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Grant County Farm Bureau Hosts Meet the Candidates

BY JASON JUMP

Editor

Local Grant County candidates for elected office addressed a standing room only crowd during a Meet the Candidates event hosted by the local Farm Bureau board.

Secretary/Treasurer of the local GCOFB board Kenny Ferda said the attendance at Medford's Civic Center was one of the best turnouts the board has ever had. Ferda introduced each candidate, who then had five minutes to talk to the crowd. No

public questions were asked during each candidates time slot, however, candidates did visit with residents who stuck around following the formal event.

The only two contested locally is for the county clerk's office and the sheriff. The order of speakers was determined by a draw before the event started.

Adrienne Hembree, who will take over for Deana Kilian in the court clerk's office, was also given time to introduce herself to the crowd following the county clerk and sheriff candidates.

Kilian, who originally filed to run for re-election, decided to retire instead.

Incumbent Sheriff Scott Sterling kicked off the slate of candidates. He shared details about his tenure with Grant County, which started in 1999. He has spent the last 12 years as the county's sheriff.

Sterling pointed out his support from not only local law enforcement agencies, but also from surrounding agencies.

He also pointed out times have changed during his time with the county, and

he felt like he had kept the sheriff's department in line with changes in procedures and technology.

Sterling also promoted his ability to hit the ground running from day one with a staff in place that has more than 100 years of law enforcement experience.

Pond Creek resident Tim Irvin, who was allowed to remain on the ballot after a recent challenge by Sterling, told the crowd he was running for sheriff because he was concerned with the plague of illegal drugs within the county and that the

sheriff's department needs to have more of a presence within the rural parts of the county.

He said the sheriff and deputies need to build relationships with the county's younger population. Irvin also wants all deputies to live within Grant County to help with call response times.

Rachelle McCaleb was the first county clerk candidate to speak.

She is originally from Enid, but married Grant County native Scott McCaleb. The couple decided to

make Medford their "forever home" in 2016.

McCaleb said the office of county clerk was not just a job, but a duty. She said her past work experience had given her the skills necessary to carry out that duty, and she also had the energy it takes to learn the position. She has 17 years of office administration experience, including time keeping, payroll, human resources, benefits, accounts payables and receivables, budgeting, transcription, training, as

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City Council Decides Location of Military Park With 3-1 Vote

BY JASON JUMP

Editor

The Medford City Council settled on a location for its new military park during Monday's meeting with a rare contested vote.

The board voted 3-1 to establish the park at the corner of S. 3rd and Highway 81.

Councilwoman Shari Englund cast the lone no vote. Councilman Rick Cardwell was not present.

The city purchased the piece of property more than a year ago with the intention of building the military park at that location. However, with recent developments regarding the city's Wilson buildings in downtown Medford, discussions had taken place regarding placing the park at that location once the buildings are

demolished.

City Manager Dea Mandevill said the city had been discussing the project for roughly two years, and she wanted some final direction as to the location of the park in order to get the project moving forward.

Mayor Gary Bowen said the land located at S. 3rd and Highway 81 could have a multipurpose function with the military park, as well as information regarding local attractions and businesses.

"People (will) stop there to look at it (the military park) it will also have a guide to what's in town too," he said.

While no one was scheduled to address the city council regarding the park's location, the floor was

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Voter Registration Deadline Set for May 24

PRESS RELEASE

Friday, May 24 is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the June 18 Primary Election, 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, May 24th. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted but will not be processed until after the June 18th Election. Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is also an official voter registration agency by the submission deadline.

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Medford to Retain Current Severe Weather Protocols

BY JASON JUMP

Editor

Despite recent concerns from local residents regarding the city of Medford's severe weather siren policy, the city council made no changes to the policy during Monday night's meeting.

The current policy states that Medford storm sirens will sound continuously if an actual tornado has been spotted on the ground by local law enforcement or official spotters within a five-mile radius of the city

limits.

Residents voiced concerns via social media after recent severe weather events within Grant County when sirens could not be heard in Medford. Tornadoes were spotted in multiple locations in Grant County during the recent events, but none were within the five-mile radius of the city limits.

Bill Loch said it might be better to have a 10-mile radius to make it safer for local residents.

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opened up to comments from the public with input on the location.

Medford Police Chief Jim Shepherd said he was not in favor of either of the two locations that were proposed Monday night.

"As a veteran, if we put it where the Wilson buildings are, I think the impression

would be we are hiding it (the park) in a hole," he said. "And if we are putting it on the triangle property on 3rd street, look around and see what else is there. The surrounding area is not that agreeable either.

"I don't want veterans to come in (to town) and think we're trying to hide it (the park) in a hole. I know it's drawing things to downtown, but I don't like that

one at all."

Carmen Schultz said the park needed to be downtown in order to draw more visitors to that area of Medford. Schultz said she was concerned with traffic slowing down on the highway to turn into a park located just off the highway.

"It would be good for downtown business," Schultz said.

England said she was also

concerned with the surrounding area if the park was located on the city's property at S. 3rd and Highway 81.

"There's not many ways you can disguise it," she said.

Mandevill said landscaping can be used to enhance the park.

Jeanette Loch questioned the city on what would be done with the empty lot left by the Wilson buildings. The

city manager said it would be the goal of Economic Development Director Duane Thompson to fill that area. Currently the plans are to leave the side walls and the front façade, but demolish the rest of the Wilson buildings.

Bowen said if the park was placed in the hole left by the Wilson buildings, it would be putting it in a "dark pit."

Councilman Steve Zeman said he thought the park might actually take away from businesses if it was located downtown, while Councilman Guy Knigge said the park could lead to congestion downtown if that is where it was placed.

Bowen, Zeman and Knigge voted to place the park on the city's property at the corner of S. 3rd and Highway 81.

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Sherrel Copeland said she agreed.

"The older people, especially if they need to leave their house and go somewhere, (five miles) is not a long time," she said.

City Manager Dea Mandevill reminded those in attendance Monday that storm sirens are geared toward people that are outdoors.

"They are not to alert people who are in their houses," she said. "They are for people who have been out gardening and haven't been watching the weather.

"Now days we all have

weather apps and get alerts well before."

Loch said not everyone has access to apps, especially older people.

"Not every house can hear the storm sirens either," Mandevill said.

Medford Police Chief Jim Shepherd, who is responsible for sounding Medford's storm sirens, reminded residents that when watching television, listening to the radio or view phone apps, weather warnings are geared toward entire counties, not necessarily specific areas within a county.

Shepherd said the first round of storms that came through Medford had a storm in the south part of

the county that was moving from southwest to northeast, which meant Medford was not in the storm's path.

The second storm, which was near Hillsdale and moving toward Medford had its warning removed just before Shepherd was going to set the sirens off.

The police chief said there is a judgment call that has to be made during each storm event. Shepherd said his ultimate concern is for the safety of all Medford residents.

"Sometimes its safer not to set the storm sirens off so people stay indoors, than it is to try and get them to move if the storm is too close at that point."

The police chief said himself and other officers receive training each year in severe weather spotting.

Shepherd said folks need to have a severe weather plan in place when they know severe weather has been forecasted.

Residents also expressed concern about whether or not local residents knew where each storm shelter is located. One resident said the new elementary school wing is a rated storm shelter, but she wondered if people knew it was available for use.

The county also has a public storm shelter that local residents can use during severe weather events.

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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 submit-

ting 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 in Medford and is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the Election Board at (580) 395-2862.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MINUTES OF BOCC REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma (BOCC) held a regular meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 9:00 am. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK, Tuesday, May 7, 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 and Penny Huff were also present. Teleconferencing was enabled to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

All three commissioners used their signature stamp.

Stinson offered the 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.

Hess moved to approve one Transfer of Appropriation for Co Clerk FT Salaries 0001-1-1000-1110 to 0001-1-1010-1110 Co Clerk Recording FT Salaries - \$5,000.00. Stinson seconded. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

No Purchase Orders and Travel Claims.

Stinson moved to approve the April 2024 Statutory Travel for Elected Officials for disbursement in May 2024. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the April 2024 Standard Payroll for Elected Officers/Employees for disbursement in May 2024. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve the Contract for GC Health Dept with AT&T Partner Exchange — WPS Info Engineering WPS-0-27686971 for phone services at the new facility. Hess seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick contacted Tecta America who was at ACCO conference and received a call back to set up an appointment to inspect the issues with roof and/or leaks in DA office, Judge's Office, and other possible areas within the courthouse. Fredrick will get with Tecta for a visual inspection and possible quote.

The leak in the Court Clerk's Office was caused by the geo-thermal system and Slatner Mechanical has repaired the leak. Stinson agrees we should have Tecta out for a visual inspection. Additional quotes may be needed. Stinson will reach out to Taylor Kretchmar who

works for a roofing company for an inspection as well.

The annual service contract was not renewed with Supercenter for the generator at the Courthouse/Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office had power from the generator during the severe storms but once the local electricity came back on the Sheriff's Office lost power. This was caused by a switch on the generator that malfunctioned.

Stacy Electric came out and fixed the issue. The BOCC may want to consider an annual service agreement with Stacy Electric for the generator service and maintenance. Stinson

will visit with Kevin Stacy about this matter.

No new business

At 9:53 a.m. Hess moved to adjourn. Stinson seconded. Fredrick - aye; Hess - aye; Stinson - aye; Motion carried.

Approved this 13th day of May 2024

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/s/ Max L Hess, Vice Chairman

/s/ Steve Stinson, Member

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Mostly About Nothing

By Cecil Hoar

It sure seems good to see our area getting lots of rain, which has been really scant for the past two years or so.

Unfortunately, some of our wheat fields are not going to produce much grain as the recent light freeze has damaged the plants' heads and will not contain grain. It seems like "Ma Nature" has once again doused the hopes for a bumper crop that you would think the abundant moisture in the

past three or so months has created.

Fortunately, a good number of later sowed fields will not be damaged and might contain some really nice yields. Of course, these fields could get hit with bugs, smut, weeds or hail before the season ends. Something usually happens to people called "farmers."

Speaking of seasons ends, our good buddies, Carmen Schultz with sister Liz Zal-

oudek (class of 61), cornered us while at Boondocks on Saturday and chewed us out for not mentioning the Aug. 3, big Panther and Bearcat reunion.

Last year, we had a really successful and enjoyable time at the facility across from the bank. It will be there again, and as far as we know, Carmen and Sherry Schuermann are two big promoters. We imagine

there are a bunch more alumni who will be getting involved as we move closer to the date.

In our discussion, a really neat historical moment in the life of our two heroines and our school came. The two were members of the Jess and Marie Sidwell clan, which included nine kids.

Jess and Marie came to Pond Creek from Texas in 1947 and their second daughter, Virginia, started

and graduated here in 1957. Their last kid, Rosemary, graduated 30 years later in 1977.

Folks, there was a "Sidewell" in Pond Creek's school system for 30 years. Carmen graduated in 1968. Eight of the nine, which excluded oldest daughter, Cinthia, probably saw their parents, Jess and Marie, finance a great deal of school lunch and workbook programs.

We had the pleasure of attending school with classmate, John, and his brother, Raymond, when we both hit the books (at least Ray did) at Oklahoma State in the late 1960s, and we know there are not many families so large that produced so many extraordinary citizens for America and the northwest part of Oklahoma's Grant County.

Jess and Marie would be most proud.

Factual, Satirical, Humorous Comments From a Deranged Sooner Fan

By Jack LaFay

Cash Behind The Chaos: The University Campus Anarchy

The past several weeks our great nation witnessed disorder characterized by violent and needless disturbances on university campuses in the name of the Pro-Hamas/Palestinian Nationalism Movement.

One of the anti-American organizations fostering this mayhem goes by the name Students for Justice in Palestine and operates loosely under the National Students for Palestine umbrella.

There are approximately 350 SJP organizations nationwide. These organizations are called Gaza Solidarity Encampments by its members.

In the eyes of folks with common sense, these encampments train prospective agitators in the finer points of techniques utilized to create anarchy on college campuses and endanger Jewish students.

The SJP organizations accept financing and support from Ole' Joe's billionaire donors, and their liberal, left-wing foundations. The money train of SPL organizations doesn't stop at the borders of the USA and meanders across the world collecting Benjamins from countries who want to harm America.

It befits universities to ban this organization from the environment of higher institutions of learning. The SJP's are not registered as non-profit organizations; therefore, they are not subject to financial disclosure where funds are obtained.

There are reasons to believe these organizations are soliciting funds through devious means. The

Department of Justice has an obligation to investigate the internal financial apparatus of SJP organizations, but does this transpire in an election year?

Multibillionaire Marxists find glory in financing incidents which glorify our great nation. The Dapper Delaware Dandy looks the other way regarding Anti-Israel/Pro-Hamas anarchists because he needs their support, and no action is the best action for his political well being. Ole' Joe cares only about himself and winning the 2024 election.

Has Our President Developed A Passion And Fondness For Hamas?

Ole' Joe visualizes pauses in weapon shipments to Israel because he questions their invasion tactics toward the city of Rafah, the last Hamas stronghold in the Gaza Strip. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin claims the USA has concerns over Israel's potential to utilize large bombs in Rafah causing massive destruction and death.

The Biden Brain Trust fails to point out these bombs are precision type weapons developed to reduce collateral damage and deaths. Ole' Joe and Mr. Lloyd orchestrated the greatest embarrassment in 21st century American military history aka "The Afghanistan Withdrawal," and now plot the game plan for Israel's do's and don'ts in the Hamas War.

It makes Boomer Sooner nervous that two leaders of democracy who left \$7 billion dollars of military hardware in Afghanistan yearn planning future military operations of the Israeli military forces.

Ole' Joe and the Biden Brain Trust are giving Israel the one-finger salute and blowing kisses to the Muslims and pro-Hamas lovers in the USA with hopes and dreams of acquiring votes from this voting group.

With little effort the Biden Brain Trust can foul up relationships with our precious allies; furthermore, it appears Biden's best buds wake up every morning proudly proclaiming, "This is a great day to botch up relationships with one of our allies." Through their random acts of stupidity and pathetic common sense, the Biden Brain Trust has the dubious honor of facilitating an environment supportive of a civil war, revolution and world war all at the same time. This misconception, misunderstanding and incomprehension of the world environment takes a boundless amount of unawareness which is the strength of the Biden Brain Trust. Is Ole' Joe shunning Israel for the best interest of his political campaign or the best interest of our nation?

The Dapper Delaware Dandy should address the nation on national television during prime time viewing and demand the unconditional surrender of Hamas and its terrorist regime. The leader of the free world needs to make the right decision not a political decision.

Alvin Bragg's Sexology Sitcom AKA Donald Trump's Criminal Trial

The Manhattan, N.Y. criminal trial of former President Donald Trump turned into District Attorney Alvin Bragg's Sex Chat Blabb-Out Disposition Show when his star witness Stormy Dan-

iels strutted to the witness stand and delivered a tutorial on sex in the 21st century.

Boomer Sooner's cardiologist advised him not to watch or read about Stormy's testimony because of his earlier quadruple bypass surgery and the possibility of heart palpitations. Boomer Sooner is really jealous of the Orange Cowpoke because he watched Stormy's steamy testimony and took notes.

The doctor advised Boomer Sooner not to read the Orange Cowpoke's steaming, sultry and sexual notes because of possible catastrophic heart palpitations and stroke possibilities.

Ms. Stormy's sexual babble on the witness stand didn't have anything to do with the charges against Ole' Donald and her appearance as a witness centered around disparaging and vilifying former President Donald Trump.

Boomer Sooner believes District Attorney Alvin Bragg is trying to create a sitcom rivaling the Jerry Springer Show of the early 2000s.

The George Washington University Mess

George Washington University, located several blocks from the heartbeat of our nation's governing activities, became the epicenter of Hamas/Palestinian Nationalist agitators the past several weeks. The nitwit agitators vandalized the statue of George Washington and our flag, intimidated students with antisemitic images, destroyed property and shouted vile comments at university police. Various terrorist flags representing murder, mayhem, mutilation, torture and rape were visible throughout the encamp-

ment site of the agitators.

The dunderheaded, progressive Dems remained silent about the chaos and extolled the agitators actions as examples of first amendment rights in the purest form. The numbskull actions by the campus agitators were illegal and dangerous to the campus environment.

After two weeks of chaos, Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser and her police chief decided to clear the knuckleheaded encampment because the encampment environment was becoming volatile and less stable.

Conclusion: Don't be in a foxhole with a progressive Dem when the enemy comes over the hill because the muttonheads will run the other way.

The citizens of our great nation cannot condone the disgraceful and shameful actions of a handful of numbskulls claiming the titles of representatives or senators whose greatest accomplishment in their political life centered around spelling USA correctly after three attempts.

Boomer Sooner does not have a lot of love for the progressive Dems wasting taxpayer funds in Washington D.C.

Great News

It appears the Dapper Delaware Dandy consented allowing Israeli military forces the usage of paintball guns when they attack Rafah – the last Hamas stronghold. This demonstrates outstanding presidential leadership. Israel's fighting for survival and Ole' Joe's fighting for votes.

Have a great week Grant County.

We the People

By Tom Horn

Another Kentucky Derby is in the books.

The three-horse photo finish just about guarantees another dry year for a Triple Crown winner. You'll know in a few days after the Preakness Stakes on Saturday.

President Trump held a record-setting rally (over 80,000) this past Saturday in all places New Jersey, one of the bluest states in the country. Trump, who normally doesn't waste time on deep blue states like New Jersey said he is expanding his campaign to include New Jersey.

The massive crowd went wild for him. Trump said Biden is so bad he may just take all 50 states.

Meanwhile at Trump's joke Stormy Daniels trial,

where the judge is trying to silence him with an unconstitutional gag order, Trump continues to violate it, telling the press daily what scumbags he's dealing with, and paying the \$1,000 fine.

The judge recently fined him for violating the gag order back in April after the trial had begun but before the judge had placed the gag order.

The Boy Scouts recently succumbed to the DIE crowd, forced to include girls and transvestites into their ranks, having to change their name to Scouting America. I have no doubt boy perverts will soon be infecting the Girl Scouts.

The list of state attorneys general who are suing the Biden administration for

raping Title IX is growing. The current list includes: Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky.

You know, I almost feel sorry for Speaker Johnson. He is just so pitiful. The one good thing McCarthy did while he was speaker was add two rules to the House.

The Democrats are notorious for rolling out bills thousands of pages long with only several hours to look at them before a vote is called and forbidding any amendments to it. McCarthy placed a minimum 72 hours to read the bill before it could be called up for a vote and added that amendments would be allowed.

Well, of course, the Dem-

ocrats didn't like that, so Speaker Johnson suspended those rules. Then Biden, who Johnson thinks is his friend, made a deal with the speaker. If you will bring a foreign aid bill, giving gobs of money to his friends in Ukraine, he would also put in a little aid in there for Johnson's friends in Israel.

Taking his friend, Joe at his word, he did as he was told. The bill passed, Ukraine got their money, then at the last minute ole' Joe pulled the aid to Israel. I guess telling naive Johnson, "Hah, I tricked ya."

I guess not all Democrats are antisemitic because a bunch of them are jumping on Biden's case for betraying our closest ally.

Something the congregation of my church has

been anticipating happened this last week. The United Methodist Church Legislative Assembly overwhelmingly overturned a measure banning LGBTQ church members from being ordained as clergy and leaders in the denomination. The move passed without debate.

The movement for this, in the large coastal churches, has been so strong it has caused a large percentage of Methodist churches in the heartland, especially Oklahoma and Texas, to disaffiliate in anticipation of it, including our Medford church.

During the news story on this, a woman wearing the collar of a pastor or whatever defended the move, saying the Word of God is

"evolving."

I think that's what they said in Sodom.

I'm going to end this with an observation. Biden has become so feeble he can't even read a teleprompter anymore. He has to be showed where to walk and can barely navigate. His handlers are mostly keeping him out of sight and under wraps.

Compare that to the recent 80,000-person Trump rally held in Biden's backyard, and you'll have to agree, if Biden wins reelection, the DCS (Democrat Crime Syndicate) will be the most powerful criminal organization the world has ever seen, and most certainly mean the end of this country as we know it.

Just my two cents.

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State Convention: PC-H FCCLA Travels to Tulsa

Seventeen members of the Pond Creek-Hunter FCCLA group attended the State FCCLA State Convention recently held in Tulsa at the Business Convention Center. They participated in a general session, three workshops and viewed booths. Following the convention, they spent time together at Incredible Pizza. Izzy Weber and Gabby Ayala applied and interviewed for North 2 District Officers. Pictured are PC-H FCCLA members: front row (L to R) Dannica Stapleton, Candice Smith, Ayala, Rikki Brown, Lily Winn, Riley Haskin and Ashton Spoonemore; back row (L to R) Ella Shaw, Aubree Davis, Keeley Francisco, Hadley Merriott, Payton Miller, Maddison Luginbill, Kinley Deterding, Parker Grounds, Weber and Cody Chance.

The Pond Creek-Hunter Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) group had several major events to end its school year. Three members participated in the State Star Events: Rikki Brown, Payton Miller and Izzy Weber showcased their project "Brownie Bites" in the category of Food Innovation. The event was held in Tulsa.

MEDFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 8 Special Meeting Minutes

The Medford Board of Education met for the Special meeting on May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge. Members present: Shawna Watson, Marshall Reigh, Tyler Kretchmar, Mark Drees. Also present: Tyler Locke, Superintendent; Luann Przybylski, Minutes Clerk; Preston Kysar, High School Principal; Heather Gottsch, Elementary Principal; Mike Bailey, Assistant Principal; Derek Sinor, SRO. Guests: Abbie Haskins, CTA Rep.; Jeanette Loch, Bill Loch, Donald McCoy, Troy Schuermann, Shanda Schuermann, Lyric Horn, Ethan Gonzales, Teague Schuermann, Lyam Kilian, Gunnar Ebert, Marlee Cink, Kenna Kilian, Kaydene Kilian, Cassidy Kilian, Bryer Curl, John Blubaugh, Kien Willet, Chase Abele, Nick Moss and Reese Royal.

Item #1: Shawna Watson, President called the meeting to order and recorded the members present and absent. Alyssa Morgan was absent.

Item #2: Jeanette Loch addressed the Board requesting 4-Star General Dennis Reimer, Retired US Army and 1957 Medford Graduate be named on the new school gym.

Item #3: Teacher's Report
Heather Gottsch gave a summary of the activities in the elementary school.

Abbie Haskins gave a summary of the activities in middle school and high school.

Item #4: Principal's Report:

Mr. Kysar and Heather Gottsch:

• April Star Students were: Dylan Aiken, William Krejsek, Dillon Baxter, Marlee Cink, Kylie Keller, Carlie Conradry, Skylar Anderson

• Students that qualified for FCCLA Nationals in Seattle were: Raegan Gottsch, Hayden Malcoff, Mary Evans, Kylie Keller, Lilyana Herrera and Lyndee Smith.

• Skylar Anerson qualified for State Golf

• Students qualifying for State Track were: Boys-Chase Abele, Jack Blubaugh, Gunnar Ebert, Kingston Edwards, Ethan Gonzales, Austin Kalblinger, Lyam Kilian, Reese Royal, Teague Schuermann, Kien Willet. These students also Won State Academic Champions. Girls-Skylar Anderson, Brinklee Blanton, Madi Corder, Ady Hammons, Jayda Kilian and Kassidy, Kaydene, Cassidy Kilian.

• Pep Band received a Superior rating at Tri-State. The following students received a superior rating on their solos, Rylee Elson, Lexi Cochran, Mickey Rhea. Taylor Anderson and Madasin Hall received an Excellent rating on their solos.

• Austin Skrdla received his State Farmer degree.

• HS graduation is May 17th.

• Michaela Myers was April Teacher of the Month.

• Teacher appreciation was this week.

Item #5: Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Locke:

• We have a few punch list items to be completed on the Bond projects and we will be done.

• We will hold an Open House for the New Gym on May 13th.

• Sand Ridge tax protest-\$168,000. We have three years to pay it back.

Item #6: Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the April 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes and April 18, 2024 special meeting.

B. Approval of contracts for Interquest Detection Canines, Campbell Therapy Services, OSSBA Employment Services, Chas W. Carroll PA., CRW Consulting, Stephanie Waldschmidt SLP for ESY services and OKTLE for the 2024-2025 school year.

C. Transfer for \$900 from concessions to the Class of 2024-2025.

D. Approval of monthly financial reports ending May 2, 2024.

i. Treasurer's cash balance report.

ii. Encumbrances numbered 609-665 in the amount of \$31,065.99 in the General Fund. Encumbrance numbered 2 in the amount of \$1,087,583.75 in the Sinking fund. Payment register submitted from the General, Building, and Sinking Fund.

iii. Monthly financial report of activity funds as reported by the Activity Fund Custodian.

The motion was made by

Tyler Kretchmar and seconded by Marshall Reigh to approve the consent agenda. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #7B: The motion was made by Mark Drees and seconded by Tyler Kretchmar to convene into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss the following items:

i. Employment of support staff listed on Exhibit B and C. 25 O.S. 307 (B)(1).

Members voted as follows:

Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #7C: The motion was made by Tyler Kretchmar and seconded by Marshall Reigh to return to open session at 8:54 p.m. with no action being taken during executive session. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #16: The motion was made by Marshall Reigh and seconded by Tyler Kretchmar to approve a \$5000 stipend for National Board certified teachers. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #17: The motion was made by Tyler Kretchmar and seconded by Mark Drees to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Luann Przybylski,
Minutes Clerk

Shawna Watson,
President

Alyssa Morgan, Clerk

Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #9: The motion was made by Mark Drees and seconded by Marshall Reigh to approve the employment of summer employees as listed on Exhibit C. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #10: The motion was made by Marshall Reigh and seconded by Mark Drees to amend the High School Principal contract to reflect the State Mandated raise.

Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #11: The motion was made by Marshall Reigh and seconded by Tyler Kretchmar to accept resignations from LeAnn Hammontree, John Armbrecht, Mike Hancock and Teresa Bentley. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #12: The motion was made by Marshall Reigh and seconded by Tyler Kretchmar to employ Mike Hancock as a route driver for PTC and part-time custodian. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #13: The motion was made by Tyler Kretchmar and seconded by Marshall Reigh to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,133.22 for the Bond Fund 31. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #14: The motion was made by Marshall Reigh and seconded by Mark Drees to approve an updated Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

Item #15: The motion was made by Mark Drees and seconded by Tyler Kretchmar to approve a \$1500 stipend for the Medford Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers of the Year. Members voted as follows: Watson, yes; Reigh, yes; Kretchmar, yes; Drees, yes. Motion carried.

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NOTICE OF THE DRAFT CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION

GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION NO. OKG010408

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AgPDES) Act and Oklahoma AgPDES Rules (OAC 35:44), notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF), at the address listed below, has processed and issued a draft permit authorization including permit terms to Muegge Feedyard, 16489 County Rd. 1060, Lamont, OK 74643, based on the notice of intent (NOI) submitted on July 14, 2023, for coverage under the Agricultural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit OKG010000 for Discharges from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state is authorized by this general permit except under a 25-year, 24-hour precipitation event or greater. All waste and/or wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land and/or transferred off site for beneficial reuse. Muegge Feedyard operates a 15,000 total Cattle (not dairy or veal) and a 5 total Horses CAFO facility under the Standard Industrial Classification Codes 0211 and 0272. The Muegge Feedyard facility is located in the SE/4 of Section 17, Township 25N, Range 3W, I.M., part of the W/2 and SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 18, Township 25N, Range 3W, I.M., and part of the E/2 of the NW/4 and the SW/4 of Section 16, Township 25N, Range 3W, I.M., Grant County, Oklahoma. The facility is located in the Arkansas River, Salt Fork watershed (Waterbody ID No. OK62100010010) of the Upper Arkansas River Basin. The designated beneficial uses of the potential receiving water(s) are public and private water supplies, fish and wildlife propagation/warm water aquatic community, agriculture, primary body contact recreation, aesthetics, and fish consumption.

The draft permit authorization including permit terms, may be reviewed on the ODAFF website at <https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/agricultural-environmental-management/>. Hard copies of the draft permit authorization including permit terms, the NOI, and the nutrient management plan (NMP) are available for public viewing at the Grant County Courthouse, 112 E. Guthrie St., Medford, OK 73759. The Courthouse is open during the following times: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. The telephone number of the Courthouse is (580) 395-2828. Hard copies of the draft permit authorization including permit terms, the NOI, and the NMP may also be reviewed at the ODAFF Office, Agricultural Environmental Management Services Division, 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, during working hours. Please schedule a date and time with the ODAFF contact person to review the relevant documents.

Persons wishing to make comments concerning the draft permit authorization, including permit terms, may do so by sending the comments in writing to the AgPDES Desk at the mailing address or the email address listed below within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice on a local newspaper. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the CAFO name to which the comment relates, and (3) a narrative comment and description of how the related authorization may affect quality of the waters of the State.

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well as creating and implementing policies and procedures.

"I've had the honor of serving many of you and others in Grant County when I worked at Farm Bureau," she said.

One of the important aspects of being an elected official is to be present and transparent, according to McCaleb.

"(The) county clerk is not just a job, but a duty that is entrusted to us by the people of our county," she said. "I will be dedicated to working for you, our community and our county employees in a professional and organized manner."

Incumbent County Clerk

Cindy Pratt was the final candidate to address the crowd.

The Medford High School graduate said she was raised to stand up for what is right. That life philosophy has led to number of confrontations, but Pratt said she stands by her willingness to do what is right for the county and its residents.

"I've worked very hard for this county," she said. "I've worked hard to protect the public funds."

She said most residents don't know how much work is involved in carry out the duties within the county clerk's office.

Pratt said she was not saying that everything she has done has been right during her tenure, but she's always looking out for the county.

A local resident contacted the *Medford Patriot-Star* following the forum and said they were concerned with Pratt not being completely truthful with local residents.

The caller said Pratt had not finished state mandated training, and had in fact been lax with public funds, including not paying a recent credit card bill, which cost the county \$250 in late fees. They were also concerned with a lack of her presence in the office.

"First I want to address my lack of presence. I am in my office more than most other elected officials are in their offices," Pratt said via email on Monday. "I work not only from the office but from home at times but usually not during business hours. Mostly at night and

on the weekends.

"I have verified with our core system provider of the security of me working from home and they said there is not an issue as they have strict protocols in place. The reason I work from home is because it is hard to get work done without getting interrupted. If you come to the courthouse on most Fridays, I will probably be the only elected official in the office. I have not taken more than a few days off at a time, and I can't even recall the last time I took a full week off from work."

Pratt did say she lacks a couple of classes, "but there is no time frame requirement for this and I will be scheduled to take this training once the new schedule is available from OSU CTP

which will be sometime in June. Therefore prior to the end of my term I will have all required classes completed."

Pratt also acknowledged the missed credit card payment. She said it was due to two individuals who recently left the clerk's office with "17 years of experience." These departures have led to new hires and new employees having to be trained.

"I have been working with the new hires in my office and we are all aware of the process at this time," she said in her email. "My office is working to see about getting some fees taken off. The fees have not been paid, and I was instructed by BOA not to pay at this time as credit could potentially be made to resolve this matter."

Pratt said she has also saved the county money in the past and is currently working on an issue with OTC to recover funds that would exceed \$20,000.

"I am sure that person did not mention that I recovered over \$8,000 from AT&T for overpayment by the previous clerk," Pratt said. "I work extremely hard for Grant County, and I know there is always going to be someone who thinks they can do a better job."

"I challenge anyone who wants to shadow me for a week and then they could understand a little more about the numerous duties assigned to the County Clerk's Office."

The election will be held in Grant County on Tuesday, June 18.

GRANT COUNTY RECORD REPORT

April 2024

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Christina Feist et al to Brian & Christina Feist Trust; S15 T28N R8W NW (Multi); Bk 788 Pg 945

John Kerr to Andrew & Bridgette Hendrick; MANCH ORG TOWN B4 L3-4; Bk 789 Pg 72

Louis Foster et al to Alice Foster; S29 T28N R4W SW; Bk 789 Pg 80

Timco Blasting Coating to City of Medford; S27 T27N R5W NW NW; Bk 789 Pg 130

Dean & Ann Goll to D and A Farms LLC; S36 T25N R7W N2 NW; Bk 789 Pg 152

Keith & Mary Hawkins to Keith & Mary Hawkins Trust; S21 T27N R5W SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 15

Red Cloud Holdings LLC to Harold & Ann Black et al; S15 T25N R3W E2 NE; Bk 789 Pg 159

Red Mitchell Enterprises Inc to Eldon & Pamela Mitchell; S23 T28N R7W NE; Bk 789 Pg 196

Steven & Jo-An Clover to Clif Frieouf; S11 T27N R8W NW; Bk 789 Pg 200

John & Mary Adams to Eric & Dana Cox; FAIR ACRES 2nd ADDN MFD B3; Bk 789 Pg 230

Micah & Jessica Farris to Gregory & Shannon Roy; NASH TOWN B55 L13-15; Bk 789 Pg 260

James & Kathy Wille to Lane & Kallie Williams; S25 T27N R3W NW; Bk 789 Pg 308

Jimmy & Sarah Reed to Jacob Blanton; LAMONT TOWN B43 L21-22; Bk 789 Pg 314

Dolores Lawerence Trust et al to David Kolarik et al; S3 T28N R5W SW; Bk 789 Pg 331

Us Bank Trust to Kristen Property Matters LLC; WEST ADD MFD B3 L5-6; Bk 789 Pg 380

Adriana Angeles to Brooke Sutton et al; SUNRISE TERR ADD PC; B3 L2; Bk 789 Pg 457

Steve Sutton to Brooke Sutton; SUNRISE TERR ADD PC B3 L2; Bk 789 Pg 454

Lonnie Hess to Johnie Coffey; EAST SIDE ADD WKTA B6 L 3-5 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 470

Ashley & Jacob Winn to Daniel & Trilby Schmidt; RENFROW ORIG TOWN B1 L1,3,5; Bk 789 Pg 480

Burlie Family Trust to Todd Burlie; S13 T29N R7W SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 486

Burlie Family Trust to Todd Burlie; S24 T29N R7W SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 490

Burlie Family Trust to Dawn McMurtrey; S26 T29N R7W E2 SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 488

WARRANTY DEED

Kyle & Nancy Hohmann to Hohmann Family Trust; S23 T27N R4W SW NW (Multi); Bk 788 Pg 881

First State Exchange Bank to Austin & Heather Matlock;

PC ORIG TOWN B24 L26-27; Bk 788 Pg 903

Marvin & Margaret Family Trust to Dean Goll; S36 T25N R7W N2 NW; Bk 788 Pg 924

Jason & Lanna Thrower to Kris & Tera Couchman; PC ORIG TOWN B65 L3 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 83

Michele McNamara to Joey Hayes, Jr.; MED ORG TOWN B11 S/2 L3 & L4-5; Bk 789 Pg 136

James Shrewsbury to Wyatt & Raley Shrewsbury; S1 T25N R8W S2 NW L3-4; Bk 789 Pg 175

Charles & Lori Tingley to Eric & Kristina Fischer; E LAMONT B67 L26-34; Bk 789 Pg 189

Owyhee River LLC to Tony & Sammi Sheets; S21 T27N R7W NE; Bk 789 Pg 204

Gary & Teresa Overman to Gary & Teresa Overman Family Trust; S7 T28N R4W N2 NE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 355

Fitzgerald Family Trust to Sheila Riecke; S21 T27N R3W NE; Bk 789 Pg 387

Ronald Riecke et al to Warren & Cathy Moore; S21 T27N R3W NE; Bk 789 Pg 392

Julia Boersma Trust to Woodland AG Holdings LLC; S26 T28N R3W NW; Bk 789 Pg 477

Daniel Bowling Trust to Steven & Tara Neilson; S36 T27N R7W SE; Bk 789 Pg 527

MINERAL DEED

Petroswiss Capital Partners to Petroswiss Development LTD; S7 T25N R3W SW (Multi); Bk 788 Pg 885

Martha Dorlon to James Mitchell et al; S9 T25N R7W SW NE L8, 9, 10; Bk 788 Pg 889

Grant County to JPFB Operating LLC et al; S35 T25N R6W NW SW (Multi); Bk 788 Pg 891

Kroll Family Trust to Johnie Kroll et al; S28 T25N R8W SE SW; Bk 788 Pg 934

Dean & Ann Goll to D and A Minerals LLC; S36 T25N R7W N2 NW; Bk 789 Pg 154

PERMINERALDEED;

Majory Hoover et al to Mark Norris; S19 T27N R8W NE; Bk 789 Pg 166

TRUMINDEED; Mary Hertach Trust to Michael & Meridith Hertach et al; S15 T28N R8W NW; Bk 789 Pg 220

Randall Boehs to Randall & Grayson Boehs; S10 T26N R3W ALL; Bk 789 Pg 235

Larry Bicknell to Larry Bicknell Trust; S28 T26N R6W E2 SW; Bk 789 Pg 297

Larry Bicknell to Larry Bicknell Trust; S2 T25N R7W S2 NW L3-4; Bk 789 Pg 299

Larry Bicknell to Larry Bicknell Trust; S24 T26N R7W SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 341

ASSNORRI; James & Jan-

et Jones to James Jones Trust; S24 T27N R6W NE; Bk 789 Pg 401

Mark & Carolyn Boyd to Boyd 2024 Trust; S33 T25N R8W SW NW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 403

Robert Haussler to Robert Haussler Jr et al; S32 T25N R3W SW; Bk 789 Pg 496

MORTGAGE

Austin & Heather Matlock to Flat Branch Mortgage Inc.; PC ORIG TOWN B24 L26-27; Bk 788 Pg 907

Randy & Donna Chelf to Sovereign Bank; MED ORG TOWN B15 L8 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 28

Kris & Sandra George to Security National Bank of Enid; S23 T27N R7W W2 NE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 40

Bryan & Stephanie Slaving to Oklahoma Agcredit; S21 T25N R8W SE; Bk 789 Pg 73

Kris & Tera Couchman to Security National Bank; PC ORIG TOWN B65 L3 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 88

Joey Hayes, Jr. to First State Bank of PC; MED ORG B11 S/3 L3 & L4-5; Bk 789 Pg 131

Wyatt & Raley Shrewsbury to USA Farm Services; S1 T25N R8W S2 NW L3,4 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 179

Tony & Sammi Sheets to Communication Federal Credit Union; S21 T27N R7W NE; Bk 789 Pg 208

The Peck Family Trust to First National Bank of Oklahoma; S35 T25N R5W NW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 249

ASSNRENTS; C&I Construction to First State Bank PC; S3 T25N R7W W2 NE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 274

Jonathon & Alyssa Morgan to First State Bank PC; S10 T27N R5W NW NW; Bk 789 Pg 284

Mark Faulkner to Communication Federal Credit Union; PARKVIEW ADD WAKITA B4 L3; Bk 789 Pg 359

Bachman Family LLC et al to Farm Credit; S31 T27N R3W NE; Bk 789 Pg 415

Donald Bachman to Farm Credit; S15 T28N R3W SE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 408

OGMTG; Resource Oil & Gas LLC to First Liberty Bank; S3 T26N R6W SE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 408

TERMLIFEEST; Homer & Cheryl Holden Trust to The Public; S1 T25N R8W S2 NW L3-4; Bk 789 Pg 169

Zander Family Trust to The Public; S5 T25N R8W N2 SE (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 226

POD; Dirk Rickard to The Public; S28 T25N R8W N2 SW; Bk 789 Pg 266

Lavona Devore Trust to The Public; S3 T28N R5W S2 NW; Bk 789 Pg 321

TERMLIFEEST; Homer & Cheryl Holden Trust to The Public; S1 T25N R8W S2 NW L3-4; Bk 789 Pg 169

MEMO; Joseph Skrla to EDF Renewables; S6 T27N R4W E2 SE L4-5; Bk 789 Pg 473

First State Bank PC to Katerine & Franki Roberts; WALKERS ADDN MFD B7 L1-3 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 495

Farm Credit to Kyle & Nancy Hohmann; S8 T27N R4W SW; Bk 789 Pg 453

Farm Credit to Kyle & Nancy Hohmann; S30 T27N R5W SW (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 338

Stride Bank to Shawn & Suwinya Farney; MFD ORIG TOWN B25 L8-9 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 338

Stride Bank to Shawn & Suwinya Farney; S5 T26N R5W SW; Bk 789 Pg 339

Cleo State Bank to Marcia & Heath Thomas; NASH TOWN B33 L13-24 (Multi); Bk 789 Pg 225

First State Bank PC to Joey & Brittany Hayes; PC ORIG TOWN B41 L5; Bk 789 Pg 299

First State Bank PC to Joey & Brittany Hayes; S21 T25N R7W W2 NW; Bk 789 Pg 299

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In the shade of a .

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And they can give me quite a scare.
That's why I keep a very
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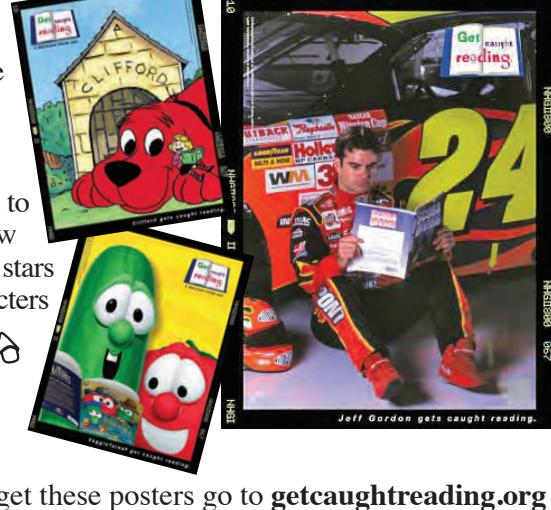
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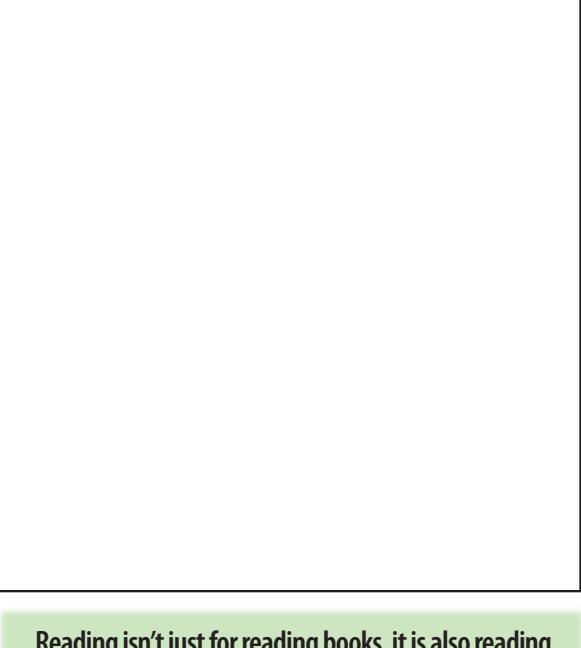
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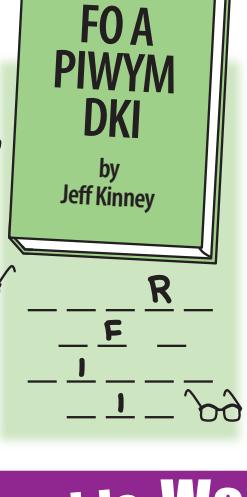
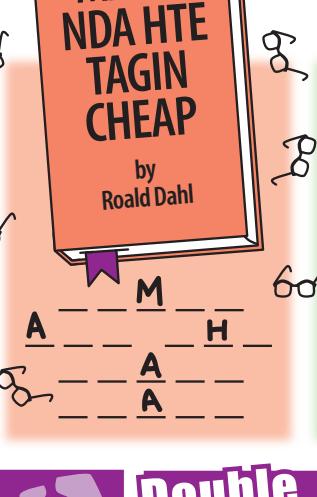
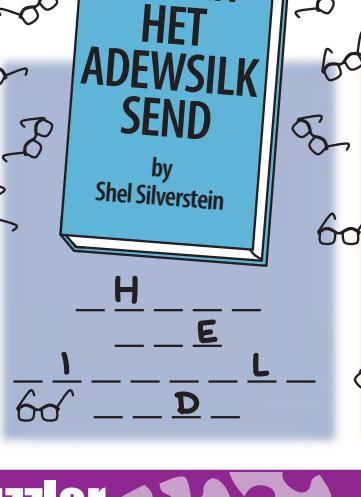
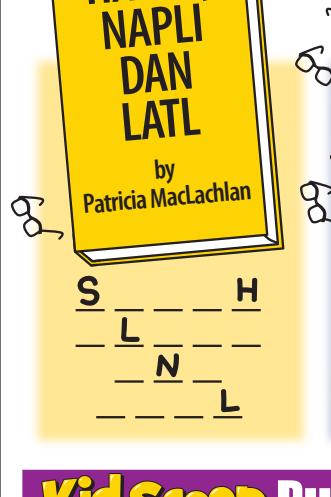
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GARY IRVIN FOSTER, an individual, Bradley Scott Foster, an individual, and Brent Shane Foster, an individual, Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GARY IRVIN FOSTER, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2024-2

ALIAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GARY IRVIN FOSTER

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of Grant County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered cause, by the above-named Plaintiffs, in which action Plaintiffs have filed their Petition praying for judgment against you determining a sale of full title to the subject Real Property situated in Grant County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Section Two (2), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Seven (7) W.I.M., Grant County, Oklahoma

is in the best interest of all concerned, ordering a sale of said property under such terms and conditions as Plaintiffs deem appropriate, free and clear of any and all right, title, claim, or interest you may assert to quiet and confirm Plaintiffs' title against you as described in the Petition and for all other relief deemed just and equitable.

You must answer the Petition of the Plaintiffs herein on or before the 21st day of June, 2024, or said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered against you as prayed for in said Petition, and as set forth in this notice.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2024.

By:

Court Clerk
(seal)

Andrew S. Ewbank, OBA No. 20979
EWBANK & HENNIGH, PLLC
1010 W. Maple
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT ALVA BRAY,

No. PB-2024-6

s/p/a ROBERT A. BRAY,
Deceased.

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ALVA BRAY, s/p/a ROBERT A. BRAY, DECEASED:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 7th day of May, 2024, the Petitioner, BETTY KING BRAY, 11430 Timberline Court, Flint, Texas 75762, filed in the District Court of Grant County, Oklahoma, a Petition for Summary Administration. The Petitioner has alleged that ROBERT ALVA BRAY, s/p/a ROBERT A. BRAY, age 87, died on October 4, 2022, domiciled and residing at 11430 Timberline Court, Flint, Texas 75762, and the total value of the Oklahoma estate of the decedent is approximately \$80,000.00.

Attached to the Petition is a certified copy of the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent and a certified copy of that certain Order Probating Will and Authorizing Letters Testamentary. The Petitioner has asked that this Court admit said foreign will to probate and order summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S., Section 245, et seq.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered herein, this Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order Notice to Creditors and issue an order for a hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees and Distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against ROBERT ALVA BRAY, s/p/a ROBERT A. BRAY, 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 the Petitioner, in care of Scott W. Stone, STONE LAW FIRM, PLLC, Arvest Bank Building, 729 West Main Street, Suite 200, Duncan, Oklahoma 73533, on or before the 10th day of June, 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held on the 18th day of July, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, Oklahoma, before Judge Jeff Crites. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees and Distribution of the Petitioner.

The Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees, Devisees and Distribution will be filed herein at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing aforesaid.

The names and addresses of the non-petitioning personal representatives, heirs, devisees, legatees and other persons interested in the estate of the decedent are as follows:

Betty King Bray
11430 Timberline Court

Flint, Texas 75762

(Heir, Legatee/Devisee of Non-Oklahoma estate and Oklahoma estate and named

Independent Executrix)

Roy Bray

7033 Tobosa

Odessa, Texas 79765

(Heir)

Sherri Reed

1741 Tall Timber Drive

Tyler, Texas 75703

(Heir)

Ginger Strudgeon

4701 91st Avenue NE

Norman, Oklahoma 73026

(Heir).

The total value of the decedent's Oklahoma estate is \$144,000.00 or thereabouts.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT YOU MUST FILE OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION AND ADMISSION OF FOREIGN WILL TO PROBATE AND THE FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES AND DISTRIBUTION BEFORE THE HEARING AND SEND A COPY TO THE PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY, SCOTT W. STONE OF STONE LAW FIRM, PLLC, ARVEST BANK BUILDING, 729 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 200, DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA 73533, 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 days before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether the Last Will and Testament attached to the Petition for Summary Administration shall be admitted to probate, whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed, and to whom the estate will be distributed.

Betty King Bray, Special Administratrix of the Estate of ROBERT ALVA BRAY, s/p/a ROBERT A. BRAY, deceased

Scott W. Stone

Jackson T. Stone

STONE LAW FIRM, PLLC

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Grant County, State of Oklahoma

Notice is hereby given that, under authority and mandatory requirement of 68 Okl. St. Ann. SS 3125 and 3127 each of the hereinabove described lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate, all situated in Grant County, State of Oklahoma, will be sold at public auction to the highest competitive bidder for CASH, provided that for each parcel or tract, other than vacant lots, located in any city or town or in any addition to a city or town, the bidder offers a sum equal to or greater than two-thirds of the assessed valuation of such real estate as fixed for the current fiscal year or the total amount of taxes, ad valorem and special assessment, interest and costs legally due on such property computed to and as of June 10, 2024, whichever is the lesser; said sale to be held in the Treasurer's Office of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, State of Oklahoma, beginning on the second Monday in June 2024, at 9:00 a.m. until said sale has been completed according to law.

It is hereby stated that each of said lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate hereinabove listed was sold to the County at delinquent tax sale, October 1, 2021, in the absence of bidders therefore, has remained unredeemed for a period of more than two years from the date of sale, and no person has offered to purchase the same for the taxes, interest and costs due thereon; that in the schedule below appears under caption indicating Lands (Section, Township and Range), City or Town, or subdivision thereof, in which located, following each described lot, tract, and parcel of real estate, in the order herein set out, the name of the owner as shown by the last tax roll (2023) in the office of the County Treasurer, the date on which said real estate was sold to the County for delinquent taxes, the year or years for which taxes have been assessed but remain unpaid, the total amount of all delinquent ad valorem taxes, cost and interest that have accrued thereon and remain, legally due and unpaid as of the date of first publication of notice of resale. The total amount of all delinquent special assessments, costs and interest that were made the basis of or were included in the original sale and that since accrued thereon and remain due and unpaid as of said first publication in May, the date of said resale, and the total due. On resale date one and one-half per cent further interest will have accrued.

The above notice applies to the following lots, tracts, and parcels, to-wit:

Witness my hand this 15th of May, 2024 Penny Huff, County Treasurer, Grant County, Oklahoma

| Type | Year | Tax | Penalty | Cost | Total |
|---|------|----------|---------|--------|----------|
| TID: 6675 GLENN, MICHAEL & MICHELE W | | | | | |
| LOTS 19-21 BLOCK 70 ROCK ISLAND ADD. MEDFORD | | | | | |
| 75X140 | | | | | |
| REAL | 2020 | 101.00 | 63.63 | 340.00 | 504.63 |
| REAL | 2021 | 121.00 | 54.45 | 20.00 | 195.45 |
| REAL | 2022 | 126.00 | 34.02 | 25.00 | 185.02 |
| REAL | 2023 | 133.00 | 11.97 | 0.00 | 144.97 |
| REAL Total | | 481.00 | 164.07 | 385.00 | 1,030.07 |
| TID: 6671 GUTHRIE, TAMARA M | | | | | |
| LOTS 6-9 BLOCK 70 ROCK ISLAND ADD. MEDFORD | | | | | |
| 100X140 | | | | | |
| REAL | 2020 | 139.00 | 87.57 | 340.00 | 566.57 |
| REAL | 2021 | 158.00 | 71.10 | 20.00 | 249.10 |
| REAL | 2022 | 157.00 | 42.39 | 25.00 | 224.39 |
| REAL | 2023 | 158.00 | 14.22 | 0.00 | 172.22 |
| REAL Total | | 612.00 | 215.28 | 385.00 | 1,212.28 |
| TID: 8154 HUTCHERSON, JOHN WAYNE | | | | | |
| N40' OF LOTS 13-16 BLOCK 33 ORIG. TOWN LAMONT | | | | | |
| 40X100 | | | | | |
| REAL | 2020 | 7.00 | 4.41 | 340.00 | 351.41 |
| REAL | 2021 | 7.00 | 3.15 | 20.00 | 30.15 |
| REAL | 2022 | 7.00 | 1.89 | 25.00 | 33.89 |
| REAL | 2023 | 7.00 | 0.63 | 0.00 | 7.63 |
| REAL Total | | 28.00 | 10.08 | 385.00 | 423.08 |
| TID: 4039 OATHOUT, WES | | | | | |
| PT SW 5-28-4 1.25 ACRES | | | | | |
| REAL | 2020 | 239.00 | 150.57 | 340.00 | 729.57 |
| REAL | 2021 | 286.00 | 128.70 | 20.00 | 434.70 |
| REAL | 2022 | 298.00 | 80.46 | 25.00 | 403.46 |
| REAL | 2023 | 315.00 | 28.35 | 0.00 | 343.35 |
| REAL Total | | 1,138.00 | 388.08 | 385.00 | 1,911.08 |
| TID: 8076 SMITH, KEITH MITCHELL | | | | | |
| S78' OF LOTS 6-12 BLOCK 9 ORIG. TOWN LAMONT | | | | | |
| 140X78 | | | | | |
| REAL | 2020 | 40.00 | 25.20 | 340.00 | 405.20 |
| REAL | 2021 | 40.00 | 18.00 | 20.00 | 78.00 |
| REAL | 2022 | 43.00 | 11.61 | 25.00 | 79.61 |
| REAL | 2023 | 46.00 | 4.14 | 0.00 | |

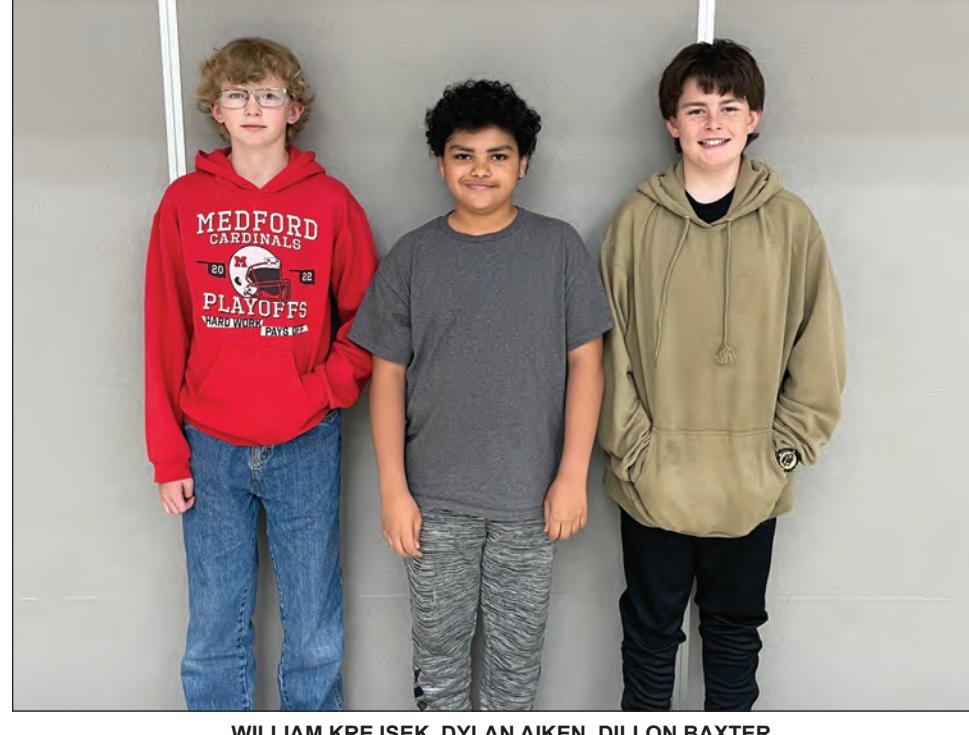
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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (580) 395-2212 or email jjump@medfordpatriotstar.com

MEDFORD HIGH, MIDDLE SCHOOL APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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Russian Freeze, USDA Reports Support Grain Bulls

Happy Mother's Day weekend market watchers. We honor and thank all the mothers out there for raising us right and putting up with us through the years. We are truly grateful for your love, kindness and patience.

Speaking of the need for patience, it has been difficult to be so with continued short covering in the grain markets from volatile weather patterns that seem to be gaining more attention from the markets. Freeze concerns for winter wheat in Russia have brought fresh bullish news back to the wheat complex. USDA's monthly WASDE and Crop Production reports released Friday also added supportive news for the wheat markets.

US wheat ending stocks for 2023/24 came in at 688 million bushels, lower than previous and lower than average trade expectations of 695 million bushels. Wheat ending stocks for the coming marketing year also came in slightly below previous estimates (766 vs. 769 million bushels), but well below average trade guesses that were actually expecting an increase to 777 million bushels. US wheat production for this year was pegged at 1.858 billion bushels, down 30 million bushels from average trade guesses, but still 46 million bushels above last year.

Hard red winter wheat production (traded as the KC wheat futures), which represents over 55 percent of all winter wheat output, was increased 10 million bushels to 705 million bushels while soft red winter (traded as the Chicago wheat futures) production declined to 344 million bushels from last year's 449 million bushels and average trade guesses of 404 million bushels. Some felt these

expectations were quite high to begin with as a 60 million bushel decline between USDA and average trade guesses is quite a swing. July Chicago wheat futures, now the front-month, made new daily highs on Friday at \$6.65 1/4, after an inside day on Thursday, which suggests more upside follow-through on Monday.

The KC wheat contract traded to a high of \$6.76 1/4 on Friday, putting in a fresh session high right near the close before closing 3-cents off these highs at \$6.73 1/4. While this was up solidly on the day, it failed to make a high above the May 6 high at \$6.79. Short covering continues by managed money, but I'm getting concerned that the wheat market could be getting ahead of itself, especially the KC contract.

Rains are forecast over the weekend into next week in Kansas and Oklahoma. Recent cooler and wetter weather conditions have been excellent for filling of wheat kernels, but will do little to increase bushels other than through test weight. If conditions can remain on the wetter and cooler side for a couple more weeks, we could see a better-than-expected finish to this year's crop in areas.

However, there remain large areas where it is too little, too late with rainfall spotty and wheat conditions poor from heat and drought especially given crop maturity is well ahead of average. Last Monday's winter wheat conditions update saw a slight, one percent improvement in Good-to-Excellent ratings at 50 percent versus 49 percent last week and expected by traders.

Oklahoma saw a 6 percent jump in G/E ratings to 52 percent while Kansas increased only one percent G/E. Nebraska up 4 percent while Colorado was down

one percent from the week prior. Alternatively, soft red winter wheat areas saw declines in weekly condition ratings. Spring wheat planting is nearly half complete and remains well ahead of schedule.

Globally, wheat ending stocks were lowered slightly for this past year with 2024/25 wheat ending stocks coming in 2.8 million metric tons below trade expectations and 4.2 million metric tons below last year. That is a decent adjustment for global stock levels although wheat export availability was only reduced by 1.0 million metric tons from last year. Russian wheat crop estimates have been reduced to 88.0 million metric tons from last year's 91.5 million metric tons as has confidence in export pace due to disruptions in grain export companies, but only 1.5 million metric tons lower.

Stats Can released quarterly grain stocks for Canada on Tuesday trimming wheat stocks to 11.756 million metric tons from trade estimates at 12.2 million metric tons and last year's 13.901 million metric tons. Other grain stocks also came in lower than expected. Shifting to row crops, the bulls favored corn while the bears positioned for soybeans.

US corn ending stocks for this past year and the coming year both came in 100 million bushels below previous USDA estimates as well as 68 million bushels below trade guesses. New crop was a whopping 430 million bushels below USDA's February Outlook Forum estimates and 185 million bushels short of average trade guesses. This was driven partly by a reduction in production as well as increase in last year's demand and we're expecting more upward revisions of demand in the new crop numbers

from where they now stand.

The USDA now sees US corn crop production at 14.860 billion bushels, slightly lower than the average trade guesses of 14.867 billion bushels, but well below the February Outlook Forum forecasts above 15 billion bushels. Average yield is seen at 181.0 bushels per acre. Global corn ending stocks were also trimmed 5.0 million metric tons while new crop came in 5.1 million metric tons below trade guesses.

Despite announcements out of China for larger corn production and expectations of lower imports, the USDA holds PRC corn imports at 23.0 million metric tons.

Brazil corn production was revised lower by only 200,000 metric tons while Argentine production was increased by 1.0 million metric tons, which was a surprise given leaf hopper issues there.

Soybeans ending stocks in the US were higher for both old and new crop. While US soybean yield was increased just slightly to 52.0 bpa, total production was revised just 3.0 million bushels versus trade guesses and 55.0 million bushels below the Outlook Forum. Brazil soybean production was reduced 1.0 million metric tons from last month, but came in 1.8 million metric tons higher than average trade guesses. Argentine soybean production was unchanged from last month. China imports were also unchanged at 105.0 million metric tons.

US corn and soybean planting continues progressing, but at a slower pace due to rain delays. Both US corn and soybean plantings came in 3 percent behind expectations this past week. There are scattered showers over the weekend, but I would expect progress to catch up quickly.

However, this also supported these markets, especially corn, in the past week. Higher priced corn markets creates headwinds for the cattle complex. We saw that this week with damage done on feeder and fed cattle charts. Feeder cattle dropped to the lowest level since mid-April while fed cattle contracts traded down to the 20-day moving average, but managed to hold around that level as cash trade developed towards the end of the week. The highest cash trades of the week traded \$187 in Nebraska while Kansas topped out at \$185.

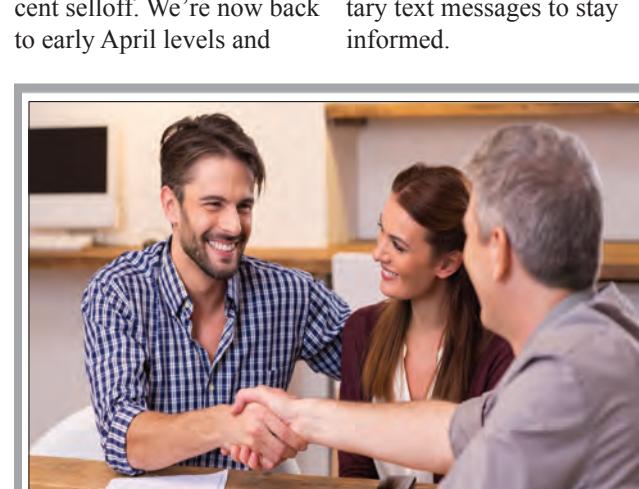
These are decent levels and trading well above the futures.

Despite further weakness in Friday's trading, the feeder and fed cattle futures contracts managed a strong recovery off those lows leading into the close. If you've sold physical cattle here and/or have an LRP soon to expire, I think this is an area to reown a long position in the market to protect that upside gap.

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