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The Tigers' cross country squad looked like Class 6A's team to beat in their recent win.

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NORTH WINS

The Timberwolves bounced back to claim their first win of the season at Del City.

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Special election slated for Tuesday

Registered voters in Cleveland County can still vote by absentee ballot in Tuesday's special election. The election includes Little Axe Schools, McLoud Schools, and Midwest City-Del City Schools.

Voters who want to cast absentee ballots can still do so by going to the County Election Board office Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to County Election Board Secretary Jim Williams.

A two-member, bipartisan Absentee Voting Board will be on duty to assist in-person absentee voters at the Cleveland County Election Board located at 641 E. Robinson, Suite 200, Norman.

"In-person absentee voters fill out an application form when they arrive at the office. They are not required to state a reason for voting in-person absentee," Williams said. "They are required to swear that they have not voted a regular mail absentee ballot and that they will not vote at their polling places on election day."

According to Williams, the Absentee Voting Board verifies a voter's registration information, checks the voter's identification, and then issues the voter's ballot(s). The voter marks the ballot(s) in a voting booth and then puts them in the voting device. "It is very much like voting at a precinct polling place," Williams said.

For more information, contact the County Election Board office at 366-0210.

— Transcript Staff

WORD of the day

therapeutic

(adj) **ther-a-peu-tic**
[boh-l-ster]

ther-uh-pyoo-tik

1. a) serving to cure or heal; curative b) serving to preserve health 2. of therapeutics

Example: Therapeutic massage can be helpful in reducing pain or tiredness in the feet.

Editor's note: These are examples of words students likely will encounter as they prepare for college. Sample sentences are selected at random from www.yourdictionary.com.

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Committee working to increase bicycle safety

By Joy Hampton
Transcript Staff Writer

If you go

Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee
7:30 p.m., Monday
201 West Gray,
Study Session Room

The Bicycle Advisory Committee is working to make Norman a safer city through education and transportation improvements. They meet Monday evening.

Committee chair Gary Miller said the subcommittee has its roots as an ad hoc committee formed about eight years ago. At

that time, it was under the city council and reported to the Parks and Recreation Department. It had no official voice.

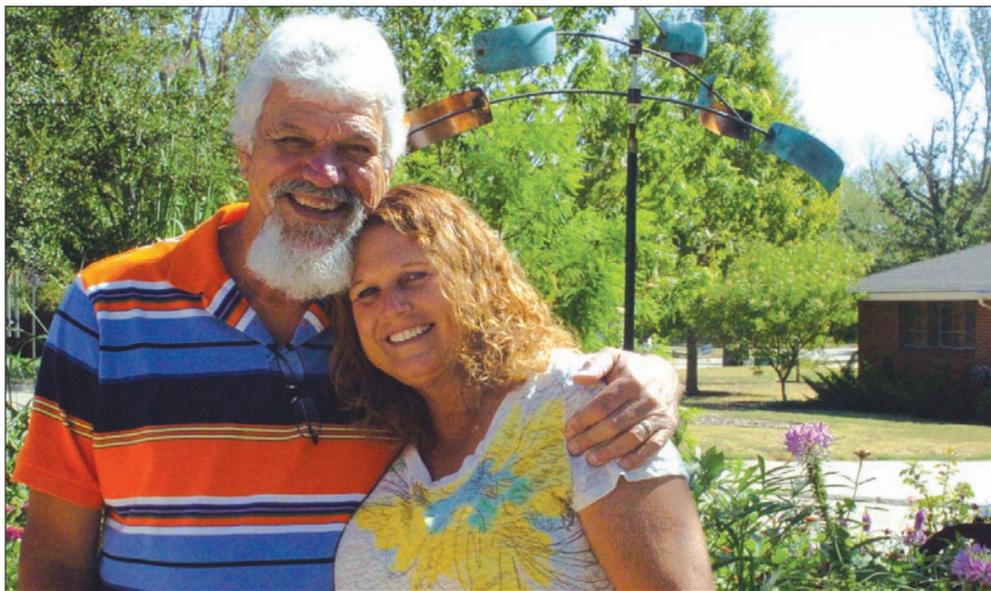
Miller said the purpose of the committee was to promote bike safety and to improve bike routes in Norman. That hasn't

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In this Transcript file photo, riders take off for the Big Norman Conquest at the J.D. McCarty Center.

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John and Linda Sexton will leave for Australia to see, for the first time, the little girl Linda saved nearly seven years ago with her bone marrow donation.

Trip of a lifetime

► Sexton taking opportunity to visit the child she helped to save

By James S. Tyree
Transcript Staff Writer

Norman School Board member Linda Sexton will ditch the Sept. 19 meeting for some beach fun in Australia, and school officials will be thrilled to excuse her absence.

While Sexton and her husband, John, are sure to enjoy the beauty of Australia's eastern coastline, the vacation's purpose is for Linda Sexton to see, for the first time, the little girl she saved nearly seven years ago with her bone marrow donation.

Rhiannon Kathleen Carson, 7, lives in Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, with her parents Marcel and Rhonda Carson and her brother Josh, 9.

"Marcel thinks there will be lots

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Udder mania



Above: State Rep. Emily Virgin competes Friday, in the cow milking contest at the Cleveland County Free Fair at the county fairgrounds.

Transcript photos by Jerry Laizure



Left: Luke Martin gets a hand or two from father Rep. Scott Martin in the cow milking contest.

Obama to hail U.S. resilience

By Ben Feller
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Searching for unity long vanished since the day terrorists astonished America, President Barack Obama will hail national resilience and remember hurting families when he gives the main speech of his Sept. 11 commemorations.

Obama will honor victims at each of the sites where nearly 3,000 people were killed in the 2001 attacks — first at ground zero in lower Manhattan, then in Shanksville, Pa. and at the Pentagon. Yet his only address to the nation will come at night, lasting about 15 minutes during an event at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

The message to expect from the president: America's character is stronger than the blow inflicted by al-Qaida or any other threat to the country, Obama deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

The president also will put an emphasis on how lives have changed for the families affected by 9/11 and for the troops who have served since that day. It has been a period in which more than 6,000 service members have died and 45,000 have been wounded in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

"This is something that had an extraordinary toll on individual Americans, and that's what can't be lost amid the broader debates this country has had," said Rhodes, who handles strategic communications for the National Security Council

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