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## Apprentice program geared to teach C&A language



Jean Fletcher

By **LaTOYA LONELODGE**  
C&A Tribal Tribune

While the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages are respectively known as endangered, there is a growing desire among those involved in the Cheyenne and Arapaho language program to teach and pass on the knowledge they've gained from the few fluent speakers left within the tribes. With the Arapaho language, also known as

an Algonquian language, spoken by less than 1,000 people, most of whom are located in Wyoming, many of the language speakers are over the age of 60.

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Currently, the Cheyenne language has over 2,000 speakers worldwide, with the language spoken mainly on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation

in southeastern Montana as well as scattered communities throughout central Oklahoma.

As many strive to keep the languages well and alive through language revitalization efforts, it has become a beacon of hope for future generations as more have taken interest by joining the Cheyenne and Arapaho language program as language apprentices.

Currently there are 16 language apprentices actively learning and teaching the Arapaho language and Cheyenne language. Among them are Arapaho Junior Apprentice Arianna Long, 21, and Cheyenne Junior Apprentice Jean Fletcher, 21, who began working in the apprenticeship program in 2021.

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Arianna Long



Diane Wiebusch and Debbie Denwalt pose for a picture at the Power of 100 meeting this week. During that gathering, members voted to donate \$10,000 to Okarche's Center of Family Love. (Photo/Courtesy)

## Power of 100 picks CFL for donation

Group has distributed more than \$177,000 to area nonprofits

By **TRACI CHAPMAN**  
Yukon Progress

Okarche's Center of Family Love received a boost last week, when Power of 100 Canadian County selected it for a \$10,000 donation and its latest HOPE Award.

CFL was one of 11 nonprofits initially nominated for the distribution, then whittled down to three finalists, which also included Russell-Murray Hospice and Blessing Baskets, both located in El Reno.

It was the most nominations at a single time Power of 100 has ever had, officials said. Center of Family Love is a home serving more than 100 intellectually challenged adults. The center provides not only a home and care but also a chance to thrive through vocational programs and work opportunities, social and recreational activity and more. Residents are active members of the Okarche community. Jalaina Hammett, Center of Family Love fundraising and communications manager, was on hand to accept the HOPE Award. Founded in 2020, Power of 100 has raised and then distributed

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### El Reno News

## Etta Dale student struck by vehicle, suffers broken arm

By **GLEN MILLER**  
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An Etta Dale Junior High student is recovering from injuries suffered after being struck by a vehicle shortly after classes had been released on Feb. 15.

El Reno Police Chief Ken Brown said his department was notified at 3:45 p.m. and responded to Cooney Street and



The accident happened near the area of Cooney and Choctaw. (Tribune photographer/Glen Miller)

Bickford Avenue — which is the road between the school and the district's Media Arts Center, according to district officials.

Brown said a 13-year-old was struck by a vehicle driven by a male in his mid-50s. "The 13-year-old was struck by a car traveling west in the 100 block of Cooney. The juvenile was playing with some other kids and stepped into the roadway and was struck by the vehicle," said Brown.

Brown said the man was cited for inattentive driving, but confirmed that the juvenile was not in a crosswalk at the time of the accident.

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## Roar of the crowd

Redlands Community College's mascot tries to fire up the crowd during a recent home basketball game. The face under the mascot is El Reno High School alum Campbell Eaton. (Tribune photographer/Glen Miller)

### ER School News

## School board approves 2023-24 district calendar

By **GLEN MILLER**  
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Several noticeable changes are coming for students, parents and educators after the El Reno School Board unanimously passed the calendar for the 2023-2024 academic term.

*"We have always tried to coordinate with other pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade districts in the county..."*

**Tera Roblyer** (El Reno Public Schools)

Tera Roblyer, Director of Communications and Information Systems

for the district, said putting out the calendar in February for

the 2023-24 school year is done for planning purposes.

"We've always done it in February because it gives us ample time to plan as well as parents. I start getting asked in late November and into

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### Thursday's Weather

46 HIGH  
23 LOW

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# Taking the next step toward state

Calumet guard Jazmine Mayo dribbles the ball after catching a pass against Lomega's full-court pressure. The Chieftains suffered their first playoff loss at the hands of the second-ranked Raiders. (Tribune photographer/Glen Miller)



Calumet, OHS squads roll in regional openers, earn passes to area

By GLEN MILLER  
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**CALUMET** — No matter the outcome of the regional finals, Calumet High School's boys basketball team will be one of three Canadian County small schools automatically advancing to the area round of the postseason. The Chieftains, ranked fourth in the state, secured the pass to area with a 74-47 win over 20th-ranked Lomega in the semifinals of the Class B, Area I, Region A Championships.

**CountyHoops**

Joining the Calumet boys in the area round will be both Okarche High School squads. The OHS girls, ranked seventh in the state, beat unranked Coyle 84-37 in the semifinals of the Class A, Area II, Region C Championships. The Warriors, ranked fifth in the state, downed Coyle 92-60 in the same regional as the girls. In Oklahoma, once a team wins its first game of the postseason, it advances into the

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Calumet High School guard Kyler Thiessen passes the ball to a teammate before drawing contact with a Lomega player in the semifinals of the regional tournament. The fourth-ranked Chieftains won by 27 points and earned a pass to the area round of the Class B playoffs. (Tribune photographer/Glen Miller)

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## Schedule

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December if we have next year's calendar in place. People do start asking early," said Roblyer.

She added the 2023-24 calendar aligns, for the most part, with other districts in Canadian County.

"I usually download Mustang and Yukon's schedule and use that as a starting point. We have always tried to coordinate with other pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade districts in the county and try to align with them as well as Redlands and Canadian Valley Technology Center.

"If everyone else is on the same date, then why should we go rogue. This just makes it easier for the kids," said Roblyer.

The 2023-24 school term will start Aug. 17 for students. New educators to the district will go through an academy Aug. 1-3,

while all teachers report Aug. 10. The first day of no school will be Sept. 14 for Labor Day.

One of the changes from the current calendar is that fall break will be Oct. 19-20, one week later. It will be a five-day break including the weekend and no school on Oct. 23.

Roblyer said this was done to avoid conflicts in reporting critical data to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Among those items were the first-quarter statisticals, accreditation reports and class size audits.

Those reports were all due on the current calendar once classes resumed after fall break.

"We wanted to steer clear of the reporting deadlines to the state department. It makes it a little easier to get those done and put to bed so we don't have to worry about them over fall break," said Roblyer.

El Reno will continue its recent trend of a week off for Thanksgiving, Nov. 20-24.

Christmas break will see a slight change, starting Dec. 20 through Jan. 3.

Roblyer said the mid-week end to the first semester (Dec. 19) and the start of the second semester (Jan. 4) is due to the way the days fell on the calendar.

Another major change will be the 2024 spring break, which will run March 18-22,

one week later than the upcoming 2023 spring break.

"Mustang and Yukon both did it and I called Redlands and they pushed theirs back a week as well. We didn't want to be out when no one else was out," said Roblyer.

Students will have March 29 off for the 2024 Easter break.

Roblyer told the school board that the 2023-24

calendar will have 172 total days of student instruction. The final day of school will be May 22, 2024, on a three-hour early release format.

"There are other districts around us that have taken their days taught down and added more staff development days and reduced student instruction days. That's on them and what is best for their district.

"We don't feel it's best for us right now to reduce our time with our students.

"This also allows us to bank plenty of student minutes each year so that when we have snow days in January and February, it makes the decision to close schools so much easier knowing we have time set aside," said Roblyer.

## Student

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"The driver was upset. He had another student in the car with him who he was picking up from school," said Brown.

Brown said the juvenile struck was taken by Pafford Medical Services to Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City for observation.

El Reno Superintendent Matt Goucher confirmed the male student was a seventh-grader at Etta Dale.

"These are the types of calls you don't want to get. As an educator, the worst thing that can happen is to have one of your own students get hurt," said Goucher.

Goucher said he has been in contact with the

parents of the student. The boy suffered a broken arm and the first layer of skin on one of his legs was gone.

"When I was there before he left, it looked like road rash. I can't remember which leg but it was skinned up pretty good," said Goucher.

Goucher added the parents, via a text message, told him the student was "in good spirits but sore," said Goucher.

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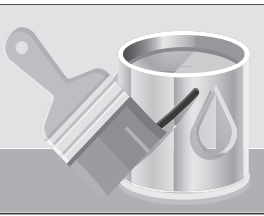
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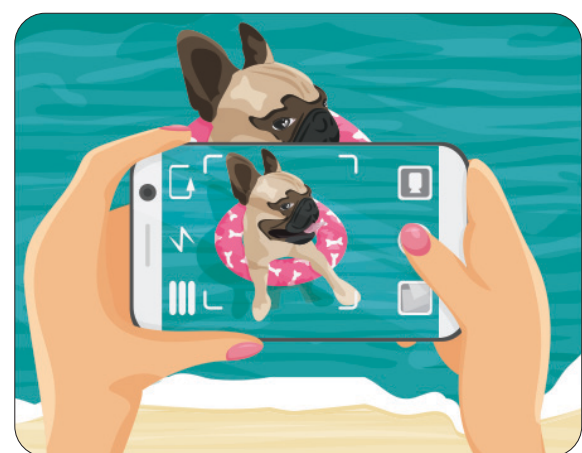
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# The house that Oklahoma built

Sawmill operator has a life message for state legislators targeting redcedars

By KELLY BOSTIAN

For the Oklahoma Ecology Project

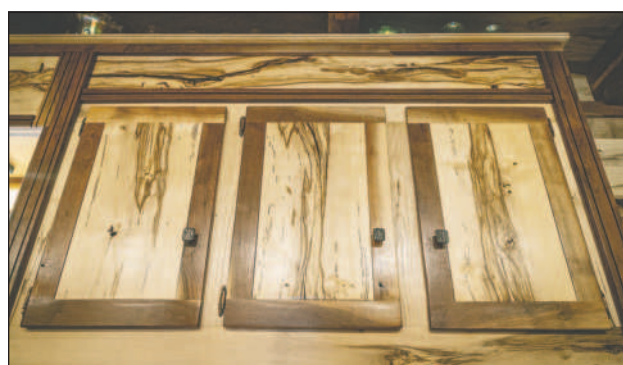
Out off a gravel road northeast of the town of Beggs, just past the point county services end, stands the kingdom Perry McDonald built — all thanks to a generally despised tree.

According to McDonald, if state legislators continue on a charge this session to eradicate the eastern redcedar — and only eradicate it — they are making a big mistake and overlooking the potential for jobs, business creation and income for landowners.

“Education, that’s the thing we need to emphasize. People don’t know the value of redcedar. I built a kingdom with it,” he said.

The owner of Singing Wire Cedar illustrates his point with the story of a landowner who cleared land for grazing that included a few particularly large trees. The man kept the biggest trees and called on McDonald for a value estimate. The trees fetched several thousand dollars.

“He had some good trees and I gave him a good price, but you should have seen his face when I told him what we really should have talked about was the \$150,000 worth he had pushed up in piles lining that long driveway coming up in there,” he said, shaking his head.



Perry McDonald looks over his house northeast of Beggs made out of Oklahoma redcedar. (Photos/Courtesy)

“He wanted to know what we could pull out of there and what it might be worth. I told him, ‘Soon as you touched ‘em with that bulldozer? Nothing.’”

**Two bills introduced**

Native redcedar and the introduced tamarisk, both rapidly expanding invasive species, are the subjects of two bills filed this session.

SB 454, by Sen. Casey Murdock, R-Felt, calls for all state land

management agencies to inventory the invasive trees on their lands and estimate costs for removal.

HB 2239, by Rep. Mike Dobrinski, R-Okeene, would set up additional funding mechanisms to

help landowners, conservation districts, rural fire departments and prescribed burn associations deal with tamarisk and redcedar. It would also create a pilot program on the North Canadian River

for a watershed impact study tied to the invasive tree removals.

McDonald said the bills will fall short if they don’t encourage ways to monetize those removals, to build more businesses like his, or at least give landowners a way to help offset tree management costs.

Tamarisk is tough to remove and isn’t good for much more than mulch, but it is a good source for that, he said. Redcedar is another story.

“The demand for the cedar is incredible,” he said. “People just don’t realize what they have, and there is a lot of money to be had.”

**The house that Oklahoma built** McDonald and his wife, Danette, call their 1,873-square-foot lodge “In Your Backyard.”

The outside and walls, most of the furniture and cabinetry — with the exception of a few boards here and there — are made entirely of native Oklahoma lumber.

“The reason we call this place In Your Backyard is because all of these trees grow in everybody’s backyard here in Oklahoma,” he said.

Rich with deep reds, yellows and blacks, an 18-foot-high cathedral ceiling that towers over the center living room and kitchen areas is covered in 1-by-6-inch redcedar tongue and groove.

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# Convicted sex offender could face added jail time for smuggling drugs

A convicted sex offender could be facing more prison time after being charged with carrying drugs into the Canadian County Jail.

Robert Lowell Sandeen, 40, of Yukon, was charged in Canadian County District Court with bringing contraband into a jail or penal institution.

Assistant District Attorney

Walter Mengden alleges Sandeen on Jan. 13 possessed "an item of contraband, specifically marijuana, without authority to do so," according to the felony charge.

Sheriff's deputies allegedly found the dope after Sandeen was booked into the county's detention center.

The defendant previously was convicted

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in a 2016 misdemeanor case for driving with a suspended/revoked license and domestic assault and battery.

He was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail concurrent with a separate Oklahoma County criminal case.

A preliminary hearing conference for Sandeen

on the new jail contraband charge is set March 1 before Canadian County Special Judge David Halley.

The felony charge is punishable by one to five years in state prison and/or a \$100 to \$1,000 fine.

Sandeen already faces three years to life in prison because of three previous felony convictions in Oklahoma

County — sexual abuse of a child and possession of a firearm after a former felony conviction (in August 2017) and driving under the influence of alcohol (in October 2010).

He also has August 2010 felony convictions for using an offensive weapon in a felony, reckless conduct with a firearm, cultivation of a controlled substance

and possession of stolen property, state Department of Corrections records show.

Last fall, the Canadian County Sheriff's Office installed a new full-body scanner in the jail's receiving area to help stop inmates from bringing drugs, weapons, explosives and other contraband into the county lock-up.

## PublicRecords

### LAWSUITS

Navy Federal Credit Union vs. Michael L. Colesby for \$15,947.49 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Builders Drywall LLC vs. L4 Homes for \$15,255.74 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Integrus Baptist Medical Center Inc. vs. Joshua Aron Givens for \$21,400.43 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Financial Pacific Leasing Inc. vs. Brotherhood Garage LLC for \$51,338.83 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Jeanna M. Wheeler

and the Unknown Successors of Tyrel T. Wheeler, Deceased, for \$26,743.81 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Jeremy Dawayne Effinger for \$178,590.26 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lot 1, Block 15, Parkland Heights 2nd Addition, Yukon.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association vs. Darrell G. Neese and Carol Neese for \$171,107.38 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lot 4, Block 7, Deer Run Addition Section 2, Oklahoma City.

Cornerstone Home Lending Inc. vs. Brian Scott Twyman for \$135,261.69 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lot 16, Block 4, Hunters Springs Phase II Addition, Mustang.

Bank of Oklahoma vs. Thomas Ross and Kelley Ross for \$96,613.85 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lot 1, Block 6, Golden Hills Addition Section 6, Piedmont.

Bank of America N.A. vs. William Keith Winn for \$32,805.71 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Bank of America N.A. vs. Jeffrey A. Davis for

\$35,759.91 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

American Express National Bank vs. Christina Watters for \$15,073.26 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

American Express National Bank vs. John Abbott for \$37,314.81 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees.

Estate of Martha Rose Fine vs. True 2 You Estate Sales LLC for an amount in excess of \$10,000 for alleged actual and punitive damages.

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC vs. Ariane Dijon Franklin for \$97,473.79 to pay a debt plus interest, costs

and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lots 19 and 20, Block 16, Lakeview Addition, El Reno.

Chickasaw Community Bank vs. Erika Gabriella Martinez and Bryce Lee

Runsabove for \$196,021.89 to pay a debt plus interest, costs and attorney fees and foreclosure of mortgage on Lot 8, Block 7, Brookstone Ridge Phase 2 Addition, Oklahoma City.

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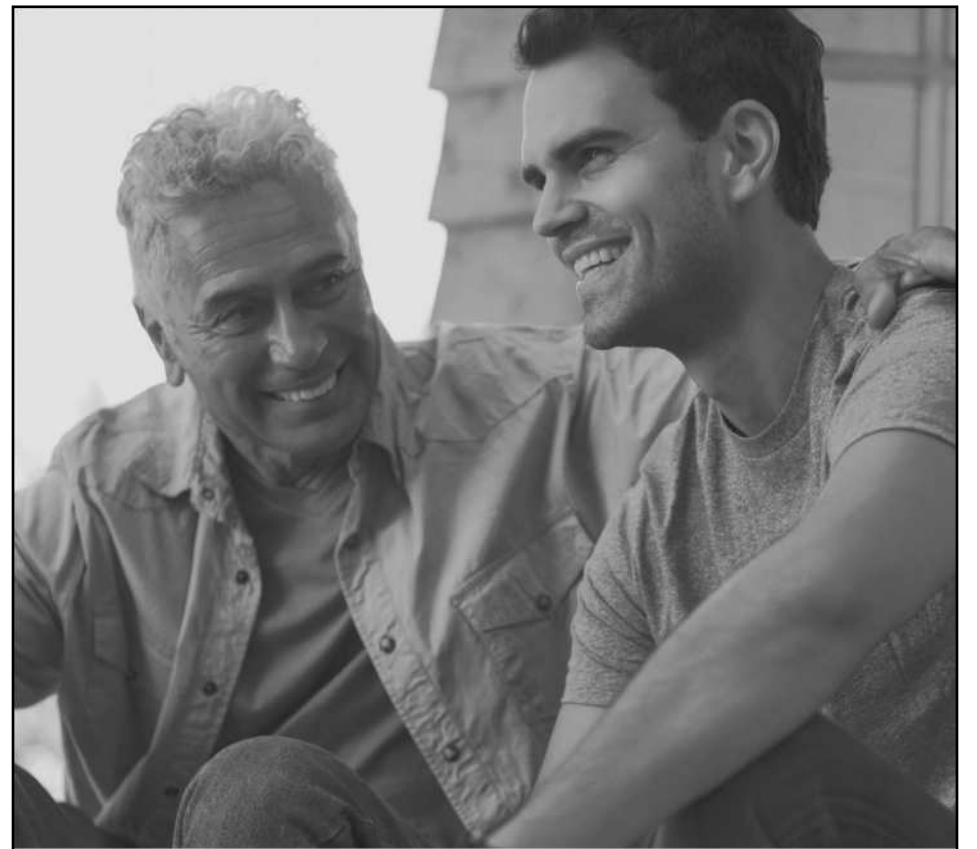
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### Flapjacks for cash

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# Owners should be aware of human foods toxic to pets

By TRISHA GEDON  
OSU News Service

When Rover begs for a bite of food at the table, it can be hard for pet owners to resist sharing their plates. It's important to know that some of the foods perfectly safe for human consumption are deadly to animals.

### StateNews

Some human favorite foods can be quite toxic for pets, so despite those loving eyes looking at you, it's best to avoid table treats, said Dr. Rosslyn Biggs, Oklahoma State University Extension veterinarian and

director of continuing education for the university's College of Veterinary Medicine.

What foods are toxic to pets? Here is a list of foods to avoid:

- ▶ **Avocado:** Avocados contain persin and can cause vomiting or diarrhea in dogs. Persin can be found in the plant leaves, bark, skin, seed and the fruit. Those who grow avocados at home should keep dogs away from the plants.
- ▶ **Alcohol:** A dog's brain and liver are affected by alcohol, just as it affects humans, but in smaller quantities. Ingesting beverages and food containing




It can be hard not to share some tasty morsels of food with a pet, but many foods safe for human consumption are toxic to animals. (Photo/Courtesy)

- alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, depression of the central nervous system, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death. Yeast dough can cause these same issues, along with causing the animal's stomach to bloat and potentially twist, which is a life-threatening emergency.
- ▶ **Chocolate, coffee and caffeine:** These foods and beverages contain ingredients called methylxanthines that are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee and in the nuts of an extract used in some sodas. If ingested, animals may experience abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures, excessive thirst and urination, vomiting and even death.
- ▶ **Citrus:** A great source of vitamin C for people, the stems, leaves, peels, fruit and seeds of citrus plants

- contain varying amounts of citric acid and essential oils that, if eaten in significant amounts, can possibly cause central nervous system depression. A small amount can cause minor upset stomach.
- ▶ **Coconut and coconut oil:** The milk and flesh of fresh coconut contains oils that can cause an upset stomach but no other serious health effects. However, coconut water is high in potassium and shouldn't be given to a pet.
- ▶ **Grapes/raisins:** The toxic substance in grapes and raisins is unknown but can cause kidney failure.
- ▶ **Macadamia nuts:** Ingesting these nuts can cause weakness, tremors, depression, vomiting and hyperthermia in dogs. Symptoms typically appear within 12 hours of ingestion and can last up to 48 hours.
- ▶ **Milk/dairy:** Milk and other dairy foods

- can cause diarrhea and digestive upset due to low levels of lactase, the enzyme that breaks down lactose in milk.
- ▶ **Nuts:** Several varieties of nuts contain high amounts of oils and fats that can cause vomiting and diarrhea.
- ▶ **Onions/garlic/chives:** These foods can cause gastrointestinal irritation and could lead to red blood cell damage and anemia.
- Cats are more susceptible, but dogs are at risk if large amounts are consumed.
- ▶ **Raw/undercooked meats, eggs and bones:** Salmonella and E. coli can be found in raw meat and eggs and is dangerous to both humans and animals. Avidin is an enzyme found in raw eggs that decreases the absorption of biotin, which can lead to skin and coat issues.
- ▶ **Raw bones:** While it seems natural to let a dog gnaw on them, can be dangerous due to choking possibilities.

- Also, bones can splinter and become lodged in a dog's throat or puncture the digestive tract.
- ▶ **Salt/salty snack foods:** Too much salt can produce excessive thirst and urination, and possibly sodium ion poisoning. Signs include vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, elevated body temperature, seizures and even death.
- ▶ **Sugary food/drinks:** Excessive intake of sugar can cause the same problems in pets as it does in humans and can lead to diabetes. It can also cause weight gain and dental issues.
- ▶ **Xylitol:** This is used as a sweetener in many products such as gum, candy, baked goods and even toothpaste. Xylitol can increase insulin levels to hypoglycemia. Along with vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and loss of coordination, it can elevate liver enzymes and cause liver failure within a few days.
- "If you suspect your pet has ingested any of these foods, contact your veterinarian immediately," Biggs said.
- "It's helpful to let the veterinarian know how much of a particular food has been ingested."
- She also suggested talking with a veterinarian to develop a pet's healthy eating plan that provides needed nutrients for proper growth.



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donations to nonprofits across Canadian County. The group now has 197 members, co-founder Tammy McKee said.

"We are so thankful to be able to do this, to

partner with such worthy groups that do so much for so many," she said. "It is truly a blessing to us to be a part of making their goals a reality."

Power of 100 members meet quarterly and those members present nominations for entities they believe are in need of support. Those entities

must be a 501(c)3 organization located in Canadian County and must have been in existence for at least two years to be presented the HOPE Award.

During the meeting, all of the nominees' names are placed in a hopper and then three randomly selected.

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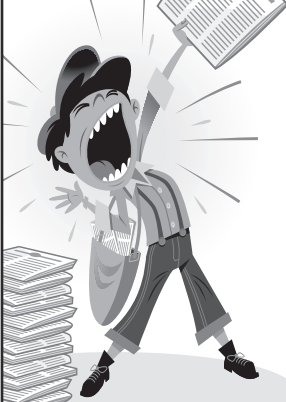
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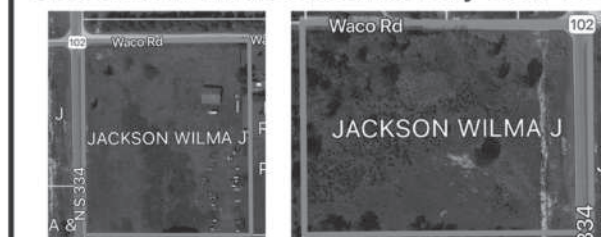
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## Hoops

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double-elimination format for the remainder of the playoffs. The Chieftains and both Okarche schools won district titles and remain undefeated in the postseason heading into the regional finals.

“This is what we have tried to focus on all week was just how important this game was on Thursday night (Coyle). Not only does it secure your spot in the area round, but now you are down to two wins to make state,” said Okarche girls coach Hailey Mitchell.

In the smaller classifications, if a team wins a regional championship with an undefeated mark in the postseason, it moves straight into the area championship game. The winner of that game punches a ticket to state, while the loser drops into the area consolation title game.

A loss in the regional finals forces a team to win three straight games in area, on consecutive days, to make state through the consolation bracket. One of those games would be against the loser of that area championship game.

“We try to take it one game at a time, but now we can focus on winning the regional finals and give ourselves two chances in area to make state,” said Mitchell.

Both the Calumet High School girls and the Union City High School boys remained alive after the first day of regional action but had longer paths to the area round.

The Chieftains suffered their first playoff loss at the hands of second-ranked Lomega 84-42, and needed two straight wins to make area. The Tigers entered regional play with a loss but staved off elimination with a 67-50 decision over Sterling.

### Calumet 74 Lomega 47

The Chieftains overcame an early deficit to take the lead on a basket by Kingston Arnold with 3:18 left in the first period and never looked back.



Clockwise from top left: Calumet's Dalton Belcher (3) drives past a Lomega defender. Okarche's Tyson Endres shoots during a game earlier this year. Calumet's Shelby Davis (1) slides past a defender to get off a shot. Allie Harris (2) dribbles down low against Lomega. Presley Stilley (21) steps out of bounds while trying to keep a loose ball in play. Due to early deadlines for President's Day, weekend results from El Reno basketball and wrestling as well as county basketball will appear in the Feb. 25 edition. (Tribune photographer/Glen Miller)

Arnold's basket gave Calumet an 11-10 lead and was followed by a free throw from the freshman guard. The Chieftains first 3-pointer of the game came at the 7:34 mark of the second period off the hand of Kaleb Thiessen.

Hunter Arnold netted a perimeter basket and added a bucket off a fastbreak as the Chieftains built up a 32-20 lead at the break.

Calumet went on to outscore Lomega 47-27 over the final two periods.

The win over the Raiders extended the Chieftains win streak to 22 in a row and moved Calumet to 24-1 on the season.

Dalton Belcher scored a team-high 19 points and pulled down three rebounds. Hunter Arnold followed with 12 points and two

boards, while Kingston Arnold added eight points and two assists.

Eleven players scored in the win as Michael Haag added seven points, with six each from John Sandoval and Kyler Thiessen.

### Okarche 92 Coyle 60

The Warriors moved to 24-2 on the year with their 11th straight win after scoring 23 or more points in three of the

four periods. Okarche closed the game shooting 39-of-70 (56 percent) from the floor.

Okarche's defense logged 25 steals which led to a 37-18 edge in points off turnovers.

Jett Mueggenborg flirted with a triple-double after posting a line of 25 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and four steals. Easton Roby followed with 17 points and three boards.

Wyatt Pinkerton was one of four players in double digits with 14 points, five steals and three caroms.

P.K. Harris finished with 10 points and nine rebounds, while Hunter Mueggenborg paced those in single digits with nine points and five assists.

### Union City 67 Sterling 50

The Tigers had three players score in double digits as Union City moved to 21-5 on the year.

J.D. Riley knocked down a trio of 3-pointers to close with 15 points. Laven Zeier followed with 14 points and Tyler Norton posted 13 points, highlighted by two 3-pointers.

Kaden Cummings added a trey and 10 points, while Braydon Armstrong narrowly missed double digits with nine points.

### Girls Basketball Okarche 84 Coyle 37

The Warriors scored 29 points in the first period, sparked by a 10-point effort from Emma Stover.

Jadyn Rother followed with seven points in the frame, while Jalie Rother and Tyson Endres had a trey each and five points.

Okarche added a 25-point second period and 21 more points in the third. Jadyn Rother scored a team-high 19 points for the game, followed by Endres with 14 points and 12 from Jalie Rother. Scout Payne closed with eight points.

### Lomega 84 Calumet 42

The Chieftains struggled with the Raiders full-court press for three and a half quarters which led to more than a dozen turnovers.

The loss dropped Calumet to 13-12 on the season.

Lomega was on from the 3-point arc with 11 made shots compared to five treys for Calumet.

Allie Harris hit four 3-pointers of her own and closed with 22 points, followed by Mattie Pritchett with nine points and Karysa Meade with seven points.

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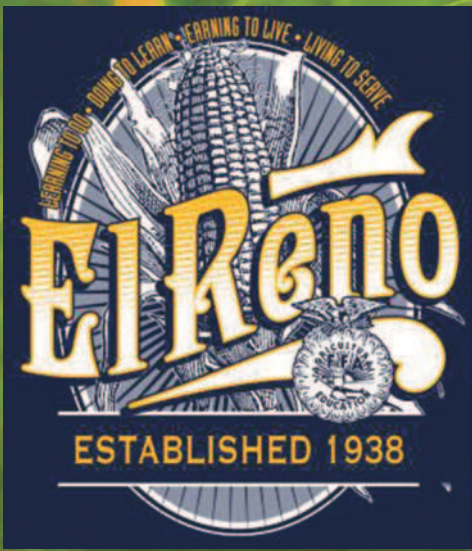


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Clockwise from left: Baylor Pearson eating with his small group at alumni camp. Grady Lesperance shows his pig at contest. Tarren Sherman, Hunter Myers and Miles Murray in their Halloween costumes. El Reno FFA Officers Team sporting their Halloween costumes. Josie Felton showing her pig at the National Western Livestock Show. (Photos/Courtesy El Reno FFA)



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Clockwise from top left: Audrey Bilderback and Aubrey Rakestraw exhibiting in Showmanship. Baylor Pearson and his dad fitting his goat at the Tulsa State Fair. El Reno FFA Officers Team at the annual ice cream social. The FFA Chapter at alumni camp. Rakestraw and Bonnie at the Tulsa State Fair. (Photos/Courtesy El Reno FFA)



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Clockwise from top left: Rylan Fleenor and her division champion Red Angus heifer at the Tulsa State Fair. Dalton Garcia and his champion American Blue Blood market winner at the Tulsa State Fair. El Reno Cattle Team and their champion banners. El Reno FFA officers pose for the camera. (Photos/Courtesy El Reno FFA)



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