



Heidi Dutton
Sentenced To Life In Prison

Heidi Dutton, formerly of Eureka, was sentenced on Friday, June 6 in the killing of her grandparents/adopted parents, Larry and Deborah Dutton, near Dewey, Okla. in 2022.

According to Bartlesville Radio KWON, the sentence came after Dutton opted to enter a guilty plea. The two first-degree murder charges sentenced her to life in prison. She was also convicted on two felony charges of desecration of a human corpse and a felony count of conspiracy.

The other three counts will run concurrently with the life sentence.

Her boyfriend, Lucas Anthony Walker was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison for his role in the 2022 murder. Walker was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder in Indian Country.

(Courtesy photo)

Annual “Eureka In Eureka” Event To Be Held Friday, July 4

Among the events for this year’s “Party in the Park” is the annual Eureka In Eureka event that has participants searching for answers in a special scavenger hunt throughout the city limits.

The event will be held on Friday, July 4. Participants should meet at the Masonic Hall, located at 109 S. Walnut St., in Eureka to receive their packets. The event will begin at 2 p.m., and will conclude at 4 p.m., at the Masonic



Emergency Grant From State Will Keep Meal Programs Going For Area Seniors

An emergency grant of \$100,000 from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) will ensure that Meals On Wheels and Friendship Meals continue to be served in several area counties, including Greenwood and Elk Counties.

The South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SCKAAA) had provided those meals to older residents in 10 counties through

a contract with the nonprofit subcontractor Everfull/ Aging Projects since 1974. Financial issues for Everfull had threatened to disrupt service of those meals beginning July 1.

The funding will allow SCKAAA to immediately secure alternative meal providers, cover increased food and delivery costs, and ensure there is no interruption in service for older adults who rely on daily meals for

their well-being, the organization said in a statement last Thursday, June 12.

Approximately 18,000 meals were served at 22 locations in Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harper, Kingman, McPherson, Sumner, Reno and Rice counties by Everfull.

In a letter shared by SCK-

AA, Executive Director Jodi Whitmore stated, “Ultimately, SCKAAA determined it must proceed with early termination due to Everfull’s untimely utilization of funds allocated specifically for congregate meals. In addition, delinquent audits have made it impossible for SCKAAA to request a real-

location of federal and state funds under Everfull’s existing agreements.”

KDADS and the SCKAAA said they will continue working together to identify sustainable service models and support partners to restore long-term stability to the region’s senior nutrition program.

Hamilton Days 2025 This Weekend

Holmes Sundry To Celebrate One-Year Anniversary

A full day of events is planned for this Saturday, June 21, for the annual Hamilton Days event.

To kick-off the event, Holmes Sundry will host a breakfast celebrating their one-year anniversary, while giving back to the community.

During the four-hour event, Holmes Sundry will be donating 25% of proceeds to the Hamilton Fire Department. *See related ad elsewhere in this week’s edition.*

Rachel and Glen Collinge began their venture as small business owners a year ago this week after the opportunity presented itself through Holmes Sundry, a staple in the Hamilton community. “We wouldn’t have done it without the help of Melissa Woodie who we consider the “ex-

ecutive chef,” stated R. Collinge.

When asked what the most rewarding thing has been over the past year, she shared, “Watching people converse and enjoy themselves.” She continued, “Seeing families from out of state meet up and reminisce about their childhood memories at the Sundry.”

Holmes Sundry is open 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 7-11 a.m. on Saturday’s for breakfast. Hours will be adjusted later this summer to open earlier during cattle shipping season.

A burn out competition and the annual car show will be held at 9 a.m., followed by Kids Activities starting at 10 a.m.

The annual parade will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Additional events include a money scramble, axe throwing, bingo, cornhole, raffles and more.

Hamilton Days 2025 will conclude with live music by Brickhorse, beginning at 8 p.m.

A complete schedule can be found on page 10 of this week’s edition of *The Eureka Herald*.



Mayley Decker To Compete At KJHSRA Finals Rodeo Next Week

Flinthills Middle School sixth grader Mayley Decker will represent the area next week at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in Des Moines, Iowa, next week, June 22-28.

Decker, who qualified for the event as a fifth grader, qualified for the event at the Kansas Junior High School Rodeo Association (KJHSRA) State Finals, held at the Kansas Star

Casino in Mulvane, May 22-24.

Decker secured her spot with a short go win at State Finals in Barrel Racing, placing her third for the year-end standings. Her horse “Bob” was also named the AQHA Horse of the Year. Decker not only competes in barrel racing with Bob, but pole bending and goat tying.

Decker will compete in barrels on Monday, June

23 and Friday, June 27, with the hopes of making it to the top 20 and qualify for the short go round.

The NJHFR, open for contestants in fifth-eighth grades, will be televised on the Cowboy Channel.

Decker is the daughter of Justin and Shelly Decker of Reece.

More information can be found at <https://nhfsra.com/juniorhighfinals/> *(Courtesy photos)*

Midwest Hearing Aids, Inc. Announces New Ownership

Midwest Hearing Aids, Kansas’ largest hearing aid company and a trusted provider of hearing care solutions, has announced a transition of ownership to Dr. Zack Miller, Au.D., CCC-A.

The new ownership team, led by Dr. Miller, brings extensive expertise and a shared passion for delivering high-quality hearing care.

Dr. Miller earned his doctorate degree in Audiology from Wichita State University and immediately went to work at Midwest Hearing Aids and has been with the company for 16 years. As an audiologist,

Dr. Miller provides diagnostic testing and hearing aid fitting. He has served as the Executive Officer of the Kansas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments, and is committed to maintaining the high standards that patients have come to expect from Midwest Hearing Aids.

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City Council Approved Chip Seal Project

The Eureka City Council approved a plan for the 2025 Chip Sealing Project at their regular meeting on June 9 after hearing recommendations from Director of Public Works Chris Mitchell and input from the transportation committee. The project intends to perform chip sealing, a road refurbishment process involving applying a layer of liquid asphalt followed by a

layer of aggregate rock, to a proposed number of streets in Eureka that are in need of pavement maintenance. The project may begin as early as mid-August and will use an asphalt emulsion called CRS-1HP and an aggregate rock to be purchased from Harshman Quarry, of Howard. The work is to be done by APAC Shears-Kansas.

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County Tax Sale Now Expected To Be Held In September

The Greenwood County tax sale, previously noted to be held this summer, is now expected to be held in September.

Last week, Greenwood County Assistant Attorney and County Counselor Paul Dean shared with

The Eureka Herald that the county is ready to file, however, they are waiting for four legal descriptions to buildings that are tax debts on the buildings only.

Dean noted that he had sent a request to the Reg-

ister of Deeds Office for those descriptions and once received, the legal publication will be filed/published in *The Eureka Herald*. The notice will include details on the approximate 45 properties and the date of the sale.



First County Fair Event To Be Held This Weekend

The 2025 Greenwood County Fair will kick-off this weekend with the Archery contest this Saturday, June 21.

This annual archery competition will be held on Saturday, June 21, at 9 a.m., at the Eureka Lake dam. A small portion of the walking trail to the north of the spillway will be closed during the event from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Participants will compete in a FITA and

3-D contest.

The annual shotgun competition will be held next Sunday, June 29, at 4 p.m., at the Eureka Lake gun range, located at 1667 P Road. Participants will shoot trap and skeet.

Spectators are welcome to attend both events. Those attending should bring a lawn chair, bug spray, sunscreen, possibly a shade apparatus and water for hydration.

A shooting sports awards banquet, for par-

ticipants and their families, will be held in the Turf Room of the Eureka Downs Concourse Building/Greenwood County Community Center, next Sunday, at approximately 7 p.m.

For more information about the annual county fair, contact the Greenwood County Extension Office at 620-583-7455.



Twenty-Four Teams Competed In Second Annual Clasen Family Memorial Junior/Senior Tournament - details on page 3

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