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Council member desires to return to office

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Patricia Blackman, recent Altus City Council member for at large Ward II, said Monday that she

plans to put her name in for consideration to fill the position left by her vacancy.

The council officially declared a vacancy on Feb. 1, following a City Charter rule stating that council

members must not miss more than half of the meetings within any four consecutive months.

"I think it is wrong that I got booted off the council," said Blackman. "I would

have attended meetings by Zoom if that had been offered."

Blackman stated that she had broken her shoulder and was confined to a rehab facility, and further-

more suffered covid during the same period.

She missed regular council meetings in December 2021 and January 2022.

"I have never missed a meeting yet in my term of

office," said Blackman.

Blackman intends to put her name up for the appointment to the council seat that was formerly hers before the vacancy was declared.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



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"Newsies," the All School Production of Altus High School, will be performed at the Eula B. Peterson Auditorium on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 24-25 at 7 p.m. The Disney story of journalism in 1900 includes in the cast, from left, Ethan Brunner, Calista Pavelschak, Lillian Mickley, Gabby Cantu, Lexie Scott, Eddie Heyden III, Clayten Guerra, Rheanna Rothchild, Emma Sasse, Brennan Beeson-Huttie, Kyleigh McGough, Elisabet Alanis, Chloe McBride, Devin Podoll and Ashley Fioritto. Director Nick Young directs the spotlight in rehearsal this week.

County junior livestock show set Feb. 25-28

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It's that time of year again. The 2022 Jackson County Junior Livestock Show will be Feb. 25-28.

The final event will be the Premium Sale, which follows the Buyers Dinner at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28.

Sunday, Feb. 20 will be set-up at the Expo, starting at 2 p.m., including stocker weigh back and judging by Navajo Cattle Co.

The same night will be family and exhibitor Social and Senior Spotlight at 4 p.m.

The weekend of the show begins Friday, Feb. 25. Ag Mechanics Projects will be in place by 8 a.m. and judging begins at 9 a.m.

Weigh ins: Meat goats and sheep, 8-10 a.m. Swine, 8 a.m. - noon. Beef, 9-11 a.m.

Judging of Breeding and market lambs will be at 5 p.m., followed by meat goats.

Saturday, judging of gilts and barrows begins at 9 a.m.

Sunday, church service will be held at 10 a.m.

Judging of heifers and steers will be at 1 p.m.

Monday, the livestock judging contest will be held at 8:30 a.m.

Jackson County orders burn ban

BY KEVIN HILLEY
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Jackson County commissioners issued a county-wide burn ban at the weekly meeting on Feb. 14.

The ban will continue for two weeks, when local wildfire conditions are reviewed on Feb. 28.

Jackson County instituted the burn ban earlier this winter, under dry and windy conditions.

The ban was temporarily lifted on Jan. 31 in consideration of recent snowfall.

Monday's burn ban continues until it is canceled by commissioners.

Rivers Elementary awarded \$37,000 STEM grant from AAFB

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The STEM Lab at Rivers Elementary School will get a revamp, due to funds distributed by the Altus Air Force Base STEM Council.

Rivers will see \$37,779 for a STEM wish list, which was presented to the council and awarded.

Representatives of Altus Air Force Base were at the meeting of the Altus Board of Education on Monday, Feb. 14 to make the surprise an-

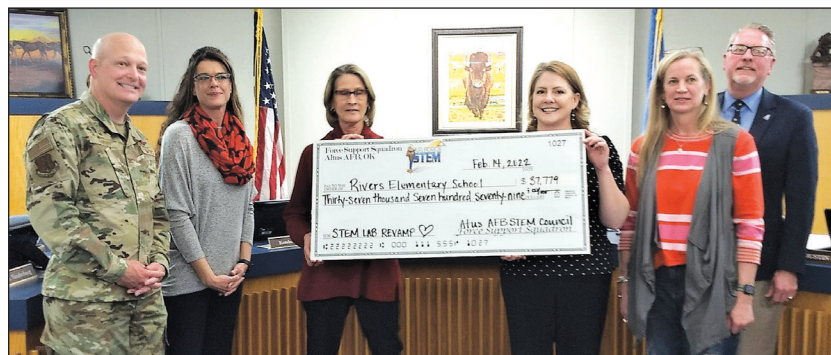
nouncement.

"It's really more than just the check, it's the teamwork it represents," said Col. Blaine L. Baker, Commander of the 97th Air Mobility Wing of AAFB.

"This check is the visible symbol of the culmination of a lot of hard work. "We're part of a great team," said Col. Baker.

Other school districts receiving grants from the AAFB STEM council.

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A check for \$37,779 was presented for Rivers Elementary by the Altus Air Force Base STEM Council. Pictured left, Col. Blaine L. Baker, Commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing, AAFB; Rivers Elementary Principal Angela Cook; Francie Clinton, AHS librarian, who organized the list of needs for Altus students; Judy Mott, AAFB school liaison, program manager and STEM representative; Altus Board of Education President Kelley Duncan and Altus Superintendent Roe Worbes.

APS honors notable alumna during Black History Month

STAFF REPORT

Editor's note: During the month of February, Altus Public Schools will be highlighting the lives and accomplishments of African-American Altus High School Alumni. Dr. Robbie J. Steward is our first honoree.

Dr. Robbie Jean (Roberts) Steward graduated from Altus High School in 1972.

While at Altus High School, Robbie was the first African-American selected to attend Girls State, a week-long summer opportunity for young ladies to develop leadership and



DR. ROBBIE STEWARD

where she met and married her best friend, Robert Lee Steward, III.

Robbie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1977 from the University of Oklahoma; a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology in 1979 from the University of Central Oklahoma; and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

citizenship skills.

After high school, she attended the University of Oklahoma

from the University of Oklahoma in 1984.

Of education, Dr. Steward says, "Being a continuous learner and appropriately applying that which is learned is one of the great joys of living and the basis of a successful life."

Dr. Steward spent her professional career working in the field of counseling and counseling psychology.

She was a tenure-track faculty member at the University of Kansas, Michigan State University, and Stephen F. Austin State University, achieving the

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AHS NAMES MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH | Kymanee Otaniyi

Sophomore Kymanee Otaniyi has been named February's Musician of the Month of Altus High School.

She is the daughter of Stephanie Fisher and Temi Otaniyi.

The vocalist has made All Region twice and All State once.

In competition last spring, she received a 2 rating on both her solo and ensemble piece.

As well as being in the choir, Kymanee is also a member of BluHarmonix.

"Mr. Young is my favorite teacher. He's awesome," said the



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student of the vocal music educator.

Kymanee likes to knit and crochet, having learned the craft from her grandmother.

OBITUARIES

Aleta Louise Monica (McMahon) Morrison

Aleta Louise Monica (McMahon) Morrison passed away Nov. 14, 2021, at her home in Altus after losing her battle with cancer. She was 71.

Aleta was born in Marquette, Michigan on Dec. 21, 1949, but grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While attending high school, she noticed all the boys entering the military (Vietnam war was still raging). Being the curious girl she was, she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to see what all the fuss was about.

After attending her basic training, she began her skill training as a clerk typist at Keesler



AFB, Mississippi. There, on Sept. 12, 1968, she met the love of her life, Kenn. He often tells people that he spotted her from across the street as she was exiting the Airman's club and, seeing her and her radiant smile, he decided he just had to meet that

girl. On Nov. 30 of that same year, they were wed. Their marriage lasted until her death just two weeks shy of their 53rd anniversary. Their military career took them to assignments in Spain, Germany, England, and Guam.

While living in Seville, Spain, they had their first child Christie on May 5, 1970. At the time, women could not have children and remain in the military, so Aleta left military service. Their son, Scott followed on Oct. 17, 1972. Aleta was not one to be an idle housewife and mother, so, she started a school for preschool children at each of her husband's assigned bases. However, wishing to broaden her-

self further, she entered Civil Service and eventually became the Chief of Military and Off Base Housing, earning many accolades for her professionalism and expertise. Her most prestigious award was presented to her personally by then Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

Aleta had many passions in her life to include cruises to the Caribbean, playing bingo as often as the bingo halls would open and her three dogs (her fur babies), Sara, Macey, and Bailey. But her biggest enjoyment came from those who she leaves behind: Loving husband, Kenn, daughter Christie and her husband Bryon Rohrer; Son Scott

and his wife Candice, grandchildren Jessica and her husband Robbie Melton, Taylor Rohrer, Nick Rohrer, Tech Sergeant Ashley Morrison USAF, Tyler Morrison, Shauna and husband Ty LaRocque, and great grandchildren.

Ellie and Oliver Melton, and (all Shauna's brood) Keaton, Justus, Karter, River, Seren, Haddon, Harrison, Beckett, and latest edition Veda LaRocque., brothers Anthony, Allan and wife Judy, sisters Audeen and husband Rocky Gloede, and Annette and husband Bryon Gerick.

Aleta is preceded in death by her parents Roy and Kathleen McMahon and brother Arnold.

Aleta, though taken from us way too soon, leaves this world with no regrets, having lived a full and happy life and knowing she will be remembered by her family and friends with loving memories of her love for them and theirs for her.

Celebration of life services for Aleta were held on Nov. 18, 2021, at her home. The USAF Honor Guard provided military honors.

Arrangements entrusted to Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 W. Main in Lone Wolf, OK.

Online condolences for Aleta can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com.

Elmagene "Jean" Vance Rose

We lost our precious Mom, Grandma, GG, and friend on Feb. 8, 2022. She passed at home with her children by her bedside. She was born at home in Prairie Hill on Dec. 10, 1923, to older parents Lee and Hattie Vance, joining her brother Afton.

She spoke of a happy childhood even though the family was not well off. She was popular in school and was voted the prettiest girl and most popular girl her senior year. Her favorite subject was mathematics. She was a member of the girls' basketball team, even though she was only 5'2" and was usually just a bench warmer.

Determined to not become a farm wife after seeing the hardships of her parents and others in the farming com-



munity, she attended Draughon's Business College in Wichita Falls, Texas while working for her room and board. There she met her future husband, Harold Rose, who was in the Army Air Corp and stationed at Shepherd AFB. Upon his return to the states, they married in New Jersey on Nov. 22, 1945. "The Yankee from New Jersey and the country girl from Prairie Hill. What a match! And what a wonderful life we had!"

She worked as a book-

keeper while he attended Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa and the University of Texas in Austin. They settled in Quanah, Texas in 1950 to be near her parents, to whom she provided much support. They raised three children, along with Harold's sister Charlotte who came to live with them at age 12.

"We considered her our fourth child."

She was a home room mother, PTA President, Girl Scout leader, and active in the Presbyterian Church through the years in Church Circle and as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Elder. She sang Amazing Grace at the bottom of the stairs every Sunday morning to wake her children for church. She was an accomplished seamstress, making matching outfits for her two sons when they were small and she made

many clothes for her daughter, including her wedding dress. She had a beautiful rose garden and also raised African violets. She was also an avid reader and self-taught financial wizard.

She and Harold lived in Quanah until 1985 when he retired and they moved to Granbury, Texas, living on Lake Granbury. Harold died on her 70th birthday of pancreatic cancer. Her oldest son Harold moved back to Granbury shortly after his dad's death to provide support to her.

She had many friends in Granbury and enjoyed playing banko and going to lunch with them. She took daily walks and attended the Presbyterian Church. She and her son Harold moved to Mustang in July 2012 to be closer to her other son and her daughter. Harold lived with her and was her

primary caregiver until her death.

Survivors include: her children Harold of the home, Dr. Jim Rose and wife Mary of Oklahoma City, and Sue Duckworth and husband Dr. Joe Duckworth of Mustang; grandchildren James Rose, II and wife Amy, Lori Duckworth and husband Kevin Davis, and Mike Rose; great grandson James A.

Rose, III; special sister in law Charlotte Wilson and husband Billy of Ft. Worth, TX and her children and their spouses: Mary and David Coker, John Wilson, and Paul and Jackie Wilson; sister in law Berniece and Ernie Haegle of Florida, and other extended family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Joe Ray Farley

Joe Ray Farley, 66 of Edmond, died Feb. 13, 2022. Visitation is scheduled for 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20, Havenbrook Funeral Home-Norman. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m.,

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at the funeral home. Graveside service is scheduled for 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, Tipton Cemetery-Tipton. Online condolences: www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com.

Mona Bentley Burlesome

Mona Bentley Burlesome, 77 of Elk City, passed away on

Feb. 8, 2022. Services were scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12, 2022, at the Red Star Church in Leedey. Shawfuneralhome.net

In the Spotlight

Editor's Note: The selection of the Student of the Week, Teacher of the Week and the Outstanding Extracurricular students are submitted to the Altus Times by nominating entities. Final decisions regarding the nominees are made by the editorial staff of the newspaper.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK | KENNA HAND

Art and the creative process is what motivates Navajo's art and yearbook teacher Kenna Hand.

Hand is from Navajo and graduated from Western Oklahoma State College, before completing her education at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Hand has been teaching at Navajo for three years and really loves her field. Her favorite thing about being a Navajo teacher is that she teaches art for fourth grade through twelfth grade, and in doing so she has the opportunity to witness her students'



progression and growth throughout their school career.

Hand gives credit to her high school art teacher, Mrs. Rader of Navajo, and her college art professor, Jerry Bryan of WOSC, for both her becoming a graphic

designer and her desire to share her passion for art in the form of becoming a teacher.

Hand said, "They were both great educators and loved sharing their gifts with others."

Hand's creativity does not end at school. When she is home, she loves to spend time with her family and do anything creative, such as photography, painting, and drawing. She also loves to travel.

Hand believes it is essential for children to be exposed to art, creative career opportunities after high school, and how art is essential to

everyday life.

This strong belief and her urge to share her passion for art, led Hand to become a teacher.

When asked about her teaching philosophy, Hand said, "all students are artists, and I empower them to think and work like artists. All of my students are talented in their own ways, and I strive to help them find their own media and style."

Through cross-curricular training and incorporating real world skills, Hand hopes that she can foster a love of the arts in all of her students.

EXTRACURRICULAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK | NE'KHYRIA ROGERS

Ne'Khyria Rogers, known as NeNe to her friends, family, and teammates, plays basketball and wears #2 for Western Oklahoma State College.

Nene says she could not have made it where she is without her family, especially her dad, who always pushed her to be her best.

She has not always had a good support system in school, which is something she loves about WOSC.

Nene said, "They really welcome you as a person and as a player, you're not just a number here and I really fell in love with that."

Her dream career, after playing D1 ball for the University of Houston, is to be a sportscaster or a sports journalist.

NeNe wants all girls to remember to stay tough. She says, "You need a tough mindset and a will to improve yourself every day. It does not matter if



you are winning or losing if you are continuously learning."

NeNe credits WOSC with her change of attitude, stating that she had a real tough exterior, especially dealing with coaches and teachers, due to her past experiences.

She said WOSC helped her realize that it is not always like that.

She now enjoys laughing with her teammates on and off the court as they enjoy restaurants around town.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK | CARTER PHILLIPS

Carter Phillips attends Mrs. Greb's kindergarten class at Altus Early Childhood Center.

Carter is a top reader at AECC and is always ready to learn.

Mrs. Greb said, "Carter is a very sweet and bright student who reads at a second grade reading level!"

Carter's classmates say that is he makes



class fun. Carter loves school.

He loves getting to

play with his friends, especially his best friend Karson, whom Carter says is his favorite person in the world.

Carter has a strong fascination with weather. He especially loves to learn about tornadoes, floods and earthquakes. His favorite part about class time is making tornado-makers.

Carson and his teachers and librarian hope

that he continues to devour books like they are the famous AECC Bulldog Burgers.

Carter would like to keep learning about weather and tornadoes. Maybe one day the world will see Carter's face giving out the weather forecasts.

One thing is for sure, Carter's teachers believe he will have a very bright future.

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What should you do with a tax refund?

Are you expecting a tax refund this year? If so, what will you do with it?

Of course, the answer largely depends on the size of your refund. For the 2020 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,800, according to the Internal Revenue Service. But whether your refund this year will be about that size, smaller or larger, you can find ways to benefit from the money.

Here are some possibilities:

Contribute to your IRA. You've got until April 18 to fully fund your IRA for the 2021 tax year. But if you've already reached the maximum for 2021, you could use some, or all, of



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your refund for your 2022 contribution. Assuming you did get around \$2,800, you'd be almost halfway to the \$6,000 annual contribu-

tion limit. (If you're 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$7,000.)

Invest in a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren, you might want to invest your refund in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan's earnings can grow federal income-tax free, and withdrawals are federal income-tax free provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. If you invest in your own state's plan, you might get a tax deduction or credit. A 529 plan can be used to pay for college, vocational training and even some K-12 expenses in some states. Plus, if you name one child as a beneficiary, and that child's

educational journey does not require the funds from a 529 plan, you may change the beneficiary to another eligible family member of the original beneficiary.

Add to the "cash" part of your portfolio. It's generally a smart move to keep at least a portion of your overall investment portfolio in cash or cash equivalents, because the presence of cash can help you in two ways. First, since its value won't change, it can help cushion, at least to a degree, the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, by having cash available, you'll be ready to take advantage of attractive investment opportuni-

ties when they arise.

Boost your emergency fund. You could use your tax refund to start or supplement an emergency fund. Ideally, this fund should contain three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. (If you're already retired, you might need this fund to cover a full year's worth of expenses.) Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into long-term investments to pay for costly housing or auto repairs or large medical bills.

Reduce your debt load. It's not always easy to minimize your debt load, even if you're careful

about your spending habits. But the lower your debt payments, the more money you'll have available to invest for your future. So, you may want to consider using some of your tax refund to pay off some debts, or at least reduce them, starting with those that carry the highest interest rates.

Donate to charity. You could use part of your refund to donate to a charitable organization whose work you support. And if you itemize on your tax return, part of your gift may be deductible.

A tax refund is always nice to receive – and it's even better when you put the money to good use.

OBITUARIES

Sheryl Runividge Ellis

Sheryl Runividge Ellis, 73 of Dallas, Texas, passed away on Feb. 5, 2022.

She was born in Hobart on Sept. 2, 1948. Sheryl graduated from Altus High School, attended TCU, and received degrees in Ballet and Theatre. She also obtained a degree in English and Education from the University of North Texas.

Sheryl married John Cason Ellis on Sept. 5, 1970. She had a career in Arts and Education and worked for Greenhill School for 25 years and helped establish the



school's renowned Theatre Department.

Always an advocate for the Arts and giving back, she went on to work at Pat Summerall Productions, Music in Motion, Pearson Education, and The Salva-

tion Army.

She was a member of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. She had a passion for musical theatre, dancing, teaching, gardening, ranching and her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Lily Deen Runividge. She is survived by her husband John and daughters Meredith Ellis and Emily Ellis.

Sheryl was truly one of a kind. Her positive energy, contagious smile and encouraging spirit will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

The visitation was scheduled at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled at All Saints Catholic Church, Dallas, on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at 1 p.m., Fr. Garrett Bockman Celebrant. Interment Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma, Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Salvation Army of North Texas or to The National Pancreas Association are greatly appreciated.

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highest rank of Professor.

From 2005-2010 she was appointed by the governor as a member of the Michigan Board of Counseling.

Dr. Steward was awarded "Fellow" from the American Psychological Association (APA) in three divisions: Society of Counseling Psychology, Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race, and Society for the Psychology of Women.

Fellow status is an honor bestowed upon APA members, who have shown evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology. This achievement requires that a person's work has had a national impact on the field of psychology beyond local, state or regional levels.

In addition, Dr. Steward is the founder and executive editor of the Journal of Human Services: Training, Research, and Practice, which has an international readership.

As a scholar, her dossier includes numerous professional, refereed, journal publications and conference presentations. She retired from Stephen F. Austin State University as department chair/professor in 2020.

Robbie credits her mother, Ms. Monetta Lazzel Devine, as her primary motivator toward life success.

She said: "My mother had a clearly defined dream for me and upon high school graduation,

her dream became my own, and was enhanced by continued learning and life experiences. I live beyond that which neither of us could have imagined because of God's influence in my life decision-making."

She also noted Mrs. Mary Williams, her preschool teacher, as one who taught her to stretch academically beyond her own expectations and to love doing so.

It is because of this instruction, Robbie said that she was sufficiently prepared in reading and writing, allowing her to begin school in the 2nd grade at Robert E. Lee Elementary.

Several teachers from her time at Altus High School were a positive influence on her life: Ms. Lucy Williams, Mr. Buel Garvin, Mrs. Patricia Knarr, Mr. Larry King and Mr. Larry Harris.

"Each provided me with a distinct base that served as a building block to success throughout my education and career. There were unnamed others, who supported, acknowledged my talents, and facilitated my academic development with opportunities for exposure," stated Dr. Steward. "I am grateful for my experience in Altus, Oklahoma and at Altus High School. I was prepared to achieve all goals before me and effectively overcome barriers and challenges."

Robbie and Robert have one daughter, who is successful in her own right, having a doctoral degree as well. However, out of all the titles Dr. Steward has been given over the years, her favorite is being known by her granddaughter as "Grandest".

Altus Junior High Choir members selected for All State, left, Graham Hartgraves (3-year member), Lindsey Jewell, Michael Weeks, Jed Lee, and Jenna Foster, pictured with AJH Choral Director GiGi Brickhouse.



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Junior high vocalists selected for All State

Several boys and girls from Altus Junior High were selected for All State Choir.

The boys were all selected for the Mixed Choir (SATB) and the girls were selected for

the Women's Choir (SSAA).

The students had to prepare three songs and pass two auditions to qualify for the choir.

At the convention, they had to pass an addi-

tional part test to make sure they had adequately prepared the other selections for their respective choirs.

The boys had to learn three additional pieces, but the girls had to learn

six brand new pieces.

"All of our students passed with flying colors and gave a fantastic concert at the OkCDA Convention in January" said AJH Choral Director GiGi Brickhouse..

GRANT

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cil includes Navajo High School STEM Program,

\$6,549; and the Frederick Elementary Lego Robotics Program, \$1,000.

STEM stands for the learning structure covering science, technology,

engineering and math, and requests for funds from AAFB need to meet specific requirements.

Items included in the funding grant at the

Rivers Elementary lab are for robotics, starter kits for labs, software, workshop sets and other articles, to enhance the STEM learning.

Altus Times Weather Summary

Altus' Seven Day Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
40 / 19	56 / 25	66 / 34	72 / 41	77 / 47	76 / 44	74 / 45

Local UV Index

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 40°, humidity of 41%. East southeast wind 17 to 26 mph. The record high temperature for today is 83° set in 1970. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 19°. South southwest wind 3 to 17 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 16°. The record low for tonight is 12° set in 1928. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 56°, humidity of 30%. South wind 3 to 11 mph. Friday night, skies will be clear with an overnight low of 25°. South wind 3 to 8 mph.

Weather Trivia

Why can't a mercury thermometer go below minus 40 degrees?

Answer: Liquid mercury freezes at that point.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Today	12:25-2:25	12:49-2:49	Mon	3:29-5:29	3:53-5:53
Fri	1:11-3:11	1:34-3:34	Tue	4:18-6:18	4:44-6:44
Sat	1:56-3:56	2:19-4:19	Wed	5:11-7:11	5:39-7:39
Sun	2:42-4:42	3:05-5:05			

Weather History

Feb. 17, 1990 - The biggest winter storm of the season hit the Pacific Coast Region. In northern California, snow fell along the coast, and two day totals in the mountains ranged up to 67 inches at Echo Summit. Snowfall totals in the mountains of southern California ranged up to 48 inches at Green Valley, with 46 inches reported at Big Bear.

Feb. 18, 1990 - An intense but slow-moving Pacific storm worked its way across Utah over a two day period. The storm blanketed the valleys with four to 12 inches of snow and produced up to 42 inches of snow in the mountains. Heavy snow also fell across northern Arizona.

Sun & Moon

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
2/23	Thursday	7:20 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	8:13 a.m.	3/10
	Friday	7:19 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	8:42 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:18 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	9:10 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:17 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	10:41 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	
	Monday	7:16 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	10:08 a.m.	
	Tuesday	7:14 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	Prev Day	10:41 a.m.	Full 3/18
	Wednesday	7:13 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	12:57 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	

Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
2/8	69	23	56/28	0.00"
2/9	69	30	56/28	0.00"
2/10	67	36	56/28	0.00"
2/11	65	29	56/28	0.00"
2/12	45	24	56/28	0.00"
2/13	62	18	56/29	0.00"
2/14	71	26	56/29	0.00"

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
2/8	0	2/12	0
2/9	0	2/13	0
2/10	2	2/14	0
2/11	0		

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PAW'S CORNER

By Sam Mazzotta

More tips for finding out-of-stock pet food

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I wanted to respond to Casey H.'s concerns about finding the right pet food in the midst of these supply problems. We and some of our friends have experienced the same shortage. Our cat is on a prescription canned and dry food to treat her cystitis. Eating the wrong food could cause real problems for her. When we went to PetSmart to renew our supply, the shelf was

almost empty. We talked to the in-store veterinarian, who said the main problem was a quality issue — the manufacturer had to throw away a huge amount of cat food and start again. That, plus the slowdown in truck deliveries, plus short staffing, are all contributing to this mess. Casey may want to call or email the pet-food company, or talk to the manager of the store that it's usually

purchased from. Another option is to make your own pet food. My mother was a dog breeder for 30 years and she made her own dog food. It's not an option for us because of our cat's medical issue, but it may be a solution for others. Your veterinarian can guide you on ingredients, and there are plenty of books with recipes that provide balanced nutrition. — Colleen R., East Rochester, New York

DEAR COLLEEN: That's great advice! Store managers and the pet food manufacturers themselves can provide more insight when a specific pet food is not available. You can usually find contact information for the manufacturer on the can, bag or box of pet food. Veterinarians also can help guide you to alternative pet foods, which is especially important when specific formulations are needed.

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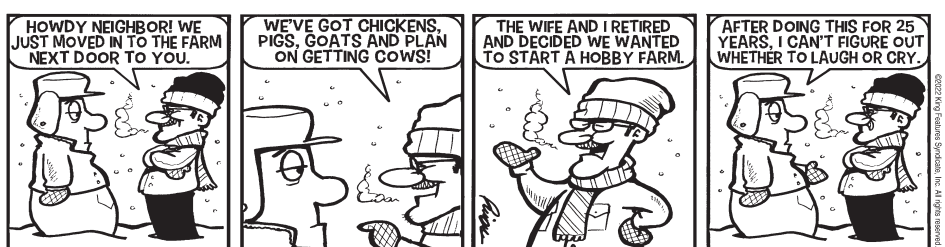
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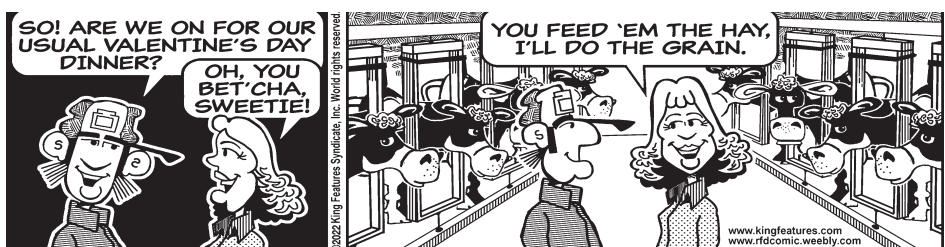
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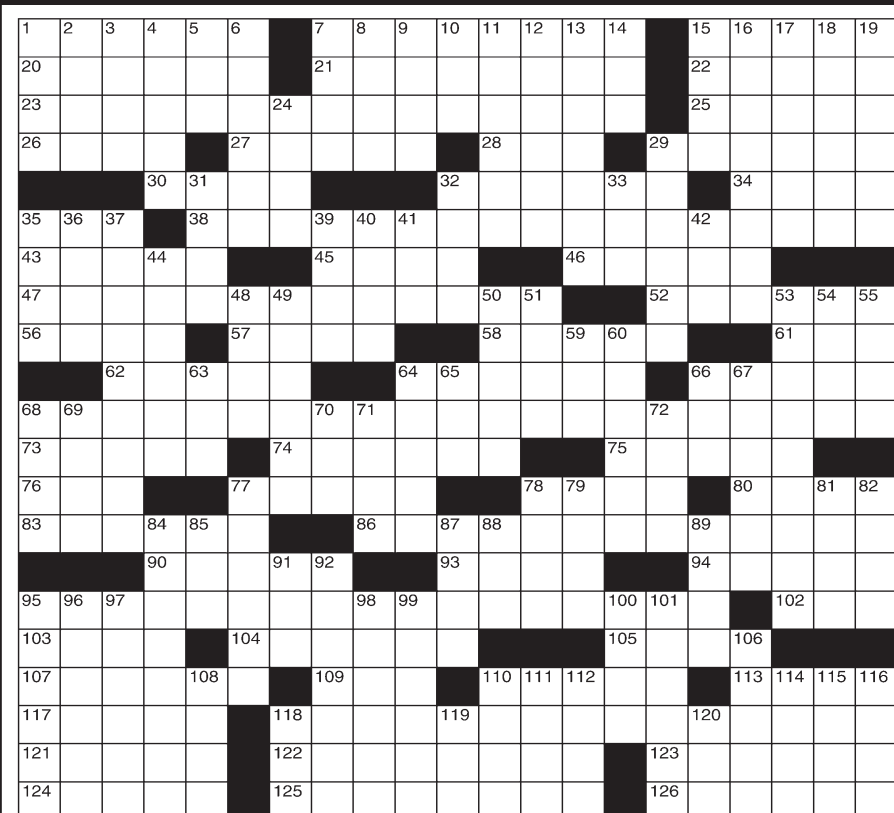
GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Fred Wagner



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MUNICIPAL APPLICATION



ACROSS

- 1 "Cabaret" performer Sally
- 7 Allowable
- 15 Egg-beating utensil
- 20 Carey of pop
- 21 Red wine, in Rouen
- 22 Sonja on ice skates
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Western flick, in old slang
- 26 Like arias and anthems
- 27 "Go back to zero" button
- 28 Halloween's mo.
- 29 Titan orbits it
- 30 Other, to Juanita
- 32 Bible book before Jeremiah
- 34 Kingly title
- 35 Perp pursuer
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Giraffe's kin
- 45 Writer — Hubbard
- 46 1998 Disney musical set in China
- 47 Riddle, part 3
- 52 Rubber-stamping item
- 56 No, to Nabokov
- 57 Worn-down pencils, e.g.
- 58 Raise, as a building
- 61 Pie — mode
- 62 Maestro Kurt
- 64 Actress Debra
- 66 Second-rate flick
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Within easy reach
- 74 Sports facilities
- 75 Rudely brief
- 76 Chomp on
- 77 Begin
- 78 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
- 80 General — chicken
- 83 Canonized Italian theologian
- 86 Riddle, part 5
- 90 Composer John Philip —
- 93 John Candy's old skit show
- 94 Bath sponge

- 95 End of the riddle
- 102 — -Ops (CIA tactics)
- 103 QED part
- 104 Nobel-winning "Mother"
- 105 Sleep furniture
- 107 Paid a visit
- 109 Feline cry
- 110 Credit card draw
- 113 Beef quality grader: Abbr.
- 117 Old arcade company
- 118 Riddle's answer
- 121 Like a well-pitched game
- 122 Audits, as a course
- 123 Actress Fawcett
- 124 Vestige
- 125 Mini-dictionary
- 126 Having soft, loose flesh

DOWN

- 1 Sporty German cars
- 2 Honolulu's island
- 3 Dark brown songbird
- 4 Insider talk
- 5 Unit of corn
- 6 Shepherd formerly of "The View"
- 7 Giant in car rental
- 8 Funny — (racehorse)
- 9 Tech news website
- 10 Suffix with west
- 11 San Luis —, Mexico
- 12 Florence native, e.g.
- 13 Self-obsession
- 14 Rock's — Leppard
- 15 Horse halter?
- 16 Circuit-cooling device
- 17 Get a gut feeling about
- 18 With 39-Down, John Muir was its first president
- 19 Unit of corn
- 24 Briny bodies
- 29 Movie critic Gene Philip —
- 31 Taunt in good humor
- 32 "Money — object"
- 33 Lead-in to puncture
- 35 McCarthy lawyer

- Roy
- 36 Allowable
- 37 Sidewalk materials
- 39 See 18-Down
- 40 Meal scraps
- 41 Phone book listings: Abbr.
- 42 Skillet or wok
- 44 Wall-breaching bomb
- 48 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
- 49 Most chaste
- 50 Group of brainiacs
- 51 Therefore
- 53 Store selling latex
- 54 "That is — ask"
- 55 "— Yankees"
- 59 Conger, e.g.
- 60 Like pizza
- 63 Articulate
- 64 Girth
- 65 Here, in Arles
- 66 Life story, in brief
- 67 Table — (pair's seating)
- 68 "— Team" (2010 movie)
- 69 Cole — (footwear brand)
- 70 Tony winner Hagen
- 71 Citrusy
- 72 Amish "you"
- 77 Like prurient material

- 78 Joking Johnson
- 79 Tax
- 81 Clumsy sorts
- 82 Hotel visit
- 84 Mysterious
- 85 Hulk player Ferrigno
- 87 This, to Juan
- 88 I, to Merkel
- 89 Inuit vehicle
- 91 Cow or hen
- 92 Letters sent by plane
- 95 Pour, as wine from a bottle
- 96 Speechifier
- 97 Steinway rival
- 98 Really must
- 99 Sneaker brand
- 100 Lyft rival
- 101 Accompany to the airport, perhaps
- 106 Old Toyota
- 108 Chomp on
- 110 Penta- plus four
- 111 — about (roughly)
- 112 Big Apple blaze-control org.
- 114 Balkan native
- 115 Lacking color
- 116 Lacking color
- 118 Chinese menu abbr.
- 119 Family gal
- 120 Comrade

Today's Answer



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything.
LEO (July 23 to August

22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

WEEKLY SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Today's Solution

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

YE REH TWOAAR KOZS SE AEEF
NOJF EZ REHT ADCW OZY UWW
VEK KEZYWTCHA DS JEHAY
VOIW NWWZ VOY REH ZES
NWWZ OCTODY SE ADIW DS?
— JOTEADZW QRUU

ANSWER:
CRYPTOQUOTE
Do you really want to look back on your life and see how wonderful it could have been had you not been afraid to live it?
— Caroline Myss

Read Big. Read Real. Read Together.

A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER KEVIN BAKER

The Jackson County Ministerial Alliance has plans to launch a campaign to encourage Altus to read the Bible.

The campaign is a forty-day reading campaign during the weeks leading up to Easter.

The reading plan will cover the four Gospels of the New Testament and will require about ten minutes a day.

The forty-day reading schedule will take place

during what is traditionally known as the season of Lent, March 1- April 15.

During this time many Christians will choose to give up something to grow closer to God.

We are encouraging people to pick up something this year, the Bible.

A reading schedule can be found at altusreads.org/reading-plan. While you are there, please register as a participant in the Altus Bible Reading Campaign.

During the reading

campaign local pastors will do live Bible readings on the Altus Bible Reading Campaign Facebook page.

There will be a series of podcasts released that will recap each week's reading plan. You can listen to the podcast on your favorite podcast app.

Adults who use the Bible daily account for 14 percent of the total adult population, followed by 13 percent who use it several times a week, 8 percent who do so once a week, 6 percent about

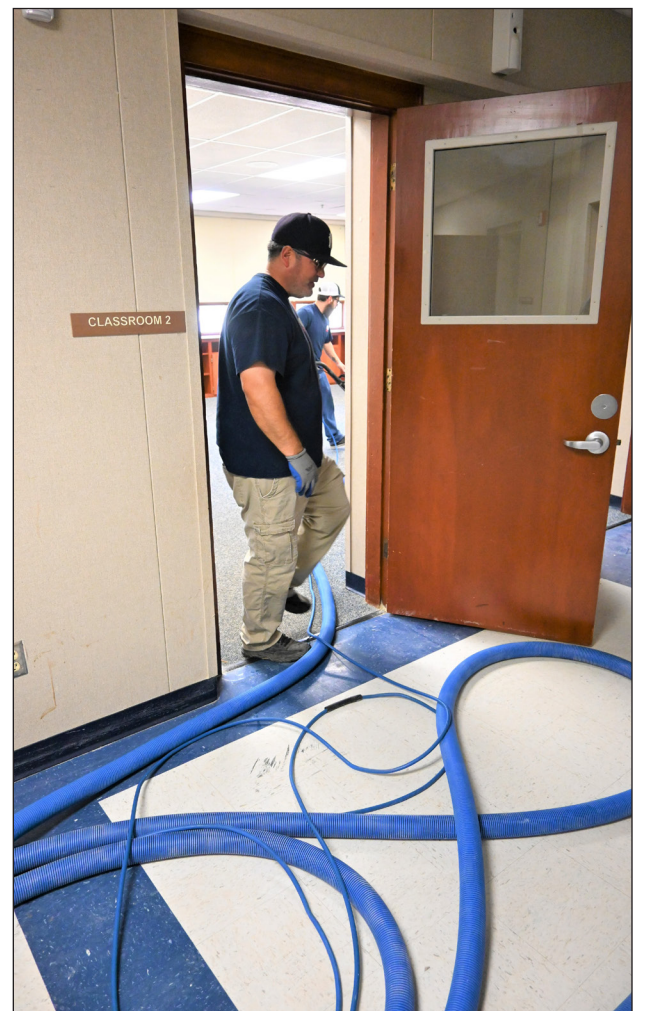
once a month, and 8 percent who use it three to four times a year.

66% of adults say they are interested in what the Bible has to say!

What if we increased the number of people reading the Bible in our churches? What if unchurched people in our community started reading the Bible? Would that CHANGE our community? We believe so!

Visit our website at www.altusreads.org for more community information.

Freshening up at GW for new county offices



George Washington Elementary on East Cypress continues to undergo thorough cleaning, in readiness for a long occupation by offices of the Jackson County Courthouse. Front, Luis Perez, tech, and Clayton Bryant of Robbie Boyd's Moonlight Maintenance, shampoo the carpet in Room 2. Moving Day for the county is Tuesday, Feb. 22, ironically the birthday of George Washington, for whom the school is named. The moving job is expected to be complete by March 15.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep cockfighting illegal in Oklahoma

Dear Editor, Animal welfare is not a partisan issue, and many decent people of all political parties are willing to take a stand against the cruelty of animal fighting.

That became abundantly clear when the

people of Oklahoma voted to make cockfighting a felony in Oklahoma in 2002.

Representative Justin Humphrey is now trying to severely weaken the penalties of this law through House Bill 3283.

Strong penalties are an extremely important provision of our existing cockfighting law and the voters recognized that.

Cockfighting is a cruel and inexcusable criminal industry in the U.S. that profits

from violent cruelty to animals and is often associated with illegal gambling and drugs.

Please ask your state legislators to vote no on HB3283.

Sincerely, Kim Rumschlag

A fork in the road!

BY STEVE FAIR

On Monday February 7th, Governor Kevin Stitt delivered his fourth 'state of the state' address to a joint session of the Oklahoma legislature. The governor said Oklahoma is economically in better shape than the rest of the country.

Stitt claims 27,000 people have moved to Oklahoma in the past two years, and that 40,000 more Oklahomans have jobs than when he was inaugurated as governor (2017). He said Oklahoma's unemployment is down to 2.3%, lowest in state history.

The governor said the Sooner state is at a crossroads, a fork in the road, on public policy. According to Stitt, one path leads toward Oklahoma becoming a Top Ten state, the other fork, the path of a jigsaw puzzle of jurisdiction.

Stitt outlined four checkpoints on the road to Oklahoma becoming a top ten state. Those checkpoints are: (1) Driving hope for all Oklahomans, (2) Protecting Oklahomans and their way of life, (3) Making Oklahoma more business friendly, and (4) Delivering taxpayers more for their

money.

Stitt said he supports school vouchers, an investment of \$13 billion dollars in state infrastructure in the next decade, a revamp of the state's initiative petition process, and consolidation of the state's law enforcement agencies into one unified command structure. During his address, Stitt quoted motivational author Jim Collins and Oklahoma native son Will Rogers and concluded his remarks by thanking God for being an Oklahoman. Three observations:

First, Oklahoma has a long way to go to become a top ten state. The Sooner state ranks in the bottom third of states in per capita income. It ranks high in prison population, low in mental health services, high in obesity, and low in educational outcomes. It will take decades before the state becomes top ten unless radical major changes to policy are implemented. Oklahoma government hasn't shown the political willpower to make those radical changes.

Stitt's idea of parents controlling their tax dollars and being able to enroll their child in a school that might give the child better outcomes is a start, but

it appears that is dead on arrival. Oklahoma Speaker of the House Charles McCall, (R-Atoka) said on Thursday he has no intention of hearing SB #1647, authored by Senate President Pro Tempe Greg Treat, (R-OKC). McCall calls SB #1647 a public-school killer for rural Oklahoma. Treat has vowed to double down on the proposal. We will see who wins this battle.

Second, hope is a good thing, but it will not make Oklahoma a top ten state. Hope is the anchor of the soul for a Christian. It looks back to what Christ did on the cross and forward to when He will return. Secular hope is positive thinking, good wishes, and a crossing of the fingers. It has no place in public policy.

Government should be non-emotional, impassive and logical, not seeking to motivate citizens with feel good philosophy. Instead of training every state employee in the next two years on how to apply the 'science of hope' in their agencies, train them on how to fundamentally do their job more efficiently and save taxpayers money. Having happy, well-adjusted, hopeful bureaucrats isn't the job of the government.

Third, Oklahomans were sold a bill of goods on the medical marijuana state question. Oklahomans approved it based on a lack of information and misinformation. Stitt proposes changing the initiative petition process but gave no details as to how he wants it changed. Policy makers should remember that changes made to the process affects everyone's liberty, not just the liberal out-of-state concerns Stitt mentioned in his address.

Improvement in ballot language, and full disclosure in what State Question implementation will cost taxpayers would be a major improvement. More and better information before the vote might prevent passage of proposals that result in 'unintended consequences.'

Governor Stitt said Oklahoma has come to a fork in the road on public policy. Yogi Berra famously said, "When you come to a fork in the road.... take it." Oklahoma government usually does just that.

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Navajo receives STEM grant from AAFB



Mary Ann Callaway | Altus Times

Navajo High School was selected to receive over \$6,000 of grant money from the Altus Air Force Base STEM Council. Funds will be used for VEX classroom robotics kits and a sphero bolt kit. Navajo math and STEM teacher Janelle Picinich, left, accepted the check from Judy Mott, school liaison, project manager and STEM representative for AAFB.

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The Duke Lady Tigers, Class B girls district champions: Front left, Celie Hall, Alyssa Keck, Laura Bustos, Corky Hall, Zoey Koweno, Skye Clausen. Back left, Manager Braylee Dollins, Assistant Coach Garrett Chambless, Kadynce Davis, Peyton Dawson, Coach Bobby Dawson, Makilynn Puckett, Jaden Ruiz, Brock Dill and Manager Rylee Puckett.

Duke girls beat county teams for district title

BY KEVIN HILLEY
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The Duke Lady Tigers were champions of the district home tournament on Saturday, with Blair as runner-up. Next up, regionals at Chattanooga, starting Thursday, Feb. 17:

Duke (ranked 6th, 20-5) vs Maysville (12-5), 6:30 p.m. Winner advances to Game 8, Region C, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

To earn the district title, Duke defeated Olustee-Eldorado and Blair in the final game on Saturday.



Duke's Celie Hall and O-E's Harmony Birmingham.



Duke's Brock Dill and Olustee-Eldorado's Rayna Ramirez.

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The Navajo Lady Indians, district champions. Front left, Adison Warren, Ry'leigh Pennington, Abby Bates, Lindsey Moreau. Back left, Assistant Coach Kriston Shumaker, Karissa Callins, Lilly Rodriguez, Parrish Norfleet, Avery Rempel, Brookelynne Whitfield, Sienna Solis and Coach Tim Ellison.

Navajo blasts past Hollis for regional title

BY KEVIN HILLEY
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The Navajo Lady Indians defeated the Hollis Lady Tigers, 92-39, bringing their season record to 21-3 and their Class A ranking to 11th, going into regionals.

The first round of regionals is at Burns-Flat Dill City (BFDC). Navajo faces Canute (16-8) on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

If Navajo wins, their next game will be at Hydro-Eakley, Game 8, Region A, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The Lady Indians will face the winner of Thursdays game of Hydro-Eakley vs. Sterling.

Both the winner and runner-up of the regional finals will advance to Area.

Navajo drew a bye for the first round of districts. In the Hollis game, Parrish Norfleet led scoring with 25 points.

Abby Bates and Ry'leigh Pennington each had 13 points and scored three 3-point FGs.

Others scoring were Adison Warren, 9; Avery Rempel, 8; Lindsey Moreau, 6; Brookelynne Whitfield, 4; and Lilly Rodriguez, 3.



Avery Rempel.



Ry'leigh Pennington.



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The Duke Tigers, winners of the district games at Duke last week: front left, Nathan Gable, Braden Gable, Ruben Ruiz, Dawson Bradham, Lance Womack, Bradley Tamplen, Dillon Herron, Jordan Ruiz. Back left, Coach Nick Gable, Trevor Hill, Lane Womack, Bryson Dill, Preston Jones, Sean Tamplen, Mason Linares, Morgan Reynolds, Aaron Wright, Hunter Miranda and Assistant Coach Orin McGee.

Duke Tigers take district title

BY KEVIN HILLEY
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The Duke Tigers defeated the Olustee-Eldorado Diamondbacks in the district final Saturday.

The Duke Tigers, ranked 5th in Class B with a 21-4 season record, faces Maysville (4-10) at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Chattanooga, for the first round of regionals.

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Hunter Miranda and Tipton Tigers.



Lane Womack in the opening district game against Tipton.



Adison Warren.



Don't be busy...
Be productive!



Altus Swim Team head to State in Edmond



The Altus Boys Swim Team, champions of regional competition, will play at State this week. The boys have 16 swimmers who are advancing to State.



The Altus Girls Swim Team, placing 1st in regionals as well as holding several first place individual titles and personal best time. Ten girls will go to State this week.

Courtesy photos | Eric Scott



Blair's Logan Torrez and Olustee-Eldorado's Juan Bernal.



Kailyn Salcido, Blair

Blair girls, O-E boys head to regionals in consolation bracket

BY KEVIN HILLEY
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Following district games last weekend, two Jackson County teams will travel to Chattanooga for beginning rounds of regionals in the consolation bracket: the Blair Lady Broncs and the Olustee-Eldorado Diamondbacks.

Both teams defeated opponents in the first round, only to see the victories in finals go to Duke.

Each team will have 3 games to play in order to advance to State.

The Blair Lady Broncs, with a 13-10 season record, have a slight edge over Chattanooga, which holds a 10-13 record.

Blair opens against

Chattanooga at 1:30 p.m. The winner of that game will play Friday at 6:30 and Saturday at 1:30 for the championship and advance to Area.

Olustee-Eldorado holds an advantage with a better season record (10-11) than their opponent in the consolation bracket.

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Duke's Jordan Ruiz and Olustee-Eldorado's Billy Rodriguez, in the district final.

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DUKE

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The final game of the winners' bracket will be Sat. the 19th at 8 p.m. for the regional championship.

The first district game was hard fought and won against Tipton, 70-64. The teams were neck and neck for most of the game, and the fans on both sides were leaping to their feet and shouting. Tipton had as much as 6-point lead at one point, and the teams were tied several times throughout the game.

Aaron Wright led

scoring for Duke against Tipton, with 30 points on the board, including three 3-point shots. Bryson Dill followed with 15; Lane Womack, 11; and Hunter Miranda and Jordan Ruiz, 7 each.

In the final game, Duke beat Olustee-Eldorado for the title, 59-35. Wright was out due to an injury for much of the game, after scoring a 3-point FG in the 2nd. Womack led scoring, with three 3's and several of his signature dunks.

Ruiz scored 17 points; Dill, 16; Preston Jones, 8; Miranda and Morgan Reynolds, 7 each.



Bryson Dill.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-9

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF FERN E. OSBURN, Deceased, and WILLIAM JAMES OSBURN, Deceased. MENED NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estates of Fern E. Osburn, Deceased, and William James Osburn, Deceased, that on the 10th day of February 2022, John T. Osburn filed in the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition to Administer the Estates of Fern E. Osburn, Deceased, and William James Osburn, Deceased, asking that Letters of Administration issue thereon to John T. Osburn, without the necessity of posting bond, and requesting this Court determine the identity of all the heirs-at-law of Fern E. Osburn, Deceased, and William James Osburn, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estates of Fern E. Osburn, Deceased, and William James Osburn, Deceased, that on the 10th day of February 2022, John T. Osburn filed in the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same by filing written opposition thereto. DATED this 11th day of February 2022. JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT Prepared by: Grant E. Kincannon, OBA No. 32032 VERNON KINCANNON, PLLC 903 Falcon Road Altus, OK 73521 580-482-0560 580-482-0567 (fax) grant@vklawok.com Attorney for Petitioner **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-05

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF RONEY D. ROBERSON, JR., DECEASED, AND WANDA LEE ROBERSON, DECEASED NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE UNDER POWER NOTICE IS hereby given that Judith Roberson McCombs, Personal Representative of the estate of Roney D. Roberson, Jr., deceased, and of the estate of Wanda Lee Roberson, deceased, has made return to this Court of and presented for confirmation the sale made by Judith Roberson McCombs as such Personal Representative, to Darlene Cox for the sum of \$14,000.00, cash, under direction and power of sale granted in the Last Will and Testament of Roney D. Roberson, Jr. and in the Last Will and Testament of Wanda Lee Roberson, deceased, of the following-described real property situated in Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

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ma, according to the recorded plat thereof, which Return is on file herein, and that the 2nd day of March, 2022, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. in the District Courtroom of the County Courthouse in the City of Altus, in said County of Jackson, State of Oklahoma, has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing such Return, at which time any person interested in said Estate may appear and file exceptions in writing to such Return and contest the same. Reference is hereby made to said Return for further particulars. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 9th day of February, 2022. s/ Rafe Hall

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT **LXPLP**

(Published in the Altus Times Feb. 17, 2022)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. CJ-2021-44

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff, vs.

THE HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF WINIFRED B. HOFFPAUR, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM ALIAS SALE

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

The Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of Winifred B. Hoffpaur, deceased, and the Unknown Successors; Occupants of the Premises; Joel M. Buckley, Trustee of the Winifred B. Hoffpaur Revocable Trust dated March 3, 2010; Successor Trustees of the Winifred B. Hoffpaur Revocable Trust dated March 3, 2010; Shene J. Hoffpaur-Casey

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein a Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Alias Sale in the above entitled cause. That said Motion to Confirm will be heard before Judge Leveritt in said Judge's Courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse on the 5th day of April 2022, at 2:30 o'clock, PM. You must appear at said time and present any objections to the said alias sale proceedings or the Motion to Confirm Alias Sale will be sustained and the alias sale confirmed. Judge Leverett, Brad D. KIVELL, RAYMENT AND FRANCIS A Professional Corporation By: K. Renee' Davis, OBA #15161

Triad Center I, Suite 550 7666 East 61st Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133 Telephone (918) 254-0626 Facsimile (918) 254-7915 E-mail: rdavis@kivell.com ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARMON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-01

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ELLSWORTH PAYNE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY OF HARMON ss.

All persons having claims against James Ellsworth Payne, one and same person as J.E. Payne, 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 Personal Representative at: c/o Michael K. Duffy, attorney LATHAM, NELSON, MARTIN & DUFFY P.O. Box 953 1000 N. Main Altus, OK 73522 on or before the following presentment date: April 18, 2022, or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred. Dated this 8th day of February, 2022. s/ Kevin Crockett Kevin Crockett Personal Representative Prepared by: Michael K. Duffy, OBA

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-8

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John Preston Overfield, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION TO ADMIT LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT TO PROBATE, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of John Preston Overfield, deceased, that on the 7th day of February, 2022, Brian Keith Overfield produced in the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument, in writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Preston Overfield, deceased, and has also filed a Petition in this Court praying for the probate of the Last Will and Testament, asking that Letters Testamentary be issued to Brian Keith Overfield upon the Estate of John Preston Overfield, deceased, without the necessity of posting bond, and requesting this Court determine the identity of all the heirs, legatees and devisees of the decedent.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the 2nd day of March 2022 at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p. m., of that day, has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition in the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same by filing written opposition thereto. DATED this 7th day of February 2022. Brad Leverett Judge Prepared by: Phillip L. Nelson, OBA# 11942 Latham, Nelson, Martin & Duffy P.O. Box 953 1000 N. Main Altus, OK 73522 (580) 482-7134 (580) 482-7154-fax Attorney for Petitioner **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. CV-2022-15

Ronald J. Willingham and Forrest Ray, Plaintiffs, Vs. Mary E. Welch, if living, and if deceased, her Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Mary E. Welch, if living, and if deceased, her unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Plaintiffs, Ronald J. Willingham and Forrest Ray, in the above-entitled cause. The Petition filed by the Plaintiffs alleges that Plaintiffs are the owners of title in fee simple to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, to wit: Lot Nineteen (19) in Block Nine (9) of the Latham Addition to the City of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in this action and must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiffs on or before April 4, 2022, or the allegations contained in the Petition will be taken as true and a decree quieting Plaintiffs title to the above-described property will be entered. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 8th day of February, 2022. Tina Swalles, Court Clerk Jackson County, Oklahoma Ali Powell

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. FA-2021-17

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: SHAZIYA JANIQUE MASSESBURG A Minor Child.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF HER BIRTH MOTHER

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: S H A Y L A MONAE MESSENBURG YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court to determine that Shaziya Janique Massenburg can be adopted without your consent. The Application alleges that your consent to the adoption is not necessary or required by law for the following reasons: It is alleged that this child is eligible for adoption without your consent in that you, Shayla Monae Massenburg, the natural mother of the child, did place the child at birth with another, and have not visited the child, or expressed any interest in the child; that for all intents and purposes, you have abandoned your duties and responsibilities as a mother toward this child.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF, AND IN OPPOSITION TO, THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THAT TIME AND PLACE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THIS CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, OF THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING, IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMINATING YOUR RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

You are further notified that this Court will hear evidence and hold the hearing on the 6th day of April 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the Jackson County Courthouse in Altus, Oklahoma. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature and seal of this Court this 8th day of February 2022. JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT Leona O. Denning, OBA #13974

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. 3000 N. Main, Suite 500 Altus, Oklahoma 73521 **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2021-39

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MORRIS ROBERTS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, AND DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE Notice is hereby given that MARILYN D GILLIS ROBERTS, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of MORRIS ROBERTS, Deceased, has filed her First and Final Account and Report of Administration of Estate and a Petition for Distribution of Estate; hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 2nd day of March, 2022, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the Courtroom of the Court in the County Courthouse at Altus, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if they have any, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, heirs determined, and the Estate distributed.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2022 Judge Rick A. Marsh JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT J. PHILLIP OLSON, OBA #11949 501 N. Hudson Altus, OK 73521 (580)481-7795 Attorney for Personal Representative **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING be provided to all attorneys of record and/or interested parties to these proceedings, in accordance with law. IT IS SO ORDERED. JUDGE **LXPLP**

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DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The name of: Jamie Renee Rodrigues NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME TO: All interested parties

Take notice that Jamie Renee Rodrigues has petitioned to change his/her name to Jamie Renee Amore. A Hearing on said petition is set for 8:45 o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of March, 2022, before Judge Leverett at 8:45 o'clock A.M. in his/her courtroom in the Jackson County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

TINA SWAILLES COURT CLERK By: DEPUTY **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-03

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WARREN DOYLE MCCOWN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF OKLAHOMA SS. COUNTY OF JACKSON

All Creditors having claims against Warren Doyle McCown, 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 claims, to Joe Warren Harkins, the named Executor of the Estate of Warren Doyle McCown Deceased, c/o Rick K. Vernon, 903 Falcon Road, Altus, Oklahoma 73521, on or before the following presentment date: April 11, 2022, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2022. Rick K. Vernon Attorney for Executor **LXPLP**

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DATED this 2nd day of February, 2022 Judge Rick A. Marsh JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT J. PHILLIP OLSON, OBA #11949 501 N. Hudson Altus, OK 73521 (580)481-7795 Attorney for Personal Representative **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-10

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE THOMPSON, Deceased.

NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: To all persons interested in the Estate of Bobby Joe Thompson, Deceased, that there has been produced and filed in the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition praying for the probate with Will attached of a testate estate of the Decedent and that Letters Testamentary be issued to Jo LaDaun Leverett, and for judicial determination of the heirs, devisees, and legatees of said Decedent. Pursuant to an Order of this court: Wednesday the 6th day of April 2022, at 1:30 P.M., in the District Courthouse of Jackson County, Altus, Oklahoma before Judge Rick Marsh, has been appointed as the time for hearing said Petition and determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, when and where all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest same. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February, 2022. JACKSON COUNTY COURT CLERK

By: Deputy Court Clerk BRENT S. HOWARD, OBA# 22182 501 N. Hudson Altus, Oklahoma 73521 Phone: (580) 482-3202 Fax: (580) 308-1031 swokestateplanner@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner **LXPLP**

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FOR JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-10

In the Matter of the Estate of BOBBY JOE THOMPSON, Deceased.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. JD-2021-06

IN THE MATTER OF: J. B. DOB: 08/04/16 DEPRIVED MINOR CHILD. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Oklahoma to: Alan Ray Beach and Bethanie Cady

You are hereby notified that the minor child, through attorney Rana Womack, has filed a Motion for Permanent Guardianship before the above named Court, praying that Robyn Lavoie and William Lavoie, prospective guardians, be granted permanent guardianship of the above named minor child, that you be ordered to pay child support according to the Oklahoma Guidelines, and that Robyn Lavoie and William Lavoie, the prospective guardians, shall be granted authority to grant visitation between the minor child and natural parents as they deem fit and proper.

This matter will be heard at a hearing on the 14th day of April, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in the District Court, Jackson County Courthouse, Altus, Oklahoma, before Judge Winford Mike Warren. You are ordered to appear and show cause, if any you have, why Order and Judgment in the proceedings should not be entered as prayed for in the Motion for Permanent Guardianship or said Motion will be taken as true and judgment for Petitioners and proposed guardians will be rendered against you according to the prayer of Petitioners' Motion for Permanent Guardianship. Dated this 10th day of February, 2022. Tina Swalles, Court Clerk Jackson County, Oklahoma

By: Deputy Approved: Rana Womack, OBA # 20374 Attorney for Minor Child PO Box 1068 Altus, OK 73522 580-482-0082 580-482-1035 fax **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2020-10

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JAMES ROLLINS DONER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that DAVID BUSH, Executor of the estate of JAMES ROLLINS DONER, deceased, having filed in this court his final account of the administration of said estate and petition for order allowing the same, determination of heirs and distribution, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the undersigned Judge of said court for the 2nd day of March, 2022, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the courtroom of said District Court in the courthouse at Altus, in the county and state aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs determined and said estate distributed. DATED this 9th day of February, 2022. s/Brad Leverett JUDGE MARK T. COKE 205 W. Cypress P. O. Box 652 Altus, Oklahoma 73522 (580)482-5474 ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2020-10

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2020-10

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JAMES ROLLINS DONER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that DAVID BUSH, Executor of the estate of JAMES ROLLINS DONER, deceased, having filed in this court his final account of the administration of said estate and petition for order allowing the same, determination of heirs and distribution, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the undersigned Judge of said court for the 2nd day of March, 2022, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the courtroom of said District Court in the courthouse at Altus, in the county and state aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs determined and said estate distributed. DATED this 9th day of February, 2022. s/Brad Leverett JUDGE MARK T. COKE 205 W. Cypress P. O. Box 652 Altus, Oklahoma 73522 (580)482-5474 ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR **LXPLP**

Senate Republicans pick Treat to continue as leader

STAFF REPORT

Senate Republicans again have selected Sen. Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, as their nominee to serve in the Senate's top leadership post.

First elected president pro tempore in 2018, Treat was elected by acclamation as Republicans' pro tempore designee for the 2023 and 2024 sessions. After completing that term, Treat will have served six years as president pro tempore, matching

Brian Bingman as the longest-serving Republican pro tempore.

"Without the love and support of my wife, Maressa, and our three children, I would not be able to serve in the Legislature. I am blessed and thankful for their sacrifices that allow me to serve the Senate and our state," Treat said.

"To my Republican colleagues: Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your leader. I am humbled by your trust and support and will continue

to work hard to lead the Senate with courage, authenticity, and transparency. Senate Republicans have successfully pushed for transformative policies that are good for our people and our state. I will continue to lead our chamber to promote ideas and policies that will take Oklahoma to the next level."

The 59th Legislature will convene in January for organizational day, at which time the Senate will officially vote to select the president pro tempore.

Health Dept. spokesperson guest of Lions



Photo courtesy of Altus Lions

Rosalyn Hall of the Jackson County Health Dept was guest speaker for Altus Lions Club on Feb. 10. She gave a program on the many offerings the Health Department has for the area. Hall is pictured with Lion President Gayle Culberson.



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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Altus Mini-Storage located at 1701 Falcon Road in Altus, Oklahoma is selling at a public sale the contents of the following rental units to satisfy a lien for past due rentals payments. The sale will take place on Saturday, February 26th, 2022 at 1701 Falcon Road. Interested parties may view each units contents between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM on the day of the sale. Bids should be submitted BY 12:00 PM to Altus Mini-Storage office. The total contents of each unit will constitute a single sale. Units to be sold are as follows;

Russell Frasier
Unit D135
116 County Road 5010 Bloomfield NM 87413
Furniture, Clothing Misc Boxes

Whitney Williams
Unit E158
310 East walnut Altus OK 73521
Furniture, Shoes Odds and Ends

Sierra Suniga
Unit G257
310 East Liveoak Altus OK 73521
Clothing, Misc Boxes

David Smith
Unit I338
20621 East CR 156 Blair Ok 73526
Misc Boxes, Furniture

Karen Mason
Unit I345
519 North Hightower Altus OK 73521
Clothing, Misc Boxes

Michelle Graham
Unit I348
1903 N Moulton OKC OK 73127
Misc Boxes, Clothing

Cora Davis
Unit K422
1215 Poplar St Altus OK 73521
Furniture, Misc Boxes

Luther Gower
Unit L430
2213 Falcon Road Apt 16 Altus OK 73521
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. CV-2022-10

MICHAEL TODD GLENN, Plaintiff,

vs. THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF BARBARA GLENN, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO: THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF BARBARA GLENN, DECEASED.

GREETINGS: You the

LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2022-2

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF William Edward Latham and Helen Latham, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY OF JACKSON

ss. All persons having claims against William Edward Latham or Helen Latham, 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 Personal Representative at:

c/o Phillip L. Nelson Latham, Nelson, Martin & Duffy

P.O. Box 953 1000 N. Main Altus, OK 73522

on or before the following

presentment date: April 11 2022 or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred.

Dated this 7th day of February 2022.

Darrell Edward Latham Personal Representative Prepared by:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2021-49

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIBEL ELKINS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF: Lucibel Elkins, De-

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. PB-2020-47

In the matter of the estate of Ethelene Brunson, deceased.

Notice of hearing first and final account, and decree of distribution of estate

Notice is hereby given that Gwen Brunson, the duly appointed and qualified personal representative of the estate of Ethelene Brunson, deceased, has filed her first and final account and report of administration of estate and a petition for distribution of estate hearing has been fixed by the judge of the court for the second day of March, 2022, at 1:30 o'clock PM, at the courtroom of the court in the Jackson County courthouse at Altus, in the county and state aforesaid, and all persons interested in the estate are notified to appear and show cause, if they have any, why the account should not be settled and allowed, and the estate distributed.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2022

judge of the District Court Phillip Olson, OBA #11949

501 N. Hudson Altus, OK 73521

580-471-7795

Attorney for the Persona;

Representative. **LXPLP**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. CV-2022-08

DANIEL SHERWOOD Plaintiff,

vs. THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF MELVIN DANIEL SHERWOOD, DECEASED, Defendants.

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Navajo fourth graders make valentines for Airmen



Mary Ann Callaway | Altus Times

Fourth graders at Navajo Elementary created over 200 handmade valentines. Each was delivered by an active Airmen to retired veterans who are in five separate assisted living facilities in the area. Remiel, a student who participated, said, "It is important to do stuff like this, like making valentines for veterans, to thank them for everything. Because of them we have lots of freedom."



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Salvation Army receives more than 20K from Hutch's

STAFF REPORT

The Salvation Army is grateful for such a long-standing relationship with Hutchinson Oil / C-Hutch Stores.

A donation from Hutchinson Oil/Hutch's C-Stores was recently received to help support the most vulnerable across western, southwestern, and northwestern Oklahoma and Kansas.

With 2021 a year of challenges for so many, the Salvation Army wants to thank everyone who generously helped Hope March On for those in the most need.

Hutch's customers could donate at each location, from Thanksgiving through the end of the year.

A giving option was provided which allowed customers to donate increments of \$1 to the Salvation Army at the cash register.

The program was successful and surpassed the goals which were set

for each store.

"Our family and employees, as well as our customers, really stepped up this year to make this campaign a success. I think all of us recognized that more families were in need this year and wanted to help. We've been putting these kettles out in our stores now for ten years, and it has become a holiday tradition that we look forward to. I think it helps remind us and our employees daily what this season is really about and that is giving back," said business owner Linda Hutchinson.

With the Hutchinsons' matching donation, \$21,923.12 has been donated to The Salvation Army on behalf of C-Store customers and employees.

The contribution helps bring Hope March On for the hopeless, food for the hungry, and more in the counties where Hutch's C-Stores are located.

Hutch's C-Stores located in Altus, Clinton, Elk City, Enid, Guymon, Hammon, Sayre, Watonga, Weatherford, and Woodward, Oklahoma as well as Liberal, Kansas participated in the campaign.

"Words are not enough to tell you how thankful we are for Hutchinson Oil and Hutch's C-Store customers for their donations to The Salvation Army. Due to the devastating effects of the global pandemic, fundraising this past Christmas was challenging and Hutch's took the needs of the community to heart. With this wonderful donation, we will be able to aid more families with a way to get back on their feet, as we are assisting many Oklahomans who are experiencing economic distress. May God continue to bless you and your business endeavors," Toney Ellis, Arkansas-Oklahoma Divisional Service Unit Director.



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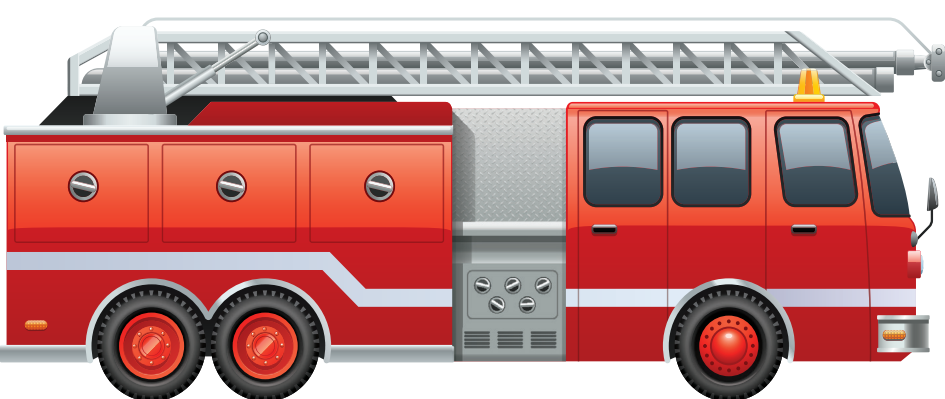
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