

BULLETIN BOARD

Birthday greetings to:
Tip Igou, Sept. 24

Jury

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Willard Damont Bell-Wilson was indicted on three counts that allegedly occurred on July 2, 2020. He was indicted for the Felony 1 offenses of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver and possession of a controlled substance (Cocaine) with intent to deliver. He was indicted for evading arrest with a motor vehicle, a Felony 2. On that date, the Vernon Police Department K9, "Jak" assisted in the capture of Bell-Wilson. A Vernon Police officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a white suburban in the 1400 block of Nabers. The officer's report stated he recognized the driver, as having multiple felony warrants for his arrest. The suburban fled on residential streets before losing control, hitting a utility pole guideline and rolling. Bell allegedly got out of the vehicle and fled on foot. An officer released the K9 in pursuit and the dog took Bell down.

Adam Joseph Shultz and Chase Dempsey Dorow were both indicted on two counts; for credit/debit card abuse, a state jail offense; and for forgery, a felony 3. The indictments against both men stemmed from an incident allegedly occurred on June 16, 2020.

Florence Cooper Jr., was indicted for Failure to register as a sex offender, a Felony 3.

Donald Lewis Fennell was indicted for the Felony 3 offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, which allegedly occurred on Aug. 14, 2020.

Mark Garcia Gonzales was indicted for assault family violence with previous convictions, a Felony 3 that allegedly occurred on July 12, 2020.

Humberto Davila was indicted for assault family violence impede breath, a Felony 2 that allegedly occurred on April 16, 2020.

Kimberly Angeline Delafuente, was indicted for forgery, a state jail offense that allegedly occurred on January 1, 2019.

Mario Vasquez was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail offense that allegedly occurred on January 25, 2020.

Tracie Nicole Ogles was indicted for abandoning or endangering a child, a state jail offense that allegedly occurred on March 30, 2020.

DRUG INDICTMENTS

Three indictments were handed down for Felony 3-Enhanced possession of a controlled substance. These include Richard Paul Gaines, David Lynn Wofford, and David Gonzales.

Moseley Booker Jr., and Rachel Lynn Waddell were indicted for Felony 3 possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Allan Greer was indicted for Felony 2 possession of a controlled substance. On May 10, 2020 officers made a traffic stop on a bicycle for no lighting equipment in the 1700 block of Commerce. The K9 arrived and reportedly made a positive alert. The subject allegedly tried to discard the drugs by hiding them under the police car.

Brian Lee Manning, Debra Lynn Singletary, and Alice Valdez-Salazar were each indicted on the state jail offense of possession of a controlled substance.

WGH

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healthcare with insurance companies."

Another issue facing the hospital is crumbling infrastructure.

Board member Jim Riggins shared his recent experience touring the facility with the group. He said the equipment used to heat and cool the place are so outdated, "we cannot even get parts for them."

He said the roof is old and needs replacing but

the estimated cost to replace the roof alone is over a million dollars

Each session ended with attendees signing a commitment to excellence for the future of the hospital.

"I know I can do my part to help encourage people to use our hospital. We all have something we can do to contribute to the success of Wilbarger General Hospital," board member Melissa Conner said.

Board members held their September Board of Directors meeting Saturday, September 12th and followed the meeting with a board retreat.

The board is working to create a strategic plan to ensure the success of the hospital over the next 5 years.

The plan will be shared with the public upon its completion.

As CEO Tom Siemers stated "We all have a role to play in the future of our hospital. With so many hospitals projected to close, we need to make sure WGH isn't one of them."

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

-- 5:00 p.m. Friday, fraudulent use of ID was reported at the Police Station.

-- 10:48 p.m., a case for injury to a child was opened.

-- 12:19 a.m. Saturday, a traffic stop was made in the 2300 block of Paradise on a gray Nissan Altima for defective lighting equipment. The officer reported an odor of possible marijuana. The K9 was deployed and gave a positive indication. A search found a black baggy with a baggie with a crystal substance believed to be meth. Michael Ray Grantham, 35 was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

-- 1:36 .m. Sunday, a vehicle was observed southbound on Fannin, failing to maintain a single lane, and failing to use a turn signal.

A traffic stop was made and the officer reported a smell of alcohol from the vehicle. the driver refused to perform standard field sobriety tasks. A 25-year-old vernon female was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-- 5:30 p.m. Monday, a vehicle hit a fence.

-- 10:21 p.m., an officer made a traffic stop on 287 near 1763. The K9 was deployed. A subject was arrested on a Parole violation warrant for money laundering out of Dallas County nd an arrest was made for possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 2. The report was incomplete.

-- 8:31 a.m. Tuesday, officers made an arrest in the 3100 block of Bacon on Melissa Mathis, 42, for possession of a controlled sub-

stance. The report was incomplete. -- 8:47 a.m., a burglary of a building was reported at Eastview Cemetery. The City of Vernon building was broken into and a number of lawn care items, including trimmers, chain saws and pole saws were taken. A City of vernon white 2004 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup was also stolen.

-- 11:35 a.m., a disturbance call in the 2600 block of Bismarck between two females involving a male, resulted in a report for criminal mischief. A window was broken out on a vehicle. officers responded back to the area two more times.

-- 2:28 p.m., failure to do duty upon striking a vehicle was reported in the 3000 block of Paradise.

-- 2:56 p.m., a theft was reported in person at the police station.

VISD

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were signed over to the City of Vernon on a motion from trustee Chris Lehman. Superintendent jeff Byrd said the city plans to hand the two properties over to the Business Development Corporation as an incentive to recruit a business, such as a new truck stop, to be built on the old Gibson's lot.

The trustees approved a resolution request sanctioning the Wilbarger County 4-H Organization as an extracurricular activity, and an agreement for Wilbarger County Extension Staff to be considered Vernon ISD adjunct faculty. Byrd said both had been approved in the past. He said the current staff would be Landgon Reagan and Jennifer Trufan. He said if the Extension adds new staff, the trustees will need to come back and approve them as well

The trustees, on a motion from Kevin Young, approved a request from Western Trail Wind to waive the minimum new job creation requirement from six full-time jobs down to 2 full-time jobs.

Also, on a motion by Young, the trustees approved the extension of a phone contract with Austen Consultants.

Trustees discussed the 2021 Wilbarger County Appraisal District's adopted operational budget. Byrd said the final number of what VISD's percentage of the CAD budget has not been set, as Chief Appraiser Sandy Burkett was still waiting on some entities to set a tax rate. Byrd guessed it would be about 40 percent of the CAD budget, whuich was set at \$561,367.51 for next year.

"They went up substantially," Byrd said, so even though VISD went down on its tax rate, it would probably still mean VISD paying more to the CAD. He said if the district's percentage was 40 percent, then VISD's portion would be around \$224,000 – an increase of \$15,000 to \$20,000 from the current year.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime: Theft of property. \$2,500 to \$30,000

Date: 09/05/20

Location: Wilbarger County Gun Range, Oklahoma

Details: The Wilbarger County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a report of theft of property, \$2,500 to \$30,000.

Sometime on or before the date of 05-05-2020 at an unknown time a suspect(s) entered the property owned by Wilbarger County in Oklahoma, Texas (also known as Wilbarger Co. Gun

Range).

Entry was gained through an unlocked gate leading into property.

Suspect(s) removed a Case Band Model, 2-wheel drive Loader/Backhoe Serial Number JJG0243731 by unknown means.

Any person(s) with information about this burglary is encourage to call Crime Stoppers.

To report information, call 552-5011 or toll-free at 1-800-322-9888. Callers do not have to give their names and all information reported is confidential.

Vernon's Koch takes 3rd at Gooding Pro Rodeo

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association will conclude its 2020 regular season on Sept. 30. At that point, the top 15 will advance to the Dec. 3-12 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo at Globe Life Field in Arlington.

With that in mind, world class competitors aggressively worked rodeos throughout the United States last weekend. Pro rodeos were held in the Texas towns of Mineral Wells, Abilene and Buffalo. Competitors also rode in St. George, Utah; Gooding, Idaho; Nephi, Utah; Redmond, Oregon, and in other cities.

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Association Rodeo in Mineral Wells began Wednesday, Sept. 16 (with a slack performance), and concluded Saturday, Sept. 19. The rodeo drew numerous world class athletes such as Shad Mayfield of Clovis, New Mexico, who is ranked No. 1 in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's 2020 tie-down roping world title race.

Mayfield, and Charlie Gibson, each turned in a time of 8.2 seconds. It was the second fastest tie-down roping time of the rodeo.

Mayfield also tied for seventh at the West Texas

Fair & Rodeo in Abilene.

At the Abilene rodeo, four-time world champion Tuf Cooper, a Childress native who has homes in Decatur and Weatherford, finished fourth in the steer roping second round with an 8.8.

Cooper also clinched the tie-down roping the title at the Buffalo rodeo with a 7.1.

Cooper is ranked No. 1 in the PRCA's 2020 world all-around standings (released Sept. 21)

Trevor Brazile, a 25-time world champion, came in third in the steer roping third round with a 10.1. Brazile, who is semiretired, regularly competes in steer roping competitions and is a world title race contender in that event. Brazile is a former Vernon College star who lives in Decatur.

In bareback riding at the Abilene rodeo, three-time world champion Will Lowe, who lives in the Amarillo area, finished second in bareback riding with a score of 83. Lowe is a former Vernon College star.

Hunter Koch of Vernon

and his team roping partner Kolton Schmidt finished third in team roping at the Gooding Pro Rodeo in Idaho with a 4.7. Koch is ranked No. 13 in the PRCA's 2020 team roping heeling world standings (Sept. 21).

This weekend, PRCA competitors will ride in the Cowboy Capital of the World Rodeo, which is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 in Stephenville. PRCA riders also will saddle up for the ProRodeo Tour Finale, which is scheduled for Sept. 22-26 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

BULL RIDER KILLED

Rowdy Lee Swanson, an Oklahoma cowboy, was killed in a bull riding accident on Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association's PRCA Rodeo in Mineral Wells. He was 20.

According to the PRCA, which sanctioned the annual Mineral Wells rodeo, Swanson passed away on Thursday following injuries sustained that night while competing. Swanson was bucked off of a bull named Gritty, which is owned by the Rafter G Rodeo Co. of Terrell.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Rowdy Swanson at the

ProRodeo in Mineral Wells, Texas," PRCA chief executive officer George Taylor told prorodeo.com. "The hearts of the entire rodeo community go out to Rowdy's family in this tragic time. We will continue to keep Rowdy and his family in our thoughts and prayers."

Swanson, who is from Duncan, Oklahoma, is classified as a permit holder, which means that he was attempting to earn a PRCA membership card. He also was a student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he was studying animal science.

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Association posted a statement about Swanson's death on the rodeo's Facebook page on Friday.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Rowdy Swanson following injuries sustained at the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association's PRCA Pro Rodeo," PPCLA Rodeo Chairman Scott Fenner said in a statement. "The entire rodeo committee and our rodeo family extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to Rowdy's mother Venessa, his brother Roper, and his entire family."



Brett Hoffman

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WEATHER

Rainfall Last 7 days: **0.01** 2020: **27.86** 2019: **21.84**

OBITUARIES

Johnnie McBride

Johnnie McBride, 89, of Vernon, Texas, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 in Vernon, Texas.

Services will be Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Pastor David Griggs. Interment will be at Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home.

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