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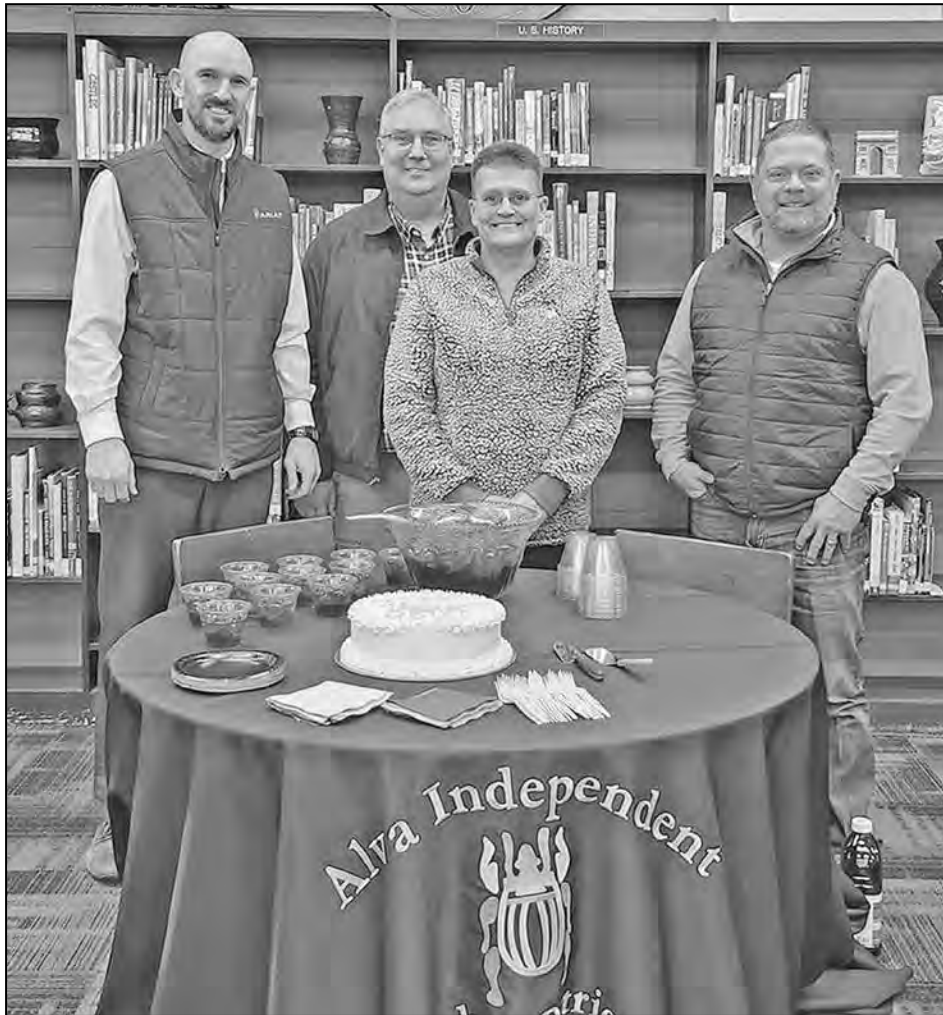
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School board leaders recognized in January

Alva School District thankful for hard work, dedication



Alva School Board members are recognized during the regular meeting Jan. 7 with a cake and punch. From left are Shane Hansen, Paul Barton, Karen Koehn and Kevin Pingelton. Photo by Marione Martin

ALVA – Dedicated to public education, school board members across the state are committed to providing every opportunity possible to student in their community. January is School Board Recognition Month, providing local schools and communities the chance to honor Oklahoma's more than 2,500 elected school board members for their dedication and service.

Alva currently has five school board members: Jane McDermott, Karen Koehn, Shane Hansen, Kevin Pingelton and Paul Barton.

"Our school board members not only share their time but their vision and voice to shape the direction of Oklahoma public education," Superintendent Jeremy Brashears said. "We are proud of our school board members and the dedication they have to making our district the best it can be. School Board Recognition Month is the time to say thank you and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected board members."

In Alva, school board members develop policies and must make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community.

"During School Board Recognition Month, we hope you will join us as we take the opportunity to acknowledge our local board of education," Brashears said.

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See memories of Alva's POW camp at the Cherokee Strip Museum

By Marione Martin

When my daughter was in junior high in the seventh or eighth grade, one of her teachers encouraged students to enter the National History Day contest. While most of the contests were for written work, there was a category for videos. Since Marisa had been operating a video camera (the large clunky early models) since she was around nine years old, this appealed to her.

At that time, she was very involved with horses so that's what she picked for her topic. I was the driver and helped operate the video camera when she interviewed a couple of local people who bred, showed or raced horses. She also did a lot of research about the history of the horse and the different breeds. Her dad taught her to edit the video including the interviews and photos from her research with voice overs.

She then presented her video before judges at the state capitol. She didn't place. I suspect one weakness was that her topic was too broad.

The next year, she joined with a classmate to try again. Their first choice was the POW camp in Alva. They found someone who had worked there, but that person turned them down when they

asked for an interview.

Instead, they ended up doing a history on newspaper equipment. This time they did a video interview with Jerry Marshall at Waynoka. He had a bunch of the old letterpress type equipment including a linotype and the individual letter type that was set by hand. Again, they didn't place, but it was a great experience.

I checked, and the Oklahoma National History Day contest is still active. The next contest date is in April. Those who place high enough can go on to the national contest. It's open to students from sixth grade through high school.

I was reminded of those memories and experiences last weekend when I watched a half hour program on OETA called Back in Time. I missed the first airing but this time I set my DVR to record it. Thanks to Rose Blunk for calling attention to the program on Facebook! It focused on the history of the POW camps in Oklahoma.

Have you toured the Cherokee Strip Museum? There's a large area dedicated to the World War II POW camp that was located in the section of land that now holds the Alva Regional Airport, the Woods County Fairgrounds and the Highway Department.

The OETA program focused most heavily on the Alva and Tonkawa camps because they had interviews from those. Elaine Graybill from the Cherokee Strip Museum did a great job in her narration.

The other interview was with the former mayor of Tonkawa.

The museum in Alva has an extensive collection that's worth seeing. There are photos of the POW camp and various items left behind by the prisoners. They have an amateur video of a portion of the march of prisoners through town. Prisoners were brought in by train and marched north on College Avenue to the camp.

The museum has an extensive collection of "mug shots" of prisoners. These individual photos are displayed on one wall.

Farmers could request prisoners to work with their crops. According to the video, the going rate was a dollar a day. Apparently there were some satellite locations where fewer prisoners were housed. One of those was Waynoka where prisoners worked in the ice plant, loading ice onto trains.

To keep the prisoners occupied, some worked in the kitchen or the laundry. They were supplied with art materials, and the local museum has several examples of their work. The star of the display is a large carved wooden eagle with spread wings perched on a wreath that has a swastika in its center.

According to the video, when the war ended and the military sent the prisoners home, some had a stopover in England where they were put to work cleaning up the areas that had been bombed.

I still regret that Marisa and her classmate were unable to focus their history video on the POW camp. It's an interesting part of Alva's history.



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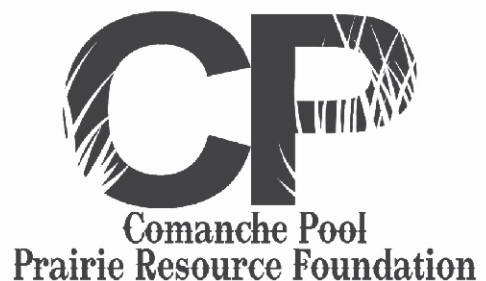
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Alva School Board learns about Kayla's Kindness Project

Unqualified opinion on annual audit



Kayla Leeper (standing) tells the Alva School Board about Kayla's Kindness Project to inspire hope in hospital patients. Seated, clockwise from left, are Kevin Pingelton, Shane Hansen, Supt. Jeremy Brashears, Paul Barton and Karen Koehn. Photo by Marione Martin

By Marione Martin

The Alva Board of Education packed a lot into their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Board members were recognized for School Board Recognition Month, the audit report was presented and Dr. Vicky Nighswonger discussed remediation and the dropout report. Principals also gave reports on student activities and achievements. A video of the meeting may be viewed at [www. AlvaReviewCourier.com](http://www.AlvaReviewCourier.com) by clicking on Videos.

Board president Jane McDermott was absent so Karen Koehn, vice president, conducted the meeting with board members Shane Hansen, Kevin Pingelton and Paul Barton present. A brief recess allowed board members and visitors to enjoy the cake and punch prepared for School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent Jeremy Brashears said, "In Oklahoma it's not a job you get paid for. It takes a lot of time, dedication and a lot of heartache. For your service to our students, parents

and community, thank you."

Audit Report

Auditor Bill Buss of S&B CPAs from Enid presented the audit report for last year. Buss said the opinion for the state was an unqualified opinion, meaning the best possible outcome. He noted that Alva Schools have no long-term debt, which is very unusual.

In conclusion, Buss said the one prior year issue was resolved, and there were no findings for the financial statement or federal award statement.

Koehn said, "I'd also like to thank the school personnel as well as the central office personnel. They are very diligent."

Buss commented that the previous auditor had already cut his clients down to the very best when S&B purchased the business.

Financial Report

Supt. Brashears reported on invested funds. The General Fund investments total \$4,496,000 in two banks with an average interest rate of 5.15%. Building Fund investments total \$2,969,000 in three banks with an average interest rate of 5.02%. Child Nutrition Fund investments are \$190,000 in three banks with an average interest rate of 4.98%. The Sinking Fund has about \$11,000 left from previous bond funds at an interest rate average of 4.98%. The Gift Fund balance is from a \$250,000 donation provided for redo school entrances, and it is earning 5.1%.

Looking at revenue, Brashears said the school has collected \$13,374,102.87 in the General Fund which is \$4,342,598.69 more than in December 2023. The Building Fund collections are \$5,478,912 which is \$149,989 more than December 2023. He attributes the increases to people paying their ad valorem taxes earlier. The school usually sees their biggest bump in January.

Turning to expenditures, in the General Fund there has been \$96,742 less encumbered than this time last year and \$179,000 less paid out. In the Building Fund, \$412,412 more has been encumbered and \$390,049 more paid out. When the school board opted

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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. **REDUCED PRICE: \$330,000.00**

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 woods, brush, and timber. This tract has 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. Located on Farm A, Highway 87, 1/2 mile 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 easy 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 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 Grant silt loam soils). This tract has a new 5-wire fence and a Ritchie 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, 1/2 mile from Salt Fork River. It also has a good water well, corrals, 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 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 - 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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South Barber School Board renews superintendent and principals contracts for 2025-26

- Board members recognized for years of service
- Mary Lynn Meyers to retire after 30-plus years
- SB again listed in Best Elementary Schools U.S. News and World Report



SB Superintendent Mylo Miller presents a plaque to Elementary Principal Kaynette Scheck (right) and teacher Bailey England. This is for the school's fourth year on the list of Best Elementary Schools in the U.S. News and World Report. *Photo by Yvonne Miller*

By Yvonne Miller

As South Barber Board of Education President Mark Pollock called the January meeting to order Monday evening, members present included Bryan Quick, Jarrod Inman, Bret Mott, Mike Miller, Karen Watts and Emily Lohmann. Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and Board Clerk Alyssa Gonzales

also sat at the board table.

The board approved the contracts for 2025-2026 of Superintendent Miller who has been at SB seven years; Grade 7-12 Principal Steve Neal who has been at SB as principal two years and teacher a partial year prior to that; Elementary Principal Kaynette Scheck as principal at SB three years full-time, who came as an

elementary teacher in 2015 and became part-time principal for three years before her full-time role.

Since January is School Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Miller recognized each member for their years of service and presented them a certificate: Quick, 18 years; Pollock, 12 years; Miller, 8 years; Lohmann, 5 years; Watts, 2 years; Mott, 1 year; Inman, 1 year. Mary Lynn Meyers has been secretary at the elementary “for over 30 years.” When asked for a specific number, she light-heartedly replied, “I don’t keep track.” She submitted her retirement effective May 31.

When considering Meyers’ retirement, board members made comments like, “Can we let it die for lack of a second?” “Can we say no?” No board member wanted to accept her resignation. Quick said, “We wish Mary Lynn the best. She will be a great loss for our school district.” The board regretfully accepted Meyers’ resignation.

This is the fourth year SB Elementary received an award as one of the “Best Elementary Schools in US News and World Report.” SB is listed in the top 40 percent, as 224 out of 936 schools, the superintendent said. Superintendent Miller presented Principal Scheck with a plaque that recognizes this achievement.

South Barber Board Action

The board held a 10-minute executive session to discuss school security. Then they held a series of executive sessions totaling about 50 minutes to discuss the administration contracts and voted to approve their contracts as mentioned above.

As earlier discussed, the board considered the agenda item of changing the school calendar with the school day starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 3:00 instead of 3:30 p.m. Board member Miller said, “My vote is to leave it as is based on visiting with people.”

Bailey England is elementary fifth-grade home teacher who also teaches fifth and sixth grade math and science. She attended the meeting and told the board, “It’s the general consensus of the

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to purchase buses instead of paying a \$130,000 annual lease, the school spent about a half-million from the fund. An activity bus was also purchased from the fund at the first of the school year. Combining the two funds, \$210,412 more has been paid out than last year due to the buses.

Brashears said if the bus purchases were removed, the financial report would show the school has been a little more efficient than last year.

Purchase Orders

With the reduction in school days in December due to the holiday break, there were fewer purchase orders. One for \$8,400 to Compass Athletics was for the purchase of new basketball uniforms for the varsity teams. The school spent \$1,486.60 for 2025 diplomas and covers from Josten's. Middle school library books cost \$1,067.62. Another \$4,060.00 to CDW.G was for network licensing as the school system IT network is upgraded.

From the Building Fund, Alfalfa Electric Cooperative was paid \$3,925 for heater repairs at Lincoln Elementary. A to Z Theatrical Supply repaired high school auditorium spotlights for \$6,990.

In the Child Nutrition Fund, \$8,000 was spent on the Heartland Auto-Chlor contract. Brashears said they have installed a new dishwasher at Lincoln and are checking the other four. They report that the others are in good shape.

Activity Fund, Child Nutrition

The main deposit activity in the activity fund has been from basketball concessions and gate. There were no fundraisers.

Numbers were down in breakfasts and lunches served due to having about half as many school days as in November. There were 7,462 lunches served during December and 3,115 breakfasts.

Washington Early Childhood Center

Principal Madison Williams reported that enrollment is now 233, up one student. The school recently received an OETT grant for their Vision for Technology. In February they will have a visit from the grant evaluation team.

In December, students finished MAP testing. Williams gave a "shout out" to her teachers. She said each teacher spends about ten minutes per day working with students on phonetics.

Longfellow Elementary

Principal Alysson Tucker said Longfellow enrollment is 155, down two, and will be down two more students soon due to a family moving.

The third-grade music program was held Dec. 10. Nick Bradt recorded the program and links were sent out to parents.

A second-grade addition party was held on Dec. 13. Each student started with a cup. After successful completion of problems, they received hot chocolate. More addition success gave them various toppings for their drink.

Dec. 18 was Christmas craft day for the second grade with students moving between classrooms for projects while the teachers stayed in place. Meanwhile, the third graders enjoyed Christmas around the world.

Students completing AR (accelerated reader) goals were rewarded with a trip to Rialto.

Tucker said she tried putting a QR code on a permission form sent home to parents. She had 78 parents use the code to sign off on permission online. She said she will definitely be using QR codes in the future.

For a service project, students collected dry goods for Alva Express. Students were challenged to collect 100 items by a particular date to send Tucker to the dunk tank. That goal was reached so soon, several teachers volunteered for more goals. Now Katie Williams from the library, Mrs. Whittet and Mrs. Gould will share in the dunk tank experience which will be scheduled for a later (warmer) date.

Lincoln Elementary

Principal Jenny Webster said Lincoln School has 127 students in fourth grade and 81 in fifth. Their fourth-grade program was held on Dec. 6.

Webster and teachers at Lincoln have begun a book study on "Emotional Poverty."

Many parents and guests visited the school for Literacy Night to buy Northwest Family Services ornaments and see the displays and art related to books. Several students made a stop motion video, using 3,000 photos. Mrs. Benningfield hopes to encourage more students to make these videos.

Webster said they have a singing, dancing custodian, Mr. Keller, who was part of the Polar Express program. Mr.

Gould also helped.

Those earning enough AR points, 127 students, went to Rialto for a movie.

Jan. 15 the class spelling bees will be held with the school spelling bee on Jan. 22 and the regional spelling bee on Feb. 11. The academic team is looking forward to a competition in Drummond.

The fifth grade class program will be on Jan. 31.

Alva Middle School

Alva Middle School enrollment is down by six students and has one addition, according to Principal Stephanie Marteney. She said they may have two more students enrolling.

There were two contests in December, door decorating and a food drive. Mrs. Hada's class won both contests so they had a pizza party with drinks from Rialto. Longfellow students brought their food drive items to add to the collection. Divided into boxes, the food made 52 meals for families. Some teachers volunteered to make desserts which were added to the meals.

Fifty-five students reached their AR goals and enjoyed a movie trip to Rialto with a drink and popcorn. Marteney expressed appreciation to Ms. Almgren for organizing the AR trips. She uses funds raised by the Daddy-Daughter dance.

To encourage attendance, AMS offered students with fewer than six absences the chance to skip semester tests and enjoy fun games based on Olympic events with prizes.

Alva High School

Dr. Vicky Nighswonger, high school principal, started off by thanking Chris Eckhardt for his work with students editing videos from the December Alva Shootout tournament. Eckhardt does livestreaming of games with the students. He has also restructured classes so the school qualifies for Career Tech funding.

Nighswonger said the choir held a concert at the First United Methodist Church. There was also a Christmas band program. She said the basketball tournament was "amazing".

She praised Lantz Mathers for being named to the CTB All Star Team in football.

Kayla's Kindness

At Nighswonger's invitation, high school student Kayla Leeper spoke to the

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<p>Fri Jan 17 - Fish</p>	<p>Wed Jan 22 - Smothered Steak</p>



Upcoming ALVA Events



FEBRUARY 7 First Friday Art Walk 6-8pm 8 Cookie Crawl 9am-4pm
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21 Community Coffee 8am
Egg's & Issues Hosted by Alva Public Library

28 Citizen's Choice Nominations Due

MARCH 7 First Friday Art Walk 6-8pm 17-21 Spring Break
AISD and NWOSU

21 Community Coffee 8am
Hosted by Bradt's Menagerie

28 Citizen's Choice Gala 6pm
4 Gen Organics

APRIL 4 First Friday Art Walk 6-8pm 4-5 Alva Bull Battle

16-18 Lt. Governor's Turkey Hunt
19 Easter Egg Hunts
More updates later!

18 Community Coffee 8am
Egg's & Issues Hosted by Alva Chamber
at the NW Technology Center

MAY 2 First Friday Art Walk 6-8pm 9 Salsa Stroll 4-8pm
Limited Tickets On Sale May 5
10 NWOSU Commencement

16 Community Coffee 8am 16 Last Day School AISD 17 AHS Commencement
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Carl's Capitol Comments

Transparency in Prior Authorization Act takes effect

By Rep. Carl Newton



A measure I authored last year to ensure patients and physicians have more control over prescribed health care took effect Jan. 1.

House Bill 3190, known as the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act, ensures patients and their doctors are in charge of their health care decisions, reducing prior authorization denials or delays by insurance carriers. This measure speeds the review and appeals process, reducing the probability that physician-recommended care will be ignored because of a computer algorithm or artificial intelligence. It should give doctors more time to spend with their patients and less time

on paperwork. Physicians and the Oklahoma State Medical Association have expressed their appreciation for this measure, and I know it will make life better for the patients they treat as well.

On Jan. 7, the Legislature convened for Organizational Day. This day is constitutionally required to be held every year after a statewide election and before the convening of a new Legislature. It gives each legislative chamber the chance to formally elect new leadership and new rules by which they will operate during the next two sessions and to certify the results from the last election. This means we're officially elected and seated in time for session, which begins Feb. 3.

This year, the House committee structure will be different. We will have a two-tiered structure with six

oversight committees responsible for 23 regular committees. This is in addition to our full Appropriations and Budget Committee and its 10 subcommittees, as well as our Administrative Rules and Rules Committees.

I will serve as vice chair of our A&B Natural Resources Subcommittee, a committee I chaired for the past six years. This year, I've taken on the added role of chairing the Health & Human Services Oversight Committee. In this position, I will be charged with oversight of all medical-related legislation that comes from the following four committees: Public Health; Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances; Children, Youth and Family Services; and Veteran and Military Affairs. Bills will first be heard in regular committee and then move to mine. As the chair of an oversight committee, I will also serve as a member of the floor leader team, which adds an extra layer of responsibility in helping determine which bills are heard on the House floor. I also will continue to serve as a presiding officer, leading from the chair on various legislative days.

In addition, I will serve as a member on these committees: Public Health, Transportation, full A&B, as well as on the Joint Committee for Appropriations and Budget.

It looks to be a busy session, but I'm excited for the work we will accomplish.

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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Waynoka school board extends Superintendent Cline’s contract

General fund up by \$1.4 million in December

By Kathleen Lourde

At Waynoka School Board’s regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 13, principals updated the board on student achievements, and the board reviewed Superintendent Scott Cline’s contract for renewal.

Finances, Superintendent’s Contract Renewed

Superintendent Cline went over the financial reports with the board. In the General Fund, expenditures for December were down and revenue was up – up by \$1.4 million. Of that, \$1 million is ad valorem, said Cline; part of it just depends on when people pay their taxes. “This year’s Targa did not go into escrow, so we got that money right away.”

Expenditures were up in the Building Fund. In the Child Nutrition Fund, expenditures were even, and revenue was up slightly. The board approved the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports, minutes of previous meetings, and the activity fund report.

See the entire discussion at www.AlvaReviewCourier.com and click on the Videos tab.

Later in the meeting, the board members adjourned into executive session to evaluate the superintendent’s performance and discuss contract details.

Once the board returned to open session, they voted to extend Cline’s contract for the 2025/2026 school year and to pay a \$3,000 stipend.

Student Achievements and Activities

During Wake Up Waynoka, high school/junior high Students of the Week for December were Adam Santiago and Cooper Truesdale, and in the elementary were Thalia Ibarra, Jack Wilson, Lakyn Webb and Teagan Cline.

The elementary school held its Christmas program Dec. 16, and Elementary Principal Pat Burrow described it as “exceptional.”

The second nine week reading incentive was Dec. 18. Eighty-five first through sixth graders reached their goals earned a morning of board games and a dodgeball tournament. Coach Allen and Coach Slater divided students into teams for double elimination play. The winning team consisted of Anaiese Taylor, Sawyer and Daviney Tolson, Addley Hanson, Josie Gaskill, Thalia Ibarra, Elisyn Seiger, Logan Jones and Declan Fuller. After lunch, students enjoyed hot chocolate, popcorn and the movie “That Christmas.”

The next day, Dec. 19, the fifth and sixth grades attended a behavior incentive trip to watch the Nutcracker Ballet. “Waynoka was well represented with our well-behaved students looking dapper,” said Burrow. Christmas parties were held in the classrooms on the last day. Many parents came and enjoyed the fun chaos.

The fall semester wrapped up with semester tests Dec. 19 and 20, said High

School and Junior High Principal Ronnie Nix.

In sports, four senior football team members were selected for the C-1 All District Team: Daycen Cunningham, quarterback; Brac Long, offensive lineman; Max Porter, defensive lineman; and Landon Seiger, running back. Cunningham, Long, Porter and Seiger – along with 10 other teammates – were also chosen for academic all-conference. Seiger will also represent Waynoka at the annual eight-man senior bowl.

Friday night’s high school basketball game will also be Homecoming. The senior candidates will be Brea Beck escorted by Landon Seiger and Marlie Pitts escorted by Daycen Cunningham. Homecoming festivities will start at 6 p.m.

The elementary will kick off basketball with a game at Okeene Jan.27, after which the teams will have two games left, with FGFS and Timberlake.

Principal Nix and Elementary Principal Pat Burrow both thanked the board for their service, noting that January is School Board Appreciation Month. Burrow noted that the After-School Program started back on Monday, Jan. 6. When four-day weeks begin in the spring, the after-school program only be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, she said.

Other Board Business

The board approved numerous fundraiser requests. Those requests were submitted by the fifth and sixth grades, academic teams, baseball and girls’ basketball teams, JH/HS Incentive, the library, student council, the track team and TSA.

A list of cafeteria items was approved for surplus. These include a manual grinder, food processor, scale and other kitchen and buffet items.

The 2024-25 Textbook Adoption Committee members were approved. They are Sarah Castillo, Mary Hill, Keisha Nix, Megan Smith, Thure Tolson and Beau Westfahl.

With no new business, the meeting adjourned.

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318	Roger Mills Co, OK	Grazing, Creek, Corrals, Hunting	\$540,600	
76	McCurtain Co, OK	Glover River in McCurtain County, OK	\$1,500,000	
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525	McCurtain Co, OK	Sportsman's Paradise on Little River	\$1,837,500	
138	Kingfisher Co, OK	Cropland, Hunting, Grassland	\$415,000	
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242	Comanche Co, KS	Agricultural, Grassland, Hunting	\$363,000	SOLD
1,894	Morton Co, KS	Dryland Farm Ground-CRP-Homestead	\$1,650,000	SOLD
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board about Kayla’s Kindness Project. Now a sophomore, she began the project when she was about nine years old. She wanted to do something but didn’t know what. Then she remembered visiting her grandfather at Stevenson Cancer Center in Oklahoma City. She bought items with her own money and delivered bags to Stevenson and to Jimmy Everest Children’s Hospital.

With the shutdowns from Covid, she changed her focus closer to home and now delivers 20 bags of items to Share Medical Center about once a month. Money for the project now comes from private donations, churches, grants for which she has applied, banks and fundraisers. She has used some of those funds to add four charging stations around Share as well as delivering 20 large TV’s for patient rooms. In addition to the care bags, she supplies the hospital with stuffed bears for those facing surgery or for comfort on helicopter transfers. Leeper showed the board a sample bear and handed out coloring books designed for her project.

Leeper has talked to kids in 50 states about her project, has been featured on News 9, and has received several awards. A few months ago, Leeper started working at the hospital, the youngest employee there.

Koehn asked Leeper about her plans after graduation. She said she would like to attend classes at NWOSU for a degree in nursing or something in the medical field. She said she wants to stay in Ala but also wants some experience in larger cities.

“Your being here presenting inspires me,” said Koehn.

“Kayla, we have the (Goldbug) symbol of excellence posted all over town, and you’re it,” said Supt. Brashears.

Remediation and Dropouts Report

Nighswonger discussed the remediation and dropouts report. Looking at ACT scores for 2022-2023, the year of the report, she said Alva students scored an average of 18.3 which exceeded the statewide average of 17.8. However, average scores in math, science and English were lower for Alva with reading at 18.6 bringing up the average. Nighswonger said about half of Alva students are “at the level we need them to be.”

She said the school is looking at their standards as they compare with the standards being tested on the ACT to see “where our holes are.” It’s important to help students become good learners from the time they enter school. She said school educators are

having “really important discussions.”

“Districtwide we have to do some vertical alignment,” said Nighswonger. The school has just selected a math curriculum for the entire district to make sure all concepts are taught without gaps between grades.

Regarding dropouts, Nighswonger said Alva had three students with life experiences that took them somewhere else. The school doesn’t know if they went to school elsewhere or not. She said some dropouts from last year returned to continue their education this year. In many cases, the dropout is related to pregnancy or a sick family member so the student has to go to work. “We don’t teach children anymore at this level,” she said. “We teach adults.”

Two Staff Members Hired

Board members voted to hire two people for paraprofessional positions. They are Leimana Jones and Hunter McMillin.

Donation

The board accepted a \$30,000 donation from Alva State Bank to help build an outdoor classroom at Washington Early Childhood and for new risers for the auditorium for elementary students.

Alfalfa County Fairboard election filing period slated for Jan. 27-31

By Stacy Sanborn

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Alfalfa County commissioners Mike Roach, Nate Ross and Garret Johnson completed the annual inspection of the Alfalfa County jail and found no issues.

Before going downstairs to perform the inspection, the three men took care of the rest of the agenda, first knocking out approvals on the last meeting’s minutes, maintenance and operation warrants for payment, and blanket purchase orders.

They approved the request to remove Mike Roach as a receiving officer for the emergency manager, appointing Vice-chairman Ross, and former sheriff Rick Wallace was removed as a requisitioning officer for courthouse security and replaced by Chairman Roach.

Once that paperwork was signed, they voted to approve publishing the 2024 employee annual salary report in

the Cherokee Messenger and Republican newspaper.

Next, the resolution for the fair board election was signed. The filing period is Jan. 27-31, and if an election is needed, it will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Those running are David Failes, Kasey Springer and Troy Campbell.

The commissioners approved two private property access easements in District 3. Those were for SE 40 of 14-23-11 to remove trees from the right-of-way and place them on a farmer’s land and the S2/NE and SE of 20-24-11 to clean a channel to get water off the road.

Lastly, they approved a surplus declaration for a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 from District 1 (Inv. no. D1 301-118, Serial no. 3GCUKREC0HG109570).

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Northwest Oklahoma leaders join international agricultural summit



Becky McCray gives a plenary presentation on rural development at International Ag Chairs Summit. She shared the Idea Friendly Method for small towns to be more open to new ideas in this rapidly changing world. Photo by Peyton Johnson

Northwest Oklahoma was well-represented at the 2025 International State Legislative Ag Chairs Summit in Des Moines, Iowa. Senator Roland Pederson from Burlington, Senator Casey Murdock from Felt, and Becky McCray of SaveYour.Town from Hopeton participated in the summit organized by the State Ag and Rural Leaders, SARL.us

The summit, known for its non-partisan approach, brought together elected officials from U.S. states and Canadian provinces to collaborate on pressing issues affecting agriculture and rural communities.

Becky McCray presented the plenary session on Rural Development, showcasing her "Idea Friendly Method" for helping small towns be more open to new ideas.

The agenda featured a diverse range of topics, including rural healthcare solutions, water quality, infrastructure improvements, carbon sequestration, artificial intelligence in agriculture, and

challenges facing the animal industry.

The summit offered attendees the opportunity to engage in various breakout sessions covering crucial subjects such as state water plans, solar and agriculture, carbon farming, emerging diseases, and rural mental health. Additionally, a unique "speed dating" session allowed legislators to quickly learn about state-specific legislation on topics ranging from foreign ownership and drone regulations to food labeling and growing rural veterinarians.

Site visits to prominent agricultural institutions and companies, including Iowa State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Bayer, Corteva, John Deere, and Kemin provided attendees with firsthand insights into cutting-edge agricultural technologies and practices.

The combined population of Pederson's, Murdock's and McCray's hometowns is fewer than 300 people, giving them their authentic rural perspective and dedication to small-town advocacy.

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Representing northwest Oklahoma at the International State Ag Chairs Summit in Des Moines, Iowa, are, from left: Senator Roland Pederson from Burlington, Becky McCray of SaveYour.Town from Hopeton, and Senator Casey Murdock from Felt. McCray presented the plenary session on Rural Development. Photo by Savonne Caughey.

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Alva-Cleo Basketball Homecoming was held Dec. 22 before the game with the Billings Bulldogs. Kylee Gilley, assistant coach, served as the MC for the coronation. The high school basketball team was introduced. Jacob Harris, senior, was chosen as the king. He honored Storm Raiche, senior, with the queen crown. From left: (back row) Chris Chandler, Kylie Wilkinson, Isaac Ramirez, Payton O’Neil, Jacob Harris, Storm Raiche, Grant Gosney, Amy Wallace; (front row) Grayson Hurst, Rosalin Chandler.

Woods County Commissioners approve road project

By Marione Martin

The Woods County Commissioners had a routine meeting Monday. Chairman Shane Vore opened the meeting with Commissioner John Smiley and District 1 Foreman Damian Starks present.

The commissioners approved a resolution to execute an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the final

stretch of County Road 370, located in District 1. Then they approved the project maintenance, financing and right of way agreement for the same project. ODOT will pay for the project.

Donnie Head from Circuit Engineering District No. 8 was present. He explained the next item of business was to close out a project for a bridge in District No. 3. He said Bridge #83 from this project will be combined with Bridge #82, which also needs work. The project with the two bridges will be brought back to the commissioners in a later agreement. The commissioners voted to close out the Bridge #83 project.

A temporary easement was approved with Royce Friend for \$1200 per year for lease of land for a stockpile. The money will be split among three siblings.

Vore made a motion, seconded by Starks and approved by unanimous vote to transfer appropriations from District

2 M&O to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$40,000. Vore said his district needs a pickup.

The commissioners approved a transfer of appropriations from Sheriff Service Fee M&O to Capital Outlay in the amount of \$5,125.13 for a JAG grant.

In other action, the commissioner approved a letter to Oklahoma Mental Health & Substance Abuse stating that the bid was approved as a single bid for 781 funding through Woods County and Northwest Family Services.

The annual Sheriff’s Commissary financial report was approved.

Numerous items from District 2 were declared as surplus. They include a conveyor, a wood chipper, a 2006 Ford pickup, a roller, a 2009 Ford pickup and a pack.

The commissioners also approved minutes of the last meeting, warrants, claims and blanket purchase orders.



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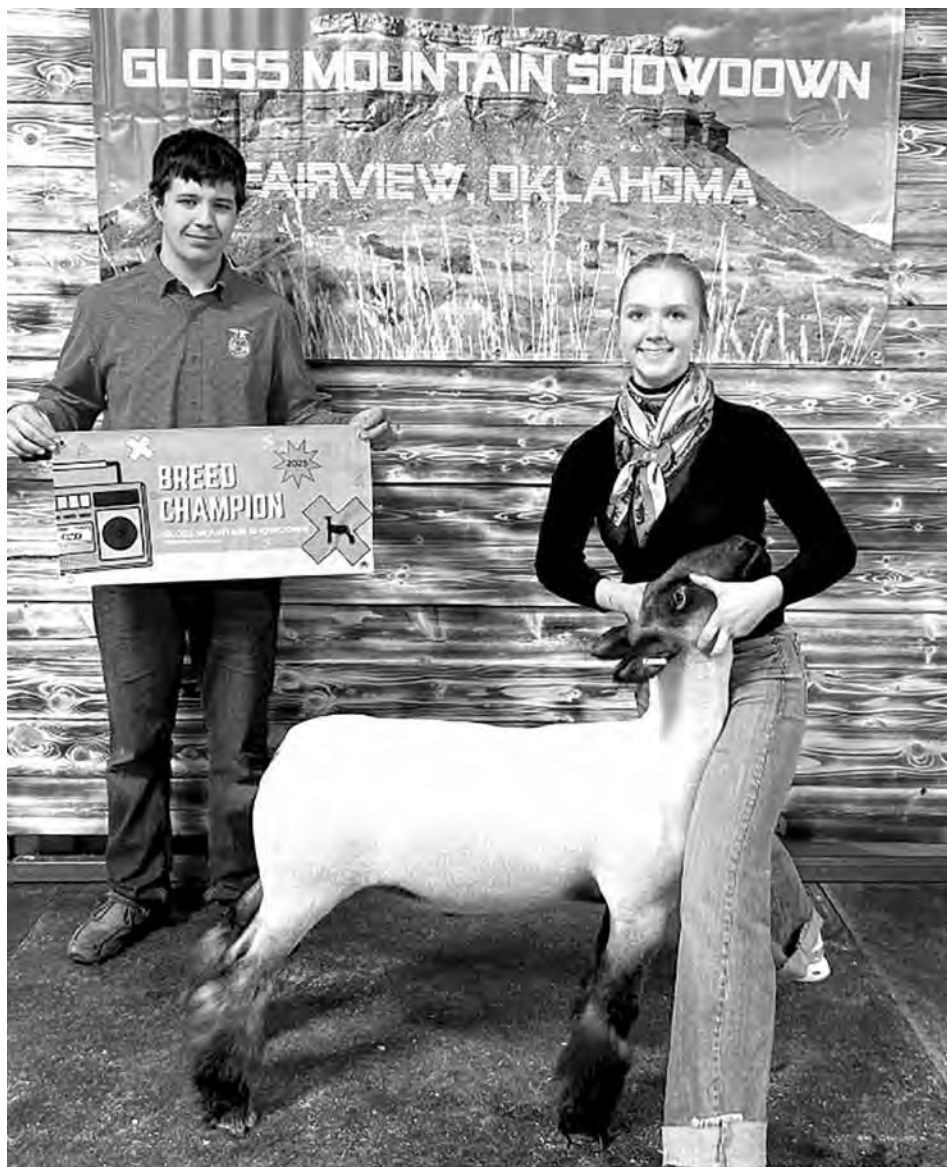
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Waynoka FFA members excel at livestock Jackpot shows across Oklahoma



Chanan Wyatt of the Waynoka FFA chapter presents her Breed Champion Suffolk Market Lamb at the Gloss Mountain Showdown.

By Rhiata Bouziden, Waynoka FFA Reporter

The livestock showing season is in full swing for the Waynoka FFA chapter, with numerous members showcasing their skills at several prestigious livestock Jackpot shows across Oklahoma. Their exceptional performance continues to highlight the hard work and dedication of these young agriculturalists.

Sheep Achievements

Waynoka FFA members have been making their mark in the sheep ring, earning top honors at multiple events. At the Christmas Sweater Showdown Jackpot show in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, Stetson Nix took home the titles of Grand Champion Ewe and Breed Champion Ewe. Rylan Nix also had an outstanding performance, securing the titles of Breed Champion Hamp Wether and Reserve Grand Wether. Rylan's achievements were further highlighted when he was awarded Champion Senior Showmanship.

Chanan Wyatt also had a standout showing at the event, securing first-place finishes in two of her classes. Chanan continued her success at the Gloss Mountain Showdown, where she earned the title of Breed Champion. She also brought home a first-place and second-place ribbon in her respective classes.

Stetson Nix earned third place with his Natural Wether and second place with his Shropshire Wether. Rylan Nix claimed Reserve Champion Southdown Ewe and Reserve Champion White Face Cross Bred, further proving the quality of his livestock.

Cattle Accomplishments

The Waynoka FFA cattlemen have also been busy perfecting their show projects this season. Morris Litzenberger represented the chapter at the Oklahoma Western Heifer Show in Clinton, Oklahoma, where he earned an impressive third place in his class.

Rholton and Rhiata Bouziden have been actively competing at several cattle shows throughout the state. At the Block and Bridle Cattle Show in Stillwater, Rholton earned first place in Ring 1 with his Simmental Percent Heifer, claiming the Breed Champion title. He also placed first with his Bred and Owned

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Simmental Percent Heifer and won his class in Ring 2. Rhiata Bouziden demonstrated her skills by placing first in her class of Chiana Heifers in both Ring 1 and Ring 2. At the AGR Winter Bonanza Jackpot Show, Rhiata earned a first-place finish in her class of Limousin Flex Heifers. Rholton also competed at this event, earning Reserve Breed Champion Simmental Percent Heifer in Ring 1 and placing first in Ring 2. Rhiata's impressive season continued at the Atoka Winter Classic, where she claimed the Breed Champion Simmental Percentage title and placed third in her class of Limousin Flex Heifers.

In a standout achievement, Oakley Whitaker competed at the National Cattleman's Congress in Oklahoma City, where she was awarded the prestigious title of Grand Champion American Aberdeen Bull. She also earned second place in her class with her American Aberdeen Heifer.

Swine

Waynoka FFA member Marlie Pitts recently competed at the Seth Rutledge Winter Classic Swine Jackpot in Woodward.

Looking Ahead

The Waynoka FFA chapter is extremely proud of the accomplishments of its members at these recent livestock shows. These young individuals continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to their agricultural education and passion for livestock. As the season progresses, the chapter looks forward to more successes and the continued growth of its members.

Stay tuned for more updates as we follow the Waynoka FFA chapter's journey and future achievements in the livestock showing arena.



Oakley Whitaker of the Waynoka FFA chapter presents her Grand Champion American Aberdeen Bull at the Cattleman's Congress.

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elementary teachers to leave the hours as is.”

Board members agreed they want to get more core classes scheduled in the morning. The school start and end time will stay 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The board approved hiring Tami Spiecher as SB’s summer cook. She is currently a cook at the junior/senior high school.

Board members discussed the agenda item whether to reseed the football field. The reseeding cost approximately \$9,000 previously. The board decided not to spend the money at this time.

The board gave approval for the elementary school to be used for the 13-week course Raising Highly Capable Kids. Brenda Sherman will teach this class on Wednesday evenings. Childcare is provided.

Payment of monthly expenses was board approved totaling \$529,700.

The board set a time to have a retreat where they’ll make plans for the future. It’s Feb. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. Superintendent Miller said he would like to rein in spending this next year. “We’ve spent a lot this year.”

In conversation, board members learned a changing table is ordered for the main restroom at the high school.

Principals Talk Academics and Student Achievements

Grade 7-12 Principal Steve Neal was gone to the junior and senior high school for basketball games during the



South Barber Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller (far right) thanks the SB Board of Education members for their years of service: (from left) Jarrod Inman, Bret Mott, Bryan Quick, Mike Miller, Emily Lohmann, Mark Pollock and Karen Watts. Photo by Yvonne Miller

board meeting. His report said their first semester Fastbridge results are in for both Math and English. “The Fastbridge Testing cycle, a summative assessment designed to evaluate a student’s current understanding and achievement at the end of a course or semester.” The math results show a 6% increase across the board except the Junior class.

Dr. Miller showed a Kansas Report Card to see state test scores and much more data that provides benchmarks both principals said they and the teachers use to focus on areas that need improvement.

SBHS will host an AVID showcase on the evening of the high school homecoming Feb. 14. Students from the AVID elective classes across elementary, junior high, and senior high schools will present in the hallways, sharing brief demonstrations of the skills they have developed through the AVID framework. The community is invited to visit during the night with students in a quasi-avid fair environment.

Certification has begun and nine students are involved and “very excited about what the future holds,” Neal said

about this class that teaches them to be first responders.

Principal Scheck said on behalf of the elementary she wants to thank the board for all the support they give, which is “felt and appreciated.” She said having the right curriculum in math is showing what having the right tools can do. “And thanks for the HVAC system. It’s great! I don’t think anyone has been freezing or sweating. We’ve been comfortable.”

Scheck said the elementary received a grant from Barber County United for wellness. She said it gives the elementary school \$500 per quarter to provide afternoon snacks for students.

Regarding the Attendance Matters Challenge, Scheck said the third-grade class won with 98.7 percent attendance.

Regarding the walkway between the two buildings at the junior/senior high school, Miller said they have a tax exemption and the price is unchanged, “which is fantastic.” He discussed the doors, locks and security needs. A new sidewalk will be required between the two buildings. Miller said they’ve saved around \$70,000 in labor.

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Obituaries

BEVERLY RONALD BARKER



Beverly Ronald Barker, son of E.M. and Ruby Branch Barker, was born November 23, 1946, in Watonga, Oklahoma. He passed away at his home in Hardtner, Kansas, on January

3, 2025.

Bev grew up in Alva and graduated from Alva High School. After graduation he served in the United States Air Force, retiring after 26 years. After his military retirement, he attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University.

In his later years he lived in Hardtner, Kansas, and enjoyed working part-time at the O. K. Co-op. He also enjoyed attending South Barber activities while his great nephews were participating, get-togethers with his family, as well as visiting with friends at Corner Stop and Yur Place.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers (Bill, John and Jim) and sister (Ruby Ray), along with friend and great nephew, Dalton Black.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Barker; his sister, Barbara King and her husband, Wesley; sister-in-law Patty Barker and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Kiowa. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.



LONNIE LEROY HESS

Lonnie Leroy Hess was born December 24, 1940, in Anthony, Kansas, to Carl and Viola Hess and passed away January 10, 2025.



Lonnie attended grade school and high school in Amorita, Oklahoma, and Burlington, Oklahoma. He

graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with a BS degree in Industrial Arts and received a master's degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Lonnie married Mardis Ann Draper on August 8, 1964. He taught his first year in high school at Satanta, Kansas, and then he and Mardis Ann taught the rest of their careers in high school in Moscow, Kansas.

Upon retiring in 1997, he and Mardis Ann moved to Wakita, Oklahoma, and did some substitute teaching at Wakita High School and became fully active in the United Methodist Church and community work. He was active in Lions Clubs in Hugoton, Kansas and Wakita, Oklahoma. He served in the National Guard. He was also a draftsman and wood worker, all aspects of Industrial Arts, a farmer, photographer, gunsmith, an avid reader, and enjoyed his computer often creating and printing for the church, Lions Club, and many others.

He and Mardis Ann ran The Wakita Herald except for the large printing press, when Mardis Draper, Ann's dad, was sick in the hospital for three months. He helped Miriam, Ann's mother, with the operation of the newspaper business until it was sold in 1996. He served in many capacities in the churches in Moscow and Wakita. He and Mardis Ann began their 60th year married as of January 2024.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his wife, Mardis Ann, on February 8, 2024; his parents, Viola and Carl Hess; his sister, Joyce Barnard; and brother, Raymond Hess and wife, Joan.

Left to mourn his passing are his nieces Jeanne Fraiser, Lori Hess and Sheila Rader; nephews Carthel Hess, Randall Hess, Mark Barnard and Vincent Barnard; his brother-in-law, Gerald

Barnard; his sister-in-law, Martha Draper; close friend, Gary Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025, at the United Methodist Church in Wakita with Reverend Kateena Roberts officiating. Friends may view and register from 10:30 a.m. to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the Rosemound Cemetery at Medford, Oklahoma.

Memorials in memory of Lonnie may be made to the Wakita United Methodist Church or to the Community Health Center Food Pantry and can be sent in care of Prairie Rose Funeral Home, 602 E. Main St., Anthony, KS 67003.

LENAY LYNN KINGCADE

Lenay Lynn Kingcade, of El Dorado, Kansas, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 3, 2025, at the age of 60.



Lenay was born the daughter of Tom and Nancy (Ware) Keltch on January 14, 1964, in Alva, Oklahoma

Lenay was a compassionate, dedicated, loving and supportive woman who touched the lives of many. She was a devoted Christian who put God first in her life, attending church as often as she could. Lenay's faith was a testament to her dedication, as she navigated life without driving.

Lenay was an incredible mother to her two sons, Erion and Evan Kingcade, who were the light of her life. Her days would often begin with early morning phone calls to them, a testament to her unwavering love and support. Lenay was deeply involved in the lives of her siblings, Karen Ohrmann, Amy Troutman, Jack Keltch, and their families. She loved animals, and her pets, Sammy, her dog, and her cat, were her constant companions. A lover of the outdoors, Lenay enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and simple walks, or scooter rides around town to get her daily slush. Lenay's infectious laugh and love for conversation made her a true "people person." Her care for others extended into her profession as a Certified Nursing Assistant, which gave

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her great fulfillment.

Lenay's life was characterized by the love she shared with her husband, Mike Kingcade. Though separated, the couple maintained a bond of mutual respect and affection. Lenay was a small-town girl at heart, having grown up in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and later moving to Carmen, Oklahoma, where she raised her family. Her later years were spent in El Dorado, Kansas, where she continued to touch lives with her loving spirit.

Lenay is survived by her husband, Mike Kingcade; sons, Erion and Evan Kingcade; siblings: Karen Ohrmann (Rusty); Amy Troutman (Jeremy); Jack E. Keltch (Lilli); niece and nephews: Stephen Maxwell; Samantha Marine; Falesidy Tracy (Derek); Aaron Brzowski; Cole Troutman; Cason Troutman; Kylie Troutman; Jackson Keltch; and Lacy Gower, along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Nancy Keltch; sister, Kim Brzowski; brothers, Robert Keltch and Pete Keltch.

The void left by Lenay's passing will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service in honor of Lenay has been scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Freedom Church, 7070 SW 60th Street, Augusta, Kansas, 67010.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the funeral home to assist with the funeral expenses. Contributions can be mailed or called into the funeral home during normal business hours.

We encourage everyone to share a memory, leave condolences, or sign her digital tribute wall at www.cornejofuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Cornejo Funeral Home + Crematory, 1030 Mission Road, Wellington, Kansas.

CHARLES ELLSWORTH NEWTON JR.

A Celebration of Life on earth for Charles Ellsworth Newton Jr. will be Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 1:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Waynoka, Oklahoma. His earthly body will be placed at the Waynoka Cemetery following the service.



Charles Ellsworth Newton Jr. stepped out of his earthly position in this world and into his heavenly position with his Lord and Savior in Heaven on January 9, 2025. He was born on February 10, 1936,

to Charles Ellsworth Newton, Sr., and Jennie Margaret Newton in Ringwood, Oklahoma. He was raised on the ranch where he learned to make do and work hard. He attended school at Bethel (a one room country school), Cheyenne Valley School and he graduated from Waynoka High School. He had two loves at Waynoka – football and Jessie.

He was awarded a college football scholarship but declined. He did not decline Jessie Delores Kragh and they were married

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Left: Cherokee's Talyn Allison (21) focuses on the basket as she goes around the Balko-Fargo defense during the Cherokee Invitational Tournament. Photo by Desiree Morehead

Right: Cherokee's Hayden Roberts (2) catches air as he breaks away and goes up for the layup and two points for his team during the Cherokee Invitational Tournament Thursday. Photo by Desiree Morehead

Cherokee's Jaydan Petersen (3) passes the ball around the Copan defense during the Cherokee Invitational Tournament Thursday. Photo by Desiree Morehead

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on August 10, 1954. However, the most important decision he made in 1954 was to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He felt called into the ministry but that was postponed as he cared for his family, particularly after the death of his father in 1962. Along with the ranch work, he painted grain elevators and served as a switchman on the Santa Fe Railroad. In 1983, he yielded to the call to be in ministry and enrolled in Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He received his associates degree in 1986. Those of you who know him well know that he did not need a degree to tell someone about Jesus. He lived his life, not as a perfect man, but as a man who fully yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit. His life can be characterized by Isaiah 6:8, "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." He went on to serve as a pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rockdale, Texas; Orion Baptist Church, Morning Star Baptist Church and Cleo Springs Baptist Church.

Jessie and Charles were married 49 years and 10 months. He married Kathryn Varney in 2006. She passed away after a brave battle with cancer. In 2018 he married Sandy Hurst. They enjoyed life together until his health required him to enter Fairview Fellowship Home.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Jessie, Kathryn; his parents; siblings, Russell Newton, Opal Oringdorff, Jim Newton, Velma Dyer, Ann Hague, Wilbur Melrose, Thomas Newton; and bonus grandson, Silas Franco.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Newton; two sons, Carl Newton and wife Jacqueline, Kevin Newton and partner, Medina Franco; and bonus children, Terry and Cindy Hurst and Tammy Hubble; one sister, Roberta Roberts who met her Lord and Savior the day after he did; grandchildren, Rachael Newton, Timothy Newton and wife Michelle, Stacie Newton and husband, Keithan Smith, and James Phillips. He also loved as his own grandchildren, Susan and Samathana Franco. His great-grandchildren are Elijah, Samuel, Thomas, Isabella, Kaylynn and Ezekial.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Wednesday

Night Children's Ministry, First Baptist Church, Waynoka.

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

NANCY LEA OLDHAM



Funeral services for Nancy Oldham will be 2 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025, at the Carmen Community Church with Pastor Jeff Berger officiating. Burial will follow in the Carmen City Cemetery under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary, LLC. There will be a visitation with family present Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Nancy Lea, daughter of the late Harold James and Virginia (Board) Harvey, was born January 9, 1946, at Cherokee, Oklahoma, and passed away peacefully surrounded by her family January 13, 2025, at Fairview, Oklahoma, at the age of 79 years and 4 days. Online condolences may be made at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

KATHRYN SCHERZER RIEGER



Kathryn Scherzer Rieger was born August 14, 1928, in Gyorkony, Hungary, and passed from this life on January 9, 2025, at the age of 96 at Wichita, Kansas.

She and her twin sister, Rosina, had made their home at The Homestead in Alva for four years before moving to Wichita in 2022.

Kathryn and her family were European victims of World War II and the post-war oppression levied upon German citizens. After many hardships the family was finally able to immigrate to the United States in 1950.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 64 years, Joseph Rieger; daughter, Mary Kathryn; one brother and two sisters including her twin, Rosina.

Survivors include her cousin, Millie Frieden of Hazelton, Kansas.

As per her request, there will be no service but her ashes will be buried alongside her husband's in Cathedral of Christ the Light Mausoleum, Oakland,

California.

JAMES DELMER 'J.D.' TYRRELL



Memorial services for James Delmer "J.D." Tyrrell were held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2025, at the Carmen Christian Church with Pastor Dennis Hatlestad officiating. Burial was prior to the service under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary, LLC.

J.D. was born December 13, 1929, at Cherokee, Oklahoma, to Hugh Charles and Amelia Amanda Tyrrell. He entered heaven on January 8, 2025, at the age of 95 years.

He attended Cherokee School until the sixth grade when the family of three boys and three girls moved to the farm 5 miles southeast of Dacoma, Oklahoma. He graduated from Dacoma High School in 1948. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was a 21-year veteran, retiring in 1969.

While serving in the military, he married Evelyn Ray on March 2, 1951, at Vance Air Force Base Chapel. They were united in marriage for 73 years. To their marriage five wonderful children were born: Valorie Bird of Enid, Jim Tyrrell of Oklahoma City, Joan Maly and husband, Mike, of Hennessey, Barbra Davis and husband, Jack, of Burlington, and Kevin Tyrrell of Carmen. J.D. and Evelyn were blessed with ten grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren.

During his service in the Air Force, he was stationed at Vance Air Base in Enid, Webb Air Base in Big Spring, Texas, The Pentagon in Washington D.C., Mira Loma and March Air Base in Riverside, California, and Goodfellow Air Base in San Angelo, Texas. During this time, he spent two tours of duty, one in the Marshall Islands and the other in Udorn, Thailand. He attained the rank of senior master sergeant serving duty with Security Services in Intelligence. He was presented with 10 meritorious service medals.

After retirement, he was employed as the Carmen-Aline Cooperative bookkeeper for 18 years. He served on the Carmen Town Council for three years and one year as mayor. He was

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By Yvonne Miller

Thursday afternoon (Jan. 9) when the blizzard-like conditions had started for about 20 minutes, Kiowa couple Brandon and Marianna Farney were headed north of Kiowa toward Hazelton.

“We started to meet a three-quarter ton pickup. The pickup lost control and started sliding into us. The impact threw us into the ditch. Our Suburban rolled one-and-a-half times.” Farney said he was impressed with their 2015 Suburban. Only the airbags they needed deployed. His window broke and he didn’t have any glass on him. “It happened so fast.”

“I crawled out of the window. Marianna smacked her head pretty hard.” He said a neighbor that came upon the scene took his wife to the Kiowa District Hospital where they treated and watched her for 3 ½ hours.”

The ambulance and more emergency personnel arrived shortly thereafter. Farney arrived at the hospital and stayed with his wife. “We’re both still bruised and sore,” he told the Newsgram Tuesday.

Farney said the other driver was local but didn’t disclose his name. Despite numerous attempts, the Newsgram could not get an official accident report from the Barber County Sheriff’s office who reportedly worked the accident.

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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office Logs

Monday, January 6, 2025

2:32 a.m. – Reporting party called in and requested a welfare check for one of their tenant's wives. Advised she had been having seizures all day, she is not lucid and combative. The individual had left and not stated where she was going. The husband gave the officers a description of what she was last wearing. The reporting party called back and stated she spoke with the individual over the phone and she was by the ACB Bank. Officer made contact with the individual and requested a medic. The medic took the patient to Share Medical Center in Alva.

8:42 a.m. – Medic needed on Harper Road for a 75-year-old male who was weak and having trouble breathing. The medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

2:56 p.m. – Caller would like to speak to a deputy regarding a fraud issue.

4:01 p.m. – Caller advised her grandson was threatened by some other kids. The kids stole chains from him and messaged him to "come and get it." The caller would like to speak to the chief. The officer advised and made contact with the kids. The officer advised the chains were given back to the owner.

7 p.m. – Medic needed in the 800 block of Oklahoma for a 64-year-old female with chest



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pain. Medic en route with patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

During this day: two traffic stops.

7:45 a.m. – Welfare check needed on a cattle truck hauler. Caller advised the truck had been sitting at the junction of highways 64 and 8 for a while and they haven't been able to get ahold of the driver. Deputy en route. Deputy made contact and all was okay.

8:08 a.m. – Welfare check need on OK-11 for a truck that was off the highway. The sheriff made contact and advised all was okay.

1:06 p.m. – Medic needed in the 400 block of Corn Street for a 78-year-old female is a cancer patient and has been dry heaving since Sunday and needs to go to the hospital. Medic en route. Medic took the patient St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

1:25 p.m. – Caller advised he had fallen on the ice earlier and is now having pain on his left side. Medic en route to Harmon Road. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

During this day: one traffic stop.

8:09 a.m. – Medic needed in the 200 block of 9th Street for a male who fell. No transport needed.

11:54 a.m. – Woods County requested mutual aid from Carmen for a fire on OK-45 between county roads 470-480.

4:45 p.m. – Reporting party advised a male an individual who lives in Jet says, approximately two weeks ago, he had

hit a one of the reporting party's cows in his son's truck. Caller advised now the individual wants money from him for repairs, but caller hasn't found any injured or deceased cattle. Advised deputies.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

During this day: one controlled burn.

11:19 a.m. – Report of a theft.

3:31 p.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a 38-year-old male with a broken jaw and possible ruptured eardrum. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

4:27 p.m. – A deputy from Woods County advised of a white Ford Mustang was in the ditch, right before the four-way stop on OK-11. Deputy en route. Deputy advised the driver was okay and confirmed his parents were coming. Deputy advised the car was out of the ditch and, up and running. All was okay.

4:36 p.m. – Caller advised they were calling for someone who's truck went into the ditch at OK-11 and Jackson Road. Deputy advised the vehicle was out of the ditch and back on the road. All was okay.

Friday, January 10, 2025

11:50 a.m. – Medic needed in the 500 block of Adams Street for a female with low hemoglobin. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Saturday, January 11, 2025

12:14 a.m. – Medic needed in the 400 block of Corn Street for an 80-year-old male for a lift assist. Medic and Goltry First Responders en route. No transport needed.

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From Page 36 Sheriff

11:07 a.m. – Caller wanted to talk to a deputy about a fraud issue.

12:51 p.m. – Reporting party advised of an accident with a semi and a small car on OK-8. OHP and deputy advised. Medic and Cherokee Fire Department en route. No transport needed.

2:41 p.m. – Report of two people fighting on Aline Road. Advised one was walking, and one was driving a suburban. Deputy en route. Deputy made contact with the vehicle and interview the male party. Deputy made contact with the reporting party, via phone, and she stated she didn't trust the male and disconnect the phone call.

3:01 p.m. – Report of a suspicious vehicle at the Dollar General. Officer advised all was okay.

10:57 p.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a 57-year-old male possibly having a stroke. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

1:50 a.m. – Medic needed in the 400 block of Corn Street for an 80-year-old male for a lift assist. Medic and Goltry First Responders en route. No transport needed.

9:41 a.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a 41-year-old male with a head trauma. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

5:07 p.m. – Medic needed at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a 50-year-old male with diabetic issues. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

7:52 p.m. – Medic needed in the 1000 block of Grand for a 2-year-old female having seizures. Medic took the patient to St. Mary's Hospital in Enid.

8:28 p.m. – Caller advised she heard gunshots behind her house in the 500 block of Oklahoma and would like an officer to check it out. Officer in the area and even spoke to a neighbor and they didn't hear anything. Officer unable to locate the source of the noise.

9:54 p.m. – Reporting party came in the station to report possible child abuse. Deputy en route to the location. Deputy advised the child had run away. Deputy then advised the child had been located and returned to the guardian and report was taken. Deputy also stated he looked at the possible evidence and the abuse was unfounded.

Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers
Book 150, page 504: Michael E. McCallick Sr. conveys unto Mindy McCallick-Duffey, Mikel Cross and Michael E. McCallick Jr. All blocks 1, 2, 3, 13, 14 and fractional Block 12

in Hursts and Smith's Addition, all in the City of Hazelton, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 505: Abram Unger conveys unto Emilio Perez and Rudy Perez. The north

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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.

Friday

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75 feet of Lot 1 and the east 35 feet of the north 75 feet of Lot 2, in Block 119 in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy quit claim.

Book 150, page 507: Emilio Perez, Rudy J. Perez and Nicole Perez convey unto Emmitt Lee Blevins Jr. and Janice Ann Blevins. The north 75 feet of Lot 1 and the east 35 feet of the north 75 feet of Lot 2, in Block 119 in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 150, page 509: Eric Larrison and Amanda Lynn Larrison convey unto Eric K. Larrison and Amanda L. Larrison, trustees of the Ultimate Larrison Trust. Lot 15 on North Main Street in the original townsite of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 150, page 512: JNJ Farms, LLC, conveys unto Michael W. Coggins and Shana K. Coggins. A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 33 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

Book 150, page 519: Revision Homes, LLC, conveys unto Spring Creek RV Park, LLC. The south 10 feet of Lot 7, and all of lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19, and all the part of Lot 21 not deeded to the State of Kansas for highway purposes, all on the west side of Spring Street in Friedley's Revised Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 522: Fisher Family Investments, LLC, conveys unto Spring Creek RV Park, LLC. The south 10 feet of Lot 7 and all of 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19, and all the part of Lot 21 not deeded to the State of Kansas for highway purposes, all on the west side of Spring Street in Friedley's Revised Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 523: Ronald R. Elder and Anna R. Elder convey unto Ronald R. And Anna R. Elder Trust. Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 11, and 13 on Stolp Avenue West Hartzell's Addition to the City of Med-

icine Lodge. Lots 15, 17, 19 and 21 on Stolp Avenue West in Hartzell's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Lots 23, 25 and the east half of Lot 27 on Stolp Avenue West in Hartzell's Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 524: Zada, LLC, conveys unto Garrett M. Lohmann and Emily C. Lohmann, trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Garrett M. Lohmann and Emily C. Lohmann Living Trust. The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of southeast quarter and the east 2 acres of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, and the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 35 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM. Warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 255, page 158: Michael W. Coggins and Shana K. Coggins to Alva State Bank & Trust Company. A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 33 south, Range 10 west of the 6th PM, etc. Note: \$145,212.00.

Book 255, page 171: Garrett Mark Lohmann and Emily Cundiff Lohmann to Stride Bank, N.A. The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the east 2 acres of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, and the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 35 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$287,500.00.

Book 255, page 200: Medicine Valley Properties, LLC, to Legacy Bank. The north half of Lot 43 and all of lots 44, 45 and 46 and the south 20 feet of Lot 47 in McClearery's 3rd Addition to the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$115,600.00.

Book 255, page 218: Robert Glenn Spencer and Rhonda Rene Spencer, to American AgCredit, FLCA. The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 31 south, Range 15 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$177,265.79.

Book 255, page 232: Leslie H. Williams and Kandi S. Williams to The People's Bank. A tract of land in the south half of the south half of Section 3, Township 33 south, Range 13 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$70,000.00.

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Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 904, page 417: Kelly Barrett and Jerry Barrett and Deloris Barrett convey unto Continental Investments, LLC. All of Lot 11, Block 2, Aubrey Tatro's Addition to the City of Cherokee, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 904, page 448: The Keller Family Trust conveys unto Jacque Wilson and Amanda Lewis. Lots 1-3, Block 36, Original Town of Carmen, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 904, page 450: Keller Family Trust conveys unto Jacque Wilson and Amanda Lewis. Lots 4-6 in Block 36, Original Town of Carmen, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 904, page 456: Kenneth A. Siskin and Jimmie R. Siskin, trustees under the Kenneth A. Diskin and Jimmy R. Diskin Living Trust, convey unto Kevin Myrick and Shannon Myrick. The east half of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 26N, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Mortgages

Book 904, page 329: Carl R. Gibson and Donnell E. Gibson to ACB Bank. A tract of land situated in Block 7 of Myers Addition to Cherokee, Oklahoma. Note: \$150,400.00.

Book 904, page 387: Cory Wilson to ACB Bank. The north 1 acre of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 26N, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$55,000.00.

Book 904, page 465: Salt Plains Veterinary Services, P.C., to Gateway First Bank. Northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 27N, Range 11, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$2,002,347.40.

Book 904, page 485: Ronnie D. Steadman to Gateway First Bank. The north 54 acres, more or less, of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 26N, Range 10, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$2,002,347.40.

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.

Civil Filings

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Stacia Gaff, Jet: indebtedness (\$239.14).

Traffic Citations

Little-Gary Burson, Alva, has been cited for violating driver's license restriction (\$249).

Lourdu R. Ponnapati, Oklahoma City, has been cited for failure to yield from a stop sign (\$249).

Christopher C. Battin, Enid, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Caleb E. Ondracek, Goltry, has been cited for speeding 15 mph over the speed limit (\$264).

Britney J. Reddick, Sugar Land, Texas, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Abram W. Kauenhofen, Dublin, Texas, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

The following individuals were cited with not wearing a seatbelt (\$20): Leroy R. Lane Jr., Medford; Little-Gary Wayne Burson, Alva; and Jose I. Gonzales, Enid.

From Page 32 Obits

baptized and accepted Jesus Christ in the Carmen Christian Church and served as a deacon. He enjoyed the Carmen Senior Citizens (After 55 Club) for 17 years and playing cards with friends for 65 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers and sisters, Leonard Tyrrell, Lucille James, Dorothy Romine, Robert "Bob" Tyrrell and Doris Romine.

Memorial contributions may be made through the mortuary to the Carmen Christian Church.



Lady Chief Veronica Castro (25) drives around the Balko-Fargo defense to get to the basket during Thursday's game in the Cherokee Invitational Tournament. Photo by Desiree Morehead

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