

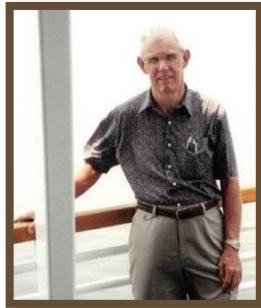
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Newsletter of the Northern Oklahoma Development Authority

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*Charles "Alvie" Trissell
September 28, 1934 ~ August 25, 2022*



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of one of our longest standing board members, and great friend, Charles "Alvie" Trissell.

He married Pauline in December of 1957 then Alvie enlisted in the US Army in 1958 and continued serving in the Reserves until 1964. Alvie started serving on the NODA board in 1992, but had been a liaison between the conservation district and the board of trustees since 1971 when NODA was founded. He had worked as a conservationist for the US Department of Agriculture for 36 years after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agronomy. Alvie spent most of his time as District Conservationist for Alfalfa County and enjoyed working on the ground and with farmers helping to plant crops, build terraces, and ponds. Alvie's other great passion

was wood-working - he loved making toys, furniture, and anything else from wood. His woodworking toys and products are dispersed throughout northwest Oklahoma.

Alvie is survived by his wife Pauline Trissell, twin brother Alvin Trissell, sister Lucille Trissell, two daughters Shirley Trissell and Debra Rite, and one son David Trissell.

We will mourn the loss of this great man and trusted friend, and we wish his family peace and comfort during this extremely difficult time.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK



Devon Westbrook, who has served as the NORTPO Director for the last two years, has accepted a new position with the City of Newcastle. Devon started with NODA in August of 2020 working through the pandemic to revitalize and improve transportation planning and communications in our territories. Devon and his wife Gabbi welcomed their first child in June of 2022 and with this new edition it made sense for their family to accept a position closer to their home in Edmond. Devon received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2019 and completed his Masters of Architecture from University of Oklahoma in 2022. He received his American Institute of Certified Planners Certification in August of 2022 this credential is the only nationwide, independent verification of planner's qualification. Devon has been a valuable and committed member of our family at NODA his departure will be felt deeply among all of us who have had the privilege of getting to know him and his extraordinary personality and spirit. We all wish him and his family the best and un-paralleled success.

You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So...get on your way!
-Dr. Seuss

OKLAHOMA RURAL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

reap

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**FY23
NODA REAP
season is
open**

**Deadline:
October 31, 2022
by 4:30 PM**

THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

1. Hand Delivery – 2901 N Van Buren (office)
2. US Mail – 2901 N Van Buren, Enid, OK 73703
3. Upload to website - <https://noda-ok.org/reap-grant-documents/>

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Above: Devon Westbrook at the NODA Mobility Management Program booth.



The Oklahoma Municipal League held its annual conference September 13th through the 15th at the Cox Business Convention Center, in Tulsa.



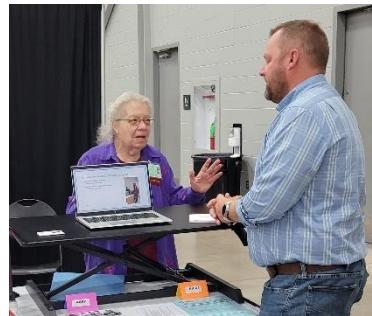
Above: Lacey deWindt-Morris at the OARC booth.



Above: Vicki Eggers at the OARC booth.



Above: Payton Herron at the NORTPO booth



Above: Jodi Palmer at the SCSEP booth

THE *Spotlight* Get to Know Our Board



Marci Hyde is the current secretary of the board for NODA, she began working on the board on July 31, 2004, and has been the city clerk for the Town of Burlington for the past 25 years. Marci stated that she wanted to be a teacher as a little girl, but after working with her grandfather at his CPA firm she became enthralled by how skillfully he operated a 10 key calculator and as she kept working with him, she decided on a

Career in finance. She says that while she's really not "a girl that does hobbies" she does enjoy working with children whether in FFA, 4H, or any other programs that helps to build a future for children she will be there to encourage them. To wind down after work she goes home, cooks dinner, and watches TV; listing her favorite shows as Virgin River, Grey's Anatomy, and Blue Bloods, but says the show that resonates the most with her is Gilmore Girls because it reminds her of her relationship with her daughter Bayli.

When asked about an interesting thing that she remembers from her time in Burlington she recalled in 2010 when a man came through town on a bike saying that he was doing weather charting. He asked to stay at the fire department requesting 2 chairs and a spinal board to sleep on. They interviewed him and vetted him, even offered better accommodations but he stayed with his initial request of 2 chairs and a spinal board. She recalled the whole encounter was rather odd but thankfully turned out fine. She also stated that any time there is flooding in Burlington it's an interesting time, though not in an amusing way, but ensuring that people are safe, calm, and dealing with the fallout and damage is always an unusual experience.

Marci believes that where you are at in time is where you're supposed to be, she says she enjoys being her age and reflecting on what she's learned from her mentors as well as being able to pass that wisdom on to the youth she befriends. Though when pressed she said she would probably go back to 22 and redo college but left it there as to what she would "redo". Marci is always a breath of fresh air with a contagiously upbeat personality. If you get a chance to talk to Marci you're guaranteed to walk away with a smile.



State Your Business

If you're looking for opportunities to grow your business, the State Suppliers Expo is for you! Oklahoma is currently looking to expand our state suppliers list and your business could help. This free event will take place **Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022** from 9a.m. to 1p.m. at the Oklahoma City Convention Center. With sessions to help you discover current and upcoming projects within state government, learn how to sign up to do business with the state, develop personal contacts with each cabinet area, and hear from Oklahoma leaders. Governor Stitt will speak at 12:30 pm. You can visit expo booths, attend procurement tutorials, and attend breakout sessions. To register to attend or to get more information about this event, visit www.oklahoma.gov/stateyourbusiness.html.



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We provide opportunities to improve the quality of life in our eight-county region-Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major, and Noble.
For more information about NODA services, contact us at (580) 237-4810 or visit us on the web at www.noda-ok.org

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LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN COMES TO FRUITION

Jet Oklahoma has joined an exclusive club of only eighty other communities/water districts by completing a Long Range Strategic Plan. One of the projects for this plan was the construction of a new 130' water tower to replace the existing 96' water tower. Governor Stitt presented a proclamation to the Jet Utility Authority on July 07, 2022, for the compilation of their long range sustainability plan and implementing efforts to become more sustainable. These plans are created through the Oklahoma Strategic Alliance, made up of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association, and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and ratified by Governor Stitt in order to better utilize resources to help water systems become more sustainable and better prepared for future growth and continue to provide high-quality services to their customers.



Jet's Mayor Jim Blackledge, with a representative of the Oklahoma Strategic Alliance

Cherokee Strip Transit (CST) offers transportation solutions to area residents and operates in Garfield, Alfalfa, Grant, Kay, Noble, Kingfisher and Blaine counties. Its main office is located at 622 Hwy 74 (Comanche) in Garber, Ok, with satellite offices in Watonga, Kingfisher, Perry, Tonkawa, Blackwell, and Medford, Ok. CST has been in operation since 1991, and is still going strong today. You can get information on fare prices and routes by going to

www.noda-ok.org under the Cherokee Strip Transit tab. To speak with someone for information; or scheduling, contact CST at (580) 863-2279.

Cherokee Strip Transit is now hiring part time drivers, the hours are flexible and the rewards of helping someone is priceless. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a part time job to earn a little extra money call CST or visit www.noda-ok.com/careers to fill out an application. Must be over 18 and have a valid drivers' license, willing to work on a timetable, and occasionally drive long hours.

COME & JOIN OUR TEAM
WE ARE HIRING!
- SPREAD THE WORD -



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