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City council receives update on virus, protocols

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By Conrad Dudderar Senior Staff Writer

Two more annual City of Yukon special events have been postponed due to COVID-19 concerns.

The highly popular Yukon Chocolate Festival and Daddy-Daughter Dance are among latest victims of the devastating virus.

Yukon Mayor Shelli Selby

shared the frustrating news at the end of the Jan. 5th Yukon City Council meeting.

Another well-attended event, the Ground Hog Dinner at Yukon's First United Methodist Church, also has been canceled.

"These are hard times that we live in," Selby said. "As we know, it's a new year that's here – 2021. We left 2020 behind gladly. There are so many things that we've gone through as a city and as a commu-

"I hope there's a few things that we kept. And one of those is our love for community, being together and relationships. And that we just take time to enjoy one another."

Virus concerns prompted the cancellation of several large events in 2020, notably the annual Czech Festival heritage celebration and Rock the Route musical festival.

Many other special events were either postponed or scaled back due

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Maggie Jackson, community engagement and planning director at the **Canadian County Health Depart**ment, updates **Yukon City Coun**cil members on the department's COVID-19 response and vaccine distribution. (Photo by Conrad Dudderar)

'Together We Center'



Trinity Baptist Church of Yukon members break ground at the future site of the Together We Center during a Jan. 10th ceremony on the church campus, 620 N Cemetery Road. (Photo by Darren D. Heusel)

Ground broken, \$700K raised for new Yukon, county ministry project

By Conrad Dudderar

Senior Staff Writer ome \$700,000 has been raised already so construction can begin on a new service ministry being launched to reach people in

need across Canadian County.

Several hundred people attended a ground-breaking ceremony Sunday, Jan. 10 for the "Together We Center" on Trinity Baptist Church-Yukon's 30-acre campus, 620 N Cemetery Road.

This new ministry will be a village-like facility developed in phases on the west side of the church property off Cemetery Road.

The Together We Center will provide a "one-stop shop" that ministers "to all the folks in Canadian County in need," Associate Pastor Scott Kinney said.

"This is a dream that we've had to continue to minister to our communities and to our county."

With ground-breaking last Sunday and construction to start soon,

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YHS outdoor graduation set May 21

Plans set although changes possible with CÖVID-19

From Staff Reports

As long as there are no changes due to COVID-19, Yukon High School will have a graduation ceremony May 21, 2021.

The May, 2020 ceremony was moved to July 18 last year after delays due to COV-

ID-19.

Yukon Superintendent Dr. Jason Simeroth told school board members in a meeting Monday night a date was set barring



any changes during the pandemic. An outdoor ceremony will be a Miller Stadium.

Simeroth said people appreciated the July 18 ceremony outdoors after the 2020 ceremony was delayed.

The ceremony "will ensure graduates receive the recognition they deserve after prevailing over an unmatched high school career," according to a news release from the district.

"Although traditionally held in Oklahoma City, the district anticipates moving the ceremony to Yukon will enrich the experience for graduates and equip our community to follow public health and safety guidelines throughout the event," according to the statement.

The 2021 graduation will be 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Miller Stadium, 1777 S Yukon Parkway.



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By Conrad Dudderar

Senior Staff Writer

Editor's Note: In this article, The Yukon Progress highlights the two Republican candidates vying to succeed Stephanie Bice representing District 22 in the Oklahoma State Senate. A special primary election

is Feb. 9 and the general election is April 6.

Merrick, Shipley seek GOP nomination

Yukon's Jake A. Merrick and Edmond's Keri Shipley are Republican candidates seeking to fill a vacancy in the Oklahoma State Senate.

Merrick, 39, of N.W. 100 in Yu-

kon; and Shipley, 48, of Water Oak Circle in Edmond, filed Dec. 7 at the Oklahoma State Election Board for the Senate District 22 seat.

Four candidates - two Democrats and two Republicans - will appear

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Obituary

Rollins

Wanda Janice "Jan" (Perry) Rollins was born to Fayne M. Perry and Winnie (Bates) Perry on August 27, 1931 in Taylor County, TX. She passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on January 6, 2021.

Jan graduated from Aspermont High School, Aspermont, TX. After graduation, she moved to Clovis, N.M. to live with her aunt, Sallie Clark. There she not only found a good secretarial job, but a few years later, her beloved husband, Norman Roy Rollins of Buffalo, OK, and shared 65+ happy years together.

Jan's lifelong dream was to become a teacher. She received that opportunity when Norman was transferred

to Guymon, OK, as manager of Long-Bell Lumber Co. She continued her higher education earning a Master's degree and many majors and post-graduate work through the years. She spent 35 years teaching Kindergarten through college. Jan loved to sew, create a beautiful yard and entertain family and

friends.



Jan.

She is survived by two sisters; Dorothy Cochran and Janell Rutherford, both of Texas, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Jan will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

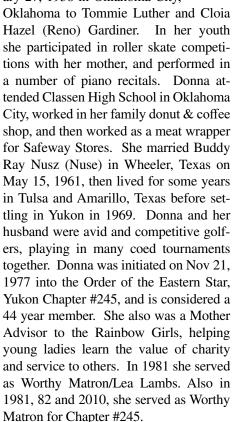
daughter, Hollye

Viewing will be held 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, OK. Graveside services will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, January 14, at Evergreen Gyp Valley Cemetery, Buffalo, OK. Pastors Joe Williams and Brett Selby will be officiating.

Online condolences may be signed at www. yandafuneral.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Yukon, OK.



Donna Kay Nuse, age 82, of Yukon, Oklahoma went to be with her Lord on January 1, 2021, after an illness at Integris Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon. She was born on January 27, 1938 in Oklahoma City,



From 2006-2012, Donna dualled with Minco Chapter #395. In 2007 she served as District Deputy. And, in 2010 Donna served as Grand Chaplain for Leatrice Massey & Mike Rapp (the Turtle Tribe). During her 44 year membership, Donna was appointed Star Point Ruth, and proudly served as Chaplain for Chapter #245. Donna loved her Eastern Star Family. She enjoyed meeting new people from different chapters, sharing smiles & memories of her many travels, and took



onna Nuse

great pride in both her memory and floor work. Her hobbies and talents included macrame, canvas painting, knitting, ceramics, crochet, and sewing/embroidery. Donna loved to love on people, and was the glue that held her family together. She would always be there to help

anyone who was in need. A great light has gone out on the world, and she will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Donna is survived by her husband of 59 years, Buddy of Yukon. Children: Gene of Yukon; Michelle Ashley of Hinton; and Vania Tuesday Ruston of Yukon. Grandchildren: Bobby Ashley; Blair (Marysa) Ashley Jr; and Haley Ruston. Great-grandchildren: Darby Ashley; Blair Ashley III; Avery Ashley; and Ellison Wednesday Nusz. Stepchildren: Sam (Terri) Nusz of El Reno; Kay (Jeff) McLearen of El Reno; and Donna (Bob) Ott of Okarche. Grandchildren: Annie (Derek) Pearson; Traci McLearen; and Laci (Brett) Caesar. Great-grandchildren: Baylor and Tynlee Pearson. Sister-inlaw Jeanne (Grady) Hunter and nephew Michael (Dawn) Gardiner all of Corpus Christi, Texas. Nephew John (Jerry) Gardiner of Dayton, Ohio as well as several cousins, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchild Tony Clements; brothers Billie Van Gardiner and Duane Gardiner.

Graveside Services Geary Cemetery, Saturday, 10:00 am, January 16, 2021, Geary, OK

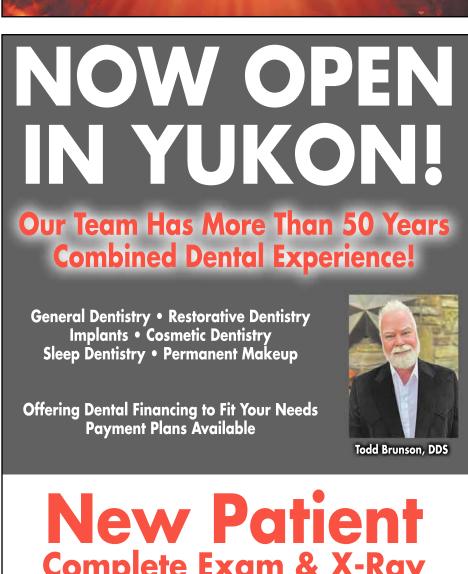
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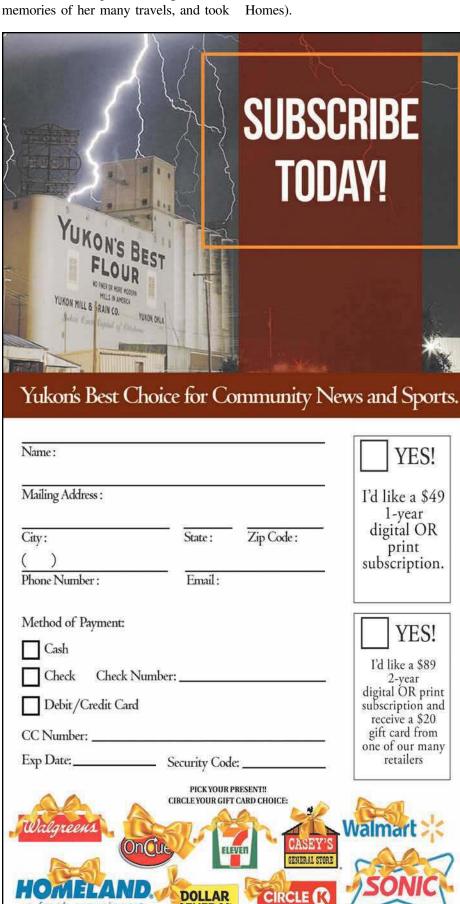
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Area residents attend Save America Rally

Elected officials speak out about fraud, violence

By Carol Mowdy Bond

Contributing Writer Two Piedmont High School alums, Lisa Cummings and her good friend of many years Teresa Phillips, traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the Save American Rally on Wednesday, January 6. Cummings now lives in Yukon, and Phillips lives in Oklahoma City. The Save America Rally, in support of President Donald Trump and fair elections, was held outside the U.S. Capitol Building. The certification by Congress of the electoral votes for the 2020 presidential election occurred

Phillips and Cummings said on January 6 they joined thousands from across the nation, walking through D.C. toward the

the same day. The events

were marred by acts of

violence and destruction.

rally, and singing the national anthem. They said people of all demographic groups participated, and there were families with children and even babies in strollers. Phillips said, "The event was attended by so many people embracing patriotism that you could not see the end of the massive crowd. President Trump greeted with roaring applause and support when he took the stage." After Trump spoke, there were several events scheduled, and Trump encouraged all of his supporters to head to those locations. Phillips said, "It was a calm, orderly flow of fellow Americans using our freedom of speech, chanting support of our nation, and expressing our desire and hope to impact those we put in office to do the right thing."

Cummings said, "We didn't go to D.C. to cause havoc and disruption or injuries or death. We just wanted Congress to hear



Lisa Cummings and Teresa Phillips participate in the Save America Rally in Washington, D.C. on January 6. (Photo provided)

our chants with all of us assembled outside the Congress building. There were people of all different nationalities. We were there to let our voices be heard through our presence and our voices to support our president and our nation peacefully. We were up front at the capitol building. It was not violent. I saw a couple of people walk back from the front who had been sprayed with mace. I saw some smoke bombs go off but no violence."

But as part of the thousands calling themselves Patriots, Cummings and Phillips believe that non-Patriots infiltrated their numbers to cause problems.

On January 6, Dist. 41 Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader, R-Yukon, said, "Today I listened to the certification of the ballots for the electoral college. Just as U.S. Sen. James Lankford, R-OK, began to speak regarding his concerns, he was cut off. The U.S. Senate abruptly recessed during his comments. I knew that was not standard and something was wrong. I changed to C-SPAN for the U.S. House. They were also in recess. So many citizens feel they have lost their voice in our elections. I understand their frustration and I share it. If we don't have fair elections, we are not a legitimate republic."

As well, Dist. 1 Canadian County Commissioner Marc Hader said he at-

tended a rally on January 6 at the Oklahoma Capitol Building "in support of President Trump, truth regarding the facts of widespread fraud and irregularities in the November 3 election, hope for action by Congress and/or Vice President Mike Pence, the rule of law, justice and the preservation of our great American republic." Hader said he and others were "frustrated with Pence's statement that he would not use his constitutional authority in Section 12 of the Constitution."

A few days prior, on January 2, Sen. Lankford's office issued a press release saying he would join a group of senators to propose an election commission to review the November 3, 2020, election process. They modeled their proposed commission on the commission formed in 1877, to resolve the electoral issues of the election of 1876 when

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Nomination

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on a Feb. 9 primary ballot for a special election to fill the seat being vacated by Republican Stephanie

The top-vote getters from each political party with then square off in an April 6 general election to determine who will complete the final 21 months of an unexpired four-year

Congresswoman Bice, 46, was elected to a twoyear term in the U.S. House of Representatives in the Nov. 3 election by defeating incumbent Democrat Kendra Horn.

Bice served District 22 for the past six years in the 48-member Oklahoma State Senate. She now represents Oklahoma's 5th Congressional District after receiving the oath of office Jan. 3 in Washington, D.C.

District 22 is comprised of northern Oklahoma County and eastern Canadian County, including parts of Yukon, Piedmont, Edmond, and Deer Creek.

The district represents these zip codes: 73003, 73012, 73013, 73025, 73078, 73099, 73127 in Canadian County; and 73142 and 73762 in Oklahoma County.

JAKE A. MERRICK

Merrick says essential freedoms are being challenged daily and it's time to take a stand and say "no more" abortion, human trafficking, school closures, shutdowns, and

"Liberty is always a target and must always be defended," Merrick said. "I will never surrender, and I will always fight to protect our right to worship, protect our right to bear arms, protect our right to school choice, protect our right to bodily autonomy, protect our babies' right to life, and protect our right to open our businesses."

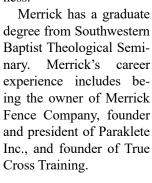
If elected, Merrick plans to draft legislation to protect the rights of Okla-

• End abortion in Oklahoma: "Abortion is currently legal in Oklahoma, and this needs to change. We must end this egregious practice in our state.'

• Ensure businesses

can stay open: "If customers believe they are safe enough to shop, eat or otherwise engage with a business, they should be free to decide this for themselves. The government should back out of the free market and allow Oklahoma businesses to get back to work."

· Ensure the right to bodily autonomy both Oklahoma's children adults: "Individuals must never be forced to be vaccinated a condition for employment, to enroll in school, to travel, or to engage in busi-



KERI SHIPLEY

Shipley said she's running for office to a be a voice and advocate for the people of Senate District

"Our community needs strong, conservative leader to stand up for our interests - not special interests," the Republican candidate said.

Shipley has worked as a staffer for two Republican members of the Oklahoma House Representaof tives. State Rep.

Garry Mize, R-

for the last year



Jake Merrick

Keri Shipley

Guthrie, called Shipley a "talented leader" and believes she will be an "outstanding senator." "I have seen Keri's

strong work ethic, her grasp of issues and her passion to see our schools, businesses and communities thrive," said Mize, whose House district cover the northern part of Senate District 22. "She's not only closely

followed the policy debates, she's also learned the in's and out's of the Capitol, ensuring that she'll hit the ground running on day one." Shipley is a former

president of the Deer Creek Executive PTO, chair of the Creek Classic Race and registrar for the Edmond Soccer Club.

As president and vice president of the Deer

Creek Soccer Booster Club, she and her husband Kurt lead fundraising initiatives allowing them to greatly expand the pro-

A third generation Oklahoman, Shipley's father was a Navy veteran and her grandfather was an Air Force veteran. She studied Marketing at New Mexico

State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

PRECINCTS OPEN

Thirteen polling precincts in Canadian County will be open for the Feb. 9th special Senate District 22 primary election:

• Surrey Hills Baptist Church, 12421 N Mustang Road in Yukon

- Yukon First Church of the Nazarene, 525 E Main in Yukon Bethel Community
- Church Bradford Family Life Center, 4901 N Sara Road in Yukon First United Methodist
- Church, 400 Elm in Yukon Yukon Fine Arts Audi-
- torium, 850 Yukon Ave. in

- Town & Country Christian Church, 2200 S Cornwell in Yukon
- Yukon Church, 11715 NW 10th in Yukon • Covenant Community
- Church, 2250 Yukon Parkway in Yukon
- Discovery Church, 900 E Main in Yukon
- Dale Robertson Center, 1200 Lakeshore Drive in Yukon
- · Light Your World Church, 4550 NW Expressway in Okarche
- Piedmont United Methodist Church, 2525 N Piedmont Road in Pied-
- Piedmont First Baptist Church, 15 Jackson Ave. NW in Piedmont

The two Democrat candidates on the Feb. 9th special Senate District 22 primary election ballot are Molly Ooten, 31, of NW 189th Terrace in Edmond; and Dylan Billings, 31, of Foxfire Road in Edmond.

Read about the Democrat contenders in an upcoming edition of The Progress.

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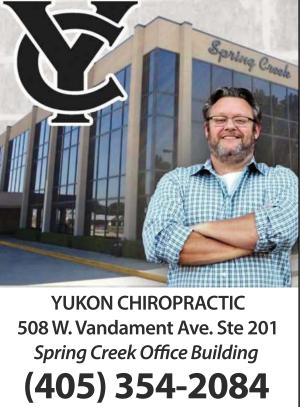
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Caretaker charged with neglect, exploitation

Yukon man faces 20 years in prison

By Conrad Dudderar

Senior Staff Writer A Yukon man faces 20 years in prison for exploiting an elderly person under his care, allegedly admitting he spent some of the victim's money on his failed restaurant busi-

Costa Anthony Neumann, 64, was charged Dec. 30, 2020 in Canadian County District Court with two felony counts – exploitation by caretaker and neglect by caretaker. Each count is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a maximum \$10,000 fine.

Neumann's alleged victim was a "vulnerable adult entrusted to his care" at a Briarwood Drive home, according to court documents. The individual died Jan. 5,

Prosecutors allege the defendant "unjustly or improperly" used the victim's financial resources "through deception, false representation or false pretense."

Neumann is further accused of "failing to provide adequate care resulting in harm or the unreasonable risk of harm" to the victim "through inaction or lack of supervision," court documents

The alleged crimes, reported between March 2016 and January 2020, were investigated by Yukon Police. Allegations against Neumann are detailed in a probable cause affidavit signed by Det. Terry Prigmore.

A witness in late December 2019 went to the defendant's home and found the victim sitting naked on a "urine-stained towel on the couch", according to the affidavit.

The witness called 911 and an ambulance took the victim to the hospital, where her body core temperature reportedly was 88.7 degrees.

When the police investigator went to Neumann's home to speak with him, the detective was "immediately overwhelmed with the strong odor of urine and body

NO MONEY FOR MEDICAL CARE?

Neumann had no an-

swer after being asked why he did not call 911 when the victim hadn't moved in two days, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

The defendant told Det. Prigmore he had not requested professional help for the victim because "there was no money for medical care," the affidavit indicates.

In reviewing the victim's bank statements, police learned the accounts were opened in March 2016 with a combined \$116,703 balance - but the money was now

In an interview with the detective, Neumann allegedly "admitted using some of the money to fund his failing restaurant business" but he could not specify expenses he paid for the victim's care.

Cash withdrawals from the victim's bank accounts totaled about \$102,000, and Neumann allegedly "could not specify as to what the money was spent on."

The defendant reportedly told the police investigator he was unable to move or lift the victim as her condition worsened.

Canadian County Special Judge Charles Gass has issued a warrant for Neumann's arrest, setting bond at \$10,000.

Vaccines offered at SWOSU

From Staff Reports

The COVID-19 vaccinations will be given on Fridays at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, starting Friday, January 8, according to a news release from

the university.

Randy SWOSU's rural health center coordinator, said the vaccinations available at SWOSU are for people over 65 years of age.

Vaccines will be given from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, 900 N. Seventh Street on Fridays.

Appointments should be set up through the online portal of the Oklahoma State Department of Health or by contacting your local health depart-

SWOSU pharmacy students have already been helping with clinics in

Clinton and Taloga and, along with SWOSU nursing students, will be utilized at the clinics at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Residents coming to the Pioneer Cellular Event Center should enter through the west doors. Appointments are required. Masks and distancing are required, according to the news re-

COVID-19 cases reported in Canadian County

From Staff Reports

Canadian County has had the 57th death from COVID-19 since the pandemic began in March, the Oklahoma State Department of Health re-

There have been 12.437 cases and 11,005 people recover from the virus as of Tuesday morning, Jan. 12 in Canadian County.

Kingfisher County has had 12 deaths, 1,623 cases and 1,459 people

Canadian County is behind the three most populated counties in the state, Cleveland, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties for the most cases.

In Canadian County cities, Yukon has had the highest number of deaths.

Yukon has had 21 deaths, 6,740 cases and 5,925 people recover.

Mustang has had 17 deaths, 2,015 cases and 1,774 people recover.

El Reno has had 13 deaths, 2,075 cases and 1,915 people recover.

Piedmont has had 900

Kingfisher has had 658 cases, three deaths and 587 people recover.

Okarche has had 197

Kingfisher recover.

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three states had reports of voter fraud. Lankford said, "Millions of Americans, including thousands of Oklahomans, still have questions significant about the November 3 election process. For the sake of the nation's unity,

these questions should not be ignored." The proposed commission would be required to meet and complete their audit in 10 days, before the January 20 inauguration.

Speaking on the floor of the U.S. Senate on January 6, Lankford said we have a "true constitu-

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tors stormed the capitol

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issued a joint statement

this evening with Sen.

Steve Daines, R-MT, on

the election certification

process and the need for

attention to address con-

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Capitol is the best way to

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and disagree strongly at

times - we do not encour-

age what happened today.

Ever."

Lankford said, "Why

around the nation."

Later in the day on

ately recessed.

INSURANCE MATTERS

Start 2021 by putting 30 minutes or so into this year's insurance strategy

In 1687 a coffee house opened on Tower Street in London. While enjoying their coffee the patrons loved to talk (they didn't have cell

phones to stare at in those days). One thing they loved to gossip about were the ships and shipments. Where were they going with what kind of cargo, will they

make it to their destination or not. The owner saw his customers were as thirsty for the gossip as

they were for coffee. So, he started a newsletter full of information, and informants, foreign ports, tides and coming and going of ships, his name was Edward Lloyd and his newsletter was called Loyds lists. Over time the

experience, the weather patterns where they were traveling, etc. They would draw up contracts and the insurer would sign underneath hence the term "underwriter. This coffee house gossip turned to betting evolved into insurance. Insurance was born from these humble beginnings, but has evolved massively over the

betting became more sophisticated as they learned more about the captains and their

last 300+ years. This is because we have an abundance of knowledge over the years as well more knowledge about science, mathematics, and technology. The actuaries and underwriters have so much data these days that they can almost predict when claims will occur. They even have found a correlation between how people manage their personal

finances can affect their likelihood of having a claim. Many people dislike insurance and see it as a waste of money. I get that because it's an intangible product which in many cases you are required to purchase. You may go 20, 30 years or more and never have a claim meaning to you that you didn't need it. That being said, most people do need insurance. Those ships the cof-

fee shop were betting on sure appreciated the information and loved having a way to pay a small amount of money in case there was a devastating loss. If you have a huge claim on your home's roof or a small fire it could cost thousands or 10's of thousands of dollars to repair. If you cause an auto accident and there are

major injuries to the other party how much insurance was enough to purchase? State minimum 25,000 for bodily injury doesn't cover much. What if there was a fatality and you had purchased 100,000 or 500,000 coverage for bodily injury? Would that be enough to cover the family of the victim? Many times it will not and you could be sued for more, putting your entire nest egg at risk and you could face financial ruin. How much insurance is right for you? What options do you

The year 2020 was a crazy one. Start off your 2021 by putting 30 minutes or so into your insurance strategy by sitting down with your agent. If you don't know your agent or want a second opinion call Wesco where we can give you advice whether you are our customer or not. Have a blessed 2021.

personally or your business have for employee theft, vandalism, tools off premises, loss

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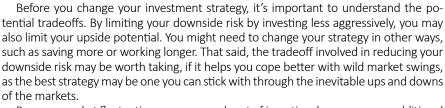
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When risk tolerence is tested

with risk, as your investment choices will be guided at least partially by your risk tolerance. But once you actually experience the ups and downs of the market, this tolerance could be tested. Risk tolerance may appear less bothersome in the abstract but seem quite different in reality. For example, you might initially think

When you begin investing, you'll generally assess your comfort

you wouldn't be fazed by short-term market downturns, no matter how severe. However, when the financial markets really decline, as happened when the COVID-19 pandemic struck last March, you might find yourself being more concerned than you thought you would be.



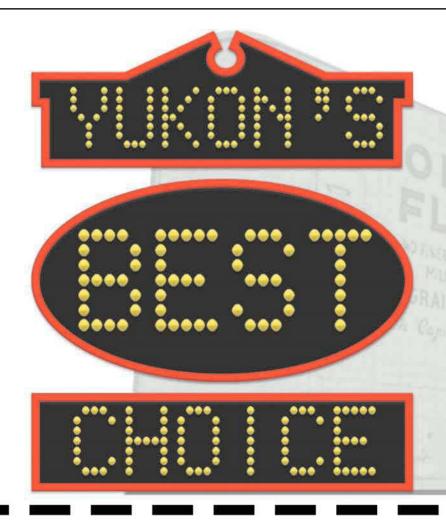
Because market fluctuations are a normal part of investing, here are some additional suggestions that may help you focus on your long-term strategy.

Look past the immediate event. While the market's pandemic-driven fall was sudden, its recovery was also fairly quick. Eight months after its March meltdown, the market had regained all the lost ground and reached a new record high. During the midst of what appears to be a real threat to your investment portfolio, it can be difficult to anticipate a more favorable environment. Yet, while past performance can't guarantee future results, every historical market decline has been followed by a recovery.

Understand that the Dow isn't your portfolio. When the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the other major market indexes such as the S&P 500 fall precipitously (or shoot up), it makes headlines. But the Dow and the S&P 500 only track the performance of large U.S. companies – and while their performance may be an indication of the U.S. economy, they aren't going to track the results of your portfolio, which should ideally include a personalized mix of large-company stocks, small-company stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments.

Keep your emotions out of your investment moves. The market will fluctuate constantly – but you should always try keep your emotions in check. Excess exuberance when the market rises, or extreme despondency when the market falls, can lead you to make poor decisions. Specifically, we may buy when we feel good (when the markets are up) and sell when we feel badly (when markets are down). Your heart and your emotions may drive your financial goals – creating a comfortable retirement, sending your kids to college or leaving a legacy for your family – but when you invest for these goals, you should use your head. Your risk tolerance is a key part of your investment strategy. But by taking the steps described above, you can gain a broader understanding of how risk fits into your overall picture – and a better understanding of yourself as an investor.

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Please submit this entire page with your information by FEBRUARY 11, 2021.

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Obituary

Cruz

Richard Cruz was born December 26, 1950 in Houston, Texas, and passed from this life on January 10, 2021 in

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. Richard spent his pro-

Oklahoma City.

fessional career as a Crew Leader for Avis/Budget Rental Car Company.

Richard was preceded death by his mother, Gloria

Ceballos and father, Victor Cruz; siblings: sister, Mary Pineda, Suzanna Martinez, and brother,



Frank Martinez. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Janie Cruz of the home; daugh-Marcie ter. Castenada and husband Fer-

nando of San Antonio, Texas; son, Richard Cruz, and wife Shelly of San Antonio, Texas;

daughter, Tina Oliver of Minco, and son, Greg Oliver and wife Shari of Minco; 14 grandkids; 6 great grandkids and one on the way; sister, Yolanda Fleming and husband Tommy of Sterling Heights, Michigan; brother, Juan Ceballos and wife Stephanie of Houston, Texas, sister, Gloria Garza and hus-

band Eluide of Houston, Texas, and sister, Carmen Hays, and brotherin-law, Joe Pineda.

Viewing will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, January 14 and Friday, January 15 at Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon.

Celebration of Life services will be 2 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2021, at Trinity Baptist

Church, 620 N. Cemetery Road., Yukon. Services can be viewed online at live.trinitychurckok.com.

Online condolences may be signed at www. yandafuneral.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Yukon.

Project –

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projected opening date is Aug. 15. Trinity's community outreach pastor, Brian Grider, is executive director of the Together We Center.

This new ministry will complement - not compete with - other local ministries and service programs, Grider explained.

Private donations and grants are helping fund the construction project and supporters are well on their way to reaching a \$1,050,000 fund-raising

The Together We Center will be a separate entity from Trinity Baptist Church, which has seen a 36% growth in 2020.

"Our vision is to provide a countywide ministry that will have a 2,000 square foot medical clinic, 2,000 square foot food pantry and 1,000 square foot clothing closet," Kinney said.

THAT AND



Posting for a photo at the Together We Center ground-breaking are: From left, Senior Pastor Brian Mills, State Rep. Rhonda Baker (R-Yukon), Canadian County Commissioner Jack Stewart, State Rep. Brian Hill (R-Mustang), and Community Outreach Pastor Brian Grider, executive director of the Together We Center. (Photo by Darren D. Heusel)

MUCH MORE

The facility will house the Faith Clinic, Canadian County's only free health clinic for people without insurance. This clinic has operated weekly for more than five years inside the church.

"We see around 650-

700 patient visits a year," Kinney said. "We're going to add to that and we're going to build a building."

That building also will house a new food pantry and clothing boutique. Organizers hope to eventually offer free or discounted

vehicle repairs and counseling services.

The Together We ministry could eventually include a barber shop, dental clinic, community center, and more as needs

"We just have a big vision to minister to people



Trinity Baptist Church elder Gary Elliott leads a prayer after discussing the vision for the Together We Center, which will serve people in need across Canadian County. (Photo by Darren D. Heusel)

in need - not just Yukon and not just Mustang, but our whole county," Kinney said.

Kinney cited Trinity church's convenient eastern Canadian County location between Yukon and Mustang, close to Interstate 40 and the John

mending policies promot-

ing masks in businesses,

schools and in communi-

"The virus builds in

your body and you are

contagious before you

have symptoms. ... Peo-

ple can be spreading it

before they know they've

been exposed and could

the vaccine, people are

being advised to wear

"We are still recom-

mending it," Jackson

said. "We know both vac-

cines are effective at pre-

venting you from become

potential, if you get the

vaccine, to have the virus

and transmit it to some-

one else. We just don't

have enough of that 'herd

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sick with COVID-19.

Even after receiving

expose others."

masks.

ties," Jackson said.

Kilpatrick Turnpike.

Guests at the groundbreaking ceremony included District 60 State Rep. Rhonda Baker, R-Yukon; District 47 State Rep. Brian Hill, R-Mustang; and Canadian County District 3 Commissioner Jack Stewart.

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Through Jan. 11, state

health department data

shows Canadian County

has had 12,333 positive cases with 10,928 recov-

57 deaths in Canadian

County attributed to CO-

VID-19, with 21 of those

a large spike," she said.

"At the end of November,

we had a surge in our hos-

pitals. We've had surges

what Christmas and New

Year's might have done."

Jackson reported that Ca-

nadian County's hospital-

ization rate is under 4%

- lower than the statewide

average.

"We have yet to see

On a positive note,

across the state, really.

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in Yukon.

Cancellations

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to COVID-19 protocols. Ward 4 City Council Member Aric Gilliland thanked local health professionals and front-line responders for their response to this health cri-

"Their workload has increased tremendously probably more than

any of us realize," Gilliland said. "They are to be commended."

VACCINE, MASKS

Maggie Jackson, community engagement and planning director at the Canadian County Health Department, provided city council members with an extensive COV-ID-19 update.

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In an effort to help reduce the risk of drugs in the home that can potentially harm children, teens or adults, West Pointe Pharmacy has set up a secure, safe drop-off location in its pharmacy.

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Jackson discussed vaccine clinics the CCHD is offering, saying the vaccine distribution is "our top priority."

"If anybody calls the health department, we're just asking everybody for patience," Jackson added. "We want to get this vaccine out to as many people, as quickly as we can.

"We have a huge demand. People are calling 'off the charts.' We have lots of people who are a high priority and we want to get them in as quickly as we can."

Appointments may be

mending the non-pharmaceutical mitigation efforts for COVID-19, including wearing masks, social distancing and washing your hands," Jackson told council members.

She shared statewide data showing municipalities with mask mandates average 11% fewer cases than those without.

"We are still recom-

made by phone or through the state health department website (see related story for more details). "We are still recom-

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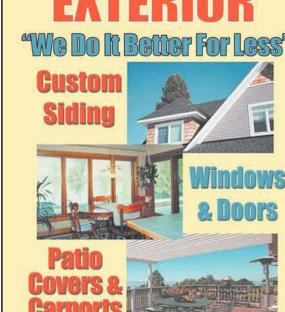
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Canadian County Justice Center employees file discrimination lawsuit

From Staff Reports

Former and current employees of the Gary E. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center have filed a civil lawsuit in Canadian County District Court against a former director of the center accused of discrimination and wrongful termina-

Daniel Kern, former facility director, is named as a defendant in the lawsuit filed Dec. 21. Also named as defendants are Associate District Judge Bob Hughey, in his official capacity as the Associate District Judge and Director of the Gary E. Miller Canadian County Children's Justice Center and Juvenile Bureau, and Nacole Majors, human resources director for the county, the lawsuit states.

The plaintiffs alleging workplace discrimination are Ronda Moss, Me-

ton, Robert Fletcher and Donna Wehmuller, Canadian County residents. Moss and Fletcher were fired from the center. Also named as defendants are members of The Canadian County Board of Commissioners.

Daniel Kern was the facility director for the justice center from March 2019 until he was terminated in November, 2019, the lawsuit alleges. Kern is accused of harassing Barton when he learned he was being sued, resulting in Kern's firing, according to the lawsuit petition.

The lawsuit alleges Moss filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal **Employment Opportunity** Commission on March 24, 2020. The EEOC issued a dismissal and notice of rights on Sept. 23, 2020. Moss then filed a tort claim in Canadian County Oct. 15, 2020.

man resources director for the center in 2015 and promoted to assistant facility director in 2018 while serving concurrently in the role of human resources director, the lawsuit states. Moss was terminated from employment Oct. 17, 2019, the lawsuit states.

McClain, a detention officer who transferred to the human resources department as general office assistant, also filed an EEOC complaint alleging discrimination in her employment March 26, 2020. The EEOC issued a dismissal and McClain filed a tort claim with the county Oct. 15, 2020. Mc-Clain was demoted on Oct. 17, 2019.

Fletcher, Barton and Wehmuller also EEOC complaints alleging discrimination and the EEOC issued dismissals. Each also filed tort claims

Barton has served as a visitation supervisor, the lawsuit states.

Fletcher's employment as a detention officer was terminated Oct. 10, 2020. Wehmuller remains employed at the center but allegedly experiences "a hostile work environment."

The lawsuit alleges that Kern said complaints about him "were gossip and rumors." Barton alleges she has had to work in a hostile environment. Wehmuller has been

istrative assistant the center's alternative school. The defendants suing for a judgement against defendants in ex-

employed as an admin-

cess of \$75,000, the lawsuit states. The plaintiffs have demanded a jury trial. The case has been assigned

to District Judge Jack. D. McCurdy.

lissa McClain, Erin Bar-Moss was hired as huwith the county. Library awarded grant to extend digital access

From Staff Reports

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries has awarded a \$5,000 Digital Inclusion grant to the Mabel C. Fry Public Library to help the library expand access to digital information and resources.

Yukon's library is one

of 50 institutions to receive the grant from ODL courtesy of the federal (Coronavirus CARES Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) whose purpose is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and organizations related through grant-making, research, and policy development.

A total of \$290,000 was distributed to public libraries, tribal libraries and cultural centers, museums, and literacy programs to improve digital access during the CO-VID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Librarian Sara Schie-

From Staff Reports

will be closed on Mon-

day, January 18, in ob-

servance of Martin Lu-

Sanitation routes will be affected. Customers

whose routine trash pick-

up day is Monday will

have their trash picked

up instead on Tuesday,

ther King Jr. Day.

January 19.

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man said funding was used to purchase outdoor access points to provide expanded wireless internet connection into the

library parking lot and west field.

These access points allow library patrons to have access to a highspeed internet connection any time the library is closed for any reason, not just during the pandemic.

"In March, during our time of complete closure, I spoke to a college student who was sitting on the bench outside the library using the library Wi-Fi to take a college exam," Schieman said.

"She had a notebook, textbook, laptop and calculator and was juggling and struggling to take her exam.

"She

MLK Day sanitation

schedule announced

couldn't even stay in her car because internet connection didn't extend that far! This grant will be invaluable to people who

The Yukon Transfer

Station and Recycle Cen-

ter will also be closed on

Monday, January 18, in

observance of the holi-

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vices@yukonok.gov or

open at 8 a.m. on Tues-

day, January 19.

call 354-4317.

cannot afford Internet access in their home." The library

is excited to be able to offer an extended wireless internet service to the residents

of Yukon and Canadian County. With learning on the horizon for the foreseeable future, the access points will allow students, parents, and teachers an opportunity for free wireless access from the comfort of their own vehicle no matter the time or day.

BRIDGE DIVIDE

On days when the weather permits, internet seekers are now able to sit out in the field directly west of the library to access Wi-Fi.

The most recent Census data shows 76% of households Oklahoma are connected to broadband Internet.

"That leaves a lot of people having to depend on free public access in order to locate and use the digital information and services they need," ODL Director Melody Kellogg said.

digital divide in Oklahoma and across the country. The pandemic

Yukon, OK 73099

"We already have a

has just made the divide harsher since libraries and other places that offer this free access may be closed or only offering limited services at this

Congress provided for CARES Act funds to help libraries, museums and tribal nations bridge this

Grant applicants asked for a variety of products to meet the particular needs of their communities. Some requested equipment to expand the reach of their WiFi access, while others requested hotspots for checkout, or laptops and tablets for checkout or to expand access inside their building.

addition, CARES Act provided grants to help libraries and cultural institutions procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and customers.

ODL distributed \$60,000 in PPE grants in June and July to 64 institutions. The Mabel C. Fry Public Library also received a \$1,000 PPE grant which has helped purchase masks, eye protection, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. For more information

about the Yukon library, call (405) 354-8232.



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Yukon blood drive set for Jan. 14 at city chamber office

From Staff Reports The Oklahoma Blood Institute will present a com-

munity blood drive from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 outside the Yukon Chamber office, 10 All donors will receive a 2021 long-sleeve T-shirt.

All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma Appointments are preferred to help with social

distancing. Walk-ins will be accepted as the schedule allows.

Masks are required.

To schedule an appointment, call the OBI at (877) 340-8777 or visit obi.org

Ongoing road construction projects found in county

From Staff Reports

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has reported updates on Canadian County road projects.

Interstate 40 is narrowed to two lanes at Garth Brooks Boulevard in Yukon, and Frisco Road is closed at I-40 in Yukon through summer 2021.

I-40 is narrowed to two lanes in each direction between Garth Brooks Boulevard, mile marker, 136. and N. Cimarron Road, mile marker 132, in Yukon for ongoing construction through summer 2021. Motorists are advised to expect delays and lane shifts in the work zone, ODOT reports. Other closures include Frisco Road. over I-40 between N.W. 10th. and Vandament Ave. through summer 2021.

N.W. 23rd St. will be closed to through traffic from Richland Road and Frisco Road through summer 2021. While Vandament Ave. is expected to remain open near I-40 during construction, motorists are advised to use caution and to watch for construction trucks and equipment moving in the area.

In Okarche, workers are about to wrap up the makeover of Oklahoma Avenue.

The contractor is within days of substantial completion, meaning they won't impact traffic much after that. The items left to complete are a couple of ADA sidewalk ramps on the west side of US-81, some repair work to a couple of median islands, fixing a sidewalk rail and other types of clean up/finalization of the overall project.

Most of the sidewalk work is finished and it's more a matter of weather and scheduling issues at this point to wrap up those remaining items. It could be another month, weather permitting, before everything is completely finalized.

On the north side of Yukon on State Highway 4, a new bridge is complete and workers are finishing driveway connections. A second layer of asphalt will be completed on the approaches to the bridge and at the SH 4 and Wilshire Boulevard intersection. That work will be scheduled weather permitting, as it is temperature dependent, said ODOT spokeswoman Lisa Schearer-Salim.

"We want to remind drivers that this is still an active work zone, especially at the Wilshire Blvd. intersection, and to continue putting away distractions when behind the wheel and obeying the reduced speed limit," Schearer-Salim said.



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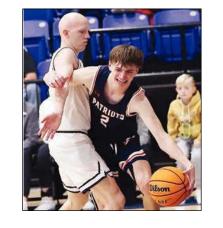
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Patriots rally past Cordell at Arapaho, Page 3B

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Tuttle halts Miller repeat bid

By Chuck Reherman

Sports Editor

WEATHERFORD - The finals of the Weatherford Classic turned into a matchup of the past two champions.

And, it showed to be a championship match, although it didn't turn out the way defending champion Yukon wanted.

Tuttle hit three free throws in

4A No. 5 ranked Tuttle to a 66-62 win over the Millers Saturday night.

Tuttle had won the title in 2019 and beat the Millers in the semifinals along the way. YHS returned the favor in 2020 with a 76-63 win over the Tigers in the semifinals.

The Millers, 3-3, had a threepoint lead with 4:57 remaining

the free throw line six times in the final four minutes that turned out to be the difference.

"We played well considering it was our third game in three days against ranked teams and we had played only three coming into the tournament," YHS head coach Kevin Ritter said. "I know the teams we played were not in our class, but they are still

"We just have to make a few more plays and a few more shots late in games," he said. "Tuttle is a good team, that is what they are ranked so high. They are big and physical, they beat us and now we have to move on and get ready for the teams we have coming up."

Tuttle's Isaac McDoulett hit a trey with 4:25 remaining ro tie the game 53-53, the hit an

and-one to take a 56-53 lead. A technical on Yukon with 3:16 left led to three free throws and a 61-53 lead.

"The technical didn't help," Ritter said. "We got molested twice down on one end and one of our guys said something and it didn't help. It went from a tied game to a six-point lead

See Millers, Page 3B



Shannon Henthorn (right), Brayden Dutton (left) and Chaz Bradley try to wrestle the ball away from Tuttle's Isaac McDoulett in the finals of the Weatherford Classic. Tuttle upended the Millers 66-62 to take the title Saturday night. (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

Inola upends YHS in finals at Henryetta

By Chuck Reherman Sports Editor

HENRYETTA - Yukon went into Saturday night poised to win their first tournament title of the season.

The Millerettes ran into a hot Inola team that had knocked off two top 10 teams earlier.

And, Inola made the most of their free throws to take a 56-53 overtime win over the Millerettes in the finals of Henryetta Invitational Tournament.

The Millerettes, 4-4, reached the finals with a 65-47 win over Bristow in the semifinals and faced an Inola team that knocked off class 3A No. 10 Hugo in the other semifinals.

The teams battled back and forth all night and went into overtime tied at 45-45. The Lady Longhorns sank nine of 12 free throws in that extra period to pull off the three-point

win over the Millerettes.

"There are lots of positive take aways from the tournament," Millerette head coach Roy Wyckoff said. "I think we learned that we have to dictate the tempo. We can't allow teams to slow us down and get into a half court ball game. When we can keep it up tempo we are at our best

"Inola were very fundamental and ran their stuff with a lot of discipline," he said. "They dictated the pace and slowed it down. We couldn't ever get them sped up consistently. They shot it well and made us pay for our mistakes."

The Millerettes used the long ball early in the game to take the early lead. A trey from Gabby Tilley and one from MJ Case after a three-point play gave YHS a 9-4 lead.

Caid Jefferson added a

See Millerettes, Page 3B

Wrestlers 6th at Jenks

By Chuck Reherman

Sports Editor JENKS - The Larry Wilkey Invitational Tournament has always been a

good tournament to start

out a new year. This year's event became more of a challenge.

With the addition of top 10 teams, including Yukon, the Millers came away with one champion, three placers and a sixth place finish in the annual event.

Lane Parks won the lone gold medal for the Millers and was also named the Outstanding Wrestler for the upper weights in the

tournament. YHS finished with 113 points. Stillwater win the tournament with 260.5 points and Edmond North was second with 241.5.

"Good tournament with some tough competition," YHS head coach Joe Schneider said. "The addition of Broken Arrow, Stillwater and Edmond North made the Jenks tournament much more competitive. Our guys battled up and down all weekend and we came away a much better team.

"We learned a lot in this tournament and we got what we needed, a lot of mat time," he said. "I think this tournament will springboard us into this weeks competition. We have some tough duals and tournaments in the

upcoming weeks. Parks won all five of his matches by fall en route to the heavyweight title and the outstanding wrestler award.

In the finals, he had his quickest match of the tournament, pinning David Steiger of Southmoore in just 26 seconds. Only two of his matches went into the second round.

See Wrestlers, Page 5B



Michael Moriasi steals the ball from Cordell's Danny Corbin in SWCS's win **Saturday. See story Page 2B.** (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

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Patriots rally past Cordell, 55-48

By Chuck Reherman Sports Editor

ARAPAHO - Getting back on track.

After a stumble in the opening round of the Arapaho-Butler Festival, Southwest Covenant got a confidence boost on the final day.

With Kirk Cole returning to the starting line-up after being out a month, the Patriots got that spark and rallied to a 55-48 win over Cordell, Saturday in Arapaho.

SWCS, 5-3, got 19 points from Cole in his first game back since the season opener in early December. The Patriots had also beat Cheyenne-Reydon 35-32 on Friday.

The Patriots did get off to a slow start, but rallied to a seven-point lead in the third quarter and held off a late comeback to earn the

"It was a good win, we played well and it was good to see Kirk back, he played a lot more minutes



Kirk Cole drives the baseline against Cordell's Danny Corbin. Cole, in his first game back since a knee injury scored 19 points in SWCS's win. (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

than I thought," SWCS head coach Kevin Cobbs said. "Cordell is a good team, they beat Okarche and lost to the No. 4 team Canute by only four points, so they have a good team.

"We were able to build that seven-point lead in the fourth quarter and we did let Cordell come back and make it closer, but we have a lot of young guys got a little nervous," he added. "But, Cordell hit shots too and free throws. If we can finish close games, we can come out ahead and that is what you want.

"In that fourth quarter, we wanted them to come and get us, we were a foul away from being the double bonus. We wanted to spread the ball around, so we go four game and wanted to get their No. 14 out of the game and it came pretty quickly."

SWCS trailed 24-21 after Kray Rogers hit a trey to open the second half. The Patriots went on a 10-0 run on three Anthony Cox field goals and one from Kyler Beshears and Cole to take a 31-24 lead.

The Patriots did open a nine-point lead, 45-36 after Cole hit a pair of free throws and Tucker Croy with 5:15 remaining.

Cordell rallied and cut the lead to three, 46-43 after Blaine Larson hit a pair of shots with 2:57 remaining. Cordell did tie the game 48-48 after Dawson Willard hit a pair of free throw with 1:20 remain-



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Yukon Athletic Association Spring Youth Baseball League

This league has been run by the Yukon Optimist Sports League in the past and is still part of the CVBA (Canadian Valley Baseball Association). Players who are already with a team will need a team ID number from their coach to sign up.

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Games are played Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights in Yukon, Piedmont, El Reno, Mustang, and Tuttle.

Please contact Tyler Kilmer for more information. tkilmer@yukonok.gov

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Kyler Beshears tries to control a loose ball as he is doubleteamed by Cordell's Kray Rogers (left) and Cade Walker during the Arapaho-Butler **Festival. The Patriots beat Cordell 55-48.** (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

A Cole field and free throws by Michael Moriasi, Cox and Cole, last ciing with 3.1 seconds remaing, sealed the win.

Cole led the scoring with 19, Cox added 14, Beshears 11 and Croy eight. Larson and Rogers had 12 each for Cordell.

The Patriots used free throws from Beshears and Bryson Ford in overtime to upend Cheyenne-Reydon 35-32 on Friday.

It was a game that the Patriots had a hard night shooting the ball and had trouble handling the Bears pressure. "It was really an ugly

game," Cobbs said. "They played a deliberate style of game and slowed things down. We tried to rush too many things and put up shots quickly.

"At least we got out of there with two wins," he said. "I was pleased with coming away with two wins."

The game was tied 13-13 at halftime and the game was tied 30-30 at the end of regulation.

Moriasi led the scoring with nine and Croy had

The Patriots host Boone-Apache on Thursday, travel to Destiny on Friday and then to Rush Springs Saturday. All the boys games will start at 7:30 p.m.

YHS swimmers place in to six at Washington

By Chuck Reherman op Kelley in third. Bixby troke in 1:20.85 Sports Editor

BIXBY - After a threeweek lay-off, Yukon's swim team returned to the pool with an overall solid performance.

The Miller swim team finished fourth overall, while the Millerettes placed sixth in the Tulsa Washington Hornet Virtual Invitational.

The meet was held in three locations, with Yukon competing in Bixby with the Spartans and Fort Gibson.

"We actually did better in this Meet than I was originally thinking as we swam," YHS head coach Bruce Clifton said. "Come to find out once they put all the results together from all three venues that Bixby and Fort Gibson placed in the top three of the meet so we ended up placing better overall than it looked while we were swimming.

"Bixby is one of the best teams I've seen this year," he said. "I was thoroughly impressed with them. The fact that we held our own in many of the races says a lot about our kids. The fact that Bixby and Fort Gibson have their own pools on their high school campus definitely showed

in their swimming. So our kids did well with having

to compete against those

The Millers finished

fourth with 236 points, 25

points behind Tulsa Bish-

odds."

won the meet with 422 and Fort Gibson second with 309. The Millers placed in

the top five in all three relays, scoring 90 of their 263 points. The 200-meter med-

ley relay team of Clayton Berg, Aydan Howard, Logan McIntyre and Ethan Lee finished third in a time of 2:10.36. Berg, Howard and McIntyre teamed with Farris Abdelazziz to finish third in the 200-meter freestyle in 1:57.37. The B team of David Lu, Raymond Bui, Trevor Flanagan and Bradley Vanhoutan finished eighth in 2:19.39. The 400 freestyle re-

lay team of Lee, Trevor Flanagan, Vanhoutan and Abdelazziz placed fifth in 5:04.70. McIntyre had a sec-

ond place finish in the 100-meter butterfly in a time of 1:03.97. Berg also had a third

place finish in the 200-meter individual medley in 2:38.50. He was also sixth in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:1.39 and Abdelazziz was eighth in 1:17.95. Abdelazziz finished fifth in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:38.56 and Lu was seventh in 2:56.77.

Howard placed third in the 50-meter freestyle in 27.32 seconds and Mc-

Intyre was fifth in 27.84.

Howard also placed third

in the 100-meter breast-

In the girls division, the Millerettes placed sixth with 144 points. Washington won the meet with 385, Bixby was second with 349 and Fort Gibson third with 273.

The Millerettes did place in the top 10 in the three relays. The 400-meter freestyle relay team of Abigail Palmer, Hannah Schob, Madison Manning and Lynlee Cummings placed sixth in 5:23.71. The B team of Cassidy McIntyre, Andrea Vasquz, Peyton Weaver and Jozzlyn Sale was 10th in 6:16.71.

The 200-meter medley relay team of Palmer, Cummings, Johana Aguilera and Jordan Raley placed seventh in 2:39.51. The 200-meter freestyle relay of Raley, Schob, Aguilera and Madison Manning placed ninth in 2:29.47. Palmer also had a fourth

place finish in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:23.91. Raley played eighth in 1:28.26. Cummings placed sev-

enth in the 100-meter breastroke in 1:37.32. Palmer placed eighth in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:48.75 and Sale was ninth in 2:49.95. Aguilera was ninth in the 400-meter freestyle in 6:56.48. Yukon will host their

annual meet on Saturday at the Edmond Aquatics Center at Mitch Park in Edmond at 10 a.m.

Millers

From Page 1B

and that made the difference in the game. We just



Colby Baker collides

didn't make enough plays.

"We did rush some shots at the end," he said. "We had three or four guys that played in this tournament last year and a lot of guys who didn't so we are doing a lot of learning right now with guys that are in those situations for the first time on a varsity level.

"I was happy with them, we played hard. What happens a lot in the tournament is we settled there at the end which played in their hands on long shots. When you play three games in three days, your legs get tired a lot of time. And we had three decently difficult games."

Trailing 61-53, Millers did make a run on a field goal and two free throws from Shannon Henthorn and a threepoint play from Colby Baker to cut the lead to 61-60 with 1:25 remain-

A three-point play from 38.7 seconds remaining.

a bucket from Baker, but free throws from Kaden Vande and McDoulett in the final 25 seconds iced the game.

"We got two wins out of the tournament, it makes us 3-3 and we got some more games under our belt," Ritter said. "Tuttle lost to Norman North in overtime, beat No. 1 Edmond Memorial earlier this week we lost to Moore who beat No. 7 Tulsa Union by 21.

"We are getting there, we just need to get better," he said. "We have to finish these next two weeks out strong. And, we have another tournament coming up at Newcastle that we should have a chance at winning three."

The Millers did trail 7-3 early in the game, but used a pair of field goals from Henthorn to cut the gap to 9-8. Baker hit a shot in the lane to give YHS their first lead, 10-9.

A Tashon Skaggs field goal gave the Tigers the lead back and THS built a 24-18 lead with 4:39 remaining. YHS chipped away at the lead to close the margin and used two Baker free throws to take a 34-32 lead at the half.

Baker led the scoring with 22, Brayden Dutton added 12 and Henthorn eight.

In the semifinals on Friday, the Millers used another 20-point performance from Baker to lead Yukon to a 60-53 win over Oklahoma City John Marshall.

The Millers led by three, 40-37, early in the fourth quarter and used a trey from Damontrell Adams and a bucket and a pair of free throws from Zac Cantwell to take a 47-40 lead.

Yukon iced the game at the free throw line, hitting 11 of 14 shots from theline, including six of six from Dutton.

The Millers ran out to an early lead and used treys from Adams, Baker and Dutton to open a 15-8 lead. John Marshall chipped away at the lead and closed the margin to 26-21 at the intermission.

Baker led the YHS scoring with 20, Dutton added 13, Cantwell 11 and Adams had 10.

YHS travels to Edmond Memorial on Friday and to Stillwater on Saturday.

Millerettes hitting six shots from the floor (three of them treys) and was three of three at the line. Brown added 14 points, Tilley had 12 and Jefferson eight.

Chaz Bradley reaches in to try and strip the ball from Tuttle's Kaden Vande

in the finals of the Weatherford Classic. Tuttle upended the Millerettes 66-

62 for the title. (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

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trey to sent the Millerettes

to a 17-12 lead with 10

seconds left in the quarter.

the long ball of their own

in the second quarter,

hitting three treys and

turning four Millerette

mistakes into points in a

19-11 scoring run to take

The Millerettes had

taken a 19-12 lead to open

the frame, but saw Inola

go on an 11-2 run to take

Both defenses stepped

up their pressure in the

third quarter and neither

team could get an advan-

tage. Inola led 38-34 go-

ing into the fourth quarter.

forced Inola into mistakes

in the fourth quarter, turn-

ing those into points. Syd-

ney Brown sparked a late

fourth quarter run with six

points that tied the game

test into overtime.

The Millerette defense

a 23-21 lead.

a 31-28 lead at the half.

Inola came back with

In the semifinals on Friday night, the Millerettes ran out to a 16-point first quarter lead and went on to post a 65-47 over Bristow to reach the finals. The Millerettes came

out firing on all cylinders to open the game. Treys from Case and Jefferson around a Tilley field goal gave the Millerettes an 8-0 lead to start the game.

Jefferson hit a second shot and a Brown field goal made it a 12-2 game and the Millerettes finished the frame on a 10-2 run to open a 22-6 lead.

Bristow was able to chip away at the lead in the second quarter as the Millerettes cooled off on offense. The Lady Purple

Pirates went on a 14-7 run and cut the lead to nine, 29-20 at the intermission. Ava Yochum keyed the Bristow run with a pair of

field goals. The Millerettes got their offense rolling again in the second half. A trey from Case to open the third quarter opened a 32-20 lead. Tilley added a trey to open a 39-24 lead and Yukon led 42-31 heading into the final

eight minutes. YHS put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter on a 12-2

run to open a 54-33 lead. Case led the scoring with 22, Jefferson had 19

and Tilley added nine. "Overall. We are shooting the ball pretty well.,' Wyckoff remarked. "I attribute that primarily to the girls playing really unselfishly. We are taking

good shots."



Brayden Dutton passes the ball around Kaden Vande along the baseline. (Photo by Chuck Re-

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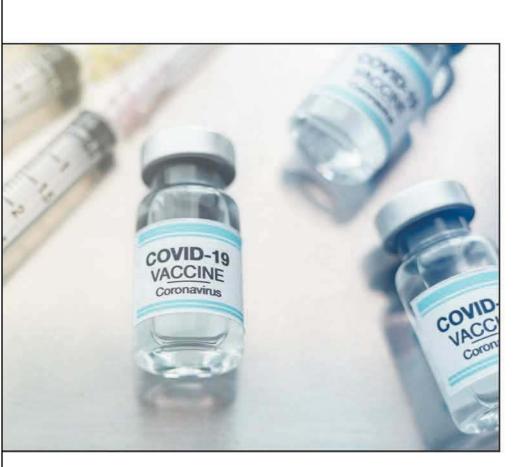
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Wrestlers

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Parks opened the tournament by pinning Ellis Tomlin of Broken Arrow in 29 seconds. He pinned Gavin Daniels of Moore in 2:42 in the second round.

In the quarterfinals, Parks pinned Gabriel Chelenza of Putnam City in 1:53 and reached the finals after pinning Caleb Phillips of Coweta in

"Lane had a very tough competitor in the semifinals match who has actually beaten Lane previous times when they have wrestled," Schneider said. "Lane had a great counter attack against the Cushing wrestler and then capitalized on great position. He then locked up a very tight cradle and went for the pin. Lane had 5 falls in the least amount of time of any other competitor in the entire tournament."

Jonah Hanscom won the consolation title at 120-pounds. He scored a 9-2 decision over Mario Ewing of Westmoore in the third place match.

Hanscom, after getting a first round bye, scored a 14-4 major decision over Keegan Sullivan of Deer Creek. He reached the

semifinals where he lost to Brayden Belford of Edmond North 8-7.

In the consolation semifinals, Hanscom decisioned Evan Rodriguez 4-3 to reach the consolation championship.

"Jonah won two matches in the championship bracket and made it into the semi-finals before losing a very close match 8-7," Schneider said. "Jonah then won the next two matches in the consolation bracket to place third overall. Jonah is a great wrestler who leads our team with his hard work and efforts everyday in the room and at competitions."

Dillon Ryan reached the consolation championship at 106, but lost to Edmond North's Aiden Godbehere 5-3.

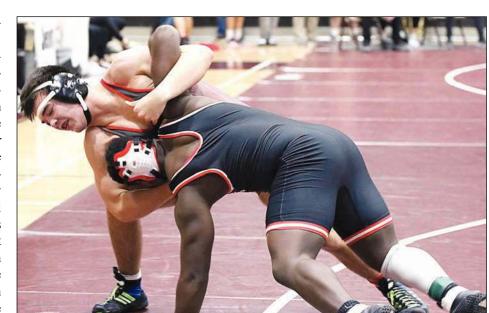
Dillon lost his opening round match to Godbehere in a 13-3 major decision. He won by decision over Bryson Humphries of Owasso 5-3, pinned Dakota Sherrer of Muskogee in 1:24, decisioned Yancy Kite of Moore 4-0 and Christian Belford of Edmond North 15-4.

In the consolation semifinal, Ryan won by a 12-0 major decision over Gannon Morales of West-

Ryan Snodgrass works for control of Jenks' Ethan Hill in a 220-pound match. Snodgrass won the consolation round match 3-1. (Photo courtesy Kyle Salomon, Jenks Tribune)

moore, then lost to Godbehere a second time.

"Our other Yukon wrestlers did a great job of collecting falls and major decisions, worth more team points, when they had the chance and helped our team fight for a high place in the standings," Schneider said. "We have a very tough Deer Creek dual meet Thursday which is a district match and it has great importance on whether or not we will be going to Dual State. Then Friday and Saturday is the COAC with 12 very tough teams and we do host the Jay Hancock Tournament



Braydon Brock tries to take Ponca City's Landon Newlin to the mat during a 152-pound match. Herbert pinned Smith in a consolation round match. (Photo courtesy Kyle Salomon, Jenks Tribune)

Seventh grade hoop teams play at CNP tourney

Yukon's seventh grade Millers and Millerettes will open their season Thursday in the Choctaw Nicoma Park Tourna-

Both seventh grade teams, the White and Red will play in the tourna-

In the girls bracket, the Red team will play CNP Blue at 11:15 a.m. The winners play Norman Whittier at 11:45 a.m. and the loser has a bye. The White team plays Carl Albert at 1:45 p.m. The

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winners play at 1:45 p.m. Friday and the losers at 11:15 a.m.

In the boys bracket, the Miller Red team plays CNP Blue at 12:30 p.m. That winner plays at 3 Storm winner at 5:30 p.m. p.m. Friday and the loser The losers play at 12:30 has a bye. The White team Saturday's championplays Carl Albert at 3 p.m. with the winner playing ship round starts at 10

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Lady Panthers defense stops SWCS

By Chuck Reherman

Sports Editor

ARAPAHO - Under pressure.

That's what happened to Southwest Covenant in their final game of the Arapaho-Butler Festival against class B No. 4 ranked Lookeba-Sickles.

The Lady Panthers' pressure locked down Southwest Covenant in the first half and turned it into a 54-16 win Saturday.

Lookeba-Sickles held the Lady Patriots to only one field goal and five first half points, opening a 20-point lead.



Emma Riggs outjumps Lookeba-Sickles' Kamden Stocking for a rebound in the Lady Panthers win in the Arapaho Festival. (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

"We were not being strong with the ball," SWCS head coach Terry Fellenstein said. "We turned the ball over 27 times in the first half. You can't do that.

"Lookeba is a good team, they are ranked No. 4 in class B," he said. "We played really sloppy. We have to cut our turnovers down. Pretty much the same thing that happened in the game before. We lost by two and had several turnovers in that game. The more turnovers you have the less shots you get and the more you give them."

Despite having the 27 turnovers in the first half, the Lady Patriots did not give up as many points at turnovers. SWCS was able to outrebound the Lady Panthers in the first half.

Lookeba did shut down SWCS in the first half, but led only 10-0 after the first opening minutes.

Lookeba did open a 15-0 lead before the Lady Patriots got the board on an Abby Schroeder field goal. SWCS trailed 25-5 at the half.

The Lady Panthers put the game out of reach early in the second half. A pair of field goals and a trey fro, Abygale Mashaney keyed a 12-2 run and a 37-7 lead. LSHS led 43-9 after three quarters

"We did rebound the ball well on the defensive end, that was the best part of our game," Fellenstein

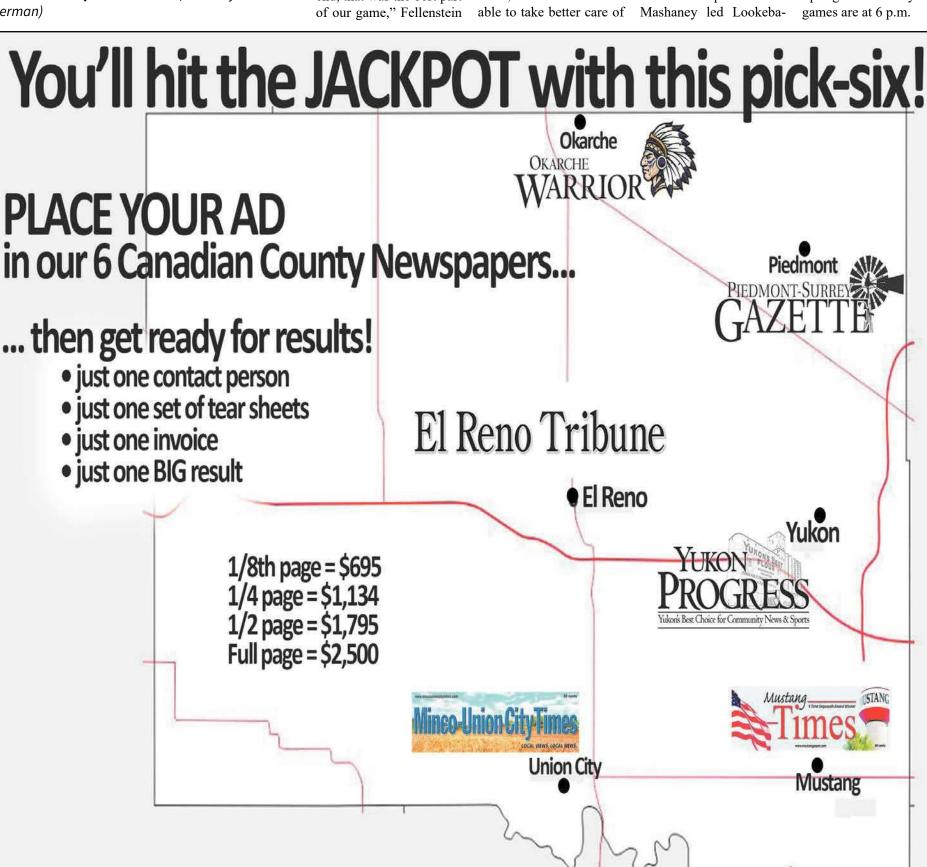


Emilee Liberton defends Lookeba-Sickles' Alli Harvey after she went to the floor to get a loose ball. Lookeba beat the Lady Patriots 54-16 Saturday at the Arapaho Festival. (Photo by Chuck Reherman)

said. "I was pleased with that. We did turn the ball over under the basket a lot and they scored off of those, so we have to be able to take better care of the ball. It was the second verse same song for us."

Schroeder and Emma Riggs led the scoring with seven points each. Mashaney led LookebaSickles with 20.

The Lady Patriots will travel to Destiny Christian on Friday and to Rush Springs on Saturday. Both games are at 6 p.m.



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Juvenile center reserves strong

County Commissioners OK facility's \$9.3M fiscal year 2021 budget

> By Conrad Dudderar Senior Staff Writer

EL RENO – The Canadian County juvenile center's \$9.3 million annual budget is only slightly up over last year, and

the center still has about \$6.2 million in reserves as county sales tax revenue declines.

Canadian County Commissioners, their Jan. 11th meeting, approved the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Canadian County Children's Justice



Johnson

Center at 7905 E State Highway 66.

The FY21 budget \$9,297,721.66 in projected revenues and expenditures, representing a modest 2.1% increase over the FY20 budget of \$9,103,069.42.

"There were no significant

changes in the budget," CCJC Director Melanie Johnson told county commissioners. "Our reserves are still significant."

The CCCJC's newly approved FY21 budget shows a projected \$7.2 million in sales tax revenue (about \$600,000 per month), an estimated \$892,000 in contract revenue plus \$1.1 million in unused "carryover"

funds from the FY20 budget.

Canadian County voters in the mid-1990s approved a ballot measure to implement a .35% countywide sales tax used to help fund the juvenile center's operations.

But Canadian County has seen a steady decline in month-

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Foundation for Excellence recognizes Yukon woman

Kathy Hill honored for mentorship with young girls

By Carol Mowdy Bond

Contributing Writer

During National Mentoring Month in January, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence recognizes Yukon's Kathy Hill for the important role she plays in helping young people achieve better academic, social, and economic futures. Kathy Boeckman, the CEO of House of Healing, 7300 Britton Rd. NE in El Reno, where Hill volunteers, nominated Hill for the recognition.

For 27 years, Hill has worked as a sign language interpreter for Oklahoma City's Putnam City School District, for

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Kathy Hill receives mentoring honor.

(Photo by Kathy Hill)

Weathering Storms

Oklahoma Mesonet Network provides information to local emergency agencies

By Carol Mowdy Bond

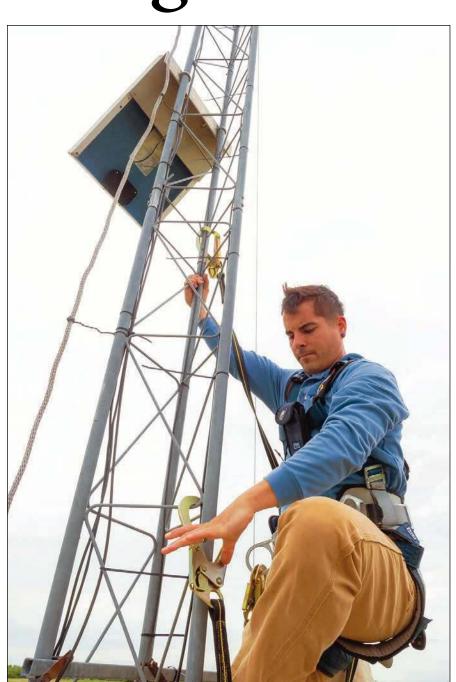
Contributing Writer f Oklahoma's Mesonet sites, there are two in Canadian County. And whether you know it or not, they're helping you every single minute of every day in ways you may have never considered.

You can thank not only the state's Mesonet system, but also the National Weather Center pros at the University of Oklahoma who interpret the Mesonet data, for information about wildfires, agriculture, power grids, protecting your economic assets, flood waters, weather information, educational support in schools, and other critically important information.

In Canadian County, there is one Mesonet site located just a bit north of the City of Yukon. And there's a second one located in a field directly south of Fort Reno, which is co-located with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Center Grazinglands Research Laboratory.

The City of Yukon's public information officer and media specialist, Jenna Roberson, said, "While you may not hear us mention Mesonet directly, it has quite a large

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Mesonet field technician Aaron Beckwith is climbing, in a safety harness, to reach the top of the 10-meter Mesonet tower. Wind and air temperature sensors are located at the top. The technician must climb the tower to replace these instruments or perform repairs. Seen just above his head is the back of the solar panel which powers most of the instruments on the tower. (Photo provided)

Piedmont area cowboy raking in prize money nationwide

Andrew Ward will compete at International Finals Rodeo Jan. 15

By Robert Medley

Managing Editor

A Piedmont area cowboy is roping his way into the rodeo world with winnings across the country these days.

Andrew Ward went to the National Final Rodeo at Arlington, Texas, in the new stadium, at the end of last year.

Ward, 30, placed fifth in teamroping, Dec. 12 at the rodeo, he carries the title now as fifth best in the world at team-roping, he said.

Ward has long ties to Piedmont and grew up competing in Canadian County and in Mustang. His grandfather, Virgil Ward, was Piedmont Schools superintendent from 1959-1960.

Raised near Piedmont, he was homeschooled by his dad, The Rev. Terry Ward of the TP Church at N. MacArthur and N.W. 178.

"The way our family got started

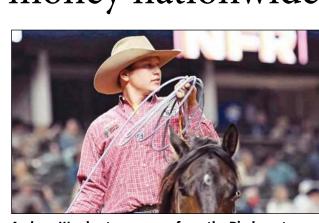
in rodeo was my oldest brother Brannon started going to our neighbors and learned to team rope when

he was about 14." Andrew Ward is a full-time team roper, one of about 100 nationwide who compete for a living.

"It was the biggest rodeo I had ever roped in," Andrew Ward said about the recent National Finals Rodeo outing. He said the team won about \$90,000.

On his team is brother-in-law

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Andrew Ward, a team-roper from the Piedmont area. placed fifth in December at the National Finals Rodeo and will compete at the International Finals Rodeo at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie Jan. 15. (Photo provided)

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impact on our Emergency Management Department. The data gathered from Mesonet helps the National Weather Service predict significant weather events in advance, which gives both our emergency management team and our citizens invaluable time to prepare."

Fire chief for the City

of Piedmont, Andy Lo-

gan said, "The Piedmont Fire Department utilizes the Oklahoma Mesonet to monitor weather conditions year-round. The Mesonet provides information such as wind speed/direction, humidity, dew point, and has a live radar option. All this information, along with the OK-Fire and OK-First programs, allows trained fire department personnel to make operational decisions based on current and future weather conditions. Piedmont Fire Department currently has two personnel who have been trained by the Oklahoma Mesonet National Weather Service center in Norman and have been granted access to the Mesonet/NWS site to aid in monitoring weather conditions. These two individuals complete annual re-certification requirements to be able to

maintain access to this program. In addition, these two personnel have access to the Mesonet/ NWS live chat program that allows them to communicate weather information and conditions with other NWS, media, and emergency personnel, statewide, in a real-time format that provides information before it's released to the local television and radio stations."

Steve Liebl, the fire chief for the Town of Okarche, said, "If we're out on a scene and we need weather information, we log into Mesonet and get real-time information. Mesonet has updated information on wind shift, change in the direction of wind, and things like that. It also gives us information for what will happen in the next 6, 12, to 24 hours. We use Mesonet to look up drought information and different things

The State Climatologist for Oklahoma, who works at the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, which operates the Oklahoma Mesonet, Gary McManus said, "The Oklahoma Mesonet is a series of 120 automated meteorological observation sites across the state, with at least one in each county. 'Mesonet'

stands for 'MESOscale NETwork.' In meteorology, 'mesoscale' refers to weather events that range in size from about one mile to about 150 miles. Mesoscale events from several minutes to several hours. Therefore, mesoscale weather events are phenomena that might undetected without densely spaced weather observations. Thunderstorms, wind gusts, heat bursts, and dry lines are examples of mesoscale

A Mesonet site includes a 10-meter-tall tower with a grouping of meteorological measuring instruments that report their measurements to a central location. In Oklahoma, that location is the Oklahoma Climatology Survey, located in the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma. McManus said, "These instruments report their measurements to the central location every five minutes, 24 hours per day, every day of the year. The Mesonet measures the standard weather parameters, such as temperature, humidity, wind speeds, etc., along with more specialized agricultural measurements, like soil temperatures, soil moisture, and solar radiation. The Mesonet was commissioned January 1994."

data that Mesonet sites collect includes barometric pressure, rainfall amounts, and wind direction. And Mesonet stations may also have cameras to capture images.

A few other common

ally located in rural areas. These often unmanned sites are away from buildings or other structures, as well as trees or anything that might impact the measurements taken at the Emergency managers,

police, fire, and public health officials all take advantage of what Oklahoma's Mesonet data offers. As well, our state's Mesonet has an OK-First program that has trained more than 120 public safety officials about weather decision making. Also, more than 1,000 fire managers have been trained about weather's impact on wildfire suppression, prescribed burning, and smoke management. It's estimated that \$95 million has been saved by quick containment of wildfires in the region during a single wildfire outbreak.

State and federal agencies deal with transportation, water resource management, conservation, and severe weather and flood forecasting on a daily basis. Mesonet data is a big part of the information these agencies use. The energy industry also relies on Mesonet data for such situations as predicting electrical load peaks, and forecasting energy grid impacts from freezing rain or extreme heat.

homa, keeping up with weather is critical for all of us. Not only does weather impact our safety, but it has an economic component to it that's important

Obviously in Okla-

statewide. When homes, vehicles, businesses, or agricultural fields and structures and animals and machinery are impacted by weather, the financial toll can be monumental. McManus said it impacts our economy "on the individual scale all the way up to the statewide scale. The Mesonet helps save lives as well as millions of dollars each year through its ability to aid weather forecasters, emergency managers, energy companies, and agricultural producers, to name a few."

Because the data is ex-

tensively used by Oklahoma's media, from small town newspapers to major television stations, Mesonet provides Oklahoma's over 1.3 million households with daily weather forecasts and lifesaving severe weather information. As just one example, on May 24, 2011, an EF5 tornado struck Canadian County, and took nine lives, and injured another 181 people. That storm produced the highest wind gust ever in Oklahoma, at 151 miles per hour. The El Reno Mesonet site instruments recorded the information. Unfortunately, the deadly tornado damaged the El Reno Mesonet site instruments.

McManus said, "Much of Oklahoma's weather occurs at time frames and scales small enough to be missed by the federal observation systems. The Mesonet stations are used extensively by meteorologists to track severe weather, and winter weather, as well as observe more diverse hazards like heat danger. Emergency managers across the state are also trained by Mesonet personnel in the use of Mesonet data, as well as other meteorological tools, such as radar, to keep citizens in their counties safe. Local firefighters are also trained

to interpret the Mesonet data to track fires in order to protect lives and property, as well as the lives of sonnel and equipment."

their own firefighting per-Agriculture is a main focal point for Mesonet. And Oklahoma's Mesonet is a joint operation between the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. For agricultural purposes, McManus said, "Agricultural applications of the Mesonet include improved insect and disease advisories, spraying recommendations, irrigation scheduling, frost protection, planting and harvesting recommendations and prescribed burn advisories. Agriculture is such a large Oklahoma industry that any increase in efficiency from more accurate environmental information can translate into several million dollars in statewide savings each year. The Mesonet also employs a Mesonet Agricultural Coordinator from the ranks of Oklahoma Cooperative Extension

service out of OSU." Mesonet data is the key monitoring drought conditions in the state, monitoring rainfall and soil moisture data. As a result, Oklahoma received \$1 billion in federal aid to Oklahomans suffering from drought and its im-

As well, over 300 state teachers have been trained in Mesonet, in order to enhance science and math curricula. And hundreds of students have attended meteorology summer camps. Last but not least, Mesonet data is a key to advancing the understanding of atmosphere in university research projects on a global scale. To connect with Okla-

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Ward

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Buddy Hawkins of Stephensville, Texas.

He rides a horse named Biscuit who had been a racehorse who came off the track and Andrew Ward trained him to rope.

"I brought him along and got him into rodeo. Biscuit is 10 years-old."

Andrew Ward competed in more than 65 rodeos and jackpot events last year. "That is how we make a living."

Andrew Ward said he learned team-roping as a young boy. He recalls getting a rope for Christmas one year, and he stopped opening presents right away.

He won his first roping contest at age 7 in Cushing and took home his first check.

"I have a big passion to

do it. I love to rope, and

I've had great team rop-

ers around me," Andrew

Ward said.

"I remember I won \$47 and I was immediately hooked. It was a blast, and

I had more money than I ever had and took mom, Terri, and dad, Terry, out to eat in Guthrie on the ride home."

Terry Ward, his father said his son has grown up roping all over Canadian and Kingfisher counties.

"The whole family has been involved in rodeo in Canadian and Kingfisher counties, a very active rodeo area. We have ties to Piedmont because my dad was superintendent there years ago. Mustang is also a big-time rodeo area that has been familiar with the Ward family," Terry Ward

Andrew Ward competed for the first rodeo of 2021 in the Professional

Rodeo Cowboys Association in Odessa, Texas, Jan. 13. He will also compete at the International Rodeo Finals in Guthrie starting Friday, Jan. 15.

Friday, Jan. 15.

Andrew Ward is married to wife Hayli and lives 2 miles east of Piedmont where he makes his home when not on the ro-

deo circuit.

Budget

From Page 1C

ly sales tax collections over the past year during an economic downturn.

"Our sales tax has not been performing to that level (\$600,000 monthly)," District 2 County Commissioner Dave Anderson said. "It's close."

District 3 Commissioner Jack Stewart interjected, "That's why I'm very concerned we have a reserve."

AMPLE RESERVES

The county's juvenile center still has an ample reserve fund - totaling about \$6.2 million - that may be used monthly to augment its two primary revenue sources, the county sales tax and con-

tracts.

"If we continue to see the flat line on the revenue side, we're going to have to deal with it," Anderson noted.

The CCJC's FY21 budget presented to county commissioners does not reflect income from smaller revenue sources, such as leases for the new Cardinal Point family justice center and farm property. This CCCJC budget document is not a financial statement and does not show the center's assets, Anderson said.

"The budget for the juvenile center really is something that we do to communicate between the commissioners and the management at the center," he explained. "It's

not statutory and there's nothing that says they're forced to submit a budget annually.

"It's really a 'projected spending picture'."

The budget funds the center's "ongoing activities", Anderson added.

Although Canadian County Commissioners are not required to approve the CCCJC budget annually, the District 2 commissioner noted "the three of us are responsible for the management."

Because Canadian County sales tax revenues have been low, District 1 Commissioner Marc Hader said he previously expressed to CCCJC officials the desire to "maintain as flat a budget as we can."



With the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, Canadian County Commissioners were back Jan. 11 practicing social distancing at their weekly meeting in El Reno: From left, District 2 Commissioner Dave Anderson, County Clerk Sherry Murray, District 3 Commissioner Jack Stewart, District 1 Commissioner Marc Hader. Anderson, Murray and Stewart also have been wearing face masks at the meeting. (Photo by Conrad Dudderar)

In other business at their Jan. 11th meeting, Canadian County Commissioners approved:

• Renewing Clarence McLoud's six-year term as a District 2 represen-

tative on the six-member Canadian County Floodplain Board.

• A resolution allowing the CCCJC to accept a \$40 donation from the Mustang Church of the

Nazarene to help fulfill the center's mission.

County jail administrator Kristie Carter gave the weekly county jail report, showing 210 total inmates.

Hill

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grades 3 through 12. But she began volunteering at House of Healing five years ago. And she has served on the board for two years.

Hill has mentored three girls in the past. But at present, she and her mentee, Sarah, have been matched for a year. The two enjoy spending time together at the House of Healing property, and interacting with their favorite horses. They've built a strong bond of trust, and Sarah has experienced growth in her self-confi-

Hill said, "My first and foremost responsibility is to make the girls feel safe and loved, and to teach them to love themselves, and believe in their selfworth, and abilities to accomplish anything they set as goal to achieve. Some of the things we do are go out to lunch or to the park, ride horses, or do work around the House of Healing property. If the girls are involved in sports or other, I try to

attend. I reach out to my

girls once a week through text, phone call or visit. However, this year with the pandemic, it's been mainly text or call. The main thing is these girls want to feel loved and have a sense of purpose. We all need a cheerleader, and that's what I try to be to them."

Crediting her Christian mother with instilling in her values such as love, grace, forgiveness, and self-worth, Hill said, "I've always wanted to work with young girls."

Kathy Boeckman said, "Kathy Hill has strong, Christian values and cares deeply for those she mentors. She is very dedicated. Kathy gives countless hours making sure she is available when her mentee needs her." Hill said, "When Kathy Boeckman told me about the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence award, I was very humbled. I don't feel worthy of recognition. But I am honored to receive it. We have many volunteers and mentors at House of Healing that are so deserving for the work and ministry they put into making our program successful. So, I share this honor with them!"

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Hill is one of 22 outstanding Oklahoma mentors who are recognized this month by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and their community organizations during National Mentoring Month. The nonprofit foundation is a statewide nonprofit that recognizes and encourages academic excellence. National Mentoring Month is a campaign sponsored by

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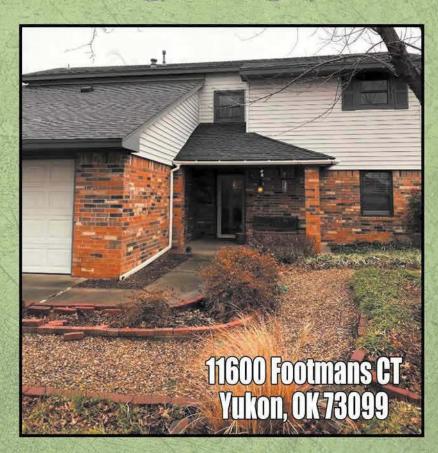
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(2) Leather Recliners - Sofa
Cloth Recliner - Cloth Chairs
Television - Television Cart
DVD/ VCR Player - Sony Stereo
CD's/Albums - Computer - Printer
Computer Desk / Table
Queen Bed - Nightstands - Dresser
(2) Twin Bed Frames - End Tables
Small Misc. Tables - Step Stools
Handicap Equipment - Rugs

Small Kitchen Appliances - China

Pots - Pans - Kitchen Utensils - Silverware

Lamps - Wall Décor - Pictures - Books





~ 2000 Forest Reflection 327S RV (Needs Repairs) ~

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