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## New exhibit at The Wigwam Gallery looks at art that reflects transformation

See "Transform" at the Wigwam Gallery in Altus through June 30.

A new exhibit at The Wigwam Gallery in Altus features 16 works of art from 14 different artists as it examines the concept of transformation, both literally and figuratively.

"Transform" invites viewers to consider how the only constant in life is change. Featured media includes bronze, oil and acrylic paintings, gouache, photo, ink and watercolor.

"Spring shifts us from dormancy towards growth, from winter to warmth, and from long nights to longer days. Seasonal shifts bring the opportunity to reflect on the rhythm of change in our own lives," said Jarrod Ferguson in describing the exhibit. Ferguson is director of NBC's art collection and curator of this exhibit.

Exhibit highlights include: "Vertigoat," a bronze sculpture by Tim Cherry that shows a goat becoming one with a cliff.

Photographer Mike Mergen's images of polling places that showcase unremarkable locations as places of where remarkable change can begin through voting.

A ledger painting by Virginia Stroud that depicts historic change with Quanah Parker's surrender to Col. Ranald MacKenzie in 1875.

A contemporary painting by David Crismon that calls back to the 17th century but

references technological glitches.

The exhibit is designed to make people think and interpret the art against their own lives' transformations. See it by appointment during regular hours on weekdays by calling the bank at (580) 477-1100 for an appointment. The Wigwam Gallery is located at 121 W Commerce, next door to NBC's location in downtown Altus. See more about the exhibit and photos of the art at [nbcwigwam.art](http://nbcwigwam.art).

### ABOUT NBC OKLAHOMA

NBC Oklahoma is a \$900 million state bank with seven locations across Oklahoma. It is an Oklahoma-owned bank. Member FDIC.

### ABOUT NBC OKLAHOMA'S ART EFFORTS

NBC has a collection of private art on display at each of its banks. The bank also has the Wigwam Gallery in Altus, used to promote Oklahoma artists and art and to host events for some nonprofit institutions. NBC Chairman Ken Ferguson has a lifelong interest in art and a personal mission to support artists and the arts as an essential part of strong communities.

For information about the gallery, current exhibits or NBC Oklahoma's art, contact Jarrod Ferguson, director of NBC's art collection, at [jferguson@nbcok.com](mailto:jferguson@nbcok.com) or (405) 748-9100. See more at [nbcwigwam.art](http://nbcwigwam.art) or [nbc.bank/art](http://nbc.bank/art).



## Mullin completes statewide tour in Altus, highlights Senate Armed Services Committee

U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recently completed his inaugural tour of Southwest Oklahoma in Lawton and Altus. These stops were part of Mullin's first official statewide tour as a U.S. Senator, which kicked off earlier this week in Guymon and Boise City.

Mullin began the day at the Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce, meeting with business leaders and taking questions about some of the most pressing issues facing Southwest Oklahoma. The Senator spoke about his role on the Senate Armed Services Committee, the debt limit, and the future of state commerce.

Mullin then attended the Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA) grand opening to celebrate the city's newest public-private partnership which will bring aerospace and defense industry opportunities to Lawton. In his remarks, Senator Mullin highlighted that the FISTA will bring high-paying jobs, added revenue, and attract desirable businesses from across the nation. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mullin holds a vital position in ensuring Oklahoma's

military installations and defense industry have what they need to protect and serve our nation.

Mullin then visited Fort Sill to receive an operations overview of the Field Artillery School from Col. John Barefield and Col. Curtis King, Commandant of the Air Defense Artillery. The Senator spoke with Base leaders about fleet expansion, modernization, training Ukrainian forces, and the future of Fort Sill.

Mullin spent the afternoon in Altus, where he met with Vice Commander Col. Patrick Brady-Lee of the 97th Air Mobility Wing for a briefing and tour of Altus Air Force Base (AFB). The Senator learned about how Altus AFB has become the premier installation for producing the world's most inspired, proficient, and adaptive mobility warriors to deliver airpower for America.

Mullin concluded his visit with an Altus community meet-and-greet at the Museum of the Western Prairie. After brief introductions, Senator Mullin opened it up for questions, where he spoke about the threat of Communist China, aid to Ukraine, the ongoing drought in Western Oklahoma, and the latest on the farm bill and federal crop insurance.



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### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

## GM celebrates 100 millionth U.S.-manufactured car

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On April 21, 1967, GM had just manufactured their 100 millionth car in the United States. At that time, GM was the world's largest automaker.

Horse-drawn carriage mogul William Durant established General Motors in 1908

in Flint, Michigan. A savvy businessman, it wasn't long until he owned Buick Motor Company, which opened in 1903. He soon acquired Oldsmobile, Cadillac, and Reliance Motor Company, among other auto and truck makers.

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## Let's have a spot of tea

April is National Afternoon Tea Month

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There is a national day, week, or month, for almost anything you can think of. Did you know that April is National Afternoon Tea Month?

It aims to celebrate this 200-year-old once common ritual by celebrating the culture surrounding the food and history of afternoon tea. Afternoon tea was served between the meals we refer to as lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea began in the United Kingdom in the 1830s and was often associated with social rituals.

Because of the "steep" price of tea leaves, it was a pastime

often associated with the wealthy or upper-class elite. Another reason afternoon tea was more associated with the upper class is because they had more leisure time than the working-class.

Afternoon tea began as a light snack but turned into a meal with rituals and traditions. During the 19th century, the last meal of the day was usually eaten between 9 and 10 p.m., which left an hours long gap between meals. Before long, afternoon tea became something more than just having a light snack while waiting for supper. It be-

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## Judge Brad Leverett announces retirement

With a career in law spanning almost forty years, Judge Brad Leverett has announced his retirement as District Judge for the Third Judicial District of the State of Oklahoma. District III includes the counties of Jackson, Harmon, Greer, Kiowa, and Tillman Counties in Southwest Oklahoma.

Judge Leverett started his legal career as a State Prosecutor in 1985. He was first assigned to Woods County, Oklahoma and then to Garfield County. He returned home to Altus in 1991 to become the First Assistant District Attorney for District III.

In 1997, Judge Leverett became a partner in the law firm of Olson, Hall, Darby and Leverett and continued



Judge Brad Leverett

in the private practice of law until 2007, when Judge Richard Darby appointed him to the Special Judge position in Jackson County. Judge Leverett was elected to the office of District Judge in November 2018.

Judge Leverett's wife Robin recently retired as a court reporter in District III. Their

son Travis is a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, and daughter Holly is a registered nurse at Lakeside Women's Center in Oklahoma City.

Judge Leverett stated, "It's been quite a privilege for me to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of this area as a prosecutor, private attorney and judge. I appreciate the confidence placed in me, and I have enjoyed every day of it. However, there comes a point where you know it is time for you to move on to explore God's callings for you in other areas. Robin and I are excited about the fu-

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# Earth Day lessons for investors

It's almost Earth Day, when people around the world focus on ways of protecting and preserving the environment. And the lessons from this occasion can be applied to other areas of life — such as investing.

Here are some themes to consider:

- **Sustainability** – From an environmental perspective, sustainability encompasses a range of issues, such as using natural resources wisely. As an investor, you, too, need to protect your resources. So, for example, to sustain a long-term investment strategy, you won't want to dip into your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k), to pay for major home or car repairs or other unexpected,



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costly bills before retirement. You can help prevent this by building an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with

the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. And once you're retired, you need to sustain your portfolio so it can help provide income for many years. For that to happen, you'll need to maintain a withdrawal rate that doesn't deplete your investments too soon.

- **Growth potential** – Many people plant trees to celebrate Earth Day, with the hope that, as the trees grow, they'll contribute to cleaner air. When you invest, you also need growth potential if you're going to achieve your goals, including a comfortable retirement. So, your portfolio will need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds

or exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Yet, you do need to be aware that these investments can lose value, especially during downturns in the financial markets. You can help reduce the impact of market turbulence on your holdings by also owning other types of investments, such as bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit (CDs). While these investments can also lose value, they are typically less volatile than stocks and stock-based mutual funds and ETFs. The appropriate percentage of growth and fixed-income investments in your portfolio depends on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives.

- **Avoidance of "toxins"** – At some Earth Day events,

you can learn about positive behaviors such as disposing of toxic items safely. And in the investment world, you'll also want to avoid toxic activities, such as chasing "hot" stocks that aren't appropriate for your needs, or trading investments so frequently that you run up commissions and taxes or jumping out of the markets altogether when there's a temporary decline.

- **Consolidation** – Getting rid of clutter and unnecessary possessions is another lesson some people take away from Earth Day. All of us, when we look around our homes, could probably find many duplicate items — do we really need two blenders or three brooms or five staplers? When you invest, it's

also surprisingly easy to pick up "clutter" in the form of multiple accounts. You might have an IRA with one financial company and brokerage accounts with two or three others. If you were to consolidate these accounts with one provider, you might reduce correspondence — even if it is online — and possibly even lower the fees you pay. But perhaps more important, by consolidating these accounts at one place, possibly with the guidance of a financial professional who knows your needs and goals, you may find it easier to follow a single, unified investment strategy.

Earth Day only happens once a year — but it may provide lessons for investors that can last a lifetime.

## OBITUARIES

### Sandy Magee

Sandy Magee, 83, long-time Enid resident, passed peacefully at home April 10, 2023 surrounded by family.

Sandy was born in Enid April 29, 1939 to Vernon F. and Edith M. Babb, the fourth of five siblings. She graduated from Enid High School with the class of 1957, and completed her nurses training at Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa in 1960. That same year, she married Patrick Magee and they

remained in Enid, where they raised three children. Following her training, she began a long career as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at St. Mary's Hospital. She quickly assumed the role of clinical nursing coordinator and was instrumental in transforming the Department into the premier emergency facility in northwest Oklahoma. Sandy had a lifelong passion for farming and ranching, and was responsible for establishing a first of it's

kind farming safety program in Garfield County. She was a longtime parishioner of St Gregory the Great Catholic Church where she had a pivotal role in its founding. In 1993, Sandy assumed a nursing position at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Altus, where she remained until her retirement in 2011.

Sandy spent her remaining years in Bixby, near her daughter.

She is survived by her three children, Dr Michael Magee and his wife Cindy of

Bedford, NH, Brian Magee and his fiancée Geanie Sizemore of Springdale, AR, and Heather Pfriem of Bixby. She also leaves 8 adoring grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents, four siblings, and longtime partner L.H. Diel of Breckinridge, OK.

The family plans to hold a private celebration of life at Riverview Cemetery in Nardin, Oklahoma when the wheat grows golden and high, per Sandy's request.

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came a ritual to connect with loved ones or maybe one's friends.

According to the National Day Calendar, "Afternoon tea consists of light, small portions—crustless finger sandwiches, scones, small cakes and pastries, and of course, tea. Various spreads, such as clotted cream, lemon curd, jams, and jellies, are also served. Usually, English Breakfast tea and Earl Grey are served, but other teas find their way to the serving tray, too. Teas such as Lapsang Souchong, lavender, mint, Darjeeling, and chamomile bring a variety of flavors to the table."

Some decades would see upper-class women changing dresses quite often during the day, certainly for afternoon tea.

An afternoon tea at home, meant women could change into the less confining "tea-dress." In this article from 1883, a tea-dress was usually worn sans corset.

"As its use usually enable ladies to dispense with the corset, the hygienic value of the tea-gown is apparent. It has been stated that some ladies wear corsets underneath their tea-gowns, but they are in a small minority...the wearing of it is a fashion which, it

may be hoped for the sake of those who follow it, may be more than a passing fancy."

Because the tea-dress was looser fitting, it was deemed inappropriate to wear to tea in a public setting, but by the Edwardian era, the style of the tea-dress was commonly worn in public and at home.

Afternoon tea parties faded away with the necessity of two income households, earlier mealtimes, and just the general busyness of day-day life.

National Afternoon Tea Month, according to the National Day Calendar, is a chance to reignite interest in the ritual and give tools for planning the perfect Afternoon Tea Parties at home. Today, teahouses, tea gardens, tearooms, bed and breakfasts, and other locations also offer afternoon tea and an opportunity to revive a culture that has faded away.

To read more about the invention and rituals of Afternoon Tea, visit, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-afternoon-tea-month-april/>. To read more about the invention of the tea-dress, visit <https://thedreamstress.com/2012/06/terminology-what-is-a-tea-gown/>.

If you want to own a tea dress, or any other Victorian or Edwardian ensemble, visit recollections.biz.

### Mary Katherine "Katie" (Cross) Tipton

Mary Katherine "Katie" (Cross) Tipton was born November 17, 1945 in Altus, Oklahoma to Roy George and Mary Francis (Wright) Cross. She completed her earthly journey on Friday, April 14, 2023, at her home in Duncan. She was 77. A graveside service was held Monday, April 17, at the Altus Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Trent Lujin, Gary Brown, Sonny Miller, and Laiken Miller.



Arrangements were entrusted to Whitt Funeral Home. Katie graduated

from Navajo High School and attended Southwestern Oklahoma State College. She married the love of her life, Robert Tipton, on June 17, 1965, having celebrated 57 years of marriage in 2022. Their family was completed with the birth of their daughter, Georganna. She enjoyed playing golf and doing yardwork. She loved her cats - no stray would be left behind, it became hers.

Spending time with her family was very important to her, especially with her grandson. She was a loving

wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. Preceded in death by her parents, Katie is survived by her loving husband, Robert; daughter and son-in-law, Georganna and Trent Lujin of Wylie, Texas; and grandson, Finn Lujin, also of Wylie. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Stephens County Humane Society, PO Box 669, Duncan, OK 73533.

Online condolences can be made at [www.whittfh.com](http://www.whittfh.com).



### Kenneth Dirk Lee

Kenneth Dirk Lee, 63, Altus, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the Jackson County Memorial Hospital. Private services will be held by the family at a later date. Arrangements and cremation are under the care of the Kincannon Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Kenneth Dirk Lee was born on July 23, 1959 in Hol-

lis, Oklahoma to Kenneth Gay and Peggy Jeane (Ham-montree) Lee. He grew up in Duke and graduated from Duke High School with the Class of 1977. Dirk was an assistant manager at Locke Supply and had worked there for more than 25 years. He enjoyed growing his own vegetables, hunting deer, and fishing of all kinds. Dirk was kind, and truly cared about people. He never met a stranger. His

family was very precious to him and will miss him dearly.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughter, Jaclyn Lee-Morris and husband, Charles Morris; a sister, Judy Lane and her sons, Chris and Joe; and many other family members and friends.

Online tributes may be made at [kincannonfuneralhome.com](http://kincannonfuneralhome.com)

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ture and having the chance to spend more time with our kids and grandkids."

Judge Leverett's last official day as District Judge will be April 28, 2023. A reception honoring his long-time service will be held at the Jack-

son County Courthouse on April 28, 2023, at 2 p.m.

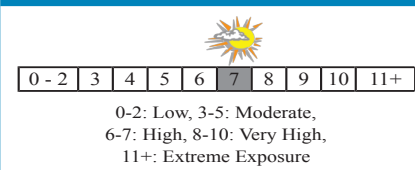
According to State law, the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Committee will conduct interviews and submit a list of three qualified candidates to the Governor's Office and it will be up to Governor Stitt to appoint Judge Leverett's replacement.

## Altus Times Weather Summary

### Altus' Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
70 / 38	68 / 41	62 / 45	69 / 51	80 / 48	79 / 46	82 / 51

### Local UV Index



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 70°, humidity of 23%. East northeast wind 13 to 22 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1925. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 38°. East northeast wind 9 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 35°. The record low for tonight is 34° set in 1918. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 68°, humidity of 25%. Northeast wind 10 to 14 mph. Saturday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with an overnight low of 41°.

### Weather Trivia

How large can a hailstone become?  
**Answer:** The largest documented hailstone was 17.5 inches in diameter.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Today	1:30-3:30	1:56-3:56	Tue	5:01-7:01	5:27-7:27
Sat	2:21-4:21	2:47-4:47	Wed	5:53-7:53	6:18-8:18
Sun	3:14-5:14	3:41-5:41	Thu	6:43-8:43	7:07-9:07
Mon	4:08-6:08	4:34-6:34			

### Sun & Moon

First	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
4/27	Friday	6:58 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	7:48 a.m.	10:12 p.m.	5/12
	Saturday	6:57 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	11:18 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:56 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	9:06 a.m.	Next Day	
	Monday	6:55 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	9:53 a.m.	12:20 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:53 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	10:46 a.m.	1:16 a.m.	
	Wednesday	6:52 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	11:43 a.m.	2:06 a.m.	
	Thursday	6:51 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	12:41 p.m.	2:48 a.m.	

### Local Almanac Last Week

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Date	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
4/12	80	44	74/45	0.00"	4/12	Degree Days
4/13	83	45	75/46	0.00"	4/13	Degree Days
4/14	88	56	75/46	0.00"	4/14	Degree Days
4/15	70	50	75/46	0.00"	4/15	Degree Days
4/16	73	40	75/47	0.00"		
4/17	83	39	76/47	0.00"		
4/18	85	51	76/47	0.00"		

Growing degree days are calculated by subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the day's average temperature.

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# ON THE WEATHER

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# Proper etiquette for men to approach women at their cars

What is the proper etiquette for men to approach women at their cars?



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Step one: Don't. But if you absolutely must, a respectful, "Excuse me, ma'am," would be the proper way to get a woman's attention.

How NOT to approach a woman at her car (or anywhere for that matter):

Bum-rush her at her door without saying anything.

I can count on one hand the number of times I've been terrified in my life. And yes - I realize how privileged I am

to be able to say that. That's not to say I've never been uncomfortable in certain situations. I'm sure there would have been more times in my life that I've been made to feel scared or uncomfortable if I paid more attention to my surroundings. But I figure whatever is happening behind my back or outside of my direct vision and hearing is none of my business. I also realize that's probably a stupid way to live my life.

None of those times resulted in me procuring a stun gun and pepper spray. Until

the incident last week that terrified me so badly that I actually asked the police to go look at the cameras after I left.

The only reason I was paying attention as I left the store was because a man made me uncomfortable at the checkout. He stood next to the register until I finished paying and then walked out ahead of me. I was looking around for that guy outside the doors before making my exit. Thankfully police determined that the man from inside had nothing to do with what happened outside. It was just a coincidence -albeit a creepy one.

I didn't see the first guy so

I proceeded to my car where I saw an SUV parked next to my car, along the passenger side. There were two men in the front seat with their windows down and I heard one of them say something like "There's one" or "There she is" which made me look up. After that comment, the driver tried to get out of his car so fast that he stumbled which allowed me time to get to my car before he caught up with me.

He put his hand on my car as I was backing out of my parking spot, as if that was going to make me stop - and once his hand was off my car, he started waving me down,

still trying to get me to stop.

I don't know if he just wanted to ask for money, if he was going to try to steal my wallet, or if he was going to attempt an abduction in broad daylight. I certainly wasn't going to hang around and find out.

How you approach people matters, especially when it's a man approaching a woman. Call me sexist if you want, but a woman, no matter how she's approached me, has never terrified me as much as the men I'm talking about here, even though I know women can be just as dangerous as men.

Some of you reading this

might be thinking, "He probably just wanted to give you back something you dropped or left in the store."

No.

For one, I never went around to my passenger side to drop anything there. Secondly, he hadn't been inside the store yet to see if I forgot something, and thirdly, I made it home with everything I brought with me and with everything I purchased from the store.

There is no reason good enough to justify this man chasing me to my car - but if it happens again, just know that I am now prepared to defend myself.

## Wall writing

Once upon a time, a guy's car was getting repossessed. He asked the wrecker driver if there was anything he could do. The man told him he was authorized to receive his payment.

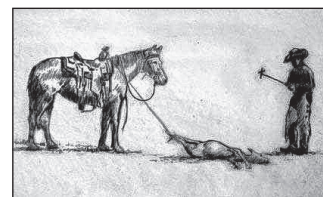
"Well, will you take a check?" He said he would. "Well, I'll just pay the car off, then." The check was hot!

The world tells us, "If you want it, go for it!" I have previously discussed such things. If it feels good, do it. Just charge it or write a check! We think we need a new pickup, new boat, another horse or a big screen tv so we just buy it. And the church is caught up right in the middle of it, as well. And if something or someone doesn't come along to slap us on the back of the head, then, we can be in a heap of trouble.

It would seem our country needs a thump on the head. God still gives me a thump now and then. But what does God want from me? We fail to notice a few things that really do matter.

Back in the Old Testament book of Daniel (ch.5), Belshazzar, king of Babylon, decided to throw a big party, kind of like John Wayne and friends did in McClintock. Rich food and deserts and... there was lots of wine. Yep, alcohol everywhere. They had the musical instruments playing; they had them exotic dancing girls, but that just wasn't enough for Belshazzar!

Belshazzar ordered that his food and drink be served up in golden



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vessels taken from the Temple of Jerusalem. Now understand, these weren't just any gold containers. These containers belonged to the house of God, but Belshazzar considered the worship of God as foolishness. He didn't care, so they filled them with wine.

His philosophy was materialism. His goal in life was to enjoy everything that could give pleasure never considering the cost.

Now this next part might kind of freak some of y'all out. A human hand appeared at the party and began writing on the wall. The fingers wrote: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

Belshazzar's magic conjurers and interpreters, nobody had a clue how this "hand" could write. Nor did they understand "the writing on the wall."

The queen reminded Belshazzar about Daniel and how he had interpreted dreams for his father. So Daniel gets invited in to look at the handwriting on the wall, and he agrees to interpret it.

Because of Belshazzar's actions regarding God and his holiness, Daniel told him that God sent the hand and here are the word and their meaning: "Mene" - your days

are numbered, "Tekel" - your have been weighed. "Pharsin" - you have been found wanting. Numbered, weighed, and found wanting, said the handwriting on the wall.

This is how God finds us if we obsess on the trivial and don't turn our full attention to that with truly matters. You may consider yourself a pretty good person, but without Christ, you will be found numbered, weighed, and wanting.

We, the church, must pay attention. We mustn't have our own agenda. A church isn't to be a private club! It's His church! Let us all realize that the local church must be present to exist for a world without Christ. We are not to come together as a mutual admiration society club; we are to come together to pray for and give our all to a world that is broken and bleeding. We don't do church for ourselves. Oh sure, we get a lot out of being in church proclaiming God and worshipping Him corporately and lift one another up in the Lord, and that's important.

Be part of a church where you can serve others. It's not about me. Belshazzar couldn't look past himself, make sure you look to Jesus!

Choose Jesus, choose life! And find a Bible believin' church where you "fit in" and know, grow, and follow Christ! Tell others! See y'all at church and keep PRAYIN' for HIS HARVEST! And y'all KEEP PRAYIN' for RAIN! Amen.

## Berrongs make major gift to SWOSU piano

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre, and Yukon has announced the receipt of a major charitable gift from Brad and Jeanine Berrong of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The Berrongs' donation benefits the SWOSU Piano program within the SWOSU Department of Music and was made in conjunction with the recently announced SWOSU Piano Campaign which aims to assist the university in purchasing new pianos.

"We are deeply grateful to our alumni and longtime benefactors, Brad and Jeanine Berrong, for this latest generous investment in SWOSU," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana "Diane" Lovell. "Brad and Jeanine's gift will help us to acquire new instruments for our SWOSU Piano students which will make a huge difference in learning quality and will also enhance SWOSU's community outreach efforts."

Brad Berrong is a 1975 SWOSU graduate and a 2013 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus. Jeanine Miller Berrong graduated from SWOSU with her Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1976 and was

a SWOSU music graduate assistant until she finished her Master of Education (with music emphasis) degree in 1978. She taught part-time in the SWOSU Music Department for a short time until she and Brad started their family. In 2013, she received the Governor's Arts in Education Award.

"While working on my Masters," Jeanine says, "I was fortunate and honored to study piano with the late Dr. James Breckenridge. I know this campaign would bring a big smile to Dr. Breckenridge's face, and I just want to encourage my fellow SWOSU music graduates to donate to this worthy endeavor which will benefit not only piano students but all future music students."

Brad and Jeanine are the proud parents of Jeff and Michael, and the proud grandparents of Jeff and Jill's son, Jack.

The Berrongs have served and led numerous organizations including the Weatherford Arts Council, the Weatherford Public Schools Foundation, the Weatherford Rotary Club, the Weatherford Regional Hospital Board, the WRH Foundation Board, the Great Plains Family YMCA, the Independent Insurance

Agents of Oklahoma, and Chapter FG of P.E.O. They are longtime members of the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford. The Berrongs have worked in their family business, Berrong Insurance, for half a century.

"SWOSU's Music Department and Piano program enrich Western Oklahoma's cultural life immensely," said the Berrongs. "We are proud to support the arts and we encourage others to join us in this very worthy cause."

The SWOSU Piano Campaign aims to raise enough funds to purchase three new Steinway concert pianos as well as eleven new practice pianos.

The SWOSU Department of Music is a quality program offering a variety of undergraduate and graduate disciplines including instrumental music, vocal music, and music therapy. Students from around the globe come to SWOSU specifically to study music.

To learn more or to make a charitable contribution towards the SWOSU Piano Campaign, visit [www.SWOSUPianos.com](http://www.SWOSUPianos.com) or contact Taylor Adler, at [taylor.adler@swosu.edu](mailto:taylor.adler@swosu.edu), or 580-774-6331.

## HISTORY

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Durant Founded Chevrolet Motor Company in 1911, which became part of GM in 1918.

According to an article on [history.com](http://history.com), GM had passed the Ford Motor Company to become the world's biggest automaker by the 1930s.

"Although Ford sold more than 15 million Model Ts between 1908 and 1927, the com-

pany was criticized for not responding quickly enough to consumer demand for new models, as GM did. GM also offered financing options to consumers, while Henry Ford objected to credit."

GM's 1923 President Alfred Sloan said GM pursued a strategy of selling a vehicle "for every purse and purpose," which obviously worked well as GM went on to experience decades of growth.

GM commemorated its 25

millionth American-made car in 1940, and by its peak in 1962, GM produced 51 percent of all the cars in the U.S. Its 75 millionth U.S.-made car rolled off the assembly line that year, while the 100 millionth car followed in 1967.

GM is still one of the leading automakers today with plants in many countries, including Henniges Automotive which has a plant in Frederick. GM recently named Henniges as a 2021 Supplier of the Year.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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PAW'S CORNER

By Sam Mazzotta

Can cats eat Easter Eggs?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We were coloring Easter eggs a few days ago, and our cat Jake kept begging underneath the table. Now that we've got lots of leftover boiled eggs, I'm wondering if it would be safe to mix a few into his food? — Sarah L., Panama City, Florida
Dear Sarah: Because they're hard-boiled, it's completely safe to feed some egg to Jake. Just remember to peel the shell off first! Eggs are a healthy

protein that cats can eat. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends that they always be cooked. Feeding raw egg to a cat can make it sick due to the potential for bacteria or other pathogens that are on the shell to transfer to the egg. Whether the cooked egg is boiled, scrambled, poached or microwaved doesn't matter. Don't add seasonings to the egg, though. Salt, pepper and other spices can upset a cat's small

tummy. If you've never fed eggs to Jake before, only give him a small amount at first. Add a teaspoon to his regular food or to the side of his dish. Monitor his behavior after he eats the egg. If he has an allergy to eggs, he may scratch excessively, act agitated or throw up. If he seems fine, you can give him more next time. Here's a cool finding about eggs and cats: Researchers at Purina reported in 2019 that

coating a cat's food in a special egg powder formulation helped stop people from having an allergic reaction to cats! A protein in cats' saliva is responsible for 95% of cat allergies in people. Not surprisingly, Purina has developed an entire product line of cat food based on this finding, called LiveClear. So, if you suffer from allergies around cats, this might bring some relief.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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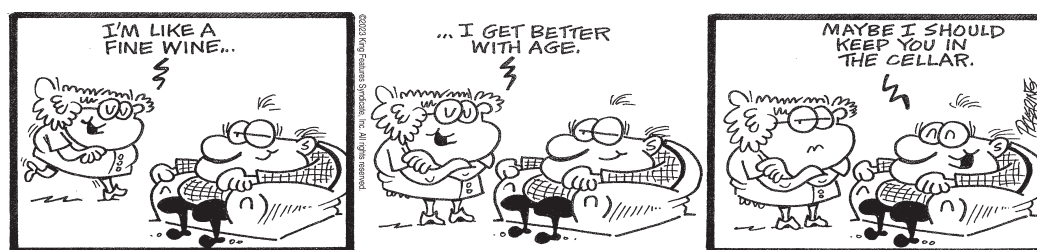
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WEEKLY SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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

Today's Solution

Sudoku solution grid with numbers 1-9.

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.

BJ HVG TLDUHV UVVP MUVRLUH, ZVRI VSLTQBFI RGMMLRRLR I

VVP D UVQN IBZL.

ANSWER: CRYPTOQUOTE If you're ally look closely, most overnight successes took a long time. — Steve Jobs

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week offers new opportunities for adventurous Sheep, both personal and professional. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your big break is about to happen in the workplace. Expect to hear more about it within a few days. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your past tendency for breaking promises could be catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in your life that this time you'll keep your word. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor closer

attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older relatives who might need special care. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace change causes a temporary delay in your plans. Still, continue working on your project so that you'll be ready when it's time to start up again. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Stick with your plans despite some recent disappointments. Persistence will pay off. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your gift for seeing through to the heart of a matter (or the heart of a person) impresses someone who is in a position to make you a very interest-

ing offer. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your colleagues believe in your leadership abilities because you believe in yourself. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A sensitive situation needs sensitive handling. Show more patience than you usually do. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are determined to take charge of a difficult situation and turn it around. Good for you. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are able to help people by sensing their deepest pain, but be careful not to let your own emotions get injured.

SUPER CROSSWORD

"TAKE IT BACK!"

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-123.

- ACROSS: 1 Reid and Lipinski, 6 "Born Free" lioness, 10 Really bothered, 15 Refer to as an example, 19 Beethoven's "Fuer...", 20 "The Wizard of Oz" actor Bert, 21 Abu - (Persian Gulf emirate), 22 Over again, 23 Ailey of choreography, 24 Mild Dutch cheese, 25 Tricky billiards shot, 26 Fare - well, 27 Start of instructions for making sense of, 67-Across, 31 "Haw", 32 "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay, 33 Aleve may relieve it, 34 Got in a trap, 37 Rowing blades, 39 Be present, 41 Renoir's skill, 42 Vent views, 43 Part 2 of instructions, 45 Appear to be, 47 Goulash, e.g., 48 Fetal homes, 49 Cooing park scavenger, 51 Genre of serious films, 54 Kissing and caressing, 58 Greek god of the sun, 63 Huge Brit. lexicon, 64 Pedicured body part, 66 "Ay, -!" (cry on "The Simpsons"), 67 Message to congratulate solvers who figure out this answer, 72 Northeast African nation, 73 Decorator, 74 Suffix with Gabon, 75 Welding alloy, 76 Jihad, 78 Capri and Aruba, 80 Plant lice, 82 Disconnected, 85 Units of work, 89 Locale, 90 Part 3 of instructions, 96 Ballet moves, 98 "Planet Money" aier, 99 Misspends, 100 Spout off, 101 Calif. volcano, 103 Basic idea, 104 "We need assistance!", 106 Onetime Pan Am rival, 107 End of instructions, 111 Heath, 113 Former congressman Mo, 114 For - (not gratis), 115 Acoustic, 116 Push along, 117 Gymnastics legend Comaneci, 118 - a soul (no one), 119 Headstone locale, 120 Disarray, 121 Artery-opening tube, 122 Portuguese for "years", 123 More rational, 29 Venetian beach resort, 30 "Fifth Beatle" Yoko, 35 Indy-to-Cleveland dir., 36 Dawn droplets, 38 Pond gunk, 40 Coiled like ivy, 41 Speller's clarification, 44 Zeta follower, 46 Fine goat coat, 49 What a head rests on in bed, 50 Brand of spongy balls, 51 Sleeps lightly, 52 Printing proof, for short, 53 Aleve alternative, 55 Naval acad. grad's rank, 56 Groups devising plots, 57 Tyke, 59 Tyke, 60 Push along, 61 Like Santa, weight-wise, 62 Strongboxes for valuables, 64 Pipsqueaks, 65 Three - kind, 66 Pool stick, 68 "be my pleasure!", 69 La - Tar Pits, 70 Title for a monk, 71 Mesmerized, 76 List of currently popular songs, 77 Polish river, 78 Hip-hop mogul Gotti, 79 Mix together, 81 Suggested subtly, 83 Elvis and Priscilla, 84 Fable writer, 85 Tree infested by bark beetles, 86 No longer active: Abbr., 87 Fake hearth items, 88 Balls, geometrically, 90 Taunt in fun, 91 Rosh - 92 "Here We Are" singer Gloria, 93 Fiber source in some muffins, 94 Disentangle, 95 Country music's - Brothers, 97 Used a chair, 102 Shell-shocks, 103 Note a half step above F, 105 Thick rugs, 108 Actress Lena of "Chocolat", 109 Streamlined, informally, 110 Ambience, 111 Not saying a word, 112 Metal in rocks

Today's Answer

15x15 crossword grid with letters.

# Alzheimer's Association, Next Step to host Alzheimer's awareness event

On Thursday, April 27, the Alzheimer's Association and The Next Step - Lawton will host an Alzheimer's Awareness program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Great Plains Business Development Center located at 1601 Park Ridge Blvd, Lawton, OK. Residents of Lawton and surrounding areas are invited to attend this free program to learn more about Alzheimer's and dementia and resources available to the community. Lunch will be provided.

thousands of people across our state, including many here in Lawton," commented Onreka Johnson, Lawton Ward 7 Councilwoman and founder of The Next Step TLP, Inc. "We are excited to partner with the Alzheimer's Association to bring awareness and resources to our community for families impacted by Alzheimer's and dementia."

The Alzheimer's Association is committed to providing high quality education, support, and resources for all Oklahomans impacted by Alzheimer's and demen-

tia. The programming will feature seminars on understanding Alzheimer's and dementia, signs and changes to look for, and how to understand dementia related behavior.

Today, there are more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, including more than 67,000 in Oklahoma. More than 129,000 Oklahomans serve as caregivers for loved ones and provide roughly 244,000,000 hours of unpaid care each year.

Oklahoma caregivers provide over \$3 billion in

unpaid care in 2021, and currently have the 4th highest average number of hours per caregiver in the U.S. "The programs and support groups the Alzheimer's Association offers can provide help, resources, and a listening ear for caregivers across our great state," remarked Ethan Crisp, Community Outreach Coordinator for Southern Oklahoma. "Our goal is to reach every community across Oklahoma to help as many people as possible navigate this devastating disease. No one should

face Alzheimer's alone."

About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

About The Next Step TLP, Inc.

The Next Step TLP, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides housing, case management and street outreach for homeless youth; prevention, tutoring, STEAM and life skills programs; develops individualized personal care plans and so much more. The Next Step has served the

Lawton area since 2005 and links and refers people to resources in the community to provide a family circle of care.

# Classifieds

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE: Application of Jerry Abbott  
For Court Order to issue title For: 1986 Solitaire Elliott EMC-ok-S28589041AB ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR COURT ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF TITLE  
Now on this 12th day of April, 2023 this case Comes before this court on the Petitioners APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER TO ISSUE TITLE With the petitioner, Jerry Abbott, requesting That the same be set for hearing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**

That this case is set for hearing on the APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER TO ISSUE TITLE On this 3rd day of May, 2023, beginning at 2:30 o'clock PM in the District Courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse, In the city of Altus, within Jackson County, Oklahoma. 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.

**JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT RAFA HALL LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE: The name of: **Matthew Thomas Dillon** PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE UNDER 12.O.S.1631

COMES NOW the Petitioner and asks this Court to change his/her legal name from Matthew Thomas Dillon to Atticus Marshall Dillon. In support thereof, the petitioner would say to this court: 1. The Petitioner was born in Prince George's County on April 16th, 2023 and has resided in the State of Oklahoma and in Jackson County for 30 days prior to the filing of this petition.

2. The change of name requested is because my name is after my parents and they did bad things. 3. The change of name is not for any illegal or fraudulent purpose or to hinder or delay creditors. 4. The birth certificate number issued by the above State is 2003-16-19331 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that above change of name granted

Signature: Matthew Dillon 204 South 3rd St Unit 3049 Altus AFB, OK 73523 760-330-0655 LXPLP

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

In re: the application of Ashraf Mihanni, for court order to issue title for 1961 Mercedes Benz, serial/VIN number 12104210019091.

Order and Notice of Hearing for Court Order for Issuance of Title: Now on this 17th day of April, 2023, this case comes before this Court on the Petitioner's Application for Court Order to issue Title with the petitioner, Ashraf Mihanni, requesting that the same be set for hearing.

It is therefore ordered, ad-

**LEGAL NOTICES**

judged and decreed that this case is set for hearing on the Application for Court to Issue Title on the 3rd day of May, 2023, beginning at 2:30 o'clock p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse, in the City of Altus, within Jackson County, Oklahoma. 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. Witness my hand and official seal on the 17th day of April, 2023, Tina Swailes, Court Clerk, Megan Roberson, Deputy. LXPLP

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CV-23-61**

APR 13 2023 In the Matter of the Application of **VITA ANTONIA CHARLES a minor,** for the Rights of Majority NOTICE OF HEARING TO: All interested parties. Notice is hereby given that VITA ANTONIA CHARLES, a minor, has petitioned this Court to confer rights of majority upon petitioner relating to contracts and the transaction of business. A hearing for on matter is set for 2:30 o'clock on the 3rd day of May 2023 ,before Judge Hall in his/her courtroom in the JACKSON County Courthouse

**COURT CLERK Tina Swailes**

**Judge Rafe Hall JUDGE APPROVED 13th day of April 2023 TINA SWAILES, Court Clerk By Kelsi Smith, Deputy LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2023-9**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **GENEVA L. HANCOCK, DECEASED AMENDED** COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION OF TESTATE ESTATE, WAIVER OF FINAL ACCOUNTING, AND ORDER FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES AND DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Geneva L. Hancock, Deceased, that there has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, Oklahoma, a Petition attesting that Geneva L. Hancock, died testate on September 25, 2021. At the time of her death, Decedent resided at 2600 Cedar Creek Drive, Altus, OK 73521. That the Petitioner, JoAnn Bassel, resides at 2404 Casa Alegre, Altus, OK 73521, is nominated in the Last Will and Testament as the Personal Representative and is willing and able to serve as Special Administrator. That the Petitioner has filed in this case a document believed to be the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent. That the Decedent's heirs-at-law and only persons named in the Last Will and Testament known to the Petitioner are as follows: Name and Address Age Relationship Jacob Brandon Thomas 10808 N PR 1140 Shallowater, TX 79363 Legal Grandson/Heir-at-Law Bryan Wayne Thomas PO Box 412 Lovington, NM 88260 Legal

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2023-13**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **PHILLIP EARL WILLEY, Deceased.** NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO THE CREDITORS OF: Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased. All persons having claims against Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased, are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned Personal Representative at the Gunkel Law Group PLLC, Post Office Box 1124, Altus, Oklahoma 73522, by the 14th day of June, 2023 or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023. **Phillip David Willey, Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased GUNKEL LAW GROUP A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Renee Walker Gunkel, OBA #12314 Preston M. Gunkel, OBA # 33185 Attorneys for Personal Representative Post Office Box 1124 Altus, Oklahoma 73522 (580) 482-8204 renee@gunkellawgroup.com preston@gunkellawgroup.**

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Grandson/Heir-at-Law Geneva L. Hancock Living Trust dtd 5/4/1998 c/o JoAnn Bassel, Trustee 2404 Casa Alegre Altus, OK 73521 Legal Sole Devisee/Legatee

That the total value of the estate of Decedent, as set forth in the Petition, is AT&T stock with a probable value less than \$50,000.00. Notice is also given that Friday, June 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed as the time for final hearing the Petition for Summary Administration of the Estate of Geneva L. Hancock, Deceased, judicially determining the identities of the heirs-at-law, devisees, and legatees of said Decedent, ordering distribution of the Estate of Decedent, and discharge of said Special Administrator. Notice is further given that persons receiving this Notice may file objections to the Petition at any time before the hearing and must send a copy to the Special Administrator c/o Brent S. Howard, Esq. at 501 N. Hudson St., Altus, OK 73521, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition. That, if an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether the will attached to the petition shall be admitted to probate, whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed, and to whom the Estate will be distributed. Notice is hereby given that the claim of any creditor not shown in the Petition will be barred unless the claim is presented to the Special Administrator no more than 30 days following this Notice, being on or before May 14, 2023. Dated this 14th day of April, 2023. Rafe Hall **JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT BRENT S. HOWARD, OBA# 22182 501 N. Hudson, Altus, Oklahoma 73521 T: (580) 482-3202 F: (580) 308-1031 swokestateplanner@gmail.com Attorney for Special Administrator LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2022-20**

In re the Matter of The Estate Of: **ROBERT WAYNE RUNYON, Deceased AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE** Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an Order of the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, made on December 7, 2022, in the Matter of the Estate of Robert Wayne Runyon, Deceased, the undersigned as the Personal Representative of the estate of said deceased will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation of said Court, on or after April 24, 2023, at 216 W. Commerce, Altus, Oklahoma, 73521, in Jackson County, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Robert Wayne Runyon, Deceased at the time of his death, and all right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all real property, situated in Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, described as follows: Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Heritage Way 2nd Addition to the City of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof (1449 Savannah Circle, Altus, OK 73521) Bids must be in writing and may be left at the office of Corry Kendall, attorney at law, 216 W. Commerce, Altus, OK 73521, or may be delivered to the Personal Representative personally. Dated this 6th day of April, 2023. **Corry Kendall, OBA #30608 216 W. Commerce St. Altus, OK 73521 (p)580.782.3348 (f)580.954.0060 corry.kendall@swoklaw.com Attorney for Personal Representative LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2015-20**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **ROSEMARY MARIE MCKINNEY, Deceased.** NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Roy Fuqua, Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosemary Marie McKinney, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said estate, Petition for Distribution, Determination of Heirship, and Discharge of said Executor, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1st day of May, 2023, in the Courtroom of said District Court in the County Courthouse located at 311 E. Cypress Street, Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs-at-law, legatees and devisees of the said Rosemary Marie McKinney, Deceased, determined, said Estate distributed and said Executor discharged. DATED this 6 day of April, 2023. /s/ Rafe Hall

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2022-20**

In re the Matter of The Estate Of: **ROBERT WAYNE RUNYON, Deceased AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE** Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an Order of the District Court of Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, made on December 7, 2022, in the Matter of the Estate of Robert Wayne Runyon, Deceased, the undersigned as the Personal Representative of the estate of said deceased will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation of said Court, on or after April 24, 2023, at 216 W. Commerce, Altus, Oklahoma, 73521, in Jackson County, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Robert Wayne Runyon, Deceased at the time of his death, and all right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all real property, situated in Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, described as follows: Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Heritage Way 2nd Addition to the City of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof (1449 Savannah Circle, Altus, OK 73521) Bids must be in writing and may be left at the office of Corry Kendall, attorney at law, 216 W. Commerce, Altus, OK 73521, or may be delivered to the Personal Representative personally. Dated this 6th day of April, 2023. **Corry Kendall, OBA #30608 216 W. Commerce St. Altus, OK 73521 (p)580.782.3348 (f)580.954.0060 corry.kendall@swoklaw.com Attorney for Personal Representative LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2023-13**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **PHILLIP EARL WILLEY, Deceased.** NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO THE CREDITORS OF: Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased. All persons having claims against Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased, are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned Personal Representative at the Gunkel Law Group PLLC, Post Office Box 1124, Altus, Oklahoma 73522, by the 14th day of June, 2023 or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023. **Phillip David Willey, Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip Earl Willey, Deceased GUNKEL LAW GROUP A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Renee Walker Gunkel, OBA #12314 Preston M. Gunkel, OBA # 33185 Attorneys for Personal Representative Post Office Box 1124 Altus, Oklahoma 73522 (580) 482-8204 renee@gunkellawgroup.com preston@gunkellawgroup.**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CASE NO. C.J-21-89**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, IF ANY, OF CAROLYN J. FRANK, A/K/A CAROLYN JUNE FRANK, A/K/A CAROLYN FRANK, DECEASED; OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EX REL. SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants. AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move the Court at 2:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of May 2023, at the Jackson County Courthouse, for an Order confirming the sheriff's sale conducted on March 16, 2023, of the following real property: LOT ONE (1), AND THE EAST THREE FEET OF LOT TWO (2) IN BLOCK ELEVEN (11) IN LAKESIDE TERRACE FORTH ADDITION TO ALTUS, JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF; with a common address of: 419 Cameron Drive, Altus, OK 73521 Plaintiff will further move the Court for an Order directing the Sheriff to execute a deed to the real property to MARY L. VANDEVENDER, LLC. Dated: This 5th day of April, 2023. Respectfully submitted, Sally E. Garrison, OBA # 18709 Matthew Eads, OBA # 35103 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLLC 421 NW 13th Street, Suite 300 Oklahoma City, OK 73103 Telephone: (405) 246-0602 Facsimile: (405) 698-0007 [sally.garrison@mtglawfirm.com](mailto:sally.garrison@mtglawfirm.com) [Matthew.Eads@mtglawfirm.com](mailto:Matthew.Eads@mtglawfirm.com)

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA FD-2023-12**

**ARIEN TERREL JAMES, Petitioner vs. STEPHANIE ALEXIS GARCIA, Respondent** NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CUSTODY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 17 day of February 2023, a Petition was filed for custody, praying that the custody of Arianna Angel James, born December 31, 2020, be awarded to Petitioner. Stephanie Alexis Garcia you are directed to file a written answer, within forty-one (41) days of the date of first publication, with the Jackson County Court Clerk, at the Jackson County Courthouse, Altus, Oklahoma, and a copy of your answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Petitioner. Unless you answer judgment will be rendered against you. **JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT Leona O. Denning, OBA# 13974 Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. 3000 North Main Street, Suite 500 Altus, Oklahoma 73521 Telephone: (580) 482-7431 leona.denning@laok.org LXPLP**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2023-14**

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**JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT Rick K. Vernon (OBA #19247) VERNON KINCANNON, PLLC 903 Falcon Road Altus, OK 73521 Phone: (580) 482-0560 Fax: (580) 482-0567 Attorney for Personal Representative LXPLP**  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PB-2023-3**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **James Javier Bautista, Deceased.** NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNT; PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES AND FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation of said Court, on or after April 24, 2023, at 216 W. Commerce, Altus, Oklahoma, 73521, in Jackson County, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Robert Wayne Runyon, Deceased at the time of his death, and all right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all real property, situated in Jackson County, State of Oklahoma, described as follows: Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Heritage Way 2nd Addition to the City of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof (1449 Savannah Circle, Altus, OK 73521) Bids must be in writing and may be left at the office of Corry Kendall, attorney at law, 216 W. Commerce, Altus, OK 73521, or may



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Local first responders and CHS employees observe a grain engulfment training simulation.

## CHS partners with OSU to hold grain engulfment training

FREDERICK – Safety is a core value at CHS, and we appreciate the opportunity to build working relationships with local first responders and fire departments. In an effort to strengthen these relationships, the CHS location in Frederick, Okla., held a grain engulfment training in conjunction with the Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training team.

Funding for the training, meeting supplies and rescue equipment came from a variety of sources including a grant from Oklahoma State University, CHS based in Frederick, and the CHS Seeds for Stewardship grant program, which supports organizations and projects that are focused on safety, ag education, and strengthening and uplifting hometown communities. CHS employees, local first responders from four fire departments, OSU Extension and local EMS at-

tended the classroom and hands-on training.

CHS is proud to support rural communities, fire departments and first responders. “CHS has provided financial support to purchase much-needed equipment,” says Justin Green, Frederick Fire Department. “We have a mutually supportive relationship, which is valued and appreciated.”

The CHS Seeds for Stewardship grant program has recently provided funds for a new grain rescue tube and a thermal imaging camera, which are both being used by the Frederick Fire Department.

“CHS is committed to the safety of our employees, patrons and first responders,” says Brandon Winters, location manager, CHS. “It is important for everyone involved to understand what to do if a grain engulfment incident occurs.”

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## UCO to host open houses

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The virtual open houses are scheduled as follows:  
MSF: noon-1 p.m., Wednesday, April 19; and,  
MSBA: noon-1 p.m., Thursday, April 20.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, current students and college leadership about the program format, curriculum and experiences offered, both in and out of the classroom.

“The UCO College of

Business is excited to display its graduate programs to prospective students at the virtual open houses,” said Jeremy Oller, Ph.D., J.D., dean of the UCO College of Business.

“It gives us the opportunity to demonstrate how the UCO College of Business is providing great alternatives for professionals and future professionals to expand their careers, as we strive to become the premier provider of business education in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.”

The 32-hour MSF program is a STEM-designated degree for professionals who are interested in analyzing financial data for financial planning and investment decision making.

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The 32-hour MSBA program is also a STEM-designated degree that equips graduates with data-analysis skills and business knowledge for business decision making. The program is offered on UCO's main campus in Edmond and downtown Oklahoma City.

For more information and to register for an open house, visit [www.uco.edu/business/about/events](http://www.uco.edu/business/about/events).

To learn more about the UCO College of Business, visit [www.uco.edu/business/](http://www.uco.edu/business/).

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## Altus Bulldog men are team champions



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The Altus High School Men's track team were team champions and the Altus ladies' team came in fourth in the 14 team field at the Elk City Invitational meet.

## Altus senior signs letter of intent



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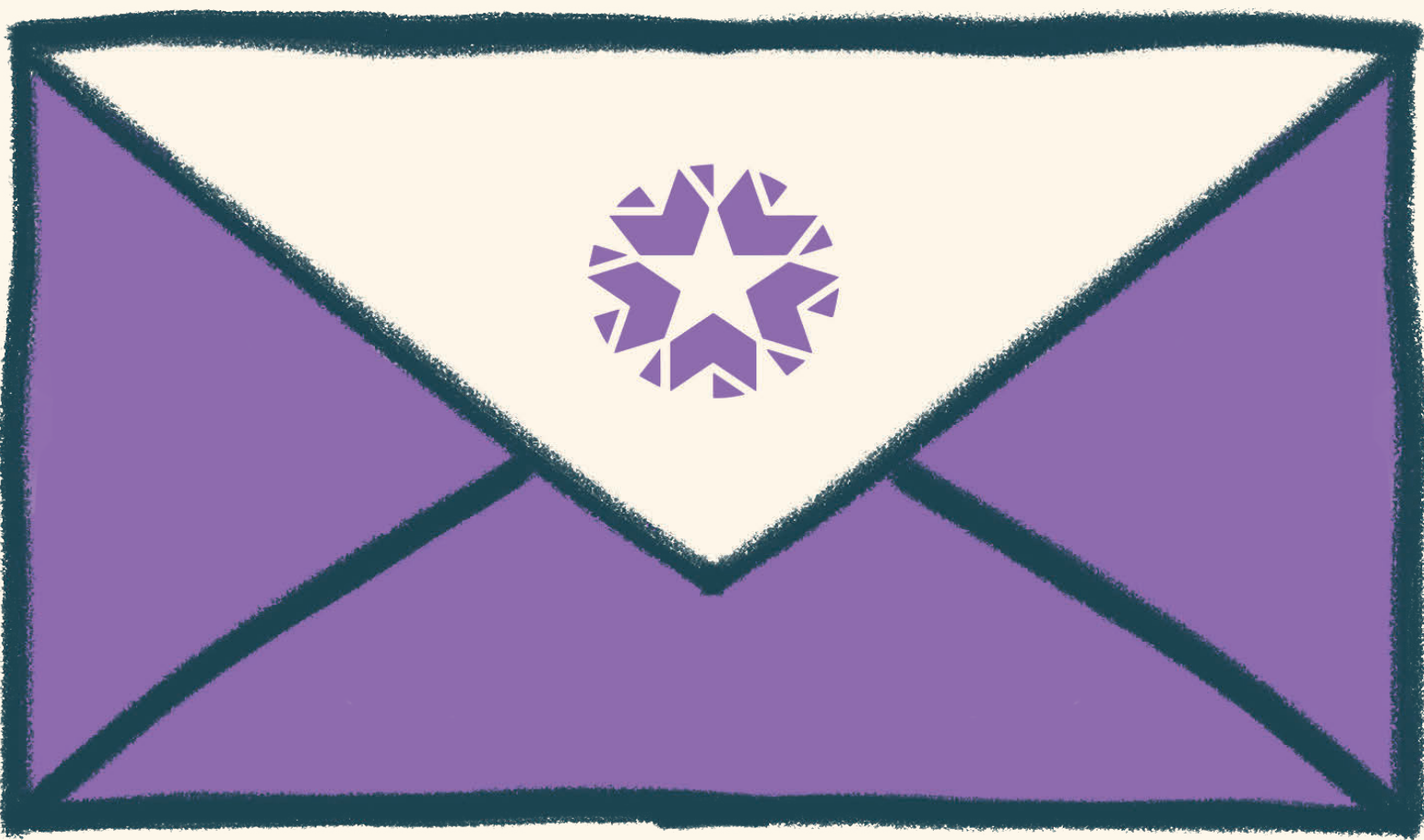


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