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Voter Registration Deadline Just Two Days Away for Primary

PRESS RELEASE

Friday, Feb. 9, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the March 5 Presidential Preferential Primary, according to Grant County Election Board Secretary Blair Gonzales.

Gonzales said persons who are United States citizens, residents of Oklahoma, and at least 17 1/2 years old are eligible to apply for voter registration. However,

you must be at least 18 years old to vote.

Applications must be received by the County Election Board or postmarked no later than midnight, Feb. 9. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted but will not be processed until after the March 5 election.

Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is also an official voter registration

agency by the submission deadline.

Applicants will be notified in writing when their application has been processed. Approved voters will receive a voter identification card in the mail. Some may receive a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application was not approved.

Gonzales said those who do not receive a response within 30 days of submitting their application should

contact the County Election Board office immediately.

The Grant County Election Board reminds voters that applications must be approved by the County Election Board secretary in order to vote.

Registered voters who have moved to Grant County from a different county or state will need to complete a new voter registration application in order to be eligible for elections in Grant

County. If you have moved within the county and need to update your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or complete a voter registration application.

Voter registration applications can be downloaded from the state election board website at oklahoma.gov/elections. You may also complete a form at your County Election Board.

Most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries have applications available upon request.

The Grant County Election Board is located at 112 E. Guthrie St., Rm 301A, Medford, OK and is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the Election Board by phone at (580) 395-2862 or email grantcounty@elections.ok.gov.

NEW MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS GYMNASIUM



JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Medford Public Schools Superintendent Tyler Locke said the new gymnasium is scheduled to be completed sometime in March, which is three to four months ahead of schedule. The original completion date was July 2024. The new facility will feature a training room, hospitality room and upgraded concessions area. Locke said the new space will add plenty of functionality for not only Medford athletics, but for the school as a whole. MPS will schedule an open house at a later date to allow local residents in to view the new gym.



FILE PHOTO

NWOSU: Stapleton Commits

Pond Creek-Hunter senior Harrison Stapleton recently announced on Facebook that he was signing to play football at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. Stapleton helped guide the Panthers to a 6-5 finish this season.

District Playoff Set for Basketball

STAFF REPORT

Area basketball teams now know their playoff destinations. And for two local teams, they will be hosting.

Pond Creek-Hunter is a host site for the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association district playoffs. The Panthers and Lady Panthers will both receive a first-round bye. The two teams will take on the winner of the Glen-coe-Yale contest at home on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Medford Cardinals open district play against Grant County rival Deer Creek-Lamont on Friday, Feb. 9 at Kremlin-Hillsdale. Tip is set for 6 p.m. The Lady Cardinals will face Burlington-Freedom at KHHS on Thursday, Feb. 8, while the DCLA Lady Eagles take on host Kremlin-Hillsdale at 7:30 on Thursday.

Oklahoma County Music Legend Toby Keith Dies at 62 of Stomach Cancer

BY KRISTIN M. HALL
AP Entertainment Writer

Toby Keith, a hit country crafter of pro-American anthems who both riled up critics and was loved by millions of fans, has died. He was 62.

The "Should've Been a Cowboy" singer-songwriter,

who had stomach cancer, died peacefully Monday surrounded by his family, according to a statement posted on the country singer's website. "He fought his fight with grace and courage," the statement said. He announced his cancer diagnosis in 2022.

The 6-foot-4 singer broke

out in the country boom years of the 1990s, writing songs that fans loved to hear. Over his career he publicly clashed with other celebrities and journalists and often pushed back against record executives who wanted to smooth his rough edges.

He was known for his

overt patriotism on post 9/11 songs like "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue," and boisterous barroom tunes like "I Love This Bar" and "Red Solo Cup." He had a powerful booming voice, a tongue-in-cheek sense of humor and range that carried love songs as well as drinking songs.

Among his 20 No. 1 Billboard hits were "How Do You Like Me Now?!", "As Good As I Once Was," "My List" and "Beer for My Horses," a duet with Willie Nelson. His influences were other working class songwriters like Merle Haggard and he tallied more than 60 singles on the Hot Country

chart over his career.

Throughout the cancer treatments, Keith continued to perform, most recently playing in Las Vegas in December. He also performed on the People's Choice Country Awards in 2023 as he sang his song "Don't Let

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Tribal Sovereignty Among Top Issues for Governor, Legislature

BY SEAN MURPHY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) – Tribal sovereignty is expected to again be a top issue facing Oklahoma lawmakers and Gov. Kevin Stitt as they returned on Monday to begin the 2024 legislative session.

Stitt, a Republican and himself a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has had a contentious relationship with tribal leaders that began with a dispute during his first year in office over casino revenue and has worsened with conflict over agreements on tobacco sales, motor vehicle tags, taxes and criminal jurisdiction.

In his State of the State address to lawmakers on Monday, Stitt once again took aim at expanded tribal sovereignty and the landmark 2020 U.S. Supreme Court decision on criminal jurisdiction, dubbed McGirt after the plaintiff in the case, that much of eastern Oklahoma remained a tribal reservation.

“Three years after McGirt, we are still operating under a confusing and conflicting patchwork of jurisdiction across our state,” Stitt said.

Stitt also said confusion remains in Oklahoma over whether tribal citizens on reservations must pay income taxes or can be cited by police for traffic violations.

“We can’t be a state that operates with two different sets of rules,” Stitt said. “Especially based on race.”

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, a frequent critic of Stitt and one of many tribal leaders in the gallery for the governor’s speech, bristled at Stitt’s suggestion that race is a factor in tribal relations.

“That’s either a very cynical, purposeful, strategic employment of rhetoric, or it’s born of complete ignorance, because we’re not talking about race,” Hoskin said. “We’re talking about sovereign nations. And if he doesn’t get it at this point, I’m starting to doubt that he will.”

Hoskin also downplayed Stitt’s contention that there is widespread confusion over criminal jurisdiction.

“The picture he’s painted of confusion, we don’t see it,” Hoskin said. “We see cooperation every day.”

Last year the Legislature convened in special session to override the governor’s veto of a bill to extend agreements on tribal tobacco sales and motor vehicle tags, and the issue is expected to surface again this year.

Many lawmakers hope the relationship between the tribes and Stitt has thawed somewhat following a deal the governor reached last month with the Chickasaw Nation for a 10-year agreement on tobacco and car tags. Similar deals have been signed with the Apache, Potawatomie and Wyandotte tribes.

“I see it as a very good indication that the state and the tribes will be able to work together,” said Sen. Brent Howard, chairman of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal relations.

Stitt isn’t the only GOP governor whose relationship with tribal leaders has been contentious. A South Dakota tribe on Saturday banned Republican Gov. Kristi Noem from the Pine Ridge Reservation after she suggested sending razor wire to Texas to help deter immigration and said that cartels were infiltrating Native American reservations in that state.

Among the issues Oklahoma lawmakers are expected to tackle this session is a possible income tax cut, a top priority for Stitt. The House approved a 0.25 percent reduction in the rate last week, but Senate leaders have said such a move is premature since final revenue numbers haven’t been released.

Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat released data over the weekend suggesting that cutting the state’s portion of the sales tax on groceries would save the average Oklahoman more than five times as much as a 0.25 percent income tax cut.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jeff and Haley Biggerstaff of Medford are proud to announce the birth of their son, Collin Lee Biggerstaff. Collin was born on Dec. 22, 2023, at 10:39 a.m. at Integris Hospital in Enid. He was 7 pounds and 11.6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Also excited to welcome Collin home were his big brothers; Aiden, 7, Ian, 5 and Levi, 3.

Maternal grandparents are



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Baby Shower

Please join us for a baby shower, celebrating the new parents-to-be Stephanie (Smith) Roy and Mark Roy who will welcome a baby girl in the spring.

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Baby registry can be found on Amazon.com

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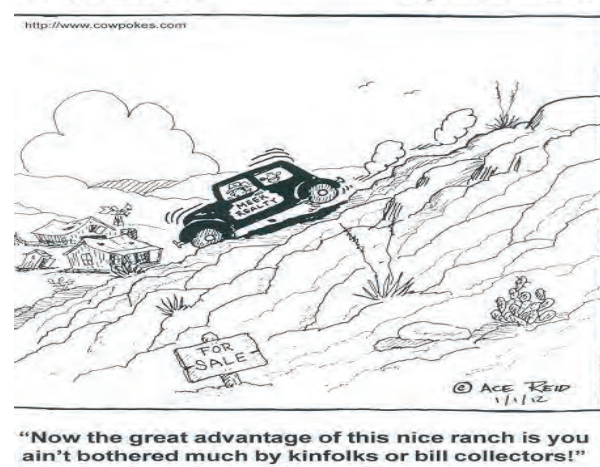
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Mostly About Nothing

By Cecil Hoar

I am creating this word-age just about a week (Monday) before one of my favorite holidays – Valentine’s Day.

It will be celebrated one week after this coming Wednesday, so I will try to get it off my chest and wish my lovely spouse a hopefully anticipated celebration of it.

As this is the first eventful celebration affecting our yearly wending through an-

other year of marital bliss, I figure we might as well start off the year on my usual “wrong foot” and consider this another epic column for her to remember. It will at least show her that I really do care. I hope!

There are a few of my many cantankerous acquaintances who actually were true Valentine’s gifts for their parents. My sister and that humble Little Jimmy Stowers are two of the more

unfortunate acquaintances I’ve had to put up with to go along with my often-forgotten present giving for about half a century.

I don’t know why it seems now to be such an easily forgotten experience as it was a really big deal in my grade school days. I could hardly wait for mom to take us shopping for a humongous supply of cards to distribute in class to our many classmates, who in turn gave us a

card in exchange.

Every classmate forked over these lovelies, and sometimes I’d get an exceptionally big, lacy creation from one of my secretly admiring gal friends. This did not happen often, and if it did, it probably did not come from that “babe” I was stuck on.

This Valentine’s presentation was the last hour of school, and it was a truly long, frustrating day for me

and my classmates as we all anxiously awaited our fate in these building, scary traditions in boy-girl relations. I kinda figure that this is just another way for the girls to capture the hearts of us guys at a really young age.

Who got the most Valentines? The teacher of course, and she just happened to be our mothering hen as we wound our way from grade to junior high school back in the days before our comput-

er age pretty well doomed individual Valentine’s giving.

Hallmark and all the “penny and nickel card” creators probably wish that those items were still as delightful for the young kids of today as they were for those generations of “gradies” we grew up in.

That age was much more personal and interactive for our nation’s school kids than this one has become.

Factual, Satirical, Humorous Comments From a Deranged Sooner Fan

By Jack LaFay

In past weeks, Boomer Sooner discussed the role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency commonly known as UNRWA within the Gaza Strip and their relations with the Hamas terrorist organization.

An investigation by Israeli intelligence revealed that 100s of UNRWA workers assisted Hamas in the terrorist attack on Israel resulting in the bloodiest attack on Jews in modern world history since the 1930s and 40s.

The Israeli government claimed for years that UNRWA promoted teachings aspiring terrorism and death toward the worldwide Jewish population with a special emphasis on Israel; furthermore, the verbiage enhanced an atmosphere of mayhem throughout the Middle East. UNRWA schools are a farm system and cesspools of evil for training future terrorists and a mechanism for stealing vast sums of cash for the Hamas terrorist organizations.

When informed that UNRWA was an organization depicting human sewage Donald Trump immediately ceased all American dollars toward the subsidiary of the United Nations.

On a side note, Boomer Sooner believes the United Nations personifies incompetence and moronic behavior at the highest level. The folks managing the daily activities of the United Nations

could not organize a first-grade recess.

Even after being warned about the pitfalls of UNRWA, President China Joe Biden reinstated funding in 2021. In early June of 2023, Ole’Joe filled the coffers of UNRWA by giving them \$153.7 million, and in the fiscal year 2023, the Delaware Dandy provided \$266.8 million of taxpayer dollars to UNRWA.

Indirectly, thanks to Ole’Joe and the Biden Brain Trust the USA financed the Hamas slaughter of innocent Israeli citizens. The intellectual giants of the Biden Best Buds Brotherhood provided finances that prompted catastrophic consequences in the Gaza Strip.

As Boomer Sooner has stated many times the Delaware Dandy is an equal opportunity employer in creating worldwide chaos by sponsoring the Ukraine/Russia War, Hamas/Israel Conflict and World / Iranian Terrorist Dilemma.

In 2014, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates stated about President China Joe Biden “I think he has been wrong on nearly every foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades – 40 years.”

Robert Gates is a renowned national security and foreign relations expert, serving as CIA director and Secretary of Defense for President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama.

He worked with President China Joe Biden for many years in D.C. and knew Ole’Joe was consistent in national security and foreign relations – consistently bad.

Points to Ponder Chief Cash Cow

No pun intended but Ms. Taylor Swift has become a cash cow for the Kansas City Chiefs and the National Football League. A marketing group estimated this young lady, by her relationship with Travis Kelce and the Chiefs, added \$331 million in value to the Chiefs and the NFL.

Her appearances in the enclosed Chief viewing areas at games brought a new era of hysteria for NFL fans and fostered increased viewing of Chiefs games on television. The Swifties, a loyal group of Taylor Swift fans, are purchasing NFL gear in unheard of numbers with Travis Kelce’s jersey being a big ticket item.

Several marketing groups claim the added market value could reach \$1 billion by Superbowl Sunday.

Ms. Swift kicks off the international leg of her Eras Tour in Tokyo, Japan on Feb. 7. Hopefully the unofficial Chief Ambassador of Goodwill can get to Las Vegas on Feb. 11 for the Super Bowl.

The Chief Kingdom needs to instill conservative thoughts into the mindset of Ms. Taylor because

the Delaware Dandy yearns for her as his youth vote ambassador.

DEI and More

Chit chat around D.C. has therapy dogs allowed in airport flight control centers for folks hired under the DEI process. Will these therapy dogs appease the newly hired mentally challenged DEI flight control agents? Hope there are no meltdowns landing planes.

What’s also scary is Transportation Director Pete Buttigieg allowing seeing eye dogs in the cockpit of commercial airlines to assist pilots with limited vision. DEI is running wild.

Big Big News

Spaces between ladder rungs have increased in the past decades because Americans are getting taller. Green Energy Czar John Kerry claims it’s due to climb it change.

Willow the White House cat plans to enter the 2024 Presidential Sweepstakes as an independent. Ole’Willow may not have vast experience in foreign affairs or national security but it knows how to climb stairs and get off a stage.

Backward Approach

President China Joe Biden wore a construction hardhat backward during a photo op with union workers in Superior, Wisc., and Boomer Sooner believes this was a

symbolic gesture representing the backward movement of our great nation over the past three-plus years.

President China Joe Biden’s Military Strategy Toward Houthi Terrorists

Rumors abound around Washington D.C. Ole’Joe’s decided on a multi-tiered response when attacking the Houthi terrorists in Yemen.

The first wave of the American military might involve cruise missiles destroying three-seat outdoor toilets in the terrorist compounds followed by air strikes on one and two-seat outdoor toilets. Our Delaware Dandy plans the mighty military barrages to occur during the Muslim hours of prayer lessening the chances of casualties because he doesn’t want to upset the Houthis.

Seriously speaking, the USA needs to blow the holy heck out of the Houthi terrorists and place strict oil sanctions on Iran. The Trump sanctions had Iran in serious economic strife but Ole’Joe lifted the sanctions and gave them billions of dollars. An international coalition of free-world countries could bring tremendous economic hardship to Iran and possibly a new era in the country.

The young generations of Iranians long for the ways of the free world.

We the People

By Tom Horn

Despite my better judgment, I watched a lot of the Grammys last night.

The missus wanted to watch it, so I told her as long as they don’t get political, I’d watch it.

Although many artists won many awards, the whole program seemed to revolve around Taylor Swift with the camera panning to her about every two minutes while she danced around and lip-synced with whoever was singing.

At the beginning of the show the host mentioned that Taylor Swift had been awarded three Grammys for album of the year, the same as Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon, and if she happened to get album of the year this year, she would be the only person to get that four times.

That was a clue. I don’t have anything against the woman besides her love for

Biden, I just don’t see what the big deal is.

The Oklahoma Republican Party voted on a resolution last week condemning and censuring Sen. Langford for his role in the then ongoing bipartisan border negotiations. Langford defended himself saying the Oklahoma GOP really didn’t know what was in the bill.

Well, the bill made the Friday night news dump this past Friday, and as I’m writing this Monday, the nearly 400-page document has been examined and is worse than was expected. It is so bad, it is doubtful if the bill will even pass the Senate.

When Senate Democrats eagerly support a border bill, you can consider that a clue. Everything I said was in the bill a couple weeks ago are in it, even though Langford is still denying it, talking in word salads like our acting vice president does.

And I want to make a correction on last weeks column. I said a letter written by 25 retired FBI agents was sent to Congress warning of impending attacks from now imbedded terror cells. The correct number was 10 FBI agents.

On that subject, I hate to keep hammering on this, but when Trump was in the White House, he had Iran sanctioned so hard that they could barely pay their electric bill. When Biden got into office he did like his old boss, sending them pallets of cash and removing sanctions to allow them to sell billions of dollars of oil.

Iran, with terror cells imbedded in the U.S., knows that as soon as Trump takes office, the party is over, and it will be back to the poor house for the Iranians.

By the way, they now have nuclear weapons grade uranium. All they have to

figure out now is how to put in on an ICBM. If you think about it, that drone that killed three of our soldiers was paid for by Biden.

Remember East Palestine and the terrible train wreck/chemical spill? President Trump waited two weeks, giving Biden time to make an appearance, and when he didn’t seem to show any interest in visiting the hurting people there, Trump came there with semi-trucks loaded with bottled water and other supplies, then treated lots of folks to pizza and burgers and socialized with them to let them know somebody cared about their plight.

Well, one year after the disaster, and nine months before the election, Biden has decided to give those poor folks a visit. What he will probably tell them is he has just been too busy to come down there. What

he won’t tell them is during his occupation of the White House, he has been on vacation 45 percent of the time. What kind of welcome do you think he’ll get?

Do you recall all those videos of statues like George Washington and Abe Lincoln being torn down and defaced with Democrats cheering them on? In the Iowa State Capitol building, in a prominent location, there is a Satanic alter. I kid you not. In the center of this alter is a statue with a goat’s head.

A military veteran was so incensed and offended by it that he decapitated the statue. The problem is Democrats worship that statue. The veteran was convicted of a hate crime and sentenced to five years in prison.

If you don’t have enough to worry about, I see two threats in the not-too-dis-

tant future. One is Chinese hackers working full time to disrupt our pipelines, our power grids and even our banking system. While our state legislature is making a big deal about cutting taxes and putting a few more bucks in our pockets, our power grid is totally vulnerable.

Another worry I have is about something most of you have heard very little about – AI – artificial intelligence. It is a very serious threat. With artificial intelligence, President Trump could make a speech confessing to trying to overthrow the U.S. government and you couldn’t tell it from the real thing.

I would like to end this on a bright note. If you take my predictions seriously, before the NFL Championship weekend, I predicted the Ravens and Lions would be going to the Superbowl.

Medford Superintendent’s Report

By Tyler Locke, Medford Public Schools Superintendent

The bond projects that were voted on by the Medford School District in March of 2021 are getting very close to completion.

The patrons of the district approved \$9.4 million dollars for an early childhood addition and new gymnasium. In March of 2021, the anticipated cost of those projects was \$11.9 million. The school district had planned to contribute

money from the general and building funds to cover the additional costs. We sold our bonds to the Bank of Oklahoma for an astonishing interest rate of 0.9 percent for the 10-year leavy. Unfortunately, after a longer than projected design phase we ran into an inflation rate of over 10 percent when we bid the projects in May of 2022. The architects and construction team had to go back to

the drawing board and value engineer almost \$1 million dollars out of the project. After the value engineering was completed, we finalized the project with a max cost of \$12,801,986. Fortunately, the school district was able to cover the additional cost from the original estimated price tag.

In July of 2023, we moved our PreK-second grade teachers into their new

classrooms at the west end of the elementary school. All classrooms are state of the art, and there is a storm shelter located on the north side of the new addition. There are six regular classrooms that all contain restrooms for students, a teacher workroom and lots of classroom storage for teachers. Students were welcomed into these large classrooms with all new furniture

and technology in August. These new classrooms were essential for helping us manage our growing elementary student population.

The new gymnasium is set to open in March of 2024. This date is fluid, but we should be two to three months ahead of schedule on receiving our certificate of occupancy. The gym will have a seating capacity of 900-plus and will allow for

us to be considered as a host site for OSSAA playoffs. More importantly, the new gym will allow for us to have a more efficient schedule that allows for more flexibility in scheduling PE and athletics periods.

We will still use our wonderful existing gym throughout the day and potentially as a dual site for our junior

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Strong Week for Wheat Amid Lowest Cattle Numbers Since 1951

Howdy market watchers. Another year, another month gone by. Warmer weather feels that spring is in the air. Punxsutawney Phil says it will in fact be an early spring, but he's only right some 40 percent of the time. February has become known for severe and unexpected cold to quash such hopes that winter is over and so beware we should be. However, the near-term outlook is for continued moderate temperatures and above average precipitation. The windows for field prep and application will continue to remain narrow, which could add some volatility back to markets in preparation for spring planting. Having said that, the coming months look to remain on the dry side for the Midwest. Such persistent dryer and hotter conditions could also add risk premium to row crops ahead of and in the weeks following peak planting of corn and soybeans.

Meanwhile, demand has been disappointing, which has continued to weigh on grain markets. The US dollar index has chopped sideways in a tight range since mid-January and looked to start weakening through the close on Thursday before surprise strength in US jobs data released Friday morning changed sentiments. US non-farm payrolls increased over 350,000 jobs in January, which was well above the 185,000 expected. Average hourly earnings increased double the estimate on a monthly basis and also 0.4 percent above year-over-year levels. Jobs were created across the economy, signs of broad based strength that

is not indicative of any major slowdown. Fed Chair Powell confirmed another pause in interest rates this week, but more importantly suggested that a cut at the March meeting is far from certain.

The outlook for interest rate cuts has changed substantially from the beginning of January to now the beginning of February. Yet the equity market, despite its ebbs and flows, made and closed at new highs to end the week. It seems that the Dow Jones is well on its way to 40,000 and the S&P 500 is headed for 5,000. What if anything is going to break this market strength? Even maintenance of these interest rate levels has not deterred the outlook for growth in this economy and investment dollars to continue buying. It is quite interesting to me that uncertainty in the world has not brought more risk premium to markets. This would be expected to be downward pressure on equities and upward support to commodities while the opposite is now witnessed.

Rising tensions in the Middle East that has now claimed American lives again risks further escalation that I expect to continue festering until after the US Presidential election. Spikes in oil prices are met with selling pressure keeping expected risk premium smothered. Some 80 percent of publicly traded market capitalization will have key leadership elections this year, which should add extraordinary uncertainty.

Yet, there seems to be some calm amidst the chaos that has seemingly become the norm. Vegas odds have former President Trump winning over Biden by a wide margin. Surprisingly, Michelle

Obama has better odds of winning than Nikki Haley although we've heard very little of the former. This could be a backup plan for the Dems should Biden's already limited awareness further wane.

The grain markets lacked luster this week with the exception of some strength in the wheat market. Chicago and Kansas City wheat markets surged on Friday making new recent highs, but settling well off those levels. As we discuss warmer weather in the US, major wheat-growing areas in northern India could also see warmer temps limiting yields. I still maintain that there are unknown shortages in wheat in China and India and possibly northern Africa with significant dryness there that will result in tighter stocks than we now know. As seen in chart patterns this week, I would expect bargain buying on any weakness in wheat contracts.

The corn market made new recent lows this week, but quickly bounced off such lows. Corn contracts ended the weak week, but above such lows. As we approach US planting, dryness in the Midwest is likely to come into focus as will the battle for acres between corn and soybeans. As South American weather continues to remain variable, so too have the row crop markets continued to be volatile.

Early soybean harvest in Brazil remains slightly ahead of average while the country's first crop corn harvest has been in line with the average. Brazil's safrinha corn planting remains slightly ahead of schedule. Ultimately, the fate of the corn and soybean markets in the coming months will be

determined by final numbers in Brazil and Argentina and planting weather ahead of the US battle for acres. Returning China demand will be needed to restore underlying support to the markets should production levels not a bottoming here. March soybeans made new recent lows on Friday, but managed to close a tick above the prior Jan. 30 low. Could this be a double bottom? I suspect so and we will know soon enough. The next monthly USDA Crop Production and WASDE reports will be released Thursday, Feb. 8 and will be the next fresh news for the markets to trade.

This week was a key report for the cattle markets after a \$35.00 per cwt rally since the Dec. 7 low. As if last year's numbers weren't bullish enough, this year's bi-annual USDA cattle inventory report set another record. The Jan. 1 all cattle and calves inventory was largely as expected at 98.1 percent of last year versus 98.2 percent expected, which was the lowest level since 1951. The Jan. 1 beef cow inventory was the same as expected, which was the lowest since 1961. The annual calf crop was slightly less than expected. The report was released at 2 p.m. on Jan. 31, which was after the market close.

Thursday's feeder cattle session started quiet and weaker for a period until closing the day \$4.30+ higher, filling the Oct. 20 chart gap. Friday's session put in a new daily high, but it was a quiet session overall. I foresee another \$6.00-7.00 per cwt higher, potentially, that will fill another gap. However, this time period is typically the highest of the year. If you've gotten by without price

protection, I would advise to add some here in case we see another break. The fundamentals are bullish, but they have been and yet the market broke \$60.00 per cwt. Volatility will be high and these much higher cattle prices need a strong consumer to digest higher beef prices.

Exports have slowed and domestic demand could as well if prices increase much further. We also need cash fed cattle prices to keep up with the increase in feeder prices. Cash fed cattle bids reached the upper 170s this week, but with limited trade. The cold, wet weather has slowed gains and likely part of this recent strength, but warmer, dryer weather in cattle feeding country will not be so kind as weights increase and feedyards need to remain current. I'd rather protect prices here above your break-evens and secure a profit and be wrong than I would to gamble on everything continuing to go higher and be wrong.

Sidwell Strategies is the one-stop shop to protect cattle with futures, puts, LRP or a combination of all, which is probably the best strategy overall. If you're ready to trade commodity markets, give me a call at (580) 232-2272 or stop by my office to get your account set up and discuss risk management and marketing solutions to pursue your objectives. Self-trading accounts are also available. It is never too late to start and there is no operation too small to get a risk management and marketing plan in place. Wishing everyone a successful trading week. Let us know if you'd like to join our daily market price and commentary text messages to stay informed.

PUBLIC NOTICE - GRANT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

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MINUTES OF BOCC REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma (BOCC) held a regular meeting Monday, January 22, 2024, at 9:00 am. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK, Friday, January 19, 2024, by 9:00 am, in accordance with Title 25, §301-314 O.S.

Fredrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After roll call, a quorum was acknowledged. Present were Craig A Fredrick, Max L Hess, and Steve Stinson. Cindy Pratt was present and Penny Huff entered at 9:12 a.m. Teleconferencing was enabled to comply with the Open Meetings Act. The commissioners used their signature stamp.

Stinson offered a prayer and Hess led the flag salute.

Pratt acknowledged the agenda was properly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

No comments from the public.

No Transfers of Appropriations were presented.

Stinson moved to approve (4) Blanket Purchase Orders. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve Purchase Orders and Travel Claims. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

2022-2023

SH SVC FEE 263, APPRENTICE INFO SYSTEMS, 1065.00.

2023-2024

GENERAL 924, QUILL, 392.90, 925, D.A.L. SECURITY, 42.00, 926, TM CONSULTING, 142.50; HEALTH 126, APS FIRE-CO, 111.00, 127, HELM, TERESA, 41.54; HIGHWAY 1089, SHAFFER, TONY, 12.09, 1090, JOHN VANCE MOTORS, 53433.00, 1091, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES, 115.52, 1092, LOWES, 115.52, 1093, YELLOWHOUSE, 1028.29, 1094, CINTAS, 136.61, 1095, SERVICE OKLA, 46.00, 1096, ENID IRON & METAL, 148.00, 1097, PIONEER TELEPHONE, 369.60, 1098, ATWOODS, 73.98, 1099, EULBERG, SHERRI, 150.08, 1100, HAMPTON INN OKC NW, 92.00, 1101, HAMPTON INN OKC NW, 92.00, 1102, HULL, JOSEPH R, 12.09, 1103, FREDRICK, CRAIG, 43.55, 1104, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES, 918.80, 1105, FARMERS GRAIN, 11017.57, 1106, MUNN SUPPLY, 32.55, 1107, DOLESE, 9911.39, 1108, CROSSROADS CO MARKET, 32.77, 1109, MUNN SUPPLY, 209.66, 1110, EARNHEART OIL & PROPANE, 106.92; RURAL FIRE-ST 140, CENTRAL ENERGY PROPANE, 740.00; SH COMMISSARY 21, CROSSROADS CO MARKET, 341.08;

SHERIFF-ST 9, MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY, 799.00, 10, DAVISON FUELS & OIL, 1926.57; SH SVC FEE LLC, LITTLE BS TWO 140, LITTLE BS TWO, 72.48.

Hess moved to approve the minutes of the 01-16-24 regular meeting. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess

- aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve the appointment for the County Clerk's Office as follows: Purchasing Agent - Katrina Stockton AND County Clerk's Deputies: Kerstin Gilkey-1st Deputy / Katrina Stockton-2nd Deputy / Holly (Chris) Hornung-3rd Deputy. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the 2023 claim for reimbursement of additional home-stead as presented by the Assessor's Office. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve the revised budget documents for OSU Extension for FY 23-24 from \$33,000 to \$16,501.00 at the request of OSU state office. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried. Pratt will communicate with Treasurer Huff and the BOCC with regards to correcting the entry to the general ledger.

Hess moved to table the revision of the vendor's name on PO 1780 & PO 2060 from D & D NAPA to Flaming Auto per Robin Fast OSA&I Office (D & D NAPA account receivables were purchased by Flaming Auto) as Dessie Scott is working on further clarification of the invoicing from D & D NAPA. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

At 9:13 a.m. Hess moved to skip to Item 61. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve

and sign a Letter of Assurance for County Eligibility regarding a grant application for Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services per the request of Asst. DA, Benjamin Bowers. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve Resolution 2024-05 to surplus (11) pieces of equipment to be taken to CED Auction & Sturgeon Auction for D3 as detailed below. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

2023-Chevy ¾ ton 4wd Silverado Crew Cab s/n ending 46117

2001 Ford F250 Pickup with sprayer - s/n ending 47561

2018 JD 6155 Tractor (#8) s/n ending 02620

2018 JD 6155M Tractor (#9) s/n ending 025142018 JD Tri Wing XC-15 Mower s/n ending 60283

2017 JD Tri Wing Mower s/n ending 60045

2011 Caterpillar Trackhoe with thumb (#2) s/n ending 00541

2012 Caterpillar Trackhoe (#3) s/n ending 01326

Allied Rock Hammer for Trackhoe s/n I04070

2013 Caterpillar 450F Backhoe Loader s/n ending 00223

Trackhoe Hammer Kit

Hess moved to approve the Revocation of Requisitioning Officers - Alexandra Brittain for Lamont Fire Dept. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

At 9:16 a.m. Stinson moved to return to Item 61. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson -

aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve 2023-17A Rebid for Rock - 6-month material bid due to inability to purchase 3/8" rock from only vendor who submitted a bid (Dolese did not have the supply available due to purchase by ODOT). Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the following Designation of Requisitioning Officer: Holly Horning for Lamont Fire Dept • Samantha Grinstead for Medford Ambulance • Kerstin Gilkey for Medford Ambulance • Kerstin Gilkey for Pond Creek Ambulance. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve the Farmer's Grain Company - Certificate for State Use for the following: District 1 • District 2 • District 3 • Emergency Management • Sheriff • Pond Creek Fire Dept • Fair Board • Hawley Fire Dept • Courthouse. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to transfer \$7,898.00 from General Contingencies M&O to Sheriff's Service Fee for partial payment of the Phone/Radio Recorder from Voice Products. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried. The Sheriff's Office will pay \$3,000 of the total cost of \$10,898.00. Voice Products will provide a loaner until the new recorder is received.

Discussion was had with regards to County Ambulance Services. Hess will reach out to Pebbles Ludington, Freedom EMS/

FD & Director of EMS for Woodward to see if she could attend a BOCC meeting to explain more about a 522 Ambulance Service District. Treasurer Huff will check on the maximum sales tax allowable limit. Hess needs further clarification on the effectives a 522 Amb Serv District will have on the school districts. Stinson will get with ADA Bower on who the authorized party would be for creating the boundary mapping.

No new business.

Stinson reported D3 is working on the 1st mile of the Grady Road Project as long as weather permits. Stinson plans to attend the OPEH&W board meeting in OKC on Thursday.

Hess plans to attend the NORPO and NODA meetings in Enid on Thursday. Hess attended the CED meeting last week. D1 has been moving rock and is building a bridge in the shop.

Fredrick reported D2 has been smoothing roads as fast as possible. D2 has been changing out culverts that have failed. D2 is unable to currently move rock as the quarry is temporarily closed.

At 10:15 a.m. Hess moved to adjourn. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Approved this 5th day of February 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

/s/ Craig A. Fredrick, Chairman

/s/ Max L. Hess, Vice Chairman

/s/ Steve Stinson, Member

/s/ Cindy Pratt, County Clerk

NEWS

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KEITH

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the Old Man In.”

“Cancer is a roller coaster,” he told KWTW during an interview aired last month. “You just sit here and wait on it to go away. It might never go away.”

Keith worked as a roughneck in the oil fields of Oklahoma as a young man, then played semi-pro football before launching his career as a singer.

“I write about life, and I sing about life, and I don’t overanalyze things,” Keith told The Associated Press in 2001, following the success of his song “I’m Just Talking About Tonight.”

Keith learned good lessons in the booming oil fields, which toughened him up, but also showed him the value of money.

“The money to be made was unbelievable,” Keith told the AP in 1996. “I came out of high school in 1980 and they gave me this job December of 1979, \$50,000 a year. I was 18 years old.”

But the domestic oil field industry collapsed and Keith had not saved. “It about broke us,” he said. “So I just

learned. I’ve taken care of my money this time.”

He spent a couple seasons as a defensive end for the Oklahoma City Drillers. But he found consistent money playing music with his band throughout the red dirt road-house circuit in Oklahoma and Texas.

“All through this whole thing the only constant thing we had was music,” he said. “But it’s hard to sit back and say, ‘I’m going to go make my fortune singing music, or writing music.’ I had no contacts.”

Eventually his path took him to Nashville, where he attracted the interest of Mercury Records head Harold Shedd, who was best known as a producer for the hit group Alabama. Shedd brought him to Mercury, where he released his platinum debut record “Toby Keith,” in 1993.

“Should’ve Been a Cowboy,” his breakout hit, was played 3 million times on radio stations, making it the most played country song of the 1990s.

But the label’s focus on global star Shania Twain overshadowed the rest of the roster and Keith felt

that the executives were trying to push him in a pop direction.

“They were trying to get me to compromise, and I was living a miserable existence,” Keith told the AP. “Everybody was trying to mold me into something I was not.”

After a series of albums that produced hits like “Who’s That Man,” and a cover of Sting’s “I’m So Happy I Can’t Stop Crying,” Keith moved to DreamWorks Records in 1999.

That’s when his multi-week hit “How Do You Like Me Now?!” took off and became his first song to cross over to Top 40 charts. In 2001, he won the male vocalist of the year and album of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards, exclaiming from the stage: “I’ve waited a long time for this. Nine years!”

Keith often wore his politics on his sleeve, especially after the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil in 2001, and early on he said he was a conservative Democrat, but later claimed he was an independent. He played at events for Presidents George W.

Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump, the latter giving him a National Medal of the Arts in 2021. His songs and his blunt opinions sometimes caused him controversy, which he seemed to court.

His 2002 song “Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)” included a threat – “We’ll put a boot in your ass – It’s the American way” – to anyone who dared to mess with America.

That song got pulled from a patriotic ABC Fourth of July special after producers deemed it too angry for the show. Singer-songwriter Steve Earle called Keith’s song “pandering to people’s worst instincts at a time they are hurt and scared.”

Then there was the feud between Keith and The Chicks (formerly called the Dixie Chicks), who became a target of Keith’s ire when singer Natalie Maines told a crowd that they were ashamed of then-President George W. Bush. Maines had also previously called Keith’s song “ignorant.”

Keith, who had previously claimed that he supported any artist’s freedom to voice

their opinion about politics, used a doctored photo of Maines with an image of Saddam Hussein at his concerts, further ramping up angry fans.

Maines responded by wearing a shirt with the letters “FUTK” onstage at the 2003 ACM Awards, which many people believed was a vulgar message to Keith.

Keith, who had acknowledged that he holds onto grudges, walked out of the ACM Awards in 2003 early because he had gotten snubbed in earlier categories, causing him to miss out when he was announced as entertainer of the year. Vince Gill accepted on his behalf. He came back the next year and won the top prize for a second year in a row, along with top male vocalist and album of the year for “Shock ’n Y’all.”

His pro-military stance wasn’t just fodder for songs, however. He went on 11 USO tours to visit and play for troops serving overseas. He also helped to raise millions for charity over his career, including building a home in Oklahoma City for kids with cancer and their families.

After Universal Music Group acquired DreamWorks, Keith started anew again, starting his own record label, Show Dog, in 2005 with record executive Scott Borchetta, who launched his own label Big Machine at the same time.

“Probably 75% of the people in this town think I’ll fail, and the other 25% hope I fail,” he said that year.

Later the label became Show Dog-Universal Music and had Keith, Trace Adkins, Joe Nichols, Josh Thompson, Clay Walker and Phil Vassar on its roster.

His later hits included “Love Me If You Can,” “She Never Cried In Front of Me,” and “Red Solo Cup.” He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2015.

He was honored by the performance rights organization BMI in November 2022 with the BMI Icon award, a few months after announcing his stomach cancer diagnosis.

“I always felt like that the songwriting was the most important part of this whole industry,” Keith told the crowd of fellow singers and writers.

GRANT COUNTY RECORD REPORT

January 2024

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LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of
JAMED DAVID LOGUE,
Deceased.

No. PB-2023-26

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT AND FOR DISTRIBUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARVIS VINSON AVERETT, JR., Personal Representative of the estate of JAMES D. LOGUE, deceased, ("Petitioner") has filed in the above court and cause his final report of the administration of the estate, showing that the estate is ready for final settlement, and petitioning for the determination of heirs, that the residue of the estate be distributed to the persons thereunto entitled thereto and for final discharge of the personal representative collectively, "the Final Petition" and that the 5th day of March, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom, at Medford, in Grant County, Oklahoma, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing thereof, when any person interested in the estate may appear and contest the same as provided by law. A copy of said Final Petition is being mailed to all heirs, devisees and legatees known to Petitioner with this Notice.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2024

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Tim E. DeClerck, OBA# 10271
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of
ELISA ANN GANT,
Deceased.

No. PB-2023-12

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Rodger L. Gant, the Personal Representative of the Estate of Elisa Ann Gant, Deceased, has filed in the above Court and cause his final account, petition for final settlement, determination of heirship, distribution and discharge, and that Thursday, the 29th day of February, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse in the City of Medford, Grant County, Oklahoma, has been set by the Court as the time and place for hearing thereof, when and where any person interested in said estate may appear and contest the same as provided by law.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2024.

JEFF CRITES,
Associate District Judge

Harvey Bush OBA No. 1364
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State of OK



AMENDED

ORDINANCE # 2023-4

Section 5-112

AN ORDINANCE BANNING MOBILE HOMES, AND/OR STORAGE CONTAINER/BUILDING HOMES IN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT, OKLAHOMA, EXCLUDING THE EXISTING MOBILE HOMES AND THE EXISTING MOBILE HOME AND/OR TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS. EXISTING MOBILE HOMES WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS MAY BE REPLACED WITH A NEW OR DIFFERENT MOBILE HOME SO LONG AS THE REPLACEMENT MOBILE HOME IS 5 YEARS OLD OR NEWER AND MUST BE AT LEAST 700 SQUARE FEET. ALL HOMES AND/OR MOBILE HOMES, WHETHER NEW OR PRE-EXISTING, MUST BE HOOKED UP TO WATER, ELECTRIC AND APPROPRIATE SEWER/SEPTIC. THIS ORDINANCE ALSO BANS THE USE OF TRAVEL TRAILERS AS PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF LAMONT, OKLAHOMA. TRAVEL TRAILERS MAY BE HOOKED UP AND USED WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT FOR UP TO FIFTEEN (15) DAYS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT, GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma deems it desirable for the benefit of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma that no mobile homes, and/or storage container/building homes be allowed in the Town limits of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma, excluding the existing mobile homes and the existing mobile home parks. Existing mobile homes within the Town limits of Lamont, Oklahoma may be replaced with a new or different mobile home in new or like new condition, so long as the replacement mobile home is five (5) years old or newer and must be at least 700 square feet. All homes and/or mobile homes whether new or pre-existing must be hooked up to water, electric and appropriate sewer/septic.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma deems it desirable for the benefit of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma that no mobile homes, and/or storage container/building homes be allowed in the Town limits of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma, excluding the existing mobile homes and the existing mobile home parks. Existing mobile homes within the Town limits of Lamont, Oklahoma may be replaced, with a new or different mobile home in new or like new condition so long as the replacement mobile home is five (5) years old or newer and must be at least 700 square feet. All mobile homes, whether new or pre-existing, must be hooked up to water, electric and appropriate sewer/septic.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma, deem it desirable for the benefit of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma that no travel trailer shall be used as a permanent residence in the Town limits of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma in excess of (15) days.

Extenuating circumstances regarding mobile homes, mobile home and/or travel trailer parks may be brought before the town council for consideration.

Immediately upon the effective date of this Ordinance all homes, mobile homes, storage container/building homes and/or travel trailers shall be subject to the above rules, regulations and other ordinances of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma.

The Town Clerk of Lamont, Oklahoma is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Ordinance among the public land records of the County of Grant, State of Oklahoma.

WHEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED and the Emergency Clause voted upon separately and passed and approved this 1st day of May, 2023.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT THIS 1st DAY of May, 2023.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TOWN OF LAMONT

BY:

Jeff Tebow
JEFF TEBOW, MAYOR

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State of OK

Shannon Schuermann the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Lamont, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a mobile home, storage container/building homes and travel trailer ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lamont at a regular meeting of said Board duly convened and held on May 1st, 2023. I further certify that the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act was complied with in all respects for such a meeting.

Shannon Schuermann
Town Clerk
Town of Lamont



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Case No. PB-2024-2

BECKY LaBRUE,
Deceased

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To: All persons interest in the Estate of Becky LaBrue, Deceased
You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of January, 2024, the Petitioner, Shelly Kane, 1214 Main St. Manchester, OK 73758 c/o Todd R. Burlie, P.O. Box 1897, Ponca City, OK 74602, Attorney for Petitioner, filed in the District Court of Kay County a Petition for Summary Administration, Appointment of Special Administrator and Admission of Will to Probate.

The Petitioner has alleged that Becky LaBrue, Deceased died testate, on December 13, 2023 domiciled in and residing at Community Health Center, Wakita, Grant County, State of Oklahoma, and that the total value of the Decedent's property in Oklahoma is approximately \$10,000. Attached to the Petition is an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent. Petitioner has asked this court to admit the Will to probate and for other summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. §245, et seq.

The names, and last known addresses of the heirs, legatees, and devisees of the Decedent at the time of her death is Shelly Kane 1214 Main St. Manchester, OK 73758.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 23rd day of January, 2024, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Will to Probate, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Becky LaBrue, Deceased, are required to present the

same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Shelly Kane, Personal Representative at the law office of Todd R. Burlie, P.O. Box 1897 Ponca City, OK 74602, addressed to Todd R. Burlie, attorney for the Personal Representative, no more than thirty (30) days following the filing and granting of the Petition, Order and Combined Notice which were filed and granted on the 23rd day of January, 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 21st day of March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, Oklahoma before the Court. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration, Admission of Will to Probate and the final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution of the Petitioner.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Will to Probate any time before the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of her attorney, Todd R. Burlie, P.O. Box 1897 Ponca City, OK 74602, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether the Will attached to the Petition shall be admitted to Probate and whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Approved By:

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Attorney for Petitioner

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (580) 395-2212 or email jjump@medfordpatriotstar.com



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dan Dawson was recently promoted to the rank of captain with the Wichita Fire Department. Dawson is pictured with parents, Duane and Diann Lawson, grandmother, Darlene Grover and wife, Taryn Dawson and sons Evan and Lucas Dawson during a recently pinning ceremony.

Wichita Fire Department Promotes Dan Dawson to Captain

PRESS RELEASE

When Dan Dawson was a student at Winfield High School, in Winfield, Kan., he knew he wanted to be a fire fighter.

He completed the Fire Fighter I course, during his senior year, and spent many of his days after school at the Winfield Fire

Department observing and doing ride outs with the fire fighters.

After graduation, he enrolled at Hutchinson Community College in 2004 and graduated in 2006 with an associate degree in fire science. He then attended Kansas State University where he served as a student

fire fighter for the Manhattan Fire Department.

In September of 2007, Dawson began the fire academy and graduated in December 2007, beginning his career with the Wichita Fire Department. He has been a member of the technical rescue team since 2012 and was promoted to fire

lieutenant in 2018.

Dawson has always strove to be the best fire fighter possible and takes every opportunity to get extra training to make him a better fire fighter. For several years, he taught the citizen academy where local citizens get an insight into the activities of the Wichita Fire Department.

Dawson was promoted to captain of the Wichita Fire Department on Feb. 3 and was pinned by his grandmother, Darlene Grover and his father, Duane Dawson.

He received his new helmet from his sons Lucas and Evan. Dawson.

He will be posted at Station 18 at K-96 and Webb

Road and is excited about his new career opportunity.

Dawson is married to Taryn (Kretchmar) Dawson, and they live in Cheney, Kan. with their two sons, Lucas (7) and Evan (5).

He is the son-in-law of Robert and Dea Mandevill, and the grandson-in-law of Bill and Jeannette Loch.

REPORT

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high and high school tournaments.

Once we receive our certificate of occupancy, we will be scheduling an open house for patrons to come and visit the new gym. I expect that to occur at some point in mid-April. As these projects come to completion, I am so thankful for the support our community has for our school system.



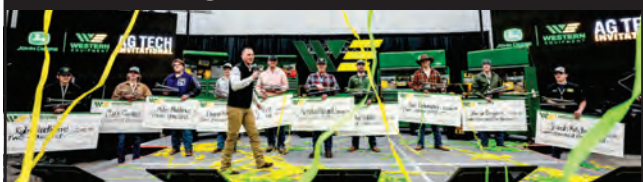
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2024 Ag Tech Invitational



Western Equipment, a John Deere dealer in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, hosted their annual 2024 Ag Tech Invitational at their Plainview, Texas location on Saturday, Jan. 20. The event was a huge success and highlighted emerging high school talent. Students from five states showcased their mechanical abilities on John Deere equipment, competing for scholarships and prizes.

The top 10 scholarship prizes winners were:

- Nicholas Bussard, Follett, Texas, \$20,000.
- Cutter Dobbles, Blanchard, Okla., \$15,000.
- Jake Delamatte, Colcord, Okla., \$10,000.
- Isaiah Mitchell, Woodward, Okla., \$7,500.
- Pearson Ferguson, Amarillo, Texas, \$7,500.
- Rowdy Koch, Kit Carson, Colo., \$4,000.
- Dawson Michel, Elk City, Okla., \$3,500.
- Miles Mathews, Spearman, Texas, \$3,000.
- Jack Canada, Canyon, Texas, \$2,500.
- Kyle Shackelford, New Deal, Texas, \$2,000.

These awards underscore WE's commitment to investing in the youth of our nation. The event included a career show, adding to its educational and engaging atmosphere.

WE will be sending 30 students to Ag Tech College this year and offering 50 internship opportunities in their shops.



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