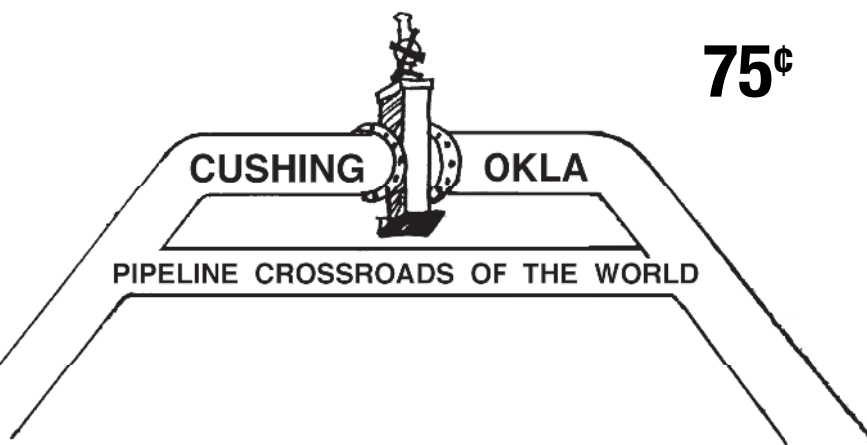


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Cimarron Valley Bulletin Board

Cushing- 6:30 p.m., Sept. 18, Tiger football senior night. 7 p.m. Tigers vs Berryhill.

Cushing- 5 p.m., Sept. 21, Lady Tiger softball at Blackwell.

Drumright- 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 Drumright Tornado Football against South Coffeyville in Drumright

Drumright- 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 Drumright fall sports senior night. This includes football, softball, cross country, cheer, and band

Drumright- 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 Drumright Lady Tornado Softball against Oklahoma Union South Coffeyville in Drumright

Drumright- 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Drumright Tornado cross country in Prague

Yale- 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 18 Yale Bulldogs football against Depew in Yale

Yale- 5:30 p.m. Thursday Sept. 17 Yale Lady Bulldogs volleyball against Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid

Yale- Rodeo Arena in Jim Thorpe Park Paint days Sept. 25 and 26. Spray rigs would be great. We'll have rollers, gloves, etc. Can you help? Can your company send a crew? Let's all pitch in to Make Yale Great Again!

Mannford- 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 Mannford Pirates football against Bristow Pirates in Mannford in the Battle of the Boats rivalry game

Mannford- 5 p.m. Thursday Sept. 17 Mannford Lady Pirates softball against Cleveland in Cleveland

Oilton- 1 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19 Oilton Panthers baseball compete in the Ripley tournament in Ripley

Oilton- 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21 Oilton Panthers baseball against Mulhall-Orlando in Mulhall

Oilton- 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 Oilton Panthers baseball against Glenco in Oilton

Oilton- 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Oilton Lady Panthers softball against Davenport in Davenport

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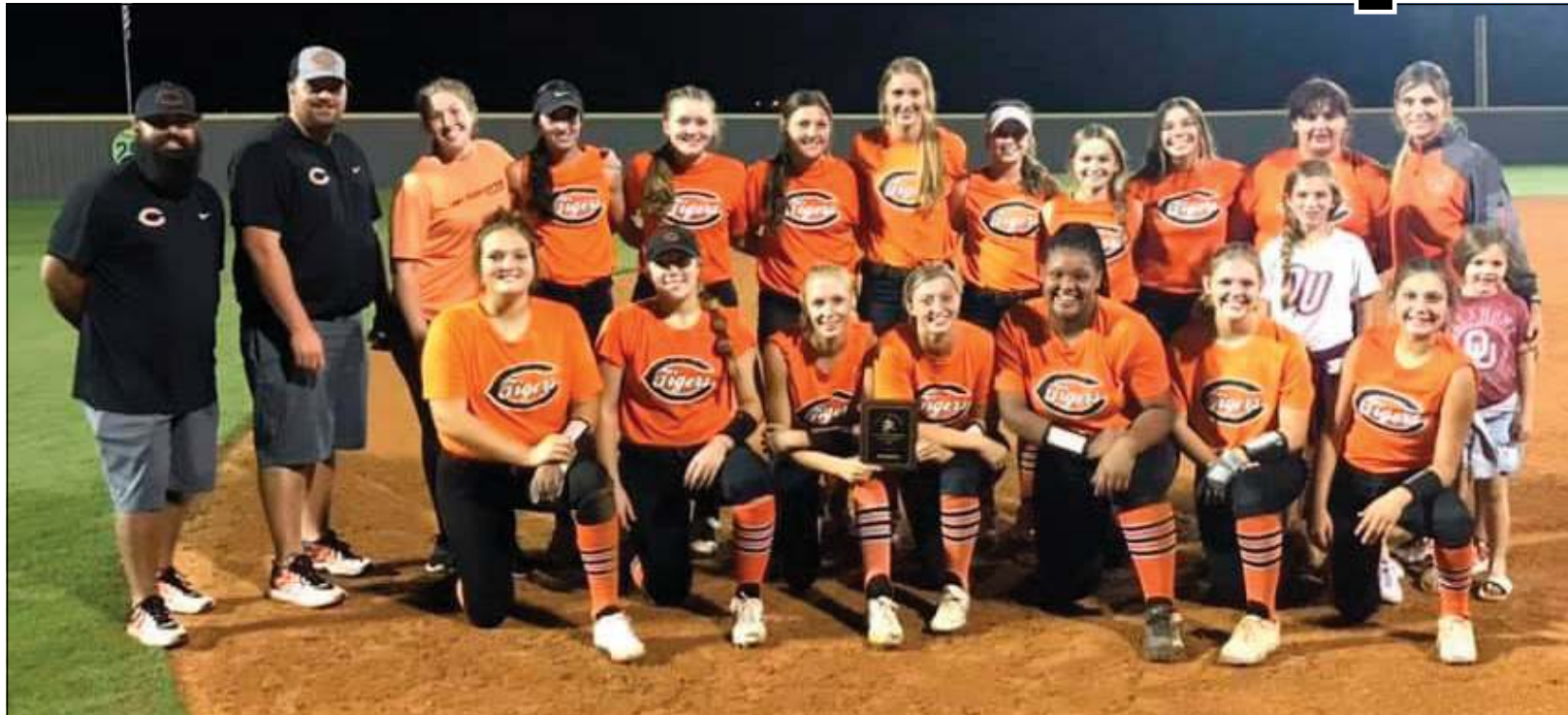
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Conference Champs!



The Cushing Lady Tigers defeated Perkins Tryon last week to claim the Tulsa 7 Conference championship. The girls are now 17-4. (more on Page 3)

Cimarron Correctional Facility to remain open

City, CoreCivic reach agreement with US Marshal Service

By J. D. Meisner

The City of Cushing Board of Commissioners held a special meeting Monday, Sept. 14, and voted 4-1 with commissioner Mike Griffith dissenting, to execute a detention services intergovernmental agreement (IGA) contract with the United States Marshal Service.

Also considered was an agreement between the City of Cushing and CoreCivic, the owners of the 1,650-bed Cimarron Correctional Facility in Cushing, to provide correctional services at the facility.

According to Cushing Economic Development Director Bruce Johnson, this action preserved nearly 200 local jobs.

Johnson said that the agreement could not have come at a better time.

"There were 199 CoreCivic employees at the facility who were going to receive notice on Wednesday, that they would lose their jobs," said Johnson.

Instead, these individuals learned Tuesday, they they would be keeping those jobs.

Following the meeting, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners B.J. Roberson said, "Today, the board of commissioners approved an agreement between CoreCivic and the U.S. Marshal Service, which will allow for the continued operation of the Cimarron Correctional Facility. For years, CoreCivic has been a large employer for Cushing and the surrounding area. We are thankful for this opportunity to retain jobs locally that otherwise may have been lost. We also appreciate CoreCivic's long-standing partnership and look forward to a continued

successful relationship."

Cimarron Correctional Facility Warden Michael Sizemore said, "We're pleased to announce a partnership with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) at the Cimarron Correctional Facility and looking forward to quickly meeting their critical needs. We've been in Cushing since 1997, and we're extremely proud of the relationship we have with this great community and the dedication of our employees at Cimarron. It was the professionalism of this team that made our facility a great option for the USMS and the great partnership from the city that helped make this contract possible."

In attendance at yesterday's meeting were District 33 State Representative John Talley and District 21 State Senator Tom Dugger. The meeting was also attended by representatives from CoreCivic's Nashville headquarters, and members of the Cushing Economic Development
See CORECIVIC page 5

Cushing Festival in the Park offers a chance to get out

By J. D. Meisner

On Saturday, Sept. 26, Cushing's Memorial Park will be transformed as arts, crafts, games, entertainment, food, and more fill the park for Cushing's premier community event, Festival in the Park.

Hosted by the Cushing Chamber of Commerce, this fun event is held annually on the last Saturday in September.

"Bring the whole family out to enjoy free rides and attractions, watch displays by a roaming magician and shop at the diverse vendor booths," said Chamber President and CEO Tracy Caulfield.

Festival-goers can browse booths featuring canvas art, crafts, jewelry, leather work, woodwork, vintage marketplace products, pottery and more.

"Vendor booths are not duplicated, so there is a variety of products to purchase and see," said Caulfield. "Some booths even have supplies available for guests to make their own creations, such as a Raku pottery making at the Lachenmeyer Arts Center. Booths will also include local businesses offering giveaway drawings, free swag and more."

Food will be offered by area churches and civic organizations.

"Once you've worked up an appetite, head over to the food booths offered by Cushing's nonprofit organizations," Caulfield said. "From bake sales and Indian tacos to funnel cakes, no food item

is duplicated, so every booth has something different for your taste buds. One other tasty option is the Cushing Lions Club Chili Cook-off, which will showcase over 10 different chili specials. Vote for your favorite and stick around to see who takes home cash prizes and trophies."

Caulfield said the chili cook-off also includes a booth decorating contest, and the entrants will be giving their leftover chili to the Lions Club who will sell quarts of Chili for \$5 after the Cook-off.

Stage entertainment will include a talent show by middle and high school students, a production by Dance Star Productions Studio, a performance by the Cushing Middle and High school choir students and music from the CHS band.

"CHS Drama will be joining us this year on stage," said Caulfield. "CHS Choir will be doing a group concert and solos. Also new this year, the Kids from The Cage in the Broadway District of Downtown Cushing will be showing off their skills. There will be lots of surprises on stage!"

Caulfield said members of the American Legion, Post 108, will raise the flag at 9 a.m., with Dawson Claxton singing the National Anthem to kick off the festival.

She added that the The Grappler's Gallop 5K fun run has been cancelled for this year, but will be back next year.

Caulfield stressed that all CDC



recommendations will be followed. "Hand sanitizer stations will be throughout the grounds," she said. "Masks are recommended. Social distancing is asked to be practiced throughout the festival grounds. All vendor booths will be given safe disinfectant sprays for wiping down their booths regularly. Rides and attractions will be wiped down regularly."

The full disclosure and disclaimer

policy can be viewed at the Cushing Chamber tent the day of the festival and by the free rides and attractions.

Booth applications and Cushing Lions Club Chili Cook-off applications are available on the chamber's website at www.cushingchamberofcommerce.org and in the chamber's front foyer at 1301 E Main Street, which is open 24/7.

COVID-19 update

As of 11 a.m. Monday, the Oklahoma Department of Health reported that there have been a total of 182 positive cases in Cushing since testing began with 2 deaths and 152 reported recoveries, meaning there are an estimated 28 active cases.

The department is reporting 21 positive tests for COVID-19 in Yale since testing began. From those cases there have been zero deaths and 16 recoveries, meaning that there are currently five active cases in the city.

Payne County as a whole, according to ODOH, is reporting a total of 1,801 cases since testing began with five deaths and 1,296 recovered, meaning that there are 500 known active cases in the county.

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OPINION

Hoppes No. 9

For each of us, there are particular tastes, sounds, smells, and visions, that trigger memories long forgotten in our souls.

Case in point, Hoppe's No. 9.

If you know what this is, you're already smiling as you recall that sweet, banana-like, chemical aroma in your head and enjoy a long-lost memory of your own.

This past Monday night, after weeks of stake-outs and live trap fails, I finally caught and dispatched the nasty egg thieving 'possum that's been raiding my chickenarium for the past three weeks.

Once the deed was done, I pulled the kit out of the closet and cleaned the old Smith and Wesson K22 revolver that Dad had given me a few years ago, and now serves as my primary furry egg thief and threat eliminator.

When I opened the bottle of Hoppe's No. 9 gun powder solvent and ran that first pungent patch through the barrel of the pistol, the aroma filled the house.

MaryLee, who is a former competitive shooter and was actually in the running to compete in the 1980 Moscow Olympic games (boycotted by the US), knows that smell well. She took a deep breath and said, "I love the smell of gun-solvent in the evening."

"I know, right?"

Smelling that aroma stirred things in my head. I slid into daydreams and suddenly,

THE MISSING INK



J.D. Meisner
Publisher

I was 12 years old and waking up in an old rancher's line-shack cabin, deep in the Zuni Mountains of Northern New Mexico, in late October, in the center of a beautiful, haunting, frozen valley called, Valle Largo.

It was mule deer rifle season, it was 4 a.m., and the smell of wood smoke wafted from the crackling juniper fire in the pot-bellied stove. The aroma and sizzle of bacon frying in a cast-iron skillet goaded me out of my old sleeping bag and I put on my boots and coveralls to go outside, brave the icy chill and answer the call of nature.

Crunching through the new-fallen snow, returning from the outhouse, the lantern glow radiating from the cabin's single tiny window and the smoke dancing from the jaunty stovepipe chimney promised warmth — and breakfast.

Dad and his best hunting buddy Ernie, had cooked one of their beloved feasts for breakfast, laying out bacon, biscuits, butter honey and their exclusive, hunting-trip-only bourbon scrambled eggs, with a

bonus mug of steaming Swiss Miss hot chocolate.

It was opening morning and plans were laid as we finished breakfast, cleaned up, banked the fire, and pulled our rifles out of their scabbards and zip-up gun cases.

The memory of that morning, sitting in a bed of pine needles on the high edge of a small grassy clearing and shivering as I longingly watched the rising sun appear to set the trees on the ridge overhead ablaze in orange light is still vivid in my mind.

The next thing I remember of that morning was Dad standing over me, nudging me with his boot. I blinked awake. It was sunny and I was snugly curled up on that bed of needles.

"I was wondering why you didn't shoot," Dad said laughing. "Now I know why."

Apparently, I had drifted asleep as I surveyed the clearing below me, and according to Dad, a nice 5X5 muley had stepped into the clearing with a pair of does to choke on the branches of the capulin (choke-cherry) bushes that studded the ground.

Dad, who was watching the same clearing from a vantage point off to my right said he knew that buck was browsing my way and he had passed on a fairly long 100-yard shot, knowing that I would have a much closer look, once that deer browsed into my field of view.

Unfortunately, I was in a breakfast-induced coma when that opportunity presented itself.

We spent the better part of that day tracking, stalking, jumping and then losing that crafty buck as he walked, ran and circled back behind us more than once, playing cat and mouse — a game he was much better at than we were.

I even got off a shot, but he was running full out and if you've ever seen a mule deer going through a ponderosa pine forest in full flight, you'd understand why I missed — but I was 12 and was thoroughly overconfident in my shooting skills.

When we returned to the cabin for an afternoon snooze before the evening's hunt, Dad informed me that since I had already had my nap, I could clean the rifles, as well the little K22 pistol he always carried on his right hip.

Even back then, I loved that little revolver. I remember it being in slightly better condition than it is now, but that gun is older than I am and has seen a lot of use.

The bluing is polished off the barrel where it clears the leather holster and the grips are showing nicks and scratches, but it still has its same hair trigger and the action is as solid and smooth as the day it was first fired.

It's funny what memories a certain smell can call up.

~Letter to the Editor~

Dear Editor,

My name is Lee Skinner from Cushing Community United. My wife Johna and I started the July 4th project in 2016 for our Community as an idea. We are writing an open letter with an idea. A vision. This idea would bring great economic growth to Cushing. Nearly every business in Cushing would benefit from this. Our idea is for the City of Cushing to build, own, and operate it. It would be Cushing Raceway Park and Expo. The proposed location would be behind Walmart. It would include bringing racers in from 48 different states, along with spectators from all over Oklahoma to watch. This would not only create more businesses in Cushing but more jobs as well. In addition to the race track, it would be a multi purpose facility. Such as: Monster Truck events, Mud Boggs, Musical Events, Carnivals, Swap Meets, Car Shows, & July 4th along with

many other events are possible.

This project is a very expensive but not as expensive as the Public Safety Center. The Public Safety Center was approximately \$6 million. This project would cost approximately \$2.5 million. We all came together as a Community to fund the project of the Safety Center through a bond. The bond is just about to reach it's maturity. We are asking the Community to come together to extend the existing bond to fund this project. We approached the City with this idea. They thought it was a good idea but eventually turned us down. They have other plans in mind for the bond, and I assure you that it has less of a benefit to the Community than this project will.

We are all about safety! One thing that we would like to see incorporated in this project that we proposed to the City is

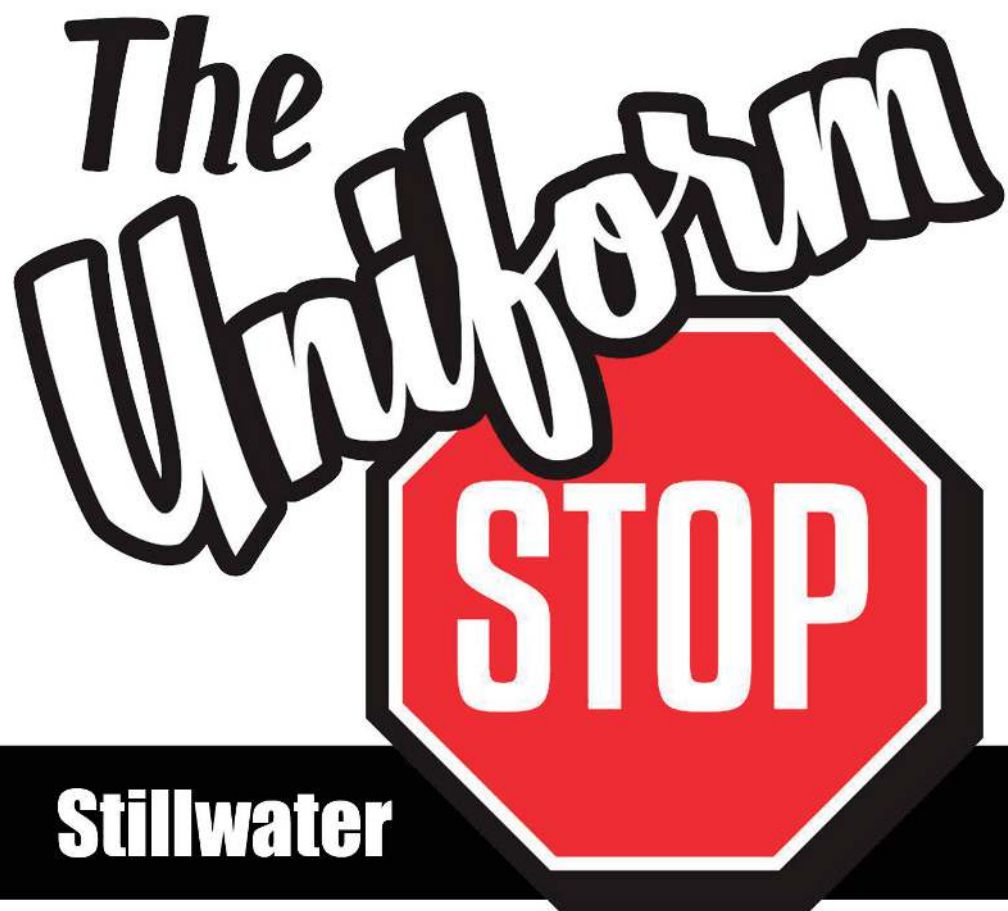
called "Beat the Heat". It was put together by Police and Fire Fighters Nationwide to help reduce teenagers from illegal street racing and bring them into a controlled environment and teach them about safety.

I am always open for debate between the City and myself regarding this project and their projects

In closing I am including my phone number and email address for anyone that has any questions or comments regarding this. I am looking for any feed back, negative or positive. I will respond. Depending on the feedback, we will be holding town hall meetings and be out on the streets getting signatures. So please be sure to give me your feedback.

Thank you,

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Lady Tigers District Champs

By J. D. Meisner

The Cushing Lady Tigers opened the Tulsa 7 Conference Tournament against Cleveland.

The tourney was switched from a double to single elimination event due to rain, putting much more importance on each game.

The Lady Tigers, who had drawn a bye in round one faced the Cleveland Lady Warriors, who were carrying momentum from their win over Berryhill.

As a team, the Cushing girls had 12 hits and eight RBIs, defeating Cleveland 14-5 in five innings.

Senior shortstop Cadeynce Lewis was three for three at the plate with two doubles and eight RBIs for the game.

Senior pitcher Katelyn Carrier secured the pitching win giving up five hits in five innings and striking out two.

Beating Cleveland put the Lady Tigers in the championship

game against Perkins-Tryon, with an 8 p.m. start.

"We had seven hits during the Perkins game, said Lady Tiger Head Coach Nikki York. "Freshmen third basemen Kerik Brown came up clutch in the bottom of the first with a line drive base hit to the right side to score two runs to put us ahead early.

"Junior Gabbi Everitt was two for three at the plate.

Rachel Sherwood, Nakayah Jackson, Caydence Lewis, and Madi Alexander each had a hit.

"Katelyn Carrier had a great game on the mound only giving up four hits to a tough offensive team and striking out six, said York. Carrier's record improved to 10-3 on the mound.

At the end of seven, the Lady Tigers defeated Perkins-Tryon, 3-2 to claim the Tulsa 7 Conference Championship.

"We played great defense all day Saturday and came up with some timely hits, Winning our conference tournament was one of our team goals," said York. "I am so very proud of our girls for

going out and fighting and getting it done. That was our third time to play Perkins and we know how tough they are."

Senior Cadeynce Lewis was named Conference Tournament MVP and Katelyn Carrier was named Conference Pitcher.

"There is always room to get better," said York. These young ladies know that, and that is what we have to continue to focus on in order to get to where we want to be in a few weeks."

The Lady Tigers are now 17-4 on the season after their 17-2 sinking of the Mannford lady Pirates on Monday.



WTI \$36.38 — noon Tuesday

Oil prices dropped to their lowest level in more than two months Tuesday, reacting to pressure from stalled demand and threats of production expansions by OPEC that will add to an existing glut of crude.

Futures tied to West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude oil, tumbled 8 percent to \$36.58 a barrel in New York, their lowest price since mid-June. Brent-crude futures dropped 5.4 percent to \$39.73 a barrel, the first time the international benchmark has fallen below \$40 in more than two months.

Oklahoma gas prices have fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.87/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,294 stations. Gas prices in Oklahoma are 4.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 36.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oklahoma is priced at \$1.64/g today while the most expensive is \$2.29/g, a difference of 65.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.64/g while the highest is \$2.29/g, a difference of 65.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.21/g today. The national average is up 3.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and

stands 34.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Oklahoma and the national average going back ten years:

- September 8, 2019: \$2.24/g (U.S. Average: \$2.55/g)
- September 8, 2018: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.85/g)
- September 8, 2017: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.67/g)
- September 8, 2016: \$1.99/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g)
- September 8, 2015: \$2.18/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)
- September 8, 2014: \$3.24/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)
- September 8, 2013: \$3.51/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)
- September 8, 2012: \$3.69/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)
- September 8, 2011: \$3.55/g (U.S. Average: \$3.65/g)
- September 8, 2010: \$2.55/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Oklahoma City- \$1.89/g, down 1.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.90/g.

Tulsa- \$1.83/g, down 3.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

Amarillo- \$1.80/g, down 5.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

"Gas prices have started to fall as expected as oil prices have fallen slightly since Hurricane Laura moved on and as seasonal challenges come to into view," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "We'll likely see additional downward movement in the weeks ahead with gasoline demand set to decline as we move into the fall months and as COVID-19 restrictions keep demand from rallying. It's entirely possible we could see the national average fall under \$2 per gallon by the end of the year without a major improvement in the situation."

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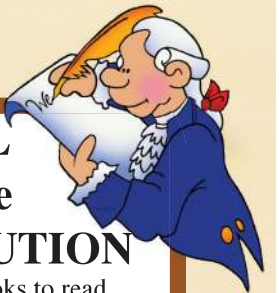
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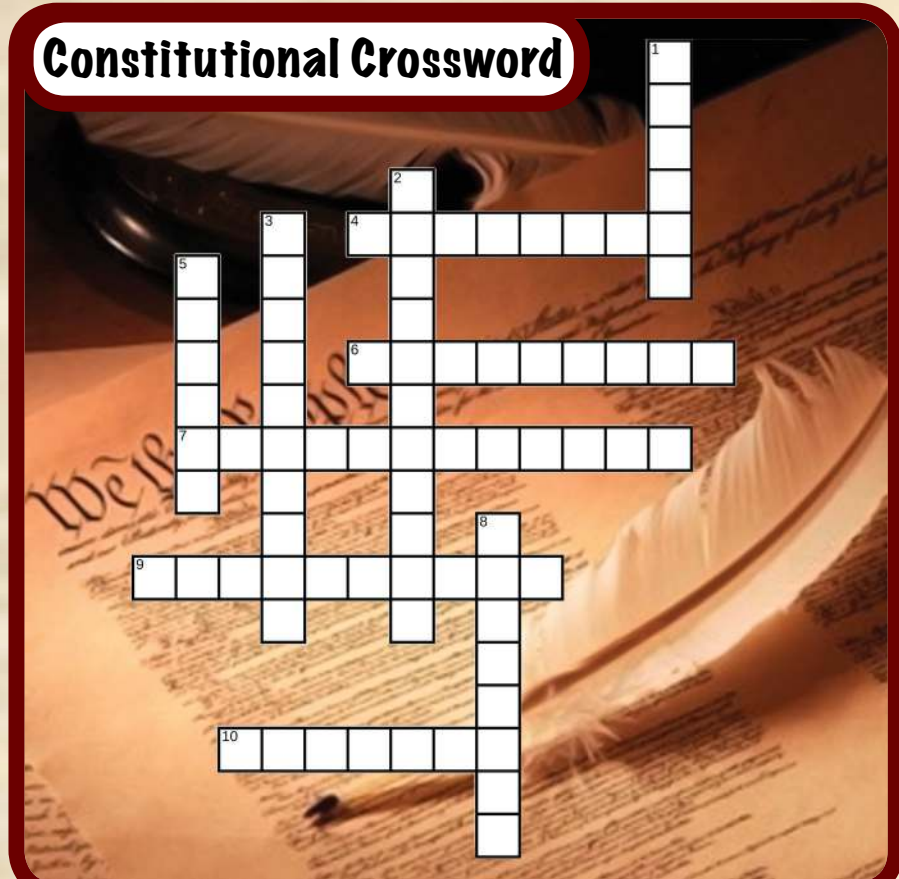
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Insure domestic tranquility,
Provide for the common defense,
Promote the general welfare,
And secure the blessings of liberty
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The most famous words in the constitution are called the preamble.



Constitutional Crossword



Across

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- 4. A written or printed page that gives information
- 6. The head of a government
- 7. A set of rules that guides a country.
- 9. The act of creating, or the beginning of something.
- 10. The highest in power.

- 1. Freedoms we have that are protected by law.
- 2. Supreme power, especially over a country.
- 3. A group of people that has the power to run a country.
- 5. A division of the main part of something.
- 8. The lawmaking branch of a country.



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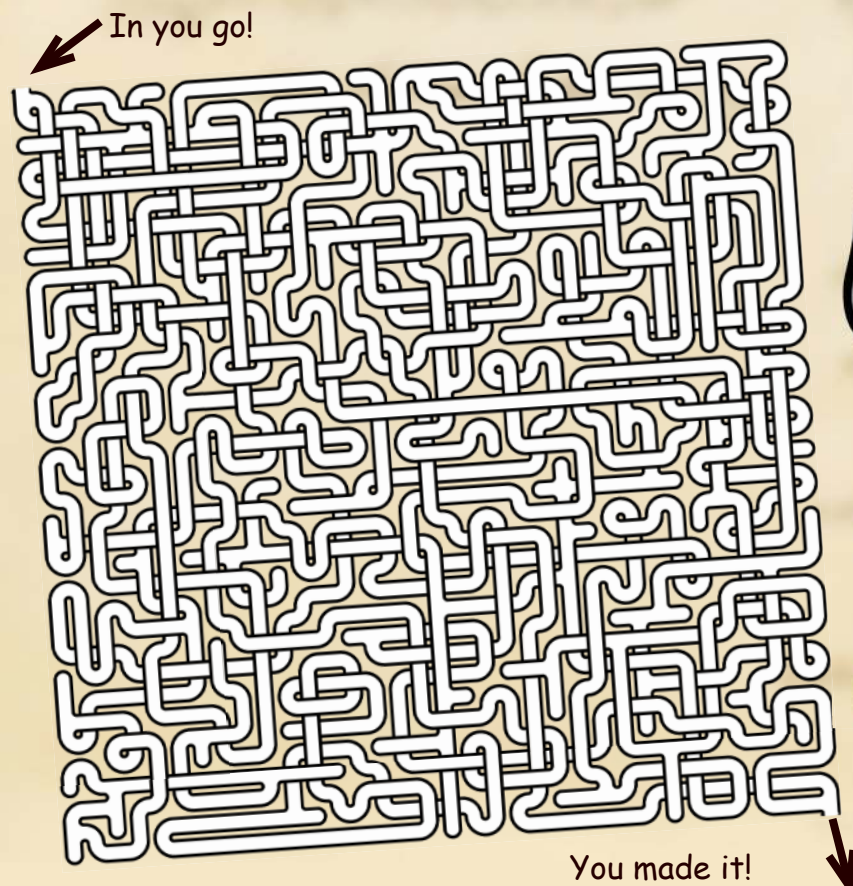
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Federal regulations prevent local districts from disclosing COVID-19 case details

By J. D. Meisner

Administrators at Cushing Public Schools find themselves between a rock and a hard place when it comes to balancing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and keeping parents and students informed of any developments regarding COVID-19 among students, faculty and staff.

"It's very difficult to put any specific information out there because we would be in violation of FERPA laws," said Cushing Superintendent Köln Knight.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, FERPA prohibits educational institutions from disclosing "personally identifiable information in education records" without written consent.

Knight said, to his knowledge, there have not been students who were symptomatic while at school, but did say that there have been students who became symptomatic outside of school hours.

He said when a case of COVID-19 is detected, contact tracing is conducted to determine who that student has been in contact with for the last couple of days.

Knight said that the district looks back 48 hours and assesses who was within six feet of a potentially infected individual for at least 15 minutes.

This policy is in accordance with contact tracing guidelines as recommended by the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Individuals who were determined to have been in contact with a possibly infected individual, are placed in quarantine for 14 days.

"We're not messing around with this," said Knight. "If anything happens, we call the health department."

In the meantime, parents and students are left with uncertainties regarding COVID and the schools.

Knight said that to date, the school district has had six students within the district test positive for COVID-19.

Knight said he could not give specific numbers regarding how many members of the district's support staff have tested positive because that number was so finite that it would indirectly identify those individuals. He did say that number was less than .5 percent of the district's students and staff.

He said that as a result of these positive results, 59 people within the district have been asked to quarantine. He added that due to differing exposures, some of those quarantined individuals would be returning to school on Monday.

Knight added that anyone who believes they

may have come in contact with an infected individual they should contact the district.

One more encouraging note, Knight said

enrollment is going up as students are returning to school from online learning.

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Johnson told the Cushing Citizen that the initial contract is for 500 inmates, but that number is expected to increase to more than 1,000 as the contract ramps up.

Johnson said that the unknowns surrounding COVID-19 make it difficult to speculate when that may be. He also said that everyone is waiting to see what effect the McGirt case will have on the number of possible inmates.

CoreCivic generates just under \$1 million in annual utility revenue for the city.

According to Johnson, in addition to the promise of continued employment for

nearly 200 people and the utility revenue generated for the city by the facility, the city will receive \$1 per inmate per day.

Brannon said that the city contacted the city of Eden, Texas, where CoreCivic operates a facility under a similar agreement with the US Marshal Service. He said that the partnership there has been in effect since 2018, when CoreCivic reopened their facility that had been closed since 2017.

"CoreCivic has been a ubiquitous corporate citizen in Cushing since its opening in 1997," said Brannon. "The

purchase of the property by CCF from the City of Cushing helped the citizens of Cushing to construct a modern aquatic center that has drawn thousands of visitors and improved our quality of life. Since its opening, CCF has been one of the largest employers in the region, and one of Cushing Municipal Authority's biggest and most trusted utility customers. CoreCivic has always participated in our community by hosting regularly scheduled informational meetings, sponsoring community events, and allowing employees to serve on local boards."

Ripening tomatoes indoors extends fresh flavor longer

By Trisha Gedon

STILLWATER, Okla. – There is nothing quite like the taste of a tomato picked fresh off the vine. But with the season quickly coming to a close, some gardeners may feel a little sad knowing that vine-fresh taste is fleeting.

Fortunately, gardeners do have the ability to extend the flavor of summer just a little longer, said David Hillock, Oklahoma State University Extension consumer horticulturist.

"We're just now starting to feel the chill in the air, and gardeners may be wondering what to do with all those green tomatoes still hanging on their plants," Hillock said. "Will they have time to ripen? It depends on when the state gets its first heavy frost."

When local weather forecasts indicate frost, gardeners will need to go ahead and harvest their green tomatoes. Collect all of them that are at least close to the size they are supposed to be, Hillock said. Go ahead and pick the small ones to use for pickled green tomatoes or

green tomato chutney.

Once the green tomatoes are indoors, do not pop them in the refrigerator. Their red color will not develop at lower than 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Many gardeners are familiar with ripening tomatoes on the windowsill. If the just-harvested fruit has any redness to it, this is a great method to finish off the ripening process. Simply pick the tomatoes, wash and dry them, and set them out.

Hillock said that if the tomatoes are still fairly firm and not showing any red color at all, consider storing them in a box.

"Wash and dry the tomatoes, then wrap them in newspaper and store in a single layer in a box, making sure the tomatoes don't touch," he said. "Keep the box in a cool place such as an unheated basement or garage. Check the box on a regular basis for signs of ripening and remove the ones starting to change color. These you can now ripen on the counter or windowsill."

Another method to consider does not require picking the tomatoes. Simply pull up the



entire plant, including the roots, and shake off as much dirt as possible. Hang the plant upside down in a cool area that gets indirect light. Allow the fruit to complete the ripening process. Make sure the plants are stored in an area that won't get above 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

"These tomatoes may not be quite as tasty as the vine-ripened ones picked earlier in the year, but they can help stretch that sweet taste of summer for a while longer," Hillock said.

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Tigers top Perkins, go to 2-0

By J. D. Meisner

The Cushing Tigers football team took their record to 2-0 with a hard-fought 27-7 win over the Perkins-Tryon Demons Friday.

After a reasonably successful ground victory over Bristow a week earlier, Perkins was ready for the run and the Tigers quickly learned that if they were going to move the ball, they would have to take to the air.

Tiger Head Coach Rusty Morgan said that although he did not exchange film with Perkins, Perkins had obviously taken a look at last week's win over Bristow.

"They saw our game last week and knew that we ran the ball well," Morgan said. "Fortunately we were able to throw it around a little bit, even in the wet conditions. We did things at opportune times."

Cushing only amassed 50 yards on the ground, but had a total of 340 yards passing.

Tiger receivers gave the Demon defense fits the entire night and Perkins' frustration started to show in the second half with four consecutive pass interference calls that advanced the ball downfield and led to the third Tiger score.

Sophomore Quarterback Blaze Berlowitz had a banner night, completing 14 of 17 passes for 340 yards and four touchdowns.

Sophomore receiver Camden Crooks had six receptions for 204 yards and two TDs.

Sophomore Lane Yaunt had three receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown, and senior Austin Munday had two receptions for 17 yards and a TD.

Brody Berlowitz caught 2 passes for 39 yards and senior fullback Haden Fry caught one for three yards.

On the ground Sophomore running back Noah Jones had nine carries for 30 yards, Fry had nine

carries for 17 yards and Blaze Berlowitz kept the ball once for three yards.

The Tigers host Berryhill this week for senior night and Morgan said that team is in a similar situation Perkins was in last week, not having played a single regular season game due to quarantine restrictions.

"They haven't practiced," said Morgan. They've been out for a couple weeks, so there's not a whole lot of scouting opportunities on them, but it going to be like these first three non-district games are for us. They are going to battles every week and we know it, and we'll be ready to go."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Senior night festivities are scheduled before the game at 6:30.



Blaze Berlowitz and Austin Munday celebrate a TD pass during the Tigers 27-7 victory over country rival Perkins-Tryon Friday. Berlowitz threw for 340 yards.



Senior fullback Haden Fry strikes a pylon as he makes his way outside.



Tiger Head Coach Rusty Morgan celebrates a key red-zone defensive stop Friday in Perkins.

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OBITUARIES

Theda Marie Smith • April 1, 1924 - September 12, 2020

Theda Marie Smith, longtime Cushing resident, now of Oklahoma City, passed away Saturday evening, September 12, 2020 at the age of 96 years.

The daughter of the late James Onboy Overdeer and Carrie Matilda Gray Overdeer, Theda was born on April 1, 1924 in Drumright, Oklahoma. She received her early education in the Drumright Schools, graduating from Cushing High School.

She was united in marriage to James A. Smith, Sr., on October 12, 1943 in Salinas, California.



To this union three children,

Kent, James Jr. and Theda Jean were born. James preceded her in death on August 26, 1993.

Theda was a longtime member of the First Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts, needle work and sewing. She loved her family very much, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Kent D. Smith of Bedford, Texas and James A. Smith Jr., of Sulphur, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Terri, Rodney,

Kyle and Bethany; several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Theda Jean Bell; one brother James Overdeer and two sisters, Helen Rice and Lois Combs.

Services will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 11 a.m. in the Euclaw Valley Memorial Park Cemetery.

You may share your condolences with the family at www.davisfh.net.

Ray Virgil Hysaw Jr. • January 20, 1982 - September 6, 2020

Ray Virgil Hysaw Jr. of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed from this life on September 6, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ray was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 20, 1982 to parents Ray Sr. and Jane Hysaw. He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma where he graduated high school. Ray would then attend technical school for awhile receiving training in plumbing and facility maintenance. He worked for



C Star in Stillwater working in maintenance of their properties. He enjoyed reading books, playing video games, and most of all being a father to his two daughters.

Ray is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Jim Hysaw and Jess Bentley as well as one uncle, Terry Bentley.

He is survived by his wife Amber and daughters Melissa and Sam of the home; parents Ray and Jane Hysaw of Cushing, OK; three brothers, Phillip and wife

Kerri Hysaw of Cushing, Michael and Brittney Hysaw of Cushing, and Brandon and wife Riana Ellis of Tulsa; grandmothers, Pat Bentley of Cushing and Pat Hysaw of Texas; as well as many extended family members and friends.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, Oklahoma. Services will be scheduled at a later date.

James Darrell Poteet Jr. • July 18, 1954 - James Darrell Poteet Jr

James Darrell Poteet Jr., longtime Agra/Tryon resident passed from this life on Saturday, September 12, 2020. He was born on July 18, 1954 in Cushing, OK to James Poteet Sr. and Joanne (Walker) Poteet.

James was raised in Agra and graduated from Agra High School. He enjoyed showing his duroc pigs and participating in FFA activities as a Chapter Officer. He was a skilled volleyball player and started on the 1972 Oklahoma State Volleyball Semi-Finals team for Agra.

James worked in the oilfield for Saber Drilling, Equal Energy and Red Cloud Drilling as a



roughneck, driller, tool pusher and production foreman. James

also worked as a truck driver. James enjoyed his dogs JoJo and Missy Mae, Sooner football, fishing, spending time with his grandkids, cooking, westerns, hunting, gardening, and travel. James was able to visit all 50 states and numerous foreign countries.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James Poteet and Joann Walker Poteet, and grandparents Johnny Walker, Eva Smith Walker, Floyd Poteet and Elizabeth Horton Poteet.

James is survived by his wife, Paula Dawn (Davis) Poteet of the home, daughter Anihtra Watkins

and husband Brandon of Perkins, son Jameson Poteet of Grove, brother Michael Poteet and wife Judy of Agra, and sister Debbie Cooper and husband Chris of Cushing. James is also survived by five grandchildren: Hunter, Annelise and Scarlett Watkins of Perkins, and Chadwick and Aden Poteet of Grove.

The family will be having a private gathering to honor James' life. Condolences can be shared at PalmerMarlerFH.com or on James' Facebook page.

Ernie Hopkins • February 3, 1926 - August 29, 2020

After a short illness; on August 29, 2020 at the age of 94 years, six months with his wife by his side, Ernie went to meet the Lord.

He was born on February 3, 1926 in Schlegel to Oscar Hopkins and Mayme Cooper Hopkins. He was raised and educated in Schlegel and Yale areas.

He was a decorated World War II Veteran and served from 1943 - 1946 in the Southwest Pacific.

He was a retired truck driver and in 2001 he was awarded the Golden Achievement Award from the American Historical Truck Society for driving fifty consecutive years. He continued to drive until 2011 when he turned 85.

He was married to Claudia Vickers on February 11, 1989



and they remained together until his death.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Drumright.

His survivors include his wife Claudia of the home, one daughter Brenda Pickle and husband Benny of Prairie Grove,

Ar., two sons Danny Hopkins of Cushing and Corbin Hopkins of Tulsa, sister Flora Todd and husband Norman of Cushing, brother-in-law Wyatt Earp and wife Angela of the Oak Grove area, nieces Raegan, Katelyn, and Jenah. Two grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Beulah, Ruby, Dora and Lucy; brothers Harold, Joe and Floyd, step-daughter Lori Glimp, grandson Benny Cariall Pickel II and granddaughter Susan Raye Hopkins.

He was a good, kind and loving man and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the

Palmer Marler Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are entrusted to Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Arlis E. McKee • January 30, 1921 - September 13, 2020

Arlis E. McKee, 99, of Watertown passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Marquardt Health Center in Watertown.

Arlis was born on January 30, 1921 in Cushing, OK, the daughter of John and Clara (Chandler) Smith. She worked a majority of her life as a Registered Nurse and was also

involved with Girl Scouts being a leader for years. Above all she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter Montene and Randy Orr and grandson Joshua Orr. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by

her parents and her brother Roy Smith.

Per Arlis' request there will be no formal services.

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1030 E. Walnut
Cushing, OK

309 N. Ohio Ave.
Drumright, 352-2666

Oilton, 862-3591

1001 N. Cleveland Ave.
Cushing, 225-3996

OAK GROVE BAPTIST

420 N. Oak Grove Rd.
Cushing, 352-3174

1442 E. Oak St.
Cushing, 225-4311

9372 S. 433rd West Ave.
Drumright, 352-2082

SE corner of Hwy 99 706 Rd.
Cushing,

321 N. Hartman Ave.
Cushing, 225-3941

Shamrock, 352-9825

CATHOLIC

321 S. Cimarron Ave.
Drumright, 352-9327

423 E. Oak
Cushing, 225-0644

CHRISTIAN

302 S. Linwood Ave.
Cushing, 225-5638

201 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Drumright, 352-2309

300 E. Moses St.

Cushing, 225-4484

521 E. Broadway St.
Drumright, 352-2735

W. Chicago
Yale, 387-2850

Drumright, 352-2208

9th & Linwood St.
Cushing, 225-0672

1802 E. Main St.
Cushing, 225-2590

CHURCH OF GOD

102 E. Phillips
Ripley, 372-4646

625 W. Broadway Ave.
Yale, 387-2877

501 N. Noble Ave.
Cushing, 225-3324

1021 N. Cental
Cushing, 282-4212

1407 E. Oak St.
Cushing, 225-5113

LUTHERAN (ELCA)

352025 E. 780 RD.
Cushing, 225-0839

LUTHERAN (LCMS)

730 E. Cherry St.
Cushing, 225-4646

METHODIST

930 S. Little Ave.
Cushing, 225-5683

108 S C St.
Yale, 387-2413

EPISCOPAL

112 S Thompson Ave
(between East Broadway and Cherry)
Cushing, OK 74023
www.SaintAlbansCushing.org

NAZARENE

116 E. Maple St.
Cushing, 225-4762

320 S. Penn
Drumright, 352-2244

PENTECOSTAL

1428 E. Oak St.
Cushing, 225-0680

INDEPENDENT

301 E. Moses St.
Cushing, 225-0626

BRETHERN

101 N. Brethren Rd.
Cushing, 225-2571

OTHER

404 E. Cherry St
Cushing

5930 S. Hwy. 99
Oilton, 862-32313

427 N Jones.
Cushing,

217 E. Broadway
Cushing, 225-5858

1214 E. North St
Cushing, 223-5749

1010 S. Little
Cushing, 306-2103

1500 E. 9th St.
Cushing, 223-9522

Legal Notices

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The Payne County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting of the board at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 28th, 2020 at the Payne County Administration Building, Gloria Hesser Commissioners Meeting Room 200/201, located in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Chairman Chris Reding called the meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chris Reding – District 2 Commissioner, Zach Cavett - Commissioner District 1, Rocky Blasler – Commissioner District 3, Tammy Mathis – Deputy County Clerk. Invocation by Zach Cavett and Flag Salute to our country by the Board.

Approve minutes of the previous meeting of the board: Motion by Cavett to approve minutes of August 17th, 2020, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Miscellaneous items from the Audience (no action will be taken): None presented on this date.

Discussion and Possible Action on Bid Openings 9:30 A.M. None presented on this date.

Discussion and Possible Action on Evaluations: Jeff Kuhn stated Glencoe Fire is accepting Rock Township as the bidder. Motion by Cavett to accept, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Discussion and Possible Action on Reports from Officers and Boards: Resolution 2020-40 – Allowing Land Owner to Place a Gate Restricting Traffic on Dunkin East of Norfolk: Cavett presented Resolution 2020-40, for allowing land owner to place a gate restricting traffic on Dunkin East of Norfolk. Landowner has been notified that at any time this could be reopened. Motion by Cavett to approve Resolution 2020-40, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Agreement to Maintain Streets & Alleys, Town of Ripley, OK: Cavett presented an agreement with Ripley to maintain streets and alleys but there will be a limited amount of 80 hours that will be worked for labor, or machinery. Motion by Cavett to approve the agreement as presented, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval – Professional Services Agreement for Payne County Health Department with Oklahoma State University: Reding presented an agreement for the Payne County Health Department with OSU. Motion by Blasler to approve the agreement as presented, second by Cavett. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Road Closing Request – Lone Chimney Road/E5400 Rd for Glencoe Founders Day 3rd Annual Panther Prowl 5K & Fun Run, September 19, 2020: Cavett presented the request for a road closure for Lone Chimney Road for the Glencoe Founders Day in regard to the 3rd Annual Panther Prowl 5K & Fun Run on September 19th, 2020. Motion by Cavett to approve this request, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Update Payne County COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation: Reding presented a COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation to allow the county to file their expenses for FEMA and the CARES Act. This

will be extended to December 31st, 2020. Motion by Cavett to approve the Proclamation as presented, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Approval of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) 999: Jeff Kuhn, Emergency Management Director presented the EMPG for the County which is \$5,000 per quarter. Motion by Cavett to approve, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

COVID-19 Update: Jeff Kuhn, Emergency Management Director stated that our numbers are going up and the largest population is the younger crowd. Payne County currently has 187 active cases, 147 are from Stillwater, 27 Cushing, 13 Perkins, 1 each for Ripley, Glencoe, and Yale. No Action.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval – Payne County Holiday 2021 Schedule: Reding presented the Holiday 2021 Schedule. December 23rd and 24th will be a proposed day off for December. Motion by Cavett to approve the proposed dates, the county will do as the state is doing once the schedule comes out, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Removal of Equipment items from inventory: Lowell Barto, ADJ later found information regarding the state holidays and discovered that the State will be off for December 23rd and 24th. Motion by Cavett to approve those dates as holidays for the 2021 schedule, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval – Payne County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2021: Motion by Cavett to table, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Request for Traffic Control Signs: None presented on this date.

Ingress and Egress Agreements: Cavett presented agreements with Gary Franklin, Ferland & Yvonne Dean and Helen Thompson. Motion by Cavett to approve the three (3) agreements as presented, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Removal of Equipment items from inventory: The Clerk's Office presented removal of items from inventory for the Sheriff's Office. Inventory No. 701.088, 2010 Dodge Charger and Inventory No. 701.103, 2012 Dodge Charger. The Clerk's office stated these two vehicles were already surplus and a few meetings back and today was to remove those items. Motion by Cavett to approve the removal of items from inventory, second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Appointment of Requisitioning and Receiving Officers: None presented on this date.

Cash Appropriations: None presented on this date.

Transfer of Appropriations: None presented on this date.

Purchase Orders: FY 2019-2020 \$19,835.93 and FY 2020-2021 \$147,257.95 2019-2020 Fair Main-ST 674, THE HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL, \$51.00. HELL P WANTED AD: General \$212. SPIRIT ELECTRONIC 7148.00. RADIO EQUIPMENT 4213. DEARINGER PRINTING & TROPHY, INC., \$5.00. NAME TAGS 4214. SPIRIT ELECTRONIC, 150.00. ANTEENNA 4215. SPIRIT ELECTRONIC, 8182.80. COVID-19AD216. DUPUBLIC SERVICES * 789. 335.95. JUMPSTER: Health 507. DEARMAN, SHEREE, 42.90. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: Highway

1718. CORPORATE BILLING LLC, 1981.45. PARTS: Jail-ST 748. B & L HEATING & AIR, 389.00. REPAIR 749. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 1047.85. SUPPLIES: Rural Fire-ST 144. B & C BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC., 191.98. SURGE PROTECTOR: 2020-2021 Phone 10. A T & T, 4590.11. UTILITIES 11. A T & T, 5888.23. UTILITIES: Asar Rev Fee 4, STAPLES, 759.96. CAMERAS: Emergency Mgmt 2, COMDATA, 274.23. JULY BLANKET: Extension ST 14. WALMART COMMUNITY, 149.64. OFFICE SUPPLIES 15. OSU COOPERATIVE EXT. SRV., 2164.50. PART TIME PAYROLL 16. US CELLULAR, 113.97. UTILITIES: Fair Main-ST 71. PEAK PEST SERVICES LLC, 185.00. PEST CONTROL SERVICES 72. CITY OF STILLWATER, 782.30. UTILITIES 73. P & K EQUIPMENT, INC., 421.86. JULY BLANKET 174. UNIFIRST, 414.22. JULY BLANKET 175. FASTENAL COMPANY, 101.96. JULY BLANKET 176. CITY OF STILLWATER, 89.18. UTILITIES 77. REGISTRATION MAX LLC, 1250.00. FAIR ENTRY REGISTRATION 78. OAKES SERVICE CENTER, 158.00. MOWER TIRE 79. MUSTANG FUEL MARKETING CO, 46.32. UTILITIES 80. CITY OF STILLWATER, 7884.19. UTILITIES 81. STILLWATER NEWS PRESS, 150.00. OVER PRINTS ON FAIRBOOKS 82. THE HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL, 1.76. OVERAGER 83. NATIONWIDE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE, 10.35. UTILITIES: General 651. STAPLES, 549.98. COMPUTER 652. B & C BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC., 237.00. ENROLLMENT FOLDERS 653. OSU AGEC CTP, 40.00. ONLINE COURSE 654. MUSTANG FUEL MARKETING CO, 273.83. AUGUST BLANKET 655. SASSER DAVID, 12.88. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 656. QUALITY WATER SERVICES, 55.00. AUGUST BLANKET 657. A T & T, 39.02. UTILITIES 658. CITY OF STILLWATER, 47.54. UTILITIES 659. CIMARRON VALLEY COMM., LLC, 66.07. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION 660. B & L HEATING & AIR, 341.34. HVAC REPAIRS 661. CITY OF STILLWATER, 206.93. UTILITIES 662. GROUNDS PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING, INC., 950.00. SURVEYING SERVICES 663. BILL KNIGHT FORD, 398.59. PARTS AND LABOR 664. COOPERS LOCKSMITH LLC, 72.00. AUGUST BLANKET 665. FENTON OFFICE MART, 58.87. OFFICE SUPPLIES 666. MATHIS, ALYSSA, 124.07. MILEAGE AND MEAL 667. DIGITAL MEDIA WAREHOUSE, 538.70. MAPPING 668. THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR, 600.00. ELEVATOR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE 669. R. K. BLACK, INC. 103.42. COPIER MAINTENANCE 670. HIGH FIVE MEDIA GROUP, LLC, 179.00. AUGUST BLANKET 671. X-TRA MILE AUTO CARE, 80.00. REPROGRAMMING 672. THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, PAYMENT CENTER, 397.00. OK PRACTICE COURTROOM GUIDE 673. CUSHING CITIZEN, 66.07. AUGUST BLANKET 674. CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., 1059.78. BATTERY CARTRIDGE 675. WALKER COMPANIES, 77.50. NOTARY RENEWAL 676. CITY OF STILLWATER, 14.21. AUGUST BLANKET 677. CITY OF STILLWATER, 7020.25. AUGUST BLANKET 678. SAC & FOX NATION JUVENILE FACILITY, 644.00. JUVENILE DETENTION 679. COWAN JAMES, 49.99. REIMBURSEMENT 680. CITY OF STILLWATER, 8885.24. UTILITIES 681.

GRIMSLEYS, INC., 399.31. JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 682. ROCCO, 300.00. MEMBERSHIP DUES 683. WEDDEL, RANDY, 14.72. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 684. THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, PAYMENT CENTER, 658.05. INFORMATION CHARGES 685. STILLWATER NEWS PRESS, 262.82. AUGUST BLANKET 686. QUALITY WATER SERVICES, 55.00. JULY BLANKET 687. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 145.70. JULY BLANKET 688. COUNTY CLERKS & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION, 300.00. MEMBERSHIP DUES 689. TEAGUE REBECCA, 2.30. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 690. POSTAL PACK & SHIP, 235.82. POSTAGE 691. CITY OF STILLWATER, 447.54. UTILITIES 692. THE MEADOWS CENTER FOR, 90.00. SHREDDING SERVICES 693. CIMARRON VALLEY COMM., LLC, 146.46. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION 694. OKLA. DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 4200.00. USER FEE 695. CITY OF STILLWATER, 66.65. AUGUST BLANKET 696. ALPHA COMPUTING SOLUTIONS, 4549.93. MONITOR 697. OKLA. NATURAL GAS, 235.60. AUGUST BLANKET 698. TELECOM HOLDINGS, INC., 1590.00. BLOCK EQUIPMENT 699. D'ARRINGER PRINTING & TROPHY, INC., 346.20. MAILING LABELS 700. BILL KNIGHT FORD OF STILLWATER, 411.17. DOOR WIRE HARNESST 701. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 261.42. AUGUST BLANKET 702. CIMARRON VALLEY COMM., LLC, 52.42. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION 703. DELPHIA PUBLISHING LLC, 401.33. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION: Health 34. CITY OF STILLWATER, 3063.75. UTILITIES 35. THE MEADOWS CENTER FOR, 90.00. JULY BLANKET 36. A T & T, 413.45. UTILITIES 37. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 181.08. SUPPLIES 38. DEARMAN, SHEREE, 42.90. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 39. FUSION CLOUD SERVICES, LLC, 482.09. UTILITIES 40. OKLA. NATURAL GAS, 101.95. UTILITIES 41. PEAK PEST SERVICES LLC, 200.00. JULY BLANKET 42. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 183.12. SUPPLIES 43. FARLEY, KELLY, 37.72. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 44. UNIVERSITY CLEANING SERVICES, 687.45. AUGUST BLANKET 45. ADAMS, MATTHEW, 135.01. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 46. SANOFI PASTEUR, 180.53. VACCINE 47. A T & T MOBILITY, 290.63. UTILITIES 48. YP, 18.70. DIRECTORY LISTING 49. B & C BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC., 18.32. COVID-1950. R. K. BLACK, INC., 255.99. CONTRACT INVOICES: Highway 190. QUPAW CO., INC., 11996.04. ROAD ROCK 200. ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTION PARTS, 1181.35. PARTS 201. LIONEL HARRIS OIL CO., INC., 9518.09. DYED DIESEL 202. BAILEYS PAVING CO., INC, 2156.96. HMH203. CITY OF STILLWATER, 460.22. UTILITIES 204. CITY OF CUSHING, 474.56. UTILITIES 205. WALMART COMMUNITY, 86.27. AUGUST BLANKET 206. REPUBLIC SERVICES # 789. 125.35. AUGUST BLANKET 207. KSMI, 239.21. Parts: Jail-ST 79. STAPLES, 63.97. STAPLER 80. B & L HEATING & AIR, 903.95. PARTS AND LABOR 81. WATCHDOG AUTOMATION SYSTEMS LLC, 520.01. CONVERSION KIT 82. ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT, INC., 782.40. FILTERS 83. CITY OF STILLWATER, 15146.45. UTILITIES 84. TOUCH BIOMETRICS, 1653.28. EXTENDED WARRANTY 85. MUSTANG FUEL MARKETING CO, 242.87. UTILITIES 86. GRIMSLEYS, INC., 1362.27. SUPPLIES 87. QUALITY WATER

SERVICES, 108.00. JULY BLANKET 88. OKLA. NATURAL GAS, 232.98. UTILITIES: Rural Fire- ST 12. D & R LAWN SERVICE, 360.00. JULY BLANKET 113. VERIZON WIRELESS, 240.06. JULY BLANKET 114. AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK, 1100.30. INTEREST FOR LEASE PURCHASE 115. NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC., 266.06. FACEPIECE WITH KEVLAR HEAD HARNES 116. NAPA AUTO PARTS, 175.00. JULY BLANKET 117. VERIZON WIRELESS, 240.06. AUGUST BLANKET 118. PREMIERE TRUCK GROUP, 2289.24. SERVICE CALL 19. NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC., 653.00. SCBA EQUIPMENT 20. STROBES N MORE, 801.29. EMERGENCY LIGHT: SH Sv Fee 33. THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, PAYMENT CENTER, 5683.80. COMPUTER MAINTENANCE 34. CHICKASAW TELECOM, INC., 2523.96. Parts 35. INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, 13488.00. AIRTIME Blanket: \$245,199.24 blankets for September 2020. Disallowed: None presented on this date. Payroll/Longevity: The Clerk's Office presented payroll for August 2020 of \$723,809.75 and \$168,504.79 for premiums with a total of

\$892,314.54. Motion to approve purchase orders upon signature by Cavett second by Blasler. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes. Monthly Reports of Officers: None presented on this date. Public Announcements from the Board: None presented on this date. Road Crossings: None presented on this date. New Business: None presented on this date. Adjournment: Motion by Blasler to adjourn, second by Cavett. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Blasler-Yes, Reding-Yes.

Minutes of the Board attested to Attest:

By: Glenna Craig, Payne County Clerk Seal of office Approved by the Board of Commissioners

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2020 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF RURAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4, LINCOLN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES!! NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF RURAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT #4, LINCOLN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA WILL BE HELD IN THE AGRABAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HALL, AGRABAPTIST CHURCH, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M., TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RURAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4, LINCOLN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA. THERE WILL BE THREE (3) POSITIONS OPEN FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS EACH.
- AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BUSINESS MEETING, THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES. NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND TAKE ACTIVE PART IN THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2020

JEROME EWEN—CHAIRMAN

CC: ALL DISTRICT MEMBERS NOTIFIED AT THEIR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IN THE FORM OF A POSTCARD CONCERNING ABOVE MEETING

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020					
ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		TOTAL:	
Cash Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 3,671,288.55	Warrants Outstanding	\$ 2,094,630.20	Cash Fund Balance	\$ 3,671,288.55
Investments	\$ 0.00	Reserves From Schedule 7	\$ 0.00	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,671,288.55	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$ 2,094,630.20	Total Deductions	\$ 3,671,288.55
		CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 1,576,658.35		

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021						
GENERAL FUND		SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET		TOTAL		
Current Expense	\$ 1,447,042.05	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2020	\$ 22,750.20	Current Expense	\$ 1,447,042.05	
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing	\$ 0.00	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	
Total Required	\$ 1,447,042.05	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy	\$ 0.00	Total Required	\$ 1,447,042.05	
		4. Total Liquid Assets	\$ 22,750.20			
		5. a. Past-Due Coupons	\$ 0.00			
		6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon	\$ 0.00			
		7. c. Past-Due Bonds	\$ 0.00			
		8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon	\$ 0.00			
		9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above	\$ 0.00			
		10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for Unpaid	\$ 0.00			
		11. Total Items a. Through f	\$ 0.00			
		12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual	\$ 22,750.20			
		Deduct: Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:				
		13. a. Earned Unmatured Interest	\$ 383.33			
		14. b. Accrual on Final Coupons	\$ 0.00			
		15. c. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 20,000.00			
		16. Total Items g. Through i	\$ 20,383.33			
		17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves ** (Page 2)	\$ 2,366.87			
		SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021				
		1. Interest Earnings on Bonds	\$ 2,116.67			
		2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 30,000.00			
		3. Annual Accrual on "Prepaid" Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		4. Annual Accrual on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		5. Interest on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		6. PARTICIPATING CONTRIBUTIONS (Annexations):	\$ 0.00			
		7. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		8. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		9. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		10. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		11. Annual Accrual From Exhibit KK	\$ 0.00			
		Total Sinking Fund Requirements	\$ 32,116.67			
		Deduct:				
		1. Excess of Assets over Liabilities (if not a deficit)	\$ 2,366.87			
		2. Contributions From Other Districts	\$ 0.00			
		Balance To Raise	\$ 29,749.80			

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020					
ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:		TOTAL:	
Cash Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 3,671,288.55	Warrants Outstanding	\$ 2,094,630.20	Cash Fund Balance	\$ 3,671,288.55
Investments	\$ 0.00	Reserves From Schedule 7	\$ 0.00	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,671,288.55	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$ 2,094,630.20	Total Deductions	\$ 3,671,288.55
		CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 1,576,658.35		

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021						
GENERAL FUND		SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET		TOTAL		
Current Expense	\$ 17,068,572.69	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2020	\$ 473,349.06	Current Expense	\$ 17,068,572.69	
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing	\$ 0.00	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	
Total Required	\$ 17,068,572.69	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy	\$ 0.00	Total Required	\$ 17,068,572.69	
		4. Total Liquid Assets	\$ 473,349.06			
		5. a. Past-Due Coupons	\$ 0.00			
		6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon	\$ 0.00			
		7. c. Past-Due Bonds	\$ 0.00			
		8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon	\$ 0.00			
		9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above	\$ 0.00			
		10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for Unpaid	\$ 0.00			
		11. Total Items a. Through f	\$ 0.00			
		12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual	\$ 473,349.06			
		Deduct: Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:				
		13. a. Earned Unmatured Interest	\$ 677.08			
		14. b. Accrual on Final Coupons	\$ 0.00			
		15. c. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 100,000.00			
		16. Total Items g. Through i	\$ 100,677.08			
		17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves ** (Page 2)	\$ 372,671.98			
		SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021				
		1. Interest Earnings on Bonds	\$ 137,282.08			
		2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 3,935,000.00			
		3. Annual Accrual on "Prepaid" Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		4. Annual Accrual on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		5. Interest on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00			
		6. PARTICIPATING CONTRIBUTIONS (Annexations):	\$ 0.00			
		7. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		8. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		9. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		10. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00			
		11. Annual Accrual From Exhibit KK	\$ 0.00			
		Total Sinking Fund Requirements	\$ 4,072,282.08			
		Deduct:				
		1. Excess of Assets over Liabilities (if not a deficit)	\$ 372,671.98			
		2. Contributions From Other Districts	\$ 0.00			
		Balance To Raise	\$ 3,699,610.10			

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020					
GENERAL FUND		SINKING FUND		BUILDING FUND	
Current Expense	\$ 1,447,042.05	Current Expense	\$ 70,648.10	Current Expense	\$ 70,648.10
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00
Total Required	\$ 1,447,042.05	Total Required	\$ 70,648.10	Total Required	\$ 70,648.10
		FINANCED:		FINANCED:	
		Cash Fund Balance	\$ 0.00	Cash Fund Balance	\$ 41,236.82
		Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00
		Total Deductions	\$ 0.00	Total Deductions	\$ 41,236.82
		Balance	\$ 333,067.39	Balance	\$ 29,411.28

S.A.&I. Form 2662R1.1.15 Entry: Oak Grove Public Schools C-104, Payne County 31-Aug-2020

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CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF PAYNE, ss: We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Oak Grove Public Schools, School District No. C-104, of Said County and State, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Governing Body of the said District begun at the time provided by law for districts of this class and pursuant to the provisions of 68 O. S. 2001 Section 3003, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said District as reflected by the records of the District Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the foregoing estimate for current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said District, that the Estimated Income to be derived from sources other than ad valorem taxation does not exceed the lawfully authorized ratio of the revenue derived from the same sources during the preceding year.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 2020

Kelly R. Miller
Notary Public

Patrick J. Miller
President of Board of Education

Janice B. Boppe
Notary Public



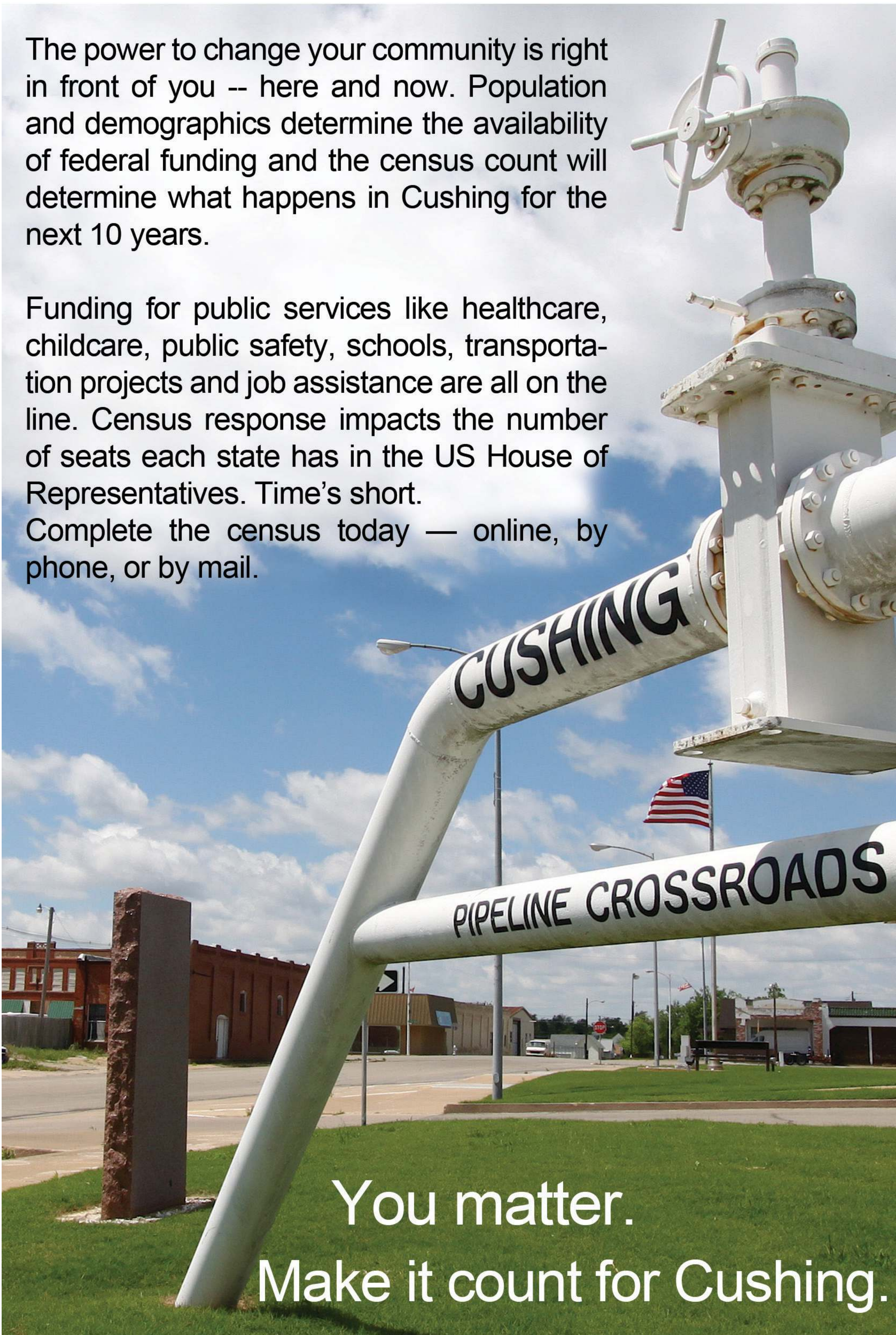
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