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Oklahoma Running Out of 580 Area Code Numbers

BY GRAYCEN WHEELER
KOSU

Oklahomans with a 580 phone number could soon be sharing their part of the state with a new area code.

Telephone companies expect to run out of phone numbers that start with 580 in early 2029. Last week, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) filed a request with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) to implement a fix before that happens.

The agency is recommending an overlay – a second three-digit code for the area that currently uses 580. This is the same solution that introduced central Oklahoma's 572 area code in 2021 and eastern Oklahoma's 539 area code in 2011.

This is the first time this group of corporation commissioners will consider such a request. Kelsey Schwartz, a public information officer with the OCC, said commissioners will consider all the possible options to address this issue.

"They look at the lifespan of those relief options, the burden on the public and come to a decision on if they agree with the fact that the recommendation is the best move forward or not," Schwartz said.

If corporation commissioners approve the request, new phone customers in western and southern Oklahoma may be assigned numbers starting with the new, yet-to-be-determined area code starting in 2028.

According to NANPA's filing, the idea is to give people living in the 580 area code time to adjust and prepare.

Existing customers wouldn't feel many effects from the overlay; they'll keep the 580 area code for phone numbers they already have.

But people with 580 area codes will need to start dialing the full ten-digit number for local calls, because two locals could have the same seven-digit number. The overlay will not affect service numbers like 911 or 411.

NANPA filed the request on behalf of telecom providers in Oklahoma after projections showed they would run out of 580 numbers a year earlier than expected. Across the country, only two other area codes are expected to exhaust their available phone numbers before 580.

The Oklahoma telecommunications industry and NANPA determined an overlay would be the

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PC-H Seeks No. 2 BOE Candidates

STAFF REPORT

The Pond Creek-Hunter School District Board of Education has announced that qualified individuals may file to run for Position No. 2 on the board.

Those who are eligible to run for the position may file to run as a candidate at the Grant County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 7-9.

Budget Issues Cause Delay in Tax Statements

STAFF REPORT

Grant County property tax payers will be receiving their tax statements late this year, according to Treasurer Penny Huff, due to "budget problems."

Statements will not be available to send until a protest period has ended, which is Tuesday, Dec. 1. Taxpayers will be able to view and pay their taxes on Wednesday, Dec. 2 via oktaxrolls.com. Payments of 50 percent are due by Thursday, Dec. 31 by Oklahoma state law. The penalty period is from Jan. 1-16, 2027, according to Huff.

Payments are also accepted via the county's dropbox, which is located on north side of the courthouse, located at 112 E. Guthrie, in Medford. This year's tax statements will also feature a QR code for payments.

GRIDIRON TRADITION



STEPHANIE JUMP / Patriot-Star

Pond Creek-Hunter junior quarterback Brady Schuermann breaks away from an Okeene defender during last Friday's quarterfinal victory. The Panthers have made the semi-final round for the second straight season.

Panthers Continue to Reignite Football Program

BY ASHTON THIMESCH
Special to the Patriot-Star

Brady Schuermann already has State championship experience with Pond Creek-Hunter High School.

As a fourth grader, he was a manager for the Panthers. In that 2019 season, Pond Creek-Hunter went 14-0 and beat Waynoka 54-8 in the state title game.

Seven years later, Schuermann leads the No. 1-ranked Panthers as their quarterback into the 8-man class B-II state semifinals with a 12-0 record following last week's 46-0 win over then second-ranked Okeene.

"After they won State, it kind of just gave me a goal that I wanted to be just like them in high school," Schuermann said. "Being at practice every day, I had seen what it took...to win a State championship."

The 2019 title, led by then-head coach David Kerr, was the most recent of four state championships for the Pond Creek-Hunter football program. Kerr and his successor, current head coach Tanner Bowman, said the program is rich with tradition.

"I've been here for 30 years, and even before I got here, Pond Creek was very successful in football," Kerr said.

Kerr still works at PC-H as the principal for the middle and high schools.

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Cardinals, Panthers Playing for Shot at State Title Game

STAFF REPORT

Medford and Pond Creek-Hunter football teams are returning to the Oklahoma State semi-finals for the second straight season.

For the Cardinals, it is back-to-back trips on Class C, while for the Panthers, who made it in a united Class B last year, PC-H will play in the Class B-II semis this year.

Grant County football fans will also get a chance to see both teams play this year, unlike last season, where fans had to choose which team they wanted to support as the Cardinals and Panthers played on the same night in different locations. Medford took down Timberlake in Watonga. PC-H fell to Laverne to end a Cinderella-style playoff run at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, in Alva.

Medford Superintendent Tyler Locke said he was not surprised by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) putting the two county teams in the same location this year.

"Putting us in the same location at different times allows for fans who follow both teams to attend both games," he said via text.

MHS will take on Sharon-Mutual Friday at 1 p.m., while the Panthers face Texhoma at 7 p.m. Both games will be played at NWOSU, in Alva.



MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Helping Hands: MPS Hosts Day of Giving

Medford Public Schools students got involved in the annual Cardinal Day of Giving, with efforts helping Stamp Out Starvation, ESPCA, Wakita Community Health Center, EMS and the local food pantry.



JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Chain Gang: Medford Crew Poses for Photo

Medford community members Mike Hancock, left, Clay Kelly, middle, and Rod Haskins, right, pose for a photo prior to kick off of last Friday's quarterfinal matchup with Ryan High School. The chain gang wrapped up their second full season working together.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TOP: Six Pond Creek-Hunter band members were selected to particiapte in the Red Carpet Honor Band recently. Pictured (L to R) are Xavier Olivera, Oakleigh Hensy, Josie Fiege, Isaac Rockwell, Grayson Coons and Conna Seek. BOTTOM: The PC-H color guard recently competed at the Regional march contest, earning a superior rating. Pictured (L to R) are Jessilynn Dillon, Joleigh Brown, Ariana McAlexander, Emilie Polasek and Kenney McReynolds.

PC-H Band Members Recieve Honors; Color Guard Receives Superior Rating

PRESS RELEASE

Six students from Pond Creek-Hunter made the Red Carpet Honor Band.

These students prepared audition material which they played for a panel of judges. Based on their audition, the top musicians from northwest Oklahoma were selected as members of the honor band. Red Carpet Honor Band members will rehearse on Friday, Jan. 8, 2027 and perform a concert on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Woodward High School. Those that made it include:

- Grayson Coons, seventh grade, trombone, 4th chair;
- Josie Fiege, seventh grade, flute 9th chair;
- Oakleigh Hensy, seventh grade, clarinet, 8th chair;
- Xavier Olivera, 10th grade, alto saxophone, 5th chair;
- Isaac Rockwell, 12th grade, tuba, 1st chair;
- Conna Seek, 12th grade, trombone, 8th chair.

The Pond Creek-Hunter Colorguard also competed at the Regional Marching Contest recently. The team earned a superior rating. Kennedy McReynolds and Emilie Polasek also earned superior ratings on their solo performances. Other team members include Jessilynn Dillon, Joleigh Brown and Ariana McAlexander.

Due to Budget problems this year, there will be a delay in the delivery of property tax statements. My office cannot mail statements until after the protest period which ends at 5pm on Dec 1.

We will load the taxroll to the website by Dec 2 so you can pay online at oktaxrolls.com and view the 2026 tax amount. The deadline for making half payment is set by law and it remains

December 31. However, the penalty period this year will be extended from January 1st to January 16th. The full amount of tax will have no penalty until January 16th. You can mail, use the dropbox on the North side of the courthouse (24-7), go online, or better yet – come see us at the courthouse!

NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR-on your statement, there will be a QR code to take you directly to your online tax.

We wish all of you Happy Holidays, God Bless you,

The Grant County Treasurer's Office: Penny Huff, Jennifer Stacy, Heather Hammer, and Mandy Sinor.



Opinions come in all different colors, shapes and sizes.

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best option.

Another option, which NANPA considered but is not requesting, would split the 580 area and assign part of it a new area code. That's how the 580 area code was created in 1997, carved out from an area formerly covered by 405.

The OCC is not scheduled to consider this request on its published upcoming meeting agendas. Schwartz said it may take commissioners a few weeks to review the filing on their own.

"As it comes closer to the commissioners making a decision, we will be pushing out information about it," she said.

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Mostly About Nothing

By Cecil Hoar

I am sitting here like millions of us wondering if the weekend's outages have affected any of our personal equipment, air traffic notifications or perhaps American military installations.

I cannot believe it is a "Trump Administration" payback for losing so many cohorts in the recent election. In my opinion, he sabotaged his own party by demanding candidates that had to be "True Believers" or favorite cronies. Many voters, who had supported the president, felt many candidates were un-Americanly qualified, especially by those Independent and Democratic voters who elected him.

These latter folk had helped him win the presidency two years ago, and received no rewards. The creation of an irresponsible trade war with so many of our allies, the lack of sympathy for our horribly collapsing economy, our costly jump into an unwinnable war against Islamists, and a costly jump out of Ukraine's attempt to remain free, did not please a lot of his former supporters. Many Americans, of all stripes, switched their opinions of Trump because he switched his opinions of them. He forgot 'electors' not Presidents still rule our nation. Presidents can only guide and they need a greater following than he had.

So much for "spilt milk" depending on what side you voted on, now for much more important information than an election where the victors have no intention of trying to bring the losers on board. Divided government, the nasty kind, looks like our future in America. But we Democratic Pond Creekers (at least the few that admit it) should forget our differences and ask our city's huge Republican clan to pitch in to get us back a local Post Office.

I last recall, a month or so back, that every local boxholder was owed about $1,300 in remuneration for 2-years of Pond Creek to Medford's unnecessary travel thanks to our delinquent U.S. Postal system. We are still being treated like stepchildren and now owed at least $1,500 for gasoline.

And, how about our health? We once had 400 families and businesses who were walking on Asbestos, experiencing spider bites, absorbing a century's worth of dust, smelling possible cancerous or poisonous air, and dodging the hordes of inspectors still searching for ways to get us back our post office.

If this situation was so bad, why were all these problems not eliminated years ago and for a lot less cost than they now do. We've given Republican leadership the chance to change our situation for the better. It hasn't, so now it's time for a bunch of Democratic "do gooders" to see if they can do better. Taking bets, now!

Factual, Satirical, Humorous Comments From a Deranged Sooner Fan

By Jack LaFay

Dems Shout With Glee: Lawyer Up, Lawyer Up

Affordability and accountability were the Democratic Party buzzwords during the recent midterm political campaigns. These powerful and intriguing words have been placed on the back burner of their political stove and replaced by lawfare as the dazzling Dems attempt to collect their "Pound of Flesh" from the Trump Administration and loyal supporters. It appears that a handful of demented and deranged queers, gays, transgenders, socialists, communists, jihadists, and insane Islamists of the Donkey Party plan harsh, ruthless, and unreasonable demands on the Trump Administration and loyalists. This minority of malcontents' ultimate goal entails prosecution, impeachment, and public humiliation of the Elephant Party movers and shakers.

Sen. Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.) claims prosecution of the Trump Administration, and loyalists shackle young conservatives away from politics. The Federalist stated that, speaking to students at the University of Chicago, Slotkin said, "People around Trump have no immunity like the president, so you go after the people who do his bidding." It appears Slotkin wants to keep young conservatives out of politics.

Senate and House Democrats are already talking trash, and they haven't taken back the gavel. Big, bad, and boisterous Rep. Robert Garcia (D-Calif.) warned the Trumpster and his aides to "lawyer up." The brilliant California politician has sent letters to Trump family members and loyalists, warning of a federal investigation into corruption and claims the dazzling Dems have a mandate to root out corruption. This distinguished California politician openly brags about being "the gayest of gay" in Congress.

That remark should impress the Islamists. Boomer Sooner believes the "gayest of gay" politician should look under the Democratic political tent first, with a special emphasis on Minnesota. Our flamboyant California politician is an American citizen by naturalization. He was born in Peru and became a U.S. citizen in his twenties. Boomer Sooner believes it's time for Ole Robert to return to Peru and raise alpacas and llamas.

Rep. Analilia Mejia (D-N.J.) stated, "we are going to hand out subpoenas like Mardi Gras beads." The good ole' Dems never cared about affordability or accountability and used it as a political tool in the midterm elections. Lawfare is their claim to fame, and they plan to unleash its ugly head on Republicans loyal to Trump.

Our Democratic cronies have become obsessed with impeachment, intimidation, and incarceration of Elephant Party folks who speak in favor of or drum up support for the Trump Administration. The Donkey Party claims they have a progression of wide - ranging corruption against the Trumpster, which includes self-enrichment, accepting foreign gifts, granting pay - for pardons, abusing power to target enemies, and an illegal war in Iran.

The dazzling Dems are famous for selective memory and have forgotten about Russia collusion, which involved a plethora of federal intelligence agencies attempting to destroy President Trump. The young and restless — queers, gays, socialists, communists, terrorists, jihadists, and other left-wing loons — desire instant procedural action regarding Republicans; however, veteran Dems believe a cautious approach is needed. The following songs of the 50s describe the Dems' lust and vengeance toward the Trumpster and his loyalists:

The Great Pretender — Illustrates the darling Dems stand on affordability and accountability during the fun-filled times of 2027-28.

Shake, Rattle and Roll — Describes the next two years of Dems shenanigans in Washington, DC.

All I Have To Do Is Dream — Depicts the Donkey Party's chances of impeaching President Trump.

Boomer Sooner isn't bragging, but when he left the world of education, he had completed 90 hours beyond a Master's Degree and felt his college days were over; however, those darn Dems made him a lifelong learner. Under the leadership of President China Joe Biden, Ole Boomer completed a college course on Male/Female Gender Identity. The labs were rigorous because Ole Boomer stood on a street corner in Wichita and was required to ask folks if they were male or female. At times, it got really scary.

To better understand the Democratic Socialist Party, Ole Boomer is taking a class titled "Why Work When You Can Get Free Stuff." Under the leadership of President China Joe Biden, drag queens became involved in politics. This led Boomer Sooner to complete a class titled "Drag Queens: Republican or Democrat Socialist." It was a rigorous, robust, and relevant class with intense lab activities. It gets nerve-racking walking around Town East Mall in Wichita asking folks if they think drag queens are Democrat Socialists or Republicans.

The Fabulous Football Forecast

Sooners 31, Missouri 10: The Bowl Bound Sooners stomp Missouri in Columbia.

Oklahoma State 55, Kansas 13: Cowboys destroy Jayhawks in Stillwater.

Iowa State 38, Kansas State 10: The Wildcats are decimated by injuries.

Notre Dame 41, Syracuse 14: It gets ugly in upstate New York.

Ohio State 45, Michigan 13: It won't be pretty for the Wolverines in Columbus.

Upset Special: Texas A&M 38, Texas 24: Aggies destroy the Longhorns' playoff dreams.

Iowa 38, Nebraska 17: A Friday night game in Iowa City doesn't bode well for the Cornhuskers.

UCLA 27, USC 14: The Bruins spank the Trojans.

Rumor Mill: Sooners vs. Cowboys, Houston Texas. Boomer Sooner believes it's Sooners vs. Southern California in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Sooner Nation wants a chunk of USC Coach Lincoln Riley for the way he tiptoed out of Norman.

Have a great week, Grant County.

We the People

By Tom Horn

"The problems we face today are there because the people who work for a living are now outnumbered by those who vote for a living." George Bernard Shaw.

Experts say Muslims are poised to outnumber Christians by 2035, making them the world's largest religion.

Do you recall seeing the news about a man in Stillwater who was killed last Sunday when his car was struck from behind and shoved into a tree in the ditch? The driver who caused the accident left the scene. OHP investigated and somehow got a picture of a box truck that was involved. The truck was tracked down and the driver, 42-year-old Mohammed Mukital Islam was arrested.

After the thorough whipping Republicans got in the midterms; Senator Thune vowed to use every minute the Republicans have left to get judges confirmed and key legislation passed, then the Senate went home for a 3-day weekend.

The Alaska Senate race is finally over. After days and weeks of counting more votes, Democrat Mary Peltola finally got enough votes to reach 50%, avoiding a runoff. Since Decoy Dan didn't get enough votes for the right Sullivan to win, but enough to force a runoff, the DOJ dropped the investigation. If the situation was reversed with a Republican winning and Merrick Garland at the DOJ, there would be a thorough investigation into the Decoy Dan deal, and somebody would go to jail, but Republicans just don't send Democrat criminals to jail.

With their Democrat allies taking over both Houses of Congress, the Iranians have become emboldened and are hardening their position for a peace deal. They are also threatening to detonate a dirty nuclear bomb or launch a chemical attack in DC. Man, if they were to do that during a joint session of Congress, that would be terrible. We would just have to start all over again electing new representation. So far, Trump has shrugged off the threat, but I still have enough faith in him that if the Iranians were to pull something like that off, they would wish they hadn't.

With all these tech glitches that seem to have happened all at once, despite the government saying there's nothing to worry about, Walmart and other large stores are reporting a substantial increase in people stocking up besides food with everything from bottled water and large water containers to generators. I guess these are the folks who believe the government can't always be trusted to tell them the truth. I don't wear a tin foil hat, but I know the government does that.

On a lighter note, how about those Cardinals? They have totally dominated their opponent in every game of the playoffs and are now heading into the semi-finals.

Depending on when you read this, I hope you either had or have a Happy Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for? I am thankful that even though Democrats totally dominate both Houses of Congress, we still have not only a Republican President, but the best one we've ever had. My wish is for the Democrats to put on a 2-year dog and pony show of failed investigations and impeachments of their political enemies for the voters to see.

A Mom's Musing

By Stephanie Jump, Co-Owner, M³ Publishing LLC

As I write this, I have one on an airplane flying to Wyoming to spend the day with his sister and then fly back with her on Thanksgiving Day so that she can come home.

Our middle child was nervous about navigating the Denver airport system so her older brother volunteered (or was told) to go up north and fly her home so that she learns her way around the airport enough she is comfortable flying by herself. Now that she is in Laramie, Wyo., that drive is just a little too much when you only have three days off.

She has entered the workforce while going to school and is trying to figure this thing out of getting shifts covered when she needs to be gone.

This is the harder part of parenting older kids. Knowing they are moving into the workforce but wanting them home for holidays and breaks. This was something I never had to deal with in college because even working at The Disney Store, when I told them I was going back home to Colorado it wasn't really an issue becuase 10 other people jumped on the chance to take my hours for me.

Now it is juggling 14 peoples schedules just to try and find a weekend where the family can be together, even if it isn't on the main holiday. I just want time away from the office so we can actually spend with our kids.

Unfortunately, football playoffs, mailing papers routes and upcoming projects won't allow for much of that this year for the Jump family. But this mom is determined that she is taking at least a couple of days, and putting her focus somewhere else, that is not a newspaper.

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JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Medford quarterback Cash Kelley rambles down the field as teammates cheer from the sideline during the first half of last week's quarterfinal matchup with Ryan High School. The MHS junior had a field day against the Cowboys defense, rushing for 253 yards and five scores.

Medford Rips Ryan 48-0; Returns to Class C Semifinals

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

The old saying is revenge is a dish best served cold.

While it was chilly last Friday night in Medford, the Cardinal offense was heating things up in a dominate 48-0 rout of Ryan in a rematch of last year's State title game.

"It was one of the deals the kids were focused all week," Medford head coach Blake Lamle said after the win. "It was almost scary, because it was like good lord we are really locked in."

It wasn't just a dominant performance by the Medford offense either. The Cardinal defensive unit pitched its fourth shutout of the season, and Ryan managed just 4 yards rushing on 11 carries – far less than a yard per carry. MHS had six plays that resulted in a tackle for a loss and another three plays that went for no gain out of Ryan's 23 offensive plays.

"Defense was lights out tonight," Lamle said. "They played as good as I've seen them play all year.

"We were locked in – dialed in – just really good defensively."

Normally, teams will defer to the second half when winning the opening coin flip – not Medford. The Cardinals wanted to the football to make a statement quickly.

"We wanted the ball to do what we do," Lamle said. "We just kind of pushed them around a little bit.

"I"m really proud of our offensive line."

While Ryan struggled to move the ball, on the ground, that was not the case for the Cardinals. MHS rushed for 308 yards on 28 carries, led by junior quarterback Cash Kelley.

The signal caller finished with a game-high 253 yards on 18 carries. Kelley also scored five rushing touchdowns to help lead his squad back to the State semifinals for the second straight year.

In back-to-back contests, Medford averaged more than 10 yards per tote.

MHS took the opening possession and went 56 yards in eight plays. The drive was capped off by an 8-yard Kelley touchdown run. Balen "The Grelldozer" Grell scored the first of six two-point conversions to make it 8-0.

Ryan took a huge gamble on its opening possession, and it backfired. The Cowboys were faced with a fourth-and-three from its own 29-yard line. Grell dropped Andres Morales for a yard-loss, setting up Medford's second score of the night.

"I'm not going to question their game play or their logic," Lamle said of Ryan's risky call so early in the game. "It gave us really good field position."

Medford took advantage scored three plays later on a Kelley 13-yard run. Grell make it 16-0, and with 5:26 left to play the rout was on.

The Cardinals scored one more time in the first quarter on a 46-yard Kelley run. He added scoring runs of 28 and 40 yards sandwhiched around a 25-yard touchdown run by senior running back Trent Lohmann.

Trailing 48-0, Ryan had just over two-and-a-half minutes to find paydirt to keep its season alive before halftime. The Cowboys got their biggest play from scrimmage on second-and-15 as Eston Hardy hit Bill Baggett on a 30-yard pass-and-catch down to the

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GAME STATS

	MHS	RHS
Total Offense	312	77
Passing Yards	4	73
Comp.-Att.	1-1	7-12
TD/INT	0-0	0-1
Rushing Yards	308	4
Attempts	28	11
Yards per carry	11	.36
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Receiving Yards	4	73
Completions	1	7
Yards per catch	4	10.43

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Passing - Cash Kelley, 1-1, 4
Rushing - Cash Kelley, 18-253, 5 TDs; Trent Lohmann, 7-43, TD; Bodey Thomas, 3-12
Receiving - Thomas, 1-4

RYAN
Passing - Eston Hardy, 5-7, 62, INT; Colton Hill, 2-4, 11
Rushing - Hardy, 3-4; Breydon Hill, 3-1; Leland Denham, 4-0; Andres Morales, 1-(-1)
Receiving - Breydon Hill, 6-45; Bill Baggett, 1-30, Denham, 1-3

SCORING SUMMARY

Team	Qtr	Scoring Play
MHS	1Q	Cash Kelley 8-yard run (Balen Grell run)
MHS	1Q	Kelley 13-yard run (Grell run)
MHS	1Q	Kelley 46-yard run (Grell run)
MHS	2Q	Kelley 28-yard run (Grell run)
MHS	2Q	Trent Lohmann 25-yard run (Grell run)
MHS	2Q	Kelley 40-yard run (Grell run)



JASON JUMP / Patriot-Star

Medford defenders bring down a Ryan ball carrier last Friday night at home in the Class C quarterfinals. The Cardinals gave up less than half a yard per carry in a rematch of last year's State title game. Medford blew out the visitors this year 48-0 to advance to the semi-final round for the second straight year.

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Medford 22-yard line.

Two plays later Ryan had first-and-goal from the 9. A holding penalty moved the ball back to the 20. MHS senior defensive back Reese Royal almosted picked off Hardy on the net play. Grell then dropped Hardy for a 1-yard loss back to the 21.

Hardy found Breydon Hill for a 10-yard gain down to the 11 where Ryan faced fourth-and-goal. After a false start, Hardy launched a pass into the end zone where Medford's Bodey Thomas leaped in front of the receiver, picking off the pigskin and ending Ryan's bid to defend its State title from a year ago.

"When Monday rolls around there will be four teams in the state that are practicing – everybody shoots to play (during) Thanksgiving," Lamle said. "We feel good about it."

No. 2-ranked Medford (11-1) will face No. 3 Sharon-Mutual Friday in Alva. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m. at NWOSU.

The Trojans (12-0) are averaging 52 points a game offensively, while giving up just five points a game. It will be the first meeting since a 58-12 Medford win over SMHS in 2024.

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 Monday, November 16, 2026, at 9:00 am. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Gourthouse, Medford, OK, Friday, November 13, 2026, prior to 9:00 am. in accordance with Title 25, §30 i-314 O.S.

Stinson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. After roll call, a quorum was acknowledged. Present were Steve 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, McClure, and Fredrick 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.

Fredrick· moved to approve cancel opening Bid #2026-06: Women's Building Remodel - Grant County Fair Board. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried. Fair Board indicated several items needed to be added to the scope of work and corrections were needed. The Clerk advised it best to update with information so that all vendors could receive accurate bid packets.

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

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

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

Aye, Fredrick -aye; Motion carried.

2026-2027

ETR 1691 OMES, FUND 295 166802.00.

Fair Improve-ST 1326 CULLIGAN OF ENID 72.00.

General 1148 M3 PUBLISHING LLC, MEDFORD PATRIOT STAR 1990.77; 1305 XEROX CORP 146.56; 1321

STANDLEY SYSTEMS LLC 611.56; 1347 STANDLEY SYSTEMS LLC 82.35; 1417 SLATER MECHANICAL

2993.00; 1564 JENKINS & PRICE 207.89; 1582 FARMERS GRAIN 27.63; 1699 OG&E 2257.58; 1708

FARMERS GRAIN 23.75.

Health 944 STANDLEY SYSTEMS LLC 121.16; 1363 SANGOMA US INC 329.10; 1365 OG&E 227.64; 1402

AT&T MOBILITY 103.94.

Highway 1666 MARSH MOBILE SERVICE LLC 1147.53; 1697 OG&E 526.82; 1698 OG&E 243.81; 1702

PIONEER TELEPHONE 119.98; 1705 YELLOWHOUSE INC 395.63; 1710 FLEET FUELS LLC 240.00.

Rural Fire-ST 1246 CRITICALCOMM 147.05; 1617 OMES MGMT & ENTERPRISE SERVICES 456.00; 1640

SUMMIT UTILITIES 60.00; 1644 ANDYS DISPOSAL 50.00; 1676 BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC 1860.00.

SH Svc Fee 1700 OG&E 64.99.

McClure moved to approve Minutes from 11.09.2026 Regular BOCC Meetings. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Fredrick moved to approve Designation of Requisitioning Officer - Kimberly S. Hall - District Attorney Office. McClure seconde,,. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Stinson moved to approve Fair Board Expenditure from Sales Tax Account - Laptop $734.95. McClure

seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Fredrick moved to approve Notice to Bidder - Bid #2026-07 Construction Bid for Bridge CN77 - (D2). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Fredrick moved to approve Notice to Bidder - Bid #2026-08 Materials for Bridge CN77 • (D2). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Fredrick moved to approve plans for Bridge replacement project- Bridge CN77 - (D2). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Fredrick moved to approve Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension and United States Department of Agriculture -Cooperative Service Agreement FY 2026-2027 - OSU Extension. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Stinson moved to approve Resolution 2026-179: Surplus - 1998 CMI Machine (s/n: 531267) and 2014 - 966 K CAT Loader (s/n ending: 00162) - (D3). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick- aye; Motion carried. \Mil go to auction to be sold December 1, 2026.

Fredrick moved to approve Resolution 2026-180: Use Tax Funds -Amendment to Resolution 2025-139: Receipt of funds received as Use Tax Funds from the Oklahoma Tax Commission: Funds are to be appropriated t0 th,, General Government - Contingencies account beginning with November 2026 appropriations anc each month. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Stinson moved to acknowledge the sale of 1998 CMI Machine (sin: 531267) and 2014-966K CAT Loader (sin ending: 00162) thru 4theSELLofit, LLC - per the Seller's Agreement-(03). McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried

Stinson moved to approve FY 26-27 Estimate of Needs - Grant County with acknowledgement of corrections. Fredrick seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick - aye; Motion carried. Corrections as follows:

-Surplus Cash from Schedule 3 (page 5) = $1,505,265.82

- Total Budget for General Fund (page 5) = $3,330,589.38

McClure stated 01 - The District is hauling rock from wind farm. They are grading, mowing, and working on equipment.

Fredrick stated 02 - The District is finishing rocking roads. Mowing is done for now. They will be rocking later this week and next week.

Stinson stated 03 - The District is hauling rock from the quarry. Finding places to mow. Stinson will attend CDSA and Leg1s!2tive Zoom meetings on Tuesday. He will also attend CED8 meeting on Wednesday.

No new business.

At 9:28 a.m. Fredrick moved to adjourn. McClure seconded. Stinson - aye; McClure - aye; Fredrick -aye; Motion carried.

Approved this 23rd day of November, 2026.

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Steve Stinson, Chair

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Keith McClure, Vice-Chair

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Craig A. Fredrick - Member

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Rachelle D. McCaleb, County Clerk
attest

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of the Pond Creek-Hunter School District hereby provides legal notice that the annual election filing period for candidates will open on Monday, December 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. or when the Grant County Election Board Office closes for the business that day.

Board Member Position on Ballot:

The voters shall elect a board member for board position No. Two, which has a 5-year term of office.

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: CLAY A. MUEGGE

RELIEF SOUGHT:

AN EXCEPTION TO OAC 165:10-5-7(f)(1)(B) AND (C), AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT A REPAIR PLAN AND COMPLETE THE REPAIRS ON THE COGSWELL NO. 2, A PERMITTED ENHANCED RECOVERY INJECTION WELL.

CASE PD NO. 2026-000103

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: CENTER NW/4 SW/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, Clay A. Muegge, is requesting exceptions to OAC 165:10-5-7(f)(1)(B) and (C), thereby authorizing additional time to submit a repair plan and time to complete the repairs on Cogswell No. 2, enhanced recovery injection well, API No. 3505320044, located in the Center NW/4 SW/4 of Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Grant County, Oklahoma, authorized by Order No. 400324, dated March 19, 1996.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the injection well is authorized to inject fluids from 6,028 feet to 6,038 feet into the First Wilcox Formation at the rate of 300 Barrels Per Day with a maximum pressure of 500 psi surface.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Cogswell No. 2 well failed its mechanical integrity test on February 25, 2026. No repair plan was submitted to the Manager of the Underground Injection Control, nor were repairs to the well completed within 90 days of the date of the test failure, as required by OAC 165:10-5-7(f)(1)(B) and (C).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that as the operator, Applicant requests an exception to OAC 165:10-5-7(f)(1)(B) and (C), thereby allowing additional time to submit a repair plan, consider repair alternatives suggested by technical staff, review other alternatives to bring the Cogswell No. 2 into compliance, and to complete any repairs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that written objections to the requested relief may be filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission within fifteen (15) days of publication of this notice. Written objections, if any, shall be mailed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Underground Injection Control Department, Will Rogers Memorial Building, P.O. Box 171, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-9918.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for information concerning this action, CONTACT: Cheri Wheeler, attorney, at 6 N. E. 63rd Street, Suite 400, Santa Fe North Building, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, Telephone: (405) 848-1014, ext.1. Email: cwheeler@okenergylaw.com

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
KIM DAVID, Chairman
BRIAN BINGMAN, Commissioner
TODD HIETT, Commissioner

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Cheri Wheeler, OBA#9514
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT,
CLAY A. MUEGGE

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NOTICE TO BIDDER
Bid #2026-09
SIX MONTH MATERIAL BID
JANUARY 1, 2027 TO JUNE 30, 2027

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of O.S. Title 60 § 633, 1971, SEALED BIDS will be received for the following materials:

ASPHALT, MILLINGS, MASTIC CRACK SEALANT, EMULSIONS, REJUVENATOR, FLY ASH OILS, BRIDGE NAILS, CLIPS, BEAMS, STRUCTURAL STEEL, REBAR, GUARDRAILS, END WINGS, CHAIRS, BRIDGE PLANKS, PIPE PILING, HEAVY WALL PILING, INTERLOCKING SHEET PILING, PRE-FAB BRIDGE PANELS, GRADER BLADES, BONDED FABRIC, POLYETHYLENE AND POLYPROPYLENE CULVERT PIPE, CORRUGATED METAL CULVERT PIPE ARCHED, STEEL CULVERT PIPE, FULL CIRCLE STEEL PIPE CULVERT, METAL PIPE ARCHED CORRUGATED CULVERT, LUMBER, ROCK, & CONCRETE.

Sealed bids will be received by the Grant County Clerk's Office until **3:30 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2026** at 112 E Guthrie, Room 102, Medford, OK, 73759 and will be opened on **Monday, December 14th at 9:45 a.m.** during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Bids must specify the unit rate at which delivery thereon may be had by the County, when and as needed by the County, and in quantities and specifications as ordered by the BOCC.

The BOCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The bidders must submit bid on the official proposal forms furnished as follows: *Invitation to Bid, Terms & Conditions, Affidavit of Contracts & Payments, Affidavit for Filing with Competitive Bid, AND W-9 forms*, must be signed and notarized *(if applicable)*, with the bid or the bid will be rejected.

The bid shall be clearly marked "SIX MONTH MATERIALS BID #2026-09".

Approved this 23rd day of November, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

/s/ Steve Stinson, Chairman

/s/ Keith McClure, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Craig A. Fredrick, Member

/s/ Rachelle D. McCaleb, County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF EXCISE BOARD
ESTIMATE OF NEEDS FOR 2026-2027

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EXHIBIT "Y"			
County Excise Board's Appropriation of Income and Revenue	General Fund	Industrial Bonds	Sinking Fund (Exc. Homesteads)
Appropriation Approved & Provision Made	$ 6,294.35	$ -	$ -
Appropriation of Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	$ 3,092.90	$ -	$ -
Unclaimed Protest Tax Refunds	$ -	$ -	$ -
Miscellaneous Estimated Revenues	$ 3,201.45	$ -	$ -
Est. Value of Surplus Tax in Process	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sinking Fund Contributions	$ -	$ -	$ -
Surplus Builing Fund Cash	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Other Than 2025 Tax	$ 6,294.35	$ -	$ -
Balance Required	$ -	$ -	$ -
Add 10% for Delinquency	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Required for 2025 Tax	$ -	$ -	$ -
Rate of Levy Required and Certified (in Mills)	0.00	0.00	0.00

We further certify that the net assessed valuation of the Property, subject to ad valorem taxes, after the amount of all Homestead Exemptions have been deducted in the said County as finally equalized and certified by the State Board of Equalization for the current year 2026-2027 is as follows:

VALUATION AND LEVIES EXCLUDING HOMESTEADS				
County	Real	Personal	Public Service	Total
Total Valuation,	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

and that the assessed valuations herein certified have been used in computing the rates of mill levies and the proceeds thereof appropriated as aforesaid; and that having ascertained as aforesaid, the aggregate amount to be raised by ad valorem taxation, we thereupon made the levies therefor as provided by law as follows:

Genera 0.00 Mills; Industrial Bonds 0.00 Mills; Sinking Fund 0.00 Mills; Sub-Total 0.00 Mills;

and we do hereby order the above levies to be certified forthwith by the Secretary of this Board to the County Assessor of said County, in order that the Assessor may immediately extend said levies upon the Tax Rolls for the year 2027 without regard to any protest that may be filed against any levies, as required by 68 O. S. 1991, Section 2869

Dated at __, Oklahoma, this 17 day of November, 2026.

Excise Board Member

Excise Board Chairman

Excise Board Member

Excise Board Secretary

S.A.&I. Form 2651R99 Entity: Jefferson City. 27

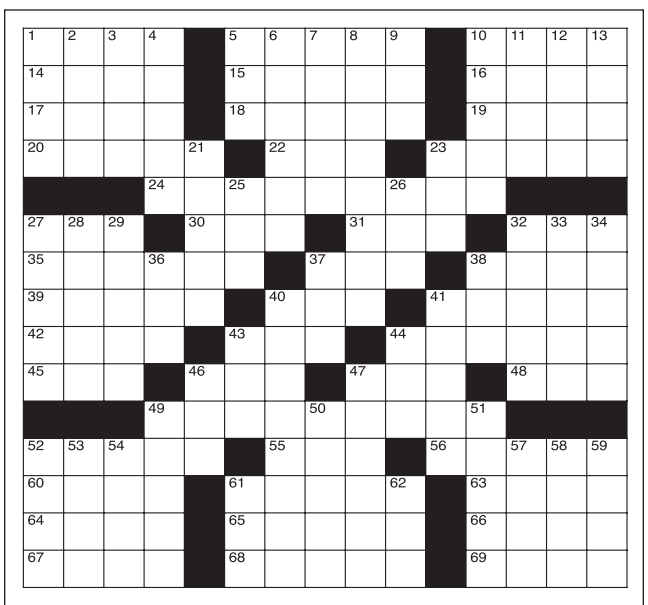
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

TOWN OF JEFFERSON John Cooker Clerk/Treasurer

NO ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED

ENTERTAINMENT

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



CLUES ACROSS

1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Skin care manufacturer
4. A long-legged frog
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Semi-liquid food
62. Consumed food

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TURKEY DAY WORD SEARCH

APPLE PIE, BISCUITS, BRINE, CASSEROLE, CIDER, CORNBREAD, CORNUCOPIA, DINNER, ENTERTAIN, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FULL, GRACIOUS, GRATITUDE, GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, HOLIDAY, MEAL, OVEN, SOUP, STUFFING, THANKSGIVING, TURKEY, YAMS

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer and actress born in Tennessee on November 23, 1992. I grew up around music, as my father is a country singer and my godmother was a famous country music icon. I achieved fame on a popular Disney channel children's show and later gained wider recognition as a pop singer.

Answer: Miley Cyrus

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The Case of the Turkey Day Troubles

A HOLIDAY WHODUNNIT

Percival Pilgrim is having puzzling problems. Are his problems all accidents? Or is someone messing up his day on purpose?

Help poor Percival solve his problems. Then use the clues to find out if someone—or some*thing*—is making all the trouble!

Cornucopia Confusion

Percival put some fruits and vegetables into his grandmother's cornucopia. Then he went to help his father in the fields. When he came back, somebody had taken three things!

Match the shapes to find out which things are missing from the cornucopia.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Matching shapes.

Puzzling Patchwork

Percival's mother asked him to arrange pieces of fabric for a patchwork quilt. He used eight pieces to make a rectangle. He went to get his mother, and when he came back with her, someone had messed it all up!

Help Percival put all of the patches back into the rectangle shape.

Standards Link: Math: Problem Solving: Identify attributes of geometric objects; match shapes.

Broken Necklace

Percival's sister, Priscilla, helped him make a beautiful bead necklace for his mother. ***Oh no!*** Somebody broke it! Help Percival put the bead necklace back together. Be sure to follow his pattern.

Standards Link: Math: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze and solve problems by observing patterns.

Pie Hide-and-Seek

Now the 10 delicious pumpkin pies Percival's mother made are gone! Help him find them on this page.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

Extra! Extra! Giving Thanks

Not all news is bad news. Make a list of the people in the newspaper and the reasons they can be thankful.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

Who is making problems for Percival?

Percival found some clues each time he had a problem. Now he knows that either his sister Priscilla, Ted Turkey or Randy Raccoon caused all the problems. Look at the picture of each suspect. Which clue do you think each one left behind?



Circle the troublemaker—the one who left a clue **every time** there was a problem.

Standards Link: Problem Solving: Analyze problems by identifying relationships.

Double Double Word Search

TURKEY
PIE
PATCHWORK
THANKS
NEWS
HELP
SHAPES
SOLVE
MATCH
FRUITS
LIST
BROKE
CASE
BACK

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally. Then look for them in this week's *Kid Scoop* stories and activities.

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T	A	H	T	T	N	E	W	S	V
A	G	N	C	A	C	K	S	A	L
P	L	E	H	G	I	H	V	C	O
I	E	T	W	S	H	A	P	E	S
N	G	T	O	S	T	I	U	R	F
O	Y	O	R	Y	E	K	R	U	T
B	R	O	K	E	U	A	L	S	O

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Play Thanksgiving Mystery Question!

Secretly find a picture in the newspaper. Then, give the paper to a friend. Give your friend clues about the picture you selected. Can they figure out which is the mystery picture?

Standards Link: Oral Language: Use clear and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas.



Write On! Thanksgiving Traditions

What does your family usually eat and/or do for Thanksgiving?

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to geography. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = L)

A. 20 17 5 9 8
Clue: The earth

B. 17 5 6 14 2 19 5 25
Clue: Place on map

C. 2 23 14 10 8 17
Clue: Visit somewhere

D. 17 5 25 20 19 2 16 1 8
Clue: Measures east-west positions

Answers: A. globe B. location C. travel D. longitude

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.





Answers:
1. Extra cookie on pan 2. Missing rolling pin 3. Egg is not cracked
4. Candy cane

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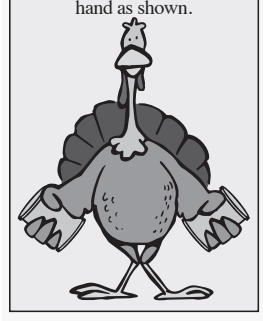
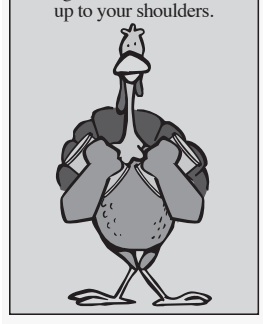
Fine Feathered Fitness

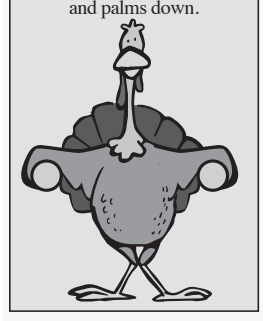
Stand with your feet apart. Hold a can of food in each hand as shown.



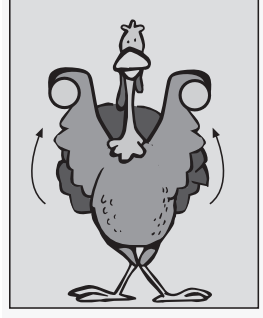
Bend your arms at the elbow, lifting the two cans 10 times up to your shoulders.



Hold a can of food in each hand with arms outstretched and palms down.



Slowly lift each arm straight up 10 times.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Use control in weight-bearing activities.

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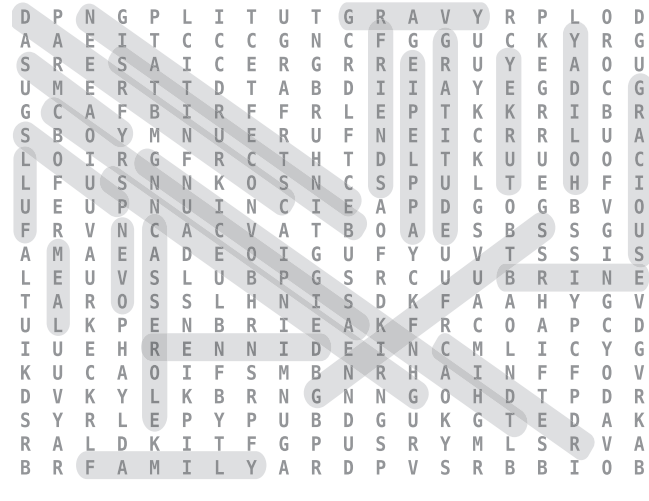

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY
GRANT COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

TRISTAN SCHMOLKE,
vs.
Plaintiff,

No. CV-2026 - 20

PATRICIA A. EVANS, IF LIVING OR IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF PATRICIA A. EVANS,
Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Oklahoma to:
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THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF PATRICIA A. EVANS
Greetings:

The Defendants named above are hereby notified that they have been sued in Case Number CV-2026-20 ,in the District Court of Grant County, State of Oklahoma, styled as herein set forth, and said Defendants must answer the Petition herein on or before the 15th day of January, 2027, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true, and a judgement will be entered quieting the title in Plaintiff as prayed for in its Petition and excluding Defendants from any claim in the following described real property, to-wit:

The Weest Half of Lots 13 and 14, Block 45, City of Medford, Grant County, State of Oklahoma.

Adrienne Hembree
Grant Count Court Clerk
By: _____
Adrienne Hembree
Date: November 6, 2026
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PANTHERS

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Schuermann was one of a few different players on this year's team that was a manager in 2019. Bowman said that his players are "probably inspired by the 2019 team a little bit."

"These guys talk a lot about some of the players on that team," he said.

Bowman mentioned Noah Miller and John Theophilus by name, both of whom went to college to play football. He also mentioned that some of the current players' parents played for Pond Creek-Hunter teams that had deep postseason runs.

"I think that's what makes Pond Creek so special is just the large percentage of people that are still here that have had a part in this program," Bowman said.

Schuermann credits some of the team's success to the chemistry they have acquired through playing together dating back past 2019.

"We've all been playing together since third, fourth grade," Schuermann said. "Everybody is playing for everybody. Nobody just plays for themselves. We all play for each other."

The Panthers are building off the season they had last year. They went 9-4 and made a run to the State semifinals. Bowman said he thinks some people were surprised by that run, which was not the case this season.

"The expectation around town was that, you know, it was going to be a good season," he said. "Obviously, so far, it has."

That expectation and the delivery on it from the team has led to a buy-in from the community.

"The town's really rallied around us this year and it's been pretty special," Bowman said.

Schuermann shared that feeling.

"I think it's pretty cool to be able to look into the stands and it's just packed out every game at home," he said.

Kerr mentioned that there is a bonfire in Pond Creek for the game on Friday.

"It's an exciting time around school and around the community during football season when you're successful," Kerr said.

The Panthers have been successful in 2026, but coach Bowman says the team is not looking ahead.

"If you came to our practices, I don't think you'd see the practices of a team that, you know, is expected to win it all," he said. "I think you'd see that these guys practice hard and are just trying to get better every single day."

That does not mean that the players have forgotten their goal.

"We all know what we want in the end and that's a state championship," Schuermann said. "And that's what we're playing for."

Kerr said he believes in the team's ability to accomplish that goal.

"As far as the talent and work ethic of these guys, they've got what it takes to win it this year," he said.

However, he prefaced that by saying it takes a lot of luck and effort to win a state championship.

"When you get to this time of year though, everyone's good."

Pond Creek-Hunter takes on 8-4 No. 7 Texhoma on Friday night at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, in Alva, looking to return to the State title tilt for the first time since 2019.

