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# **Piedmont school enrollment begins March 21**

### By Traci Chapman Managing Editor

It might still be winter turning to spring during the final semester of the 2021-2022 school year, but Piedmont administrators are already looking forward to fall.

Preparations for the next school year begin with the enrollment process, which for Piedmont Public School District kicks off at 8 a.m. March 21. That's when those families who have a student enrolling for the first

time at any school site across the district apply for admission - including those who were once a Piedmont Wildcat but who did not attend school here during the 2021-2022 school year.

Enrollment is completely online and can be accomplished by going to https://www.piedmontschools.org/enrollment. The process is open for any new or returning student who did not attend Piedmont Schools during this school year, regardless of grade level

and including those entering pre-K and kindergarten, officials said.

Students entering pre-K must be four years old on or before Sept. 1 of the school year. Kindergarten students must be five years old as of that date, officials said.

Students must reside within Piedmont School District's attendance boundaries.

For anyone wishing to transfer to Piedmont from another school district, that application period begins June 1. Decisions

concerning transfers for the next school year would be made after July 1, once administrators know how much room is available across the district's school sites. Officials would contact families directly concerning transfer approvals, they said.

Forms must be completely filled out, with several items required for enrollment. Those include:

The child's state-issued

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# **County Livestock Sale** and Bonus Auction is golden in its 50th year

### Show nets more than \$250,000

Canadian County Spring Livestock Show 2022 gross receipts totaled \$250,650 - a new record and exceeding 2021's history-making \$227,703 total, Canadian County Fair Board officials say.

Premium buyers contributed \$148,000 to that amount, while add-on bonus comprised \$102,650 of that total..

The sale of 4-H and FFA member's livestock projects wrapped up last week's Canadian County Spring Livestock Show. The event concluded with a Premium Auction at the new Canadian County Expo and Events Center. Canadian County Fair **Board President Kelly** Beck was extremely proud and satisfied with the enthusiasm engulfing an all-time record auction crowd of more than 850 people.

ty Expo & Event Center, located near El Reno at 3001 Jensen Road East.

"Friday night's crowd was totally in awe as the sale transpired and put a center stage spotlight on each of the 90 exhibitors selling an animal project," he said. "As much as there was an emotional factor for last year being the final sale at our old fairgrounds, the new Expo and Events Center has opened a door on a bright future for our Spring Livestock Shows and Sales in the years to come." "The entire fair board would like to tip our hats to everyone who played a part supporting the youth of Canadian County," Beck said. "We're especially grateful to our premium auction buyers and those who added bonus money to each of the 90 exhibitors in our auction."



Beck was happy with all aspects of the sale in the new Canadian Coun-

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Kendall McNeff helps his sister, Macee McNeff, at the Canadian County Junior Livestock Show bonus auction on Friday night in El Reno. The pair attend school at St. John's Catholic School in Yukon. (Photo by Cara Pattison)

# Pancakepalooza

Piedmont Duck Week got off to a delicious start March 5, as hundreds of people congregated at the city's Veteran's center for the annual firefighter's pancake breakfast. Proceeds go toward helping this year's recipients, Michele Jobe and Justin Roberts. Activities continue throughout the week. Recipient Michele Jobe, second from left, is pictured with Ashley Rush, Presley Jobe and Tony Jobe. See more photos from the event on Page 3A. (Photos by Traci Chapman)



Lynn Morton (black jacket), socializes during the March 5 Duck Week pancake breakfast.





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# Bussett announces bid for county associate judgeship

Rachel Bussett has announced her candidacy for Canadian County Associate District Judge. Rachel is a compassionate and hardworking advocate, entrepreneur, lawyer, wife and mother who has dedicated her career to protecting children and families in Oklahoma.

"Children are our most precious asset and I believe that Oklahoma's Court System needs individuals on the bench who are dedicated to following the law in regard to the best interest of children," Bussett said. "I want to continue my work serving the people of Canadian County in encounters with the judicial system."

Before establishing her own firm, Rachel worked for the Honorable Larry Brooks and served as an Associate in two Oklahoma City firms where she focused her legal career on defending businesses and corporations.

Rachel's law firm, the Bussett Legal Group (BLG) has dedicated its work to protecting children and families through representation of individuals and small businesses in family law, adoption, guardianship, probate and estate, employment and business matters.



**Rachel Bussett has announced her candidacy for Canadian County Associate District Judge.** (*Photo Provided*)

Rachel values a work environment that allows employees a work life balance allowing them to be both family orientated and working professionals. Her office is staffed by individuals from all different walks of life and family situations. proving it is possible to be successful in family and work simultaneously. Rachel and her team represent mothers, fathers, grandparents and other family members who all want to make the best decisions for the children in their lives.

Rachel is a respected leader in her community. She has a bold vision for the future of the Canadian County Children's Justice Center.

The Canadian County Associate District Judge presides over matters involving children in Canadian County – deprived, delinquent, guardianship and adoption and runs the Gary E. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center. This center was a groundbreaking, one of a kind facility when it was created and was the crown jewel of juvenile justice for many years.

Under the current leadership, families and employees alike have suffered due to the lack of leadership and maintenance of the facility. Over the last several years, multiple lawsuits have been filed alleging employees have been discriminated against and there is a lack of oversight and management by the incumbent judge. Turnover at the center is at an all-time high. These failures have impacted the services that families in Canadian County have received. Rachel believes that she can do better.

In response to why she is running for this position Bussett said, "We need a judge hearing our juvenile cases that understands what it is to struggle to pay rent and provide for a family; who understands domestic violence and addiction from a real life perspective, not just an elevated seat in a courtroom.

"I have personally experienced many of the struggles that the families who will come before me are going through. I believe that uniquely qualifies me to serve in this position," Bussett said.

"I am a fierce advocate for my clients and their families in and out of the courtroom," Bussett said. "As a judge, I will work just as hard to ensure that the law is followed by all parties involved in the juvenile system. While the goal of the juvenile court system is reunification of families, circumstances do not always allow that to happen. Whether children in the deprived system are returned to their parental homes, familial homes, foster homes or adoptive homes, children deserve to have a family home that is safe, loving and supportive."

Rachel is committed to building families in all respects and will continue this in her role as a judge.

Outside the courtroom Rachel owns and manages one of the largest all female law firms in Oklahoma. Through the pandemic her business not only survived but thrived through their hard work and dedication. Having built her own business from the ground up, she has the experience and expertise necessary to manage a facility like the justice center, which has an annual operating budget of over \$9 million. Rachel's experience as a business owner and management consultant, along with her years of experience in employment, business, administrative, family and juvenile law make her extremely qualified to manage this facility.

She is married to Jeremy Simco, an IT Technician with the Veteran's Administration. Together they have four daughters. Learn more about Bussett and her campaign at **www.** rachelforjudge.com

Their family is blended and in part built through adoption.

The family also has three fur kids, including Peanut, Rey and the infamous "Pig the Law Dog." Pig is a Pitbull rescue who is the BLG emotional support dog who comforts clients in their time of need.

Rachel is involved in community activities for the benefit of children and their families. She is on the Associate Board of Oklahoma Lawyers for Children. She has lobbied in Congress and the Oklahoma Legislature for the advancement of laws protecting children and adults with disabilities and serious diseases. She is a volunteer legal advocate for the Americans with Diabetes Association and Oklahoma Lawyers for America's Heroes. Rachel is also a trained special education advocate helping families secure services for children on IEP's and 504's. Rachel is dedicated to giving back to her community and developing the leaders of tomorrow.

# The Reno Cinema 8 to reopen this Friday, March 11

**By Ray Dyer** rdyer@elrenotribune.com

The Reno Cinema 8 Theatre will reopen for business on Friday, March 11.

The theatre closed March 20, 2020, as the COVID pandemic forced Blanc and Ruthie Mittelstaedt, who together own 49 percent of the company, have leased the theatre to manager Robert Fielder. The agreement gives Fielder a year to see if the theatre can attract the kind of support it needs from the commusions with Super Saver and working his way up to district manager for the Silver Screen Company that acquired the Super Saver chain.

Prior to joining Reno Cinema 8, he was with the Harkins Theatres in Oklahoma City. His wife



businesses not considered vital to shutter. The building south of Interstate 40 on Country Club was put up for sale and attracted several offers, said coowner Curtis Blanc.

But after receiving a grant from federal stimulus funds, Blanc said the theatre will have new life, at least for a year. nity and area to survive.

Blanc said if the venture fails, "El Reno may never have a movie theatre again."

Fielder served as manager for the Reno Cinema 8 for eight years before it closed in 2020. He said he grew up working in the movie theatre business, starting in concesis the manager for the Baymont Inn in El Reno, which helped bring him here.

The local theatre is still part of the B&B chain, which owns 41 percent of the business, Blanc said. But after COVID the theatre has much more flexibility in how it bring movies to El Reno. It will also get to keep more of the revenue generated. Blanc said prior

After receiving a grant from federal stimulus funds, co-owner Curtis Blanc said the theatre will have new life, at least for a year. (*File Photo*)

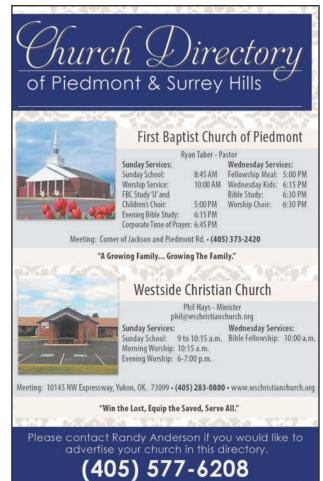
to the pandemic, Reno Cinema 8 had to send



"85 percent" of the first two weeks of box office receipts to B&B. That has now been trimmed to 63 percent.

Fielder will utilize four of the eight screens at the theatre. Batman will be the feature attraction when the doors open Friday. He said it will be shown on two screens, while Uncharted and Dog will be shown on the

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# 'Got cakes on the griddle'

Canadian County Emergency Manager Andrew Skidmore flips pancakes during the Duck Week pancake breakfast.







National Honor Society member Dalton Wells cleans tables during Saturday's Duck Week kickoff pancake breakfast. Wells and fellow NHS member Anna Zhang worked long hours to help make the event a success. (Photos by Traci Chapman)



'Elsa' Dilynn Skaggs brought a touch of royalty to Saturday's Duck Week breakfast. The 'Frozen' queen says blueberry pancakes are by far the most regal and delicious.





Paramedic Jeff Ackerman was all smiles during the pancake bonanza Saturday in Piedmont.

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Dayton Sanders and Layton Davis work off their pancake breakfast during Duck Week kickoff event, the firefighters pancake breakfast, held Saturday.



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Duck Week recipient Michele Jobe is surrounded by friends and family during the March 5 kickoff event. Pictured are Tony Boevers, Haley Boevers, Ashley Rush, Michele Jobe, Carmen Boevers, Barbara Hovde, Dilynn Skaggs (in front).

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# The Chief's Briefs

## ICC – Holding Global Criminals Accountable

### By Chief Scott A. Singer

For the last few weeks we've been discussing the criminal justice system as it relates to crime in America.

But, the entire world is witnessing horrific crimes, committed on an international scale, the likes of which we seldom see - crimes against humanity being committed by the president of Russia. These have not only garnered our interest but also presented questions about how such criminals are dealt with. While few of us are old enough to remember such courts and conventions as the Nuremburg trials and international prosecutions following the provisions of the Geneva and Hague Conventions, we are witnessing crimes against humanity which cry out for justice.

What are these courts, when were they established and what are their jurisdictions? Good question. Let's examine the history of wars to establish some reference for their existence.

Since the beginning of people organizing into societies, wars have been fought for freedom, religious beliefs, expansion of nations and power. And, as we look backward, the brutality of such wars is manifest in the horrors man can inflict on man.

As we grew as civilized societies, the horrors and atrocities committed in the name of armed conflict left little doubt that without established and enforceable guidelines, the infliction of unimaginable cruelty toward our supposed fellow man can only be visualized by those personally involved in armed conflict. As such, people remembering and suffering through conflict came to realize that those who instigate atrocities must be held accountable on a world stage. With the advent of conventions and international courts



**Scott A. Singer** 

or tribunals, it was hoped that dictators with ill intent would be given pause to consider that they and those doing the bidding of such brutal totalitarian leaders may suffer the pain of incarceration or death due to their lack of restraint.

### **Conventions?**

Most of us think of gatherings when thinking of conventions. This in effect was the purpose of The Hague and Geneva Conventions, beginning in the late 1800s and continuing to incorporate new provisions after World War II. Both The Hague and Geneva Conventions called on nations, states and kingdoms around the world to establish and ratify internationally recognized laws regarding the treatment of the wounded, non-combatants and prisoners of war. While not all joined in the first treaties, as time progressed and the inhumane treatment of the casualties of war became intolerable, more signed on in support of such multilateral treaties.

History tells us that

From The Liber Code, the focus and language of a number of the rules of international conflict and disputes were derived.

Interestingly enough, juxtaposed with the conflict in the Ukraine and ironically, The Hague Convention of 1899 was proposed by the then "Russian Tsar, Nicholas II and his foreign minister. I'll take this moment to observe how times and greed have changed the leaders of the Russian empire from one of concern for the welfare of many nations - to one of conquest and the infliction of suffering to whole nations and peoples.

So, what exactly was gained by the provisions ratified into The Hague Convention? First, the signatories established a "Permanent Court of Arbitration (still in existence today)" for the settlement of international disputes. Second, the Convention established the "Laws and Customs of War on Land." And last, the Convention established the adaptation of "Maritime Warfare of the Principles of the Geneva Convention of 22 August 1864."

To cover all the requirements agreed upon by the signatories of each of the above mentioned Conventions, would take volumes and probably require someone more learned than me. However, the effect and requirements for both civilians and combatants is well known, and unfortunately and all too frequently violated by state aggressors, seeking to expand or destroy their neighbors.

knowledge or from the study of previous world wars, such Tribunals as the Nuremburg Tribunal or The International Military Tribunal" while other courts existed, it is the trials of Nazi war criminals that received the majority of the notoriety. At Nuremburg, many of the Nazi, fascist regime, having committed such war crimes as stunned the world, were captured, tried and in some cases either imprisoned or suffered execution for their evil deeds.

The ICC, while somewhat in dispute as to its effectiveness - was established when the United Nations General Assembly determined that a need for a "permanent international court" existed. The court as we now know it began operations in 2002, in the Hague, Netherlands. While lacking universal jurisdiction, it may investigate and prosecute crimes committed within its member states. Many of these investigations and prosecutions are for crimes against humanity that are referred to the court by the United Nations Security Council.

Crimes falling within its jurisdiction include, but are not limited to individual violations of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and crimes of aggression. So, how does the court actually investigate and prosecute war criminals? We'll examine more of the long-arm jurisdiction of this court and some of its past involvements, next week. Until then, as a peace loving nation, one known for giving aid to the victims of international aggression, inasmuch as possible, keep the people of the Ukraine in your prayers and thoughts, reaching out with whatever assistance you may be able to provide.

# **Financial Focus** Tax filing errors to avoid this year

It's tax season once again. You've got until April 18 to file your taxes for the 2021 tax year, but if you think you'll get a refund, you'll probably want to get going as soon as possible. However, it's important not to rush so much that you make errors, which, at the least, could delay your refund. So, take the time you need to prepare your taxes – and be sure to avoid these common filing mistakes:



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Failing to include all W-2 forms – You need to include official copies of all your W-2 forms from your employer (or employers). The wages and withholdings listed on these forms must be combined and reported on your tax return.

Forgetting necessary paperwork – Make sure you have all the documents you need before filing, such as forms from investment companies, including Form 1099-INT for interest income and Form 1099-DIV for dividend income.

Entering an incorrect Social Security number – An incorrect Social Security number can cause the IRS to reject your return. So, double-check your SSN, and that of your spouse, if filing jointly, before submitting your return.

Using the wrong column from Tax Tables – If you do your own taxes, you will probably have to refer to the 1040 Tax Tables page to make the correct calculations. But if you look at the wrong column, you could miscalculate – a mistake that's not uncom-

mon, according to the IRS.

Making math errors – If you file a paper tax return, be sure to check your math to make sure the figures add up. Of course, if you use a software program, or work with a tax professional, you won't have to do the math on your own, but you should still double check it. It's always important to review your return.

Entering the wrong routing or account number – If you want your tax refund to be deposited directly into your bank account, which is the fastest way to receive it, you need to provide the correct routing and account numbers. A simple mistake can result in the IRS sending you a paper check or, even worse,

someone else receiving your refund. **Failure to sign and date your return –** Signing your return is an easy task – but it's also easy to

such conventions as the Hague and Geneva were borne of "The Liber Code," adopted and signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 during the American Civil War. This "comprehensive, codified law," established rules for the civilized treatment of all persons and their property during times of war or armed insurrection against the government.

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### International Criminal Court (ICC)

From the past efforts of humanitarian leaders, we now come to what is called the system of International Courts. While several international courts and conventions provide platforms from which justice - whether civil or criminal – may be meted out. For our purposes today, and given the current state of world discord, we'll be considering the International Criminal Court or the ICC as it is commonly referred.

Heretofore, most of us of the older generations (Boomers and Pre-Boomers) recall from personal

# Cinema

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other two screens.

Fielder said new releases are slim at this time, but in April that will change.

The reopening had been set for March 4, but the winter weather that hit the area the week before pushed the date back a week.

Fielder said pricing will be \$5 for adults before 5 p.m. Seniors and children will be admitted for \$5 at all times. After 5 To quote Nelson Mandela: "Where globalization means, as it so often does, that the rich and powerful now have new means to further enrich and empower themselves at the cost of the poorer and weaker, we have a responsibility to protest in the name of universal freedom." overlook. If you file your taxes electronically, as most people do, you may be able to use a Self-Select PIN as your digital signature. If you're filing a joint return, you and your spouse must use your respective PINs.

Missing the filing deadline – If you don't think you can finish your taxes on time, file for an extension before the April 18 deadline. You'll still need to pay the taxes you owe (though you may have to estimate the amount) by April 18, and if you owe more, you'll likely accrue interest, but you can avoid failure-to-file penalties, which can be hefty. Keep in mind that, when you submit your return electronically, the e-file system can detect typical errors, allowing you to correct them immediately, according to the IRS.

And, of course, working with a tax professional can greatly reduce the

likelihood of mistakes. But even if you're entrusting your tax returns to

someone else, you still should be quite familiar with all your

documentation – and everything else that goes into your taxes, too, because how you manage your taxes will always be part of your overall financial strategy.

### Lance Cummings, Edward Jones

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ongoing and the theatre will employ 12 people, mostly in part-time positions.

Fielder knows his way around the theatre business. Before the Reno 8 closed he was able to pull traffic from both Yukon and Putnam City school districts. He said he also works closely with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and expects those relationships to continue.

Read The Piedmont-Surrey Gazette online at piedmontnewsonline.com for updates to local news and sports.

Every Tuesday, popcorn and any large drink will cost \$2.

> Fielder said a website has been created and an app is being developed that will allow patrons to purchase tickets and have their concessions ready when they walk through the door.

p.m., adults will pay \$7.

Fielder will be assisted by his daughter, Kaitlyn Gray and Esther Lee,

both serving as assistant managers. He said job interviews have been

# Show

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This year's Grand Champion Market Steer was a Crossbred steer exhibited by Jack Hornberger of Yukon FFA. His 1,377-pound steer brought a total of \$3,000 and was purchased by Bennett Construction.

Garrison Straka of Yukon FFA exhibited the Grand Champion barrow. His 249-pound Crossbred barrow sold for \$1,000.00 and was purchased by Gold Buckle Construction.

Next, the gavel dropped on a Grand Champion Market Lamb owned by Callen Minard of Miller 4-H. His 202-pound Shropshire lamb netted a total premium of \$1,000. The buyer of Callen's lamb was Bennett Construction.

Finally, it was the meat goat's turn to be sold front and center under the gavel of auctioneer Jon Cooper. The Grand Champion Goat exhibitor was Baylor Pearson of El Reno FFA. His 82-pound market goat wether sold for \$2,000 in premiums. The buyers who purchased Baylor's market animal were Hudiburg and El Reno's Buyer's Group.

This year we sold our top three breeding animals in all species: heifers, gilts, ewe lambs and doe goats. The Grand Champion heifer, gilt and ewe lamb sold for a total of \$3,200 going to Kayden Offolter, Davis Morris, and Madison Graham, respectively.

The highest premium paid Friday evening went



Yukon FFA member Parker Symes is all smiles as he takes the auction stage during the Canadian County Livestock Bonus Auction. The night was bittersweet for the Yukon High School senior, as it was his final time to participate in the show. (Photo by Cara Pattison)

to our Reserve Grand Barrow shown by Dylan Armitage of Yukon FFA. His 241-pound Cross barrow was purchased by Gene Downing Holdings for a total of \$10,000.

As for the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Audrey Bilderback of El Reno FFA sold her Chianina steer for \$1,750 to El Reno Buyers Group. Our Reserve Grand Meat Goat was shown by Kenna Gay of Yukon 4-H and brought \$500 after being purchased by Straka Livestock.

The Reserve Grand females brought a total of \$4,800 with the heifer being shown by Emery Bowers, the gilt by Ian Morris, the ewe lamb by

**Tebow elected to the American Quarter** 

Horse Association executive committee

Rylee Harland, and doe goat by Kennidee Kenne. Seven Bronze animal

exhibitors sold their projects for a total of \$7,950. Bronze exhibitors in this year premium auction included: Brantlie Charmasson, Madison Shout, Josie Felton, Rayli Wright, Rylan Fleenor, Roman Hinkle, and Kyla Bonds.

Just prior to the sale, our 2022 Livestock Show Scholarship recipients were announced and given their awards. First place and a \$1,000 scholarship went to Kate Dillion, of Mustang FFA, \$750 was awarded to Annie Ames of Mustang FFA, and \$500 was awarded to each Jace Chambless of Calumet FFA, Anna Blasius from Mustang FFA, and Parker Symes of Yukon FFA.

The Canadian County Fair Board would like to thank Ken Carpenter Auction & Realty, LLC, for their time and effort conducting Friday evening's sale; also, a huge salute to Jon Cooper with OKC West Livestock Auction, for lending us his auctioneering talents.

Canadian County Fair Board members wish all of our exhibitors the best of luck at the Oklahoma Youth Expo. That competition begins in Oklahoma City this week.



Ringman Tom Manske keeps a close eye out for donors raising their bid card, indicating they wish to bid on a 4-H or FFA member's livestock animal at the Canadian County Junior Livestock Show Bonus Auction. (Photo by Cara Pattison)



Piedmont's Jeff Tebow has been elected to the American Quarter Horse Association executive committee.

An AQHA life member and director since 2011, Tebow was part of a five-member slate elected during the association's recent 2022 convention. The Piedmont resident previously served on AQHA's hall of fame selection, grievance, studbook and registration committees, as well as its racing committee and racing council.

Tebow is managing partner and licensed insurance agent at Andreini and Co., chief executive officer of Heritage Place Inc. and a real estate agent and auctioneer at Buford Resources Inc. Auction and Realty. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business and account from Connors State College and Master of Business from Oklahoma City University.

In addition to his service to AQUA, Tebow is a life member of Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing and Oklahoma Quarter Horse associations; he is a past president of OQHRA, where he currently serves on its board. He also served as the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Youth Association president in 1983.

Tebow is a member of

the Ranchero Visitadores-Los Bustardos, Southwest Texas Cattleman's Association, National Auctioneers Association, Oklahoma Auctioneers Association, National Rifle Association and United States Team Roping Championship Association.

He has been an avid competitor at AQHA shows in the past and currently enjoys team roping. He also earned the reserve world champion title in boxing and was a finalist in ranch riding and heading at the 2017 Adequan® Select World.

Tebow and his wife, Vickie, have two daughters, AQHYA Past President Ann Elizabeth and Meg, who served on the AQHYA board of directors.

In addition to Tebow, other incoming executive committee members are First Vice President Kenneth Banks; President Dr. Scott Myers; Second Vice President James "Jim" Hunt; and Member Jim Brinkman. Though AQHA operates primarily upon the decisions of its members through the board of directors, the five-person Executive Committee is responsible for implementing important decisions and governing AQHA between the annual meetings of the membership and the board. The Executive

Committee convenes throughout the year to conduct and manage the business of AQHA.

The AOHA Executive Committee - consisting of a president, first vice president, second vice president and two additional members - is elected each year by the board at the convention. Each member serves a term of one year until the selection of his/her successor. Members are eligible for re-election and may serve on the Executive Committee for up to five years.





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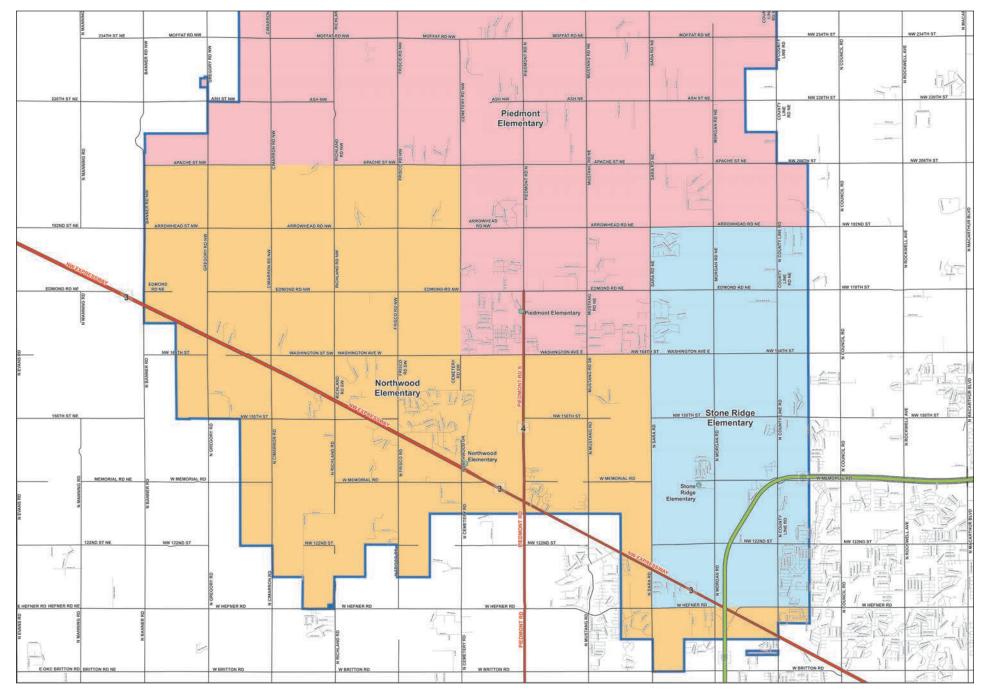
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# Enrollment

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Any parents or guardians unable to provide proof of residence must complete a residency affidavit. That document can be obtained by emailing enrollment@ piedmontschools.org.

Space for new students is limited – particularly in pre-K – and administrators suggest families complete and submit their enrollment application and required documents as quickly as possible.

For more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, go online to https://www. piedmontschools.org/ enrollment/faqs or call (405) 373-2311.

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# Alleged drunk driver charged for kicking firefighter

By Conrad Dudderar Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — An accused Yukon drunk driver has been formally charged for allegedly kicking a Yukon firefighter after being tased twice by a police officer. care provider (a felony) for "willfully and unlawfully without justifiable or excusable cause" kicking victim John Graham "with the intent to do bodily harm." ence of intoxicating alcohol.

Guyot also has been charged with two misdemeanors, DUI and obstructing an officer.

Yukon Police arrested

10th from Vickery Avenue to Bryce Canyon. Sgt. Biggs initiated a traffic stop and continued following Guyot until he parked in a driveway.

The defendant alleg-

### IT'S TIME TO TASE

After Sgt. Biggs ordered Guyot to get on the ground, the defendant allegedly tried again to walk toward the house. So, the officer de-

So, the officer deployed his taser and Guyot fell back on the ground, according to the affidavit. After the first fivesecond taser deployment, Guyot allegedly tried to get back up and refused to follow verbal commands to stay on the ground. So, Biggs tased him a second time. Emergency medical personnel also responded to the scene.

When YFD Capt. Graham tried to remove one of the taser probes, the defendant allegedly

James Kenneth Guyot, 49, was charged March 3 in Canadian County District Court with assault and battery on medical Graham, a captain with the Yukon Fire Department, was providing medical care Nov. 7, 2021, after a Yukon police officer had stopped Guyot for allegedly driving a pickup under the influthe defendant on Nov. 7, 2021, in the Parkland II Addition.

The incident leading to the arrest is detailed in a probable cause affidavit signed by Sgt. Dustin Biggs.

At about 12:15 a.m. Nov. 7, the officer noticed a Chevrolet 2500 truck swerving along N.W. edly admitted he was drunk but refused to obey the police officer's verbal commands as he started walking toward his house.

The Yukon officer grabbed the man's shirt and pushed him into the front of his truck and then into the yard, according to the court affidavit.

Other officers then arrived to help take Guyot into custody. kicked him in the leg.

Guyot reportedly refused to take a breathalyzer test.

The defendant faces up to three years in jail and/ or fines totaling \$2,000 if convicted on all three counts filed against him in Canadian County District Court.

He was released from custody after posting bonds totaling \$3,000, court records show.



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# SPORTS

### Thursday, March 10, 2022

# Piedmont falls to Lawton Mac in area consolation

Lady 'Cats' season ends one win short of state tourney

**By Blake Colston** Sports Editor

MOORE — There were too many clanks and not enough swishes for Piedmont's Lady Wildcats this season. In the end, that led to their demise. Piedmont stayed in its area

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consolation final with stifling defense, but couldn't make the shots when they needed them in a 44-31 loss to No. 10



Lawton MacArthur that ended the season for PHS Saturday in Moore. The Lady 'Cats finished 14-12 overall, one victory from the state tournament. "We struggled to shoot it like we have at times all year," coach Eric Carr said. "That was our downfall. It's something our kids will have to work on in the offseason." All is not lost, however. With no seniors on this team — a rarity Carr said he's never experienced in his coaching career — the future appears particularly bright for the Lady Wildcats. Next year, PHS will have

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## Soccer teams start seasons with victories

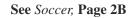
The Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer teams traveled to Noble on Tuesday, March 1 and to Choctaw on Friday, March 4.

On March 1 against Noble, the PHS Girls had their work cut out for them being down 3-0 at the half against Noble. They came back in the second half ready to battle, which paid off with a goal-filled second half comeback that ended with a 4-3 victory.

The Wildcats were also victorious at Noble with a 1-0 win.

The Lady Cats arrived at Choctaw and wasted no time getting the win 11-1 with 22:10 left remaining in the second half. Later, the boys completed the sweep. The game was scoreless at the end of regulation and senior goalie, Talon Cope, did not disappoint in penalty kicks. The Wildcats won 3-1.

Piedmont had its home opener Tuesday, March 8 vs.





# Air Jordan

**Piedmont Lady Wildcat Jordan Hahn with a header to score against Enid in the game Tuesday night, March 8. Piedmont won 3-0. See a full preview of the boys and girls soccer teams in next week's edition of** *The Piedmont-Surrey Gazette. (Photo by Rhonda Stovall)* 

# 'It's an immaculate view'

New baseball stadium officially opened Monday with DH sweep by 'Cats

> **By Blake Colston** Sports Editor

A dam Skokowski opens his office door and walks a few steps out into the dugout of one of the nicest high school baseball facilities in the state.

On Monday, Skokowski and the Wildcats officially opened the sparkling new facility with a doubleheader of sweep of Guymon.

Mother Nature didn't provide ideal weather — wind chills were in the mid 30s — but the all-turf field meant there was no threat of a rain-out due to wet field conditions left from rain over the weekend.

"To open the facility today is amazing. We are all super

excited. Everything that's going on around this district is amazing," Skokowski said. "I'm so lucky to have this job. There are coaches who have coached for 30 years that have much better records than me who will never coach in a facility this nice.

"My favorite part of it is being able to walk out from our offices and go right into the dugout. It's an immaculate view that I hope I never get tired of."

The stadium, which was completed earlier this year, is part of a \$5.8 million dual sport facility that's home to Piedmont's baseball and softball teams

### WILDCATS PRIMED FOR BIG SEASON

Piedmont made the state tournament last season and returns the majority of its pitching and hitting from a squad that made the state quarterfinals and finished 30-9 overall. PHS is off to a 5-1 start this season.

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**Piedmont Schools assistant superintendent Shawn Blankenship threw out the ceremonial first pitch to christen Piedmont's brand new baseball stadium prior to the Wildcats' doubleheader sweep of Guymon on Monday.** (*Photo by Jason Nieuwenhuis*)

### Ardmore rolls past Piedmont

Sixth-ranked Tigers outlast Wildcats in regional opener

> By Blake Colston Sports Editor

### OKLAHOMA CITY -

Piedmont took a swing at upsetting sixth-ranked Ardmore in its regional opener at Oklahoma City Southeast last week, but the Tigers withstood the Wildcats' upset bid in a 66-56 victory over PHS.

Piedmont kept the pace in their favor and held Ardmore in check from 3-point range, where the Tigers made just 4 of 22 shots.

"We knew they wanted to get up and down the floor and we had the pace controlled for a majority of the game.Our guys executed what we were asking them to do really well," coach Wil Scofield said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win that game."

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### **PIEDMONT-SURREY GAZETTE**



**Piedmont senior goalie Talon Cope defending the Piedmont Wildcats' goal during penalty kicks in the Friday night game, March 4, against Choctaw.** (*Photo by Rhonda Stovall*)

# Soccer

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Enid. The Lady Wildcats were victorious in Tuesday night's game, 3-0. The Wildcats lost to the

Enid Plainsmen 4-1. The next game is scheduled for Friday, March 11 vs Claremore. Come out and support the Piedmont Wildcats vs. the

### Zebras.

Read the Piedmont-Surrey Gazette and follow piedmontnewsonline.com for updates to local news and sports.

### Heindselman headed to NCAA championships

Josh Heindselman has done it again.

The University of Oklahoma heavyweight wrestled his way to his second podium and second NCAA qualification in as many years as a starter for Oklahoma with a sixth place finish at the Big 12 Tournament held at Tulsa's BOK Center. His weekend was highlighted by an upset victory of West Virginia's Michael Wolfgram.

Heindselman also earned a win over Northern Iowa's Tyrell Gordon by a 2-1 score.

Last season, the Piedmont native finished fourth at the Big 12 Tournament.

The 6-foot, 285-pound redshirt sophomore has yet to place at the NCAA Championships.

The 2022 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships will be held March 17-19 in Detroit at Little Caesars Arena.

# Wildcats

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The pitching staff is led by Caleb Lunnon, who served as the 'Cats ace last season and is primed for a big senior season.

"As dominant as he was last year, having him back is huge," Skokowski said. "He would've been an all-stater last year had he been a senior."

Lunnon can reach the low 90s with his fastball and has an excellent changeup to go with a solid breaking ball.

"We don't pencil him in as our ace, we write down in ink," Skokowski said.

Fidel Hatch, also a senior, will serve as Piedmont's second district starter behind Lunnon.

"They're, by far, our one and two," Skokowski said.

Jackson Harriger, Dalton Hampton, Cole Girard and Weston Thomas are slated to be Piedmont's top options out of the bullpen.

Offensively, Piedmont has a solid balance of speed and power. Cole Riggs is a speedy tablesetter that bats leadoff while Gabe Clyden handles the bat well and hits second.

SophomoreWestonThomas played sparinglylast season, but has beena revelation early this

season in the three-hole. Senior first baseman Dax Priddy has already homered once this season and bats cleanup.

"We can do a little bit of everything offensively," Skokowski said.

Rankings haven't been released yet, but PHS will easily rank among the top eight teams in Class 5A and is a front runner for their third straight state tournament berth.

"Our program has been successful ever since it's been in 5A. We've lost in the first round the last two years, so we want to make it past that this year. We have to continue to grow and get better," he said.

### Michael dominant as Sooners win

NORMAN – Piedmont alum Trevin Michael struck out 10 batters over 5.0 innings and Cade Horton and Sebastian Orduno each drove in two runs to lead the Oklahoma baseball team to an 8-7 win over Dallas Baptist Tuesday at L. Dale Mitchell Park.

The Sooners (6-5) scored seven runs in the fifth inning to erase a 1-0 deficit and added an insurance run in the seventh to extend their lead to 8-6.

Michael (1-0) struck out the final five batters he faced and allowed only one hit and an unearned run in his first start at OU.

"I thought Trevin kept

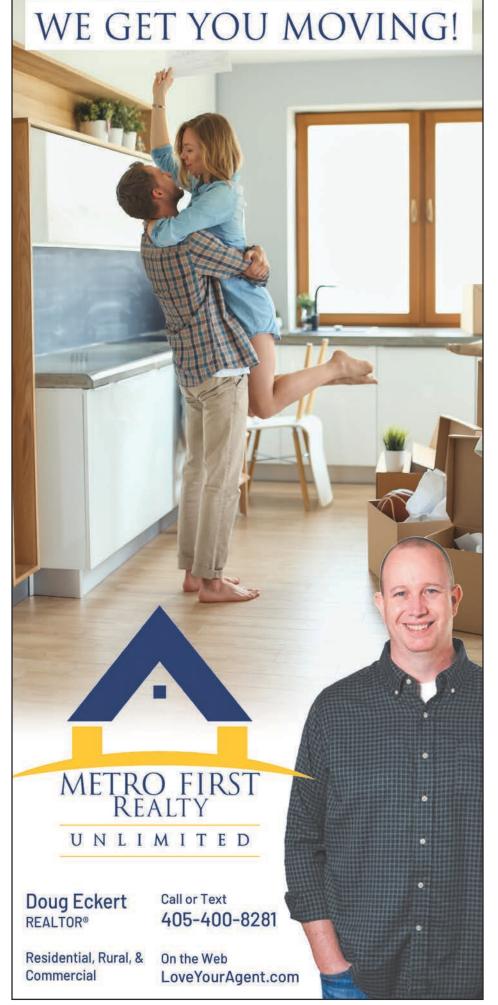


**Piedmont native Trevin Michael picked up his first win as an Oklahoma Sooner on Tuesday at L. Dale Mitchell Park.** (*Photo by OU Athletics*)

them off balance and made quality pitches when he had to make quality pitches," Oklahoma head coach Skip

Johnson said. "Trevin set the tone, and we were able to score some runs offensively and have a big inning."





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# Consolation

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eight seniors to lean on. "Generally, there's some maturity you get with seniors that you don't get with younger kids," Carr said.

Piedmont was among the best defensive teams in the state at any level. PHS held 23 of 26 opponents to 50 points or less. If they improve their shooting in the offseason, the Lady Wildcats should be a state title contender.

"It's a matter of intensity," Carr said of how players can use practice to develop consistent shot-making. "We've got to find ways to challenge each other in shooting drills."

Carr said the Suburban Conference coaches have voted on postseason awards, but the results won't be released until the state tournament is completed. Piedmont is expected to be well-represented.

"This was really a good year for this group. I went back and looked and 10 of 12 losses



**Piedmont's Khloe Carr dribbles the ball in a game** at **Collett Fieldhouse against El Reno earlier this season.**(*Photo by Glen Miller/El Reno Tribune*)

were to teams playing in the state tournament," Carr said. "We really did compete well this year and improved as the year went on."

# American Athletic honors Crawford with spot on its All-Freshmen team

Tulsa women's basketball player Temira Poindexter (Sapulpa, Okla.) was named as the American Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year, while sophomore Wyvette Mayberry (Tulsa, Okla.) was tabbed to the all-conference second team.

Poindexter and fellow rookie Delanie Crawford (Piemont, Okla.) were selected to the all-freshmen team.

Poindexter is TU's first women's basketball Freshman of the Year in program history, while Poindexter and Crawford are Tulsa's fourth and fifth AAC all-freshmen team selections and seventh and eighth honorees overall. Mayberry is the fifth AAC all-conference selection and 23rd overall.

Poindexter has started in 18 of 24 games, posting two double-doubles, 15 double-digit scoring games and two doubledigit rebounding contests on the season. She has the team's third-best scoring average with 11.6 points per game, while leading the team in rebounds per game (4.9) and blocks (43). She is shooting 42.2-percent from the field and 80.9-percent from the free throw line.

Poindexter ranks 51st in the nation in blocked shots per game (1.79) and 64th in blocked shots. Poindexter had seasonhighs of 23 points in her first collegiate game, 10 rebounds against both East Carolina and SMU, six assists against Wichita State, six blocks against Cincinnati and three steals against SMU. Poindexter was named The American Freshman of the Week a league-record eight times this season.

Mayberry has started in 23 games, posting 18 double-digit scoring games, and leads the team with a 13.8 points per game average. She is shooting 45.1-percent from the field, 46.2-percent from behind the arc and 75.6-percent from the free throw line. Mayberry has tallied season-bests of 24 points against Central Arkansas and East Carolina, eight rebounds against Oral Roberts, nine assists against South Alabama, and four steals against Cincinnati.

Crawford has started in seven of 24 games and has seven double-digit scoring contests on the season. She averages 7.0 points and 4.1 rebounds per game, while tallying 47 assists, 21 steals and six blocks, and shooting 42-percent from the field, 34.6-percent from behind the arc and 66.7-percent from the free throw line.

Crawford has season-bests of 15 points against Central Arkansas, eight rebounds against three teams including South Florida, five assists against Oral Roberts and #23 UCF, and three steals against Austin Peay. Crawford was tabbed as The American Freshman of the Week once this year.

# Outlast

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In the end, Piedmont missed too many free throws and turned the ball over more than they could afford to, Scofield said. Talan Owen, a sophomore, scored Piedmont's first six points of the game and totaled 14.

The Wildcats finished the season with a 6-17 record one year after going winless.

"From where we started this year to where we finished up, we made some good progress," Scofield said. "We played our best basketball at the end of the year and, overall, we're moving in a good direction."

Piedmont will return 19 of its top 20 players next season, Scofield said, so the future looks bright. The Wildcats will have to replace their leader scorer, Jayce Daniels, though.

The senior guard averaged 17 points per game and will likely earn all-conference honors. "He was our biggest offensive threat for sure. It will be hard to replace him, but as coaches we have those discussions every year and we'll find a way to do it," Scofield said.





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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS ) INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ) TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2018 G-CTT, ) Plaintiff, ) v. )) BRIAN LANE OLEA A/K/A BRIAN L. OLEA A/K/A ) BRIAN OLEA; JESSICA D. OLEA A/K/A JESSICA ) OLEA A/K/A JESSICA D. OLEA, SPOUSE, IF ) ANY, OF JESSICA D. OLEA; JOHN DOE, ) OCCUPANT; AND DEER SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS' ) ASSOCIATION, INC. )

Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2019-321

Judge Paul Hesse

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# COUNTY Thursday, March 10, 2021

By Conrad Dudderar

Staff Writer

# Four Canadian County offices up for election



**Marc Hader** 

# *Two incumbents confirm they will seek new terms; candidate filing April 13-15*

for the State Senate and the other is undecided.

Candidate filing periodFour of the eightwill be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,Canadian County electedWednesday throughoffices are up in 2022.Friday, April 13-15 forTwo incumbents havethese four Canadianconfirmed they will seekCounty offices: District 1new terms, one will runcommissioner, District 3

commissioner, assessor and treasurer.

County officers are elected to serve four-year terms.

District 1 Canadian County Commissioner Marc Hader said he intends to file for a third term next month. Hader was first elected in 2014, succeeding Phil Carson before being re-elected in a contested 2018 race.

At least one challenger already has emerged for

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Matt Wehmuller

# Grass fire scorches 35 acres

No structures damaged, no one injured in Saturday blaze

**By Traci Chapman** Managing Editor

A March 5 fire in north Yukon singed about 35 acres but did not cause any injuries or damage any structures as the fast-moving blaze raced across an extended swatch of grass land.

Capt. Scott Douglas of Oklahoma City Fire Department said the

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### The Hellfighter

Oklahoma City firefighter Reece Gilbert walks toward a grass fire that threatened Christ's Legacy Church and area homes Saturday afternoon near Northwest Expressway and Morgan Road. Oklahoma City Fire Department, with an assist from Piedmont and Richland fire departments, averted property damage or injuries. (Photo by Jeremy Pyle)

# Stewart: 'Right now, it's critical'

Commissioners ready to act on burn ban; could call special meeting if fire dangers become extreme

By Conrad Dudderar Staff Writer

With dry, windy conditions returning this week, Canadian County Commissioners are ready to take emergency action if needed on a burn ban.

The county's outdoor burning prohibition expired Feb. 28 after commissioners determined recent moisture

# Historic Canadian County jail needs new roof

County commissioners will seek bids; \$150k budgeted for renovation

By Conrad Dudderar Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — Canadian County commissioners are moving ahead with plans to replace a roof that's caving in at the "old" county jail.

Time is of the essence to hire a contractor for the job.

"It will be falling in soon," Canadian County Commission Chairman Dave Anderson warned.

Canadian County commissioners took no action at their March 7 meeting on a "conditional partial release of lease" between Canadian County and Preservation El Reno for the roof project.

"We'll have it back on our agenda soon," Ander-



It will be falling in soon...I think all of us recognize the importance of the building.

# Canadian County Commission Chairman Dave Anderson

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son noted. Plans call for Canadian County taxpayer dollars to be used to replace the roof on the old jail, located at the corner of Rogers and Evans near the Canadian County Courthouse and Judicial Building. The building is on Oklahoma's National Register of Historic Places. Canadian County has

budgeted \$150,000 to fix this roof on "our old, historic" jail, according to Chairman Anderson.

"I think all of us recognize the importance of the building."

Preservation El Reno's Betty Johnston prepared a draft agreement for county commissioners to consider before they solicit contractor bids to replace the roof.

Officials with Canadian County and Preservation El Reno in 1995 signed a lease agreement for both the old jail

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Canadian County commissioners have budgeted \$150,000 to replace the roof at the "old" historic county jail next to the courthouse and judicial building in El Reno. The roof has partially collapsed, causing damage underneath. Canadian County is responsible for maintenance under a 1995 lease agreement with Preservation El Reno. (Photo by Conrad Dudderar)



# Blaze

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Saturday blaze was first reported about 1:53 p.m. and began near Northwest Expressway and North Morgan Road. To counter the fire – one of 15 the department fought across the Oklahoma City metropolitan area Saturday – 23 vehicles responded to the scene.

Among them were firefighters from Piedmont and Richland fire departments, Douglas said.

When firefighters first responded to the scene, one home was perceived to potentially be under threat – and that became the first line of defense, according to an incident report authored by OKCFD Battalion Chief Greg Merrell. Once flames were pushed back from that area, crews worked to ensure the fire did not jump Morgan Road. Had that occurred, Christ's Legacy Church, located in the 11100 block of North Morgan Road, would have been threatened, as well as potentially a large neighborhood, the report said.

In fact, Christ's Legacy became a water replenishment site for trucks battling the blaze, Douglas said.

Despite some precipitation in the days leading up to Saturday's rash of grass fires, it was not enough to thoroughly soak and negate months of negligible precipitation, officials said. Saturday was particularly concerning because humidity dropped



**An Oklahoma City firefighter observes a grass fire in Yukon Saturday after-noon. The blaze scorched 35 acres.** (*Photo by Jeremy Pyle*)

so dramatically between early morning and early afternoon, Capt. Andy Willrath of Mustang Fire Department said Monday.

"Humidity was about 50% in the morning and then down to about 10%

after noon – and that grass is so dry, so dormant, it's just a bad combination," he said. "When you throw in winds gusting up to about 30 miles an hour it is a very hazardous situation." Mustang responded to four grass fires Saturday, Willrath said.

Piedmont Fire Department's assist to Oklahoma City was the only grass fire call first responders there went out on Saturday, Capt. Tyler Moffett said

### Tuesday.

Oklahoma City officials said all 15 fires they encountered Saturday were especially fast-moving and included an incident near the 9800-10200 blocks of Northwest Expressway.

Canadian County Commissioners did not reinstitute a burn ban for the county Monday; according to Oklahoma Forestry Service, of the counties adjoining Canadian County, only Cleveland and Kingfisher counties do not have bans in place; Oklahoma, Grady, Caddo and Blaine had restrictions in place as of Monday evening.

According to the National Weather Service in Norman, some snow is possible Thursday and Friday.

# Ready

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had sufficiently reduced fire dangers. Canadian County had been under a ban for much of the previous two months.

District 3 County Commissioner Jack Stewart on March 7 referred to large grass fires last week in Logan and Oklahoma counties.

"Right now, it's critical," Stewart said. "We just barely 'snuck by' last week. I was thinking, 'Did we make the right decision or not?' It turned out it was, but it was close.

"We've got to be right on the border if we need (a burn ban) or don't need it," he said. "We got a trace of rain (Sunday) and there's a chance we might get a little more moisture later this week. But in between, it's going to be dry. And the winds never stop blowing and dry things out real fast."

Commissioner Stewart

meeting this week to approve a new burn ban resolution.

Assistant District Attorney Tommy Humphries told commissioners they could reinstate the ban in an emergency if weather conditions become extreme.

"There's a definition in the statute," Humphries said. "For you to call a burn ban, you've got to meet that definition.

"The fire chiefs' concurrence is important, but you have to meet all those factors."

Canadian County Commission Chairman Dave Anderson said he opposes implementing a new burn ban because of Sunday's rain and snow in the forecast this Friday.

Commissioner Stewart replied, "I'm not saying I absolutely want to put one on, but we should have the ability to discuss it (on the agenda).

# Jail

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building and stables. Canadian County is responsible for maintenance and repairs.

Before county commissioners vote on the conditional partial release, Anderson asked that this language be excised from the agreement:

"That such removal and replacement of the roof is in a manner consistent with the historic character of the old jail."

Otherwise, Anderson would want Preservation El Reno to be responsible for maintenance to the building's outside – something that would require lots of fundraising, he said.

# Election

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"My concern is, who's judgment would govern to determine whether the repairs were consistent with the historic aspect of the jail?" the District 2 county commissioner said. "If we're going to spend county funds, I want to have control over what repairs are made to the roof."

District 3 County Commissioner Jack Stewart said he had the same concerns.

"It would be a judgment/subjective call," Stewart said. "Is there some way, Betty, we can more define that?

"We want to get that roof fixed as bad as you do, and we've put money in the budget to do it."

### Preservation El Reno's Johnston supports having a new roof that matches one installed on the stables, also known as the "carriage house."

"If we duplicate that, I think we'd be OK," Johnston told commissioners. "We just need to get it done."

### AT WHAT COST?

Canadian County commissioners won't know the cost of this jail roof project until receiving formal bids.

District 1 Commissioner Marc Hader fears installing a new roof and making other needed repairs may well exceed what county funds have been budgeted.

Noting that he supports historic preser-

vation, Hader referred to the deteriorating condition of the structure in recent years – not just the damaged roof, but what's below it.

"Just in the time I've been in office, it went from a roof that was still relatively 'weathered in' to it's just filling up with water constantly," Hader said.

Chairman Anderson agreed with Hader's assessment.

"I think when we get into that, we're looking at a couple hundred thousand dollars," Anderson said.

Johnston, however, said she has received an estimate that's below \$100,000 "to replace all the rafters and everything."

elected to the office in

District 18.

bondsman Christi McRee are two prominent names mentioned as possible contenders. Perennial District 3 commissioner candidate Daniel Pugh recently withdrew his intent to run - soon after the Calumet small business owner had declared he would seek the post. Meanwhile, Canadian County Treasurer Carolyn Leck said she's undecided whether she'll file for reelection.

thought a burn ban would at least be discussed at the commissioners' Monday meeting. However, the item was not on the agenda.

If fire dangers become extreme, county commissioners may call a special "Even if we get some snow, we already know the equivalent moisture value of snow is very minimal," he said.

Most of Canadian County's fire chiefs – particularly in rural areas - support having a burn ban in place. Hader's seat.

Tomas Manske, an auctioneer and former Canadian County OSU extension educator, announced last Friday that he will challenge Hader.

Also running for a new term will be Canadian County Assessor Matt Wehmuller, who was first 2010, succeeding Ronnie Funck. Incumbent Wehmuller has been re-elected twice and wants a fourth term.

District 3 Canadian County Commissioner Jack Stewart plans to file – but not for the seat he's held since 2009. Instead, Stewart said he'll file for Oklahoma State Senate Stewart became District 3 commissioner 13 years ago in a special election to fill a vacancy after the death of Grant Hedrick, Jr. Stewart is in the final year of his third full term.

Stewart's decision not to seek a fourth term as county commissioner had led to widespread speculation about who will succeed him in District 3.

El Reno Mayor Matt White and Yukon bail



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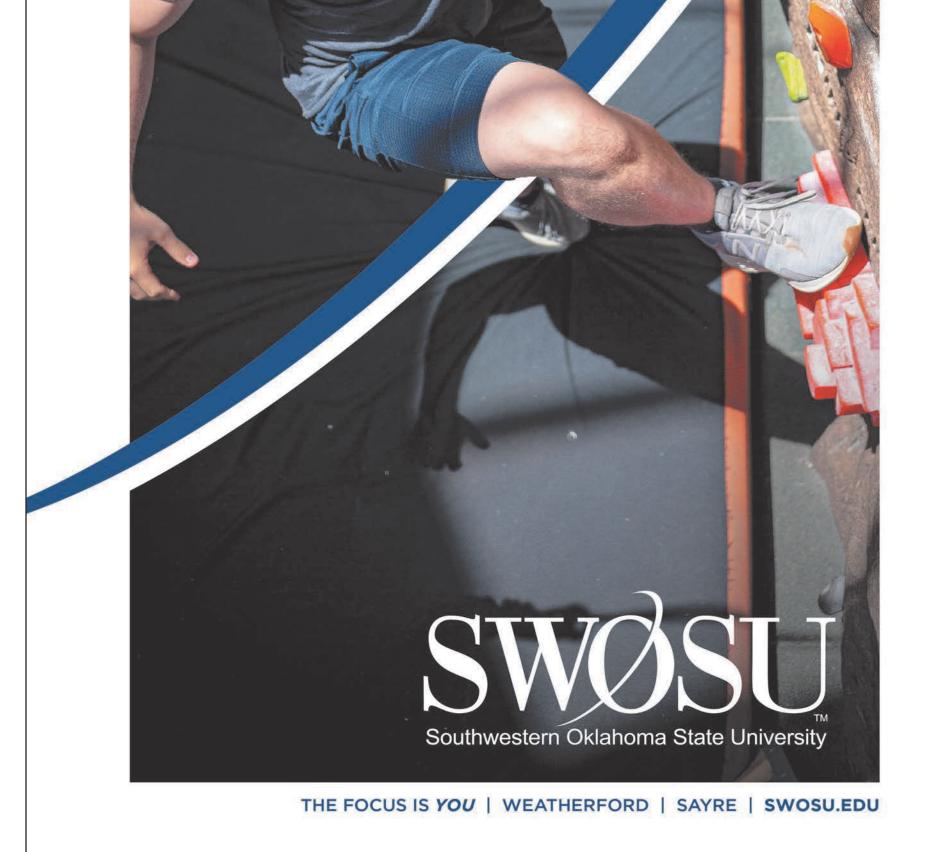
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Mark Anthony Jordan and Becky Holliday Smith. Alec Thomas Long and Kameron Nicole Nelson. Alex Joseph Christensen and Rylee Raquel Rankin. Erik Paul Goesttsch and Yvonne Asuncion Cannon. Bryson Jones Brown and Lauren Paige Barron. **Brent Edward Shouse** and Mychael Christine

Diaz.

**DIVORCES FILED** Quinton Mark Wilds and Crystal Lynn Phillips. Abigail Bahena and Jose Luis Guerrero Patino. Jeremy D. Effinger and Kacey P. Effinger. Vanessa Shyre Primera and Armando Morales Primera III. Wendy Susan Jones and Alan Leeroy Jones. Krissa D. Garren and Curtis Garren. Debra Levi Clifton and Ray Dean Clifton. Angela D. Stanley and Mark B. Stanley. Zachary T. Barker and Dashiea M. Goodner-Barker. Christopher Kondos and Lindsey Kondos. Karin M. Bales and Joshua D. Bales. Charles Robin Parton and Guyla Kathleen Parton. Christopher M. Stokes

and Ashley Lynn Buck. **Roxanne Margaret** Garner and Trey Patrick Garner. **Emily Berg and Warren** Guy Berg. Michelle Ann McAffrey and Christopher David McAffrey.

### **FELONIES FILED**

Yukon's Javontez R. Phillips, domestic assault and battery by strangulation. Moreno Valley, Calif.'s Ramiro Ruiz III, trafficking in illegal drugs. McFarland, Calif.'s Miguel Angel Bernabe-Chagollan, trafficking in illegal drugs. El Reno's Will Tyler Jenkins, domestic assault and battery and obstructing an officer. Mustang's Jerry Wayne Andrews Jr., aggravated trafficking in illegal drugs and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. El Reno's Mark Howard Wilson, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of firearm during commission of a felony and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Yukon's Donald Wayne Rhoden, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute. Jacksonville, Fla.'s Shiloh Sean Stoudenmire, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous

substance with intent to distribute.

Pueblo, Colo.'s Tyler Michael Allen, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute. Oklahoma City's Michelle Shannon Hartman, trafficking in illegal drugs, acquiring proceeds from drug activity and unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance. Yukon's Louis Monroe Henry III, domestic assault and battery by strangulation, disrupting/preventing emergency telephone call and threatening to perform act of violence. El Reno's Thomas Marcus Fasthorse, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Oklahoma City's Robert Daril Thomas, grand larceny and conspiracy. Oklahoma City's Freddy Chavez, grand larceny and conspiracy. Oklahoma City's Salvador Cholico Velaquez, grand larceny, attempting to elude police officer and possession of credit card belonging to another. Yukon's James Kenneth Guyot, assault and battery on medical care provider, driving under the influence of alcohol and obstructing an officer.

session of forged notes/ instruments, obstructing an officer, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. El Reno's Edwin Stanley I. Mitts, grand larceny and conspiracy. Oklahoma City's Benjamin Wayne Love-Stallings, possession of contraband in penal institution/jail. Broken Arrow's Reinessa Danae Palacios, larceny of merchandise from retailer. Wewoka's Tracy Lynnette Malloy, bringing contraband into jail/penal institution.

Oklahoma City's Cristina Jurado, identity theft – unlawful use of personal identifying information. Yukon's Sue V. Reed, embezzlement. Norman's Kristopher Daniel McCoy, embezzlement of rental property. El Reno's Jeremiah Lawrence Robert Williams, unauthorized use of vehicle. Bethany's Kylee K. Strader, grand larceny. Oklahoma City's Derick Mark Jackson, grand larceny. Oklahoma City's Shaunna Belen Berrera, distribution of controlled dangerous substance and possession of controlled dangerous

**MISDEMEANORS FILED** Yukon's Joseph Wayne

substance.

Tucker, rioting. Piedmont's Christopher Conrad Haycraft, protective order violations. Yukon's Philip Lance Allen, carrying firearm while under the influence and discharging firearm in public place. Norman's Chandler Anthony Browning, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of controlled dangerous substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with suspended/revoked license.

Hinton's Brandi Marie Rodriguez, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Moore's J.J. Alexander Laws, unlawful possession of controlled dangerous substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. El Reno's Hillary Nicole Hutson, possession of controlled dangerous substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. El Reno's Zackery Scott Gallion, possession of controlled dangerous substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with revoked/canceled license. Mustang's Dustin Lee

Hagen, possession of controlled dangerous substance, unlawful

possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with revoked/canceled license. **Piedmont's Dino Charles** Chaves, rioting. El Reno's Cody Ray Carpenter, domestic assault and battery. El Reno's Devin Dakota Thompson, domestic assault and battery. Amanda Marie Letner, domestic assault and battery. Yukon's Michael Ciosmak, domestic assault and battery. Oklahoma City's Mark John Aiello, possession of controlled dangerous substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. El Reno's Brandon Lee Flowers, uttering forged instrument.

### LAWSUITS FILED

Rodney Wiedemann vs. Lonnie K. Reid DBA Goose's Garage, breach of contract. First United Bank and Trust Co. vs. Barbara Jean Caruth, foreclosure. US Bank vs. Seban R. Helms, foreclosure. **Great Plains National** Bank vs. Jimmie Mack King, replevin. Wayne Burden vs. Stanley Steve Buchanan and **Buchanan Trucking DBA** Extreme Services, breach of contract. US Bank vs. Bobby Ray Hebert and Megan Beniot Hebert, foreclosure.

# **Trial begins in El Reno manslaughter case**

By Traci Chapman Managing Editor

EL RENO — An El

assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Nelson is accused of stabbing two other El Reno

said the trial was set to begin with testimony and evidence offered first by the prosecution Tuesday as of press time. Canadian

Oklahoma City's Victoria

contraband into jail, pos-

Lynn Rogers, bringing



Nelson

knife, killing him, Monaco suffered a slash to the kidney. Nelson faces up

son began July 18, 2020, when El Reno Police Department received a 911 call reporting a stabbing in the 500 block of South Francis Avenue. According to the probable cause affidavit filed with the court in the case and prepared by El Reno detective Donald Adkison, the caller advised a man stabbed two people after being "kicked out of someone else's house for cursing at a female residing at the home."

The witness only knew the then suspect's first name – later identified as Nelson -

Reno man this week faces a jury in a case involving his alleged attack on two others in El Reno.

Christopher Gene Nelson, 23, Christopher Gene Nelson, 23, faces two felony counts - first degree manslaughter and residents, Miguel Jones and Lonnie Monaco.

A March 7 jury trial scheduled in the case began Monday with jury selection and opening statements by both prosecutors and defense attorneys; a court official

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District Judge Paul Hesse is presiding over the criminal felony trial.

According to documents filed with the court, Jones was stabbed in the heart with a CRKT to life in prison if convicted, court records showed. Prosecutors

in August 2020 filed a request to hold Nelson without bond pending trial; the El Reno man has remained in Canadian County Jail since his July 20 arrest as a result.

who was later located at a separate address in the 500 block of South Boynton in El Reno. There, officers reported, Nelson allegedly told them he was "chased by two subjects with guns," further advising, "I stabbed them."

Officers found the knife in Nelson's pocket, after he told them it was there and that it had blood on it. according to the affidavit.



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