**Gym to be named after Hancock brothers**

The Hobart Public School gymnasium, which is still under construction, will be named the Hancock Event Center.

Hobart School Superintendent Cathy Hunt said the school board received some suggestions and that the one that stuck was the Hancock Event Center. “I plan to get a plaque made that will talk about Joe Hancock and Bill Hancock put in the gym,” said Hunt. “We’re excited about that.”

Joe Hancock was publisher of the Hobart Democrat-Chief for 40 years until his death in 2014. He served for 10 years on the school board, was citizen of the year in Hobart in 1988 and is in the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame. He lived in Hobart for 78 of his 85 years.

His brother Bill Hancock grew up working for the newspaper. He returned to Hobart after college and was the sports editor for several years before taking a position at the Big 8 Conference. He went on to become executive director of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, Bowl Championship Series and College Football Playoff, where he still works.

Bill Hancock is in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Both Hancock brothers worked hard to promote the positive aspects of Hobart as a town and Bill Hancock continues to promote his hometown. “I can speak for all of the Hancocks in writing how honored we feel to have such a prestigious honor bestowed upon our family,” said Todd Hancock, who is the son of Joe Hancock, and current editor of the Democrat-Chief.

“I have said from the start that the school should name the gym after someone but I had no idea it would end up like this,” he said. “Many thanks to the school board and Cathy Hunt for this great honor. It truly is a humbling event for our family.”

The anticipated completion date for the Hancock Event Center is November 1.

**Shawnee News-Star combines weekend issues**

The Shawnee News-Star recently changed its days of publication.

On August 11, the News-Star combined its Saturday and Sunday editions to become The Shawnee News-Star Weekender. “The News-Star will still be printed on Tuesday through Friday as it always has,” said publisher Kent Bush.

“The two papers from the weekend will be combined into one better, larger product that will be delivered Saturday morning with all of the advertising inserts and coupons readers are accustomed to receiving on Sunday mornings.”

Subscribers on a U.S. Postal Service delivery route will receive the weekend paper in Saturday’s mail. The Shawnee News-Star Weekender will arrive on the porch or doorstep on Saturday morning for those on a carrier delivery route, and will be available for E-edition readers early Saturday morning.

Bush said putting the weekend edition out on Saturday allows them to move some of the large rural routes to postal delivery. “We never could do that with a Sunday distribution,” he said. “I had five routes that were very long and hard to make profitable for the carriers. Dropping to rack, dealer and postal drops will save a lot of time and wear and tear on their vehicles.

“That will be another cost-effective change beyond the newsprint savings.” The newsroom will continue to work seven days a week to update stories, photos and videos on the website, said Bush.

Bush said the elimination of one issue was a difficult decision, but the best way to keep the News-Star strong. A recent increase in newsprint prices caused by new tariffs on Canadian newsprint drove up the price of newsprint more than 33 percent compared to last year.

“That means more than $3,000 a month for us,” he said.

“We can’t continue to see prices climb with no indication that any relief is in sight,” Bush wrote in a News-Star column. “Fiscal responsibility demands action, and the decision was made to preserve employees’ jobs and pursue a new printing schedule and distribution style to make our printing schedule and digital products reflect our readership.”

Bush said the News-Star has thousands of visitors to its website every day, and more than 17,000 social media followers on multiple platforms.

“Our audience is bigger than ever before. It is just in more places,” he said.

“This isn’t the same industry I entered 25 years ago. We’ve grown and evolved. That growth has made us an even better information source.”
On that note...

Teaching the next generation

As Chelsea Weeks winds down her OPA internship at our newspaper, I am again reminded of the value of the intern program to our association, our industry and, most importantly, the students who get to participate.

Chelsea came to the Tri-County Herald last summer through a for-class-credit internship partnership we have with Oklahoma Baptist University and she applied for the OPA internship this year. If you aren’t familiar with the internship program, you should know that it is made possible by a grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation and is funded by the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation.

I would like to say her previous internship allowed Chelsea to hit the ground running this summer, but, truth be told, she had a serious limp due to surgery to rebuild an ACL she tore last summer in a swimming pool mishap.

It didn’t slow her down, though. She spent the first five weeks of her internship at the Stroud American, helping cover the city and school beats and spot news.

The last three of her eight weeks were focused on the Tri-County Herald and included such diverse stories as a Page 1 centerpiece on three members of the first-ever freshman class at the newly minted North Rock Creek High School, a local girl auditioning for American Idol, an eighth-grader who just got back from a week-long sister city trip to Japan and three sisters who play softball for different high schools.

The transformation from the Chelsea who started in the summer of 2017 into the Chelsea who is about to go back for her senior year at OBU has been remarkable. She worked hard, learning from the editing and improved with every story she wrote.

Now, she performs at a higher level than many of the full-time reporters I’ve managed through the years. The changes all came from Chelsea’s work and desire, but the internships gave her opportunities to grow and learn that you can’t duplicate on a college campus.

“It was eye-opening,” she said. Specifically, she said, she was surprised to learn that newspaper reporters perform such diverse regular tasks as checking police reports and public records and that leaders in the community treated her as a professional.

With corporate-mandated budget cuts resulting in the smaller newsrooms of today, it is more important than ever that newspapers help groom the next generation of reporters through programs like the OPA’s internships.

As Chelsea Weeks winds down her OPA internship at our newspaper, I am again reminded of the value of the intern program to our association, our industry and, most importantly, the students who get to participate.

The future of our industry may depend on it.

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Perry Daily Journal once again a daily

When school ended in Perry this year, the Perry Daily Journal also took a break.

For the summer, the paper was published on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Aug. 15, it went back to its regular five-day-a-week schedule.

Phillip Reid, owner of the Perry Daily Journal and Reid Newspapers, said the reason for the change was tariffs on newsprint imported from Canada.

“We figured the tariff was costing us about $180 extra for each edition we printed,” said Reid. “It’s been a challenge to sustain publishing every day. We thought the summer schedule would help us do that.”

Reid estimates his costs went up about 16 percent on newsprint, and another 16 percent on aluminum plates used in the printing process.

In addition to the Perry Daily Journal, Reid Newspapers own publications in Weatherford, Bethany, Piedmont, Vinita, Nowata, Atton and Grand Lake. The company has two printing facilities that print 26 total newspapers.

Stigler News-Sentinel names Summer Long as publisher; adds new members to the staff

The Stigler News-Sentinel recently announced several staff changes.

Summer Long, who began her career at the newspaper in 2014, was recently promoted to publisher. In her new role, she will continue to serve as advertising manager and also will be more involved with the editorial content of the newspaper.

New managing editor named at Mustang News

Brody Feldmann has been named managing editor at the Mustang News.

Feldmann has covered sports for the Mustang News for the past two and one-half years. He is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

“The Mustang News has been a staple in Mustang for as long as I can remember,” Feldmann said. “I still have memories of asking my parents every week if we could go get the paper because either myself or one of my siblings would be in the paper for athletics. “My parents still have paper clippings about us throughout middle school and high school, and I hope to continue that for this generation of Mustang citizens.”

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The Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation’s internship program awarded 19 journalism internships to various newspapers across the state. The paid internships were made possible by a grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation.

The program promotes the value of working at Oklahoma newspapers and benefits students as they begin their professional careers. This month, stories by 6 of the interns are featured. More intern stories will be included in the September issue of The Oklahoma Publisher.

**NEWSPAPER INTERNS**

**Bartlesville becomes second hometown to intern**

HANNAH NELSON
Oral Roberts University
Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise

Going into this internship, I hoped to improve my writing skills and gain experience writing on a deadline – but I came away with much more than that.

I’ve learned that reporting isn’t just receiving, processing and delivering information to the public. Journalism is also about building relationships and finding out what will be most relevant to your audience.

One of my favorite things I covered during my internship was education. I interviewedsuperintendents, principals, veteran teachers and teachers in the field. Their experiences and stories taught me more about the education system in Oklahoma. Though it showed me the many problems with the system, the grit and positivity of the teachers gave me hope for the future.

Interviewing students was the best. One day, I had the opportunity to attend a STEM camp with them for an afternoon and discuss what they were learning. I appreciated their personalities and sense of adventure. As an aspiring teacher, the connections I made were wonderful and I hope I cross paths with some of the people I met again.

I considered internships in other places, but I’m glad I ended up in Bartlesville. I love the creativity and appreciation of the arts in this community. I love its history. I love its food. Bartlesville truly is a unique place and I feel like I’ve gained another hometown.

There were challenges – days when people wouldn’t return my calls, a time I forgot the camera, and days when I didn’t feel like putting myself out there to get the story.

One day, Verizon had an outage and I was forced to report without my smartphone. I learned how to use the landline and somehow managed to navigate the city of Bartlesville without a GPS.

Each challenge pushed my boundaries and taught me that being a journalist isn’t always easy.

Journalism requires sacrifice. Not only do journalists sacrifice their time covering events that happen during all hours of the day – some journalists risk their lives for their work.

On June 28, as I sat at my desk writing another article, I heard of the newsroom shooting in Maryland. A criminal – probably seeking revenge for an article that was published about him in the paper – came into the Capital Gazette in Maryland and opened fire. Five journalists were killed.

Situations like that remind me of the gravity of a journalist’s position and of what some journalists risk by telling the truth.

I want to thank all of the staff at the Examiner-Enterprise. They made me feel welcome and taught me the importance of journalism. They do their best reporting, editing and designing to make the paper great for their audience.

In particular, I want to thank Editor Chris Day for improving my writing and teaching me Photoshop. Thanks to Nathan Thompson for explaining city government and inspiring me to build better connections with people. Thanks to Mike Tupa for helping me to make my articles more interesting and to Emily Droege for teaching me to ask better questions.

I’m inspired by how deeply everyone at the Examiner-Enterprise cares about the community. Because of them, my time here has been invaluable.

After internship, photographs are Instagram-worthy

DON SIMMONS
Oklahoma State University
The Altus Times

My time at the Altus Times was a roller coaster I never wanted to end.

A town that felt like home, the citizens of Altus, Oklahoma treated me like one of their own. As a resident of Lawton for seven years I had only driven through Altus not paying it much mind. But that is no longer the case.

I woke up every day and drove an hour from Fletcher to Altus and, even though this sounds crazy, I looked forward to coming to work.

When my first story was published the locals sent me positive feedback. That made me feel like what I was doing was important.

Now it’s my last day as an intern at The Altus Times and it all began with an email to Editor/Publisher Rick Carpenter. Rick took a chance on me and I can never thank him enough for doing so. Many referred to us as the comic book duo Batman and Robin and I felt this comparison was very accurate.

Rick made me confident and proud in my writing skills. My photography skills were one of my weaknesses. Now I feel like every photo I take is Instagram-worthy. Thank you, Rick, for giving me an amazing opportunity that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

This wouldn’t feel right if I didn’t add two terrific journalists who took me under their wing – Katrina Goforth and Ryan Lewis. I got to see two of the hardest working reporters give life to a paper and I did my best to imitate their work ethic.

I would like to thank The Altus Times staff and the people of Altus for giving me a home away from home this summer.
Intern learns to expect the unexpected

KEATON ROSS
Oklahoma Christian University
The Norman Transcript

I awoke to the sharp, piercing sound of my alarm clock ringing precisely at 7:15 a.m. Groggy and disoriented, I wanted to hit snooze and continue sleeping. But for the first time in over a month, I simply was not an option.

It was June 4, the first day of my internship at The Norman Transcript. As an Oklahoma Christian student going deep into University of Oklahoma territory, I went into my interview back in April thinking I was a long shot for the position. I walked away believing I had as good of a chance as anybody.

Sure enough, I received a call four days later and was offered the job. I pulled out of my northwest Oklahoma City driveway en route to The Transcript newsroom at approximately 7:40 a.m. Google maps estimated it would take 45 minutes to commute to downtown Norman, and I needed to be there right at 8:30 a.m. There’s nothing worse than an intern showing up late on their first day, I thought.

After arriving right on time and walking into a dark office filled with empty desks, I received my first of many real-world lessons: Journalists don’t show up to work that early.

Another important lesson came ten days into my internship: Expect the unexpected. No day for a journalist is ever set in stone.

I went into work that day planning to write an event preview about SoonerCon, a comic book convention that happens every year in Midwest City. I ended up interviewing a U.S. senator.

“Inhofe is supposed to arrive at Max Westheimer at 12:30,” Caleb Slinkard, our editor, told the newsroom. “Who wants to go?”

A few seconds of silence passed by before I spoke up and volunteered to go. This would be, by far, the biggest interview of my reporting career, and I had a very short window to prepare.

Earlier in the week, Inhofe made national headlines by suggesting in a TV interview with Fox News that the (now former) head of the Environmental Protection Agency Scott Pruitt may need to resign due to mounting scandals against him. Inhofe was also in the news over border security and food stamp law reform. There was plenty to be discussed, and I was eager to sit down with him.

I had no clue going in how many other reporters would show, but it was just KFOR TV. They interviewed him first and discussed ad nauseam the controversies surrounding Scott Pruitt, so those questions were basically off the table for me.

I spoke with Inhofe about border security, food stamps and the 2018 gubernatorial election. My favorite quote came on food stamps. He said he supported a proposed law change that would replace food stamp cards with prepackaged food boxes. “Everyone knows they’re out there buying beer with food stamps,” he said.

An alarm immediately went off in my head. You can buy chips and soda with food stamps, but you can’t buy beer, wine or any kind of liquor. I found a place at the end of my story for this quote, including a factual correction.

Perhaps it’s a little cheesy to say, but after catching Inhofe in a lie and correcting him in my story, I felt like I had played a role in preserving democracy.

I protected the public from believing something that is simply not true.

Lesson number three: As a journalist you will mess up, be yelled at or feel embarrassed at some point, no matter how diligent you are or how hard you try.

Internship strengthens faith in future of journalism

HALLIE HART
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater News Press

Stillwater is the home of my early memories. I wasn’t raised here. For the first 18 years of my life, I resided in Chandler.

When I think of some of my happiest childhood moments, my mind travels about 40 miles northwest of my hometown. I was elated to have my 10th birthday party at my favorite restaurant, Hideaway Pizza. When I participated in my first children’s music camp at OSU, I discovered the pure joy of singing in a choir.

Nearly 10 years later, I anxiously walked through the doors of the Stillwater News Press. I’d never had a summer internship, and I wasn’t sure what to expect.

I didn’t know how I would spend every day of my summer, but I knew I had experiences for meeting people and writing. And I couldn’t be more grateful for the experiences I had.

The first day, I received an assignment to visit the Stillwater Public Library and interview members of the League of Women Voters about their voter registration efforts.

I talked to Deanna Homer, who is in charge of voter service for LWV.

Sometimes, I’m scared sources won’t talk to me or will think I’m annoying. As I started my internship – though I was eager – that fear lingered in my mind.

As soon as I interviewed her and became invested in the story, it disappeared.

The next day, we received an email from Gladene Allred, another member, thanking me for writing the piece and telling us more people were registering to vote. I was happy and a bit surprised to realize a simple 500-word story could make an impact on a community or even just a few individuals in it.

I’ve had a range of exciting experiences this summer. I visited with Randy Couture, a former OU wrestler and UFC fighter, at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. I conducted a video interview with Stan Clark, the founder of Eskimo Joe’s. I attended Cushing’s annual outdoor BBQ N Blues Festival on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, meeting a blues singer who is also an actor and former police lieutenant.

It’s easy to have doubt. This summer, journalists across the world endured grief and darkness. A gunman killed five people in the Capital Gazette newsroom. Although it happened in Annapolis, Maryland, it affected the morale of reporters, no matter their proximity to the site of the tragedy.

Often, the future of journalism looks bleak. I log on Twitter and see posts criticizing reporters and spewing insults at them. In our digital, video-focused age, the print newspaper is often tossed aside like a shirt a kid has outgrown, forgotten. Online clickbait articles are showing in-depth pieces out of the way.

As a young, wide-eyed reporter entering this field, I’m in a strange place. I’m a dreamer, admittedly sometimes too idealistic and optimistic. I don’t want to become cynical. As cheesy as it sounds, I want to tell people’s stories so I can make them happy.

I’m grateful that Bobby Wintle and others at District Bicycles expressed their appreciation for my interest in the Tour Divide experience. I’m grateful for the Ripley Elementary teachers who took the time out of their busy day selling fireworks, raising money for their school, to let me interview them. I’m grateful for Jim Thorpe’s family members and Linda Cleveland Frick for providing me with a fascinating tour of Jim Thorpe Home and telling me about their mission to continue its funding. I’m grateful for the family of Chad Haga, a Tour de France cyclist, for sharing his incredible journey. I’m grateful for all of my sources, from military veterans to OSU donors to kid actors in a local play.

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Facing the fear of talking to people

NATHAN HINKLE
University of Tulsa
Oologah Lake Leader

My time at the Oologah Lake Leader is coming to a close and it has been an exciting few months.

Starting out, I was quite nervous about the internship because of my fear of talking with people. However, I soon found out that it is not that difficult once you dive into it. I have slowly learned to get rid of my fear.

One of the most exciting events that I experienced was at a Northwest Fire Protection Board meeting. It happened the second day I was at the paper.

It was my first look into local politics and it was a complete shift from what I expected from such an event. I could never imagine the variety of issues a town must face.

While I was a fan of understanding the underlying issues of the town, I also enjoyed covering events and festivals as well. It was a fun time as I was able to talk with members of the community and was involved in different activities, such as turtle races and fake western gun fights.

For example, my favorite photo of the summer was the solitary turtle race at the Pioneer Day Festival in which there was only one turtle. As someone who has only written for my college newspaper at the University of Tulsa, this internship experience has been a distinct upgrade from my normal work. It was a new exploration into what work is like for a regular reporter.

I plan on taking the knowledge that I have learned into my future endeavors whatever they turn out to be.

Newspaper business will continue

Throughout this internship, I learned how to write a lead paragraph for an article, how to gather all things needed to develop an article, and how to photograph sports. I’ve experienced having a front page article, not once but four times, which feels amazing.

I have also experienced meeting new people through interviews and learned how to properly and effectively get along with coworkers in a newsroom. I believe that this internship has given me some much needed workplace experience.

There are so many misconceptions about newspapers, the biggest one being the assumption that newspapers will eventually disappear. I believe that physical copies of the newspaper may go by the wayside but newspaper businesses will continue to provide news online or through a digital app.

I want to thank anyone who has taken the time to read my articles and I hope that you enjoyed them. This internship has been a great learning experience and I am so thankful to have had this opportunity.

HALLIE HART
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I’m grateful for the woman who walked into the office and made a point to tell me she enjoyed reading my work this summer. I’m grateful for so many more people, but I can’t list everyone’s names because this is a column, not a novel.

Of course, I’m grateful for my coworkers.

Beau Simmons, the managing editor, and Dale Brendel, the publisher, are encouraging supervisors and support the work I’ve done this summer.

As I’ve heard David Bitton, the education reporter, talk to sources on his desk phone, I’ve learned how to be more conversational in interviews. Tim Ahrens, the crime reporter, shares my sarcastic sense of humor and love for “The Office.” Tanner Holubar, the news editor, is always patient as he waits on me to submit stories and never fails to make me laugh with his clever puns.

Michelle Charles, the city/community reporter, is an inspiration and one of the most genuine, empathetic people I know.

In the sports department, Jason Elmquist, the editor, provided me with the incredible opportunity to write a weekly sports column. Thanks to Jimmy Gillispie’s photography skills, I have a pretty cool picture of me interviewing Randy Couture.

And every day, Jordan Bishop, a sports reporter and one of my best friends for life, shows me how to be a good person.

I don’t know everything my future holds. I’ll start my junior year at OSU, and I’ll work as the O’Colly’s sports editor. I can’t wait to pass on the skills I’ve learned this summer. After I graduate, I can’t predict what city I’ll call home.

A piece of my heart is always in Stillwater. I have a strong feeling I will someday return here, no matter how far in the future and how many other places I’ve lived.

When I was a child, Stillwater gave me happy memories I’ll always treasure. This town strengthened my love for sports. This summer, Stillwater and its surrounding communities strengthened my faith in the future of journalism.

I can’t thank the people here enough for that, but this is my best attempt.
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Press is important in maintaining freedoms

Clark’s Critique
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“The Constitution was written so many years ago and is severely outdated and needs to be redrafted. The forefathers that wrote it are dead now, and their views are so much more different than the views that most of our country believes today.”

Did that get your attention? Hope so.

A university student wrote that for a class essay this year about the Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights.

If it’s any indication of the knowledge of many younger Americans, we’re in deep trouble. I’m not bashing our teachers and education system, chained to “teach-to-the-test” disaster mandated by legislatures and bureaucracies trying to enforce “accountability.” Nor am I disparaging young people, many of whom don’t read anything but their phones.

I have been blessed with many great students over the years, and know many more.

But when I read this student’s comments shared by a friend and colleague at UCO, or from another who says many students don’t even know there are three branches of government, I have to ask, “What can be done?”

Journalists should be appalled and ask the same question. I recommend two responses for newspapers.

First, in an era when adults label us “enemies of the people,” and condemn what they disagree with as “fake news,” newspapers should be carrying consistent, brief, very visible articles about the role and importance of the press in maintaining our freedoms. We believe in the value of repetitive advertising, and we’d better be promoting what we’re all about.

Secondly, since most young people don’t read newspapers, we need to renew and strengthen our efforts in newspaper education, especially in elementary schools to reach students while they’re young. This is an investment in not just our newspaper future, but the future of a free country.

End of sermon. (Oh, the prof responded to the student, “Fortunately you have the right to say this.”)

Oklahoma newspapers lost two influential journalists to other jobs last month. Congratulations, with very mixed feelings, to Ted Streuli and Barbara Allen. Streuli resigned as OPA President, leaving The Journal Record to lead Peaceful Family Solutions, helping children of addicts.

Barbara Allen, advisor of The O’Colly at OSU, is now managing editor at the prestigious Poynter Institute. It’s a huge loss for excellent newspaper journalism and leadership in Oklahoma.

LOOKIN’EM OVER. Another question: How are you going to cover the runoff primary this month? Huge reader interest.

James Neal, Enid News & Eagle, wrote about the unprecedented number of women candidates, including many in runoffs. The GOP governor’s race will add to the large turnout.

Another question of high reader interest: How are you covering the continuing marijuana news?

• Jessica Lane, The Express-Star, reported on petitions and Chickasha locations for recreational marijuana, as did Scott Haas, The Duncan Banner.
• Kay Thompson, Okemah News-Leader, reported the city approved a medical marijuana ordinance; Mike McCormick, Tri-County Herald, wrote that Meeker approved an ordinance for permits to distribute. Marijuana issues topped the city agenda, reported The Clinton Daily News. In your town?

Poverty increasing in Oklahoma.

• Bravo to the Durant Democrat and Michael Clements, “A community on the fringe,” the city unable to deal with growing homelessness, and “Homeless are part of our community,” about homeless people at the library.
• Terri Groover, Yukon Review, “If the shoe fits,” a church program for needy children. Her terrific lead: “For Lilly Egan, there was excitement in her step as she pulled the pair of shoes from the shelf, ‘/They had beads, and were just her size.’
• Jessica Greene, Stillwell Democrat-Journal, wrote of the 800 backpacks given away. Derrick James, McAlester News-Capital, featured an eight-year-old girl selling more than $1,000 of lemonade at a buck a glass to raise money for free backpacks for kids.

Other trends you need to follow:
• Student photo IDs mandatory on neck, Sapulpa Daily Herald.
• Cell phones banned in school classrooms, Patti Miller, The Edmond Sun.
• County jail over-crowded and out of funds, Todd Brooks, The Marlow Review.
• Online grocery shopping increasing, Jessica Miller, Enid News & Eagle.

Notable:
• The Black Chronicle with front page editorial on an OU vice-president forced out, with coverage by Albert J. Lindsey, going beyond the OU PR releases.
• Nice immigrant success story by Francy Strunk, Coolagte Record-Register.
• Martha Brock’s lead, Inola Independent, about county road problems after failure of a sales tax: “Must have your help, was the resounding message to Inola trustees from Ron Burrows, District 3 Commissioner.”
• Katrina Goforth, The Altus Times, wrote of a center for abused women, “Hope behind a purple door.”
• Shirley Todd, Bristow News, showed how to cover back to school dramatically, “Break’s over.”
• Good to see former student Megan Prather’s byline in the Stroud American.

Fine writing:
• A jewel, in The Lawton Constitution by Scott Rains, headlined “Man on run finds stinky place to hide out,” (a trash bin with dirty diapers): “Instead of his cover being spoiled, you could say it was soiled.”

• Linda Provost, The Duncan Banner, “Intoxicated woman found topples porch.” Her lead: “A local woman got an abrupt wake up call when Comanche Police found her on a stranger’s porch, topples and intoxicated. The nap earned…”

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Too many emails can cause your mail to open slowly as well as create other problems.

I've seen several computers lately that have literally been filled with email. It doesn't occur to us that emails take up hard drive space, but trust me, they do. I saw one computer that had 200GB of hard drive space used by email. It's not that uncommon given the photos and large files you receive.

Don't beat yourself up if your email is out of control. Let's just address the space you have left on your hard drive. It's important to keep track of it, especially if your drive is small, as many of the solid states drives are nowadays.

Go to Firefox, Internet Explorer, Edge, Safari or Chrome and put in one of the above URLs. Log in with your user name and password to gain control of the account. If your login page isn't one of those above, find out what it is.

Look for bulk folders, which can be named several things. If there are 50 pages listed in the inbox go to the last page. Delete the oldest emails first, moving forward towards the most current.

Clean out all folders – Sent, Draft, Deleted Items, Trash, Junk, Bulk and the Inbox. Try to get the total of all emails down to 1,000 or less – the fewer the better.

Now go back to your desktop app such as Outlook, Mac Mail, Thunderbird or the mail app that comes with Windows 10. If this was set up as an IMAP account, it will resync and show only the emails you kept. However, give it time to do this; it could take up to 20 minutes.

If it can't resync, you need to set it up again. If access to the program works, go to preferences and write down all the settings. Carefully look at both incoming and outgoing settings.

After taking a screen shot or writing down all your settings, delete the account. Now add it back. This time it will bring in only the email that is on the server.

If you have a POP account on your computer, there may be emails in local folders on your computer that aren't on the web. Back those emails up before reseting the account. In Mac Mail, go to User > Library > Mail.

If your email client won't open at all, you have to find where they are stored on your computer.

On a Mac look in the User > (the icon that looks like a House) > Library > Mail. The mailboxes will be listed there and can be moved to your trash.

On a Windows computer, look in the User folder, press the option key or Ctrl key on the keyboard. Go to the “Go” menu on the desktop and then down to the Library that shows up there.

In Outlook it depends on the version as to what the data is called. It will either be a “.ost” or “.pst”. Before we get to the details of removing it, back up your .ost or .pst files to a flash drive or some other external drive. Again, this can be a very big file so give it time.

Now let's get rid of it and start over. First, close Outlook, then follow the path to the data.

The .ost/.pst files are on the “C” drive: > Users > user > AppData > Local > Microsoft > Outlook. If your version doesn't store them there, look in Documents > Outlook Files folder.

Put the .ost/.pst file in the trash or somewhere else on the hard drive, then reopen Outlook. It should ask you to set up the account from scratch. Put in your account information and see if it resyncs with the lesser amount of email on the server.

As soon as you're confident the new setup works, get rid of those old .ost/.pst files. Don't forget to empty your trash. Those files are very large and your hard drive will thank you by running faster.

It seems impossible that our emails could equal 200GB of disk space, but it's pretty common on newsroom computers. After cleaning that much off the drive, run Disk Utility on Macs and defrag the drive on Windows.

SPACE CHECK

It's a good idea to find out how much space you have left on your hard drive.

On a Mac, click one time on your hard drive, then go to File menu > Get Info. This will tell you how much space is being used. When your computer has less than 20 percent of drive space, it will start crashing. When it's very full, it will write one file on top of another. This is why it's important to keep track of it, especially if your drive is small, as many of the solid states drives are nowadays.

On Windows, open any folder and look on the left and click on This PC or My Computer. Right click on the C drive and go to Properties. This gives you a pie chart that shows how much drive space is left.

Check ever so often, not just when the drive starts slowing down. Prevention is really worth it in this case.

USING ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD ON OLDER COMPUTERS

Paying a lot every month to have the latest programs for opening InDesign and Photoshop documents should not come with an extra slow computer. Let's look at some steps to make Creative Cloud open, run and talk to the network better.

First, turn off the startup screen that pulls your hard drive and the server for all your recent files. This alone can cause very slow startup of the program.

On Windows, the Preferences menu item is under the Edit menu. On Macs, it's under the InDesign menu. Look under Preferences > General and deselect the “Show Start Workspace When No Documents Are Open” as well as the “Use Legacy New Document Dialog.”

While there, click Publish Online and check the “Disable Publish Online” box.

Look under Interface > Options to try the different live screen interfaces to see if it affects how the program works. Also try the settings in Display Performance.

I personally like a light gray appearance as my color theme (located under the Interface preferences). Try the different ones and see what you like best.

In Windows, close the CC Libraries, which slows you down by checking the internet all the time. Close the Creative Cloud interface if your version allows you to.

Next, look at how fast your computer is accessing the internet. See if there are any very slow 10BT switches under someone's desk. These will slow down the whole network, but mostly the ones connected to it. I've found several of these at newspaper offices this year. Replace them with 1000BT switches.

If you're running over very slow WiFi instead of using the faster wires. Hook up an Ethernet cable (it looks like a big phone clip) into the computer and see if that makes it run faster. It's possible your WiFi is faster, so check it both ways.
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DEATHS

ROBERT EARL DAVIDSON, who worked 40 years in the newspaper and graphic arts business, died July 23, 2018. He was 83.
Davidson was born December 31, 1934, in Okemah. After studying printing at Oklahoma State University in Okmulgee, Davidson worked as a typographer, printer and graphic designer.
His career began with newspaper printing operations in Okmulgee, Wichita Falls and McAlester, before he transitioned to typesetting companies in Dallas.
Davidson retired in 2000. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Kay; sons Terry Davidson and Randy Davidson; daughter Lori Davidson Kaufmann; four brothers; one sister; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ANDREW KNITTLE, former Oklahoma journalist, died July 6, 2018. He was 39.
Knittle grew up in Bedford, Texas, before moving to Oklahoma in 2001. He earned his journalism degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2006.
Knittle interned at The Norman Transcript before working at The Shawnee News-Star. Soon after, he returned to The Norman Transcript.
In 2011, Knittle joined The Oklahoman where he covered state water issues, tribal concerns and major criminal proceedings. He worked at The Oklahoman until taking a position with The Post and Courier in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2016.
Knittle is survived by his two sons, Faroh and Julius.

JOHN STANCavage, a former Tulsa World business editor, reporter and columnist, died August 10, 2018. He was 59.
Stancavage had a 37-year association with the Tulsa World. He was best known as its award-winning business editor, a post he held from 1996 until 2013. He continued to contribute regular columns and stories through 2015.
A lifelong Tulsan, Stancavage was a graduate of East Central High School and the University of Tulsa.
He joined the World as a sports intern in 1981 and the next year helped launch the Tulsa Business Chronicle, which was put out by World Publishing Co. He was later named managing editor of the Chronicle.
In 1992, Stancavage joined the business staff in the Tulsa World newsroom where he helped oversee a revamping of the Sunday section.
He was honored many times for his business writing, including a number of awards from the Society of Professional Journalists.
Beyond business, he also wrote occasional music reviews for the World.
Stancavage was active in the community and had served on the boards of various nonprofits. He was a two-time president of Leadership Tulsa, as well as past president of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium.
Among other interests, Stancavage was a stereo buff and loved learning about audio technology. He was a writer and contributing editor for Part-Time Audiophile, a web magazine celebrating high-end audio.

Susan Ellerbach named Tulsa Press Club Media Icon

The Tulsa Press Club named Susan Ellerbach as its 2018 Tulsa Press Club Media Icon.

Ellerbach, executive editor of the Tulsa World, was honored on Aug. 3 during the Tulsa Press Club’s annual Newsies event.
“I am extremely honored to be recognized by the Tulsa Press Club as a ‘Media Icon,’” Ellerbach said, “The Press Club continues to support local journalism and journalists, which is a mission that I strongly support. Now more than ever, having a strong journalistic community encompassing all aspects of our profession is of utmost importance.”
The Tulsa Media Icon award is bestowed annually to a local journalist who consistently exemplifies the highest quality and commitment to journalism and journalistic ethics.

Ellerbach has held the position of executive editor since 2014, when she became the first woman to lead the Tulsa World newsroom in its more than 100-year history.
She joined the Tulsa World in 1985 as a business reporter. In the 33 years since, she has held the position of business editor, Sunday editor and managing editor.
Ellerbach and her husband, Richard, have three daughters and two granddaughters.

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Shopping is different on Venus

I was visiting with a friend of mine who had recently visited Washington DC and had visited the Smithsonian Institute with her husband. She said it was amazing, but added that when they visited the Air and Space Museum, her husband had to stop and read every single sign on every exhibit and that she had eventually left him behind, then had to wait for him on the next floor.

Sorry friend, I empathize with the husband because that would have been me… wanting to take it all in and not miss a thing – I mean who doesn’t love airplanes and rockets? I did try to put myself in this friend’s shoes however, or my wife’s shoes for that matter… to understand their point of view – waiting not-so-very-patiently while the husband loitered at every diorama and exhibit, absorbing all the knowledge offered, pushing all the interactive buttons, looking at the incredible flying machines and wondering what it would have been like to pilot them.

Meanwhile, the wife taps toes impatiently while the guy goes from exhibit to exhibit wondering what it is we find so interesting.

I reached an epiphany and had to share it. Men are from Mars and women are from Venus.

I mentioned to my friend that she now knows what husbands feel like when shopping with their wives.

She laughed, then had her own epiphany and said maybe there was something to that.

So yeah, I said it. Shopping with the wife is a study in patience and understanding as much for her as for me.

My shopping philosophies and her shopping philosophies are two completely different things.

My strategy is even though I’ve got a big ol’ list of stuff – like the full-on six-month freezer and pantry restock list – the plan is to get in and get out as quickly as possible.

Milk – grab the half gallon with the latest expiration date – boom. Bread – find the favorite loaf and grab it as you go by: yogurt – grab the one wife keeps in the fridge, canned vegetables – grab four cans each of corn, peas, green beans and spinach, who cares what brand; next item… in and out, quick as a cat, grab only what I have on the list, work from back of the store to the to front, check out, load the trunk and split.

Wife’s strategy is much different. Maybe shopping is as much entertainment and fun for her as it is pure hell for me.

During the major six-month replenishment trip to the local superstore with wife, I am taken on a journey that includes every item on every shelf on every aisle of the store – stationary, clothing, kitchen appliances… you name it, we’re there, looking at stuff.

When we get to the grocery section, things get even more detailed.

Take the yogurt section for instance: first off, there must be a thousand different brands of yogurt, each of them offering an estimated 500 different varieties including strained yogurt, unstrained yogurt, traditional yogurt, Greek yogurt, goat’s milk yogurt, camel’s milk yogurt, sheep’s milk yogurt, Icelandic Skyr yogurt, Australian happy pipes yogurt, almond milk yogurt, soy yogurt, probiotics yogurt, yogurt with granola, yogurt with granola you flip, yogurt with raspberries, frozen yogurt… the list is endless and I don’t understand why anyone eats any of it, but Wife loves the stuff.

Me? If I’m going to put anything fermented into my belly, it’s going to have to give me a buzz.

I digress – at the yogurt section, wife has to touch, handle and read the back of every variety looking for God knows what, before settling on a certain brand and particular variety and flavor… oddly enough, the same variety and flavor she keeps in the fridge.

This decision took a good 15 minutes.

By the time we get to the canned vegetables section, I’m beat – I’m so done with this expedition that I go for the grab four-of-everything technique and tumble them into the cart.

“Um, no,” says wife, as she grabs four cans of each – a specific brand that is not the brand I randomly tossed into the cart, I mean.

Wrong.

Wife explains, “Look how much sodium is in yours. For whatever reason, I’m trying to keep you alive.”

“What makes you the expert on which has more sodium?” I ask defiantly.

“Because while you’re over there fidgeting, I’m learning stuff,” she says. “What you call touching every can on the shelf, is me reading labels so I can keep your cranky but alive long enough to drag me through another airplane museum, or force me to watch another Star Wars movie.”

Point taken… next item.

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