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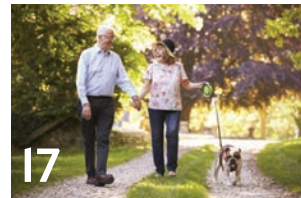
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Sizzlin' Summer Series 2023



“Peace, Love, & Music”

featuring

The Get Down Band

Friday, June 2nd, 7-9 pm

“Red, White, Blue, & BBQ”

featuring

King Cabbage Brass Band

Friday, July 7th, 7-9 pm

“Beat the Heat”

featuring

Weston Horn & The Hush

Friday, August 4th, 7-9 pm



Each concert features food trucks, local vendors, and family-friendly outdoor entertainment. Price Tower Plaza will be open and serving adult beverages. For more information visit unitysquareville.com



Beat the Heat

...With the Sizzlin' Summer Series!

Tower Center at Unity Square is excited to announce the Summer 2023 Sizzlin' Summer Series line up. Festivities kick off with *Peace, Love, & Music* on Friday, June 2nd. The Get Down Band will take the stage from 7-9 p.m. and deliver your favorite party hits. Expect free, fun activities for kids, including bounce houses, lawn games, and an art project sponsored by the Bartlesville Art Association. Treat your sweet tooth, or collect swag and other giveaways, at event sponsor booths. Food will be available for purchase from several food trucks and Price Tower Plaza. Come out for a great night of live outdoor music, complete with the ever-popular Frozen T-shirt Contest.

July brings even more heat, so we're bringing even more water – water restrictions permitting! The Bartlesville Fire Department will bring a fire truck to spray its relief during *Red, White, Blue & BBQ* on Friday, July 7th. Cool down and get down with King Cabbage Brass Band. Their pop, R&B, and hip-hop infused set is one you won't want to miss. More fun activities for the kids will include a petting area, and an art project provided by the Bartlesville Art Association. Purchase classic summer food, BBQ options included, from a variety of food trucks and sip on a cool beverage from Price Tower Plaza!

Last but certainly not least, Western Horn and The Hush rounds out the summer with *Beat The Heat* on Friday, August 4th. They wowed us last season and will be here again to wow us once more with their fabulous rock and roll. Cool off with a sweet treat, cold drink, or fan provided by series sponsors. Dunk your best friend, or "frenemy," in the dunk tank

and sit back and relax while the Bartlesville Art Association keeps kids entertained with an artsy activity. Andolini's Pizza and The Salty Cow food trucks will be back to provide casual fare, or pop over to Price Tower Plaza for a more sophisticated option.

Get excited for these three amazing bands playing in downtown Bartlesville this summer. Mark your calendars, dust off the lawn chairs and get ready to enjoy three nights of music, entertainment, and community at Unity Square. All events begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please visit unitysquarebville.com.

Nestled between these exciting outdoor experiences is Broadway in Bartlesville's 2022-2023



season finale, *MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL* on Thursday, June 15 at 7:30pm. Based on the smash hit DreamWorks' animated motion picture, this show follows all your favorite cracka-lackin' friends (Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo, and a colony of hilarious, clever penguins) as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. Filled with outlandish characters, adventures galore and an upbeat score, you'll have no choice but to "Move It, Move It!" *MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL* is the perfect family outing, with vibrancy and pace for audiences of all ages!

"We are excited about the three fantastic performances that the Sizzlin' Summer Series brings to Bartlesville area residents," said The Center Managing Director Val Callaghan. "And with *Madagascar the Musical*, area residents are treated to a great family-friendly performance to conclude the Broadway in Bartlesville! 2022-2023 season."

Tickets for *Madagascar the Musical* are available by phone at 918-337-2787 and in person at The Center box office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. You can also visit bartlesvillecenter.com for 24/7 ticket sales.

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Tik Tok, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Google, Bing, Cosmo, Marie Claire, etc., etc., etc. The list of places that offer advice on what products, treatments, and procedures we need in order to get the aesthetic results we want are endless. They all tell us what we want (and don't want) to know and then some. One can spend countless hours on the internet reading articles and watching videos about them. Influencers are more than ready to tell us to get this treatment or that procedure. Oh, and don't forget the plethora

of skin care products and gimmicks they swear by.

But how do we know what products, treatments, and procedures will actually give us the aesthetic results we want? The best way to find out that information is to consult with a licensed aesthetic medical provider. Reputable licensed aesthetic medical providers will take the time to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and give you a complete explanation of the options they recommend for your individual aesthetic success.

Since everyone is made differently, there is no one-size-fits-all product, treatment, or procedure that will work exactly the same for everybody. That is why it is so important to consult with your aesthetic medical provider to find out what will work best for you. Lavers Aesthetics offers a variety of treatments to restore your skin to a healthy, more youthful appearance. All are non-surgical and minimally invasive, providing affordable, convenient, and effective options to achieve desired aesthetic goals with little, if any, downtime.

Services offered at Lavers Aesthetics include IPL laser treatments, thread lifts, as well as injectable neuromodulators, such as Botox and Xeomin, dermal fillers, and non-surgical injectable body contouring. They also have Environ Skin Care products and treatments.

IPL Laser treatments

IPL laser treatments target skin discoloration, rosacea, melasma, and hyper-pigmentation, as well as acne, scars, broken blood vessels, spider veins, and fine lines and wrinkles. These treatments use multiple waves of light to target and breakdown the unwanted spots in the skin. A handheld device is used to deliver light therapy.

"During the procedure, you may feel what some individuals have described as a feeling similar to an elastic band being 'snapped' on the skin," said Chris. "The length and number of sessions needed will depend on each individual's treatment plan."

Thread Lifts

Lavers Aesthetics also offers thread lifts to tighten and lift sagging skin. Dissolvable threads provide an alternative way

to treat skin laxity on the face and body that has only been achievable in the past by plastic surgery. The cost is much more affordable, and since there is no downtime, this treatment is perfect for those who do not want to undergo surgery or who have seen little effect from skin tightening treatments.

A thread lift is a procedure that uses temporary sutures to produce a subtle but visible "lift" in the skin. Instead of removing the sagging skin, threads lift the skin, causing it to become smoother and tighter. They also promote collagen formation around the threads, positively influencing the overall condition of the skin. As we age, we produce less and less collagen. This leads to a reduction of skin thickness by 80 percent at the age of 70, but the effects of this process are seen for decades before. Threads are part of an effective regimen to correct the signs of aging.

Injectable Treatments

As always, Lavers Aesthetics also offers injectable neuromodulators such as Jeuveau, Botox and Xeomin for fine lines and wrinkles; dermal fillers such as Radiesse and Revanesse Versa+ for adding volume to the lips, cheeks, tear troughs, chin, and jawline; and non-surgical injectable body contouring for the treatment of double chin or other unwanted deposits of body fat.

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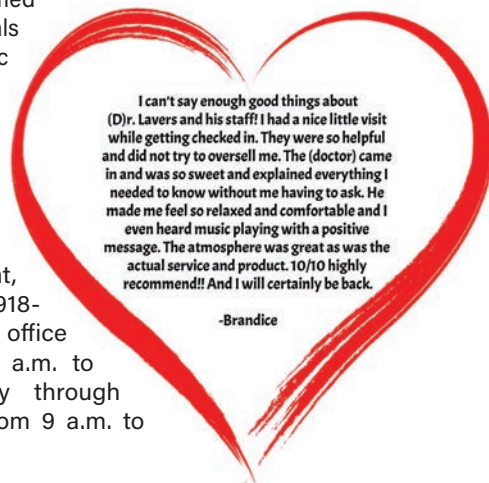
The Environ Vitamin STEP-UP-SYSTEM is a vitamin A skin care system. Environ also offers a chemical and physical sunscreen with antioxidants, according to Environ's website, found at www.environskin.com.

Other innovative Environ products include the Cool Peel Technology system, Ionzyme and a "made-to-order" vitamin A skin care regime. Environ's founder, Dr. Des Fernandes, pioneered skin needling or collagen induction therapy in 1996. He later patented the Ionzyme DF Machine, a low frequency sonophoresis and iontophoresis facial machine.

These treatments alone or together can help to create a more youthful appearance and reduce the signs of aging. All are non-surgical and minimally invasive, providing affordable, convenient, and effective options to achieve desired aesthetic goals with little, if any, downtime.

For a complete list of treatment options, please call their office at 918-876-4470. Follow Lavers Aesthetics on Facebook or Instagram to stay informed about their specials and new aesthetic treatments.

Lavers Aesthetics is located at 5120 E. Frank Phillips Blvd. To make an appointment, please call 918-876-4470. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.



I can't say enough good things about (Dr.) Lavers and his staff! I had a nice little visit while getting checked in. They were so helpful and did not try to oversell me. The (doctor) came in and was so sweet and explained everything I needed to know without me having to ask. He made me feel so relaxed and comfortable and I even heard music playing with a positive message. The atmosphere was great as was the actual service and product. 10/10 highly recommend!! And I will certainly be back.

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55 Years Old!

Career Employment Service Celebrated Milestone Last Month

Career Employment Service Inc. celebrated its 55th anniversary of serving the Bartlesville community on April 1, 2023.

Celebrating a 55th anniversary is certainly an amazing achievement, and this one is made all the more remarkable by the business's humble start. Founder Carmen Stanton says it all started in 1968 with a \$1,000 loan from her granddad. "It was enough for a couple months' rent and phone installation."

The Chamber honored Carmen a few years back at their Celebration of Women dinner. It was said of her that Carmen's motto, "'Building Careers, One Relationship at a Time,' epitomizes her business philosophy. It is all about relationships. She makes it her business to learn what type of employee a client is seeking and makes every effort to find the perfect match. She has counseled many a person looking for a job, encouraging them, motivating them, and helping them find the right fit to move on in their careers. She shared her knowledge and connections with hundreds, and many a successful career can be attributed to her efforts."

Career Employment Service is a member of the Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce, American Staffing Association, Society for Human Resources Management. Career Employment Service has obtained certification from the Women's Business

Enterprise National Council (WBENC), the largest certifier of women-owned businesses in the U.S. and a leading advocate for women business owners and entrepreneurs.

Through the years, Career has grown and flourished in the Bartlesville Community. Some notable statistics and accomplishments include:

- Having been the first women chairperson on the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce.
- Being family owned, with son, Jim Stanton as vice president and employment counselor.
- Staffing all disciplines, including labor, manufacturing, accounting, information technology, customer service, and many more.
- Career Employment Service has won the Best Employment Service award consecutively since "Best of the Best of Bartlesville" contest began.
- Recognized by former Governor Mary Fallin, who stated, "...what an exceptional accomplishment it is to run a successful business for half a century."

Ask the Doc...

About Chiropractic Care for Shoulder Pain, Rotator Cuff



Whether your shoulder pain is mild, moderate, or severe, it may be related to an impingement of the rotator cuff. Dr. Tracy Russell, D.C., The Hand and Foot Chiropractor in Bartlesville, said, "We see many patients who suffer with shoulder pain. Sometimes it's minor discomfort and other times it is debilitating pain deep within the shoulder, preventing the patient from moving their arm."

"Rotator cuff" is the name given collectively to a group of four small muscles that control the movements of the shoulder.

These four tiny muscles each have their own specific function for moving the shoulder in various directions; however, they also work collaboratively as one unit to support and stabilize the shoulder as you move your arm upward and overhead.

"When one or more of the rotator cuff muscles becomes impinged or compromised, it alters the combined function of these four muscles," said Dr. Russell. "This causes the shoulder to become weak and unstable."

A common symptom related to rotator cuff impingement is the inability to raise your arm overhead without pain. Often a person may experience a sharp pain in the shoulder when they attempt

to do simple activities such as reaching outward away from their body to grasp a small object.

Here are THREE facts about rotator cuff injuries:

1. Most rotator cuff tears are partial (or minor) tears, even though the pain may be severe.
2. Rotator cuff injuries can usually be treated successfully without surgery.
3. Chiropractic adjustments to the shoulder can greatly improve shoulder alignment and function, allowing rotator cuff injuries to heal naturally.

Dr. Russell has 29 years of successful experience in gentle, preventative healthcare and is an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of many different problems.

For more information, call 918-333-3363 to make an appointment with Dr. Russell at Russell Chiropractic Hand & Foot Clinic, located at 2523 SE Washington Blvd. You can schedule online using The Scheduling App, available by scanning the QR code. The ID for the clinic is ADWXLX. Register using the cell phone number on file with the clinic. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9-11 a.m. on Thursday. The office is closed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



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Owners Richard and Krystal Smith are excited about their upcoming expansion. "We offer many different sized storage units at affordable prices," said Richard. "And with our Phase II development, we will be adding an additional 116 units, 64 of which will be climate controlled."

Climate-controlled units are always in high demand, and are perfect for storing valuables, artwork, taxidermy, etc. "Climate-controlled units are in high demand because of the additional security they offer, as well as a steady climate for storing delicacies.

The construction should be complete by mid-late summer, but people are encouraged to pre-sign up as early as possible to reserve their unit. Anyone interested in additional information is encouraged to call 918-886-2524.

You can visit their website at rcmstorage.com, and please check their Facebook page for specials and ongoing updates about the progress of the expansion project.

Self Storage Tips

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1. Use Shelving Units. They can save space and keep things organized.
2. Stack According to Weight. Heavy items on the bottom and smaller boxes on top.
3. Disassemble Large Items. Items like tables and beds should be taken apart. Screws can be kept in a sandwich bag.
4. Make an Aisle. This is helpful when you need to get to items in the back.
5. Label Every Box. This makes it easier to locate items.
6. Bubble Wrap Breakables. Reusable & transparent so you can see what's inside.
7. Fill Up Boxes. This prevents internal shifting and item breakage.
8. Avoid Plastic Bags. They are thin, easily penetrated, and lock in moisture.

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Ray of Hope's Hudson Honored

Executive Director Received Statewide Award

Congratulations are in order for Bartlesville's Rhonda Hudson, who was recently honored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health for her work as executive director at Ray of Hope Advocacy Center!

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) honored five individuals and programs across the state for their outstanding commitment, dedication and leadership in child abuse prevention at an annual awards ceremony held on April 11 at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Hudson received the Mildred Ramsey Community Innovation Award.

"Child abuse prevention is a critical piece to building healthy communities," said Lorri Essary, director of the Family Support and Prevention Service at the OSDH. "The work of those we honored at the ceremony is inspiring and is important for the future."

Senator Julie Daniels, also from Bartlesville, spoke during the event.

You deserve the recognition, Rhonda, for the wonderful, truly important work you do in facilitating a coordinated, community response in trying to provide hope and support to children and families impacted by abuse!



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Health & Wellness

4 Tips For Upgrading Your Routines

(BPT) — For many, the longer days, warmer temperatures, and blooming flowers of spring and summer bring a renewed sense of energy and motivation to paint the garage or freshen up the garden. However, it is also the perfect time of the year to devote your energy to personal health and wellness improvement projects.

To prepare for the warmer seasons ahead, Dr. Leah Joseph, a board-certified primary care physician at Teladoc Health, the world's largest telehealth company, shares her top tips for upgrading health and wellness routines.

Tidy up your sleep schedule

People tend to appreciate the longer days of spring and summer. But more early morning sunshine, along with life's other distractions, can wreak havoc on sleep schedules.

Joseph recommends that people prioritize getting seven to nine hours of sleep a night and stresses that consistency is the key to reaping the rewards of a good night's rest. "Establishing a sleep schedule that conditions your body to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day, including weekends, helps your body get into a natural rhythm," she says. "To get into a routine, try setting a bedtime alert on your phone or placing a note next to your TV to remind you of your bedtime."

And when interruptions and sleepless nights do happen, people shouldn't dwell on it because the stress can make it even harder to get back into a sleep rhythm. Joseph recommends accepting the interruption as a temporary lapse and trying again for better sleep the next night.

Dig into your diet

More sun and rising temperatures make it easier to find fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables, staples of a healthy diet. Eating plenty of whole foods, including vegetables and fruits, can lower blood pressure, lower the risk of heart disease and stroke, help with digestion problems and have a positive effect on blood sugar, which can help keep appetites under control.

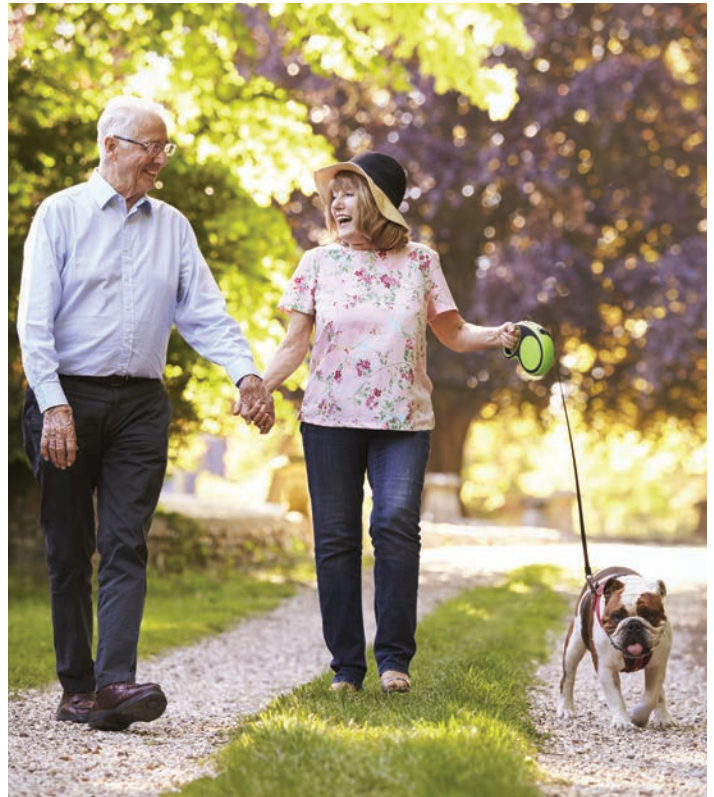
"Focus on what you can control around healthy eating choices and learn to adapt to things outside of your power," suggests Joseph. "Look for chances to add color to your plate with fruits and veggies and cook with fresh ingredients when you can."

In addition to support from your primary care physician, registered nutritionists and dietitians can help design a healthy eating strategy with the right mix of whole foods. In many cases, meeting with dietary experts can be done easily and conveniently online.

Take it outside

Joseph says one of the most important things you can do for your overall health is to prioritize getting enough physical activity. Getting daily exercise doesn't have to be intense or complicated. Taking a quick walk around the neighborhood or local park can have significant benefits for everyone, no matter an individual's fitness level.

"If you can, find a partner to help keep you motivated to move," recommends Joseph. "Ask friends and family to work out



with you, and make it unique to you. They'll help you stay on track, and you'll have more fun doing it."

She advises that there's no one-size-fits-all approach to exercise, and that people need to try different activities until they find at least one that they enjoy enough to engage in regularly.

Pick up with your primary care provider

It is always easier to stay on top of health goals and priorities with an expert by your side. Your primary care provider (PCP) can help navigate every aspect of health and wellness, from a new health goal to a new health diagnosis.

Scheduling an appointment with a PCP is the best way to stay on top of health needs. Regular check-ins are key to disease prevention, controlling common chronic diseases, mental wellness and coordinating testing and specialist care, when it's needed.

"Too often, I see that people wait to see a doctor until there is an issue or an emergency," commented Joseph. "With regular visits, I can establish relationships with my patients and help them identify any potential concerns early and often. It saves a lot of time and pain down the road."

While it may seem time-consuming to schedule and attend regular appointments, new digital tools - like virtual care - are making it easier than ever to check in with a PCP, wherever and whenever is convenient for you. Plus, companies like Teladoc Health offer access to primary care, chronic care, dermatology, nutrition services and more, all from one place, to help you seamlessly keep up with every aspect of your health.

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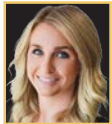
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1909 Saturn Court	Bartlesville	4/3/2	\$399,000	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
1918 Rolling Hills Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
1632 Foxtail Park Lane	Bartlesville	4/2/2	\$335,990	Sydney Nichols	918-397-4505
6419 Foxtail Park Drive	Bartlesville	4/2/2	\$330,990	Sydney Nichols	918-397-4505
6476 Clear Creek Loop	Bartlesville	4/2/2	\$329,500	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
6415 Foxtail Park Drive	Bartlesville	4/2/2	\$322,990	Sydney Nichols	918-397-4505
6407 Foxtail Park Drive	Bartlesville	4/2/2	\$317,990	Sydney Nichols	918-397-4505
6411 Foxtail Park Drive	Bartlesville	4/3/3	\$314,990	Sydney Nichols	918-397-4505
4821 Barlow Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Kim Taylor	918-214-3036
925 Sandstone Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Amos Radlinger	918-766-2361
1800 Polaris Drive	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
2063 S Johnstone Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
3115 Wayside Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Amos Radlinger	918-766-2361
4622 Barlow Place	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
1401 SW Keeler Ave	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Joshua Igo-Schueler	918-914-0256
2106 Dewey Place	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
1449 Oak Avenue	Bartlesville		PENDING	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
4308 Fleetwood Drive	Bartlesville		PENDING	Amos Radlinger	918-766-2361
1432 S Keeler Ave	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Amos Radlinger	918-766-2361
130 N Theodore Ave	Bartlesville	2/1/2	\$45,000	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
1014 SW Jennings Ave	Bartlesville		SOLD!	Charlene Bejcek	918-440-4763
1509 SW Elm Ave	Bartlesville		PENDING	Charlene Bejcek	918-440-4763

SURROUNDING AREAS

11 County Rd 3309	Dewey	4/3.5/2	\$679,000	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
22 Longacre Drive	Caney Valley		SOLD!	Keeli Hand Droege	918-697-8509
396891 W 1300 Road	Dewey	2/2/2	\$449,000	Kim Taylor	918-214-3036
39663 W 1200 Road	Dewey	3/2/2	\$450,000	Kim Taylor	918-214-3036
13932 N 147th East Ave	Collinsville	3/2/3	\$398,000	Keeli Droege	918-697-8509
210 Edens Avenue	Copan		PENDING	Keeli Droege	918-697-8509
806 S Broad Street	Nowata		PENDING	Charlene Bejcek	918-440-4763

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601 N Delaware Street	Dewey	SOLD!	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
709 E 5th Street	Dewey	PENDING	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133

RESIDENTIAL LOTS & VACANT LAND

S.E. Price Rd	Bartlesville	50 Ac	\$1,575,000	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
N. 137th E Ave	Collinsville	7.58 AC	\$225,000	Cheryl Fregin	918-440-0040
6801 Tuxedo Blvd	Bartlesville	6.21 acre m/l	\$229,900	Kim Tate-Connor	918-335-7193
Deerfield Addition II	Bartlesville	10 Lots	\$40-55K ea	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
Southport Drive	Bartlesville	9 Ac	\$137,500	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
1337 N 3980 Road	Dewey	14.87 acre m/l	PENDING	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
2700 Rd	Caney Valley	1.97 ac lot	\$125,000	Cheryl Fregin	918-440-0040
2700 Rd	Caney Valley	2.01 ac lot	\$110,000	Cheryl Fregin	918-440-0040
S Wyandotte Ave	Bartlesville	3 Res. Lots	\$30K ea	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
211 & 213 SW Santa Fe	Bartlesville	2 Res. lots	\$18K ea	Kim Taylor	918-214-303

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

396050 W 2900 Road	Caney Valley	MHP	\$1,775,000	Kim Taylor	918-214-3036
313 S Shawnee Ave	Dewey		PENDING	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202
221 SE Frank Phillips Blvd	Bartlesville	Retail	\$850,000	Janette Roark	918-907-1327
1000 E 14th Street	Dewey	Mixed Use	\$600,000	Lutke/Bolding	918-327-1133
115 S Choctaw Ave	Bartlesville	Mixed Use	\$379,000	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
4605 Nowata Road	Bartlesville	Mixed use	\$300,000	Carolyn Bolding	918-327-1133
1114 W Hensley Blvd	Bartlesville	Mixed Use	\$59,900	Barbara Hopper	918-335-7202

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Stage 3 Water Restrictions in Effect



Rate Increases Will Likely Come After May 15

City Beat
Your city, your news

by Kelli Williams



Last week's rainfall had little impact on the ongoing drought situation, Water Utilities Director Terry Lauritsen said early this month.

"Our overall water supply fell from 57.4 percent the previous week to 56.9 percent as of Monday, May 1," Lauritsen said. "This means we will remain in Stage 3 of

the Water Shortage Ordinance, with the exception of emergency water rates. Because a rate increase requires a vote of the City Council, rates will remain at Stage 2 levels for now."

Lauritsen said the council will likely be asked to implement Stage 3 rates if there is no improvement in the situation by the time the council meets again on May 15.

Stages of the ordinance are based on the percentage of overall water supply. Stage 1 kicks in when levels fall to 79-70 percent, Stage 2 is 69-60 percent, Stage 3 is 59-50 percent, and Stage 4, which is considered "critical," is any level below 50 percent.

The City entered Stage 1 of the ordinance in December 2022, and overall water supply has continued to decline at a steady rate since that time.

Effective beginning April 24, the following provisions went into effect for all City of Bartlesville water customers:

- Rates increases (remain at Phase 2 rates) for customers using more than 10,000 gallons of water per month.
- 10,001 gallons and 25,000 gallons – 5 percent increase
- 25,001 gallons and 50,000 gallons – 10 percent increase
- In excess of 50,000 gallons – 15 percent increase
- Outdoor water use will be restricted to one day per week
- Even-numbered properties may water on Thursdays
- Odd-numbered properties may water on Fridays
- Water pressure will be reduced within the distribution system to minimum levels allowed by state and federal regulations
- City-owned facilities and capital projects will reduce or



discontinue all irrigation except as necessary to preserve greens or newly planted trees. For athletic fields or newly laid sod or seed, the watering shall be restricted to follow the outdoor water restrictions for even numbered properties implemented by each stage.

- A reduced schedule of operation or closure may be implemented for City-owned swimming pools.
- City-owned splash pads will remain closed.
- All leaks in the raw water and treated water system will be repaired immediately, and non-essential operational uses of water by City crews will be suspended. This includes the flushing of water mains and fire hydrants, street sweeping, routine water jet cleaning of sanitary sewer mains, and non-essential training of fire fighters using potable water.

A variance committee is in place to consider cases of undue hardship for the emergency rates.

"Anyone who feels these provisions place an undue burden on them, their organization or business can seek a variance," Lauritsen said.

To apply for a variance, complete the "Contact Us" form on the City's website, www.cityofbartlesville.org, or call 918.338.4100. Variances apply only to emergency rates and do not apply to outdoor water use or any other provision in the ordinance.

Whataburger, Neal's Homestore Coming to Bartlesville

The Bartlesville Development Authority — the economic development arm of the City of Bartlesville — is always working to bring more businesses to town, with the most recent of its many achievements set to put a Whataburger on U.S. Highway 75 and Neal's Homestore in Eastland Center.

The City Council on May 1 approved the expenditure of economic development funds, which are collected through the City's quarter-cent economic development sales tax, to incentivize the businesses.

The company WAB will receive \$119,000 in incentive funds to open a Whataburger restaurant at 1350 S.E. Washington Blvd., the site of the former Hunan's restaurant, within 24 months. WAB has

has 950 Whataburger restaurants in 14 states and does more than \$4.5 billion in annual revenue. The company plans to invest more than \$4 million into the new project, BDA officials say.

"They are looking at a groundbreaking in the next couple of weeks and are optimistically hoping to open by the end of the year," said Chris Batchelder, BDA vice president of Business Development.

Neal's Homestore will receive \$100,000 and a rebate of 50 percent of the annual city sales tax over the next nine years to open a store at S.E. Washington Blvd., in Eastland Center. The store specializes in home furnishings, bedding, appliances, and electronics, and has locations in Okmulgee, Sapulpa and Bixby.