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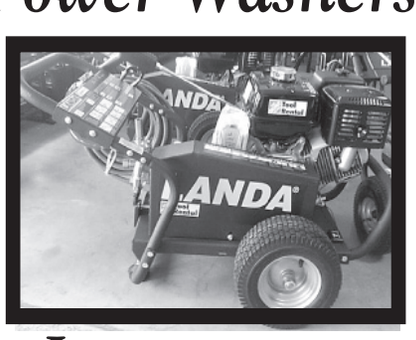

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Courthouse Briefs

(The following are from recent official filings at the Stephens County Courthouse. As it has always been, the publication of these filings that are related to unlawful acts do not presume guilty or innocent, only that charges have been filed.)

Marriages Filed

Dorsey, Michael Wayne, Marlow; Rouse, Lisa Gay, Marlow.
Waters, Edward Patrick, Duncan; Wilkinson, Barbara Irene, Duncan.
Bingham, Charles Wayne, Tulsa; Ristedt, Samantha Denali, Tulsa.
Antini, Matthew L, Foster; Kenison, Dina Kay, Foster.
Brown, Aaron Keith, Marlow; Brown, Rianna Lee, Marlow.
McCauley, Ethan Cole, Duncan; Strange, Kaili Beth, Duncan.
Norton, Luke Patrick, Velma; Smith, Courtney Cheyenne, Duncan.
Rice, Scott Lynn, Duncan; Murch, Melinda Kay, Duncan.
Cox, Fred Estel, Jr, Loco; Oswald, Jamie Michele, Loco.

Divorces Filed

Harris, Tracey Lynn vs. Timmy Don.
Shipman, Jenny vs. David.
McGarr, Kim vs. Lee F.
Granger, Seth Randall vs. Kateland Marie.
Benedict, Terry Don vs. Crystal Marie.

Misdemeanors Filed

Vicks, Rodney, Duncan; Public intoxication.
Duran, Jerry Jordan, Duncan; Resisting an officer.
Wickard, Joshua Tyler, Comanche; Assault & battery.
Arbuckle, Allen James, Comanche; Domestic abuse, Assault & battery.
Evans, Jennifer Pollock, Duncan; Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.
Wilson, Jill Ann, Marlow; Domestic abuse, Assault & battery.
Brown, Hannah Leah, Duncan; Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Public intoxication.
Dunn, David Wayne, Comanche; Public intoxication.

Felonies Filed

Fontinott, Steven Lynn, Duncan; Possession of controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, 2nd & subsequent; Possession of controlled dangerous substance, 2nd & subsequent; Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
Waller, William Blake, Marlow; Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 2nd & subsequent.
Sullivan, Jahmar Terriel, Duncan; Possession of firearm after former felony conviction, After former conviction of felony, Two or more; Possession of controlled dangerous substance, 2nd & subsequent.
Ridley, Charles Claude, Comanche; Outstanding warrant; Knowingly concealing stolen property, After former conviction of felony (4 counts).
Fullerton, Amanda C, Duncan; False declaration of ownership in pawn, After former conviction of felony (4 counts).
Ayers, Dorothy Nicole, Duncan; Assault & battery on police officer; Obstructing an officer.
Hackworth, Adam, Comanche; Possession of controlled dangerous substance; Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
Golay, Jeffrey Wayne, Marlow; Domestic abuse, Assault & battery, 2nd & subsequent.
Randall, Sabetta Nicole, Duncan; Assault & battery on a peace officer (2 counts).
Tarleton, Alvin Earl, Amarillo, Tex; Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 2nd & subsequent.

Delta Nutrition Menu

Milk & Tea Daily

Monday, August 11
Chef salad (meat, egg, cheese)
Salad mix
Pickled beets
Wheat roll
Pineapple chunks

Tuesday, August 12
Chicken & dumplings
Sweet potatoes
Greens or spinach
Bread in entree
Apple crisp

Wednesday, August 13
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Whole kernal corn
Green beans
Brean in entree
Mandarin oranges

Thursday, August 14
Black eye peas
Oven fried okra
Tomato spoon relish
Cornbread
Cook's choice dessert

Friday, August 15
Fajita style chicken w/onions & peppers
Salad dressing
Refried beans
Flour tortillas
Mixed fruit salad

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Obituary

Dakota Jay "Bo" Turkett

Dakota Jay "Bo" Turkett, 20, of Comanche, Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Don Grantham Funeral Home Chapel, Duncan, with the Rev. Gene Vernon and the Rev. Marvin Knox officiating. Interment followed at Fairlawn Cemetery, Comanche.

Dakota Jay was born on July 23, 1994 in Duncan to Rebecca (Riddles) and David Turkett.

He attended Comanche High School and Fame Academy. Dakota was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. He was currently working at Thornton Pump & Supply in sales.

Bo loved to fish, hog hunting, working on cars and tractors and spending time with his Dad and Pa Ross in the shop. He especially loved his time with his son, Aayden. Bo was always there for his brothers and sisters and friends - a buddy to everyone!

Survivors include his mother and father, Rebecca and David Turkett; son, Aayden Dewayne Turkett of Duncan; brother, Rafael Rodriguez; sisters, Lyndsey Turkett, Heather Cramton and Rachel Rodriguez; maternal grandfather, Arthur Warren Riddles of Temple, Oklahoma and paternal grandparents, Gena and Ross Turkett of Comanche.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Wanett Giles; a very special aunt and uncle, Tammy and Rocky.

Pallbearers were: Rafael Rodriguez, Dalton Pickens, Warren Riddles, Scotty Gibson, Josh Hardin and Halston Marshall.Honorary bearers were: Jesse Loughridge, C.J. Blackmon and Kenny Baxter.

Online condolences may be left for the family at: www.granthamfuneralhomes.com

Nitrates And Hay

by Max Gallaway
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Stephens County

Ranchers were looking at this summer beginning in May with some trepidation, we were short on any type of forages and the prospects of producing extra appeared slim. With the beginnings of rains and the accumulation of soil moisture, producers that planted in anticipation of moisture are now haying these sudans, millets and other similar hays. With these forage crops potential situations can arise, what is done now can have effects on cattle this winter. Nitrates in sudan, sorghums and millet plants are one of those situations. Producers are an optimistic group about any type of rainfall, so this spring many fertilized and planted crops in anticipation of forage production. The situation now is the plants were fertilized, have grown and been baled for hay. Nitrate poisoning has the potential to show up in this hay.

Nitrates are the primary form of nitrogen in most soils. When it is taken up by a plant, it is usually dispersed throughout the plant quickly, leaving low concentrations in the tissue. That is until some type of environmental stress occurs such as heat and dry conditions. The accumulation of nitrates is triggered because plant growth is restricted, but uptake of nitrates continues.

Nitrates in these situations accumulate in the stalks of plants and when cut for hay stay in the stalks. Forages can be checked to show if nitrates are present in the plants. A quick test here in the office can show if nitrates are present, it cannot tell exact levels, but will let us know if the sample should be tested for exact levels. If that is the case then a forage sample can be sent to the Oklahoma State University soils lab for an exact reading for nitrates. This nitrate test which cost $6 is a very inexpensive way to determine if there are nitrate issues with the hay. I believe it would be preferable to know now versus finding cattle dead this winter after consuming hay.

What cattle producers want to avoid, is having cattle to ingest large amounts of nitrates through the forage. In a short explanation, once nitrates get into the system, chemical processes take place which block oxygen transport to the body tissues and the animal dies of a lack of oxygen. Symptoms such as a staggering gait, labored breathing, or rapid pulse are generally followed by collapse, anytime from 1/2 to 4 hours after ingestion.

If you have other questions about having your hay tested, call the Stephens County Extension Office at 580- 255-0510 or HYPERLINK "mailto:max.gallaway@okstate.edu" max.gallaway@okstate.edu. Oklahoma State University, in compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This includes but is not limited to admissions, employment, financial aid, and educational services.

Summer Heat Safety

Summer is here and the temperatures are rising. Extreme heat can cause heat-related illness and even death. In the United States, approximately 400 people die each year from extreme heat and 200 additional deaths occur with heat as a contributing factor. Heat-related illness includes conditions resulting from hyperthermia. These conditions range from heat cramps and heat exhaustion to heatstroke. Heatstroke occurs when the body is unable to cool itself quickly enough.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) offers the following suggestions for preventing a heat-related illness:

• Stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home is not air-conditioned, visit the mall or public library, or contact your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.
• NEVER leave anyone, especially children and the elderly, in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are cracked.
• Increase your fluid intake to two to four glasses (16-32 ounces) of cool fluids every hour. If you are on water pills or restricted fluid limit, consult your physician first.
• Avoid liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar; they cause you to lose more body fluid. Very cold drinks can cause stomach cramps and should be avoided as well.
• Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing as well as sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and broad spectrum or UVA/UVB protection.
• Check on the following at-risk populations at least twice a day. Closely monitor them for warning signs.

Infants and children
People over 65 years of age
People with a mental illness
People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
Outdoor workers

To receive more information on summer heat safety, contact the OSDH Injury Prevention Service at (405) 271-3430 or visit http://ips.health.ok.gov.

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7/30/2014 Attempted Break In Investigated at 505 South 6th. Inv. Officer - Chief Jones

Come Have Fun & Help Make A Difference

Do you knit or crochet? Do you need help getting started or understanding a pattern? Need project ideas? Area women who knit and crochet are welcome to join the Loops of Love group at Comanche's First Baptist Church for a time of sharing and fellowship. The group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays; use west entrance.