

## 'Not Enough Data or Expertise': Oklahoma Lawmakers Consider Future of Data Centers

BY EMMA MURPHY  
*Oklahoma Voice*

Nearly a dozen state lawmakers heard from operators, developers, environmental agencies, local elected officials and concerned Oklahomans Tuesday as they weigh the best way to regulate the rapidly changing data center industry.

Oklahoma lawmakers held the study in hopes of finding a

legislative solution that balances the needs of data centers operators with the growing concerns of residents. Residents in Oklahoma and across the country are concerned about the impact the massive facilities, which house and maintain the physical equipment needed to process digital information, will have on their utility bills and how much water they consume.

Some Oklahoma governments, like in Oklahoma City and the

Seminole Nation, have enacted moratoriums on new construction as the demand for data centers increases with growing use of artificial intelligence.

Rep. Mark Chapman (R-Broken Arrow) who hosted the study, said state lawmakers need to look at the issue from multiple perspectives and figure out how to be as fair as possible to both data centers and Oklahomans when regulating the industry.

"Some people may be completely on one side or the other of this issue," he said. "But I would like to think that, as with most things, the truth may fall somewhere in the middle."

Chapman said data centers are coming to Oklahoma either way and the state needs to decide how it wants to participate.

"I'm not saying any of this to be a cheerleader for the data center industry," he said. "I'm simply

pointing out that regardless of where you stand on future data center development, we already use them all the time."

He said he and other lawmakers should be wary of "one-size fits all" solutions.

Kaily Ball, a resident of Kingfisher County, said she began researching data centers when one began being developed five miles

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## Voter Registration Deadline Nears

**PRESS RELEASE**

Friday, Oct. 9, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election Grant County Election Board Secretary Gonzales said today.

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, Oct. 9. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted, but will not be processed until after the Nov. 3 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 explaining the reason(s) the application could not be 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 members reminded voters that applications must be approved by the Secretary of the County Election Board in order to vote.

Registered voters who have moved to Grant County from a different county or state will need to complete and submit a new Voter Registration Application in order to update their voter registration. New applicants may register to vote using the OK Voter Portal's Online Voter Registration System at [oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp). (A current and valid Oklahoma Driver License or State ID is required for online registration.) Voter Registration Applications can also be downloaded from the State Election Board website at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections) or obtained from your County Election Board. Applications are also available at most tag agencies, post offices and public libraries.

If you have moved within the county and need to update your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal or complete a paper Voter Registration Application.

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 at (580) 395-2862 or email [grantcounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:grantcounty@elections.ok.gov).



MEDFORD AND POND CREEK-HUNTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Homecoming Week: MHS, PC-H Celebrate Same Week

Medford High School and Pond Creek-Hunter High School will both celebrate homecoming this week. TOP: Medford High School homecoming court consists of: front row (L to R) Ring Bearer Collin Grinstead, Hayden Malchoff, junior attendant, Cadee Kelley, freshman attendant, Hayzlee Herrera, senior queen candidate, Brinklee Blanton, senior queen candidate, Brennan Locke, sophomore attendant and Flower Girl Macie Hoover; back row (L to R) senior boys Price Locke, Laken Lamle, Kyler Beech, Reese Royal, Lyric Horn, Nick Moss, Trent Lohmann and Tucker Duke. Not pictured is Rhett Tripp. BOTTOM: The Pond Creek-Hunter football homecoming coronation will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. The three queen candidates are: front row (L to R) Alli Cooley, Chloe Williams, and Hallie Jones. The crown bearer is Grayson Bowman, far left, and the flower girl is Nora Gibson, far right. This year's king candidates are: back row (L to R) Cord Southwick, Carlos Robinson, and Noah Crouch.



MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Band: Cardinals March at Fair

The Pride of Medford High School marching band poses for a photo at the recent Oklahoma State Fair at the fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

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# DEATH

## VICKI LYNN SCHUELEIN

Vicki Lynn Schuelein, 86, of Enid, passed on to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, Sept. 20, 2026.

She was born on Oct. 19, 1939, to Walter John and Virginia Cowen. She graduated from Lamont High School in 1957 where she met the love of her life, Stanley Schuelein. They were married on May 25, 1958, and to this union they added two children – son, Kirk (Melody) Schuelein, of Lamont, as well as their children and grandchildren: Alicia and Steve Cowherd, of Pond Creek, Koby, Teagan and Haizlie; Sierra and Craig Regier, of Deer Creek, Camri, Kendall and Easton; Summer and Dusty McClure, of Morrison, Sawyer, Luxx and Rydge; Kolton and Kaylee Schuelein, of Lamont, Kinlee and Kase and daughter, Kris (Roscoe) Grimes, of Pond Creek, and their children and grandchildren; Tyler and Jennifer Grimes, of Kremlin, Clara and Jake; Taylor and Cody Clafin, of Sheldon, Mo., Cade and Cameron; Trent and Kayla Grimes, of Pond Creek, Keaton and baby.

Stanley and Vicki began their married life in Lamont where they enjoyed a multitude of opportunities and challenges in their 51 years of marriage. When the family



moved to the farm in 1966, she became the truck driver for wheat harvest, along with meal duty and still running the Peppermint Pad. She even drove the truck in multiple states when they took the show on the road custom cutting along with her dad. In the late 80s, she worked hard to obtain her license to sell insurance to help with the family finances where she enjoyed all the clients and interactions while helping people meet their insurance needs.

Vicki was a member of the First Christian Church, of Lamont, where she taught Sunday school, Bible study, sang in the choir and later led the choir, still driving back to Lamont on Sundays for church. She moved to Enid after Stanley's passing. Having her independence while living on her own and driving were important to her, while also following all the many activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed playing canasta and having Bible study with some old and new friends in Enid.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Virginia, sisters SuEllen and Janice and a grandchild Emily. Vicki was laid to rest next to Stanley in the Lamont Cemetery following the services.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Lamont First Christian Church, with Pastor Jeff McReynolds officiating. Burial followed in the Lamont Cemetery under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Pond Creek.

Memorial contributions in Vicki's name may be made to the Lamont Ministerial Alliance with Wilson Funeral Home serving as custodian of the funds. Condolences may be made and memories shared at wilsonofpondcreek.com.

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### Sale of Real Property

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Tract 2: Lots Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-Two (22), Block Four (4), Original town of Jefferson, Oklahoma (formerly Old Pond Creek), Grant County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Tract 3: Lot Twenty-four (24), Block Ten (10), Original town of Jefferson, (formerly Old Pond Creek), Grant County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The Town of Jefferson has declared the above property as surplus and is offering the property for sale. AS IS. Anyone interested in purchasing the property should submit their offer to purchase via sealed bid sent to the Town of Jefferson, 1042 2nd St, Jefferson, OK 73759. All bids must be received before 7:00 p.m. on the 30th day of October, 2026, and will be opened at the Town of Jefferson Board Meeting set for 2nd day of November, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The Town of Jefferson has set a minimum bid of Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each property. The Town of Jefferson reserves the right to reject all bids.

Property in Jefferson is in known flood plain. An old homestead is located on one of the properties. If demolished, the debris cannot be buried on the property.

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Rules for roll-offs are as follows:

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# OPINION

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## Mostly About Nothing

*By Cecil Hoar*

Growing younger is not an option for us folk witnessing disappearing patches of hair; creeping hearing loss (especially with a spouse); tasting rejections of once favorite foods; and shrinking physical ability to mow lawns, wash dishes and laundry, and clean house. You also get a chance to enjoy the pleasant effects of dementia,

Parkinson’s, or Alzheimer’s diseases, at least making your favorite doctor happy.

I am now in this stage which my wife feels has been around for at least a couple of decades. Sunday, she witnessed this situation again as I forgot her birthday for about the thirtieth time. Thankfully, our kids have not. Wayne Herod, because

his late wife, Linda, has remembered it more than me, too. Linda has a calendar of the birthdays of everyone she knew, I think, and never failed to call them on their birthdays.

Charlotte has been the benefactor (and lucky me) by this exceptional kindness that Linda and, now Wayne, have bestowed on so

many friends and relatives throughout their lives. “Paying it forward” is an idea Linda believed in from our years together, beginning in First Grade in 1953. Linda and Phil and Lawana Galaway came to our town to create the Buy Rite Grocery, as well as lead in ardent community service. Fortunately, the store survives as

Jan and Jerry Shaffer have taken on the business to keep our Buy Rite going. It is still the main asset for our community.

It’s been a long time since my Oklahoma State’s Cowboys played a lot better football than this year’s Sooners so far have. A long season and injuries, or other problems may change these sit-

uations dramatically. After all, O-State looked kinda bad against Tulsa then showed Oregon and West Virginia how to win ballgames. O.U. seems to be going the other way and could be quite glad that the Cowboy’s are not on their schedule. With the outlandish NCAA Portal, no team may ever again be called “unbeatable.”

## Factual, Satirical, Humorous Comments From a Deranged Sooner Fan

*By Jack LaFay*

### America’s Demographic Melting Pot Just Got Another Ingredient, And It Ain’t Purty

Many of our Democratic best buds look through tarnished spectacles, claiming Islamophobia/ Muslimophobia destroys the favorable identity and perception of the Arab population in America. The last time ole Boomer checked, there were no Smiths, Joneses, or Browns named on the FBI 9/11 terrorist list; however, 19 dudes with Muslim/Arab names are listed. Boomer Sooner isn’t spewing and spurting Islamophobia/Muslimophobia; just old-fashioned common sense, which is sorely lacking in this age of instant gratification and jubilation.

It is sad; 25 years after 9/11, a plethora of joyous Muslims who call America their home praise these deceased wackadoodles. Why are Americans allowing these loudmouth hooligans who get thrills and chills screaming “Death to America” to reside in the USA? These malcontents are wasting our precious air and polluting our environment. If they hate the USA, “read the lips of joe and judy citizen get the heck out and don’t let the door hit you in the rear!”

America needs to face reality and understand that the vast majority of Muslims do not want to assimilate into our culture and Western Civilization. Their long-term goal is the destruction of Western Civilization and the culture that transcends it.

The ultimate goal of the vast Muslim population is the implementation of their culture in the ways of life within Western Civilization. Boomer Sooner contends our anti-terrorist policies have not gone far enough to adequately protect the USA. Pew Research. org claims Republicans are more likely than Democrats to say they are concerned with Islamic Terrorism in America (65 percent vs. 38 percent).

The good ol’ Biden Administration allowed thousands upon thousands of bad-actor Muslims into our great nation with little vetting, which produced criminality, fraud, and anti-American sentiment. It appears many Muslims hated our nation before their toes got wet crossing the Rio Grande River. These National Honor Society candidates were national frauds at the highest level. With the Muslim fraud aimed at federal assistance programs, it is safe to say, “The

American taxpayer is one of the biggest contributors to worldwide Muslim terrorism.”

Historical estimates suggest that in 1970, 300,000 Muslims were living in the USA, and in 2026 the number increased to 5.5 million. The Biden Brain Trust assured hard-working Americans that the Muslim population personified Greatness for America. The Federation of American Immigration Reform claims a country without a shared language, values, and patriotism is not a nation but a hodgepodge of feuding tribes ripe for conflict.

### The Game

Last Friday, Boomer’s son called and told him that, through miracles of technology, the Medford/Pond Creek Hunter football game was on his phone and the game started at 7:00. What a game! Both teams demonstrated speed, quickness, and physicality, which are key ingredients for success. The PCHS team made a tremendous defensive stand in the second half, which paved the way for a victory.

Here are Boomer Sooner’s down-to-earth observations.

- Many of the student-athletes on

both teams would start for a 4A-1A team. Several of these players would be big-time contributors to 5A and 6A teams.

- A combined Medford/PCHS team would contend for a 4A-1A State Championship.

- Last Friday showcased two fundamentally sound football teams, as demonstrated by action on the field.

- Both teams have excellent coaching, which is based on Boomer’s 50 years of coaching, supervising, and announcing football games.

Funny Story: One time, announcing Boomer came close to saying into the microphone, “Holy s— -- The tight end is wide open!”, but I caught myself in time. The crowd knew what I was thinking.

- Barring key injuries, both teams will play deep into November.

Food for Thought: When the leaves turn brown, a well-rested team wins the crown.

Boomer has one small favor for the coaches of both teams: Travel down to a university south of OKC in the hamlet of Norman and explain to their coaches “How to effectively run the football.” Try making it really simple using words

with fewer than three syllables.

- It ain’t bragging if you can do it, and Medford/PCHS can darn sure do it!

### Boomer Sooner’s Fabulous Football Forecast: Oct. 3

Sooners 3, Open Date 2: The mighty Sooner Offense dazzles the crowd by rushing for 100 yards.

OSU Cowboys 40, Open Date 3: Pistol Pete announces he’s dating a Red Raider Cheerleader!

Notre Dame 41, North Carolina 10: Fighting Irish go wild in Chapel Hill.

Jayhawks 31, Middle Tennessee State 14: Blue Raiders fall apart in the second half.

Upset Special: Mississippi State 34, Alabama 20: The MSU QB pulverizes Alabama D with running and passing.

Colorado 28, Red Raiders 10: Folsom Field is not kind to the Red Raiders.

Huge Loss: Missouri 20, Florida 14: Missouri D hangs tough and Tigers prevail.

Indiana 52, Rutgers 3: Hoosiers slap hapless Rutgers around at SHI Stadium, Piscataway, NJ.

Have a great and glorious week Grant County.

## We the People

*By Tom Horn*

The first week of football season saw OU just crushing a no-name team and the Cowboys getting spanked by Tulsa. Now look where we’re at. OU is losing games they should be winning, and after the Cowboys pulled off the biggest upset in college football history, followed it up by beating a tough West Virginia team on their home field, leaving OU as unrated, and OSU ranked 19th. Who woulda thunk?

“Holiday Roooooad..Holiday Roooooad!”

If you’ve ever watched any of the National Lampoon “Vacation” movies, have I got a treat for you. Our recent annual four-day camping/trout fishing trip would certainly make good movie material. Our trip, which goes from Thursday to Sunday, was this past weekend.

Things began to go awry when weather forecasted heavy rains and flash flooding in Northern New Mexico on Thursday, so, as a precaution, we rented a room at the Laguna Vista motel for Thursday. Things went downhill from there. When we pulled our little, old pop-up camper out of the garage to air

up the tires Wednesday evening, we found that while the tires had nearly new tread, they were severely weather-chapped, with multiple deep cracks in the sidewalls. Anticipating blowouts in a deluge of rain, we started looking for new tires, winding up buying two tire/wheel combos at Walmart for \$233 including installation.

By 10:45, Judy, Clayton and I were finally on our way. We made the trip, chewing on smoked chicken thighs and legs while we drove, and was crawling up the Cimarron Canyon about 6 p.m. The flash flood watch turned out to be mostly light sprinkles. As we passed our “Maverick” campground, we were shocked to find it closed, along with every other campground in the canyon. We found out they were all closed Sept. 15 for renovations. You’ve heard the term “Location is everything?” The Laguna Vista motel is a very plain-jane two-story motel with all doors facing out. It’s clean with the basic necessities including a microwave and fridge. The doors use actual keys. It’s a kind of basic motel you find up in

the mountains. In OKC this motel would rent for about \$60 at most. In Eagle Nest it rents for \$168.

On Thursday night we normally grill weenies or sausages for hotdogs and heat up a can of ranch style beans, along with Pringles. Anticipating wet weather, we pre-grilled the chili-cheese sausages, nuking them and the beans and eating in our room. The next morning we headed for Red River, looking for a home for our camper. Red River, in the mornings and evenings, is crawling with mule deer. I was glad to see they were not so domesticated to utilize the crosswalks. We finally found Elephant Rock campground several miles north of Red River.

Since it was still lightly raining, we just parked the camper and went looking for trout. Several miles up the road towards Questa, we found a nice public pond alongside the road. The bite was nearly non-existent, so we spooled up and headed back south. The rain had stopped by then, so we set our camper up before heading into Red River. We always eat out on Friday nights.

There was a festival going on when we got there, so we went through it before finding a nice Mexican restaurant for supper.

Back at camp, we got a fire going, and Clayton and I enjoyed a sundowner and a cigar (an occasional habit I picked up) before turning in.

Due to the distance involved and the price of gas, we never made it down below Ute Park to see our elk herd, but we got quite a treat on our way to the Questa pond Saturday morning. We rounded a curve to find a mature, full-curl bighorn ram casually eating grass on the side of the road. We went past him and I got out to take pictures, which he gladly posed for. The bite was still slow at the Questa pond, but Clayton managed to pull one out before we pulled up and headed on around the Enchanted Circle to the farmer’s market in Taos where we bought a bag of hatch peppers and a bag of fresh homemade tamales.

Continuing on around the circle, we stopped at El Jeffe’s Cantina by the Angelfire ski lift, and enjoyed a pitcher of margaritas with our

tamales.

Thinking only the campsites were closed, we went back down the canyon and parked outside Maverick campground, and with poles in hand headed for the ponds behind the campground. We smelled them before we saw them. The ponds had been drained, and were littered with dead fish, so back up the mountain we went. On the way through Red River, we stopped and tried our luck at the city’s public pond. We could see lots of trout, and a number of big ones swimming in the clear water, but, again, they just weren’t hungry. Judy managed to catch a fairly nice one, and I should have. I got lazy and laid my rod on a ledge next to me when suddenly I got a hard bite. I fumbled around getting control of the rod so long, I figured I lost him, but, miraculously he was still on, so I started reeling... without setting the hook. As soon as he broke water, he spit the hook out. That was my lone chance for a fish this trip.

Stay with me next week, it gets better, or worse, depending on your point of view.

## Main Street Civics *By Brande Vogele*

If you had told me when I started teaching that I would someday write a newspaper column about civics, I probably would have thought, “yeah, right.”

I have spent the last five years of my career teaching students about government, history, economics, and what it means to be a citizen. In my classes, we talk about the founding, the Constitution, elections, the branches of government, the rights we have as Americans, and the responsibilities that come with those rights.

But here is something I have come to believe very

strongly: Civics shouldn’t stop when we graduate from high school.

In fact, that’s when it becomes real.

Every day, we are affected by decisions made by our local, state, and federal governments. Those decisions influence our schools, roads, taxes, communities, businesses, rights, and opportunities. Yet many of us don’t always know how those decisions are made — or how we can have a voice in them.

That’s why I am passionate about civic education.

I don’t believe being a good citizen means that we

all have to agree. Actually, democracy would be pretty boring if we did. Being a good citizen means being willing to learn, ask questions, listen to people who disagree with us, participate in our communities, and understand how our government works.

It means knowing that rights and responsibilities go hand in hand.

I also believe that civic participation is not something reserved for people who love politics. You don’t have to run for office, attend every city council meeting, or memorize the Constitution. Civic

engagement can be as simple as voting, serving on a jury, contacting an elected official, attending a school board meeting, volunteering in your community, or helping your neighbor.

Recently, several people in our community have approached me to say they wish they could take a government class again. They want to learn the things they forgot in high school. They want to better understand how our government works. And, perhaps most importantly, they want to find that passion for civics that may have gotten lost somewhere along

the way.

So when the opportunity came to write a newspaper column about civics, it seemed like a pretty perfect fit. I love writing, I love teaching, and I believe that understanding our government shouldn’t require a person to go back to high school.

As a teacher, I have the privilege of teaching young people that their voices matter. As a member of my community, I believe adults need that reminder, too.

So, consider this column a little “Government without the homework.” My goal is to

take some of the mystery out of government and explain the things we should all know as citizens — without requiring you to sit through another high school government class. (Although I would love to have you all in class!)

We’ll talk about elections, the Constitution, local government, voting, civic participation, and maybe even some of those government questions you were too embarrassed to ask in class.

Because democracy works best when We the People actually participate in it.

And I think that’s worth teaching.

# SPORTS

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JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Medford's Lyric Horn (10) outjumps Oaks-Mission receiver No. 8 for the first of two interceptions on the night for the senior defensive back. While Horn recorded two interceptions he almost came away with two others in the 50-0 district-opening road win. He also returned a kick for a touchdown last Friday night.

## Cardinals Capitalize on Oaks-Mission Turnovers



JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Medford junior defensive lineman Balen Grell chases down Oaks-Mission's No. 5 from behind during last Friday's shut-out win over the Warriors on the road.



### GAME STATS

|                        | MHS   | OMHS |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| <b>Total Offense</b>   | 234   | 97   |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>   | 23    | 46   |
| Comp.-Att.             | 2-5   | 1-11 |
| TD/INT                 | 0-1   | 0-2  |
| <b>Rushing Yards</b>   | 211   | 51   |
| Attempts               | 18    | 24   |
| Yards per carry        | 11.72 | 2.13 |
| Fumbles Lost           | 0     | 2    |
| <b>Receiving Yards</b> | 23    | 46   |
| Completions            | 2     | 1    |
| Yards per catch        | 11.5  | 46   |

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**Passing** - Cash Kelley, 2-2, 23; Kaleb Kysar, 0-3, INT  
**Rushing** - Trevor Lohmann, 3-42, TD; Bodey Thomas, 3-38, TD; Kade Branson, 5-36, TD; Lyric Horn, 3-32; Raegan Gottsch, 2-13; Kelley, 1-(-2)  
**Receiving** - Brenden Winter, 1-19; Reece Royal, 1-4

**OAKS-MISSION**  
**Passing** - Vincent Vue, 1-7, 46, INT; Nathan "Bear" Russell, 0-4, INT  
**Rushing** - Keania Gadsden, 18-65; Russell, 3-0; Andrew Skaggs, 4-(-4); Vue, 2-(-10)  
**Receiving** - Brylen Dry, 1-46



### SCORING SUMMARY

| Team | Qtr | Scoring Play                                            |
|------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|
| MHS  | 1Q  | Trevor Lohmann 45-yard fumble return (Bodey Thomas run) |
| MHS  | 1Q  | Lohmann 22-yard run (Lohmann run)                       |
| MHS  | 1Q  | Thomas 76-yard run (Lohmann run)                        |
| MHS  | 1Q  | Kade Branson safety                                     |
| MHS  | 1Q  | Lyric Horn 70-yard kick return                          |
| MHS  | 2Q  | Horn 67-yard interception return                        |
| MHS  | 2Q  | Branson 3-yard run (Branson run)                        |

BY JASON JUMP  
*Editor*

Oaks-Mission had a heck of a time holding onto the pigskin last Friday night – it didn't matter if it was on the ground or through the air.

And, Medford took full advantage, winning its 13th straight district ball game, dating back to 2024 – two of those wins in 2024 were by forfeit (Billings, DCLA).

The Cardinals picked off a pair of passes and recovered two fumbles en route to a 50-0 beat down of the Warriors in the district opener. It was just what MHS head football coach Blake Lamle wanted to see after an emotional loss to rival Pond Creek-Hunter, at home, the week before.

"I thought that was a heck of a game between us and Pond Creek," Lamle said following last week's victory at OMHS. "I mean, they wore us down. (They were) just bigger than us in the second half, and we only had two (offensive) possessions, so tonight we wanted to make sure (we played with) tempo so we got the possessions that we needed.

"So, it was a good comeback game for us."

Medford's offense got five offensive possessions last week, with three of the five going more than just one play.

MHS took an early 8-0 lead when linebacker Trevor Lohman scooped up an Oaks-Mission fumbled and rambled 45 yards into the endzone for a defensive touchdown with 9:17 left to play in the opening quarter. Bodey Thomas ran in the conversion run.

The Cardinals forced a three-and-out on the next OMHS possession. Medford's first offensive series went 76 yards in nine plays. The scoring drive was capped off with a 22-yard Lohmann touchdown run and conversion run, giving MHS a 16-0 lead with 3:52 left on the first-quarter clock.

Oaks-Mission hit its longest play from scrimmage on its next series converting a third-and-11 on a 46-yard pass play down to the Medford 16, but the Warriors wide out fumbled the ball and Reese Royal was there to clean up the defensive miscue, giving Medford's offense the ball back.

After an 8-yard Kade Branson run on firsts down, Thomas juked, jived and outran the Warriors defenders 76 yards for a Cardinals touchdown. Lohmann added the conversion run, and Medford led comfortably 24-0 with just over two and a half minutes still left to play in the first.

The defense got back on the scoreboard three plays later when Branson tackled the Oaks-Mission quarterback

in the end zone for a safety. The ball was snapped over the signal caller's head at the OMHS 12-yard line forcing Vincent Vue into the end zone to pick up the loose ball. He looked up field to try to find an open receiver, but Branson found him first.

Things went from bad to worse for the hometown Warriors in a matter of 8.6 seconds. That's how long it took Medford's Lyric Horn to run back the kickoff for a special teams touchdown. Lohmann added the conversion run to make it a 34-0 Medford lead before Oaks-Mission could get out of the first quarter.

The Warriors managed to move down inside Medford territory to the 28-yard line on a six-play drive that started at their own 42. The drive came up short however as Oaks-Mission was unable to convert on fourth-and-nine as a Vue pass feel incomplete. The quarterback was hit by Brenden Winter as he was throwing.

Medford gave the ball back six plays later on an interceptions. But it did little to make an impact as the defense came up with another score as Horn return an interception 67 yards. Thomas added the conversion run, giving Medford a 42-0 lead.

Following a three-and-out, Medford's offense put together its final

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Medford's Rhett Tripp (14) grabs an Oaks-Mission ball carrier by the legs, while teammate Kade Branson (15) gives aid from the top. The Cardinals allowed less than 100 yards of total offense to the Warriors in the district win. Medford's defense had four turnovers and seven plays that resulted in yards lost.

# SPORTS

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## Panthers Prolific in 57-16 Pounding of Ringwood to Remain Unbeaten at 5-0

### STAFF REPORT

Top-ranked Pond Creek-Hunter cleared yet another hurdle in the first part of the 2026 gridiron campaign following last week's 57-16 pummeling of winless Ringwood in Pond Creek in non-district play. While the Red Devils have yet to find the win column this season, PC-H

finished off non-district play with a perfect 5-0 record. Four different players scored for the Panthers in the opening 12 minutes as PC-H raced out to a 26-0 lead. Kyson Davis caught a 45-yard touchdown pass from fellow junior Brad Schuermann to get the scoring frenzy underway. Schuermann then con-

nected with Noah Crouch for a 32-yard scoring pass to make it 12-0. Laker Easley got the first rushing touchdown of the night when he rambled into the end zone from 5 yards out. The Panthers, who have been struggling converting their two-point attempts, went to the kicking game and Chavez booted through

the extra point to make it 19-0. Schuermann then tossed his third touchdown pass of the quarter when he hit Tegan Cowherd from 8 yards out, making it a 26-0 game following the Chavez PAT kick. A 51-yard touchdown run gave PC-H its largest lead of the night at 33-0, in the

third quarter, after the third Chavez PAT kick of the game. Then Ringwood rattled off a pair of scores on a 2-yard run and a 34-yard touchdown pass to make it a 33-14 ball game. Schuermann and Chavez connected on a 45-yard pass and catch to halt the comeback attempt, making it a 41-14 game as the PC-H quarterback ran in the two-

point conversion. Ringwood followed up with a safety in the fourth quarter to draw within 41-16 before Davis rounded out the scoring with a pair of touchdown runs (40, 29). Pond Creek-Hunter will take on Cyril Thursday night for homecoming. The coronation ceremony is slated for 6 p.m. prior to the kickoff against the Pirates at 7 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### PROOF OF PUBLICATION

#### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF GRANT, ss:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, Clerk of ISD #I-90 of the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says—that he complied with the law by having Exhibits "D" Balance Sheet, and Schedules 1 and 2, of the within Financial Statement and Estimate published as required by law in at least one issue of the , a weekly - daily newspaper published in the City - Town of , a copy of which published statement and estimate, together with proof of publication thereof, is hereto attached marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof. In evidence whereof the Affiant has subscribed hereto under oath.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 2026. My commission expires: 11/08, 28. My Commission number: 240139160. Notary Public

### CERTIFICATE OF EXCISE BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF GRANT, ss:

We, the undersigned, Members of the Excise Board of said County and State, do hereby certify that we have examined and carefully considered the application and proposal of the Governing Board PC-H ISD #I-90 of the same County and State aforesaid, for additional and supplement appropriations for certain current expense purposes for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the financial statement submitted therewith as of the month ending June 30, 2026 and the list of appropriations and parts thereof proposed for cancellation, after hearing any protest against such proposed cancellations. We rely on the sworn statements of the Clerk and of the Treasurer and the Governing Board of the within-names municipality that the revenues already received have been properly credited to the several Fiscal Year Accounts, that all warrants issues have been properly charged thereto or paid therefrom, and that no unpaid claims or contracts are pending against the balances of Appropriations submitted for cancellations. We find, on analysis of the within Financial Statements, that the available surplus revenue already accrued and which is subject to supplementary appropriations under Title 68 O.S. 1991 § 3021, is as follows:

|                                                                                                             |    |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Canceled Current Appropriation Balances, as per Schedule 1, Column 3.....                                   | \$ | 0.00       |
| Current Revenues Actually Collected in excess of previous Appropriated Estimates, Exhibit "D", line 29..... | \$ | 408,510.74 |
| Total Surplus Approved and Appropriated to Current General Fund use, Schedule 2.....                        | \$ | 408,510.74 |

Wherefore, we have and do order cancellation of Appropriation Items as shown in last column of Schedule 1, and we hereby appropriate the Current Revenues released thereby, together with Current Surplus Assets disclosed to Current Purposes, and we have and do hereby approve and make additional and supplemental Appropriations as listed in column 3 of Schedule 2 in the total sum of \$ 408,510.74, which is within the total amount of surplus Revenue accrued as schedule. The Secretary of the County Excise Board I hereby authorize to enter the same upon his records, to notify his Treasurer of this action, and to make said funds available to the Governing Board.

Dated at Medford, Oklahoma, this day of , 2026

Attest: Secretary of County Excise Board Signed Chairman of County Excise Board Member of County Excise Board Member of County Excise Board

Publication Sheet - Board of Education  
Financial Statement of the Various Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026  
Estimate of Needs for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027  
Pond Creek-Hunter Public Schools, School District No. I-90, Grant County, Oklahoma

### CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF GRANT, ss:  
We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Pond Creek-Hunter Public Schools, School District No. I-90, of Said County and State, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Governing Body of the said District begun at the time provided by law for districts of this class and pursuant to the provisions of 68 O. S. 2001 Section 3003, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said District as reflected by the records of the District Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the foregoing estimate for current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as shown are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said District, that the Estimated Income to be derived from sources other than ad valorem taxation does not exceed the lawfully authorized ratio of the revenue derived from the same sources during the preceding year.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 2026. Notary Public SABRINA DAVIS Notary Public - State of Oklahoma Commission Number 24013960 My Commission Expires Nov 8, 2028

The Estimate of Needs shall be published in one issue in some legally qualified newspaper published in such political subdivision. If there be no such newspaper published in such political subdivision, such statement and estimate shall be so published in some legally qualified newspaper of general circulation therein; and such publication shall be made, in each instance, by the board or authority making the estimate.



JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

## Playoffs: Season Ends for MHS

Medford second baseman Hayzlee Herrera hauls in a fly ball during the district opener against Carney High School. The 2026 season came to an end on Thursday, Sept. 24 with losses to the Lady Bulldogs (13-4) and host Dover (8-1).

## MEDFORD

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scoring drive of the night on a five-play drive that went 32 yards. Branson capped it off with a 3-yard touchdown run, as well as the conversion run for the 50-0 final score. "I thought our defense played well," Lamle said after the win. "That was the whole key this week – read your key, read what you're supposed to read and do your job and be physical, and I felt like, fore the most part, we did that." Offensively, while the stats weren't gaudy this week, Lamle said his schemes are working. "I mean, you don't want to keep going back to last week, but we moved the football on the No. 1 team in Class B," he said. "So, I mean, our offense is pretty decent. "I think we can move the ball in a variety of different ways. So pretty solid tonight." The head coach did say making the three-hour road trip on a Thursday night provided its own challenges. "It's difficult," he said. "We told the boys out here you've got to bring your own enthusiasm, because the environment is not – I mean our fans are loud, but those (fans) were not. "It's just kind of one of those deals – Thursday night – you've got to bring your own stuff." Two years ago the Cardinals were not able to put the game away before halftime, and an altercation in the Oaks-Mission locker room at the break halted the game before the second half kickoff. This year MHS made sure the game was over when the first-half buzzer sounded. "It went a little smooth-

er," Lamle said tongue-in-check of this year's game. Homecoming in Medford Two years ago Bluejacket provided the Cardinals their second closest district game of the season. Medford won that game 74-28 at home. Last year, however, the Chieftains were blanked by Medford 50-0 on their own home turf. Lamle said while he and his squad are excited for the homecoming atmosphere this week, he needs his players to remember homecoming also means football on Friday night. "Homecoming at Medford is a huge deal, and rightfully so. Lots of alumni come back and stuff like that," the head coach said. "We need to make sure that we remember there's a football game on Friday." Lamle said he wants his players to embrace all that homecoming has to offer, because for nine players it will be their last. "We need to embrace it," he said. "But we also need to remember that making floats and stuff like that isn't the only thing." On paper, Bluejacket looks like they are ready to challenge the second-ranked Cardinals again this year. The Chieftains are 4-0 and have yet to give up a single point this season. Bluejacket opened the 2026 season with a 45-0 road win at Foyil before traveling to Welch and whipping the Wildcats 48-0. Olive provided little challenge in a 45-0 loss in Bluejacket's home opener. The Chieftains won last week's district opener against Watts by forfeit. Watts played the first two games of the season, but have not played since, forfeiting its last two games. MHS is slated to host Watts on Oct. 23 in district play.

# NEWS

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## DATA

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from her family’s farm, which they’ve been operating for five generations.

For Ball, the more than a thousand hours of research she’s done was necessary for her survival and her family’s long-term planning. She said she’d previously dealt with kidney failure as a result of heavy metal poisoning that left her more susceptible to water quality and environmental concerns.

She said she’s spoken over a thousand concerned Oklahomans as well as elected officials, data center developers and operators, and there’s frustration with the lack of transparency and information available on all sides.

“What I’ve seen from all sides of the issue is not that there’s not enough data or expertise,” Ball said. “It’s that we’re missing the connective tissue that brings them all together in a way that reduces the administrative burden on

everyone.”

Among the concerns on the top of Oklahomans’ minds is water use, Ball said, as well as noise, construction traffic, contaminated natural resources, rising energy bills, and more.

**Water, Energy Use**

Chris Neel, the division chief of Water Rights Administration Division with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, said the demand for water from data centers is immense, but the board doesn’t always have oversight of its use.

Google’s data center in Pryor uses an estimated 2.8 million to 3.76 million gallons of water per day, he said. In comparison, Norman, a city serving about 108,000 people, used an average of nearly 24 million gallons of water per day in August.

Google’s data center in Stillwater is estimated to use 5 million to 6 million gallons per day, Neel said.

Pryor Mayor Zac Doyle said Google’s data center, located at

the MidAmerica Industrial Park, has been there for nearly 20 years and his community has benefitted through reduced utility bills, jobs, partnerships with local businesses and increased funding and grants.

He said his constituents in Pryor don’t seem to have an issue with data centers, but there’s some hesitation from private landowners just outside city limits who don’t want a data center built near their homes.

“In town, we’re used to it and we appreciate it,” Doyle said.

In addition to the Pryor data center, Google is planning new campuses in Stillwater, Owasso, and the Muskogee County towns of Summit and Council Hill. Data centers with other companies are planned, proposed or being built in other places across Oklahoma, like the recently announced Lambda data center in Chouteau.

Kimber Shoop, the director of regulatory affairs for OG&E, said the utility company has worked to make sure that large load consumers, like data centers, don’t

pass costs onto regular ratepayers through a series of checks and balances.

Those include long-term commitments, contract termination fees, extra charges if ratepayers are negatively impacted and upfront grid connection costs.

“If you think about our costs as a big pie, all of our costs, our infrastructure, our capital, our expenses all go into a pie,” Shoop said. “And then when we set rates, we divide that pie up into slices. Residential customers get a slice, industrial customers get a slice, small commercial customers get a slice. But when we add a very large customer like a data center, Google, they take a huge piece of that and everybody else’s slices get smaller. That is the benefit.”

When data centers are responsibly connected to the grid, it can lower energy costs for consumers, said Matthew Horeled, vice president of commercial and regulatory operations with PSO.

He said the state should emulate

Indiana Michigan Power, which is set up similarly to Oklahoma’s utility companies. They are about two years ahead of Oklahoma in data center growth and development, Horeled said, and have recently filed a rate decrease for their ratepayers because of increased revenue from data centers.

Lawmakers have previously made attempts to regulate data centers.

House Bill 2992 was signed into law this year to require new data centers to pay for their own infrastructure and the energy they consume, among other stipulations.

Senate Bill 259 was also signed, requiring data centers that want to use groundwater to implement a closed-loop cooling system, which loses less water than the common alternative of open-air evaporative cooling.

Passed last year, Senate Bill 480 allows data centers to build their own power plants, bypassing utilities.

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# NEWS

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## GRANT COUNTY COURT REPORT

| Case Number   | Filed On   | Party                                        | Case                                                        | Offense Or Cause                            |
|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| TR-2026-00379 | 09/16/2026 | Adamson, Makia A Defendant                   | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Adamson, Makia A                      | Speeding 16-20 Over                         |
| TR-2026-00386 | 09/23/2026 | Arballo, John S Defendant                    | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Arballo, John S                       | Front Seat Passenger Not Wearing Seat Belts |
| CS-2026-00049 | 09/25/2026 | Barwick, April Nicole Defendant              | Midland Credit Management, Inc Vs. Barwick, April Nicole    | Money Judgment Under \$10,000.00            |
| SC-2026-00005 | 09/16/2026 | Bowers, Robert M. Plaintiff                  | Bowers, Robert M. Vs. Murray, Charles Ray Jr.               | Small Claims - Forcible Entry And Detainer  |
| TR-2026-00390 | 09/29/2026 | Cochran, Christy Ann Defendant               | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Cochran, Christy Ann                  | Speeding 1-10 Over                          |
| TR-2026-00380 | 09/23/2026 | Harak, Eric M Defendant                      | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Harak, Eric M                         | Speedin 21-25 Over                          |
| TR-2026-00391 | 09/29/2026 | Hinojos-Olivas, Christian Defendant          | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Hinojos-Olivas, Christian             | Speeding 1-10 Over                          |
| PO-2026-00013 | 09/24/2026 | Horne, Damon Lee Plaintiff                   | Horne, Damon Lee Vs. Morris, Julie                          | Protective Order                            |
| PO-2026-00011 | 09/17/2026 | Howard, William Michael Defendant            | Peck, Bree Jordyn Vs. Howard, William Michael               | Protective Order                            |
| CS-2026-00050 | 09/25/2026 | Independence Capital Recovery, Llc Plaintiff | Independence Capital Recovery, Llc Vs. Stinson, Cooper John | Money Judgment Under \$10,000.00            |
| PO-2026-00012 | 09/24/2026 | Johnson, Douglas Aaron Defendant             | Johnson, Judy Faye Vs. Johnson, Douglas Aaron               | Protective Order                            |
| PO-2026-00012 | 09/24/2026 | Johnson, Judy Faye Plaintiff                 | Johnson, Judy Faye Vs. Johnson, Douglas Aaron               | Protective Order                            |
| BL-2026-00004 | 09/28/2026 | Jones, Sandi Plaintiff                       | In The Matter Of Jones, Sandi                               | Bondsman                                    |
| TR-2026-00381 | 09/23/2026 | Juarez, Daniel Macias Defendant              | State Of Oklahoma Vs. Juarez, Daniel Macias                 | Speeding 26-30 Over                         |
| PO-2026-00014 | 09/25/2026 | Kirby, Kamber R. Plaintiff                   | Kirby, Kamber R. Vs. Mcdonald, Raphael Lloyd                | Protective Order                            |

## PUBLIC NOTICE GRANT CO. COMMISSION MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF BOCC REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma (BOCC) held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2026, at 9:00 am. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK, Friday, September 18, 2026, prior to 9:00 am. in accordance with Title 25, §301-314 O.S.

Stinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After roll call, a quorum was acknowledged. Present were Stinson, Keith McClure, and Craig Fredrick. Also present were Rachelle McCaleb as Secretary and Penny Huff. Teleconferencing was enabled to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Out of the commissioners Stinson, Fredrick and McClure used their signature stamps and hand signed as well.

Stinson said a prayer and McClure led the flag salute.

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

McClure moved to approve Transfer of Appropriations. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

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

2025-2026  
General 3937 BANK OF AMERICA 660.00.  
Highway 3251 BANK OF AMERICA 345.00; 3252 BANK OF AMERICA 1444. 71; 3253 BANK OF AMERICA 510.00; 3254 BANK OF AMERICA 345.00.  
2026-2027  
AMB SVC-ST 1006 PIONEER TELEPHONE 50.75; 1042 PIONEER TELEPHONE 214.95.

ASSR REV FEE 796 AF3 TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS 820.60; 1017 COUNTY RECORDS INC 365.00. CBRI 1051 MKEC ENGINEERING INC 33140.00; 1071 STANTEC CONSULTING INC 26054.24.

ESA 880 MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTIONS LLC 1510.00.

Fair Board 1022 BIAGGI, KATE SUSAN 57.76.

Fair Improve-ST 663 PRESTO-X PEST CONTROL 333.1 O; 754 CULLIGAN OF ENID 72.00; 885 LUCKY DUCT HEATING AND AIR, LLC 1473.00; 1002 CITY OF POND CREEK 1610.30; 1028 PIONEER TELEPHONE 35.47; 1033 SUMMIT UTILITIES 116.40.

General 4 ADVANCED WATER SOLUTIONS 13.55; 328 BANK OF AMERICA 660.00; 437 BANK OF AMERICA 15.99; 438 BANK OF AMERICA 2029.78; 547 BANK OF AMERICA 196.00; 558 BANK OF AMERICA 9.99; 563 APPRENTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS 1975.00; 613 BANK OF AMERICA 464.00; 701 BANK OF AMERICA 30.00; 755 STANDLEY SYSTEMS LLC 263.86; 759 OSU/ AGEC CTP 65.00; 825 VISION ROLL OFF SERVICE 563. 70; 826 VISION ROLL OFF SERVICE 648.85; 878 POND CREEK-HUNTER SCHOOL 50.00; 886 NORTHWEST TROPHY 270.00; 930 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 4.79; 935 AIMED CARE NETWORK 1633.00; 972 QUILL INC 304.22; 1031 KANOKLA 319.33; 1037 SUMMIT UTILITIES 245.43; 1061 OG&E 4205.73; 1093 MCCALED, RACHELLE D. 203.62.

Health 73 COUNTY BUDGETING SERVICES, LLC 1500.00; 337 OK STATE DEPT. OF HEAL TH 15807.61.

HIGHWAY 604 BANK OF AMERICA 89.99; 697 BANK OF AMERICA 30.00; 785 SPIRIT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS 100.00; 955 PRAIRIE LAND PARTNERS INC 607.82; 1000 WAKITA UTILITY AUTH 94.45; 1004 FILTER CARE OF MISSOURI LLC 111.00; 1005 CITY OF POND CREEK 472.31; 1007 KELLEY'S AUTO PARTS 768.67; 1008 FLAMING AUTOMOTIVE 376.91; 1019 ACCO 1310.10; 1029 PIONEER TELEPHONE 127.19; 1034 SUMMIT UTILITIES 72.01; 1036 SUMMIT UTILITIES 68.66; 1060 OG&E 511.03; 1063 OG&E 998.52; 1064 YELLOWHOUSE INC 153.96; 1085 PIONEER TELEPHONE 180.64; 703 BANK OF AMERICA 51.84; 723 GORE'S GOTTA GO PORTABLE RESTROOMS LLC 160.00; 724 GORE'S GOTTA GO PORTABLE RESTROOMS LLC 160.00; 727 MUNN SUPPLY 37.20; 793 BANK OF AMERICA 44.96; 979 CED #8 70.28; UTILITIES 698 BANK OF AMERICA 25.00.

Rural Fire-ST 211 PANHANDLE BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS INC 3756.00; 432 FARMERS GRAIN 6.36; 570 KELLEY'S AUTO PARTS 17.99; 694 MUNN SUPPLY 34.41; 807 FLAMING AUTOMOTIVE 1100.00; 879 CRITICALCOMM 147.05; 997 WORLEY, TY 539.50; 998 BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC 2750.00; 999 BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC 62.00; 1024 MARMIC FIRE & SAFETY CO., INC. 599.00; 1030 PIONEER TELEPHONE 64.15; 1032 SUMMIT UTILITIES 57.50; 1043 PIONEER TELEPHONE 115.98; 1066 OG&E 7.33.

Sheriff-ST 648 OK DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 463.00.

SH FUNDING ASST GRANT 202 COPS PRODUCTS 58.89; 550 SPEED TECH AUTOMOTIVE 6981.05; 766 DAVISON FUELS & OIL LLC 4338.08; 784 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 42.99; 797 AMAZON CAPITAL SER-

VICES 103.31; 977 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 11.27. SH Svc Fee 695 KAY ELECTRIC CO-OP 62.00; 970 BEN E. KEITH COMPANY 276.23; 1062 OG&E 61.99; 1087 DIRECT TV 231.44.

Fredrick moved to approve minutes from the 09.14.2026 Regular BOCC minutes meeting. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve Grant County Road Use Agreement: primary haul route changes - (01 ). Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve Bank of America P-Card - August, 2026 - \$8,052.26. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve Local Highway Finance Report. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve Resolution 2026-156: ODOT County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund for FY-2027. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve Resolution 2026-157: NODA REAP Application for Financial Assistance - Elevator Modernization Grant County Courthouse - FY 27. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure

- aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried. Grant County will contribute 41 % = \$122,461.60, REAP Request Amount= \$176,225.24. Total Project Cost= \$298,686.84.

Fredrick moved to approve Resolution 2026-158: Surplus - 2016 Ford F150 Patrol Vehicle Unit 901 (VIN ending: E78032) and 2016 Ford F150 Patrol Vehicle Unit 902 (VIN ending: E78033). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve Resolution 2026-159: Disposal - 2016 Ford F150 Patrol Vehicle Unit 901 (VIN ending: E78032). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve Resolution 2026-160: Disposal - 2016 Ford F150 Patrol Vehicle Unit 902 (VIN ending: E78033). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

Fredrick moved to approve shale contract with Vernie Dean Lebeda FY 26-27. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve Revocation of Designated Receiving Officer - Rachelle Mccaleb - OSU Extension. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve Designation of Receiving Officer - Riley Danker - OSU Extension. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve Special Payroll: A Shaffer - County - Portion Dental I Group Life and

D. Compton - Child - Health/ Dental/ Vision. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve OPEH&W Invoices for July and August, 2026: Retroactive Rate Increase -\$12,335.20. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried.

McClure moved to approve the following updates to the 2026 payroll calendar:

October: 5th payroll meeting and 7th appropriations

November: 4th payroll meeting and cancel 11.05.2026 BOCC meeting December: 3rd special payroll meeting and 7th appropriations

McClure stated 01- The District is hauling gravel, shale, mowing, and doing sign maintenance. CED meeting on Wednesday.

Fredrick stated 02 - The District is mowing and grading. Moving shale to CR 1090, a 2 mile stretch. Once PSO is finished with their project on this road, 02 will then rock this road.

Stinson stated 03 - The District is starting Grady Road project today, at Red Hill Road and working East. People should be aware of using different routes. They are breaking up pavement to allow for drainage. They will then shale the road in 1 mile stretches. The district has finished west on Craig Road. CED meeting on Wednesday and OPE-H&W meeting on Thursday.

No new business.

At 9:44 a.m. Fredrick moved to adjourn. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye: Motion carried.

Approved this 28th day of September, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Stinson, Chair

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith McClure, Vice-Chair

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig A. Fredrick - Member

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

CJ-2025-28

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
KRISTI MANER BOLIN AND DOUGLAS LYNN BOLIN,  
et aL, Defendants

Notice is given that on the 4 day of November, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant County Courthouse, which is located at 112 W. Guthrie St., in Medford, Grant County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisalment, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Grant County, Oklahoma, to wit:

Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), Block Twenty-two (22), City of Pond Creek, Grant County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

1993 Elliott Manufactured DW 793 Home  
Serial Number EMH-OK-12201AB  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 223 NORTH CHEROKEE,  
POND CREEK, OK 73766

subject to unpaid taxes, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly

appraised at \$80,000.00.

Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of Grant, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-28, entitled FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. Douglas Lynn Bolin, Kristi Maner Bolin, John Doe Occupant, if any, Mariner Finance, LLC, and State of Oklahoma ex rel., Service Oklahoma, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

Sheriff of Grant County, Oklahoma  
By: Tim Irvin

Deputy Grant County Sheriff

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of The Estate of JOHN NEIL BALLARD,  
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-13

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PRESENT CLAIMS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT all creditors having claims against John Neil Ballard, 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 named Administrator, Ginger Ballard, c/o Grace K. Yates, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 750, Ponca City, OK 74602, attorney for the Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: November 23, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.  
Dated this 21 day of September, 2026.

Grace K. Yates, OBA #17937  
HOLMES YATES & JOHNSON  
PO Box 750  
Ponca City, OK 74602  
580-765-6727  
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Have an opinion, idea  
or concern?

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# NEWS

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

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August 2026



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Virginia L. Aken, doing business as Calamity Jane Tattoo Shop, intends to apply to the Oklahoma State Department of Health for an initial license to operate a commercial body art and tattooing establishment.

The proposed location will be situated at the following physical address within Grant County: 104 N. Main, Medford, OK 73759.

Any person wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of this license may submit written comments to the Consumer Health Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health at 123 Robert S. Kerr Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102.



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