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Wednesday, April 14, 1999



Jim Cook of Muskogee throttles his 1944 Oliver 70 tractor forward at the Tractor Pull Saturday afternoon at the Battle of Webbers Falls Park in Webbers Falls. Another tractor pull will be held on May 1 in Martin by Pebble's Convenience Store.

## Inhalant abuse a serious problem

"Huffing", "bagging", and "sniffing" are terms associated with inhalant abuse, a public health problem that has reached epidemic proportions among the nation's young people.

Those who inhale household chemicals are at high risk for brain damage and even death, warns the Oklahoma Poison Control Center, a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and Children's Hospital of Oklahoma.

According to a 1997 report of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, every month in the United States almost a half million young people use inhalants, with the heaviest use in the 10 to 12 age bracket. At least one out of every five eighth graders had intentionally inhaled household chemicals to get high.

Considered "gateway drugs", inhalants can be a teen-ager's introduction to substance abuse and can lead to other drugs.

Inhalants are as close as the kitchen sink and can be found in a child's classroom. Over 1,000 readily available products can be inhaled by young people trying to get high.

According to the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, inhalants being abused include such common items as gasoline, freon, degreasers, typewriter correction fluid, whipped cream, shoe polish, spray paint and paint thinner.

Other products being abused are computer cleaning fluid, air freshener, cooking spray, butane, propane, nitrous oxide, toluene and chloroform.

## DEQ to publish Earth Day calendar

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will publish a comprehensive calendar of events connected with the 29th anniversary of Earth Day. An ever increasing number of events are being held in communities across the state. The calendar will list on one document celebrations and events being held in Oklahoma during the month of April. Organizations in Oklahoma sponsoring Earth Day events should contact the DEQ public information staff to be listed on the calendar.

Earth Day is an annual celebration of the environment that will be Thursday, April 22, 1999 this year. Many Earth Day events will not actually be held on that date, but will be scheduled for other dates during that week or month.

The DEQ receives many in-

Coalition figures show that young people in the 12 to 17 age group most commonly use gasoline, lighter fluid, glue and toluene. Nitrous oxide--or 'whippets'--is the most popular inhalant with young adults.

"What young people don't realize is that using any inhalant is like playing Russian roulette," says Lauri Gormley, a poison control specialist in the Oklahoma Poison Control Center.

"Users can die the first, 10th or even 100th time they use an inhalant," Gormley warns. "They also can cause brain, respiratory, liver and kidney damage, short-term memory loss and hearing impairment."

Parents and educators should be aware of the signs of inhalant use. These include paint or stains on the body or clothing, loss of appetite, nausea, a chemical breath odor and spots or sores around the mouth and nose. Other indications of inhalant abuse are red or runny eyes or nose, anxiety, a drunk or dazed appearance and finding paint spray or other substances of abuse in a child's room.

"Children must be taught about the dangers of inhalants," Gormley emphasizes. "We are asking that parents, schools, community groups, drug and health professionals, churches, businesses, law enforcement and the media help educate Oklahoma's youth."

For more information on inhalants, call the Oklahoma Poison Control Center at 1-800-764-7661 statewide or call the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition at 1-800-269-4237.

quiries from the public about what is going to happen on Earth Day. Because of the number of events sponsored by different organizations, the DEQ serves as clearinghouse for Earth Day activities. The calendar is distributed to all the media in Oklahoma as well as to any interested organization, business or citizen.

The Department of Environmental Quality encourages the submission of event information as soon as possible.

The information should be sent to: Department of Environmental Quality, Public Information, Box 1677, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-1677. Items may be faxed to (405) 702-7101. For more information call the DEQ at (405) 702-7133. Items may also be e-mailed to: michael.f.dean@deqmail.state.ok.us.

## Hall of Fame members to be inducted

WARNER - The induction of two Hall of Fame members will highlight the Connors Former Students Association annual reunion Saturday, April 24.

On hand for the induction will be Congressman Wes Watkins, who will introduce Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Glenn "Cat" Taylor, a native of Sallisaw. Also to be inducted is Marguerite Yost Padgett, a native of Porum.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. in the A.D. Stone Student Union Building with a business meeting set for 5 p.m. and dinner at 6. The Hall of Fame Induction will start at 7.

Dr. Taylor received his BS in animal husbandry from Connors in 1959, a master's in horticulture in 1965 from OSU and a doctorate in horticulture from Kansas State University in 1969. A nationally recognized authority on pecans, he was instrumental in the organization and

## Warner PTA to hold meeting

The Warner PTA will hold an urgent meeting on Monday, April 19, 1999, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the administration office.

The main purpose of the meeting is to elect officers or dissolve the Warner PTA.

All interested parents and teachers should attend. If you have any questions, you may contact Cherie Eubanks, Gloria Meschberger, Jamie Morris or Beth Stretch.

## Warner to hold preschool screening

Preschool/kindergarten screening for the 1999-2000 school year will be held April 20, 21, and 22 at the Warner First Baptist Church. Birth certificate, shot record, and social security number will be needed at the time of screening. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shirley at (918) 463-2950.



Webbers Falls High School basketball star Amanda Burris (seated, center) signs a letter of intent to play college ball at Eastern State College. Pictured with Amanda are (clockwise from bottom left) mother Rita Burris, WFS Junior High Coach Hoy Parson, father Bob Burris, WFS High School Coach Brent Giddons, WFS Principal Lucky McCrary, and ESC Head Coach Drew Sanders.

## Eastern signs WFS basketball star

Amanda Burris, a 1999 Oklahoma All-Star basketball player from Webbers Falls, will begin her college career at Eastern State College in Wilburton after inking a letter of intent to play basketball for the Lady Mountaineers Thursday.

Eastern State College Head Basketball Coach Drew Sanders, who went 12-18 last year, 7-3 in the Bi-State West Conference, was pleased to sign a player the caliber of Burris.

"She's very versatile and has the possibilities of playing three different positions for us - from a 2 to a 4. She came from a good program and she's also a good person. Amanda's team oriented and she will be in a position to help us build a team. We have or will sign three or four players that are similar to Amanda in that they can play three or even four positions. I will make the decision on where each of these players will play at during this coming fall based on how they play and the chemistry that they develop. I feel that versatility helps you keep an influx of your top 8-9 athletes in the ball game. Hopefully, we will be that deep this coming year."

"I also liked Amanda because she's played in big game, pressure situations. I'm more interested in beating the teams that we will have to battle to beat by one than beating the teams where we win by 30," Sanders emphasized.

The 18-year-old Burris, who averaged 17 points, eight rebounds,

three steals and four assists during her senior season, chose the Lady Mountaineers based on several factors.

"I liked the way that Coach Sanders coaches, and he was the one that recruited me the most. He's going to build a good team and I want to be a part of that."

"It is definitely a relief to finally get this over with. It has been a goal of mine to play college basketball every since I was a little girl," she added.

Amanda, who is undecided on what she wants to major in, was also influenced by the fact that by signing with Eastern, it will allow her close-knit family to be able to see her play on a regular basis.

"We are glad that she decided to stay close to home. We liked the integrity of his (Sanders) program, and his commitment from the very beginning (of the recruiting process). He visited with us during the summer briefly and never changed from his commitment," her parents, Bob and Rita Burris, commented.

Bob added, "My philosophy was that we taught our girls that is better to be prepared and not have an opportunity than to have had the opportunity and not be prepared. We helped Amanda to get the opportunity, but Amanda prepared herself with her teammates and coaches - Hoy Parson, Jerry Ward, and Brent Giddens. Coach Giddens came in and salvaged the season for us."

## Feel Good in '99...Get the skinny on Beef

Consumers love beef. They just need permission to eat it. To celebrate National Nutrition Month, the beef industry is giving consumers what they ask for with the "Skinny on Beef" recipe brochure.

"People are hungry for nutritious, healthy and delicious beef recipes," said Jami M. Longacre, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Beef Industry Council. This brochure fulfills that desire, as well as presents key information about beef that individuals need to live a healthy life."

The Skinny on Beef recipe brochure is the result of a partnership between the Oklahoma Beef Industry Council (OBIC) and the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. The society has chosen to place its seal of approval on this brochure that is dedicated to providing healthy, delicious beef recipes and beef nutrition information.

Skinny on Beef features information about the key nutrients in beef, reducing fat in ground beef, food safety and the leanest cuts of beef as well as the following mouth-watering recipes:

- Steak with Spicy Potatoes
- Zucchini Beef & Pasta Supper
- Stir-Fry Beef & Spinach with Noodles
- Italian Beef Stir-Fry with Pasta
- Open-Face Roast Beef & Crunchy Vegetables
- Lemon Pepper Beef Steak & Potato Wedges.

For your copy of Skinny on Beef, call the Oklahoma Beef Industry Council at 1-800-235-5403.

The Oklahoma Beef Industry Council is a consumer-focused, beef producer owned and directed organization, representing the largest segment of Oklahoma's food and fiber industry. The mission of the OBIC is to continue to strengthen the beef industry's position in the marketplace by increasing demand for beef. For more information on services provided by the OBIC, please call the OBIC at 1-800-235-5403.

## Oklahoma Union captures sweepstakes title at Connors State College Aggie Day

WARNER - Oklahoma Union High School captured the sweepstakes title at the 1999 Aggie Day hosted by Connors State College.

Oklahoma Union won on the strength of first places in team entomology and pasture and range.

Individual and team results are as follows:

**Agriculture Economics**  
Individual: 1st, Justin Eldor, Amber-Pocasset; 2nd, Casey Young, Claremore; 3rd, David Bell, Miami; Team: 1st, Amber-Pocasset; 2nd, Claremore; 3rd, Spiro.

**Floriculture**  
Individual: 1st, Stacy Burbank, Morris; 2nd, Terra George, Morris; 3rd, Laura Bible, Morris; Team: 1st, Morris; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Cushing.

**Entomology**  
Individual: 1st, Jeremy Koscelny, Oklahoma Union; 2nd, Clint Herri-man, Oklahoma Union; 3rd, Michel Kuehn, Oklahoma Union; Team: 1st, Oklahoma Union; 2nd, Wellston; 3rd, Cushing.

**Crops**  
Individual: 1st, Halce Jackson, Colcord; 2nd, Miranda Hendren, Colcord; 3rd, Jennifer Caraway, Moore; Team: 1st, Colcord; 2nd, Glencoe; 3rd, McLoud

**Nursery Landscape**  
Individual: 1st, Craig Perry, Moore; 2nd, Randy Frederick, Moore; 3rd, Amber Shoemaker, Moore; Team: 1st, Moore; 2nd, Chickasha; 3rd, Clare-

development of the Oklahoma Pecan Commission and founded the world's first grower owned and operated pecan cooperative. He holds a 1990 American Horticulture Sciences fellow honor and a 1992 Graduate of Distinction Award from OSU's Department of Agriculture Education.

Ms. Padgett received a home economics education degree from Northeastern State University after working her way through Connors and a master's degree from Central State. She was an Extension Home Economist in Oklahoma County from 1954-1971, where she received a Distinguished Service Award. After retirement, she has taught sewing classes at Westark, Carl Albert and Eastern Oklahoma junior colleges.

Persons interested in attending the banquet should contact Margaret Smithson at 463-2382 or Dr. Frank Borovetz, Jr. at CSC - 463-2931. Tickets are \$10 per person.

## Pasture and Range

Individual: 1st, Matt Hall, Oklahoma Union; 2nd, Bryan Wesson, Oklahoma Union; 3rd, Kyle Hickman, Claremore; Team: 1st, Oklahoma Union; 2nd, Claremore; 3rd, Roland.

**Land Judging**  
Individual: 1st, Jonathan Campbell, Beggs; 2nd, Ann Stepp, Buffalo Valley; 3rd, Jacob Gipson, Newcastle; Team: 1st, Beggs; 2nd, Holdenville; 3rd, Wetumka.

**Junior FFA Livestock**  
Individual: 1st, Chad Blocker, Newcastle; 2nd, Mindi Luce, Braman; 3rd, Todd Blocker, Newcastle; Team: 1st, Newcastle; 2nd, Quinton; 3rd, Braman.

**Senior FFA Livestock**  
Individual: 1st (tie) Jerrod Murry, Okla., and Rusty Humphrey, Mirco; 3rd, Jerrod Grosnell, Lindsay; Team: 1st, Lindsay; 2nd, Okla.; 3rd, Wyandotte.

**4-H Livestock Judging**  
Individual: 1st, Brandon Tyler, Sapulpa; 2nd, Harlan Yokum, Sapulpa; 3rd (tie) Justin Sam, Sapulpa, and Janetta Enlow, Sapulpa; Team: 1st, Sapulpa; 2nd, McCurtain County #2; 3rd, Wagoner.

**Farm Survey**  
Individual: 1st, Jason Lundry, Haworth; 2nd, Amanda Curtis, Porter; 3rd, Adam Dickey, Porter; Team: 1st, Haworth; 2nd, Gans; 3rd, Pawnee.



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- Tribal Economic Development
  - Cherokee Tribal Auto tags
  - Culture and language curriculum in all schools
  - Affordable Housing
  - Improved Healthcare
  - Indian Preference In Employment
  - Clean Water
  - Support of our Elders
- Serving on the Tribal Council so I can speak not only for cherokees of the Three Rivers District, but for all Cherokees will be a honor. I will attend all council meetings. With your help, we can make a difference in the future of our Nation.*

Wado, Teasie McCrary, Jr

#### Meeting Schedule

**Webbers Falls Lodge**  
The Webbers Falls Masonic Lodge #14 meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 pm. at the lodge building.

**Porum Lodge**  
The Porum Masonic Lodge #351 meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. at the lodge building.

**Webbers Falls VFW Bean Dinners**  
The Webbers Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4609 Auxiliary holds a bean dinner the second Friday of each month with the public invited to attend.

**Webbers Falls PTA**  
The Webbers Falls Parent/Teacher Association meet on the third Monday of every month at the Webbers Falls Cafeteria at 7 pm.

**Gospel Singing**  
Come out to the Porum Land-ing Fire Department every Thursday night at 6 p.m. for some good ol' gospel singing! Bring your instrument, your voice, or just your ears for a good time! We invite "tape" singers to participate, also. Bring your entire church choir to raise the roof with glorious sound! We will have a break at 8 p.m. for snacks and deserts if you want to bring something in. We have a fun time, and would love for you to come and join us!

#### Muskogee hosts DUI School

There will be a State Certified DUI School held at the Muskogee Inn in Muskogee on Friday, April 16, 1999, at 5:20 pm. and on Saturday, April 17, 1999, at 9:00 am. Credit is available. For more information, call (918) 682-1269.

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#### Muskogee County Transit System Schedule

**Driver, Evelyn Wooten (918) 464-2413**  
8 am.-2:30 pm.: Porum to Muskogee, Monday and Thursday, 484-5323.  
8 am.-2:30 pm.: Warner to Muskogee, Tuesday and Friday, 464-2413.  
8 am.-2:30 pm.: Webbers Falls to Muskogee, Wednesday, 464-2413.  
Cost - \$1.50 Round Trip  
**Nutrition Route - District 2**  
Warner-Webbers Falls: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 10:00-2:00.  
Porum-Webbers Falls: Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00-2:00. For more information, call (918) 682-1721.

#### Family Dance

Every Monday night, 7-10 pm., Eufaula Community Center. Music by Ted Goforth and the Lakesiders.

#### Municipalities pick representatives

Voters in Porum and Warner went to the polls on Tuesday, April 6, to elect representatives on their respective board of trustees. The results of the election are as follows:

| Porum                  |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Wayne Moore            | 87  |
| B.J. Gibson Rosenburgh | 69  |
| Joan Pulse             | 68  |
| Christine Bailey       | 56  |
| Don Dill               | 47  |
| Ronald Lakeman         | 42  |
| Michael Travis Arion   | 33  |
| Susan Faye Reed        | 25  |
| Warner                 |     |
| Office #5              |     |
| Irlan Bullard          | 124 |
| Curtis Smith           | 121 |
| Office #3              |     |
| Clayton Stephens       | 140 |
| Ken Hodges             | 110 |
| Office #1              |     |
| Art V. Wagoner         | 147 |
| H.E. Tatum             | 100 |

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#### Legislative Report



by State Representative Bill Settle  
Summary of House Floor Activity,  
April 5-8, 1999

**OKLAHOMA CITY** - The state House of Representatives voted recently to humanize state-government greetings.

#### Any Humans There?

The primary telephone numbers through which state agencies receive telephone calls from the public during regular business hours would have to be answered by employees rather than machines, if Senate Bill 19 becomes law.

"In no instance" could an answering machine be used to field calls to an agency's principal telephone during the weekday, nor could calls to the primary telephone be forwarded automatically to a telephone "that is not answered by an employee of the agency." The bill's mandates would apply to state colleges and universities.

SB 19 stipulates that an automatic answering machine could be used at nights, on weekends and on holidays.

The House embraced the proposal 98-3 and returned it to the Senate for consideration of amendments.

The governor vetoed a similar measure last year.

#### Privatization Limitations

Guidelines governing how the State of Oklahoma would contract with private companies to provide public services would be established by Senate Bill 376, to ensure that such a contract "is cost effective and in the best interest of the citizens..."

Before any state agency could contract with a private company to perform some function, program or service, or to provide some unit or division, the agency would have to allow its employees an opportunity to submit proposals "for improving the operations, efficiency or organization" of the agency.

The governor signed Senate Bill 76, which requires the question of whether to privatize a county jail to be submitted to a vote of the people.

Each county's board of commissioners is authorized by SB 76 to contract with a private company to manage the county jail if prior approval from the county's voters is received.

#### Don't Blame Me, You Dork!

A sue-happy litigant would be barred by Senate Bill 692 from collecting damages from a motor vehicle mishap if the claimant was intoxicated at the time of the wreck, the claimant was operating the vehicle without compulsory insurance, or the injuries "were in any way proximately caused" by the claimant's commission of or attempt to flee from a felony crime.

In addition, an insurance company would not be obligated to compensate the claimant for non-economic damages.

The House passed the measure 96-3 and sent it back to the Senate.

#### Idle Hands Are the Devils' Workshop

Senate Bill 575 would add to the optional penalties that can be imposed on prisoners who file frivolous lawsuits.

If a court determined that an inmate's reason for filing a lawsuit was frivolous or malicious, the judge could impose a judgement against the inmate equal to \$500 for every defendant the prisoner named in his/her lawsuit.

State law already provides that in such instances a judge could award attorney fees and court costs of up to \$2,500 "per frivolous cause of action," court costs of up to \$500 per lawsuit, impose a civil sanction of up to \$1,000, or order the Corrections Department to revoke the inmate's permission to have non-essential personal property, including televisions, radios, stereos or tape recorders.

The House passed the proposal 100-1 and sent it back to the Senate.

#### Community Service

Senate Bill 587 would allow the Community Sentencing Division of the state Corrections Department to identify work projects for criminals who need to perform community service as part of their sentence, along with "opportunities for offenders to work for hire to pay restitution and other court-ordered fines, fees and expenses."

"Work for hire" projects such as those would have to be authorized by contract between the county and non-profit organizations, municipal, county or state agencies, or on public works projects "for which the contractors are willing to pay offenders current minimum wage..." The money would be used first to pay restitution or other fines, fees and expenses ordered by the court, and whatever is left over would be handed to the offender.

SB 587 returned to the Senate for consideration of House amendments.

#### No-knock Searches

Circumstances in which a law enforcement officer could execute a search warrant without providing any advance notice would be clarified by Senate Bill 580.

A law enforcement officer would be permitted to kick open a door or smash a window in a house when the officer has been refused permission to enter "after having first given notice of his authority and purpose." In addition, no warning or other notice of entry would be deemed necessary when "there is reasonable cause to believe that exigent circumstances exist."

The bill defines "exigent circumstances" to mean that prior warning or other advance notice "would pose a significant danger to human life," would potentially enable critical evidence to be destroyed, would "give rise to the possibility of resistance or escape," would hinder "effective investigation" of the crime, or would be futile "or a useless gesture."

The House divided 51-47 in tentatively approving the measure, and sent it back to the Senate.

#### Move it - Now!

A motor vehicle parked on a highway, shoulder or right-of-way for 24 hours would be deemed abandoned by Senate Bill 463, and could be hauled away, if "there is no evidence of an apparent owner who intends to remove" the car or truck. The current deadline is 48 hours.

The House endorsed the pro-See Legislative Report on page 8

# Great Healthcare For Seniors. Still With No Monthly Plan Premium.

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#### Free Info Meeting:

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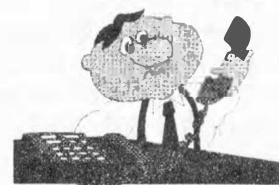
#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CROSS TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

Effective April 23, 1999, per a new FCC ruling, Cross Telephone Company will no longer be able to verify long distance carrier changes with their customers.

What this means is that after April 23, 1999, if Cross Telephone Company receives a carrier change from a long distance carrier, we will have no choice but to change your carrier to the requesting carrier without contacting you to verify this, per the new FCC guidelines.

The only protection that Cross Telephone Company is able to offer our customers, at this time, is to sign a Pic Freeze Form in our office. There is no charge to do so; however, we do need the signed form in our office to comply with the new FCC guidelines.

Please call our office at 918 463 2921 or drop by at 704 3rd Avenue if you would like to put this pic freeze on your account or have any questions concerning this ruling, or any other telephone matter.



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Colin Skinner  
**Skinner crowned as Mr. Azalea 1999**

Colin Skinner of Muskogee was crowned Mr. Azalea 1999 (0-18 months old) on March 13, 1999 at the Muskogee Civic Center.

Colin is the son of Al and Tammy Skinner and the brother of Chase Skinner of Muskogee.

Grandparents are James Warren of Webbers Falls and Lottie Dotson of Edmond. Great-grandparents are J.T. Warren of Gore and Charlene Blackwood of Webbers Falls.

Colin rode in the Muskogee Azalea Parade on Saturday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m.

**Workshops offered by ICTC**

The Indian Capital Business and Industry Center and Small Business Management program is presenting "Success '99," a series of workshops for area businesses, at no charge, in the ICTC Seminar Center, Muskogee Campus. The classes are offered to district residents as an ongoing service to help small business owners and budding entrepreneurs. Workshops will be held on Mondays, from 1-3 p.m.

Workshops scheduled are as follows: *Keep Customers Coming Back*, April 12; *Stress Management For Professionals*, April 26; *How to Be More than a Manager*, May 3; *Quick Books Quickies*, lecture and theory based workshop, May 17; *Quick Books Quickies*, lecture and theory based workshop, June 7; *Collection Strategies*, June 21; *Create an Employee Manual Easily*, July 12.

For enrollment information, contact Connie Cunningham, 918-687-6383, Ext. 255 or 800-375-8324, Ext. 255.

**Warner holds blood drive**

Blood - noun. The fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins of a vertebrate animal carrying nourishment and oxygen to and bringing away waste products from all parts of the body. That is the description given in Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary. Blood is an essential ingredient in order for animals to live. And to assure that we have an adequate supply of blood in time of need, the American Red Cross will be bringing their bloodmobile to Warner on Thursday, April 22, 1999.

The mobile will be held in the Warner High School Gymnasium

**Webbers Falls FFA News**

by Keith Barnes, Reporter

We have finished up our livestock shows for the spring season with the Oklahoma City Show and I'm proud to say we had several that represented Webbers Falls and done well in their placings. In Class II Durocs, we had Brandon Brown fifth; Class III, Kirby Coppins fourth, and Corey Turley ninth; and Class IV Ashley Adams, fifth; in Class III Hampshire, Jennifer Crosswell was sixth; and in Class IV Crosses, Bill Shelby was first. Congratulations to all that showed.

As I said, shows are over and livestock judging is beginning. The livestock judging team, which consists of Brad Carter, Kelly Barnes, Bill Shelby and myself, and the crop judging team, which is Luke Morrison, Luke Hobson, Bobby Ogg and Mary Warren, went to Tishomingo on the 30th of March (Tuesday) for judging.

Our annual FFA piesupper will be held on Thursday, April 15, in the gymnasium, starting at 7:00 p.m. Our candidates this year are: 8th grader Ashley Adams; freshman Cheyenne Hobson; sophomore Beth Reece; and junior Melissa Tyson. I would like to

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Warner Board of Education - April 5, 1999**  
The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Warner Public School commenced at 6:10 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 1999 in the Administration Building. Notice of the meeting was given to the County Clerk of Muskogee County, Oklahoma pursuant to and in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25 OKLA.STAT (981) §301 et. seq. and by posting the agenda of the meeting at the principal office of the district more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting excluding Saturday and Sunday.

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.  
The Vice President directed that the roll be called. The following Board Members were present: Charles Smithson, Mike Jackson and Donald Kusler.  
Jack Jenkins, School Auditor, presented the 1997-98 school year audit at this time. Roger Thomason and Larry Scott arrived during this presentation.  
A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kusler, to approve the audit for the 1997-98 school year as presented. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kusler, to approve that all items on the April 5, 1999 special meeting agenda have been addressed. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kusler, to adjourn the meeting. Voting for approval was unanimous. Time: 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be the Regular Board Meeting following this meeting.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Warner Board of Education - April 5, 1999**  
The Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Warner Public School commenced at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 1999 in the Administration Building. Notice of the meeting was given to the County Clerk of Muskogee county, Oklahoma pursuant to and in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25 OKLA.STAT (981) §301 et. seq. and by posting the agenda of the meeting at the principal office of the district more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting excluding Saturday and Sunday.

The meeting was called to order by Roger Thomason, President.  
The President directed that the roll be called. The following Board Members were present: Roger Thomason, Charles Smithson, Mike Jackson, Larry Scott and Donald Kusler.  
A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Smithson, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items a, b, c, d, and e of agenda. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
Warner Classroom Teachers Representative, Patsy McCrary, presented a check to Mr. Evans to be used for the After Prom party.  
PTA representative reported their meeting will be April 19, 1999 to elect officers or to dissolve the PTA.  
Booster club reported that the Wheelchair Basketball was a success and that the Awards Assembly for All Sports was scheduled for May 17, 1999 at Connors State College.

A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Scott, to accept bid and conditions as worded from Barbara Watson. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
A motion made by Scott, seconded by Smithson, to approve warrants for the following: 1997-1998 General Fund #2856, 1998-1999 General Fund #1939-#2161, 1998-1999 Building Fund #15-#16, and 1998-1999 Child Nutrition Fund #168-#184. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
A motion made by Kusler, seconded by Scott, to convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment of Certified employees as listed on Appendix A of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year; the employment of Certified employees for extra duties as listed on Appendix B of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year; confidential communications with school attorney; the resignations of current employees; the hiring of a school auditor for the 1999-2000 school year, with resulting votes in Open Session where necessary. Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes 307 (B)(1). Voting for approval was unanimous. Time: 7:00 p.m.  
A motion made by Scott, seconded by Jackson, to return meeting to Open Session. Voting for approval was unanimous. Time: 8:35 p.m.

The President made Statement of Minute of Executive Session that the Board discussed the employment of Certified employees as listed on Appendix A of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year; the employment of Certified employees for extra duties as listed on Appendix B of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year; confidential communications with school attorney; the resignations of current employees; the hiring of a school auditor for the 1999-2000 school year, with resulting votes in Open Session where necessary. Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes 307 (B)(1).

A motion made by Smithson, seconded by Scott, to employ Certified personnel as listed on Appendix A of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. Voting for approval was unanimous.  
A motion made by Jackson to employ Certified personnel for extra duties only as listed on Appendix B of this agenda for the 1999-2000 school year, the Superintendent recommended hiring the following for extra duty assignments - Ralph Ayers, Brenda Bales, Sharon Gleese, Carolyn Goats, DeeAnn McAffrey, Patsy McCrary, Chuck parson, Patrick Phillips, John Piper and Paul Whitley. The Superintendent recommended that the following not be assigned an extra duty assignment for a variety of different reasons for the 1999-2000 school year - Tammy Acuff, Lori Bailey, John Goss, Randy Mitchell, Ruth Smallwood, Etha Tatum, Brenda Tucker, and Julia Webster. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Smithson moved that Appendix B be approved with all of the previous names as listed with the addition of John Goss to be re-hired as Head Basketball Coach for High School and Assistant for Junior High for the 1999-2000 school year, second by Scott. Voting yes: Smithson, Scott and Kusler. Voting no: Jackson and Thomason.

A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Smithson, to hire Steve Barton as Teacher/Coach for the 1999-2000 school year. Voting for approval was unanimous.

A motion made by Scott, seconded by Kusler, to accept resignation of Lawan Reel as Food Service Director at the end of her contract. Voting for approval was unanimous.

A motion made by Jackson, seconded by Kusler, to approve contract for Jack Jenkins as school auditor for the 1999-2000 school year as recommended by Superintendent. Voting for approval was unanimous.

A motion by Smithson, seconded by Scott, to approve outgoing transfer requests for the 1999-2000 school year. Voting for approval was unanimous.

Superintendent's report and calendar.  
No new business.

A motion made by Scott, seconded by Kusler, to approve that all items on the April 5, 1999 regular meeting agenda have been addressed. Voting for approval was unanimous.

A motion made by Kusler, seconded by Smithson, to adjourn the meeting. Voting for approval was unanimous. Time: 8:50 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be on May 3, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

**Porum grads hold reunion**

The Porum High School graduating class of 1989 has scheduled its 10-year reunion for Saturday, June 19. Additional information on the location of several of the classmates is also needed. If you were at any time, a member of this class, please contact Rhonda Jackson Bailey at (918) 463-2921 or (918) 484-2487.

**Oliver! tickets now on sale**

Tickets are on sale now for Oliver!, the award winning musical to be presented by Muskogee Little Theatre opening Friday, April 23, and running April 24, 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m. plus two Sunday matinees on April 25 and May 2 at 2 p.m. Due to demand, a seventh performance has been added to Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m.

The Downtown Box Office at Soundworld, 123 East Okmulgee, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except Sunday hours are 1-6 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$8.00 and students \$5.00. With a cast of 80, a sell-out attendance is anticipated. All seats are reserved and limited seating available, advance ticket purchase is encouraged. You may call Soundworld at 1-918-683-4901 for reservations. But tickets must be paid for and picked up before show date.

Muskogee Little Theatre, located at Cincinnati & D Streets, is a member of Oklahoma Community Theatre Association, the American Association of Community Theatres, and Oklahoma Arts Council.



**Warner School Menu**

**Monday, April 19**  
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Pancake & Sausage Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
LUNCH: Mac & Cheese, Little Smokies, Green Beans, Salad & Fruit Bar, and Milk Choice.

**Tuesday, April 20**  
BREAKFAST: Waffles, Bacon, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
LUNCH: Charburgers, French Fries, Salad & Fruit Bar, and Milk Choice.

**Wednesday, April 21**  
BREAKFAST: Sliced Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
LUNCH: Frito Chili Pie, Corn, Salad & Fruit Bar, and Milk Choice.

**Thursday, April 22**  
BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
LUNCH: Pork Patty, Potatoes/Gravy, Hot Rolls, Salad & Fruit Bar, and Milk Choice.

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Warner Public Library News

New to the Warner library this week are children's book kits. These kits contain a book and a cassette tape. They are checked out just like books with a three week check out time. These book kits are a wonderful addition to the library and will complement the children's book department.

This week is National Library Week. This would be an excellent opportunity to stop by the library and take home an armload of books. While you are at the library, see all the positive changes that happening in the libraries in the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System. All of the libraries in the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System now have toll-free telephone numbers. This makes all the libraries available to assist you without the cost of a long distance phone call. The Warner library has a clever bookmark available with all these phone numbers on them. Ask for one the next time you are at the library.

Did you know that the library offers copy service, fax service, internet access, tax forms, and voter registration forms? Did you know that if the Warner library does not have a book that you would like to read, we can request that book from another library within our system or from another library and are happy to do so? Did you know that you can now place your own holds on books

within our system and pick your books up at any of the 14 libraries you would like? The staff would be glad to assist you with the procedure or will be glad to place those holds for you.

Did you know that the Warner library has a story time every Wednesday at 10:30 for area preschool children? Did you know that the Warner library is open on Saturday mornings for your convenience? Did you know that the library offers a literacy program to assist persons to be able to read? Did you know that every summer, the library plans an eventful Summer Reading Program for all area children, with entertainers, crafts, songs, and of course, the library offers a large selection of books for every age?

Stop by the library and see what is new. New books are arriving every week. If you need a library card, you may register for one for no charge. Hold on to those cards though, if they should be lost, it will cost \$1 to replace it. Now would be a great time to register you or your child for a library card and celebrate National Library Week.

April displays include a colorful display of dolls that represent Nursery Rhymes along with the books.

Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 12:30 at the library.

New books received at the library include the following.

Adult Fiction: Midnight Rider, by Diana Palmer; Texas Passions, by Rosanne Bittner; Brass, by Robert J. Conley; More and More, by Stella Cameron; Homebody, by Orson Scott Card; Murder Under Blue Skies, by Willard Scott; Beyond the Horizon, by Connie Mason; Final Hour, by Tracey Tillis; Outlaw with a Star, by Dave Austin; Deadville, by Robert F. Jones; The Predators, by Harold Robbins; Savannah, by Eugenia Price; The Sisters, by Cynthia Victor; Hawaiian Sunrise, by Lauraine Snelling; A Patchwork Planet, by Anne Tyler; Wayward Winds, by Michael Phillips; Wings of Healing, by Alan Morris; and Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott.

Adult Non-Fiction: The Hidden Door, by Peter and Elizabeth Fenwick; A Woman Scorned, by Lisa Pulitzer; Women Who Love Too Much, by Robin Norwood; To Tame A Texas, by Evelyn Crowe; Lorraine Heath, Vivian Vaughan, and Eileen Wilks; The Millionaire Next Door, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko; Fir for Life 11, by Harvey and Marilyn Diamond; Familiar Butterflies, by Richard K. Walton; Familiar Reptiles and Amphibians; Talking to Heaven, by James Van Praagh; and The Advanced Deer Hunter's Bible, by John Weiss.

Young Adult Fiction: Forever

Friends, by Judy Baer; and Kinship, by Trudy Krisher.

Juvenile Fiction: Amanda Joins the Circus, by David Wisniewski.

Juvenile Non-Fiction: From Boys to Men, by Michael Gurian; Body Electric, by Camy Baker's; Snakes, by Lucille Recht Penner; Funny You Don't Look Like A Grandmother, by Lois Wyse; Paper Bag Crafts, by Jeri Dayle; and Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Answers.

Easy Reading: Are You My Mother?, by P.D. Eastman; Ten Apples Up on Top, by Theo LeSieg; The Berenstain Bears Go Up and Down, by Stan and Jan Berenstain; Theodore's Whistle, by Andrew Cochran; and Little Red Caboose, by Steve Metzger.

Children's Cassette Kits: Wings A Tale of Two Chickens, and Miss Nelson is Missing, both by James Marshall; Hot Hippo, by Mwenye Hadithi; Where The Wild Things Are, by Maurice Sendak; The Day Jimmy's Boat Ate The Wash, by Trinkia Hakes Noble; Corduroy, and Norman the Doorman, both by Don Freeman; Little Bear's Visit, by Else Homelund Minarik; Timothy Goes to School, by Rosemary Wells; Doctor DeSoto, and Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, both by William Steig; Curious George Rides a Bike, by H.A. Rey; Blueberries For Sal, by Robert McCloskey; and Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes.



Dr. Alexandria Miller, Warner, displays the certificate of excellence she received from the American Dietetic Association as the Outstanding Dietetics Educator for the Association's Area IV. Other dietetic educators nominated Dr. Miller, supervisor of dietetic technology at Oklahoma State University in Okmulgee, for the honor. The award was presented at a recent conference in Arlington, Texas. Ann Coulston, president of the American Dietetic Association, praised Dr. Miller by saying, "You play an important role in achieving the mission and vision of the Association by serving as a role model to future dietetics professionals and by implementing change that will help these professionals meet the challenges of the next century."

Rho Theta Sigma holds initiation

TAHLEQUAH - Northeastern State University's Rho Theta Sigma inducted 76 new members and elected 1999/2000 officers at its spring banquet on March 22. Rho Theta Sigma is an honor society open to any NSU student who has received at least a 3.6 GPA for one full-time semester or a 3.4 GPA for at least two full-time semesters.

Three \$100 scholarships were received by Stephanie Ellis, Elk City; Rosemary Colson, Stigler; and Collette Cook, Tahlequah.

The 1999/2000 officers elected include: Kesa McDonald, Muskogee, President; Danny Sexton, Muskogee, Vice President; Paul Sophy III, Tahlequah, Student Government Representative; and Becca Turnbull, Muskogee, Secretary.

Inductees from this area include the following: Muskogee - Sharla Buchanan, Mitche Hunt, Kesa McDonald, Megan Mitchell, Danny Sexton, Melanie Staner, Becca Turnbull, and Casey Walker; and Warner - Kirsten Bales.

Binge drinking targeted

"Drinking too much, too fast, can kill you" is the simple message of this year's "Alcohol Awareness Month," slated for April. Underscoring the social, economic and personal costs associated with underage and binge drinking, the annual campaign is targeting high school and college drinkers at risk of death or injury due to alcohol.

"Hundreds of people, often young people, die each year from alcohol poisoning," said Jan Hardwick, director of substance abuse prevention services for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. "Binge drinking-drinking too much alcohol too fast-is usually the cause of it. It often occurs on college campuses or wherever heavy drinking takes place."

"In addition to 'accidental'

deaths associated with binge drinking, alcohol use is linked with car wrecks, drownings, fires, suicides and homicides," said Hardwick. Young people who drink also are more likely than others to be victims of violent crime, including rape, aggravated assault and robbery.

"Equally troubling is the latest research showing that children who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to become alcoholics at some time during their lives than those who start drinking after the legal age of 21," Hardwick said.

"High school students are binge drinking at an ever-increasing rate," she said.

"A recent study by the federal government indicated that in the last two weeks, the percentage of seniors downing five or more drinks in a row rose from 27.5 percent in 1993 to 31.3 percent last year."

The problem of binge drinking also is very much a problem among Oklahoma college students, noted John Eckenberger, Northeastern State University faculty member.

"Not only do students risk fatalities from binge drinking, but commuting students also are at risk, facing a danger due to drinking and driving," he stated.

A survey sponsored by the Oklahoma Higher Education Consortium-a group of colleges and universities dedicated to increasing awareness of substance abuse on state campuses-found that substance-abuse issues topped students' lists of concerns, followed by day care on campus and mental health 'stress' issues. Most universities, he added, have counselors who can refer students to appropriate treatment.

"As many as 360,000 of the nation's 12 million undergraduate students will ultimately die from alcohol-related causes while in school-more than the total number receiving advanced degrees," said Dr. Johanna Clevenger, director of behavioral services for the state Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. "The important thing is for students to be aware that alcohol is a poison and to respect that."

For more information about alcohol-related issues, contact the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services 24-hour toll free 'Reachout' hotline at 1-800-522-9054.



Gore graduates Keli Glover and Julie Cawhorn attempt to block Webbers Falls alumnus Mindi Bedford off of the boards during the annual Gore-Webbers Falls Alumni Game, sponsored by the Gore-Webbers Falls Lions Club Saturday night at the Brooks Cawhorn Gymnasium in Gore.

Alumni battle in hoop contests

Alumni from both Gore and Webbers Falls donned their Nikes on once more as the two neighbors played basketball Saturday night at Brooks Cawhorn Gymnasium in the annual / Gore-Webbers Falls Lions Club Gore-Webbers Falls Alumni Game.

The Lady Warrior grads defeated the Lady Pirates grads, 44-26, while in the nightcap, the Pirates overcame an early deficit to post a 61-33 victory.

The scoring in the games are as follows:

WFS 44, Gore 26 (women)  
WFS - Mindi Bedford 21, Neda Peyton 10, Trenda Briley 6, Laura Bedford 5, Heather Ellis 2, Candee

Shipley 0, Linda Drew 0, Brenda Fenner 0, Heather Clay 0, Janie Warren 0.

Gore - Julie Cawhorn 14, Candace Carter 4, Keli Glover 4, Jayna Smith 4, Katrina Mannon 0, Terry Thomas 0, Caren Davenport 0, Shandy Anderson 0, Pam Hediger 0.

Gore 61, WFS 33 (men)

Gore - Jason Carter 22, Aaron Ellis 18, Scott Moseley 5, Slim Thomas 4, T.J. Flores 4, Casey Laymon 3, Willic Neighbors 3, Jeremiah Perryman 2.

WFS - Jerry Brewer 10, Jason Briley 9, Kenny Terrell 6, Marty Ross 4, Bradley Adams 2, Jayson Jarrard 2, Sean Clay 0.

New Safe Boating Course offered

The United States Power Squadrons' (USPS) Safe Boating Course will be offered to all boaters beginning Saturday, May 1 on Lake Tenkiller.

It covers Boat Handling, Adverse Conditions, Piloting, Navigation Rules, Government Regulations, Charts and Aids to Navigation, Trailering, Marine Radiotelephone and optional PWC section and more.

Classes for the 12 hour course are 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, May 1, 8 and 15 at Snake Creek Wilderness Resort, Hwy 82 and Snake Creek Road, just south of Cookson on Lake Tenkiller. The course exam follows on Saturday, May 22. The only cost is \$26 for course text and materials and materials will be available at the first class session May 1 or by contacting Allen Halverson, 9187-487-5962, Gore.

"Approximately 55,000 people take this course every year but this is the first time it's been offered on Lake Tenkiller," Marily Rose, Commander of the Tulsa Power Squadron, said. "The course is for all boaters, experienced or new, power or sail. It's student-friendly and we have a lot of fun. We taught this course to almost 200 boaters last year and we hope

more take it this year. We invite all boaters and would-be boaters to share the fun and share the knowledge," she concluded.

The Lake Tenkiller Association was instrumental in bringing this course to the lake. "We invite all Lake Tenkiller boaters to the course," said Sharon Stratton, Executive Director of the association.

Approved by NASBLA, National Safe Boating Law Administrators and recognized by the United States Coast Guard, most insurance companies offer 10 to 20 % discount on boating insurance for those that pass the course. In the last few years over half of the 50 states have enacted laws that require passing a boating education course. This course meets the requirements of virtually all of them.

The Tulsa Squadron, with over 200 members, is one of 450 squadrons of the 60,000 member USPS. They promote safe boating and offer fun activities and community service opportunities plus educational opportunities including coastal and near-shore piloting, seamanship, celestial navigation, engine maintenance, marine electronics, sail, weather, cruise planning and more.

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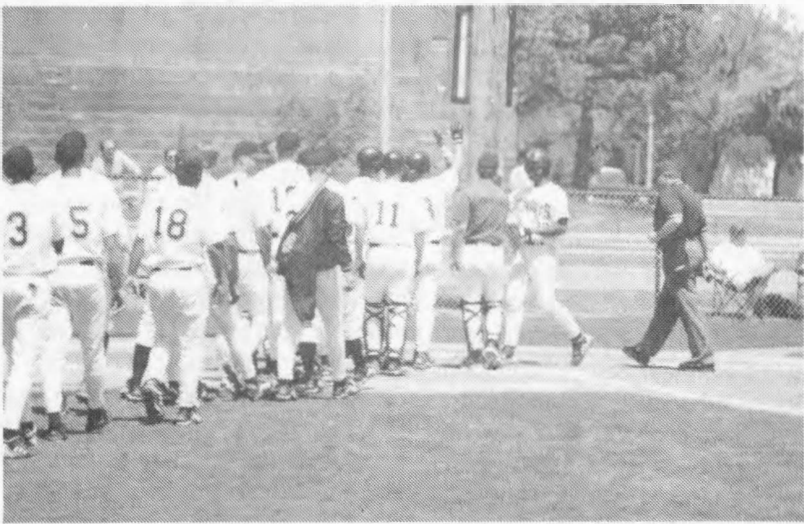
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Fellow Connors State College baseball players congratulate teammate Rico Santana after he ripped a two-run home run against Seminole to give CSC, a 2-1 lead at Biff Thompson Field Saturday afternoon...



...but minutes later, a bad call by the field umpire started a Seminole rally which resulted in the Trojans scoring five runs in the inning, as they won the first contest, 15-6, and also the nightcap, 14-6. CSC Baseball Coach Perry Keith is shown discussing the disputed play with the umpire immediately after the call went against the Cowboys.



Cowgirl shortstop Stephanie Sheppard looks into the sun to catch a fly ball as teammate Connie Moser gets in position to make the play during CSC's 8-0 victory over visiting Carl Albert Saturday. CSC also won the nightcap, 12-4, to improve their record to 23-14, with ten of their losses coming to teams from Texas.

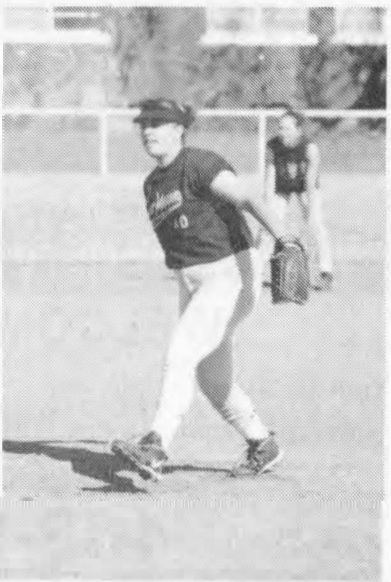


Junie Garner of Webbers Falls looks into the glare of the afternoon sun to catch a pop fly as teammate Amanda Burris observes during their home opener against Central on April 6.

WFS salvages split in home opener

The Webbers Falls Lady Warrior softball team inaugurated their new field with a split against Central High School last Tuesday (April 6). The first game for the Lady Warriors at home started late due to a delay in Central High School arriving from Sallisaw, but action quickly picked up, with the Webbers Falls Junior High squad defeating their counterparts from Central.

The high school squads then did battle, with Webbers Falls coming back from a deficit, as Tiffany Gates scored in the fourth and then Mary Warren added a run in the sixth to tie the game at 2-2, before Central capitalized on an error to plate a run in the seventh and take a 3-2 decision.



Webbers Falls Junior High pitcher Jennifer Webb prepares to launch the first official pitch at the new Webbers Falls softball diamond Tuesday afternoon.

but "we still have those bad innings!" After hosting Gore Monday and Oktaha Tuesday (April 12 and 13), the Lady Warriors will host Boynton on Thursday and Warner next Tuesday (April 20).

The Warner Eagles (14-7) continued their hot hitting as they defeated host Oktaha, 7-5, Wednesday afternoon to capture the Oktaha Spring Tournament title. Earlier Wednesday, the Porum Panthers were ripped in the consolation finals by Porter, 15-0, in three innings, and Wilson won the third place game with a 9-0 victory over Central

**Porter 15, Porter 0**

The Porter Pirates limited Porum to only three hits during their three inning victory.

It looked promising early in the contest, as with two outs in the top of the first inning, Reggie Sexton and Jason Smith connected for back-to-back singles. However, Carl Davis struck out swinging to set the Panthers down.

Loren Hytche was hit by a pitch from Sexton to begin the bottom of the inning. Hytche, after a pickoff attempt appeared to get him at first, stole second, and scored what turned out to be the winning run when the next Porter batter slapped a double to right-center. Porter added one more run in the inning to take a 2-0 lead.

Once again, with two outs in the second, Porum got a runner on base, as Dason Lindsey lined a single to center and advanced to second on an error by the Porter shortstop of Ryan Cottrell's grounder. But the next batter, Dustin Frost was called out at first after a dropped third strike and a throw from the catcher to the first baseman.

Porter scored four more runs in the bottom of the second to take a 6-0 lead and then after sending the Panthers down in order in the top of the second, ended the game by scoring nine more runs, as eleven Pirate batters came to the plate.

Porter improved their record with the win to 11-5 while the Panthers dropped to 9-6 on the spring campaign.

**Warner 7, Oktaha 5**

A monster two-run shot over the right field fence by Riley Pierce set the stage for the hot Eagles in their contest with the host Tigers.

Jeremy Thompson opened the game with a triple to left and after Mario Youngblood walked, Jordan Garner hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Thompson. Pierce then followed with his blast to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

Dusty Tidwell started a three-run rally in the third for the Eagles as he led off with a solo shot. Wes

Stewart then singled and moved to second on a wild pitch. Steven Pierce followed with a walk and then Matt Fowler laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners to second and third. Thompson scored Stewart with a single to the outfield, and after Thompson stole second, Youngblood walked once again. Garner flied out to left before a wild pitch scored Pierce.

Oktaha (13-4) finally got on the board in the fourth as Brad Stonebarger launched a solo shot over the centerfield fence but the Eagles still held a 6-1 lead going into the bottom of the fifth.

Brent Morgan drew a walk and proceeding to steal second. Jeremy Wood and Eric Pippin also drew walks to load the bases, and WHS Coach Chad Kirkhart decided to make a pitching change, sending Thompson in relief. Brandon Scott greeted Thompson by hitting a single to right-center, scoring both Morgan and Wood, and closing the gap to 6-3.

At the beginning of the sixth, Jordan Garner got one of the runs back by hitting a homer over the centerfield fence to increase the lead to 7-3, but Oktaha responded in the bottom of the inning.

Stonebarger reached on an error, who was then substituted by a pinch runner. Galbreath followed with a single to right-center to move the pitch runner to third, with yet another pitch runner coming in for Galbreath. Morgan followed with a RBI single to right to score the first pinch runner. Wood then hit a grounder to Thompson, who got Pippin at second. Pippin scored the second pinch runner then on a fielder's choice to Garner at shortstop, who got Wood out at second.

Warner failed to score in the top of the seventh and Oktaha threatened in the bottom of the inning, as Oktaha had players on first and second with no outs but Thompson struck out both Stonebarger and Wood and induced Morgan into a fielder's choice to Steven Pierce to end the ballgame.

Riley Pierce was given the Offensive Hitter award for his efforts, with Jeremy Thompson being named as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

An excited Chad Kirkhart said after the awards ceremony, "We hit the ball well not only today but in the entire tournament. At the beginning of the year, we weren't hitting the ball but we are now. However, we almost gave it to them at the end."



Pictured above is the Warner Eagle baseball team after winning the Oktaha Spring Tournament with a 7-5 victory over the host Tigers Wednesday.



The Warner Eagles celebrate as Dusty Tidwell prepares to cross home plate after launching a solo homer in the third inning of their championship game with Oktaha in the Oktaha Spring Tournament Wednesday afternoon.



Porum Panther pitcher Reggie Sexton attempts to pick off Loren Hytche of Porter as first baseman Jason Smith awaits the throw during their consolation championship contest Wednesday. However, Hytche was called safe on the play and later scored.



Warner's Rachel Ashmore beats the throw to the Gore third baseman as the Lady Eagles held off the Lady Pirates, 13-5, April 6 at Warner.

Lady Eagles cruise past Gore

Behind outstanding hitting (five extra base hits) and great defense from the Lady Eagles, Warner marched to a 13-5 victory at home over Gore Tuesday afternoon. Warner also won the junior varsity game, 4-3.

The bats were hot for Warner as Rachel Ashmore went 3-for-3 with two doubles and a triple; Ashley Smith was 3-for-4 with a double; Lacy Lynch went 2-for-3; Morgan McAffrey batted 2-for-4 with a double; Melissa Doke battled 2-for-4; Kristie Miller hit 2-for-4; Ashley Holder was 2-for-4; and Amanda Mullins went 1-for-2.

Warner resumed action on April 12 by traveling to Oktaha before hosting Morris Tuesday and then traveling to Preston for a tournament on April 15.



Rande Jackson of Porum lunges to make an out during their game last week with Gore at the Pam Shoemaker Activity Complex in Porum. Porum ripped the Lady Pirates, 11-1, to continue their march to the state tournament.

Lady Panthers thump Lady Pirates

The host Porum Lady Panthers improved their record to 12-6 by defeating the Gore Lady Pirates, 11-1, in a single varsity softball game Friday afternoon at the Pam Shoemaker Activity Complex.

After limiting Gore to a single hit in the top of the first, the Lady Panthers came to bat and appeared to fall to the same fate. But Joanna Wooten got the Porum bats going, as she hit a triple, followed by a Machel Thornton double, to tally Porum's first run. Rande Jackson then hit a triple, scoring Thornton, and then Brooke Hyslop hit a single to plate Jackson. Lori Locust then ripped a triple to bring Hyslop around to score.

Porum added to their lead in the third, as Jenni Whitman led off with a single. Wooten followed with a fielder's choice, with Whitman getting forced out. Thornton hit a

double before Jackson plated Wooten with a single. Thornton then scored on Hyslop's double, with both Jackson and Hyslop scoring on Locust's single and an ensuing error.

Neisha Thornton scored Gore's only run in the fourth as she singled, and advanced on singles by Lacie Anderson and Locust before scoring on a single by Kristin Hubler.

Porum got that run back in the bottom of the inning as Whitman cranked out a home run.

In the bottom of the fifth, Becky Dill tripled and then scored on Robin Doke's sacrifice fly to left.

The Lady Panthers ended the game in the sixth as Thornton singled, followed by singles by Jackson and Hyslop to load the bases, before a single by Locust permitted Thornton to cross home plate and end the contest.

Porum alumni to shoot hoops

The annual Porum Alumni Basketball Games between the Odd Year graduates and the Even Year graduates will take place on Saturday, April 24, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Porum High School Gymnasium. Admissions is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 12 years of age and under.

Sign up sheets are available at Sooner Market, Culver's Store, or

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Sims News

**by Helen Masterson**  
Date: April 7, 1999. Hi from the Lazy M, where trees and lawn are getting greener by the minute. We received a good rain last Saturday, April 3. The official rain gauge read 1.58, or almost one and six-tenths. Sis Christine and grandson Doug called last Saturday, and Nancy called recently. She took Joshua (my great-grandson barely two years old) shopping with her a few days ago and he got to be bratty, as little-uns will at that age. She pointed it out to him and said, "You're mean." He answered back, "I Baby." They kept up that exchange of "You're mean" and "I Baby," until Joshua stopped it all by saying, "I mean baby."  
Daughter Marilyn enjoyed her vacation last week by traveling through Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. She called me around the weekend from Taos, New Mexico. Having a grand time, I believe.  
**MOSTLY HELEN:** I visited Muskogee on county van a couple of days. Tuesday, I delivered one of my books, "Pearls in the Snow" to an old-time friend, Mildred Lazalier. Her grandson announces the weather on Channel 2 in Tulsa. She was Dr.

Gore Nursing Center

**By Joann McGrew**  
We want to welcome Cal Rock to our facility. It was a reunion time for Cal when he arrived here and saw several people he knew here at our facility. We are glad to have Cal as part of our family.  
We took a group of residents to Honor Heights Park in Muskogee this week to see the Azaleas. Not only did we see Azaleas but also we saw tulips, dogwood trees, redbud trees and several other varieties of flowers. The park was beautiful. We plan on taking another group next week.  
We have been getting green onions out of the garden this week. With the nice days that we have had it has got the residents ready to plant the rest of the garden. Next week we will purchase and plant the tomatoes and cantaloupes.  
We have a great group of volunteers that come over on Monday afternoons to help out with the Bingo games. Les Tillery, Archie Wordell and Pauline Jeter help each week with Bingo to make it fun for our residents. Thanks Volunteers. The residents played for apples, oranges,

Dutch oven cooking secrets offered

Thanks to the sturdy Dutch oven, it wasn't just beans for dinner along the Chisholm Trail; cowboys ate cobbles and stews and biscuits.  
Learn how to cook a variety of dishes in a Dutch oven with renowned outdoorswoman Luann Sewell Waters of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm. Waters is known for teaching wild game cooking on OETA's *Outdoor Oklahoma*. She has taught Dutch oven cookery around the country. Call 918-966-3396 to register.  
Participants will get hands-on experience cooking their own lunch in traditional cast-iron Dutch ovens in a fire. Waters will explain the varieties and uses of cast-iron

Elkins' receptionist for many years.  
Had lunch with family: Bea and George, Evelene and Lloyd, Sherri, Christine and little granddaughter, Lauren.  
Need to catch up on "others riding van": Evelyn Wooten, driver; Lavelle Hughart, Janice Turner, Jana Rogers, Louise Harris, Geraldine (Gertrude) Mullins, Lucy Ladky, Martha Alexander, Addie Moore, June Holt, Claire Standifird, Georgia Phenneger and son, Joseph.  
My sis Christine and Frank Davis and Charri hosted family members for dessert and egg hunt for the little-uns on Easter Sunday. Their family members present: DeeAnn Graber, Brianna, Rachel and Lane; Lisa and Roger Venckamp and Lauren; Bea and George Swindell; Evelene and Lloyd Kiddy; Paula and Bill Adney (bringing fish, yum-yum); Jordan Stevens; myself and family: Maurice, Marc, Maurcen and Johnny Moore, Danian and Sydney. About 24 in all.  
Sympathy goes out to family of Josephine Mitchell Hinds.  
I talked to Helen Stewart Lamb and Susie Peyton. Sorry to hear that Helen has been ill.

bananas, chips, snack cakes and pop. Every resident left winning three prizes each.  
Strawberry ice cream was the selection of the week. When the residents saw ice cream on the calendar they were quick to let me know what flavor to purchase. We have a lot of ice cream lovers here at our facility.  
We got back on schedule this week and on Friday afternoon the popcorn popper got to popping some great butter flavored popcorn. We also served pop with the popcorn. This is the way to end a Friday.

Brother Paul from the Webbers Falls Baptist Church provides Sunday School every week for our residents. Our residents were quick to inform me that they received Easter Baskets filled with goodies from this church. Thanks so much for caring about our residents. The Gore United Methodist Church provides the afternoon services this past Sunday. We are glad to have your group here each month.  
If you would like to become a volunteer please call Joann McGrew at 489-2299.

cookware and hand out recipes. The Dutch oven was standard equipment along the cattle trails that criss-crossed Oklahoma in the 1800s, and is popular with present-day campers and reenactors. To add to the fun, Waters will be dressed in 1870s garb. For a truly authentic experience, participants may also dress in period attire - prizes will be awarded to best dressed adults. (Period dress is optional).  
Fee for the class is \$20. The 100-year-old restored historical farm is located on Highway 59 about ten miles south of Sallisaw, 1/4 mile west on Overstreet-Kerr Road. Other workshops at the Farm include: April 24, Propagating and Growing Herbs; May 8, Tea Herbs and Tea; and September 11, Container Herb Gardening.

Obituaries

**Pauline Sneed**  
SPRINGDALE, AR - Pauline Sneed, 77, of Springdale, Arkansas, died April 4, 1999. She was born June 11, 1921, in Hannah, Oklahoma to John and Maggie Hunter Overbey. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Springdale, Arkansas.  
Survivors include her husband, Barney Sneed of the home; one son, Gary Sneed of Park City, Utah; one brother, Arlin Overbey of Warner; one sister, Beulah Kerley of Warner; and two grandchildren.  
Services were at 2 p.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home in Springdale with the Reverend Keith Marinus officiating. Burial was in Elm Springs Cemetery.  
Visitation was from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Pauline Fayette (Gray) Meeder**  
WEBBERS FALLS - Funeral services for Pauline Fayette (Gray) Meeder, 70, of Webbers Falls were at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 1999 at Vaught Cemetery in Webbers Falls with Shane Weaver officiating.  
Mrs. Meeder was born July 30, 1928 at Mountain Grove, Oklahoma, the daughter of Albert and Frances Gray and died April 9, 1999 at Muskogee Regional Medical Center.  
Mrs. Meeder had lived most of her life in the Webbers Falls area. She was a member of the Mountain Grove Baptist Church, which is now called Green Valley Baptist Church. She married George Meeder April 29, 1949 in Reno, Nevada.

Survivors include her husband George of the home; daughter Brenda Rowe and her husband David of Vian; four grandchildren, Christopher Scott Meeder of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Melanie Lynn Reynolds of Muskogee, Tabitha Dawn Holt of Sallisaw, and Jonathan Rowe of Vian; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Thelma Scarberry of Webbers Falls, Nellie Hyslope of Webbers Falls, and Artie Green of Muskogee; and two brothers, Stanley Gray of Muskogee and Danny Gray of Tulsa.

**Dessa Dean Shoemaker**  
MUSKOGEE - Dessa Dean Shoemaker, 97, died April 2, 1999 in Muskogee. Graveside service were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at Coleman Cemetery with Reverend Doyle Davis officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Mallory Funeral Home.  
Mrs. Shoemaker was born on April 4, 1901 in Ozark, Arkansas to Charles Henry and Narcissus (Nichols) Davidson. Dessa Davidson and Walter Shoemaker were married on June 2, 1926 at Muskogee. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Porum and belonged to the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 219. She received her fifty year pin in 1980. Mrs. Shoemaker worked for the election board for thirty years and was a resident of Porum from 1910 to 1988, when she moved to the Countryside Estates Nursing Home in Warner.

Mrs. Shoemaker was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, and one brother.  
Survivors include her nephew, Leon Thomson and wife, Jean, of Bartlesville; a niece, Glenda Sue Taylor and husband, Mike, of Wilson, Wyoming; four great-nephews, one great-niece, one great-great-nephew, and two great-great-nieces.

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Lena Maria Finley Hooks

CHECOTAH - Lena Maria Finley Hooks, one of seven children, was born on March 5, 1951 to Thomas and Minnie Finley Sr., in Checotah.  
At a very early age, she professed a hope in Christ, having joined the Eastside First Baptist Church of Checotah and was especially fond of singing in the choir.  
Lena attended Checotah Public Schools and continued her education at Connors State College and Northeastern State University. She was an Office Manager for Dr. R.C. Jonson in Muskogee.  
In 1971, she met and married Boyd Hooks and to this union one child was born. Boyd preceded her in death.  
Services of memory were held on Saturday, April 10, 1999 at 12 noon in the Macedonia Baptist Church in Muskogee with Dr. Bernard Tate officiating. Burial was on Monday, April 12, 1999 at 12 noon in the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery.  
Public visitation was from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 1999 in the Chapel of Evening Spring.  
Survivors include her mother, Minnie A. Wallace, of Checotah; three daughters, Valyncia, Courtney and Ashley, of the home; siblings, Ella Mae Caddy, of Tulsa, Thomas Finley Jr., of Checotah, Joyce and Eulouse Youngblood, both of Warner, Shirley Williams, of Tulsa, and Susan Robinson, of Checotah; one grandchild, Kyra Neals, of the home.  
Service had been entrusted to the Evening Spring Funeral Chapel.

**Fern Whitby**  
WARNER - Fern Whitby, 61, of Warner, died Friday, April 9, 1999 at Muskogee Regional Medical Center.  
A native of Howe, she was born on April 25, 1937 to Argle and Connie (Dorsey) Caudell. She grew up and attended school in the Wister area, graduating from Wister High School. After graduation, she moved to Muskogee to continue her education, attending Virgil's Beauty College.  
On February 7, 1959, she and Dale Whitby were married in Muskogee where they lived briefly before moving to Warner. For many years, Fern owned and operated Fern's Beauty Shop in Warner until her illness required her to close the shop in June of 1997. Fern was the kind of friend who provided an open home to anyone who needed it, it was not in her vocabulary to say "no". She would take her supplies to fix someone's hair at their home or in the hospital if they were unable to go to her shop. Fern loved to cook and share with everyone. Never realizing how much she did for others because it was just the normal routine of life. She will hold a special place in many hearts forever. We love you.  
Fern was a member of the Green Valley Baptist Church, former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and an inductee of the Wister High School Hall of Fame for her basketball achievements.  
Fern was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, Bill Caudell.  
She is survived by her husband Dale of the home; two daughters, Treasa Morgan and her husband Ron of Muskogee, and Daelene Lindsey and her husband Greg of Porum; grandchildren Ashley, Alison and Aaron Morgan of Muskogee, and Kevin, Kyle and Kori Lindsey of Porum; father Argle Caudell of Wister; brother Ike Caudell and his wife

Barbara of Wister; sister Joy Peerson and her husband J.C. of Muldrow; sister-in-law Josephine Caudell of Yucca Valley, California; special cousin Mary Sue Cunningham of Arlington, Texas; sister-in-law Barbara Bass and her husband J.B. of Muskogee; nieces and nephews Ikie Caudell, Connie Shockley, Linda Tolbert, Cindy Gladish, Randy Caudell, David Bass, Lisa Adamson, Gayle Yarbrough, Stacye Beane and a host of other relatives and friends.  
Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at First Baptist Church in Warner with Rev-

Countryside Estates

**by Wenona Martin**  
We welcome Larry and Charles Jeffers, new residents at Countryside Estates. They arrived Easter Sunday and have really settled in, enjoying every day. Making life meaningful is what it's all about.  
For Coy Villines, it's a trip outside by his bird house to listen to the martins sing their early-morning chatter. For Betty Philpott, it's to get her hair done and her face fixed daily to begin the day.  
Glenda has been crafting with Elsie Brown, Georgia Helsley, Tom Smith, Marie Dickerson, Floyd Price, Betty Philpott; these have been painting miniature bird houses, complete with a birdie on the perch.  
We appreciate Patsy Fulton for coming on the first Monday to play some hymns on the piano. It's good to hear the melody of long-time favorites, that can stir up the words to songs of praise to our maker.  
Brenda Matthews had a Barbie-Doll cake made to honor Kenna McCoy on her birthday. Earlier this week, Stella McCoy celebrated a birthday. Next week is the monthly birthday party for the residents.  
We express sympathy to the family of Dessa Shoemaker. Services were conducted Tuesday, April 6th.

Area Agency on Aging holds in-service

EODD Area Agency on Aging provides training annually for those working at the Senior Nutrition Sites in our Service Area. Each year they have the privilege of holding the In-Service at Western Hills Guest Ranch. The Guest Ranch is located east of Wagoner and provides a beautiful and relaxing environment for the In-Service.  
This year, they had the Red Cross provide training in the areas of Disasters, Shelter Operations, and Mass Care. The opening session included a beautiful presentation given by Tonya Still. Tonya is the Cherokee Princess and presented the Lord's Prayer in Sign Language. After the opening, attendees made welcome the staff from the Red Cross as they prepared attendees to assist with disasters in area communities.  
Awards for Outstanding Networking Employee and Outstanding Outreach Worker were presented on Thursday afternoon. EODD would like to recognize the following people for their dedication to improving the quality of life for seniors:  
• Outstanding Aging Network Employee - Rita Porter ~ Deep Fork, CAF, and Clelus Hardin ~ SAC Nutrition.  
• Outstanding Outreach Worker - Erma Sallie ~ Deep Fork, CAF, and Carol Thomas ~ SAC Nutrition.  
Thursday evening, they held a Legislative Reception that was sponsored by Sooner Management. At-

terend Clarence Guthrie, Reverend Bob Pittenger and Reverend Harry Dodd officiating. Burial followed in Warner Memorial Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Don Carlton, Jeep Hunnicutt, Richard Ralls, Don Perryman, Martin Moore and Wayne Ballow. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Phillips, Harry Jackson, Mike Crawley, Davie Ambrose, Virgil Moore, Gus Padgett, Rick Shelby, Rusty Van Vranken, Bob Webster, Charles McGrew and Don Dixon.  
Funeral service arrangements were under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home.

Dessa had been a resident here since March of 1987.  
Spring is refreshing, bringing new life to the grounds and the pastures outside our windows. How can anyone have a heavy heart when God is so good to us. I'm grateful to Bill Burris everytime I come to work for the landscaping he did several years ago. Those red-bushes along the front are so full of leaves and provide a haven for birds. We do have an abundance of birds. We encourage them with bird feeders scattered about. At this time of year, there shouldn't be a need for feeders, but we like the idea of having the birds in close view.  
Ouida Boyd is making trips to Muskogee weekly, keeping a close check on a skin cancer on her face. She remains cheerful and up-beat all the time. It helps to have a loving family for support.  
Speaking of family support, Pearl Benton does so well because of it.  
Bob Henson was enjoying ear-phones to listen to music on Scott's radio this week. Bob loves his music.  
Nola Harris is doing well following an appendectomy on Easter Sunday. We look forward to her return.

tendees included Representative Bob Ed Culver and Representative Barbara Staggs. Silver Hair ed Legislators attending the reception include Wilma Bussey, Beth Herrington, and Sally Ross.  
During EODD AAA Council on Aging Meeting held Friday, awards were presented to the Outstanding Older Oklahoman Man and Woman.  
• Outstanding Older Oklahoman Award - Willie Mae Etheridge ~ McIntosh County, and Joe Hall ~ Cherokee County.  
Based on evaluations completed by attendees, the in-service was rated as excellent by 18 percent of participants and 67 percent felt the in-service was good. Only 15 percent were disappointed in the information provided. Overall, the in-service was interesting and informative.  
Services are available to all persons sixty years of age or older regardless of income. Services provided through the Older American Act have no set fees or charges. Donations are accepted to help defray the cost of services. The EODD/AAA or its grantees can always use donations and more volunteers. If you would like to learn more about how you can help or if you or someone you know needs any of the services outlined above, please call at (918) 682-7891 or for Seniors the Senior Info Line is 1-800-211-2116.

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Legislative Report

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posol 84-17 and returned it to the Senate.

Tax Breaks

Senate bill 1, a proposal to reduce vehicle excise taxes, cut car tag fees, raise commercial license fees, and require a vehicle's insurance coverage to be consistent with the vehicle's registration, received a tentative unanimous endorsement from the House.

A similar measure, House Bill

When Names Change

Names change for different reasons, such as marriage or divorce. People should notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) when their names change because names and Social Security numbers on tax returns must match those the SSA has on record. If they don't match, federal tax refunds could be delayed or the Internal Revenue Service may contact those affected to straighten out the mismatch.

1734, was tentatively approved by the Senate recently.

Both proposals are expected to be sent to a House/Senate conference committee for refinement.

Remembrance

The governor signed into law Senate Bill 43, which proclaims the third Friday of September each year as "POW/MIA Recognition Day." The commemoration will "symbolize American's missing military personnel and our determination to account for them."

Teaching Sign Language

American Sign Language taught in public schools will count "in fulfilling elective course offerings" and will be accorded the same course credit as any foreign language class taken by a student, under House Bill 1659. The proposal became effective with the governor's recent signature.

Help for the Blind

House Bill 1057, which the governor signed into law, enables a blind person to earn up to \$500 a month without it counting against any public welfare benefits that person applies for or receives from the state Department of Human Services.

Currently, the income threshold is only \$50 per month. Any income earned above that amount is factored in calculating the blind person's eligibility to receive welfare benefits, or is deducted from benefits the welfare recipient would otherwise be qualified to receive.

Food Stamps

House Bill 1066 makes it a crime to "knowingly" obtain, aid, abet or otherwise help anyone "to obtain or attempt to obtain" public assistance "to which a person is not entitled."

If the welfare benefits received fraudulently are valued at \$500 or less, the offense will be a misdemeanor and the violator can be fined up to \$500 and/or locked in a jail for up to three months. If the value of the benefits received illegally exceeds

\$500, the offense will be a felony and the violator can be fined up to \$5,000.

HB 1066 also formally transfers responsibility for the food stamp program from counties to the state.

County commissioners across Oklahoma historically have been responsible for the distribution of food stamps. However, the food stamp program was switched from paper coupons to an electronic benefits system in 1997. In addition, the Legislature now allocates funds to the state Department of Human Services to distribute food-stamp benefits; state lawmakers appropriated \$229,667,669 to the food-stamp program in Fiscal Year 1998, ledgers reflect.

The governor signed House Bill 1066 and it became law immediately.

Head for Higher Ground

Senate Review

by Senator Ben Robinson

Anyone who has tried to transfer from one state college or university to another knows the frustration of having to re-take classes because of inconsistent transfer policies. Transferring often means students lose some of their credits due to varying course requirements. A student could have many hours of coursework completed, but only receive credit for part of those hours at another school. This whole process can be aggravating, but the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently added more transferable classes to alleviate this course crunch.

The Regents added 497 courses to those transferable among Oklahoma state colleges and universities, bringing the total to 4,187 eligible courses in 27 subject areas. The transferable courses were identified by content and skill level by faculty members representing every state college and university.

This is encouraging news for our students and our higher education programs. By expanding the number of courses eligible for transfer, we are enhancing the educational opportunities in Oklahoma.

Since the fall of 1995, faculty committees have identified transferable courses in areas like English, biology, mathematics, history and marketing at the freshman through senior levels. Last fall, the faculty added courses in computer science, criminal justice, world/foreign lan-

guages, information systems, and philosophy to the already extensive list.

Incorporating a smooth transfer process has been a longtime goal of the State Regents and they are to be commended on their progress in attaining this goal. By enhancing the course transfer process, they are helping our students reach their academic goals more effectively and efficiently.

Anyone seeking further information on transferable courses can call the State Regents' Course Transfer hotline at 1-800-583-5883.

If you have a question or comment about state government, you can contact by writing to Senator Ben Robinson, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln, Room 511, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by calling (405) 524-0126.

House Bill 1841, which the governor signed, creates a Flood Hazard Mitigation Program intended to establish an "orderly and continuing means of assistance" by which the state can help counties and municipalities "alleviate the suffering and damage that result from flooding..."

The program will focus on "the protection of life and property" by eliminating "repetitive expenditures of public funds in areas that are subject to chronic flooding..."

When it ultimately is funded, the program will enable the State of

Oklahoma to lend financial assistance to communities which want to buy structures in flood-prone areas that have been inundated repeatedly.

If anyone desires a copy of these bills or more information, they can contact Representative Bill Settle's office in Muskogee, Oklahoma, at 110 North 6th Street, or by calling 918-683-2866. You can also call the Capitol by dialing 1-800-522-8502 or 405-557-7381. The address is House of Representatives, State Capitol Building, Room 432 D, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.



Speaking Frankly

A Weekly column by Governor Frank Keating

An Education Team

Real education reform has emerged as the central issue of the 1999 legislative session -- and it's about time.

Last week, I named five distinguished Oklahomans to negotiate with legislative leaders on the key reform issues, like school choice, charter schools and a tougher high school curriculum.

Secretary of State Mike Hunter, a former member of the House of Representatives, will lead the team. He is joined by Secretary of Education Dr. Floyd Coppedge, Bartlesville business leader Martin Garber, my Chief of Staff, Ken Lackey and George Singer of Tulsa, who was instrumental in devising the education reform program that became House Bill 1017 in 1990.

George Singer was not satisfied with the results of HB 1017, which pumped hundreds of millions of new tax dollars into our schools, but which has not led to the results many of its supporters promised.

Martin Garber, an official with Phillips Petroleum, brings a vital business perspective to the issue of school reform. Because

businesses employ the products of our schools, I believe it is vital that those who understand the workplace play a central role in devising school reforms.

In addition to school choice and charter schools, which will boost parent involvement, curriculum reform is absolutely vital to building better schools and producing better qualified graduates of those schools.

Last year, a statewide poll showed 79 percent of Oklahomans favor my 4 by 4 reform proposal. The State Board of Education has already moved to adopt the ACT core high school curriculum.

Oklahoma must pass genuine school reforms that focus on learning. Other states have already done so, and they are rapidly leaving us behind. If we fail to address these essential issues this year, we are cheating our young people.

My new school reform team is already on the job. If you support these reforms, help them by contacting your legislators now.

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