





Legals

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Steed. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve an intrafund transfer in the amount of \$10,200 from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Assessor Personal Services account. Poindexter said the budget was approved before the assessor's last amendments were received. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve and intrafund transfer in the amount of \$6,200 from General Fund Contingency account to the Assessor Travel Account. Poindexter said this is also because Cook's last adjustment for amounts were not received until after the budget was approved. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve an intrafund transfer in the amount of \$2,800 from General Fund Contingency account to the Assessor M&O account. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #17- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the surplus of a 2004 American Lafrance Eagle fire truck, VIN# 4Z3AAACG94RN02656, on behalf of Bernice Fire Department. Roll

call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #18- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ATTEST:  
BARBARA BARNES- COUNTY CLERK  
DAVID POINDEXTER, CHAIRMAN  
JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER  
DAVID BECK, MEMBER

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in the Afton Fairland American January 29 and February 5, 2026)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**WELCH STATE BANK,**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF EDNA M. WOODS, DECEASED;**  
**AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, HEIDI WOODS, AND IF MARRIED, THE SPOUSE OF HEIDI WOODS, Defendants.**  
**Case No. CJ-23-61 ALIAS**  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office at Miami, Ottawa County,

Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell for cash in hand, at public auction to the highest and best bidder, with appraisal, all that certain real estate in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to-wit: **Lot 3 and the West 70 feet of Lot 2, Block 5 in the Miller's Addition, To the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the Recorded plat thereof**  
Subject to taxes and tax sales, if any, said property being duly appraised at \$72,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon the judgment entered in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-23-61, wherein Welch State Bank is Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Edna M. Woods, deceased; and John Doe and Jane Doe as occupants of the property, Heidi Woods, and if married, the spouse of Heidi Woods, are Defendants, to satisfy said Judgment of the Plaintiff in the sum of \$ 21,840.20, with interest thereon at the rate of 6.25% per annum, from January 26, 2026, which is equal to \$ 2,1716 per day, and the further sum of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$6,000.00 and all costs of this action, accrued and accruing.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of January, 2026.  
s/ Rocky Ferdig, Under Sheriff  
Rocky Ferdig, Under Sheriff  
Ottawa County, Oklahoma  
DENNIS J. WATSON, OBA #9390  
Morrow, Watson & James  
PO Box 1168  
Miami, OK 74355  
(918) 542-5501

**Coldest** (Continued from pg. 1)  
Community Building. The Warming Center is at 104 W Third Street. Animals are welcome on a leash or in a crate.  
Grove Police Chief Mark Morris said, "Our personnel are patrolling and looking for stranded motorists."  
He also noted that when people are inside for a while, domestic violence calls go up.

**Commissioners** (Continued from pg. 1)  
amount of money from these opioid settlements.  
Oklahoma has collected more than \$900 million in total from various drug manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacy chains to settle litigation related to the opioid crisis. A 2019 judgment of \$465 million against Johnson & Johnson was later overturned by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and is not included in the \$900 million total.  
These funds are designated for opioid abatement, including addiction treatment, prevention, and education programs. States are required to spend at least 70% of their share of the national settlements on future opioid remediation. A maximum of 15% can be spent on opioid crisis-related reimbursement and administrative expenses for past expenses. A maximum of 15% can be spent on non-opioid remediation expenses, such as paving roads or other government supported work and activities.  
The national total of the settlement exceeds \$58 billion, of which Walgreen's will pay more than \$5.67 billion and Walmart will pay more than \$2.8 billion.  
How this money is dispersed and spent varies widely, but in every state and locality there is an opportunity to support harm reduction efforts. Engagement of local health departments in the planning of fund disbursement is central to make sure public health is prioritized.



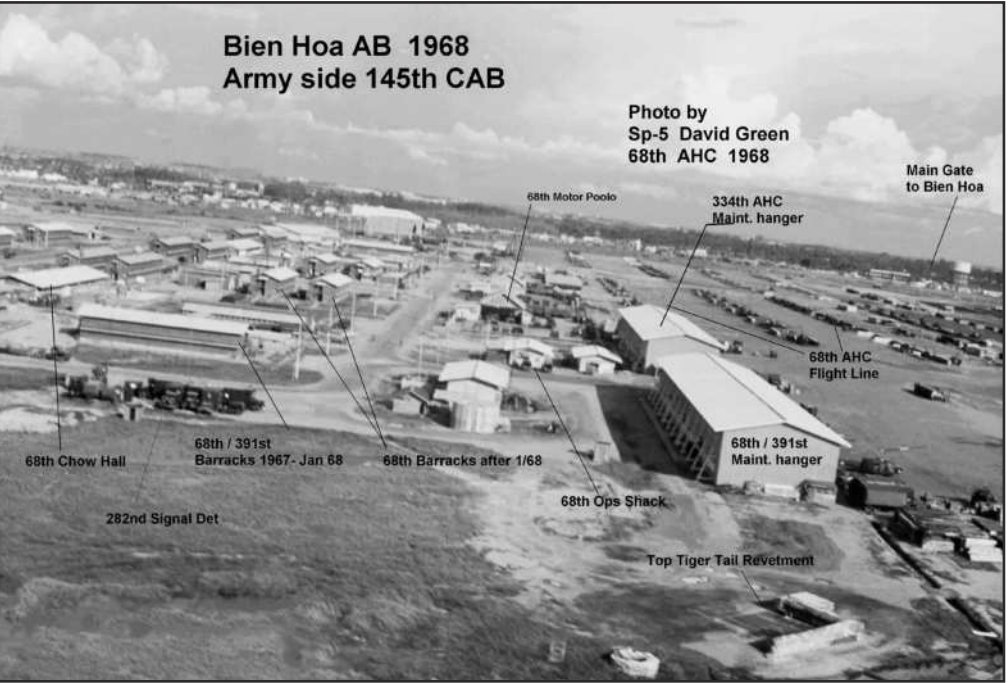
Afton resident Kathi Sikorski attends the celebration of polar bears at Har-Ber Village.

Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display sent off to two museums

A celebration for the final opportunity to locally view the Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display took place on Sunday, Jan. 18. Har-Ber Village Museum has decided to transfer the taxidermy bear pieces to partner institutions and redo the exhibit space for an expanded educational programming space. Har-Ber Village will continue to feature taxidermied animals native to Oklahoma as part of its natural history interpretation.  
Har-Ber Village Museum announced the sendoff of its Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display as part of a transition aimed at preserving its historic collection and

expanding future educational opportunities.  
Nicole Reynolds, Har-Ber Village's director said, "After careful consideration, the museum will be transferring ownership of several taxidermy pieces from its Natural History Display to two respected institutions; to the Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City and the Natural History Museum at the University of Central Oklahoma.  
"This decision reflects Har-Ber Village's commitment to responsible stewardship and ensuring these historic pieces receive the specialized care, attention, and interpretive context they deserve."

By joining the collections of these partner museums, the taxidermy specimens will continue to educate and inspire visitors through new exhibits focused on natural history, extending their legacy to broader audiences.  
As part of this transition, Har-Ber Village is re-envisioning the former exhibit space to create a new classroom environment designed to enhance educational programming. The renovated space will support expanded offerings such as children's day camps, adult workshops, and retreat opportunities-allowing the museum to better serve guests of all ages.



The Benoit Air Force Base was attacked on Feb. 1, 1968, during the Tet Offensive when NLF forces, supported by large numbers of North Vietnamese troops, launched the largest and best coordinated offensive of the Vietnam War. During the attack, they drove into the center of South Vietnam's seven largest cities and attacked 30 provincial capitals ranging from the Delta to the DMZ.

**Lane** (Continued from pg. 2)  
middle of the bomb dump. So, I stayed out there for a day and a half and then they moved me over to a quick reactionary force. So, I was in the middle of the north side of the base. If anything happened they could call us and then we would all jump in their trucks then go to wherever they needed extra help. And it took about a week before I got to go back to my regular job."  
Lane joined the Air Force in June 1966, after graduating high school. He was sent to Amarillo Air Force Base to go through basic training. His first base was Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona. He was then sent to Benoit Air Force base in Vietnam.  
When he returned to the states after one year, he went to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. He stayed out a few years and then rejoined the 219th ENI squadron at Tulsa International Airport. He eventually became Chief of Quality Assurance for the ENI Squadron.  
He now lives between Grove and Fairland at the Highway 125 Junction and Highway 59. His wife's parents were from Fairland. He and his wife started dating when they were sophomores.  
"We will be married 60 years, but we've been together for 63 years."  
Lane said, "When I was a little kid, I saw a movie called Strategic Air Command and it starred Jimmy Stewart and was dedicated to future airmen, so I knew at that time that that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to work on aircraft."  
He was a member of the Air Force for nearly 29 years and retired in 2006. Now he substitutes for the Grove School District.  
Never to be one who sits around, Lane plans to be in Vietnam for two weeks and then plans to stop in the Philippines and stay there for more than two months.  
Lane says he wants to help the country set up a school for electricians and linemen to improve their electrical grid. He is also retired from Northeast Oklahoma Electric, where he was a foreman and a serviceman.  
"I just like to give back to the people of the world," Lane says. "I've been everywhere. I've done everything that I ever would. I am 79 years old. I will be 80 this year. If I can help in any way, do anything, that's what I want to do."



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