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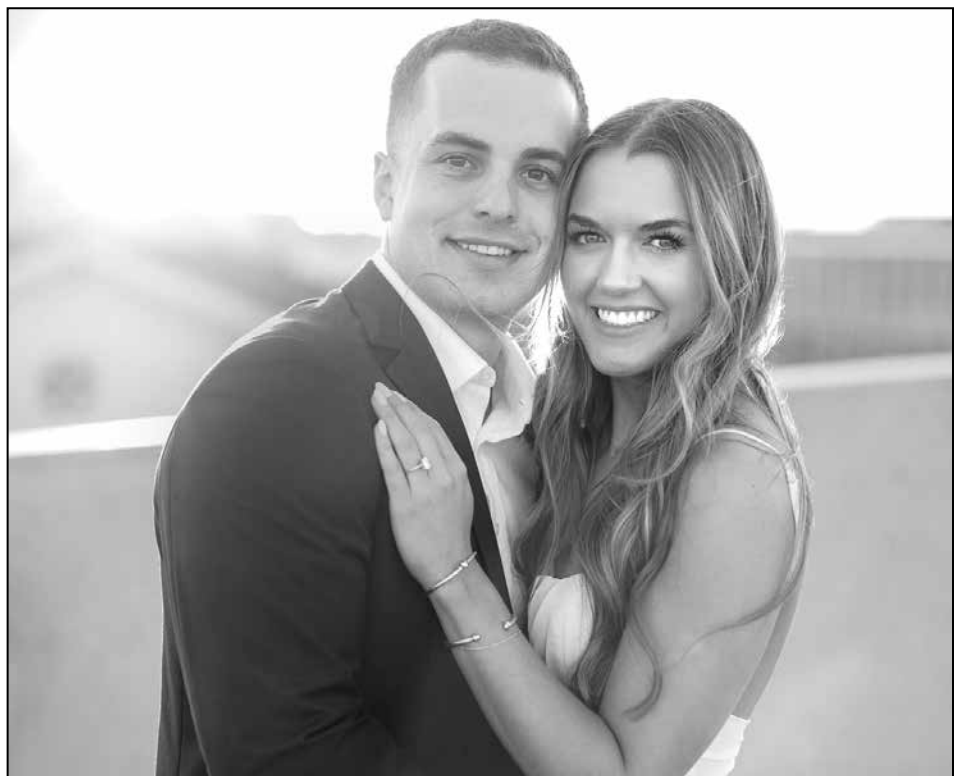
Hofen—Carnott announce engagement

Jeff and Sharon Hofen of Alva, Oklahoma, along with Chris and Katie Carnott of Calumet, Oklahoma, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Caitlin Hofen and Condry Carnott.

Caitlin is the granddaughter of Jeanene and the late Everett Hofen Jr. of Enid, Oklahoma, and Margaret Rudy of Lambert, Oklahoma.

Condry is the grandson of Ronnie and Myrtle Statton of Calumet, Oklahoma; Debi Carnott of Calumet, Oklahoma; and Freddie Carnott of Okarche, Oklahoma. He is also the great grandson

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Mapes – King wedding announcement

Jeff and Michelle Mapes of Alva, and Al and Melissa King of Edmond, Oklahoma, are excited to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Cathy Lee Mapes to John Paul King.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Carl Hartwig and the late Jane Hartwig, and Ron and Peggy Mapes, all of Alva.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of Robin and Bob Frazier of Kansas City; the late Rufus Alfred King of Wichita Falls, Texas; Janis Reed of Yucatán, Mexico; and Roberto Aguayo de Alba Sonora, Mexico.

Cathy is a graduate of Alva

High School and Oklahoma State University. She is currently in her fourth year of dental school at the University of Oklahoma. She will pursue a career in general dentistry after she graduates in May.

JP is a graduate of Crossings High School and the University of Central Oklahoma. He currently serves as a police officer with the Village Police Department in Oklahoma City and also works as an insurance agent.

Their wedding is quickly approaching and will take place on November 30, 2024, in Edmond at the Bower Venue.

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Facts about voter registration and party affiliation

By Marione Martin



The Nov. 5 General Election is less than two weeks away. In checking local election board Facebook postings, I see that in-person absentee (early) voting is being conducted at the Woods County Election Board office next week, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, with hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day except Saturday, Nov. 2, when hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. I generally use the early voting dates because there are no lines and the downtown location is really convenient. Also, my Tuesdays are really busy with getting the Newsgram finished and printed.

I had an interesting newsletter from USA Facts in my email inbox this week. It includes information on how many citizens are registered voters and their party affiliations. If you want to check out more facts, go to the USAFacts website.

How many voters have a party affiliation?

Of registered voters, 47% have declared a party affiliation. As of September 2024, 36 million voters are registered Republicans and 45.1 million are registered Democrats.

As of September 2024, 186.5 million Americans nationwide are registered to vote based on available voter registration data. That's nearly six in every ten Americans, and almost eight in ten Americans 18 and older.

Of those, 47% of registered voters have declared a party affiliation on their registration.

Among states reporting 2024 voter registration data, California has the most registered voters, 22.1 million, followed by Texas (17.9 million) and Florida (13.7 million). These states also rank highest in overall populations.

Oklahoma has 2.4 million registered voters and Kansas has 2 million.

The states with the fewest number of voters are Wyoming (232,222), Vermont (502,378), and Alaska (607,603). For

comparison, Washington, DC, has 435,887 registered voters.

Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Dakota, and Ohio haven't publicly released 2024 voter registration data and are therefore missing from these estimates.

Illinois is the only state that puts voter registration behind a paywall.

North Dakota does not require voter registration, and therefore doesn't report registration statistics. The state estimated it had 564,935 eligible voters for the 2022 election.

Which states have the highest voter registration rates?

2022 Census Bureau data shows that voter registration was highest in Oregon at 82.7%. Washington, D.C., was the only other locale to have a registration rate higher than 80% at 82.4%. North Carolina's rate of 60.8% was the nation's lowest.

Twenty-four states had registration rates between 70.0%–79.9%; including North Carolina, 25 states had rates between 60.0%–69.9%. Oklahoma's rate is 68.1% and the Kansas registration rate is 76.1%.

How many voters are registered Republicans?

As of September 2024, 36 million voters are registered Republicans. However, this count is only from states where political party affiliation is part of voter registration records. This rate may also change since some states release updated voter registration numbers monthly. In Oklahoma 51.9% are registered Republicans while Kansas has 44.8%.

By state, Wyoming has the highest percentage of voters registered as Republicans (81%). The highest numbers of registered Republicans are in California (5.48 million, or 15% of the nation's Republicans) and Florida (5.38 million, also about 15%).

How many voters are registered Democrats?

Based on 2024 data, the nation has around 45.1 million Democrats. Twenty-three percent are in California (10.2 million), and 14% are in New York (6.4 million). Oklahoma has 27.5% while Kansas has 25.7%.

How many voters are registered independents?

There are 32.1 million voters registered as independents, undeclared or no affiliation. Of states where voters can declare a party affiliation, the highest independent voter percentages are Massachusetts (64%), Alaska (62%), and Colorado (49%). Independent voters account for just over 17% of all registered voters who declare affiliations. Oklahoma has 19.59% and Kansas has 28.17%.

How many voters are registered in minor parties?

Although most voters are registered as Republicans, Democrats, or independents, there are other political party options. The Green Party is a common minor party, as is the Libertarian Party.

States are not limited to establishment political parties and can found their own – Delaware has the popular culture-inspired Mandalorian party.

About 5.4 million people, or 2.9% of voters, are registered under minor parties.

What are the current swing states, and how have they changed over time?

Swing states, also known as battleground states, are states that could “swing” to either Democratic or Republican candidates depending on the election. Because of their potential to go either “blue” or “red,” political parties often spend a disproportionate amount of time and campaign resources on winning these states.

While there is no universal definition of what identifies a swing state, they are characterized by having small vote margins and that different political parties win over time. Since 1992, 30 states have voted for the candidate of the opposite party from the previous election at least once. And 26 states were won by less than three points in any presidential election since 1992.

What are the current swing states?

The states that voted for current Democratic President Joe Biden in 2020 and former Republican president Donald Trump in 2016 and are often

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South Barber gets awards, awaits activity bus, HVAC installation begins

Nikki Brattin SB Teacher of the Year



South Barber’s “Teacher of the Year” Nikki Brattin rides atop the Lil Chieftains’ float in the homecoming parade with students Addison Blevins, Jaxson Robertson, Wilson Beaman and Brantley Stroh. Photo by Yvonne Miller

By Yvonne Miller

All members were present when board president Mark Pollock called the South Barber Board of Education Sept. 15 meeting to order, including Emily Lohmann, Karen Watts, Mike Miller, Bryan Quick, Jarrod Inman and Brett Mott. Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and Board Clerk Alyssa Gonzales also sat at the table. Elementary Principal

Kaynette Scheck and 7-12 Principal Steve Neal also attended.

Superintendent Miller said he received word that South Barber USD #255 has a #1 Niche Ranking in the Top 10 Places to Teach in the State of Kansas.

A large crane is to arrive at South Barber’s Elementary School on Main Street in Kiowa, Kansas, Tuesday. This

is to install the new HVAC unit, which Miller said will take a few months before it’s finished.

Three South Barber High School (SBHS) teachers received STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) awards. Miller said they are Brenda Beecher, Steve Neal and Tiesa Maltby. They received the award for increasing students’ math and science scores.

Transportation Director Steve Leech made a presentation to the board. He told about the installation of new locks and lights he’s doing at the school – which includes changing to LED lights. He supplied a list of aging cars and buses.

The new activity bus that was ordered nearly three years ago is finally to arrive Nov. 11. The superintendent said the bus with comfortable seating and storage will be used mainly for activities and as a route bus if needed.

The proposed walkway/gated fence area between the main building and agricultural science building at the high school was again discussed by the board. Miller said they’ve received bids in the neighborhood of \$72,000 to \$75,000 for an enclosed aesthetically pleasing area that would provide safety for students and staff.

The other option is spending from \$12,000 to \$18,000 for a metal/iron fence. The board is still considering the options.

The board approved the appointment of Rae Brattin to the Barber County Recreation Board. She replaces Jessica Swonger, who resigned the position. The board approved use of the football field by the rec commission for rec football Oct. 19.

For 15 minutes the board met in executive session to discuss personnel and about another 10 minutes to discuss a student matter, with no action taken after return to open session.

South Barber Administrators Praise Students and the School

Neal told proudly that when they pulled student ineligibility South Barber again had only two ineligible students for

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Freedom school board changes Nov., Dec. meeting dates

By Kathleen Lourde

The Freedom Board of Education held a special meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16. The meeting was changed from its original date a couple days later. In fact, during the meeting, dates for the rest of the year were changed to Wednesdays, according to minutes from the meeting.

The next regular board of education meeting was moved to Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. The last meeting of the year was moved to Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. The board also approved the meeting schedule for 2025.

Members present were Kyle Rhodes, Phillip Kirkpatrick, Robert Babcock and Frank Biery. Others present were Superintendent Bryant Weber.

The board approved the school

board member election resolution. They also approved the 2025 Child Nutrition Plan “until changes are made in the future,” according to the minutes.

Superintendent Frieda Burgess’ contract for FY2025 was approved.

The consent agenda was also approved. It consisted of minutes of the Sept. 16 meeting, treasurer’s report, encumbrances for the general, building, and child nutrition funds, and warrant-signing for the same funds; activity fund report; extra-duty contracts for full-time employees.

After members signed documents, the meeting adjourned.

South Barber superintendent and principal honor roll recipients

The following South Barber scholars earned places on the Superintendent and Principal honor rolls during the first quarter of school. Students on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll will receive pizza and a soda pop. Students on the Principal’s Honor Roll will receive pizza. Thank you again to the South Barber Board of Education for providing pizza and sodas.

Superintendent’s Honor Roll

12th Grade—Reagan Grieve

11th Grade—Cullen Cox, Lilian Dunham, Tanith Erikson, Danielle MacKinney, Fiona Walz

10th Grade—Garen Cantrell, Austin Swonger

9th Grade—Isaac Angle, Keagan McMurray, Steele Smith

8th Grade—Lynnon Humphrey, Taisen Ricke

7th Grade—Janda Goodno, Jenna Shields

Principal’s Honor Roll

12th Grade—Andrew McCullough, Daniel Mederios

11th Grade—Wyatt Dotts, Rose Thompson

10th Grade—Joshua MacKinney, Kenslea Schupbach, Ishmael White

9th Grade—Kiera Clausing, Chance Howland, Eliza Liggerstoffer, Candice MacKinney, Lindsey McKean, Evi McNett, Adrienne Simpson

8th Grade—Melany Duvall, Easton Molz, Saige Schurter

7th Grade—Makenna Brattin, Callen Corr, Alana Edstrom, Jancy Goodno, BaiLea Swonger

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Carl's Capitol Comments

State questions address voting rights, new districts to finance town infrastructure

By Rep. Carl Newton



There are two state questions on the November general election ballot. I wanted to give some information about them to help voters understand them.

State Question 833, if passed, would amend the Oklahoma

Constitution to permit the creation of a Public Infrastructure District (PID) within a municipality to finance infrastructure improvements through the sale of bonds.

To create such a district, 100% of all surface property owners within the proposed district's boundaries must sign a petition that would then be presented to the municipality for approval. The municipality possesses the right to impose limitations on the district's powers prior to approving the district.

Once approved, the district would be governed by a board of trustees. Through the board, the district could issue bonds to pay for all or part of the public improvements. To repay the bonds, the

board would levy and assess what would amount to a property tax on all property benefiting from the improvements in the district. The district would be limited to issuing bonds not exceeding 10 mills. A "mill" equals \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in taxable value of a property. A 10-mill assessment on a \$100,000 house, for example, would amount to about \$100 per year.

The measure also would authorize the legislature to enact laws necessary for the implementation of public infrastructure district.

The question before voters is choose yes to adopt the proposal or no to vote against it.

State Question 834, if passed, would amend the Oklahoma Constitution to clarify that only citizens of the United States are qualified to vote in Oklahoma.

A vote yes would adopt the amended language. A no vote would leave the language as is.

The current text of Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution says, "Subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may prescribe, all citizens of the United States, over the age of eighteen (18)

years, who are bona fide residents of this state, are qualified electors of this state."

The state question would change the "all" to "only."

Proponents of this measure say it clarifies the language to avoid any confusion about who can or cannot vote in Oklahoma elections. Opponents believe the law is already clear enough. It is noteworthy that it is a felony for noncitizens to vote in Oklahoma elections.

As with any state question, I would urge you to do your homework and vote your conscience. The language I've included above is directly from the ballot titles of the measures, but there is plenty of other information available online to help inform your vote. The important thing of course is that you vote – if you're a U.S. citizen and a bona fide resident of Oklahoma, of course!

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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of Dorothea Condry-Paulk of Calumet, Oklahoma, and Carol Statton of Salem, Arkansas.

Caitlin, a 2019 graduate of Alva High School, earned her bachelor's degree in mass communication from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 2023. She currently works as the public information and marketing coordinator for the City of El Reno.

Condry, a 2018 graduate of Calumet High School, obtained his bachelor of science degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 2022. He is employed as a soil conservation technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The couple met while performing in the Northwestern Singers, where

they sang together in various concerts across multiple states. Their shared passion for music brought them together, and they are excited to start this new chapter of their lives.

The wedding will take place on December 6, 2024, at Darlington Chapel in El Reno, Oklahoma. Following their marriage, the couple will reside in El Reno.

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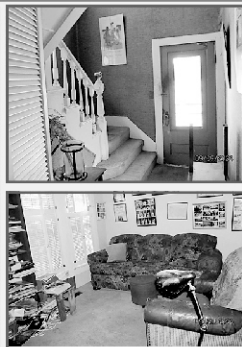
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highlighted as swing states. These states include Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Tight margins in races also indicate that a state could have been won by either party. In 2020, seven states were won by a margin of three percentage points or less. These states included the five above states, in addition to North Carolina and Nevada.

In the 2020 presidential election, seven states were won by less than three points.

States won by less than three points in the 2020 presidential election, by winning candidate

Which states have historically been swing states?

Political realignment from presidential election to presidential election – such as from Trump to Biden – can be one way to identify swing states. Years where a president is up for re-election tend to have fewer states that change parties, but since 1992, every presidential election has had at least a

few states switch party affiliations.

Of the past eight presidential elections, the 1992 election had the highest number of states that switched political parties. With 22 states that flipped from the previous election, it is often cited as a year of political realignment, where Bill Clinton's defeat of George H.W. Bush turned many states that historically voted Republican (including California, Colorado, Maryland, among others) into states that reliably voted for Democrats for the next decade.

There hasn't been a presidential election since 1992 with that many states voting for a different political party's presidential candidate.

How many states "swing" during presidential elections?

But many states have had close presidential elections in the last 40 years. Over the past eight presidential elections, 26 states were won by less than a three-point margin in at least one election. This includes Florida and

Nevada, which had tight margins in five of the last eight elections.

Florida and Nevada were won by less than three points in five of the last eight elections.

States won by less than three points in the last eight presidential elections (1992–2020), by number of elections

These swing states have also shifted over time. New Mexico and Iowa, for instance, were swing states under this definition in 2000 and 2004 but not since that time. Arizona and Georgia have cycled in and out of being swing states over the past two decades.

Which states most often vote for the winner in presidential elections?

Swing states also tend to be better predictors of the overall election winner. While Florida was famously the deciding state in the 2000 election, several others have also been reliable bellwethers of overall election results. Over the past nine elections, Nevada and Ohio have been predictive of the overall election result eight times.

From Page 6 **S. Barber**

the week. "This is a significant decrease from the past two years," the principal said, and congratulated students.

Barber County EMS Supervisor Mike Loreg told Principal Neal he is interested in training South Barber juniors and seniors to become first responders. Loreg said they await a junior college to let students earn certifications such as: CPR, First Aid, Control the Bleeding and possibly Search and Rescue.

Neal said South Barber was awarded the Kansas FAFSA challenge award for reaching a 79 completion rate and were recognized at the state level for their effort. The principal thanks school counselor Kathie Kersten for "maintaining a great relationship with our students and facilitating the use of the Individual Plan of Study program in managing our student's futures for college and career readiness preparation."

Superintendent Miller congratulated USD 255 for receiving the Kansas STAR Recognition Award. He said SB is recognized at the state level earning six banners of excellence in education including the 2024 Kansas Commissioner's Award.

Miller said schools receive the Kansas Commissioner's Award when they outperform their predicted postsecondary effectiveness rate. The award recognizes districts that perform better than their predicted postsecondary effectiveness rate, which is based on several factors: The number of graduates who earn industry-recognized credentials; The number of graduates who complete two years of college; Risk factors that can affect effectiveness rates, such as poverty, chronic absenteeism, and student mobility.

Principal Scheck said the Elementary Student Council is full of ideas for things we can do for our school and community. During Anti-Bully Awareness, each student council participated in Morning Announcements and delivered tips for students and adults regarding how to prevent and handle bullying situations. They are working on a list of ideas for our Project Playground and community service projects.

SBE started the House Systems this school year as a way to build relationships among adults and students and create a positive culture within the building. Scheck said, "We have had a

few House Times and even one House Lunch and Recess. We are already starting to see our older students being better role models to our littles. Teachers are enjoying either spending time with past students or getting to know their future students."

The school's Fall AVID Parent and Community Night was a success. STUCO presented their AVID OT (organizational tools) and shared tips on how the OT is helping them be successful. House Leaders shared a little more information about their House as well as some of the benefits for adults and students.

"At the end of the night, I had the honor of announcing fourth-grade teacher Nikki Brattin as our South Barber Elementary Teacher of the Year (2026). Mrs. Brattin's passion for teaching and making a difference in the lives of students is unsurpassed. Mrs. Brattin's classroom is one that students look forward to being in. She teaches in a cooperative learning atmosphere with high engagement! We are so proud to have Mrs. Brattin represent South Barber

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NEW - 160 Acres - Excellent Cropland - This tract consists of 160 Acres of excellent cropland (primarily Pond Creek silt loam, Devol 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, $\frac{1}{2}$ 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**

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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**

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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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From Page 14 S. Barber

Barber Elementary!" Brattin will be nominated to the Regional and Kansas teacher of the year program.

The superintendent congratulated the 38 South Barber Elementary students who completed the Summer Express Challenge. These hard-working and dedicated students continue to grow their brains and keep their skills fresh throughout the summer months. As a reward, they were treated to a Party & Painting in the Park. Dr. Miller thanked Jeff Bryan and Bryan Chevrolet for sponsoring the Summer Express Challenge; thanked Jamie Terwort from Barefoot Art Studio for guiding the art activity. He also thanked the SB Title 1 Team- Katie Hughes and Nicole Kraft for organizing the challenge and the fantastic afternoon of activities.

SBHS Juniors, Lily Schurter and Danielle MacKinney, gave a PowerPoint presentation with details from their trip to HOBY Leadership Camp last summer to the General Store Board. Both students agreed it was an opportunity of a lifetime filled with many meaningful activities, new friends and lasting memories. In addition, the girls expressed their gratitude to the General Store Board for funding their trip. HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop their global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. Being a part of the HOBY community unlocks a world of opportunities and connections beyond seminars.

Dr. Miller said South Barber USD 255 is thankful to the Monty Thompson Continuing Education Foundation for all their support, saying "thank you to all for their support during another great day and participation in the annual golf outing."



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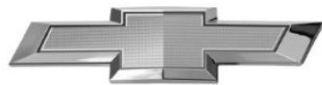
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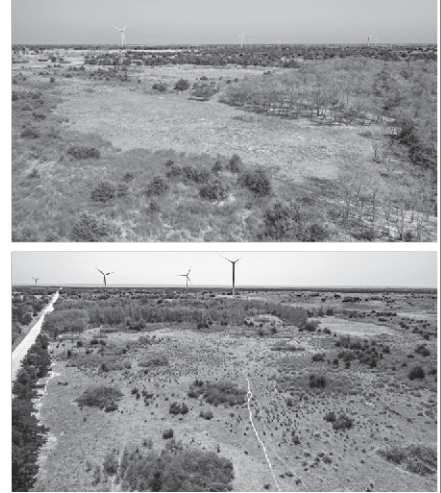
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Hinton man charged with attempting to deliver contraband to JCCC

By Marione Martin

A Hinton man has been jailed on multiple charges in Alfalfa County following an incident at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC) in Helena.

Mark Donivon Pemberton, alias Mark Donivon Pemerton, 52, of Hinton, has been charged with (1) conspiracy, (2) possession of cell phones in penal institution and (3) bringing contraband (drugs) into penal institution (marijuana), all felonies related to JCCC.

Further charges against Pemberton were filed in relation to an incident at the Alfalfa County Jail. Pemberton was charged with (1) possession of contraband (drugs) by an inmate (methamphetamine) and (2) assault and battery on police officer, both felonies. He was also charged with a misdemeanor of obstructing an officer.

Bond for all the charges has been set at \$50,000.

Court records show on Oct. 11 the Helena Police Department was notified by a convenience store manager that a suspicious vehicle was parked outside her parking lot an hour before the store was open. The manager observed a male, later identified as Pemberton, and a female getting out of a black SUV and walking around it. The man then walked westbound toward the prison while the woman left in the vehicle.

A Helena police officer located Pemberton crouched in a ditch near JCCC. A bundle wrapped in camouflage tape was found near him. Due to the proximity to the prison and the packaging, it was believed Pemberton was in the process of introducing contraband into JCCC.

Agent Kristian Rangel with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections

(ODOC) opened the bundle, which was found to contain five smaller marijuana bundles packaged individually in vacuum-sealed bags, four cellphones wrapped together and three packages of pre-rolled tobacco cigarettes. The marijuana was later determined to weigh approximately 166 grams.

In a post-Miranda rights interview, Rangel spoke with Pemberton who did not have an answer for what he was doing around JCCC. He was released from JCC on June 21, 2024.

The next day, Oct. 11, Alfalfa County Undersheriff T.J. Rockenbach was contacted by Jailer Kristie Newton about an inmate in jail acting erratic and suspicious. She said when doing a cell check another inmate informed her that Pemberton had stuffed what appeared to be drugs or contraband into his socks. Rockenbach said he would head to the office and help her do a shakedown of the cells.

When Rockenbach arrived at the jail, Newton said Pemberton kept pacing the floor, acting nervous and then going to his cell and standing between the toilet and the wall out of camera view. She said he had been in that area for over ten minutes, but if she goes in to do a cell check he comes around the corner very quickly.

Rockenbach had Newton bring the inmates into the booking area for a pat down and then they would place them in the holding cell until they finished with the shakedown. Three inmates, including Pemberton, came into the booking area. Pemberton went straight over to a metal chair and sat down while the others were coming out. Rockenbach started patting down each inmate while they stood facing the wall with hands on the wall and feet spread. He patted each inmate down from head to feet and did not find any items.

Rockenbach and Newton went into the jail and searched Cell 4, which is shared by Pemberton and another inmate. They found a few pieces of torn paper and pieces of wrappers under Pemberton's sleeping pad on the top bunk. They did not find anything illegal in that cell or any other cells in the jail.

When inmates were released from the booking-area holding cell to return to

the jail, one inmate told them Pemberton had the contraband in his sock. The inmate said Pemberton was holding the item in his hand with a closed fist when Rockenbach patted him down, and once in the holding cell he returned it to his sock.

Rockenbach returned to the booking area and asked Pemberton to pull up his pant legs exposing his ankles. Pemberton began acting nervous and evasive. He pulled up the left leg and quickly pulled up the right leg slightly trying not to expose the whole area of his ankle. Rockenbach noticed a bulge on the inside of his right ankle. He asked Pemberton what he had in his sock, and Pemberton said nothing. Rockenbach told him he saw a bulge in his sock and he had better hand it over.

Rockenbach told Pemberton to face the wall, but as he attempted to retrieve the item Pemberton reached down and started digging it out of his sock trying to hide it. He managed to get possession of it in his right hand and said it was just the end of a sack. After a scuffle, Rockenbach was able to get control of Pemberton's arm and placed him in handcuffs. During the altercation, Pemberton dropped what he had in his hand, and Newton retrieved it from the floor. Rockenbach placed Pemberton in the holding cell and locked the door.

After the altercation, Rockenbach noticed he had received a small cut on his left index finger that was bleeding. Newton laid the retrieved items on the counter. Items included a small baggie containing cigarettes with the filters removed and a small zip lock baggie containing a white powder-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Rockbach went to dispatch and reviewed the camera video from the booking area. While his back was to the inmate, Pemberton was shown in the video reaching down and retrieving something from his right sock and placing it in his right hand with a closed fist. When Rockenbach patted him down, Pemberton was shown in the video with his hand on the wall but he continued to keep his right hand in a closed fist.



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320	Roger Mills Co, OK	Spring Fed POND, Grazing, Hunting	\$576,000	NEW
318	Roger Mills Co, OK	Grazing, Creek, Corrals, Hunting	\$540,600	NEW
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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
620	Meade Co, KS	Grazing - CRP - Hunting	\$1,260,000	SOLD
780	Texas Co, OK	Grassland, Grazing, Hunting	\$741,000	SOLD
Lots	McCurtain Co, OK	Convenience Store - Recently Built	\$3,675,000	SOLD
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680	Seminole Co, OK	6 Tracts - North Canadian River	AUCTION	SOLD
11,242	McIntosh Co, OK	GILLESPIE RANCH - LAKE EUFAULA	\$23,600,000	SOLD
290	WOODS CO, OK	Little Sahara State Park 14 Tracts	AUCTION	SOLD
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1545	Roger Mills Co, OK	Hunting Land - Lodge - Springs & Creeks	\$2,999,000	SOLD
640	Woods Co, OK	5 Farm Land Auction	\$1,350,200	SOLD
405	Ottawa Co, OK	High Yield Cropland in Welch, Oklahoma	\$1,700,000	SOLD
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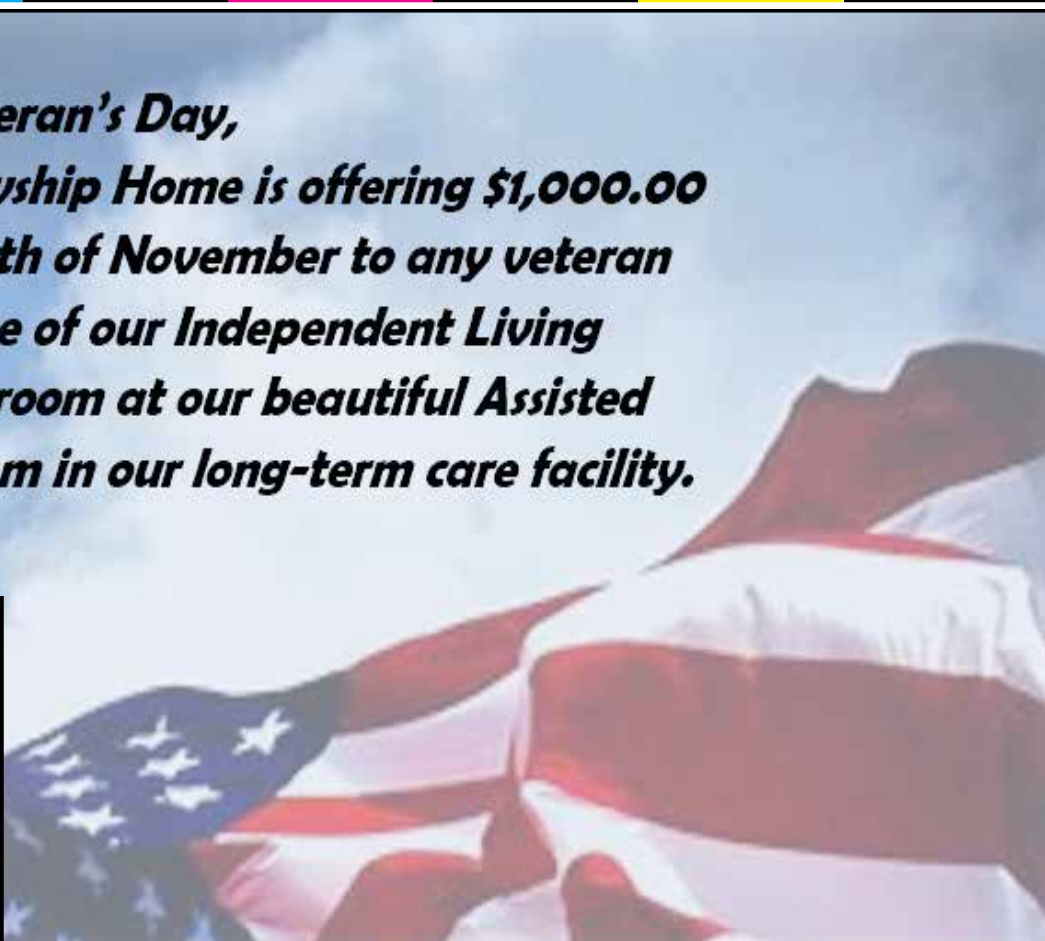
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Tornadoes volleyball enters tournament 1st in league

By Yvonne Miller

The South Barber Junior High Tornadoes volleyball team is on a roll. The Head Coach Janet Cook said the team is 14-2 and headed into the Heart of the Plains League (HOPL) tournament as first in the league.

“We’ve been No. 2 several times, but never on top going into the tournament,” she said.

Cook said the league plays two round robins with five teams. “Two in each pool advance to what we call ‘the final four.’”

“I couldn’t be more proud of these young ladies,” Cook said. “They are a fun bunch to coach. This team is short with tons of quickness.”

Cook added, “I’m blessed to have an assistant coach, Bailey (Roberts) England, that knows my system and loves the game and girls like I do.”

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One REAP application approved, two tabled by Woods County Commissioners

Senior Citizen Center architect plans to be reviewed further

By Marione Martin

It was standing room only at the Woods County Commissioners meeting Monday morning. The number of visitors was greater than the seating, but visitors were there for multiple reasons.

Chairman Randy McMurphy opened the meeting with Commissioner John Smiley and District 1 Foreman Damien Starks present. County Clerk Shelley Reed and County Commissioner-Elect Shane Vore were also present.

Sally Eggleston and Haley Ragan appeared on behalf of Holder Drug and the Alva Retail Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They explained their wish to have music around Alva's downtown square. Holder Drug applied for and received a Pop Out Grant from Independent Retail Community Initiatives. Only retail stores could apply. Eggleston said the grant along with donations will be used to place a speaker system around the square to be operated by the Retail Committee. Permission was needed from the county to install speakers on their property. The commissioners agreed to permit the installation. They will provide a letter stating their permission.

Woods County Emergency Management Director Ethan Feidler was at the meeting to present the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant application. He said the grant amount is not specified. It depends on the funding. However, in the past the grant has been \$20,000. The commissioners approved the application.

Next on the agenda was a resolution for the Circuit Engineering District approving the interlocal agreement, appointing the county's representative to the CED board of directors and authorizing the representative to sign

the agreement. The commissioners usually take turns serving on the board. Starks said due to the uncertainty of Commissioner David Hamil's medical issues, he thought it would be best to appoint someone else. He suggested Vore fill the board position. Since Vore won't take office until January, it was decided to have both Vore and McMurphy, the outgoing commissioner, sign the documents.

The commissioners looked at the architect's floor plan for the new Woods County Senior Citizens building in Alva. McMurphy said that Monty Lohmann, representing the senior citizens, and Edith Wiebener, who works for the nutrition center, were to meet with the architect last week. He said Lohmann and Wiebener thought the bathrooms included more than needed such as multiple sinks, the bathrooms should be closer to the kitchen, the building entrance did not need to be in the middle, and the mechanical room seemed too big.

Smiley said the architect visited the Waynoka building and wanted to replace some things that looked just fine to him. The architect pointed out that wiring needed to be inside conduit to meet commercial specifications. McMurphy said the senior citizens at Waynoka needed to choose one to three representatives to work with the architect on plans.

The commissioners approved a motion by Smiley that each group of senior citizens choose a representative to go over plans with the architect and make recommendations.

A routine transfer of appropriations from Highway CIRB to personal services for Districts 1 and 2 was approved in the

amount of \$16,545.97 each.

The commissioners approved two events to be held on the courthouse lawn. On Oct. 30, the NWOSU rodeo team will hold the Rodeo on the Square for elementary students to practice their rodeo skills. On Nov. 4, the day before the general election, the Ministerial Alliance will hold Prayer on the Square.

A requisition for over \$500 was approved for the Free Fair Premium & Award Account. The commissioners must approve any expenditure over \$500 from that account.

Woods County Rural Water District #3 submitted a REAP grant application for \$75,000 which was approved by the commissioners. The district would use the funds to paint three of their water towers with an estimated cost of \$94,000. The remaining \$19,000 would be paid by the district.

The Waynoka Fire Department submitted a REAP grant application to be used in purchasing a dune buggy type vehicle to be used for rescue purposes on the sand dunes at Little Sahara. Smiley expressed concern about the legalities of volunteer firefighters operating a dune buggy. He said currently the state park personnel provide emergency transportation, taking first responders to the scene. There were also concerns about insurance. The commissioners voted to table the item to gather further information.

Derek Nusser and Stephanie Widick, representatives from the Alva Fire Department, were at the meeting to request their REAP grant application be tabled. They do not have all the pricing for the application but should have it in time for next Monday's meeting. The commissioners voted to table that item.

The commissioners approved the designation of Ashley McLelland as the new county purchasing agent.

They voted to remove Chelsie Cummings as requisition officer and added Jennifer Schafer in that position.

The commissioners approved minutes of the last meeting and blanket purchase orders.

A video of the meeting may be viewed at www.AlvaReviewCourier.com by clicking on Videos.



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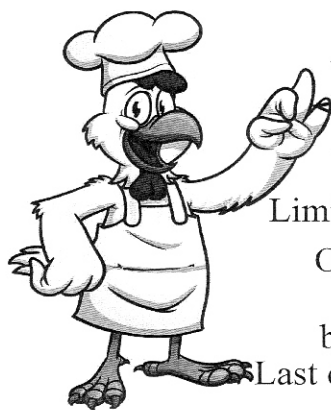


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Alfalfa County officials make quick work of agenda

By Stacy Sanborn

On Monday morning, Garret Johnson and Mike Roach were without fellow Alfalfa County commissioner Nate Ross but got through the short agenda just fine.

The two men signed last week's meeting minutes, blanket purchase orders, and maintenance and operation warrants for payment before signing equipment declarations of surplus. Those surplus items were a Laser Jet P2035 printer (Inv. no. D220 100.04, Serial no. CNBS93N039), and from District 4, a bookcase hutch (Inv. no. EM106 100.02, Serial no. HON10700) to go to the EM office, and a desk art medal (Inv. no. D105 100.02) to go to District 1.

Next, two private property access easements were signed for District 3 to clean creek channels. One was for the SE 80 for 35-26-9, and the other was for the SW 1/4 of 36-29-9.

The next agenda item, regarding a resolution approving an interlocal cooperative agreement, appointing the county's representative to the CED Board of Directors, and authorizing a representative to sign an interlocal cooperative agreement, was tabled until next week when Commissioner Ross returns.

Lastly, Johnson and Roach signed a resolution setting the employee health insurance premium amount paid by Alfalfa County. There was \$51.61 savings for those who changed from HealthChoice High. Vision, dental and life insurance did not change.

Woods County Excise Board approves monthly reports

By Marione Martin

The Woods County Excise Board met Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the courthouse in Alva. Chairman Bob Seivert opened the meeting with members Joe Shirley and Chris Olson present. County Clerk Shelley Reed was also present.

After approving the minutes of the Sept. 18 and Oct. 2 meetings, board members approved the following monthly appropriations:

District #1	\$139,828.19
District #2	\$139,328.21
District #3	\$139,328.23
CBRI D#1	\$14,061.77
CBRI D#2	\$14,061.75
CBRI D#3	\$14,061.74
Enhanced 911	\$50,277.92
Assessor's Fee	\$91.00
County Clerk's Lien Fee	\$3,101.03
County Clerk's	
Preservation Fee	\$2,220.00
Treasurer Resale	\$2,920.69
Sheriff Commissary	\$75.17
Sheriff's Service	
Fee & CHS	\$3,472.04
Mortgage Tax	\$75.00
Opioid Abatement	
Settlement	\$2,646.20
Federal Rescue Plan	
Act of 2021	\$6,749.44
Local Assistance	
& Tribal	\$433.15
Court Clerk RM & Pres	\$425.00

Shirley, seconded by Olson, moved for approval of the corrected FY2024-2025 Estimate of Needs for Northwest Technology Center. Blaine County's gross production was entered incorrectly, and this corrects it. Their numbers didn't affect Woods County amounts. The motion carried.

The 2024-2025 Town of Freedom Budget in the amount of \$71,590.76 was approved by board members.

They acknowledged the transfer of appropriations from HWY D#1 CIRB to HWY D#1 personal services and D#2 CIRB to D#2 personal services in the amount of \$16,041.09 each.

Board members also acknowledged the transfer of appropriations within the Highway Fund D#1 CIRB account to D#1 personal services account in the amount of \$320.12 and D#2 CIRB account to D#2 personal services account in the amount of \$320.11.

Shirley, seconded by Seivert, moved for approval of the 2024-2025 School Treasurers' Service Budget and Billing Breakdown for the Schools. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Personal Service	\$17,000.00	
ADPC Annual Fee	\$ 660.00	
Miscellaneous Supplies,		
Postage & Training & Travel	\$ 1,680.00	
TOTAL	\$19,340.00	
Schools	Budgeted Amounts	Amount Billed
Alva Schools	\$23,073,380.45	\$ 6,985.00
Waynoka Schools	\$16,637,827.47	\$ 5,038.00
Freedom Schools	\$ 1,508,418.71	\$ 457.00
NW Tech Center	\$22,655,644.59	\$ 6,860.00
TOTAL	\$63,875,271.22	\$19,340.00

There was no new business, and the meeting was adjourned.



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SB Chieftains Football District Champions

By Yvonne Miller

In their first year of playing Six-Man Football – the South Barber Chieftains caught on quickly. They are 6-1 in the season and are District

Champions.

The Chieftains have a home game and it's senior night this Friday at 6 p.m. They host Rollo who is 1-5. Head Coach Matt Cantrell said,

“We’ll have a first playoff round bye next week. Then we will have a home game the next Friday night. The opponent will be announced.”

Early voting begins Oct. 30 in Alfalfa County

Early voting begins Wednesday, Oct. 30, for voters in Alfalfa County. Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, have the option of voting early at their County Election Board.

Alfalfa County Election Board Secretary Stephanie Jantz said early voting is open to all voters.

“You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for all elections conducted by the county election board or state election board – from school board and municipal elections to state and federal

elections. This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines,” Jantz said.

Early voting is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30; Thursday, Oct. 31; and Friday, Nov. 1; and Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alfalfa County Election Board located at 602 W. 5th Street, Suite 3, Cherokee. Jantz reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations.

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For questions, please contact the Election Board at 580-596-2718 or alfalfacounty@elections.ok.gov.

Trump denigrates Harris as ‘lazy,’ invoking a racist trope against Black people

By Thomas Beaumont and Matt Brown

WASHINGTON (AP)— Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump on Tuesday called his Democratic opponent Kamala Harris “lazy,” criticizing the vice president with a word long used to

demean Black people in racist terms.

“Who the hell takes off when you have 14 days left,” Trump said at a campaign event in Doral, Florida, aimed at courting Latino voters. “She’s lazy. She’s lazy as hell.”

Harris was spending Tuesday in

meetings in Washington, D.C., and was scheduled to sit for recorded interviews with Telemundo and NBC to air Tuesday evening. It was the first day in more than two weeks that the Democratic nominee had no public events scheduled after a run of more than 14 consecutive days of travel to political events in pivotal states, including a three-state run on Monday, starting in Pennsylvania, continuing to Michigan and ending in Wisconsin.

Trump has often characterized Harris as weak and challenged her mental competence, as he did again Tuesday, referring to her as “slow” and as someone with a “low IQ.”

The Harris campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment. However, Ian Sams, a spokesperson for Harris, noted that Trump canceled a Tuesday afternoon town hall with allies Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and former U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard before his evening rally in North Carolina.



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From Page 32 Trump

“Donald Trump continuing his recent trend of canceling campaign events... With just two weeks to go...,” wrote Sams on X. “Granted, this one seemed like a real peach, so don’t blame them for wanting to call it off!”

The former president has questioned the work ethic of various opponents throughout his career. He accused President Joe Biden in 2020 of campaigning from his basement, even as Trump continued to hold large events during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in 2016 routinely called Democrat Hillary Clinton physically weak and low-energy.

Trump has also engaged in questioning people’s racial backgrounds — including Harris’ — and racial dog whistles and overtly racist rhetoric have been fixtures of Trump’s public life.

The federal government sued Trump for allegedly discriminating against Black apartment seekers in the 1970s. In the 1980s, Trump purchased a full-page ad in the New York Times calling for the reinstatement of the death penalty after five Black and Latino teenagers, known then as the Central Park Five, were accused of raping and beating a white woman jogger in New York City. The five said they confessed to the crimes under duress, later recanted, and pleaded not guilty in court. They were convicted

after jury trials, but the convictions were vacated in 2002 after another person confessed to the crime.

Recently, the men, now known as the Exonerated Five, filed a lawsuit on Monday against Trump. They accused Trump of making “false and defamatory statements” against them in his debate with Harris last month in which Trump wrongly stated that the victim was killed and that the wrongly accused suspects had pleaded guilty.

Using the term “lazy” to describe Harris, who is Black and of South Asian descent, evokes tropes that paint Black Americans as lazy, unsophisticated, submissive or inept.

Such stereotypes have been pervasive throughout American history. According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the stereotypes had a purpose and “were used to help commodify black bodies and justify the business of slavery.”

“Yet laziness, as well as characteristics of submissiveness, backwardness, lewdness, treachery, and dishonesty, historically became stereotypes assigned to African Americans,” the institution found.

Despite these stereotypes, Black Americans have made progress economically, first through a period

of mass migration known as the Great Migration, a decades-long stretch — roughly from 1916 to 1970 — during which approximately 7 million African Americans left the American South for the North for new job opportunities, and later through a burgeoning middle class since the enactment of landmark civil and voting rights legislation in the 1960s. Yet, due to myriad past and present structural barriers, there remains a persistent wealth gap between Black and white Americans.

Trump increasingly has made his criticisms of Harris about her fundamental capacity and competence, suggesting an innate inadequacy that distinguished her from Biden.

“Crooked Joe Biden became mentally impaired,” Trump said during a rally in Erie, Pennsylvania. “Sad. But lying Kamala Harris, honestly, I believe she was born that way. There’s something wrong with Kamala. And I just don’t know what it is, but there is definitely something missing. And you know what, everybody knows it.”

Asked for comment about his attack on Harris, Trump campaign spokesperson Karoline Leavitt responded: “He’s right. Election Day is in two weeks, and Kamala Harris is taking the day off.”

Navalny’s memoir details isolation and suffering in a Russian prison - and how he never lost hope

By Hillel Italie and Dasha Litvinova
NEW YORK (AP) — In a memoir released eight months after he died in prison, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny never loses faith that his cause is worth suffering for while also acknowledging he wished he could have written a very different book.

“There is a mishmash of bits and pieces, a traditional narrative followed by a prison diary,” Navalny writes in “Patriot,” which was published Tuesday, and is, indeed, a traditional narrative followed by a prison diary.

“I so much do not want my book to be yet another prison diary. Personally I find them interesting to read, but as a genre — enough is surely enough.”

The final 200 pages of Navalny’s 479-page book do, in some ways, have the characteristics of other prison diaries or of such classic Russian literature as

Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s “One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.” He tracks the boredom, isolation, exhaustion, suffering and absurdity of prison life, while working in asides about everything from 19th century French literature to Billie Eilish. But “Patriot” also reads as a testament to a famed dissident’s extraordinary battle against despair as the Russian authorities gradually increase their crackdown against him, and even shares advice on how to confront the worst and still not lose hope.

“The important thing is not to torment yourself with anger, hatred, fantasies of revenge, but to move instantly to acceptance. That can be hard,” he writes. “The process going on in your head is by no means straightforward, but if you find yourself in a bad situation, you should try this. It works, as long as you think everything through seriously.”

In recent years, Navalny had become an international symbol of resistance. A lawyer by training, he started out as an anti-corruption campaigner, but soon turned into a politician with aspirations for public office and eventually became the main challenger to Russia’s longtime president, Vladimir Putin.

Navalny’s widow, Yulia Navalnaya, oversaw the book’s completion. In a promotional interview for “Patriot,” she told the BBC that she would run for president if she ever returned to Russia — an unlikely move with Putin in power, Navalnaya acknowledged. She has been arrested in absentia in Russia on charges of involvement with an extremist group. Putin “needs to be in a Russian prison, to feel everything what not just my husband, but all the prisoners in Russia”

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Obituaries

LECINDA (CINDY) LAWRENCE

Lecinda (Cindy) Lawrence passed away from us on Saturday, September 28, 2024, in doctor's care in Oklahoma City with her husband and son at her side.



Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ellen and Bill Dilks; brother, Jack Dilks; and her previous husband, Robert Sallee.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Jerimiah Lawrence; children, Kevin Sallee, Kenneth Sallee, Kelly Sallee, Ruth Ware and her husband Todd, Donna Bruce and her husband Doug, and Karol Rogers and her husband Will; and Cindy's sister-in-law, Dana Dilks.

Cindy, a life-long member of the Church of Christ, was a friend to everyone she met. Cindy was well loved by all of her adopted children. Her husband is fond of saying that, along with her penchant for adopting many shelter dogs, he was happy to be one of her adopted strays. Cindy had a large enough heart to share with everyone and was loved by all.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Helena Church of Christ, 324 Kingman Street.

RACHELLE LYNN OLSON

Rachelle Lynn Olson, beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, was born on August 30, 1969, and passed away unexpectedly at the age of 55 on October 16, 2024.



Left to cherish her memory are her mom, Linda (Zook) Olson; children, Brandi (Nick) Hendricks, Sylvia Johnson, Tyler Hanson, and Rebekah (Tyler) Bailey. In addition to her children are her grandchildren; Andrew Hosey, Jayden Hendricks, Hayleigh, SaYannah, and Kymber Johnson, Evelyn, Clarisse, Lillianna, and Russell Hanson, Michael Hawkins, and Jacob and Jaxson Bailey; siblings, Doug (Michelle) Degner; Deanna (James) Merickel; Amy (Andrew) Zweiger; Daniel Olson; Rebekah Tipton, Samuel (Jenn) Davison, and Mark Davison, along with multiple nieces, nephews, bonus kids, and other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her daddy, Galen Olson; dad, Richard Davison; brothers, Richard Davison II, Matthew Davison, and her grandparents.

Rachelle was a loving woman who loved fishing, camping, crafting and cooking with nieces and nephews and grandkids. She had an amazing gift of an alto voice that she didn't use enough and enjoyed playing the flute.

Much to the chagrin of her elders, Rachelle was mischievous enough to teach any of the younger family members how to burp various songs or engage in similar burping contests. She loved animals and often took in strays. She was a gifted gardener.

Services will be held Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Riverside Church of Christ in Burlington, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory go to Creature Concerns, Inc. or a veterans' organization of choice.

LAWRENCE REIGH SHELITE

A memorial service for Lawrence Reigh Shelite will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Town and Country Christian Church with Pastor Neal Gordon officiating. A family visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, at the Marshall Funeral Home. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.



Lawrence Reigh Shelite, son of the late Henry Rudolph and Myrtle (Shurts) Shelite, was born September 23, 1936, in Sharon,

Kansas, and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on the morning of October 20, 2024, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years and 27 days.

The youngest of seven siblings, Lawrence was raised in Sharon, Kansas, where he graduated high school with the Class of 1955. He attended technical school in Wichita, Kansas, after graduation.

In 1956 during the steel strike, he enlisted with the US Army in the 540th Combat Engineer Group. He was stationed in Germany, and during that time he enjoyed traveling through

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Monty Thompson Golf Outing raises about \$12,000

By Yvonne Miller

It was a rather hot, windy September day, “but it was an overall nice day. We had a great turnout!” Kale Girty said. He’s taking over the reins from Mike

Miller to head the Monty Thompson Golf Outing.

Girty said 23 teams played in the outing at the Anthony Golf Course. The event raised approximately \$12,000. The money goes to the

Foundation formed in memory of the beloved principal who lost his battle with cancer. Since the beginning, the foundation has given around \$160,000 back to teachers for projects in the classroom,

FFA chapter officers gather for leadership training to ‘Achieve’ success

Officers of the Cherokee FFA chapter participated in the 2024 Oklahoma FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference on Sept. 24 at the Enid Events Center in Enid.

Eight state FFA officers planned and conducted this year’s conference, which was centered around the theme “Achieve.” Elected officers from each of the 62 high school FFA chapters in the Northwest area attended the conference. The event aims to encourage students to set and complete concrete, visual, and simple goals for their local chapters.

Josiah Cruikshank, from Bend, Oregon, served as the keynote speaker for the conference. Cruikshank is currently an Agricultural Business major at Oklahoma State University and



Cherokee FFA — From left: (back row) Advisor Christy Snider, Sentinel Juan Castro, Vice President Haylee Jantz, Secretary Wyatt Parker, Treasurer Gavin Guffy, Reporter Joel Parker; (front row) State FFA President Kayla Poling, Cherokee FFA President Davin Budy, NW Area Vice President Casyn Larman.

previously served more than 800,000 FFA members nationwide as the 2021-2022 National Western Region Vice President.

“We’re excited to be part of this year’s COLT Conferences,” said Kayla Poling, State FFA President. “With the theme, ‘Achieve: Set Your Goals. Stay Focused. Reach New Heights,’ this training is

designed to equip chapter officers with the skills and knowledge they need to excel. Through interactive workshops and collaborative activities, officers focused on goal setting, leadership and success at the chapter level. Effective leadership starts with clear goals, and this conference provided the tools to ensure chapter success.”

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Europe on his time off. In 1962 he was honorably discharged at the rank of E4 having received the Medal of Good Conduct.

Upon returning to the states, he moved to Alva, Oklahoma, where he met Doris May Rader. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1960, and in 1965 they welcomed a daughter, Misti Faye. They made their home in Alva where he worked as Maintenance Foreman at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

On November 25, 1992, he was united in marriage to Frieda Faye Lieswald in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and he gained a son, Kevin, and daughter, Faye. In 1999 he retired from the college, and the couple enjoyed traveling all over the United

States, visiting all but three states. They drove to countless rodeos all over the country. In later years, they attended the Town and Country Christian Church in Alva.

Lawrence enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a general handyman, and he could fix about anything. When he wasn't at work, you could find him helping members of the community with various handyman tasks. He learned to cook from his mom, and he could make one heck of a peach cobbler.

Lawrence was known for having a positive attitude and a smile everywhere he went. He loved to tell jokes, he was the King of One-liners, and he even loved to sing. He had a genuine love of life.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Shedd,

Mildred "Millie" Tate, Richard "Rich" Shelite, Robert "Bob" Shelite, Chester "Chet" Shelite, Velma "Vee" Haas, and Everett Shelite.

Lawrence is survived by his wife Frieda; his daughters, Misti Knopf and husband, Floyd, of Burlington, and Faye Lilly and husband, Kenneth, of Marlow; his son, Kevin Wilkinson of Elk City; his three grandchildren, Lakin Kastl and husband, Zak, of Yukon, Tom Knopf and wife, Taylor, of Alva, and Jordan Lilly of Austin, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Wilsy Faye Kastl and Theo Knopf; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Town and Country Christian Church.

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

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feel, Navalnaya said during an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Navalnaya has vowed to continue her late husband's fight. She has recorded regular video addresses to her supporters and has been meeting with Western leaders and top officials, advocating for Russians who oppose Putin and his war in Ukraine. She had two children with her husband, who in his book writes of his immediate attraction to her and their enduring bond, praising Navalnaya as a soulmate who "could discuss the most difficult matters with me without a lot of drama and hand-wringing."

During the first section of his book, Navalny reflects on the fall of the Soviet Union, his disenchantment with 1990s Russian leader Boris Yeltsin, his early crusades against corruption, his entry into public life, and his discovery that he did not need to look far for a politician "who would undertake all sorts of needed, interesting projects and cooperate directly with the Russian people."

"I wanted and waited, and one day I realized I could be that person myself," he wrote.

His vision of a "beautiful Russia of the future," where leaders are freely and fairly elected, official corruption is tamed, and democratic institutions work — as well as his strong charisma and sardonic humor — earned him widespread

support across the country's 11 time zones. He had young, energetic activists by his side — a team that resembled "a fancy startup" rather than a clandestine revolutionary operation, according to his memoir. "From the outside we looked like a bunch of Moscow hipsters," he writes, and together they put out colorful, professionally produced videos exposing official corruption. Those garnered millions of views on YouTube and prompted mass rallies even as the authorities cracked down harder on dissent.

The authorities responded to Navalny's growing popularity by levying multiple charges against him, his allies and even family members. They jailed him often and shut down his entire political infrastructure — the Foundation for Fighting Corruption he started in 2011 and a network of several dozen regional offices.

In 2020, Navalny survived a nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin, which denied involvement. He describes it in great detail in the very beginning of the book, recounting, "This is too much, and I'm about to die." His family and allies fought for him to be airlifted to Germany for treatment, and after recovering there for five months, he returned to Russia, only to be arrested and sent to prison, where he would spend the last three years of his life.

In the memoir, Navalny recalls telling his wife while still hospitalized in Berlin that "of course" he will go back to Russia.

The pressure on him continued behind bars, intensifying after Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022 and ratcheted its clampdown on dissent to unprecedented levels. In messages he was able to get out of prison, Navalny described harrowing conditions of solitary confinement, where he was placed for months on end for various minor infractions prison officials relentlessly accused him of, sleep deprivation, meager diet and lack of medical help. In October 2023, three of his lawyers were arrested and two more were put on a wanted list.

In December 2023, the authorities transferred Navalny to a penal colony of the highest security level in the Russian penitentiary system in a remote town above the Arctic Circle. In February 2024, 47-year-old Navalny suddenly died there; the circumstances and the cause of his death still remain a mystery. Yulia Navalnaya and his allies say the Kremlin killed him, while the authorities argue that Navalny died of "natural causes," but wouldn't reveal any details of what happened.

Tens of thousands of Russians

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attended his funeral on the outskirts of Moscow in March in a rare show of defiance in a country where any street rally or even single pickets often result in immediate arrests and prison. For days afterward, people brought flowers to the grave, and a handful even came Tuesday.

“I dream of as many people as possible reading this book, because it

seems to me that everyone will learn something new about Alexei. (Everyone) will laugh and cry a bit. He was so cool: strong and brave, kind and funny. The best. And the dearest,” Yulia Navalnaya said on X.

Navalny’s team has said the book will be available in Russian, the language he wrote it in, but shipping to his homeland and its neighbor

Belarus won’t be possible “as we cannot guarantee delivery and the absence of problems at customs.”

The Kremlin and Russian state media ignored the release, much as they ignored many other developments related to Navalny, whose name Putin and other top officials almost never uttered in public.

Women in states with bans are getting abortions at similar rates as under Roe, report says

By Geoff Mulvihill

Women living in states with abortion bans obtained the procedure in the second half of 2023 at about the same rate as before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, according to a report released Tuesday.

Women did so by traveling out of state or by having prescription abortion pills mailed to them, according to the #WeCount report from the Society of Family Planning, which advocates for abortion access. They increasingly used telehealth, the report found, as medical providers in states with laws intended to protect them from prosecution in other states used online appointments to prescribe abortion pills.

“The abortion bans are not eliminating the need for abortion,” said Ushma Upadhyay, a University of California, San Francisco public health social scientist and a co-chair of the #WeCount survey. “People are jumping

over these hurdles because they have to.”

Abortion patterns have shifted. The #WeCount report began surveying abortion providers across the country monthly just before Roe was overturned, creating a snapshot of abortion trends. In some states, a portion of the data is estimated. The effort makes data public with less than a six-month lag, giving a picture of trends far faster than the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, whose most recent annual report covers abortion in 2021.

The report has chronicled quick shifts since the Supreme Court’s Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization ruling that ended the national right to abortion and opened the door to enforcement of state bans.

The number of abortions in states with bans at all stages of pregnancy fell to near zero. It also plummeted in states

where bans kick in around six weeks of pregnancy, which is before many women know they’re pregnant.

But the nationwide total has been about the same or above the level from before the ruling. The study estimates 99,000 abortions occurred each month in the first half of 2024, up from the 81,000 monthly from April through December 2022 and 88,000 in 2023.

One reason is telehealth, which got a boost when some Democratic-controlled states last year began implementing laws to protect prescribers. In April 2022, about 1 in 25 abortions were from pills prescribed via telehealth, the report found. In June 2024, it was 1 in 5.

The newest report is the first time #WeCount has broken down state-by-state numbers for abortion pill prescriptions. About half the telehealth abortion pill prescriptions now go to patients in states with abortion bans or restrictions on telehealth abortion prescriptions.

In the second half of last year, the pills were sent to about 2,800 women each month in Texas, more than 1,500 in Mississippi and nearly 800 in Missouri, for instance.

Travel is still the main means of access for women in states with bans

Data from another group, the Guttmacher Institute, shows that women in states with bans still rely mostly on travel to get abortions.

By combining results of the two surveys and comparing them with Guttmacher’s counts of in-person abortions from 2020, #WeCount found women in states with bans throughout pregnancy were getting abortions in

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similar numbers as they were in 2020. The numbers do not account for pills obtained from outside the medical system in the earlier period, when those prescriptions most often came from abroad. They also do not tally people who received pills but did not use them.

West Virginia women, for example, obtained nearly 220 abortions monthly in the second half of 2023, mostly by traveling — more than in 2020, when they received about 140 a month. For Louisiana residents, the monthly abortion numbers were about the same, with just under 700 from July through December 2023, mostly through shield laws, and 635 in 2020. However, Oklahoma residents obtained fewer abortions in 2023, with the monthly number falling to under 470 from about 690 in 2020.

Telehealth providers emerged quickly

One of the major providers of the telehealth pills is the Massachusetts Abortion Access Project. Cofounder Angel Foster said the group prescribed to about 500 patients a month, mostly in states with bans, from its September 2023 launch through last month.

The group charged \$250 per person while allowing people to pay less if they couldn't afford that. Starting this month, with the help of grant funding that pays operating costs, it's trying a different approach: Setting the price at \$5 but letting patients know they'd appreciate more for those who can pay it. Foster said the group is on track to provide 1,500 to 2,000 abortions monthly with the new model.

Foster called the Supreme Court's 2020 decision "a human rights and social justice catastrophe" while also saying that "there's an irony in

what's happened in the post-Dobbs landscape."

"In some places abortion care is more accessible and affordable than it was," she said.

There have no major legal challenges of shield laws so far, but abortion opponents have tried to get one of the main pills removed from the market. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously preserved access to the drug, mifepristone, while finding that a group of anti-abortion doctors and organizations did not have the legal right to challenge the 2000 federal approval of the drug.

This month, three states asked a judge for permission to file a lawsuit aimed at rolling back federal decisions that allowed easier access to the pill — including through telehealth.

China holds live-fire drills opposite Taiwan, a week after large-scale exercise

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China is holding live-fire drills off the coast of its southern Fujian province facing Taiwan, just a week after a massive air-and-sea drill it described as punishment for Taiwan's president rejecting Beijing's claims of sovereignty.

The live-fire drills were being held near the Pingtan islands, according to a notice from the Maritime Safety Administration. It warned ships to avoid the area. It did not offer additional details.

Taiwan's Defense Ministry said China's drills were part of an annual

exercise and it was tracking them.

"It cannot be ruled out that it is one of the ways to expand the deterrent effect in line with the dynamics in the Taiwan Strait," the statement added.

Taiwan is a self-ruled island that Beijing claims is part of China. Tensions around the issue have flared in recent years. China has increased its presence in the waters and skies around Taiwan. It now increasingly sends large numbers of warplanes and navy vessels to military exercises near Taiwan, and its coast guard carries out patrols.

Last week, China held a one-day military exercise aimed at practicing the "sealing off of key ports and key areas." Taiwan counted a record one-day total of 153 aircraft, 14 navy vessels and 12 Chinese government ships.

Taiwan's premier, Cho Jung-tai, called on China to stop its exercises aimed at Taiwan.

"Like all democratic countries in the world, we believe that China's military exercises are a threat to regional peace and stability. Regardless of the scale of the exercise, China's military exercises should not frequently approach Taiwan to make meaningless declarations," he said.

In response to Chinese moves, the U.S. has continued what it calls "freedom of navigation" transits through the Taiwan Strait. On Sunday, the destroyer USS Higgins and the Canadian frigate HMCS Vancouver transited the narrow band of ocean that separates China and Taiwan.

Germany sent two warships through the Taiwan Strait last month as it seeks to increase its defense engagement in the Asia-Pacific region.

China has also exerted diplomatic pressure on Taiwan, poaching its allies. South Africa, which does not recognize Taiwan as a country, asked the island last week to move its liaison office outside the capital, Pretoria, as a concession to China. Taiwan on Monday said it would fight the request.

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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office Logs

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

During this day: one traffic stop.

5:21 a.m. - Medic needed in 1100 block of Oklahoma for male who had a cyst burst and is bleeding. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

1:12 p.m. - Caller advised of a reckless driver on 3rd Street in Carmen. Advised a male was driving a tan Buick and driving 70 mph past the Community

Church and he does it all the time. Deputy was advised.

7:18 p.m. - Caller advised she and her mother had been threatened. Subject told her he would "do away with her whole family." And this wasn't the first threat. Deputy requested DHS. At 11:02 p.m. caller advised the male had threatened her again through text. Deputy advised the male had been tres-

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passed from the property.
11:57 p.m. – Caller advised her ex-husband has been texting her and threatening her and he isn't supposed to be contacting her, per the protective order, unless it was about the children. She advised he sounded intoxicated. Deputy was advised.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

During this day: one traffic stop.

8:56 a.m. - Pioneer Security advised of a burglary alarm going off on County Road 750. Advised it was the back door to the bunk house. Deputy advised everything was okay and secure.

1:46 p.m. – Report of a fire on County Road 700 and US-64. Advised of a fire near a structure. Advised of animals in the field, and hay bales and a propane tank at the house. Jet Fire Department en route. Fire out and advised on fireman will stay behind to make sure it smolders out.

2:20 p.m. – Caller advised the smoke alarm went off and they smell smoke, but it went away. Goltry Fire Deputy en route. Goltry FD advised they didn't find anything and was headed back to the station.

4:31 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver in Carmen. Advised it was a tan Buick and they were concerned about children's safety with him driving 70 mph through town. Advised deputy.

5:24 p.m. – Report of vandalism in the 400 block of 12th Street.

5:42 p.m. – Medic needed

at James Crabtree Correctional Center for a male whose jaw had locked up and he was choking. No transport needed.

7:42 p.m. – Welfare check needed in Goltry for an 11-year-old boy who is locked out of the house and his mom had gone to church.

8:20 p.m. – Report of a husky loose with no collar at Kansas and 10th Street.

10:28 p.m. – Caller advised of a fire behind her houser on Harper Road.

Cherokee Fire Department en route. Deputy advised it was a controlled burn in a pit that had reignited.

Thursday, October 17, 2024

During this day: two traffic stops and one report of cattle out.

1 a.m. – Caller advised his mother had received two threatening calls from a family over a custody dispute. The reporting party's mother filed a protective order, and the caller wanted the call documents, as it goes against the protective order. No deputy was needed. Caller just wanted it documented.

5:55 a.m. – Report of a single vehicle accident on US-64, just east of County Road 650. The vehicle was in the ditch. Advised there was one female, a 3-year-old and two dogs. She is stating she just lost control and there were no injuries. Medic en route and OHP was notified. No transport needed and the vehicle was released to a wrecker from Fairview.

2:43 p.m. – Caller advised she went to get her tag at the tag office and her mother-in-



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law "threw one of her fits," so she went outside to sit in her car and the mother-in-law came outside to call her names. Officer advised.

Friday, October 18, 2024
8:08 p.m. – Caller advised a 61-year-old female had fallen off a horse at the fairgrounds, and possibly broken her ribs and or shoulder.

Saturday, October 19, 2024
5:44 a.m. – Caller advised they had heard gunshots and arguing coming from the Cherokee Trailer Park. Advised they were driving through town and could hear the echo. Officer en route. He advised he was unable to find any disturbances.

7:17 p.m. – Medic needed in the 1000 block of Massachusetts for an 80-year-old female with shortness of breath and high blood pressure who was lightheaded. Medic en route. Medic took the patient to Bass Hospital in Enid.

Sunday, October 20, 2024
During this day: one report of cattle out.

3:40 p.m. – Caller reported dogs were in her back yard. Advised whose they were. Owner was called and he stated he would try and find someone to put them up. Officer had the dogs loaded and was taking them back to their owner.

7:39 p.m. – Report of a juvenile issue in Goltry. Caller advised the boy was supposed to be home at dark, so they went looking for him and found him, but he was refusing to get in the car. She requested deputy assistance. Deputy spoke with them more at 8:18 p.m. and she advised everything was okay.

Barber County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 150, page 338: Brian Kent Stafford and Jamie Swafford convey unto Joshua Medlin and Ashley Medlin. The east half of Lot 8, all of Lot 9 and the west 10 feet of Lot 10 in Block 17 in the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 150, page 350: Flint Koch and Alyssa Koch convey unto John A. Mahoney and David Scott Smith. The west half of the southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 32 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM. Warranty deed.

Book 150, page 352: Wayne C. Rucker conveys unto Lisa M. Rucker. Lot 6, and the west 28 feet of Lot 4, and the east 10 feet of Lot 8, on Second Avenue West in the Original Townsite in the City of Medicine Lodge. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 341: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development conveys unto Shawn Dunscomb. Lots 1 through 3 in Block 139, Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Warranty deed.

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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

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

11:15 a.m. Distinguished Goldbugs Luncheon will be held in the Alva High School gym.

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

2 p.m. Alva High School Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally will be held on the downtown square.

6:30 p.m. AHS Homecoming royalty will be crowned before the 7 p.m. game against Kellyville at Ranger Field.

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Book 150, page 354: Robert D. McDonald conveys unto Sierra P. McDonald and Ryan Aschenbrenner. A portion of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 31 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 150, page 355: Zachary A. Barker conveys unto Zachary A. Barker and Blaze Amber Starr Scott. A tract of land beginning at a point 426 feet north of the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 32 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 150, page 356: The Bull Pen LLC conveys unto Oliver Cory Bahr. All of lots 11 and 12 in Block 16 in Henton's Addition to the City of Sharon, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 150, page 358: Rockne A. Shelite and Laurie F. Shelite convey unto Rockne A. Shelite and Laurie F. Shelite. East half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 33, Range 11, Barber County, Kansas. Quit claim deed.

Book 254, page 380: Brad Alan Rathgeber and Daphne L. Rathgeber to The People's Bank. Lots 7 through 9 in Block 138 in Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$56,000.00.

Book 254, page 417: Zachary A. Barker and Blaze Amber Starr Scott to The People's Bank. A tract of land beginning at a point 426 feet north of the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 32 south, Range 12 west of the 6th PM, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$67,600.00.

Book 254, page 427: Gabreail D. Redinger and Michael Don Redinger to Alva State Bank & Trust Company. The south 64.50 feet of the west 6.40 feet of Lot 12, and all of Lot 11, except the west 11.80 feet and the except the north 75.50 feet of the east 20.10 feet of Lot 11, in Block 124, in the Town's Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$56,000.00.

Book 254, page 436: Jesse Soto and Desiree Soto to Wichita Federal Credit Union. The north 75 feet of lots 1 through 3 in Block 92 in the Town Company's Addition to the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas. Note: \$49,500.00.

Mortgages

Alfalfa County real estate transactions

Real Estate Transfers

Book 902, page 488: Andrew Green, Robin Green, Christopher Bryan and Abette Bryan convey unto Frankogo LLC. All of lots 13 through 24, inclusive, Block 23, in the original Town of Helena, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 902, page 572: Rexina R. Campbell conveys unto Rexina R. Campbell, as trustee of the Campbell Family Trust. Southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 24N, Range 11, WIM. Quit claim deed.

Book 902, page 648: Michael Ray Castor and Deloris J. Castor convey unto Cody M. Castor and Clinton R. Castor. Northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 24N, Range 9 WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 902, page 658: George R. Salwaechter, Ann Salwaechter, Darlene Kim Scherich, David Joe Scherich, Kay Highie-Miller and Gregory Lynn Miller convey unto Trenton J. Percival and Cami D. Percival. The north 90 acres of lots 6 and 7, and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 24N, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, etc. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 902, page 665: The James H. Saloowaechter Trust conveys unto Tren-

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ton J. Percival and Cami D. Percival. The south 52.88 acres of lots 6 and 7, and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 24N, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Joint tenancy warranty deed.

Book 902, page 669: Rita J. Anthony, trustee, under the certain Revocable Living Trust, conveys unto Haley Anthony. Lots 1 through 14, Block 6, first addition to Aline, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Book 902, page 678: Bradly Bob Rieger and Robbie Rieger, as trustees of the Rieger Family Trust, to Rieger Farms, LLC. North half of Section 8 and the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 7, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 6, all in Township 28N, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit

claim deed.

Book 902, page 705: David L. Frieden and Mary J. Frieden, as trustees of the Frieden Family Trust, convey unto Jeff A. Bahr and Janice Marie Bahr. Southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 28N, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Warranty deed.

Book 902, page 716: Denise Suzette Castor conveys unto Cody Castor. Northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 24, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Quit claim deed.

Mortgages

Book 902, page 529: Dale Nusser and Brenda Nusser to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 28N, Range 12 WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$390,000.00.

Book 902, page 538: Bryan K.

Fischer and Mona L. Fischer to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. Southwest quarter of Section 237, Township 25N, Range 9, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$50,000.00.

Book 902, page 651: Trenton J. Percival and Cami D. Percival to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The south 52.88 acres of lots 6 and 7, and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 24N, Range 2, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, etc. Note: \$191,000.00.

Book 902, page 671: Trenton J. Percival and Cami D. Percival to Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. The south 52.88 acres of lots 6 and 7, and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 24N, Range 12, WIM, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. Note: \$191,000.00.

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

Mark Donivon Pemberton, Hinton, 52, has been charged with conspiracy, possession of cell phone or electronic device in penal institutions and bringing contraband (marijuana) into penal institution (\$1,350.75).

Mark Donivon Pemberton, Hinton,

52, has been charged with possession of contraband (drugs) by an inmate (methamphetamine) and assault and battery on police officer (\$655.50).

Misdemeanor Filings

Bradley Jace Olson, Carmen, 39, has been charged with domestic abuse—assault and battery (\$351.50).

Mark Donivon Pemberton, Hinton, 52, has been charged with obstructing an officer (\$276.50).

Civil Filings

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Teresa Mast, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$239.14).

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Nikki S. Ellenburg, Goltry: indebtedness (\$239.14).

Charlie Berg, Helena, vs Service Oklahoma: lost title (\$58).

Marriage License Filings

Braydon Kim Frech and Justine Meredith Bowers, both of Tulsa: marriage license (\$50).

Logan Alexander Ward and Brandi Jo Ellis, both of Aline: marriage license (\$50).

Divorce Filings

Cherokee Cheyenne Wade, Cherokee, vs. Dakota Blaze Taylor, Fort Worth, Texas: divorce (\$262.14).

Dana Ranae Wimpee, Cherokee, vs. Dustin Dawin Wimpee, Cherokee: divorce (\$262.14).

Protective Order Filings

Janis Louise Frech, Helena, vs. Damen Eugene Cox, Kansas City, Missouri: protective order (\$173).

Traffic Citations

Clinton Peters, Pueblo, Colorado, has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

David L. Waters, Claremore, has been cited for speeding 21-25 mph over the speed limit (\$319).

Gabriel J. Davila has been cited for speeding 1-10 mph over the speed limit (\$100).

Peyton A. Jones, Blackwell, was cited with not wearing seatbelt (\$20).

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