate for that office. Contests against unopposed candidates may be filed by contacting the county election board.

If more than two candidates file for the same board of education seat, a primary election will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11,

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South Barber grad and USN officer Taylor Pollock speaks at Veterans Day Program

United States Navy founded on the ideals of honor, courage and commitment



As a surface warfare officer in the USN, Taylor Pollock of Kiowa, Kansas, is currently stationed on the amphibious assault ship the USS Kearsarge, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

By Yvonne Miller

A 2019 graduate of South Barber High School, Taylor Pollock became a commissioned officer in the United States Navy (USN) from where she graduated in 2023. A deck division officer, Pollock spoke at South Barber's Veterans Day Program in Kiowa.

The daughter of Mark and Krista Pollock of Kiowa, she was salutatorian of her class at South Barber. In addition to her primary billet in the Navy as deck division officer, her collateral billets are search and rescue officer, recreation services officer, women's initiative team lead, and junior enlisted association sponsor.

Pollock addressed the Veterans Day audience with a video message about the USN. A few excerpts from her comments follow.

"I am incredibly honored to speak with you today on this special occasion of Veterans Day — a day when we pause to recognize the incredible sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed

Forces who have served this nation with distinction. My name is Taylor Pollock, and I am a surface warfare officer currently stationed on the amphibious assault ship, the USS Kearsarge, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. As we gather here today, I want to focus on one important theme that binds all veterans together — the concept of legacy."

The United States Navy has a history that stretches back more than two centuries, one founded on the ideals of honor, courage and commitment, Pollock said. Each individual who wears the uniform of the United States Navy becomes part of a proud tradition — one that doesn't just focus on military tactics and strategy, but also on the development of character.

The legacy of the Navy is one of unity, of standing together as one, no matter the difficulties. It's about the recognition that the fight is not just for the moment, but for the future — one in which freedom and security are protected for generations to come.

The Academy is a place where young men and women from across the country are forged into leaders not only skilled in naval strategy and operations but also steeped in the ethics and values that have always defined the Navy. When you walk the halls of the Naval Academy, you're walking in the footsteps of giants — of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, of John Paul Jones, of countless others who have not only shaped the Navy but have shaped the nation.

"So today, as we pause to remember and thank all veterans, let us recognize that we are standing on the shoulders of giants. Whether they served at home or abroad, each service member has left an indelible mark on this country," Pollock said.

"To all our veterans, thank you. Your service, your sacrifice, and your dedication have ensured that the legacy of our armed forces endures and will continue to shape the future of this nation. Your example will never be forgotten, and we will continue to honor it today and every day. Happy Veterans Day. Thank you."

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2025. If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, that candidate will be named the elected official. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will vie for the seat during the Board of Education General Election, Tuesday, April 1, 2025. If only two candidates file for the same board of education seat, those two candidates' names will appear on the general election ballot in April.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for the following

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- Burlington School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Cherokee School District — Office No. 4 (unexpired term); Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Timberlake School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Aline-Cleo School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Alva School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Chisholm School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)

- Medford School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Ringwood School District — Office No. 5 (five-year term)
- Northwest Technology Center — Zone No. 5 (five-year term)

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



IN WHAT BRANCH DID YOU SERVE? – As the Armed Forces Medley plays at Kiowa’s Veterans Day program, veterans stand and salute when their military branch theme song plays. It’s always an emotional moment to see these grown men and think of them as teens and young men serving their country. The men standing served in the Air Force. From left: (front) Tom Traylor, (seated behind him) Frank Ricke, Bob Drake, Dennis Christensen, Bud Ruggia, Don Rounds, Steve Neal, Greg Robison, (standing behind him) Mike Miller who served in the Army and is the local American Legion Coordinator. Seated at back left is Marcia Cantrell, who sits by her veteran husband Howard (hidden), veteran Robert Armbruster and veteran Bob Rice (partially hidden) who is a World War II veteran and 99 years old. Rice was featured in the Newsgram last week. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

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PROUD OF OUR VETERANS – At Kiowa’s Veterans Day Program organized by South Barber, these veterans enjoy visiting. From left: Ronnie Hodgson, George Sutton and Kent Wheeler. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

Ukraine fires several US-made longer-range missiles into Russia for the first time

By Hanna Arhirova and Illia Novikov KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine fired several American-supplied longer-range missiles into Russia, officials said Tuesday, marking the first time Kyiv used the weapons that way in 1,000 days of war.

The use of the Army Tactical Missile System, known as ATACMS, came as Russian President Vladimir Putin formally lowered the threshold for using nuclear weapons, opening the door to a potential nuclear response by Moscow to even a conventional attack by any nation supported by a nuclear power. That could include Ukrainian attacks backed by the U.S.

A Telegram channel affiliated with the Ukrainian military posted a video Tuesday that it says shows U.S.-supplied ATACMS missiles being fired from an undisclosed location in Ukraine. The Associated Press could not independently verify the date and location the video was filmed.

According to a U.S. official, Ukraine fired about eight of the missiles, and just two were intercepted by the Russians. The official said that the U.S. was still assessing battle damage, but that the missiles struck an ammunition supply location in Karachev, a city of about 18,000 people in Russia’s Bryansk region. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss

intelligence assessments.

The developments marked a worrying escalation in the conflict that has repeatedly ratcheted up international tensions. U.S. officials recently expressed dismay at Russia’s deployment of North Korean troops to help it fight Ukraine, while Moscow seethed when Washington eased restrictions on the ATACMS in recent days.

The 1,000-day mark has magnified scrutiny of how the war is unfolding and how it might end, amid signs that a turning point may be coming with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump entering the White House in about two months’ time. Trump has pledged to swiftly end the war and has criticized the amount the U.S. has spent on supporting Ukraine.

Neither Russia nor Ukraine can sustain the war for a long time, analysts say, though Russia would be able to keep going for longer due to its vaster resources.

Ukraine’s forces are under severe Russian pressure on the battlefield at places on the about 1,000-kilometer (600-mile) front line where its army is stretched thin. Ukrainian civilians, meanwhile, have repeatedly been attacked by Russian drones and missiles.

Ukraine claimed Tuesday that it hit a military weapons depot in Russia’s Bryansk region overnight, though it didn’t specify what weapons it used. The

Ukrainian General Staff said multiple explosions and detonations were heard in the targeted area around Karachev.

Asked at a news conference if Ukraine had struck the Bryansk region ammunition depot with ATACMS, Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy declined to provide any details. However, he said, “Ukraine has long-range capabilities, including domestically produced long-range drones ... and now we have ATACMS as well.”

In a statement carried by Russian news agencies, the Russian Defense Ministry said the military shot down five ATACMS missiles and damaged one more. The fragments fell on the territory of an unspecified military facility and sparked a fire, but didn’t cause any damage or casualties, it said.

Neither side’s claims could be independently verified.

Karachev is roughly 115 kilometers (70 miles) from the Russia-Ukraine border. Ukraine in the course of the war has been able to reach much deeper into the vast country — but with drones rather than missiles. For instance, Russian officials have reported intercepting Ukrainian drones over Moscow, which is about 500 kilometers (310 miles) from the border and most recently Izhevsk, a

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BURLINGTON STUDENTS BRING IN THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE – Elementary children saluting veterans is as sweet as a hot fudge sundae. The third grade students shown are: (Back row from left) Kyden Keast, Kessler Kolb, (middle) Mazie Ferrell, Lisi Ofiu. Photo courtesy of yearbook

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city about 1,450 kilometers (900 miles) from the frontier.

Earlier on Tuesday, Ukrainian officials reported a third Russian strike in as many days on a residential area in Ukraine killed at least 12 people, including a child.

The strike by a Shahed drone in the northern Sumy region late Monday hit a dormitory of an educational facility in the town of Hlukhiv and wounded 11 others, including two children, authorities said, adding that more people could be trapped under the rubble.

On Sunday, a Russian ballistic missile with cluster munitions struck a residential area of Sumy in northern Ukraine, killing 11 people and wounding 84 others. On Monday, a Russian missile barrage sparked apartment fires in the southern port of Odesa, killing at least 10 people and wounding 43.

Zelenskyy said that the series of aerial strikes proved that Putin wasn't interested in ending the war.

"Each new attack by Russia only confirms Putin's true intentions. He wants the war to continue. Talks about peace are not interesting to him. We must force Russia to a just peace by

force," Zelenskyy said.

Zelenskyy told European Union lawmakers in a speech via video link that Russia has deployed about 11,000 North Korean troops along Ukraine's borders and that the number could swell to 100,000.

He appeared in person at the Ukrainian parliament, where he presented what he called a "resilience plan" to dig in against the relentless Russian onslaught. He said he expects pivotal moments to occur in the war next year.

The plan outlines new approaches to army management, including the creation of a military ombudsman position and a new system of handling military contracts.

There are no plans to lower the mobilization age from the current 25, even though Ukraine is short-handed on the front line, especially in infantry.

Ukraine urgently needs to tackle its manpower difficulties on the front, but it can use the longer-range missiles in the meantime to slow the tempo of Russia's recent advances, said Jack Watling, an analyst at the Royal United Services Institute, a London think tank.

"Ukraine's partners can do little

to change the character of the fighting on the line of contact, but by targeting capabilities that are currently giving Russia a battlefield advantage, time can be bought," Watling wrote Tuesday.

Next year, Zelenskyy said, Ukraine plans to produce at least 30,000 long-range drones and aims to manufacture 3,000 long-range missiles, reducing its dependence on Western military support.

A fuller version of the plan will be presented next month, he said.

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said Western countries are debating further help for Ukraine — "more aid, more money we have to make available to them, particularly now that the North Koreans have come on board," he said in Brussels.

Meanwhile, European Parliament President Roberta Metsola led a special plenary session on Ukraine marking "one thousand days of terror, suffering and unimaginable loss. One thousand days of courage, resilience and unbreakable spirits."

"Your people are an inspiration to all who value freedom around the world," she told Zelenskyy.

'Bomb cyclone' threatens Northern California and Pacific Northwest

By Hallie Golden and Christopher Weber

SEATTLE (AP) — Northern California and the Pacific Northwest are bracing for what is expected to be a powerful storm, with heavy rain and winds set to pummel the region and potentially cause power outages and flash floods.

The Weather Prediction Center issued excessive rainfall risks beginning Tuesday and lasting through Friday as the strongest atmospheric river — long plumes of moisture stretching far over the Pacific Ocean — that California and the Pacific Northwest has seen this season bears down on the region. The storm system has intensified so quickly that it is considered a "bomb cyclone," explained Richard Bann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center.

The areas that could see particularly

severe rainfall as the large plume of moisture heads toward land will likely stretch from the south of Portland, Oregon, to the north of the San Francisco area, he explained.

"Be aware of the risk of flash flooding at lower elevations and winter storms at higher elevations. This is going to be an impactful event," he said.

In northern California, flood and high wind watches go into effect Tuesday, with up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) of rain predicted for parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, North Coast and Sacramento Valley.

A winter storm watch was issued for the northern Sierra Nevada above 3,500 feet (1,066 meters), where 15 inches (28 centimeters) of snow was possible over two days. Wind gusts could top 75 mph (120 kph) in mountain areas, forecasters said.

"Numerous flash floods, hazardous

travel, power outages and tree damage can be expected as the storm reaches max intensity" on Wednesday, the Weather Prediction Center warned.

In Northern California's Yolo County, crews spent Monday clearing culverts, sewers and drainage ditches to avoid clogs that could lead to street flooding. Mesena Pimentel said she hopes the efforts prevent a repeat of floods last February that inundated her property near Woodland.

"We had about ten inches of water in our garage, had a couple gophers swimming around," Pimentel told KCRA-TV. Woodland city officials have set up two locations where residents can pick up free sandbags. Authorities urged people to stock up on food and charge phones and electronics in case power goes out and roads become unpassable.

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Meanwhile, Southern California this week will see dry conditions amid gusty Santa Ana winds that could raise the risk of wildfires in areas where crews are still mopping up a major blaze that destroyed 240 structures. The Mountain Fire, which erupted Nov. 6 in Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles, was about 98% contained on Monday.

Winds will calm by the end of the week, when rain is possible for the greater Los Angeles area.

In southwestern Oregon near the coast, 4 to 7 inches (10 to 18 centimeters) of rain is predicted — with as much as 10 inches (25 centimeters) possible in some areas — through late Thursday night and early Friday morning, Bann said.

A high wind warning has been issued for the north and central Oregon coast beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday with south winds from 25 mph (40 kph) to 40 mph (64 kph), with gusts to 60 mph (97 kph) expected, according to the weather service in Portland. Gusts up to 70 mph (113 kph) are possible on beaches and headlands. Widespread power outages are expected with winds capable of bringing down trees and power lines, the weather service said. Travel is also expected to be difficult.

Washington could also see strong rainfall, but likely not as bad as Oregon and California. From Monday evening through Tuesday, some of its coastal ranges could get as much as 1.5 inches (3.8 centimeters) of rain, Bann said.

The weather service warned of high

winds from Tuesday afternoon until early Wednesday for coastal parts of Pacific County, in southwest Washington. With gusts potentially topping 35 mph (46 kph) — and likely faster near beaches and headlands — trees and power lines are at risk of being knocked down, the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency warned.

Washington State Patrol Trooper John Dattilo, a patrol spokesperson based in Tacoma, posted on social media Monday afternoon that people should be prepared for “some bad weather” on Tuesday night. “Stay off the roads if you can!”

A blizzard warning was issued for the majority of the Cascades in Washington, including Mount Rainier National Park, starting Tuesday afternoon, with up to a foot of snow and wind gusts up to 60 mph (97 kph), according to the weather service in Seattle. Travel across passes could be difficult if not impossible.

Transportation officials in Washington state told ferry riders to expect bumpy rides on Tuesday and said motion sickness medication might be helpful due to strong winds and rough seas. Service on at least one route was temporarily halted by Tuesday afternoon because of stormy weather, Washington State Ferries said in social media posts.

Officials also urged motorists to consider delaying travel around the state until Wednesday because of high winds and heavy snow expected in the mountains. “It will only be a winter

wonderland in the sense that you’ll be wondering where the heck you are on any given patch of land,” the Washington State Department of Transportation said on social media.

Outside of this region, the central and eastern Gulf Coast, including the Florida Panhandle, is at risk for flooding on Tuesday, with 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.6 centimeters) of rainfall are in the forecast, according to the weather service. Low-lying and urban regions could see flash floods.

North Dakota’s first major winter storm of the season is forecast to lash the north-central part of the state with deteriorating conditions overnight into Wednesday, said National Weather Service meteorologist Zach Hargrove. Strong northwest winds from 20-30 mph with gusts up to 55 mph are expected to impede visibility, especially in open country where travel could be difficult, he said.

Bottineau and Rolette counties near the U.S.-Canada border could see 8-10 inches of snow, with up to 1 foot or higher closer to the border, Hargrove said. Lesser amounts of snow were forecast to the south. Bismarck could see 1-3 inches of snow, he said.

Difficult travel is expected to be the biggest impact, especially in north-central North Dakota, Hargrove said.

The storm is “definitely one to take seriously,” he said.

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stipends to all. Miller said the district will pay the bill including the taxes. This will cost the district about \$80,000 he estimates.

Some coaching changes were board-approved: to flip Michael Shklar from head coach of junior boys basketball to assistant coach, and Casey Kersten from assistant coach to head coach.

The board discussed a divided issue concerning the 2025-2026 school calendar with proposing the school starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. School now starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Miller said school would go on 10 days longer to make up for shorter days.

“The idea is to give some time back

to families,” Dr. Miller said. After surveying parents, students, teachers, staff, etc., he said they’ve found opinions to be split about 50/50. Lohmann said she had more parents against it. Miller said, “overtime concern is a daily issue.” The issue was tabled as the board wants more input.

Raising the pay for substitute secretaries from \$10.30 an hour to \$11.30 received board approval.

The board approved the use of the high school auditorium by the Hometown Market for their annual meeting on Dec. 2.

John Roberts was hired as a substitute teacher for preK-12th grades. Regarding South Barber’s daycare,

the board approved the following: hiring of Mandy Lacy as the assistant daycare director; hiring of Halli Meairs (NWOSU student) as a substitute for the daycare; hiring of Heather Cumbie as a substitute for the daycare.

The walkway/gated fence area between the Agricultural Science Building and Main Building was again discussed. School personnel are working with Berton Walz on the fence, so the project is not yet ready for approval.

The board approved the Kansas Accreditation System action plan for structured literacy with LETRS training.

4-H Club Days received approval to

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use the high school from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The board held a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, with no action taken afterwards.

The board discussed the Bermuda grass seeding and sprinkler system briefly, although it was not on the agenda. Some of the board members are not happy with the different types of Bermuda grass and more.

Principals Comment on Students

Elementary Principal Kaynette Scheck said, "We had a wonderful turnout for the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences with 91% of our families in attendance."

Scheck said the elementary STUCO is doing a great job. SBE Student Council visited first-through sixth-grade classrooms this week to share with students some of the things they are working on and gather feedback from the student body.

Project Playground – STUCO voted to purchase a portable 9-Square in the Air game for the playground. This piece can be used outside or

inside. It can also adjust to a 5, 6 or 7-foot height. They are planning a sandbox clean-out day to clear the sandbox of weeds and purchase some new sand and sand toys.

Litter on the playground was a large problem last year. STUCO is brainstorming ways to make all students more accountable for how they treat the playground and school.

Scheck said AVID teachers are doing an outstanding job incorporating AVID collaboration strategies into their lesson plans. She said it is really exciting to walk through classrooms and see the high engagement and hear how students are learning to converse with each other, listen to one another's ideas, and add on to an idea. This school year, teachers are learning several new strategies or structures each month to experiment with and discover where they can be most effective. The new iReady reading curriculum has many WICOR strategies built into the lessons already.

Grade 7-12 Principal Steve Neal said student eligibility was pulled, and "we have five on the list for the week of Nov. 11. We are close to beginning after-

school school and offering tutoring help to those on the list. I spoke with our local EMS supervisor Mike Loreg and we have nine students that will be involved and will receive the certifications listed. These students will also take the Incident Command System courses ICS 100, 200, and possibly 700 courses." Four certifications are available: CPR, First Aid, Control the Bleeding, and Search and Rescue, and the ICS 100, 200 and 700. Parent-teacher conferences went very well with about 82% of parents participating.

Upcoming events:

Pratt Tech Day (Avid 9/10) Interested Juniors and Seniors, Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Junior high basketball – Cherokee Tournament, Thursday, Nov. 14,

Sectional football at Rexford-Golden Plains, Friday, Nov. 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Junior high basketball – Cherokee Tournament, Saturday, Nov. 16,

High school basketball practice may begin Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Break will run from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1.

Trump chooses TV's Dr. Oz to run Medicare and Medicaid, Wall Street exec Lutnick for Commerce

By Fatima Hussein and Amanda Seitz

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday tapped Dr. Mehmet Oz, a former television talk show host and heart surgeon, to head the agency that oversees health insurance programs for millions of older, poor and disabled Americans. Trump also selected Wall Street executive Howard Lutnick to lead the Commerce Department as he fills out his Cabinet.

"Dr. Oz will be a leader in incentivizing Disease Prevention, so we get the best results in the World for every dollar we spend on Healthcare in our Great Country," Trump said in a statement. "He will also cut waste and fraud within our Country's most expensive Government Agency, which is a third of our Nation's Healthcare spend, and a quarter of our entire National Budget."

Oz, who ran a failed 2022 bid to represent Pennsylvania in the U.S.

Senate, has been an outspoken supporter of Trump and in recent days expressed support for Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination for the nation's top health agency, the Department of Health and Human Services.

As the administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Oz would report to Kennedy. If confirmed by the Senate, Oz would be responsible for the programs — Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act — that more than half the country relies on for health insurance. Medicaid provides nearly-free health care coverage to millions of the poorest children and adults in the U.S. while Medicare gives older Americans and the disabled access to health insurance. The Affordable Care Act is the Obama-era program that offers health insurance plans to millions of Americans who do not qualify for government-assisted health insurance, but do not get insurance through their employer.

"Americans need better research on healthy lifestyle choices from unbiased scientists, and @robertfkennedyjr can help as HHS secretary," Oz shared in a post on Instagram last week, along with a photo of him and Kennedy together.

Oz has been accused of hawking dubious medical treatments and products on his defunct TV show. And during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, he pressured government officials to make hydroxychloroquine widely available, despite unresolved questions about its safety and effectiveness.

Lutnick, meanwhile, will have a key role carrying out Trump's plan to raise and enforce tariffs as commerce secretary, Trump said. Lutnick is a cryptocurrency enthusiast and head of brokerage and investment bank Cantor Fitzgerald.

Trump made the announcement on his social media platform, Truth Social. In the post, Trump said Lutnick

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From Page 43 Sheriff

7:11 p.m. – Caller advised a maroon semi-truck with a flat-bed trailer hauling bales of wire has run him off the road and is swerving and went across the center line. Advised they were unable to catch up behind the truck but it was headed north towards Cherokee. Caller advised it was turning into the Jiffy Trip.

10:05 p.m. – Caller advised they were traveling east on OK-11 and was almost struck by a vehicle traveling in south on OK-8, coming from Kiowa. The subject vehicle stopped after turning onto County Road 540. Reporting party stopped to try to confront the driver and claimed not to speak English and took off heading south on County Road 540. They were in a 2021 silver Toyota Corolla. Deputy was advised but unable to locate the vehicle.

Thursday, November 14, 2024
During this day: two traffic stops.

6:43 a.m. – Medic needed for a 36-year-old female who passed out and fell in the shower. No transport needed.

9:37 a.m. – Medic needed at Jame Crabtree Correctional Center for a 57-year-old male possibly having a stroke. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

10:19 a.m. – Caller advised her neighbors' dogs in the 200 block of Texas are out again. Officer made contact and citation was given.

3:05 p.m. – Dispatch advised of an inmate causing a disturbance in the jail. Advised he wants to speak to his lawyer, who is in court in another town at the moment. Advised

he's throwing things, yelling and cussing. Inmate was locked down.

Friday, November 15, 2024
During this day: three traffic stops and one report of cattle out.

10:34 a.m. – Report of a fire on County Road 510.

3:26 p.m. – Caller advised of an individual across the street from his house, in the 300 block of Colorado, that is rolling around in the grass in his neighbor's front yard, and just not acting right. Officer advised he found an intoxicated male wearing a red shirt, blue beanie, hanging onto a garbage can, trying not to fall over. Medic requested. Patient refused. En route with one male to the sheriff's office.

6:26 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver driving a semi on OK-8. Deputy advised.

6:44 p.m. – Caller advised she hit a deer on US-64, there were no injuries and the vehicle was drivable. Advised the deer was in the road. OHP was advised.

Saturday, November 16, 2024

2:38 a.m. – Reporting party advised he heard a gunshot from a high-powered rifle with a suppressor, thought it might be poachers. Advised deputy and game warden. They were unable to locate anyone in the area.

10:15 a.m. – Medic needed on Choctaw Road for a 70-year-old male who had fallen over and hit his hip. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

11:25 a.m. – Caller advised someone removed blots from his trailer in Goltry. Deputy ad-



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From Page 44 **Sheriff**

vised.

2:56 p.m. – Caller advised the neighbor's puppies have learned how to attack and now her cat is dying. Caller wants to make a report.

7:07 p.m. – Caller advised someone at the bar wanted to speak to an officer about a key being taken out of a vehicle. Officer advised the item stolen was a lawnmower key.

7:22 p.m. – Caller advised two individuals were at the apartments looking around the storage shed areas with flashlights. Advised officer. Officer spoke to individuals, and they were advised they were not allowed to go into the sheds.

10:19 p.m. – Caller advised her son is behaving violently, flipping out and yelling. Also advised it had gotten physical between the son and the father.

Deputy advised. Individual left property possibly headed back to their residence in Carmen. OHP en route to the individual's residence, but the individual wasn't there. OHP issued a BOLO and will be patrolling the area.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

1:14 p.m. – Medic needed on County Road 710 for a patient who was shaky and dizzy. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

5:28 p.m. – Caller advised of a noise complaint on County Road 710. Advised she had sent a text asking her nephew to turn the music down and then decided she would go across the street to his house. Dispatch could hear lots of yelling. Caller called back saying the woman who was just yelling at her is now blowing up her phone. Deputy advised.

Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 150, page 386: Jessica Paswaters and Travis Paswaters convey unto Bobbie L. Landis Trust. The south half of the northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 32 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas, except the west 515 feet thereof, etc. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 388: Jean Ann Polhamus and Steelman Polhamus convey unto Bobbie L. Landis Trust. The south half of the northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 32 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas, except

the west 515 feet thereof, etc. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 394: Crystal D. Gertsch conveys unto John W. Broussard. Lots 6, 7 and 8 located in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 32 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 395: Midwest Oil Field Service Inc. conveys unto David L. Brown Jr. and James C. McLemore. Lots 1 through 6, Block 74, Hardtner, Original City, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 397: Mid-

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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.

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

Thursday

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

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From Page 45 Barber

West Oil Field Service Inc. convey unto David L. Brown Jr. and James C. Mc-Lemore. Lots 10 through 12, Block 74, Hardtner Original City, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 403: Dan Bertholf conveys unto Don Bertholf Trust. Lot 21 in Block A in Forsyth Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 254, page 496: Aaliyah J. Hargett and Ethan D. Hargett to Rocket Mortgage LLC. The east 70 feet of the south 2 1/2 feet of Lot 21, and all of Lot 22, and all of Lot 23 except railroad right of way in Block 6, in Cook, Standiford & Co's Revised Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$58,200.00.

Book 254, page 523: K. Daryl Werner and Cynthia A. Werner to American AgCredit, FLCA. The northwest quarter less light way right of way, and all that part of the south half of Section 24, Township 32 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$500,000.00.

Book 254, page 537: Kendra England to Legacy Bank. Lot 10 and the west 30 feet of Lot 11, in Block 137, in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$73,641.00.

Book 254, page 552: Wildcats Creative Ventures LLC to Citizens Bank of Kansas. Lots 25 and 26 in Block 2 in Deal's Replat of part of Highland Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$45,000.00.

Book 254, page 569: Wildcats Creative Ventures LLC to Citizens Bank of Kansas. Lots 6 in Hibbard's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$25,000.00.

Book 254, page 586: Adam Maloney and Ashley Maloney to The People's Bank. Lots 19 and 20, except the east 60 feet of Lot 20, in Nuckoll's Subdivision of Hartzell's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$18,500.00.

Book 254, page 600: Joshua Brown and Iva Brown to Mortgage Research Center LLC. The south half of the south half of Outlot 29 of the City of Kiowa, except the west 40 feet thereof. Note: \$253,587.00.

Book 254, page 616: Chad K. Nittler and Jocelyn R. Nittler to Haviland State Bank. The south half of Section 3 and Lot 2 and the shot half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of Section 4 and the northwest quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter and the east half of Section 10, Township 31 south, Range 14 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$400,000.00.



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Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 903, page 111: Vicki Perkins conveys unto Robert L. Sims and Teresa Ann Sims. The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 24N, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 903, page 148: Dana Le Spade and Steven L. Spade convey unto Shane Diel Miller, as trustee of the Miller Family Trust. Undivided one-half interest in the north half of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 29N, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 903, page 151: Robert D. Broce, trustee of the Broce Family Revocable Trust, conveys unto BLT Rental LLC. The northeast quarter of Section

26, Township 28 north, Range 10, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 903, page 154: Duane E. Nulik and Linda K. Nulik convey unto Christopher Jim Dowling. The east half of the southwest quarter and the west of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 27N, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 903, page 157: Chris Dowling and Kendall Marianne Dowling to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The east half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 27N, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$200,000.00.

Alfalfa County court filings

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

Felony Filings

Cassie Marie Curry, Carmen, 38, has been charged with child neglect (\$402.75).

Civil Filings

Evan's Chopping LLC, Macksville, Kansas, vs. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Alfalfa, County, Oklahoma: negligence (\$252.14).

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Troy Lynn Phillips, Jet: indebtedness (\$239.14).

Rita Jane Green, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, vs. Loreta M. Green, Carmen: quiet title (\$164.14).

Traffic Citations

Dayla A. Johnson, Alva, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Trevor Michael Heath, Rush Springs, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

From Page 42 Trump

“will lead our Tariff and Trade agenda, with additional direct responsibility for the Office of the United States Trade Representative.”

Lutnick is a co-chair of Trump's transition team, along with Linda McMahon, the former wrestling executive who previously led Trump's Small Business Administration. Both are tasked with putting forward candidates for key roles in the next administration.

The nomination would put Lutnick in charge of a sprawling Cabinet agency that is involved in funding new computer chip factories, imposing trade restrictions, releasing economic data and monitoring the weather. It is also a position in which connections to CEOs and the wider business community are crucial.

An advocate for imposing wide-ranging tariffs, Lutnick told CNBC in September that “tariffs are an amazing tool for the president to use — we need to protect the American worker.” Trump on the campaign trail proposed a 60% tariff on goods from China — and a tariff of up to 20% on everything else the United States imports.

Mainstream economists are generally skeptical of tariffs, considering them a mostly inefficient way for governments to raise money and promote prosperity.

Lutnick had been considered for treasury secretary, a role that has been at the center of high-profile jockeying within the Trump world. At the same time, the treasury position is closely watched in financial circles, where

a disruptive nominee could have immediate negative consequences on the stock market, which Trump watches closely.

The news also comes after billionaire Elon Musk and others in Trump's orbit called on Trump to dump previous front-runner for treasury secretary, Scott Bessent, in favor of Lutnick. Musk said in his post that “Bessent is a business-as-usual choice, whereas @howardlutnick will actually enact change.”

Lutnick joined Cantor Fitzgerald in 1983 and rose through the ranks to be appointed president and CEO in 1991.

Lutnick also chairs financial technology company BGC Group, Inc. and the commercial real estate services firm Newmark Group, Inc.

Lutnick has donated to both Democrats and Republicans in the past, and once appeared on Trump's NBC reality show, “The Apprentice.” He has become a part of the president-elect's inner circle, and has shared the stage with Trump at events in the closing days of his campaign, including a rally at Madison Square Garden.

He came under criticism in the campaign's final days for an interview with CNN in which he repeated Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s debunked criticisms of vaccines.

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