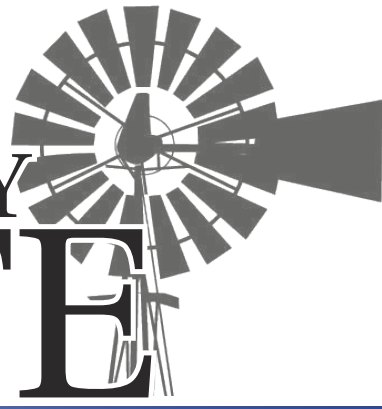


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## They're so 'egg-cited' and just can't hide it



**Left and Above:** Children take off for the prized eggs during one of the Eggstravaganza hunts held Saturday in downtown Piedmont. Hundreds of children and adults celebrated the perfect weather and fun activities during the annual event.

**Right:** Charlie Rose, 13 months, shows off her Eggstravaganza style with her bunny ears and pretty Easter dress. Charlie was fascinated with the petting zoo at the annual Piedmont event. See more photos inside this edition of *The Piedmont-Surrey Gazette*. (Photos by Traci Chapman)



## Piedmont sales tax revenues fall in April

By Traci Chapman  
Managing Editor

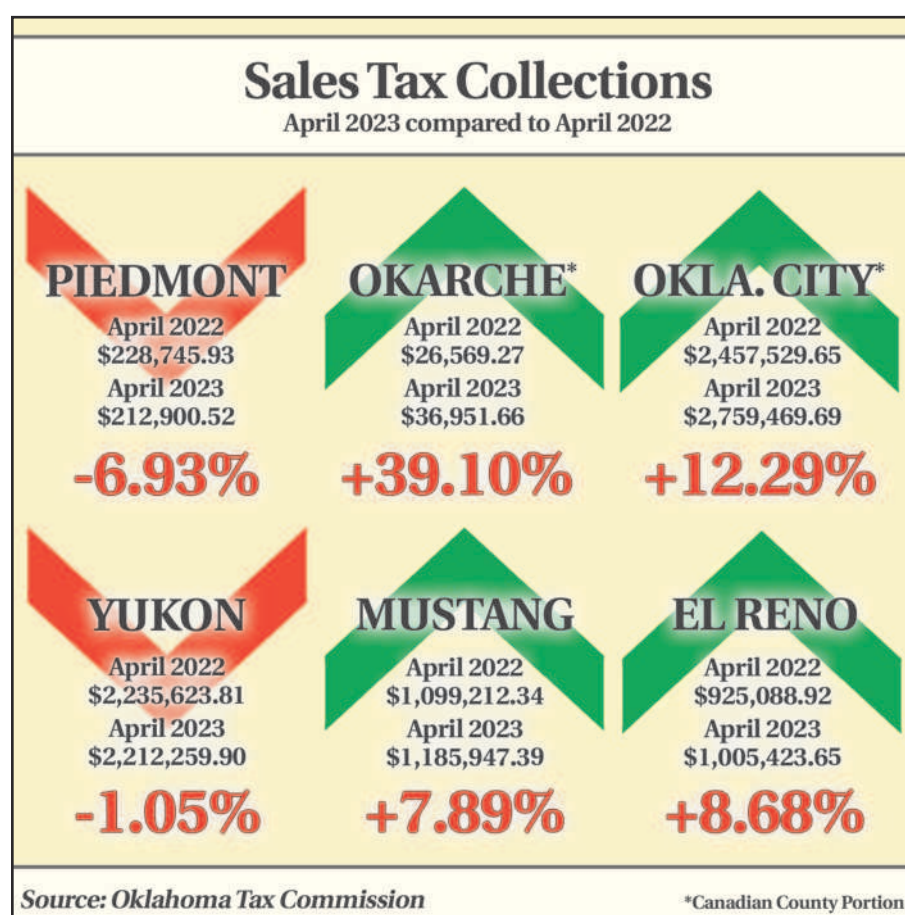
Piedmont saw a drop in sales tax revenue in April, both compared to March and the same reporting period in 2022 and in both Canadian and Kingfisher counties.

Oklahoma Tax Commission's April report indicated Piedmont this month collected \$212,901, a 6.93% drop from April 2022's \$228,746. The city in March posted revenues of \$213,467, according to the state tax collection agency.

In Kingfisher County, Piedmont's April sales taxes totaled \$7,795; the same time last year those revenues were \$10,776, and last month's revenues allocated to that county were reported as \$11,666.

Piedmont was one of three

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## Manske pushes SH-66/Banner safety upgrades

By Conrad Dudderar  
Staff Writer

A new Canadian County commissioner is confident that a long-awaited permanent upgrade to make a high-profile intersection safer will start in 2023.

The State Highway 66 and Banner Road area - just west of Yukon - is in first-year County Commissioner Tom Manske's district.

Since SH-66 is a state highway, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will hire a contractor to make improvements to this intersection.

"I have been progressive about working to get ODOT with us on the Banner-Highway 66 intersection," District 1 Commissioner

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# Obituary

## Campbell

Melinda "Mindy" (Gray) Campbell passed away peacefully on April 1, 2023, from cancer, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1953, in Manhattan, Kansas, to William and Myrna Gray. She married Ralph Campbell in June 1990 and they spent the next 33 years building a wonderful life together.

She enjoyed many motorcycle trips, traveling and camping with friends. She also enjoyed shopping, crafting, reading, playing cards at the lake and watching HGTV for ideas for the home and most of all loving her children and grandchildren.

After retiring from Prime Operating, she moved to Lake Eufaula with her husband. Min-



Melinda Campbell

dy is a graduate of Putnam City Original Class of 1972 and had attended Arapahoe Community College in Colorado.

Mindy is survived by her husband, Ralph Campbell; mother, Myrna; children, Luke Gregory (Theresa) Choctaw, Oklahoma, Christen Hannegan (Chad) Piedmont, Oklahoma, Jennifer Andrews (Jake) Yukon, Oklahoma, Sarah Yager (Brian) Yukon, Oklahoma, Darla Brown (Kevin) Yukon, Oklahoma, and Bryan Campbell (Heather Johnson) Laramie, Wyoming; grandchildren, Katie, Carly, Cade, Alexandria, Jordan, Jake, Peyton, Kameron, Gracie, Bri-

cen, Benson, Shanci, Ariel, Derick and Cash; and great-grandchildren, Beckham and Phoenix.

Mindy will always be remembered for her loving and generous heart, her sense of humor and her unwavering loyalty to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Mindy's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Saint Augustine Episcopal Church, 14700 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Flowers can be sent to the funeral home or direct to the church.

Online condolences may be signed at [www.yandafuneral.com](http://www.yandafuneral.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Yukon, Oklahoma.

## Local BMX riders qualify for world championships

By Alan Chapman  
Contributing Writer

Yukon BMX Raceway recently announced that 5 of their riders have qualified for this year's World BMX Championship in Glasgow, Scotland. The 5 will represent Team USA on the world stage in this international competition.

Seth Sprang, Jamie Hardwick, Keeaira Sherrill, Camdyn Cole and Clint Dailey are all hoping to make the trip this August, but with an estimated cost of up to \$5000 per person to make the trip, it's not an easy undertaking. Flights and accommodation are one thing, but each rider takes two bikes, helmet, racing safety gear, with essential parts, and may have to purchase other things when they get there. Some of the riders have factory sponsorship, but with the riders wearing Team USA jerseys, the sponsors don't always pay for events like this.

Clint Dailey, who also coaches at Yukon BMX, will be making the trip. "Every country, they go through their qualifying round, you have to qualify to get there. The top riders all meet at this location to race. When it comes to world, it's really just age groups: there is no class proficiency. I need to go back and win a second title!"

Fourteen-year-old Keeaira Sherrill from Yukon qualified for the second time, but she is hoping that this time she will be able to make the trip. "The world qualifier was in Florida this year. I qualified out for worlds and I was in Second: the top two made it. I've never been out of the country before so it would be really cool to go and race!" A regular at the Yukon track, Keeaira explained why she loves the sport. "I race here almost every Tuesday and



Camdyn Cole is one of five Yukon BMX riders who have qualified for the World BMX Championship in Glasgow, Scotland. Camdyn is a student at Mustang Public Schools. (Photo by Alan Chapman)

Saturday. I love racing out here: the people out here are great, and everybody's really nice and helpful. We're all like a family."

Camdyn Cole, who attends Mustang schools, qualified for the third year in a row. She attended the competition in France last year, but her first qualifying contest was cancelled due to the pandemic. "I'm very excited" said Camdyn, "My grandma, she got me a shirt and some socks with the Loch Ness Monster. I want to do that and see some castles!" Next year the contest will be held in South Carolina said her father Kevin.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or contributing to help send these local riders to the World BMX championship can contact Yukon BMX Raceway through their Facebook page, email, phone, or better yet, go out to see them any night of the week.

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# County commissioners dropped from home raid suit

By Conrad Dudderar  
Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — Canadian County Commissioners have been dismissed from a lawsuit filed by a man claiming county sheriff's deputies illegally raided his home.

District Judge Khristan K. Strubhar on March 30 dismissed all claims against the Board of County Commissioners of Canadian County.

A hearing on a motion to dismiss regarding claims against Canadian County Sheriff Chris West has been continued to May 30.

Brandon Michael Whitman on Oct. 3, 2022, sued Canadian County's elected sheriff and commissioners for infliction of emotional distress, negligence that led to physical and emotional injuries and loss of his electronic equipment.

The civil action stems from a January 2022 incident at Whitman's home on Sunway Street.

Judge Strubhar dismissed the County Commissioners from the suit after reviewing court pleadings and hearing arguments of attorneys on both sides.

Plaintiff Whitman appeared through his attorney Doug Carel and the defendants were represented by attorney Stephen Geris at the March 30 hearing.

The plaintiff's claim for emotional negligent infliction of emotional distress was dismissed and he was given 45 days to amend the petition if he chooses.

"(N)egligent infliction of emotional distress is not an independent tort recognized under Oklahoma law," defendants' attorney argued in a brief filed March 23.

"Rather, emotional distress is merely a category of damages which may be awarded to a plaintiff in certain negligence actions where the plaintiff has suffered emotional distress associated with some physical injury caused by the defendant."

In November 2022, attorney Geris filed the motion to dismiss the plaintiff's claims against Canadian County Commissioners and Sheriff West because the lawsuit was "devoid of any factual allegations implicating" them.

"Defendants are immune from suit for all of plaintiff's claims pursuant to the terms of the Oklahoma Governmental Tort Claims Act," ac-

ording to a brief signed by Geris.

The lawsuit is "devoid of any allegation of fact" indicating that Whitman suffered any physical injuries that resulted from any conduct by West or any other agent, employee or officer of the Canadian County Sheriff's Office," the motion reads.



Strubhar

**'CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION'**

Sheriff's deputies raided Whitman's eastern Canadian County home after the plaintiff's Facebook account was hacked and child pornography images were posted to the account, according to the lawsuit.

Although the hack issue had been resolved in August 2021 after being reported to Oklahoma City Police, Whitman alleges "numerous" Canadian County sheriff's deputies on Jan. 12, 2022 walked down his street with brandished firearms, circling his property and frightening his neighbors.

"(I)n front of plaintiff's wife and minor daughter, Canadian County Sheriff's deputies burst into the plaintiff's home, detained plaintiff and his family and removed every computer and electronic item contained in plaintiff's home," according to the petition.

In the suit, Whitman claims he tried to explain to the armed sheriff's deputies that his Facebook account had been hacked. The plaintiff alleges he was treated rudely and was ordered to remain seated while his personal property was removed from the home.

"The plaintiff uses his computers for work," the suit reads. "Despite his repeated pleas for the return of his personal property, he was ignored by West for several weeks."

The personal property was returned to Whitman on Feb. 10, 2022. He was never arrested or charged with a crime.

In a court brief filed Dec. 9, 2022, attorney Carel wrote that sheriff's investigator David Cates "was apparently unable to unearth the fact that the plaintiff's account had been hacked" and this was reported to Oklahoma City Police and Facebook in August 2021 – five months before the raid.

"There can be no justification for such shod-

dy and inept police work," the brief reads. "Defendants cannot claim that armed officers barging into one's home are not an endangerment, and defendants can certainly not claim that they exercised any duty of care whatsoever in raiding plaintiff's home."

The "slightest bit of police work" done by Sheriff West and his deputies would have revealed Whitman "had nothing to do" with the child pornography posted to his social media account, the plaintiff's attorney argued.

"It defies belief that any investigator, with any experience whatsoever, would believe that an individual that reported the existence of child pornography on his computer to law enforcement would be guilty of having child pornography on his computer that he had personally put there."

**SEARCH WARRANT AUTHORIZED**

Judge Strubhar is due to hear the motion to dismiss the suit against Sheriff West at 1:30 p.m. May 30.

Attorney Geris has argued the plaintiff cannot claim Canadian County's sheriff "breached any legal duty owed to him with regard to the purported 'raid' of his property."

That's because the search of his home and seizure of his electronic equipment were conducted pursuant to a search warrant authorized by Canadian County Special Judge Charles Gass.

The Canadian County Sheriff's Office had received information indicating that images of child pornography had been downloaded at the IP address at the plaintiff's residence, according to a search warrant affidavit signed by investigator Cates.

This gave the sheriff's office "probable cause to believe that images of child pornography may have been stored on digital devices at (Whitman's) residence, regardless of plaintiff's own involvement or lack of involvement therein," attorney Geris' March 23 motion reads.

"Accordingly, plaintiff's negligence and conversion claims against the defendants should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to (state statute) for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Whitman's electronic equipment was returned to him after the property had been examined and the investigation concluded, according to the court brief.

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# Duo plead no contest to illegal drug cultivation

*Transported 25 pounds of pot in Canadian County without required license*

**By Conrad Dudderar**  
Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — Two men have pleaded no contest to endeavoring to cultivate illegal drugs in Canadian County.

Oklahoma City's Weiyang Huang, 40, and Qiming Mei, 40, received four-year deferred sentences at a March 24 hearing before Canadian County Special Judge David H. Halley.

Huang and Mei violated the Uniform Controlled Substances Act in April 2022 by possessing marijuana seedlings/plants for the purpose of cultivating marijuana plants with a required license.

They were arrested after being found with about 25 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop near State Highways 81 and 152 in Union City.

Neither man had in their possession a medical marijuana transport license or any licensing from the state of Oklahoma for disposal of marijuana waste.

Canadian County prosecutors in May 2022 formally charged Huang and Mei, who both previously lived in San Francisco, Calif.

Huang, represented by attorney Jason Riddle, and Mei, represented by attorney Allison Martuch, each faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Judge Halley accepted Huang's and Mei's no contest pleas at the March 24 sentencing hearing after a plea agreement between prosecutors and the defendants.

Huang and Mei will be supervised by the Canadian County District Attorney's Office and be subject to random drug tests while on probation.

They were each ordered to pay \$4,000 fines, \$100 victim's compensation assessments and court costs.

**FOUND IN PICKUP BED**

On April 28, 2022, Union City Police Capt. Jonathan Noteboom and officer Thomas Glosser stopped a Dodge Ram pickup with a New York license plate traveling south on SH-81.

Huang was driving the truck and Mei was the passenger.

Officer Glosser immediately smelled a "strong odor" of marijuana coming from the vehicle while speaking with the occupants, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Capt. Noteboom and officer Glosser asked both men to exit the vehicle while they searched inside.

"Officer Glosser looked inside the bed of the truck and observed two large black trash bags that were tied at the top," according to the affidavit. "He opened the trash bag closest to the rear of the vehicle and observed multiple suspected marijuana plants."

The other bag contained a "large quantity of marijuana yearlings."



Central Oklahoma Ballet dancers will perform at this Friday night's "Boots & Ballet" benefit inside Yukon Czech Hall. Pictured from left are from left are Taylor Endsley, Layla Major, Gracelyn Magby, Kaci Speegle, Eden Hanes, Reagan Warner, and Bianca Snyder; standing from left, Madelyn Shropshire, Avery Hansen, Lorelai Sharp, Finnigan Cring, Gabi Hudspeth and Abigail Ankrom. (Photo provided)

# Local dancers to perform for Yukon Nutcracker benefit

**By Conrad Dudderar**  
Staff Writer

A group of young Yukon dancers will showcase their moves at a Friday night benefit.

Historic Yukon Czech Hall, 205 N. Czech Hall Road, will be the site of Central Oklahoma Ballet's "Boots & Ballet" from 7-10 p.m. April 14.

This event will raise funds to cover production costs of Yukon's 2023 "Nutcracker" program, held in December.

Local Central Oklahoma Ballet dancers have been rehearsing in preparation for their special performance at this Friday's Boots & Ballet. In between breaks, they will perform to the songs "Hoe Down" and "Oklahoma!"

The dance performance is being coordinated by longtime COB artistic director Debra Vossen.

**TWO STEP-LESSONS**

Friday night's Boots & Ballet will start with

two-step lessons led by country dance instructor Anthony Clark.

Toes will be tappin' and boots will be scootin' as they audience listens to live country and western music performed by the Wilton O'Neal Band.

Featured silent auction items are a Lake Eufaula weekend retreat, restaurant gift certificates, private tour of a local distillery, free trapeze yoga classes and a free haircut.

There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar Friday night at Yukon Czech Hall. A wine pull will feature bottles from wineries in Oklahoma and other states; chances are \$20.

This marks the first time the ballet company has started fundraising in the spring for its Yukon Nutcracker production.

Admission is \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.centralokballet.org](http://www.centralokballet.org).

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# Gardeners plant Swap set for Saturday

Canadian County Master Gardeners will offer plant enthusiasts an opportunity to make some changes during a Yukon plant swap this Saturday, April 15.

The event will be held at Yukon Community Center, located at 2200 S. Holly Ave., beginning at 10 a.m.

Participants are asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to allow organizers to place plants, provide tickets and answer questions.

To swap plants, bring labeled plants that are

reasonably sized and reasonably healthy.

For each plant brought, a ticket will be provided that can be used to pick out a new plant.

All ornamental flowers, shrubs, vegetables, herbs, seeds, and bulbs are welcome; do not bring weeds.

Officials instructed participants to label all plants by name and if possible, provide a picture of the foliage and flowers if bringing seeds and/or bulbs and to also bring a container or box to carry swapped plants away in.

**EDITORIAL**

# Time for spring activities

**By Michelle Ferguson**  
Piedmont Public Library

Library flower beds are bland these days. No rain, no flowers, but somehow weeds manage to survive. Hopefully, April will bring those much needed showers soon, because as of today, the Library Flower remains Dandelion — Fluffy Variety - and it makes me sneeze just to see.

The gardens are ugly but the lawn is pretty, and it's ready for your family to visit, Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout April.

Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., our Family Fitness at Night crew will host games and activities for families to play. Free! Thanks to federal funding grants.

Wear comfortable shoes and appropriate attire — who knows what the weather will be like each day — and be ready to run for fun.

Also back through April - our Wednesday and Saturday Fitness Challenge classes. Each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., the Fit Nic will lead classes in various cardio exercises to accompanying music on our parking lot, a wide open, gray expanse, roomy enough for anyone who wants to dance and have fun with like-minded folks in spandex and headbands.

This is also a free class, thanks to health literacy grant funding issued through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Check our Sign-up Genius for story time

classes on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m., and Tot Time at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday mornings.

Class sizes are restricted, so sign-up is a must.

Also, one last thing: a few copies are available if you would like to join our adult Let's Talk About It book club for May 6. The book is titled, "The Sleepy Hollow Family Almanac," by D'Agostino.

I don't believe it contains any headless horsemen at all (so, no fun), but I'm sure it's still a good read. Come grab your copy to peruse, then join us at 10 a.m. on May 6 to discuss whether or not the book would have benefitted if only they'd added a headless guy...

We also have a few copies left for the June 3 book club featuring, "The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen 83 1/4 Years Old." Discussion will begin at 10 a.m. and will be led by a local registered nurse.

It's a funny story, you'll love it; come get your free copy. Guess who funded this discussion? Yup. Grant monies and we love them.

As you can see, we're staying busy around here. We have lots of books to look at; we take returns and do exchanges, even if you don't have your receipt. Plus, we extend due dates at no charge; we're awesome.

We chat books and all things book related, and often we chat Netflix too. We try to be multimedia as much as we can.

Stay tuned for what's next at your Piedmont Public Library: trying to be as many things for as many folks as we can be since 2003.



Ferguson



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**'The Hula Hopper'**

The Easter Bunny shows what it takes to hula hoop during the April 15 Eggstravaganza, held in downtown Piedmont. (Photos by Traci Chapman)



Elizabeth Alexander shares her candy with her dad Maurice during Piedmont's Easter Eggstravaganza.



Mayor-elect Kurt Mayabb mans his Rock'n M Meat food truck, a favorite at Piedmont special events year-round.



Left: Teagan Smith makes a new friend during Eggstravaganza, held Saturday in downtown Piedmont.

Above: William Horton shows off his haul after the final egg hunt held Saturday.

**Sales Tax**

From Page 1A

Canadian County municipalities that saw a drop from April 2022 to April 2023, records showed. Geary and Yukon also posted decreases in that year-to-year comparison.

Most Canadian County municipalities saw increases over April 2022, with Piedmont, Geary and Yukon the only cities to record a drop in a month-to-month comparison with this month.

Okarche's fellow Canadian County municipalities' April sales tax collections, as reported by the state tax collection agency, were:

- Calumet - \$26,204
- El Reno - \$1 million
- Geary (Canadian County) - \$19,624
- Mustang - \$1.19 million
- Okarche (Canadian County) - \$36,952
- Oklahoma City (Canadian County) - \$2.76

million

- Union City - \$118,203
- Yukon - \$2.21 million

For Canadian County itself, sales tax revenues this month remained strong – surpassing both March and April 2022 collections, according to the OTC report.

The county in April collected \$804,532; last month, revenues were \$768,378 and in April 2022 they were \$742,066.

County sales tax revenues are allocated by law to operations at Gary E. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center.

On the city's use tax ledger, April collections were slightly better news, OTC records showed. This month, the city generated \$88,776 in Canadian County-allocated use tax revenue and \$7,837 attributed to Kingfisher County.

That compared to April 2022's totals of \$93,478 and \$5,073 in Canadian and Kingfisher counties, respectively, and in March, Piedmont's use tax collections totaled \$74,205 in Canadian County and \$4,268 on the Kingfisher County side of the border.

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# Wassana gives Fort Reno testimony to Congressional panel

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana submitted testimony to the United States House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith, addressing the tribes ongoing efforts to reclaim Fort Reno. The testimony was submitted in March.

The C&A have long contended the Fort Reno lands were taken from them and have sought the return of the property.

Wassana met last year with Congressman Frank Lucas to discuss the matter, and while Lucas did not offer support for the C&A claim, Wassana said he was pleased with the tenor of the meeting.

Below is Wassana's letter to the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives:

"Please allow this correspondence to serve as a request to submit testimony to the United States House Committee on Ways and Means. This written testimony is in regard to our ongoing recovery efforts for the return of the Fort Reno Lands, next to our current tribal lands located in El Reno, Oklahoma.

The tribe's land was seized by the U.S. Government a century ago to be used by the mili-

tary and was to be returned after said use. The boundaries of the original Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation in Western Oklahoma were established by Executive Order in 1869.

Fort Reno consisted of 9,600 acres that were carved out of the tribe's land in 1883 for "military purposes exclusively" with the Tribes land to be returned after it was no longer used by the U.S. Military. (Executive Order July 17, 1883, I.C. Kappler, Indian Affairs, Laws and Treaties 842 (1904).

In 1890, the Tribes ceded by Act of Congress, March 3, 1891, 26 Stat. 989, at 1022: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes vs. Oklahoma 618 F.2d 665 (10th Cir. 1980).

Fort Reno was NOT included in this cession (Memorandum John Leshy, Department of Interior, 26, February 1999).

Please note that the U.S. Government established a Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation in 1869 after the Medicine Lodge Treaty of 1867. The Cheyenne Arapaho peoples did not stay on this reservation.

The Cheyenne Arapaho people numbered approximately 972 when they were forced on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation in 1877 by the U.S. Military. It was one year after the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876.

In 1890 the Tribes ceded their interest in the



Wassana

1869 reservation lands by signing an "X". (Act of Congress, March 3, 1891).

[In] 1937, one thousand acres of Fort Reno were transferred to the Department of Justice for a prison facility (Act of Congress, May 24, 1937, PL 75-103).

In 1946, Congress formed the Indian Claims Commission for the purpose of addressing the claims of land lost prior to August 13, 1946 (25 USCA, sec. 70a). Fort Reno was still occupied by the military and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes land should have been returned.

In 1948, the Army closed its remount station and transferred 8,500 acres of Fort Reno land to the USDA. The USDA executed agreements with the U.S. Foreign Aid Service to train mules. In 1949 and 1951, Congressman Toby Morris introduced legislation to return 7,000 acres to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes but the legislation failed.

In 1954, the U.S. Foreign Aid Service held hearings on the Tribes claim and once again re-assigned Fort Reno for "Possible Military Use."

In 1963, the Secretary of the Interior transferred another 1,500 acres of the Fort Reno land to the Department of Justice to expand prison facilities.

In 1965, the tribes settled a compromise claim for the lands ceded in 1890 due to the

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## Upgrades

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Manske said during the April 4 Yukon Legislative Break-fast.

The goal is to make it safer for all motorists – including large truck traffic and Canadian Valley Technology Center students – who use that intersection.

"It gets really dark there, so our plan is to increase the

lighting, upgrade the 'four-way stop' there since people are used to that, add rumble bumps, clean up the signage and put in some flashing lights," Manske said. "I'm still working out the details with the Department of Transportation."

Once the permanent upgrade project is finished, Canadian County District 1 will help maintain the intersection.

Manske supports SH-66/Banner Road remaining as an all-way stop control.

Other design alternatives previously suggested were to install a single-lane roundabout or a fully signalized intersection, both of which would be more costly.

Manske, starting his fourth month as District 1 commissioner, is seeking other improvements along Banner Road between SH-66 and Interstate 40. Canadian County is responsible for a large part of this section, he noted.

"We're already in the process of visit-



### Construction Alert

Road construction has begun on 164th between Mustang and Sara roads.

The Apache NW project (from Piedmont Road to Frisco Road) is now set to begin April 17. See next week's Piedmont-Surrey Gazette for an update on city road projects.

a permanent four-way stop," Salim said.

"It will most likely move from the May tentative bid opening, but it will go to bid this year as soon as we get everything reviewed and agreed upon."

The intersection had been the site of dozens of serious traffic collisions - including several deadly crashes - over several decades.

ODOT made "interim" safety improvements after a collision in November 2019 that killed Yukon businessman Ray Davis.

In February 2020, the intersection was reconfigured to an all-way stop with flashing red beacons in all directions.

"People are used to it now and it flows pretty well," Manske noted. "You haven't heard of any accidents there since."

Other temporary upgrades were to close one approach lane and install rumble strips and advance warning signs.

Previously, only traffic on Banner Road was required to stop at the intersection and there was no control for eastbound and westbound traffic on SH-66.

Flashing beacons had faced each approach, flashing red toward Banner Road and yellow toward SH-66.

In June 2020, Canadian County Commissioners approved an agreement with ODOT for an "intersection modification" project at SH-66 and Banner Road.

That agreement called for ODOT to cover a construction cost of up to \$450,000 from the state's traffic safety funds.

ing with engineers about upgrading that and making it safer," he said. "We are in discussions with the Department of Transportation.

"Our ultimate goal is to make that straighter with better pavement. It's pretty rough right now. It's pretty tore up."

If funds are available, Manske also hopes a new bridge will be installed on the north side of SH-66 at Banner Road.

A resolution must be approved by ODOT officials and Canadian County commissioners before work begins.

"I would like to get some kind of progress started this year," he said. "That's my personal goal."

ODOT spokeswoman Lisa Shearer Salim shared the department's determination to make the SH-66/Banner Road area safer for the traveling public.

"We are reviewing a resolution from the Canadian County commissioners in which the county has requested the intersection become

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# Local lawmakers look to tighten marijuana laws

By Conrad Dudderar  
Staff Writer

Buoyed by voter support, a Yukon state representative says legislators continue efforts to “tighten” Oklahoma’s marijuana laws.

The state has been known in some circles as the “wild west of marijuana” since Oklahoma voters legalized medical marijuana almost five years ago, according to District 60 State Rep. Rhonda Baker, R-Yukon.

“I would still say that’s where we’re at,” Rep. Baker said during the April 4 Yukon Legislative Breakfast at Olde Orchard Restaurant, 326 Elm.

“We have deactivated over 800 illegal marijuana farms, which is great. It is a start. We have seized over 600,000 pounds of illegal marijuana. So, that’s the problem – the black market.”

In a March 7 special election, some 61.7% of Oklahoma voters rejected a proposal that would have legalized recreational use of marijuana for adults ages 21 and older.

State Question 820 was defeated by a margin of 349,284 voters rejecting the measure and 217,078 casting ballots in favor of it. In Canadian County, the measure was opposed by 64% of a total 23,190 voters casting ballots.

“Recreational marijuana failed – it should have,” Rep. Baker told the audience during Tuesday’s Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Yukon Chamber of Commerce.

“Everybody recognizes that even though we have what is called ‘medical marijuana,’ that state question (788) was so loosely written.”

Oklahoma legislators have had to go through and pass bills as quickly as they could “to try and bring this back into check,” the four-term state lawmaker added.

The state of Oklahoma legalized medical cannabis in June 2018, when voters passed SQ 788 with 57% of the vote.

Patients with a state-issued medical marijuana license are legally able to possess, purchase, cultivate and consume marijuana products.

The state of Oklahoma now has 2,877 dispensaries.

“In other states that have a higher population, there might be 100 dispensaries,” Rep. Baker said. “So, we still have a long way to go to bring that into check.”

First-year Senator Jack Stewart (R-Yukon)



Four-term District 60 State Rep. Rhonda Baker (R-Yukon) talks about how Oklahoma became the “wild west of marijuana” during the April 4 Yukon Legislative Breakfast. The Yukon Chamber of Commerce sponsored by breakfast at Olde Orchard Restaurant, 326 Elm. (Photo by Conrad Dudderar)

talked at Tuesday’s breakfast about new legislation introduced this session aimed at medical marijuana reform.

“A lot of it focused on stopping illegal businesses,” he explained.

A former three-term county commissioner, Sen. Stewart said Canadian County has “a lot” of registered medical marijuana grow operations.

“It gets into other issues, (such as) the amount of groundwater they’re using,” Stewart added.

SQ 820 was opposed by Gov. Kevin Stitt, the Oklahoma Sheriffs Association, Oklahoma District Attorneys Association, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, State Chamber of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association and Oklahoma faith leaders.

The recreational marijuana proposal was supported by criminal justice reform advocates, the American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.), Oklahoma Cannabis Industry Asso-

ciation, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1000 and Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Legal recreational marijuana has been approved in 21 U.S. states (plus the District of Columbia), according to U.S. News and World Report. Oklahoma is among 37 states that have legalized medical marijuana.

### ‘A TRUE CHALLENGE’

Oklahoma School Superintendent Ryan Walters has “no relationship” with the state legislature, Rep. Baker told Yukon Legislative Breakfast attendees.

A former schoolteacher, Baker chairs the state House Common Education Committee.

Walters has been invited to present to the committee his findings about what he deems are offensive and pornographic books in Oklahoma schools – and to answer members’ questions.

So far he’s refused to appear before the committee and have a conversation.

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manner in which the Cheyenne and Arapaho people were severely taken advantage of. However, the Fort Reno lands were not included in this settlement due to it still being used for “Possible Military Use” as proven and stated by the USDA.

Over the course of the next several decades the Fort Reno lands were declared “redundant, outdated and duplicative” by the Congressional Research Service and USDA. In 1999, the Department of Interior issued a legal opinion that recognized arguments concerning Fort Reno as “credible and equitable, if not judicially cognizable.”

Since that time, there have been failed congressional attempts to open the land for stripping of minerals out of Fort Reno. There were successful appropriations bills to prevent transfer of the land to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes per provisions in the Farm Bill.

Currently, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

are diligently striving to recover Fort Reno lands for the future generations of the tribe. We are adamantly working towards revitalizing our languages, culture and land that we have lost due to forced assimilation, colonization and genocide of our people. We are also repatriating remains of our people that are being held in museums and we are seeking to recover our lands that were taken by the federal government, namely Fort Reno. As a nation that has been forced through the process of assimilation for the last 154 years, we are in the best position by far currently.

Our tribes are successful, educated and providing community services to tribal and non-tribal citizens in our tribal jurisdiction. Fifty-five percent (55%) of our workforce are non-tribal. We have a positive economic impact in Oklahoma and are the largest employer in Western Oklahoma.

We, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are seeking your support in our efforts to recover our lands currently held by the USDA. The USDA acknowledges that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are the owners of the lands known as Fort Reno.

The USDA will detail what is needed to make the transfer of the tribe’s property back to us upon request. We are asking your review and consideration and support in our recovery of the return of our land back.

The Farm Bill as last adopted has barriers that keeps the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes from regaining possession. We ask that this language be deleted and help us to continue to grow the local economy with the tribal supports we have established.”

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# SPORTS

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## Streaking through the neighborhood

*Piedmont pounds Guthrie twice as unbeaten streak reaches nine*

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By **Blake Colston**  
Sports Editor

Piedmont's baseball had been waiting for a test in district play like Guthrie seemed likely to provide Monday afternoon.

As it turned out, the Wildcats had some more waiting to do. Piedmont scored five times in the first two innings on their way to an 11-1 run-rule victory over the previously-unbeaten-in-district-play Blue Jays.

Centerfielder Weston Thomas led Piedmont (16-4, 9-0) at the

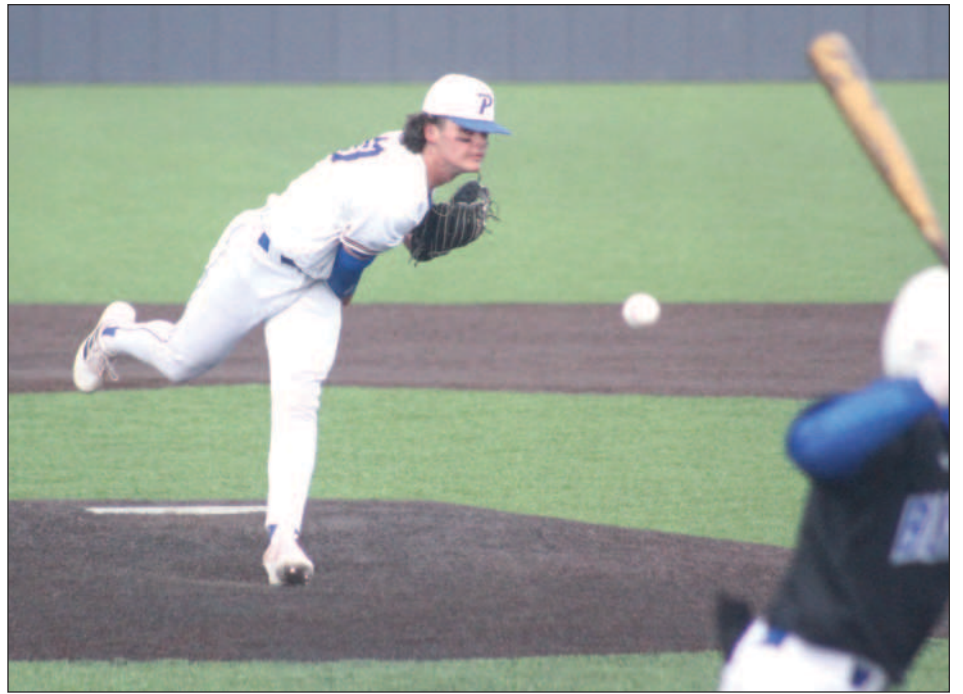
plate with a grand slam, a triple and five RBI's as the Wildcats beat up on Guthrie starting pitcher Zach Henry.

Henry allowed five hits and five runs through two innings, but only one of the runs was earned thanks to three Blue Jay errors.

PHS starter Jakeb Koop cruised through two innings of scoreless work before rain and lightning in the area forced a long delay.

When the game resumed, Piedmont, winners of nine straight, went right back to bludgeoning the Blue Jays (17-4, 8-1), and the Wildcats coasted to its eighth

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Pitcher Jakeb Koop delivers a pitch during the first inning of Piedmont's victory over district rival Guthrie on Monday in Piedmont. On Tuesday the Wildcats completed a two-game sweep of the Blue Jays with a 10-1 win. (Photo by Blake Colston)



Piedmont's Evelyn Sydnes puts a move on two Guymon defenders during Piedmont's 5-0 win over the Tigers on Friday night at F&M Bank Stadium. (Photo by Blake Colston)

## Pitch perfect performances by PHS

Hahn, Sydnes lead Lady 'Cats to 5-0 win

By **Blake Colston**  
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for Jordan Hahn to make an impact in Piedmont's 5-0 win over Guymon on Friday night at F&M Bank Stadium.

Hahn scored a goal in the first six minutes, then added two more

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Piedmont goalkeeper Jay Brinsfield makes a save on Friday. (Photo by Rhonda Stovall)

Hillman, Duke score as 'Cats claw Tigers

By **Blake Colston**  
Sports Editor

Piedmont's Thalen Hillman sprinted headlong toward Guymon's goalkeeper as he fended off another defender lurking on his heels.

As Hillman and the keeper neared a collision, Hillman

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## Eight sign their National Letters of Intent Wednesday

By **Blake Colston**  
Sports Editor

Wednesday was a special day for nine Piedmont High School athletes who signed their National Letters of Intent during a National Signing Day event held at PHS.

Below is the full list of signees.

**Jackson Califano, Baseball,**  
**Carl Albert State College**

Califano is a 6-foot-4 lefthanded pitcher with a mid 80s fastball, - what else needs to be said? That combination and potential for growth is always going to catch the eyes of college baseball coaches. Califano made his verbal commitment to Carl Albert State after an impressive sophomore season and made things official on Wednesday.



Califano

**Emery Hulme, Volleyball,**  
**Rose State College**

Hulme was one of Piedmont's top players the last two seasons and could carve out a role as a defensive specialist at Rose State early in her career in Midwest City. PHS head coach Tom Williams said Hulme is a 'good server, plays good defense and passes well.'



Hulme

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# Signing Day

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**Kaylie Marshall, Volleyball, Southern Nazarene University**

Marshall is one of the top athletes in her class and has barely scratched the surface of her potential. She led Piedmont's team in kills this season as the Lady Wildcats reached the state tournament for the second straight year. Following the season, in January, Marshall committed to SNU. The Crimson Storm finished 16-14 last season, including a 9-7 mark in Great American Conference play.



Marshall

so he has versatility.

**Reese Fricke, Track and Field and Cross Country, University of Tampa (Fla.)**

Fricke verbally committed to Tampa (Fla.) following a visit to the school earlier this year. He chose U of T over offers from several other programs. The defending Class 5A cross country state champion plans to compete on Tampa's track and cross country teams, he said. Before he heads for Florida, Fricke would like to help PHS win its second straight track and field state title.



Fricke

basketball, following Delanie (University of Tulsa) and Regan (Harding University.)

**Amanda Lane, Golf, Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

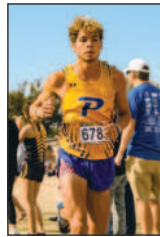
Lane shot an 85 at the Class 5A state tournament a season ago and early this spring carded an 81 at a tournament at Tulsa's LaFortune Park, where PHS finished fourth as a team. Head coach Joe Crawford said Lane is a hard worker, so her best golf could easily still be ahead of her as she heads off to Alva.



Lane

**Kanyon Cobbs, Cross Country and Track and Field, Oklahoma City University**

Cobbs is aiming to be part of his third state championship team in the last two seasons at PHS. He will play an integral role on the Wildcats 4-by-400 and 4-by-800 relay teams, which are among the fastest in the state. Last fall, Cobbs competed on Piedmont's state championship cross country team,



Cobbs

**Jillian Crawford, Basketball, Southern Nazarene University**

Crawford scored almost 12 points per game this season while grabbing 3.9 rebounds and 2.1 assists while leading Piedmont to a regional title. The 5-foot-10 guard has the ability to finish at the rim and can knock down an outside shot. Crawford made 33% of her 3-point tries in her career. She's the third of her four sisters to sign to play college



Crawford

**Fallon Brock, Soccer, Southwestern Oklahoma State University,**

A skilled defender who is also an adept passer and offensive player, Brock will join former Piedmont star Aspen Cope on the Lady Bulldogs roster after Brock verbally committed to SWOSU in March. Last season, she helped Piedmont reach its first state title game in program history. Brock plans to major in sports performance and nutrition in Weatherford.



Brock

# Streak

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run-rule victory in nine district contests.

After Koop retired Guthrie in order in the top half of the first, Piedmont lead off hitter Luke Hill advanced to third base by taking advantage of two errors by the Blue Jays on the same play. Reid Smith followed with an RBI-single to left field, then Thomas tripled off the wall in right-centerfield to plate Smith.

The Wildcats weren't done, though. Cleanup hitter Noah Smith doubled over the head of Guthrie leftfielder Jackson Walters to increase the 'Cats lead to

3-0, and Smith was able to score on an RBI-groundout from Logan Hill later in the frame.

After another scoreless inning of work from Koop, PHS added to its 4-0 lead in the second inning on three consecutive singles from Cole Pruitt, Luke Hill and Smith. Lightning was detected near the stadium a few minutes later and the game was delayed for almost two hours, but Guthrie didn't fare any better when play resumed after the weather passed.

The Wildcats outit the Blue Jays 10-3 while playing a clean game in the field. Guthrie committed three errors on its way to a third consecutive loss.

**NEXT UP**

Piedmont travels to the Tulsa area for three games on Friday and Saturday at the Bixby/Broken Arrow Turf War.

The Wildcats play Class 3A schools Salina and Eufala on Friday, then will face Deer Creek on Saturday before returning to district play Monday and Tuesday against Bishop McGuinness.

The Wildcats (10-0 in district play) currently lead McGuinness and Carl Albert (each 9-1) by one game in the race for a district crown.

PHS and Carl Albert will meet April 24 in Midwest City and again April 25 at PHS.

**District 5A-1 Standings**

<b>Piedmont</b> 17-4 10-0	<b>Guymon</b> 0-12 0-9
<b>Carl Albert</b> 18-4 91	<b>Southeast</b> 5-14 0-10
<b>B. McGuinness</b> 17-7 9-1	<i>*Standings reflect games played through April 11</i>
<b>Guthrie</b> 17-5 8-2	
<b>El Reno</b> 9-15 2-8	
<b>Del City</b> 2-14 1-8	

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# 'Cats



Thalen Hillman elevates to win a 50-50 ball Friday night in Piedmont's win over Guymon. (Photo by Blake Colston)

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flicked a quick shot off his right foot that deflected off the Tigers' goalie and into the back of the net.

That individual play, combined with a first-half goal from Chase Duke, was enough to lift the Wildcats to a 2-0 win over the Tigers on a seasonably cool Friday evening inside F&M Bank Stadium.

"There are 11 players on the field, but sometimes it takes a little spark from one person to really get the game going," head coach Thomas Sedgwick said of Duke and Hillman.

Duke provided the first big jolt of momentum for PHS in the 32nd minute as he out-manuevered two defenders and snuck a shot past the keeper to break a scoreless tie.

"He really showed his athletic ability," Sedgwick said.

Later, with the 'Cats clinging to that same one-goal advantage, Hillman found space on the outside of the defense and capitalized to give Piedmont some room to breathe.

"He had a good understanding of where the space was and exploited it," Sedgwick said of Hillman's score in the 67th minute. "To get that second goal really settled things."

The Wildcats battled a physical Guymon team that was allowed to wield its collective size and strength without much interference from the officials. That caused Piedmont some problems for much of the first half, but the 'Cats eventually found their way.

"We had to accept that fouls were going to be called and then they weren't going to be called," Sedgwick said. "You just have to play to the whistle."

PHS goalie Jay Brinsfield made a handful of impactful saves throughout the game as the Wildcats recorded their third shutout victory this season. Brinsfield wasn't under constant duress, but was up to the challenge when Guymon was able to produce shots on goal.

"Sometimes it's a lonely job. You can sometimes not have any opportunities then one arises and you have to step up to the plate," Sedgwick said. "Jay did a great job of that."

Piedmont followed up its win over Guymon with a 3-2 triumph over Carl Albert on Tuesday.

Next up, Piedmont will face district frontrunner Bishop McGuinness on Friday night in Oklahoma City. Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m.

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## 'Hat Trick Hahn' does it again

Jordan Hahn scored three goals for the second game in a row as Piedmont defeated Carl Albert 3-0 Tuesday evening at F&M Bank Stadium. (Photo by Rhonda Stovall)

## Lady 'Cats

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after intermission to provide more than enough offense for PHS to roll to its second shutout victory in as many games.

Evelyn Sydnes chipped in with two first-half goals as Piedmont continued to rebound from an offensive drought that was part of a four-game losing skid earlier this season.

"Our offense is still sputtering a little bit. I think we could've had more than (five goals) tonight," head coach Brad Brucker said. "But I think it's really good for a kid's confidence to get a hat trick, so I was really happy about that for Jordan."

Hahn missed time while recovering from a concussion the last few weeks, but made easy work

of the Tigers' defense while sliding back into her role as one of the Lady Wildcats' top scoring threats.

"When she's scoring goals, the whole group is a lot more confident," Brucker said. "Tonight was a good step forward."

Following a win over Carl Albert on Tuesday night, Piedmont will play its most important regular season game to date on Friday in Oklahoma City when the Lady Wildcats travel to Bishop McGuinness to face the defending Class 5A state champion Fighting Irish.

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**Results from Carl Albert Track & Field Invite, April 7**

**Girls 800-Meter Run**  
 1 Kirk, Kristen Choctaw High 2:24.71 2:29.75 2 10  
 2 Ibarra, Toni Pcn-Putnam C 2:34.33 2:33.28 2 8  
 3 Hickok, Autumn Noble High S 2:32.87 2:33.80 2 6  
 4 Smith, Hannah Guthrie High 2:36.17 2:34.71 2 4  
 5 Bush, Addy Newcastle Hi 2:34.00 2:39.98 2 2  
 6 Caoile, Fatima Duncan High 2:39.66 2:41.07 2 1  
**7 Bird, Macy Piedmont High 2:39.00 2:41.10 2**  
 8 Navarro, Anniyah Choctaw High 2:50.80 2:43.46 2  
 9 Tomah, Danielle Lawton Eisen 2:46.55 2:44.84 2  
**10 Kraft, Zaida Piedmont High 2:39.00 2:45.40 2**

**Girls 1600-Meter Run**  
**1 Scheck, Lily Piedmont High 5:23.07 5:23.77 10**  
**2 Caldwell, Rachel Piedmont High 5:39.62 5:26.49 8**  
 3 Kirk, Lauren Choctaw High 5:40.60 5:32.18 6  
 4 Hoffman, Addy Weatherford 5:53.42 5:36.50 4  
**5 Collins, Claire Piedmont High 5:23.72 5:37.30 2**  
 6 Boller, Kamryn Guthrie High 5:44.74 5:38.58 1  
**7 Caldwell, Emily Piedmont High 5:32.19 x5:41.05**  
 8 Navarre, Shyla Weatherford 6:10.55 6:08.27  
 9 Brashears, Lenexa Duncan High 6:19.00 6:10.43  
 10 Tomah, Danielle Lawton Eisen 6:17.84 6:11.68

**Girls 3200-meter run**  
 1 Dankenbring, Kira Piedmont High 12:59.55 10  
 2 Nabors, Emma Noble High 13:04.07 8  
 3 Hickok, Leah Noble High 13:17.71 6  
 4 Barnard, Mckenna Carl Albert 13:28.00 13:21.06 4

5 Hooper, Raley Guthrie High 13:10.00 13:21.85 2  
 6 Plouff, Kaley Carl Albert 13:38.71 13:35.33 1  
 7 Collins, Nicole Carl Albert 14:02.76 13:45.82  
 8 Faulk, Sophia Enid High Sc 13:18.06 14:08.10  
 9 Gomez, Eglan Enid High Sc 14:13.92 14:11.35  
 10 Sheppard, Kylee Duncan High 14:21.16 14:20.12

**Girls 100-Meter Hurdles**  
 1 Miller, Kindalyn Duncan High 16.00 16.02 4 10  
 2 Diaz, Ariana Carl Albert 17.90 16.96 4 8  
 3 Lewis, Katie Newcastle Hi 16.00 17.39 4 6  
 4 Keeton, Maddison Pco-Putnam C 20.00 17.52 2 4  
**5 Mckissick, Kaila Piedmont High 18.17 17.71 4 2**  
**6 Christensen, Halli Piedmont High 17.70 17.84 4 1**  
 7 Dixie, Alaysianea Choctaw High 15.68 17.88 4  
 8 Williams, Amiya Duncan High 18.82 18.13 3  
 9 Boldin, Chloey Newcastle Hi 17.00 18.44 4  
 10 Roof, Reese Weatherford 19.17 18.69 3

**Girls 300-Meter Hurdles**  
 1 Morgan, Jakalya Lawton Eisen 53.47 47.29 3 10  
 2 Diaz, Ariana Carl Albert 48.77 48.08 4 8  
 3 Jones, Kaniyah Lawton Eisen 54.78 49.06 3 6  
 4 Collier, Deraya Del City Hig 49.41 49.77 4 4  
 5 Treat, Aaliyah Duncan High 49.25 50.10 4 2  
 6 Lewis, Katie Newcastle Hi 50.90 50.69 4 1  
**7 Chlouber, Chloe Piedmont High 52.42 51.38 4**  
 8 Roof, Reese Weatherford 53.28 51.40 3  
 9 Hunter, Gabrielle Enid High Sc 53.14 51.49 3  
 10 Winn, Ella Newcastle Hi 55.28 53.17 3

**Girls High Jump**  
 1 Myers, Shaydin Choctaw High 5-02.00 J5-02.00 10  
 2 Woods, Taylor Enid High Sc 5-04.00 J5-02.00 8  
 3 Kraeer, Adison Choctaw High 5-02.00 J5-02.00 6  
 4 Abernathy, Callie Noble High S 5-00.00 J5-02.00 4  
 5 Hayward, Ava Choctaw High 5-02.00 J5-00.00 2  
**6 Hamblin, Aleeyah Piedmont Hig 5-00.00 J5-00.00 1**

**Girls High Jump**  
 1 Miller, Kindalyn Duncan High 18-00.00 16-07.50 2 10  
 2 Smith, Trinity Pcn-Putnam C 15-02.00 16-07.00 2 8  
 3 Scott, Kylah Pco-Putnam C 15-11.00 1 6  
 4 Abernathy, Callie Noble High S 16-02.00 15-10.00 2 4  
 5 Woods, Taylor Enid High Sc 16-06.00 15-09.00 2 2  
 6 Payne, Marci Noble High S 15-07.00 15-07.00 2 1  
**7 Howard, Bailey Piedmont Hig 15-04.50 15-04.50 2**

**Girls Discus Throw**  
**1 Moss, Taybor Piedmont High 81-04 108-07 2 10**  
 2 Moana, Siiva Lawton Eisen 102-07 106-09 3 8  
 3 Lowder, Bailey Lawton MacAr 95-01 106-08.50 3 6  
 4 Reser, Kyli Carl Albert 98-09.50 106-06.50 3 4  
 5 Stewart, Kennedy Weatherford 74-11 103-10.50 2 2  
 6 Layug, Jolena Carl Albert 92-08 99-11.50 3 1

**Boys 200-Meter Dash**  
 1 Thomas, Kanijal Del City Hig 22.98 21.89 7 10  
 2 Hubert, Austin Choctaw High 23.17 22.45 6 8  
 3 Lister, Melvin Pcn-Putnam C 22.05 22.52 7 6  
 4 Taylor, Lt Noble High S 22.94 22.68 7 4  
 5 Allen, James John Marshal 22.86 22.71 7 2  
**6 Cobbs, Kanyon Piedmont**

**High 24.20 22.76 3 1**  
 7 Burris, Jessiah Del City Hig 23.53 23.03 6  
 8 Mask, Quinton Lawton MacAr 24.70 23.26 2  
 9 Shaw, Jordan Del City Hig 23.60 23.27 5  
**10 Ayers, Rowan Piedmont High 24.03 23.30 4**

**Boys 800-Meter Run**  
 1 Whitefield, Collin Choctaw High 2:09.51 2:03.43 2 10  
 2 Collins, Dominic Lawton MacAr 2:04.93 2:05.10 2 8  
 3 Monostori, Hunter Elgin High S 2:08.49 2:05.41 2 6  
 4 Goudeau, Caden Carl Albert 2:08.00 2:05.67 2 4  
 5 Lares, Alan Elgin High S 2:08.64 2:06.84 2 2  
**6 Pauley, Riley Piedmont High 2:09.20 2:06.96 2 1**

**Boys 1600-Meter Run**  
**1 Finch, Landry Piedmont High 4:21.98 4:29.87 2 10**  
**2 Humes, Dade Piedmont High 4:33.80 4:33.61 2 8**  
**3 Kimery, Nelin Piedmont High 4:45.40 4:40.94 2 6**  
 4 Burd, Carson Lawton MacAr 4:38.30 4:41.93 2 4  
 5 Monostori, Hunter Elgin High S 4:43.12 4:43.13 2 2  
 6 Lares, Alan Elgin High S 4:51.85 4:44.96 2 1  
 7 Sallee, Lance Guthrie High 4:52.35 4:45.53 2  
 8 Hoover, Logan Choctaw High 4:56.15 4:51.40 2  
**9 Mcintosh, Cohen Piedmont Hig x4:52.55 2**  
 10 Blevins, Isaiah Guthrie High 4:48.76 4:53.71 2

**Boys 3200-Meter Run**  
 1 Burd, Carson Lawton MacAr 10:08.59 10:02.56 10  
**2 Jones, Landon Piedmont Hig 10:29.95 10:15.22 8**  
 3 Sallee, Lance Guthrie High 10:31.27 10:15.24 6  
 4 Kirk, Brennen Choctaw High 10:26.52 10:19.93 4  
 5 Blevins, Isaiah Guthrie High

10:40.00 10:27.19 2  
**6 Scott, Jackson Piedmont High 10:30.50 10:28.72 1**  
**7 Humes, Beckam Piedmont High 10:32.94 10:32.50**

**Boys High Jump**  
 1 Cornegay, Da Rique Lawton Eisen 6-02.00 6-02.00 10  
 2 Smith, Anthony Lawton MacAr 6-02.00 J5-10.00 8  
 3 Adesola, Josh Elgin High S 5-08.00 J5-10.00 6  
 4 Smith, William Choctaw High 5-10.00 J5-10.00 4  
**5 Woods, Hudson Piedmont High 5-10.00 J5-10.00 2**  
 6 Green, Dajon Choctaw High 5-04.00 J5-10.00 1

**Boys Shot Put**  
 1 Haworth, Braylan Weatherford 47-05.50 47-11.50 3 10  
 2 Wilkerson, Tyson Carl Albert 45-08.00 47-09.50 3 8  
 3 Veu, Jermaine Lawton Eisen 47-05.50 46-09.50 3 6  
 4 Hughes, Shaun Lawton MacAr 42-05.00 45-07.50 2 4  
 5 Smith, William Choctaw High 43-00.00 45-07.00 3 2  
 6 Curry, Rocky Pcn-Putnam C 44-10.00 43-05.50 3 1  
 7 Byrd, Malachi Lawton Eisen 44-10.50 42-11.00 3  
 8 Craft, Chad Newcastle Hi 45-01.50 42-10.00 3  
**9 Johnson, Clayton Piedmont High 41-00.00 42-00.00 2**

**Boys Discus Throw**  
 1 Haworth, Braylan Weatherford 49-01.50 160-00 3 10  
 2 Bryant, Peyton Choctaw High 145-00 149-09.50 3 8  
 3 Barry, Hunter Newcastle Hi 136-07 148-02 3 6  
 4 Mccurdy, Cole Weatherford 153-02 147-09.50 3 4  
 5 Moore, Jeremiah Pcn-Putnam C 51-01.50 136-04.50 3 2  
 6 Smith, William Choctaw High 128-00 134-10.50 3 1  
**7 Cardwell, Jacob Piedmont High 134-02 134-08 3**

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## Legal Notices

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY/GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PIEDMONT/PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND THE PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECTS AUTHORITY.

The Piedmont City Council/Piedmont Municipal Authority (PMA) and Piedmont Special Projects Authority (PSPA) will be conducting a public hearing on the General Fund, Street and Alley Fund, Piedmont Municipal Authority Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and Piedmont Special Project Authority Fund on Monday, April 24, 2023. The meeting will be held at the George Fina Municipal Building, 314 Edmond Rd. NW.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the City Council and the Board of PMA Trustees and Piedmont Special Project Authority with written and oral comments.

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Taxes	\$3,419,650
Intergovernmental	\$1,915,610
Licenses and Permits	\$151,000
Charge for Services	\$82,500
Fines and Forfeitures	\$234,600
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,694,000
Fund Balance	\$3,608,577
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,105,937</b>

Proposed Expenditures	Amount
Personnel Services	\$1,750,390
Other Services	\$1,144,432
Transfers	\$8,211,115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,105,937</b>

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
1% Sales Tax	\$600,000
Intergovernmental	\$4000
Interest	\$75
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$500
Transfers	\$422,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,027,100</b>

Proposed Expenditures	Amount
Personal Services	\$806,383
Other Services	\$69,000
Materials & Supplies	\$88,981
Capital Outlay	\$62,736
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,027,100</b>

#### STREET & ALLEY FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Taxes	\$77,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$55,250
Transfer/ Road Maintenance Fee	\$334,309
Fund Balance	\$119,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$586,000</b>

Proposed Expenditures	Amount
Street Operations	\$117,000
Capital Outlay/Projects	\$469,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$586,000</b>

#### PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Charge for Services	\$4,385,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,735,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,120,849</b>

Proposed Expenditures	Amount
General & Administration	\$663,500
Public Works Operations	\$5,101,349
Capital Payments/Projects	\$356,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,120,849</b>

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND- GENERAL BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Taxes	\$600,000
Transfer/Carryover	\$5,046,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,646,381</b>

Proposed Expenditures	Amount
Equipment Maintenance/Upgrades	\$1,036,000
Capital Improvements/CAP Fee	\$4,610,381
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,646,381</b>

#### PIEDMONT SPECIAL PROJECT AUTHORITY BUDGET SUMMARY FY 2023-2024

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Transfer from General Fund	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

Estimated Revenues	Amount
Payment to Williams Grocery	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

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### Piedmont Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing

On Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00pm, the Piedmont Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at George Fina Municipal Building, 314 Edmond Road NW, Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078. The following 5 items will be considered:

**1. An Administrative Zoning Application will be considered. The property owner, Yankee Fence Company, LLC, has requested the following two (2) lots be re-zoned from the established A-1 (Agriculture District – 5-acre lot minimum) to the appropriate C-2 (General Commercial District) that has been in use as such since 1987 for the following described properties:**

Piedmont Original Town Lots 13 – 15, Block 37 (107 Madison Ave NE)  
Piedmont Original Town Lots 16 – 20, Block 37 (no address – vacant land)

**2. An Administrative Zoning Application will be considered. The property owners, Ben Hickson and Caroline Fuller, have requested the following lot be re-zoned from the established A-1 (Agriculture District - 5-acre lot minimum) to the appropriate RS-2 (Single Family Residential District – 10,000 sf lot minimum) that has been in use as such since 1987 for the following described property:**

Piedmont Original Town Lots 19-24, Block 13 (609 1st Street NW)

**3. A Lot-Split Application will be considered. The property owners, Danny Waggener and Cheryl Nichelson, have requested a lot-split on the following one (1) acre lot at 1103 Van Buren Ave NW, Piedmont, OK 73078. The legal description is as follows:**

Lena Mc Lots 7 & 8, Block 2 (1103 Van Buren Ave NW)

**Danny Waggener and Cheryl Nichelson have requested the above property be split into two (2) lots (1/2 acre each). The legal description is as follows:**

Lena Mc Lot 7, Block 2 (1103 Van Buren Ave NW)  
Lena Mc Lot 8, Block 2 (not yet addressed)

**4. An Administrative Zoning Application will be considered for the two (2) lots, previously mentioned above, from the established A-1 (Agriculture District - 5-acre lot minimum) to the appropriate RS-2 (Single Family Residential District – 10,000 sf lot minimum) that has been in use as such since 1987 for the following described properties:**

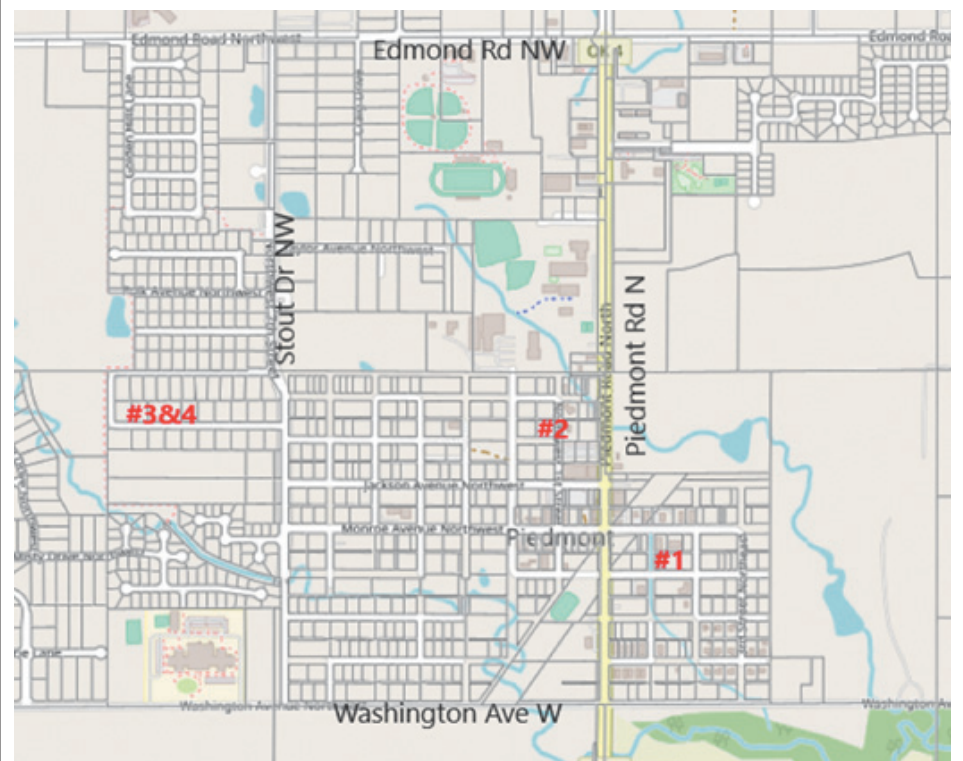
Lena Mc Addition Lot 7, Block 2 (1103 Van Buren Ave NW)  
Lena Mc Addition Lot 8, Block 2 (not yet addressed)

**5. A Special Use Permit Application will be considered. The property owners, Lesley and Nicholas Henthorn, have requested to build a 1,500 square foot Accessory Dwelling Unit at the address of 1726 Morgan Rd NE, Piedmont, OK 73078. The legal description is as follows:**

Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty Five (25), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Five (5) West of the Indian Meridian, Canadian County, Oklahoma, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said SW/4; Thence due North along the West line of said SW/4 for a distance of 415 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence continue due North along the West line of said SW/4 for a distance of 400 feet to a point that is 1822 feet south of the Northwest Corner of said SW/4; Thence South 89°41'50" Est for a distance of 510 feet; Thence South 12°28'27" West for a distance of 406.91 feet; Thence West 422.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Following the public hearing, the Piedmont Planning Commission may vote to determine at this meeting, if item(s) will be approved for recommendation to the City Council. Items can also be tabled until concerns have been addressed by the Planning Commission before recommendation is made for consideration of City Council meeting. If approved for recommendation, item(s) will be heard at the May 22, 2023 City Council meeting, at 6:30 p.m., at the George Fina Municipal Center. Any questions or comments may be directed to the Community Development Department at 314 Edmond Road NW, Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078 or by phone at (405) 373-2621.

General Location Map - based on Item numbers above



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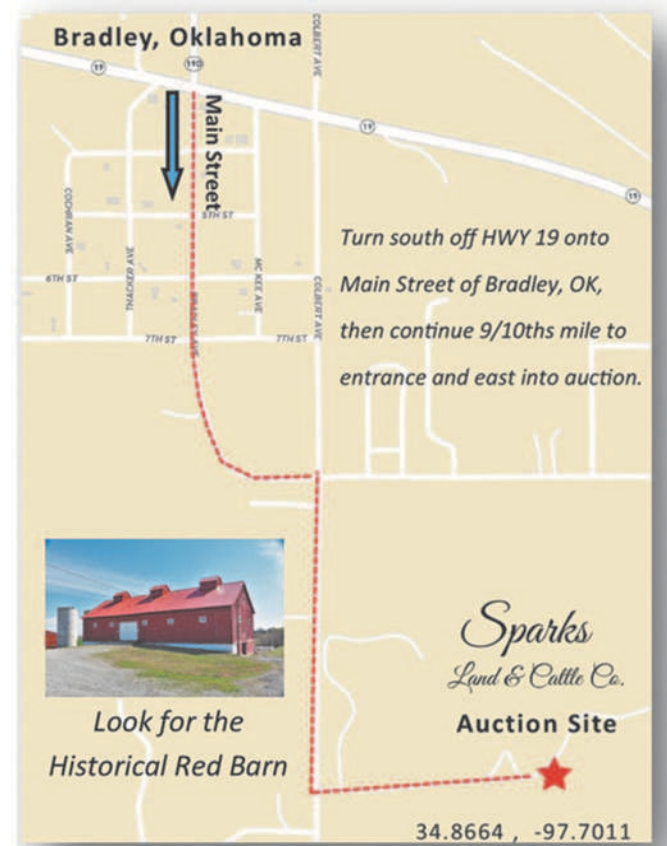
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# COUNTY

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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Thirty-four Mustang students were among more than 400 from several Oklahoma school districts who participated in an April 6 Student Pilot Day in Tulsa. The event – the first of its kind – was designed to encourage youth to participate in and pursue aviation-related careers and learn more about flying and the aviation industry. (Photo courtesy)

## A new flight path

### Mustang students participate in inaugural Student Pilot Day

**T**hirty-four Mustang students were among more than 400 from several Oklahoma public school districts reaching for the sky during the first-ever Oklahoma Student Pilot Day, held April 6 at Tulsa International Airport.

Those students – accompanied by an instructor and principal – were part of an effort to share with youth information about careers in the aviation and aerospace industries, learn more about the history of flight and more. Sessions were held at the air-

port's American Airlines Hangar 80, said Grayson Ardies, Oklahoma director of aeronautics.

"AOPA has created the amazing You Can Fly initiative, which is all about building the aviation community, getting more people into the skies, and encouraging kids to pursue an aerospace career. The centerpiece of the You Can Fly program is the unique High School STEM curriculum that is available to schools across the state," Ardies said. "In the past school year, more than 12,000 students in 1,000 classrooms across the country, in all four grades, took the curriculum and learned about exciting ca-

reers in aviation.

During the 2022-2023 school year, Oklahoma was ranked first in the nation for the number of schools teaching aviation and aerospace curriculum at the high school level. Fifty-seven schools are currently teaching the AOPA "You Can Fly" program and seven are teaching the Choose Aerospace Maintenance program.

"Next year we expect nearly 80 high schools will be teaching aerospace and aviation in the classroom with the purpose to build a quality workforce for an industry that is so critical

See Flight, Page 2C

## Commissioners agree on ARPA shares percent

13 applicants seek nearly \$18M with \$12.17M remaining to distribute

By Conrad Dudderar  
Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — Canadian County commissioners have agreed on percentage shares in three categories for more than \$12 million in federal stimulus funds they plan to distribute.

In 2021, Canadian County was awarded \$28,806,702 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This was a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill designed to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and an ongoing recession.

Commissioners already have obligated \$16,632,100, and will allocate the other \$12,174,602 to municipalities, rural water districts and community service/mental health organizations.

"What we're trying to do is touch as many needs as we can in the most constructive way," Canadian County Commissioner Dave Anderson said at the commissioners April 10 meeting.

All three commissioners decided on this split by category:

- 85% - Municipal water
- 7.5% - Rural water
- 7.5% - Community services/

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Anderson

## Architectural firm hired for new county courthouse project

MA+ Architecture selected at advisory board's recommendation

By Conrad Dudderar  
Staff Writer

**EL RENO** — An Oklahoma City architectural firm has been selected to design Canadian County's future courthouse complex.

MA+ Architecture was recommended after interviews by a four-person selection committee comprised of District 3 Commissioner Tracey Rider, County Clerk Sherry Murray, Court Clerk Marie Hirst and County Treasurer Jay

Arnold.

"We had a wide variety of architectural backgrounds that were presented," said Stan Lingo, construction manager for the courthouse/administration building project.

"We also had a great group to evaluate. They asked probing questions, explored and invested their time. It was one of the best selection committees that I've been on."

Many Canadian County officers and department directors want to have a new state-of-the-art facility in the county seat to house the county's administrative and

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In 2014, Rogers County constructed a 100,000-square foot, four-story building. Chairman Dave Anderson, Canadian County's District 2 commissioner, previously estimated a similar facility would cost about \$30 million today. (Photo courtesy)

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Start the conversation about marijuana use.

This program is funded by Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SWODA, and Canadian County Coalition for Youth and Family.



# Flight

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to Oklahoma's economy," said Paula Kedy, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission aerospace and aviation education coordinator. "Aerospace and aviation is Oklahoma's second leading industry, and as such it behooves our schools to prepare their students to work

in Oklahoma and hopefully stay in Oklahoma."

Students gathered at the event presented by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in partnership with American Airlines, Tulsa Air and Space Museum, the Oklahoma Air National Guard and Tulsa International Airport. Those in attendance learned about the various

Oklahoma aerospace and aviation careers as they explored aircraft static displays, simulators and exhibits at Hangar 80 and the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. The event was made possible by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 625 workforce development grant that the Commission received.

American Airlines team mem-

bers spoke to the students sharing their first-hand experience about the various careers at the Tech Ops – Tulsa maintenance base, where the airline conducts nearly half of its overall aircraft maintenance work. Additionally, representatives from the American Cadet Academy provided information about opportunities to join the academy.

# Courthouse

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judicial offices.

Canadian County commissioners approved the selection of MA+ Architecture at their April 10 meeting.

The architect selection committee reviewed written responses submitted by five architectural firms.

Three were interviewed – Architectural Design Group (ADG)-Blatt, TAP Architecture and MA+ Architecture.

"They were all very thorough presentations, which actually made the selection harder," Lingo said.

"All three brought experts in the area of courts with them to the table as partners. So, we have a national partner who's very experienced in (planning and designing) courts as part of the team with MA+."

Canadian County government officials plan to replace the existing county administration building at 201 N. Choctaw.

This structure - which houses the county commissioners, county clerk, treasurer, emergency management and other offices - is more than 60 years old and has been plagued by mechanical problems.

Several Canadian County government offices – like the assessor and election board – are housed in separate buildings.

Canadian County's judges, courtrooms, the District Attorney's Office and Court Clerk's Office occupy the Judicial Building at 301 N. Choctaw.

The courthouse architect selection commit-



Lingo

tee "challenged each other, we had a lot of discussion and took leadership from Mr. Lingo in making this very important decision," Commissioner Rider said.

Canadian County Commission Chairman Dave Anderson thanked committee members for their work and the time and energy they provided to help choose the architect.

### PROGRAMMING PHASE

MA+ Architecture will present a proposal and schedule to perform the "programming" phase of Canadian County's courthouse complex project.

Representatives of county departments will be interviewed and the building's size and uses will be determined during this phase.

"Once we understand the scale of the project, we will negotiate for the final architectural services," Lingo told county commissioners.

A location also must be identified and estimated construction cost determined.

After the architect completes its work, contractors will be used to construct the new county government facility.

MA+ Architecture has provided its clients with professional architecture, planning and interior design services since 1968.

Among the company's many large projects have been:

Canadian Valley Technology Center's Cowan Campus, Southwestern Oklahoma State University's football stadiums, SWOSU's Wellness Center, SWOSU's Hilltop Theatre, Mustang High School, Mustang HS Performing Arts Center, Mustang Elementary School, Mustang's Canyon Ridge Intermediate School,

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### POPULATION ABOUT 166k

Canadian County's continued population growth has been cited as a primary reason for developing a new county courthouse/administration building.

This county is the fourth largest – and fastest-growing – in Oklahoma.

Canadian County's population increased by 33.6% (115,541 to 154,405) between 2010 and 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Canadian County's estimated 2023 population is 166,063 with a growth rate of 2.4% in the past year, according to recent U.S. Census data.

Canadian County Commissioners already have aside \$8 million in the county general fund budget for the new courthouse complex project.

Another \$10 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been earmarked for construction. In March 2022, Canadian County elected officials toured the Rogers County Courthouse near Tulsa.

In 2014, Rogers County constructed a 100,000-square foot, four-story building.

Chairman Anderson, Canadian County's District 2 commissioner, previously estimated a similar facility would cost about \$30 million today.

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# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Oklahoma, across U.S.

In an effort to celebrate children and their right to grow and learn in safe and nurturing environments, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As the Oklahoma Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, Parent Promise works with community partners, businesses and organizations across the state each April to raise awareness by honoring Oklahoma's children with pinwheel gardens throughout the month.

Part of those efforts are April pinwheel gardens. In 2008, Pre-

vent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through the annual Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. By its very nature, the pinwheel represents whimsy and childlike notions. In essence, it has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children.

It is the obligation of everyone to work to protect children and their right to a healthy and safe home environment.



Parent Promise is offering pinwheel gardens to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month. Call the organization at (405) 232-2500 or email Sheryl Miller at sheryl.miller@parentpromise.org for an order form to participate in Pinwheels for Prevention. (Photo courtesy)

## ARPA

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mental health

"We're not talking about disbursing any funds to any individual applicant this morning," Anderson emphasized. "We're just talking about dividing the available dollars we have left in different categories."

"All three categories have more applications than we can fund."

Anderson, the District 2 commissioner, first suggested 85% for municipal water, 6% for rural water and 9% for community services/mental health.

District 3 Commissioner Tracey Rider then suggested 80% for municipal water, 10% for rural water and 10% for community services/mental health.

"Giving weight to the populations of the larger cities is very important," Rider said.

District 1 Commissioner Tom Manske made the motion with 85% for municipal water, 7.5% for rural water and 7.5% for community services/mental health. That motion passed 3-0.

"Water in the county is definitely a big issue, especially as fast as we're growing," Manske said. "We need to keep focus on that."

submitted formal requests in the three primary categories for portions of the county's \$28.8 million ARPA award:

Municipal water - city of Mustang (\$3,560,000), city of El Reno (\$3,500,000), city of Yukon (\$4,350,000), city of Piedmont (\$1,406,499).

Rural water - Canadian County Water Authority (\$723,179), Okarche Water District (\$1 million), Maple Water District (\$53,296.88).

Community services/mental health - Red Rock Behavioral Health (\$1,699,775), Cardinal Point Family Justice Center (\$454,265), Second Chance and Re-entry Services (\$336,000), Intervention and Crisis Advocacy Network (\$33,468), Boy Scouts Last Frontier Council (\$500,000).

One other application was received from the Canadian County Sheriff's Office (\$336,431).

All 13 Canadian County ARPA requests total \$17,952,913.88.

That is \$5,778,311.88 more than county commissioners have left to disburse.



Manske

to:

- Restore lost revenues for any negative tax impact due to lower economic activity.
- Upgrade and improve Internet broadband, water and sewer infrastructure.
- Respond to the negative economic impacts and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to be prepared for any future pandemics.
- Provide premium pay for essential employees who undertook required public health-related work during the pandemic.

County commissioners have obligated ARPA funds in these three areas:

- \$10 million for estimated "lost" Canadian County revenue, which may be used toward construction of a new county courthouse complex. This amount must be moved to the county's general fund before any is spent.

- \$6.2 million to the Canadian County Health Department. Some \$6,005,867.92 has been spent to acquire property near SH-66 and Evans Road for a new CCHD site.

- \$432,100 to the Canadian County District Attorney's Office to administer the county's ARPA funds over five years. \$86,420 has been spent.

Read The Piedmont-Surrey Gazette online at [piedmontnewsonline.com](http://piedmontnewsonline.com).

### THE APPLICANTS

Twelve eligible entities in Canadian County

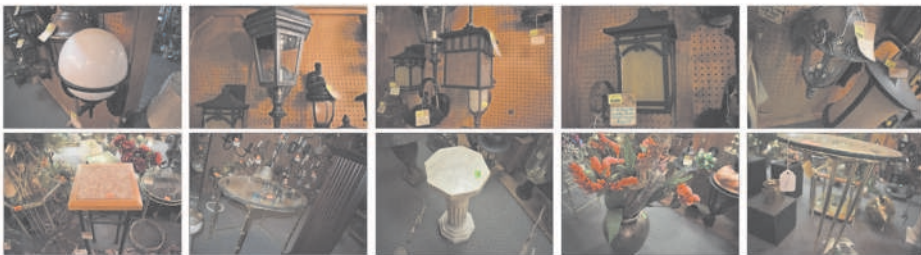
### THE REQUIREMENTS

Federal ARPA stimulus funds may be used

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