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Cimarron Valley Bulletin Board

Cushing, Drumright, Yale, Agra, Mannford, Oilton, Olive, Ripley... If your school, church, club, sports team, association, organization or non-profit group is holding an event, fundraiser, or even just a regular meeting, let us know so we can let everyone else know. Submit bulletin board items for consideration to: news@drumrightgusher.com or publisher@cushingcitizen.com. Include all the who, what, where and when information you've got — we'll get it in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGRA

• May 17 - June 11 all students can eat for free at the school cafeteria. Breakfast from 7:30am-8:30am and lunch from 11:30am-12:30pm

CUSHING

• DCRA will be hosting the 10th Annual Red Carpet Karaoke Contest on June 19 at Centennial Park. You can sign up at Outrun Games at 106 E. Broadway in the Broadway District, Tuesday - Saturday from 11am-7pm. Entry fee is \$10 cash or check. Ages from 10 and up are eligible. Prepare 2 songs with the artist name in the order you will sing them. Once the entry fee is turned in you cannot change the order, song, or artist.

• Cushing Community Theatre is looking for volunteers. You can contact the theatre by emailing cushingcommunitytheatre74023@gmail.com for further information. Auditions for Greater Tuna will be Monday, June 14 at 7pm. Production is slated for August 6-8 and 13-15.

• Cushing Public Schools Summer Feeding Program will be at the Cushing Middle School Cafeteria (521 S. Harmony Rd.) from June 1 - June 25. Breakfast will be served from 8am-9:30am. Lunch will be available from 11am-12pm. Any child 18 and under may eat for free as part of the Summer Food Service Program. The child does not have to attend Cushing Schools.

• Cushing Public Library will be hosting Tails and Tales virtual summer reading program from June 1-30. Registration began May 19 you can sign up at cushinglibrary.okpls.org or in person at 215 N. Steele Ave. Reading logs will be available on June 1 and can be turned in for prize drawing entries from June 14-30. Ages range from 3 years to adults and there will be a grand prize drawing for each age group.

• Cushing Pride recycling event dates are June 6, June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 25 at the Cushing High School ag barn parking lot. For further information or to volunteer at an event go to <http://www.replenish.com/join/cushing-ok>

• Cushing Chamber of Commerce member Our Daily Bread - Stillwater will be in Cushing to give our free groceries to Payne County residents on June 23, July 28, and August 25 from 2pm-4pm. Bring an ID to Cushing Community Food Pantry located at 802 N. Maitlen Dr.

• Cushing Pre-K enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Enrollment is totally online at cushingtigers.com - students must be four years old by September 1 and be potty trained to enroll. Parents/guardians should upload their child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residence. Student must reside in the Cushing Public Schools district.

• June 2, Cushing Chamber Young Professionals, Come & Go Networking event Coffee and Connections from 7:30am-9:30am at Greenlife Planer located at 215 N. Cleveland Ave.

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Dick Smith's Driving School Tip of the Week

When you are on wet roads, leave that gosh dang, \$@!%& cruise control alone. It is NOT safe to use in inclement weather.

Joke of the Week

Why couldn't the pony sing?



He was a little hoarse!

Lots and lots of Tigers



A total of 107 young athletes braved last week's soggy weather and participated in the Cushing Lady Tiger softball camp. According to Lady Tiger head coach Nikki York, camp was originally scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, but was pushed to Tuesday and Wednesday because of the torrential rains. Camp was also moved to the turf at Odell Field. Morning sessions were held for 9th through 12th grade and afternoons were reserved for first through fourth grades and seventh through ninth.



Beat the summertime blues in area pools and splash pads

By DeAnna Maddox

After nearly two full years of uncertainty and lackluster summer activities due to community and business closures the time has finally come for the fun to return to summertime. A few local pools opened and returned to their regular schedules over memorial weekend.

Cushing Aquatic Center

The Cushing Aquatic Center reopened to the public on Monday, May 31.

Daily swim is set for 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost for ages seven and up will be \$3.75 and six and under will cost \$2.50. Family swim will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday the cost will be \$2.00 for ages seven and up while six and under will cost \$1.25.

Water aerobics will also be available on Tuesday and Thursday

from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Remember to bring money for the concession because no outside food or drink will be allowed. And if you want to swim, be sure to bring a bathing suit because denim in the water is off limits.

Drumright

No worries, if you cannot quite swing the low prices at the Cushing pool, there is a free alternative in Drumright. The splash pad at Whitlock Park is now fully operational. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is free to the public.

Mannford

If you have grown accustomed to the indoors after being inside for so long, there are still options. Just take a hop, skip and a jump to Mannford and you can enjoy the



The Drumright Splashpad is open for business.

nice, refreshing, and heated waters of the Mannford Activity Center's indoor pool. The hours are listed as Monday - Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be prepared to make reservations for this one. The number is (918) 865-6891 for more information.

Yale

The City of Yale released Tuesday, that the pool will indeed be open this season. Hours will be Tuesday through Saturday noon - 6 p.m.; twilight swim Tuesday 6 - 8:00 p.m. Daily Swim: \$1 for children and adults (under 2 is free), 10 and under must have an adult present. Season passes are available, call (405) 780-1479 for information.

Bids opened on SH51 project

By J. D. Meisner

Bids to completely rework a little more than three miles of SH51 west of Yale have been opened.

According to a preliminary bid opening report from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, four construction companies bid on the project, which is a full grade, drain and resurfacing of SH51 from the intersection with SH18 west of Yale, extending three miles to the east to the Town of Yale.

The lowest bidder on the project was Becco Contractors, Inc. who submitted a bid \$10,685,000, just over the engineer's estimate for the project which was \$10,482,310.

Other bidders included C-Gawf Construction with a bid of \$11,417,428; Cummins Construction with a bid of \$13,472,042 and



Atlas Paving with a bid of \$15,004,207.

The bids have not yet been formally certified, nor has a contract been awarded according to Representative John Talley.

Under the bid guidelines, the work is expected to take 210 calendar days. A start date has not yet been determined.

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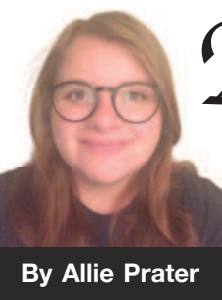
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Adventures with Allie

The jungle in Stillwater, Oklahoma

By Allie Prater

I am not an inherently lazy person. I do, however, fall behind on my household chores every now and again. The chore that I most commonly have a lackadaisical attitude about is mowing.

Now, I know, some of you are thinking to yourself, “Shouldn’t her husband be the one mowing the yard anyways?” Well... no.

My husband is a very hard working man and will do absolutely anything I ask of him.

However, my husband is of the red-headed-variety and with red hair, comes pale, pasty, sunburn prone, more-fragile-than-an-ancient-Egyptian-mummy skin.

So I do the mowing because it is much easier for me to mow than have to deal with a second degree sunburn on my significant other.

In the recent weeks, I have fallen behind on my most loathed chore.

Springtime in Oklahoma is a less than ideal time for individuals like myself who have an aversion to cutting the grass.

What started as an ‘oh I can just do it next weekend’ mindset has now become an entire mess.

What was once a beautiful backyard for my dogs to frolic around in, has now become comparable to the jungles featured in the Jumanji films.

When I open my backdoor all I can hear is Randy Newman’s “It’s a Jungle Out There” and Guns n Roses “Welcome to the Jungle” playing on repeat like mother nature is taunting me.

Every time my dogs go outside, I watch closely, waiting for

one of Joe Exotic’s tigers to leap from the foliage.

Now, my dogs very much enjoy the grass being slightly taller than average, as this gives the field mice and other suburban vermin a false sense of security and they get to have a midday snack.

My front yard is absolutely no better. The sidewalk leading to my driveway is like walking a game trail in Madagascar.

I keep waiting for the Boabab tress to start growing and for the lemurs to take control of the property.

It is mightily out of control.

When I have decided that it is finally time to try and reclaim the land that has been lost to the unforgiving mother nature, it rains.

Like I said, springtime in Oklahoma is an awful time to get behind on mowing.

Even as I’m typing this, it is pouring rain outside.

The only thing louder than the rain is the sounds of small weeds turning into massive, unconquerable, forests of spite and doom.

I have absolutely no idea what I will do if the rain doesn’t subside soon.

I am no stranger to hard work, and don’t mind being responsible for mowing the lawn, but I have let this get way too out of control.

I know that the grass is already much too high for my measly push mower, and my battery operated weed eater, however I am fairly certain that it is also too overgrown for anything smaller than a combine, or a wood chipper, or maybe even a

flamethrower, to handle.

And what are my legal obligations with this?

Am I going to have to get an environmental impact statement?

At what point is a weed considered a full grown tree?

Do I need to let my landlord know that I plan on deforesting his property?

Should I call 811 dig before I start soullessly ripping plants from their safe, cozy home in the soil?

All joking aside, I do very much believe I will have to pay someone to come tame the wilds and convert them back into an acceptable suburban lawn.

Is it my fault for letting my yard get to this point?

Absolutely.

Have I learned anything from this experience?

I think I have.

Will I make the same mistake again this time next year?

Oh one hundred percent.

I am looking forward to having my yard back again.

I’m sure my dogs are as well.

I sincerely hope that someone can learn from my mistake, and will just mow the dang yard when they have the opportunity.

Weekly reminders

Be kind to your neighbors

Behind to your pets

MOW THE YARD

And thank a cashier. Holiday weekends are hard on them, they have been through a lot the past few days and they deserve recognition for their hard work.

Senate Review

by Senator Tom Dugger

On Thursday, we concluded our work on the 2021 legislative session. What we’ve been able to achieve this year in terms of investments in core services, like education, public safety, health and transportation, has been quite incredible.

Just a year ago, we were facing a budget shortfall of \$1.3 billion. This year we’ve been able to restore resources that were cut in order to balance the budget. We also were able to reduce personal and corporate income taxes, while still holding back \$800 million in emergency savings should we be faced with some other emergency or economic downturn in the coming years.

The legislation we approved to address the historic winter storm will ensure Oklahomans won’t see surprise utility bills of thousands of dollars like customers in other states have seen—instead, those increased energy costs will be spread out over a period of years, minimizing utility bill hikes to just a few dollars each month.

We also provided additional funding for Oklahoma’s office of the Attorney General to push back against federal overreach and represent the state in legal challenges associated with the McGirt case.

Despite pandemic delays in getting final

census numbers, we were able to use the estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau to complete our constitutionally mandated task of redrawing legislative district boundaries to address population changes. Starting in July, we’ll hold a series of town hall and virtual meetings as we collect public input on congressional redistricting. For more information about those meetings and the redistricting process, please go to <https://oksenate.gov/redistricting>. We will return in special session later this fall to approve the final congressional district maps and make any changes that may be needed to the legislative districts once we have received the final, official census numbers.

Finally, as we approach the Memorial Day weekend, I know many people are focused on the cookouts, camping trips and other events celebrating the beginning of summer. But I would ask everyone, to please remember the reason Memorial Day is a national and state holiday.

Memorial Day is the day we have set aside each year to honor the brave men and women who answered our nation’s call to service and paid the ultimate price. You may not realize this, but per capita, Oklahoma has historically been one of the top states in the nation in terms of citizens stepping up and serving in the military.

In cemeteries throughout our state on Monday, friends, families and veterans organizations will gather to remember our fellow Oklahomans who gave their all in defense of this country and the freedoms we hold so dear. Please say a prayer of thanks for those heroes, and a prayer for those they left behind. God bless our fallen heroes, and God bless our nation.

I thank you for the privilege of being

your voice at the State Capitol. If you have any questions or concerns about legislation or other issues at the state level, please feel free to contact my office by calling 405-521-5572, or email Tom.Dugger@oksenate.gov.



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Celebrating Memorial Day



By John Talley
(405) 557-7304

I am also proud to know Junior Herring, a World War II veteran from Cushing. Junior was recently recognized at the Capitol for his service and led the House in the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of our daily floor session. This is what Memorial Day is all about—taking time to remember all the people who sacrificed their time, health or lives so we can have the freedoms we enjoy today. Thanks

Memorial Day is a meaningful holiday for me and my family. I am so thankful for my father who served in the Army and my father-in-law who served in the Navy. The father of my legislative assistant at the Capitol, Kaley Mills, is still serving in the Air Force. Many of us personally know people who have served or even given their lives for our country. The veterans in my family inspire me to continue serving the people of District 33 to the best of my ability.

to the sacrifices of our veterans, we enjoy so many freedoms that we don't have to even think twice about, like the right to own property or move freely without permission from the government. How often do we stop to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country? Let's not take today, or any day, for granted. Thank you, God, for our freedoms here in this country, and thanks to my constituents in District 33 who have sacrificed to protect those freedoms. I headed back to District 33 to enjoy Memorial Day after wrapping up the last day of our legislative session. Looking at our session as a whole, I think we accomplished some really good things this year. We gave public education its largest budget ever with nearly \$3.2 billion. We also passed legislation to implement class size limits in kindergarten and first grade, as well as a bill to allow for open transfer between school districts. We also sent the Redbud School Funding Act to the Governor this week. This legislation corrects funding disparities for brick-and-mortar public schools in low property value areas while addressing charter school funding. As part of the budget, we also added \$800 million into our

state savings account to preserve some money for an eventual economic downturn. The voters of Oklahoma approved Medicaid expansion in a June 2020 election. This year, the House and Senate passed legislation to provide guardrails and oversight to ensure Medicaid expansion is implemented in the most transparent and efficient way possible. It's a team effort to pass legislation—members of the House worked with the Senate, as well as the Governor, to accomplish these things. Government isn't perfect, and it can definitely be messy, but I believe we're trying to do what is best for the people of Oklahoma. As your state representative, I want to best represent your voice at the State Capitol. I encourage my constituents to reach out to me about their beliefs and concerns. You can contact me at (405) 557-7304 or john.talley@okhouse.gov. Thank you for allowing me to serve District 33! Rep. John Talley, a Republican, serves District 33 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which covers Logan and Payne Counties.

Bulletin Board...

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DRUMRIGHT
• Drumright Headstart is hiring. Pick up an application at 301 E. Stiner

• The Right Path Therapeutic Riding Academy is looking for volunteers for miscellaneous summer projects. Please contact the volunteer coordinator, Bonnie Weeks by phone at 918-352-4110 or email at volunteer@theright-pathok.org

• The Right Path 25th anniversary Open House celebration will be held on Sunday, July 25 from 2pm-4pm. Bring the whole family out for games, crafts, and live demonstrations from Right Path participants. The event is free and open to the public.

• The Right Path will be celebrating 25 years of helping individuals obtain their highest potential at a Fundraising Gala on Saturday, July 24 from 6pm-9pm. Go to therightpathok.org/gala to get your tickets to the event.

• COAL Kids Ministry has a 3 day weekend camp at Burst Ranch called Fully Known coming up. At the camp children going into K-5th grade learn who God is. June 4 check in starts at 5pm, camp is from 6pm-7:30pm. June 5 check in starts at 10am, camp from 11am-5pm. June 6 check in starts at 9:30am, camp is from 10am-11am. Family Night will be on June 5 from 5pm-7pm.

MANNFORD
• Mannford Activity Center will be holding swim lessons June 21-June 24 and June 28-July 1. They are 2-week sessions. Sign up sheets are available at 100 Cimarron Dr in Mannford.

• Mannford Library tails and Tales summer reading program registration opens May 24 and will begin with a visit from Kadie's Kritters from 1pm-4pm on Wednesday, June 2. Every Tuesday the library will host a come and go craft. Craft dates are as follows: June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13,

and July 20. Special programs will be Kadie's Kritters on June 2, Mad Science on June 16 at 2pm, Finer Arts of Oklahoma on July 14 at 2pm. All events will be hosted at the Mannford Public Library.

• Girls Skills Camp will be June 21-24 from 9am-12pm for those going into 2nd-8th grade. Cost is \$60 per child and includes a camp t-shirt. Register from 8:30am-8:55am on June 21

• Mannford Football:

Youth Skills Camp for those entering grade 3-7 on June 1-3 from 9am-10:30am. Cost \$40. JH Pirate Pride for those entering grade 6-8 on June 7-July 30 Monday-Thursday from 9am-10:30am except June 28-July 2. Cost \$60 for all 6 weeks. Pirate Pride for those going into 9-12 grade on June 7-July 30 Monday-Thursday from 8am-9:30am except June 28-July 2. Cost \$70 for all 7 weeks. • Varsity Cheer Mini Clinic will be on June 15-17 from 9am-11am at the multi-purpose facility gym at the high school. Kids going into grades K-5. Cost \$35

• Varsity Cheer is hosting a Co-Ed Softball Tournament on June 19 at Mannford 4 Diamonds starting at 8am.

YALE
• High School multi-purpose buildings can be used as community shelter during storms.

• Yale Public Library will be hosting The Reading Road Trip. A virtual road trip offered weekly throughout the summer.

• Our Daily Bread Mobile Market will be in Yale June 2, July 7, and August 4 from 2pm-4pm on all days. Bring an ID to Yale United Methodist Church at 108 South C Street.

• The West water tower will be shut off Friday, May 28 to prepare for the tower to be cleaned June 2. The city of Yale apologizes for inconvenience but appreciates citizen cooperation.

• The 5th Annual Walk for Trey will be held at the Yale High School Gym on September 11 at 9am.

PAYNE COUNTY
• Extension Pasture Tour will be held Thursday, June 10 from 7:30am-3:30pm. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Please have an RSVP turned in by June 7 to the Payne County Extension Office. Call the office at 405-747-8320 for more information.

ONGOING

CUSHING
• Cushing - Alcoholics Anonymous meet at the following times:

Sunday, 10am - 11th step
Monday, 7pm - Open discussion
Wednesday, 7pm - Women's meeting
Thursday, 7:30pm - Chapter Five Group
Friday, 7pm - Big Book
Saturday, 7pm - Candlelight

• Rotary Club meets every Thursday, at noon, at the Steer Inn.

• American Legion Cushing - Post 108 provides coffee and donuts for veterans every Wednesday from 9am-11am at 214 S. Noble in Cushing.

• Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Steer Inn.

• GED classes are being offered from 4pm-9pm every Monday, in Room 18 of Cushing High School. Call Linda Manning 918-346-7172 for more information.

• Broadway District Market hosted by the DCRA will be held on the third Saturday of each month on Broadway and Cleveland from 9am-2pm.

• The library is operating Monday - Thursday from 9am-6pm, Friday from 9am-5pm, and on Saturday from 9am-1pm

DRUMRIGHT
• Drumright City Hall is open from 8am-5pm (closed noon-1pm) Monday-Friday.

• Rotary of Drumright meets bi-monthly at noon on the first and third Fridays via the ZOOM platform.

• Drumright Monthly Market will

be held the first Saturday of each month in Downtown Drumright.

• Drumright Library Hours are as follows:

Monday 10am-7pm, Tuesday 11am-4pm, Wednesday 11am-4pm, Thursday 1pm-7pm, Friday 11am-4pm, and Saturday 9:30am-1pm
• The Food Pantry at First Baptist Church at 229 S. Ohio will now be open the second Thursday of each month from 9am-11am.

MANNFORD
• Mannford VFW host a corn-hole tournament on Tuesday evenings. Sign up is at 5pm with a \$5 buy in.

YALE
• American Legion Post 161 meets the third Tuesday of every month at the American Legion in Yale.

• The Yale Board of Commissioners meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, Yale City Hall located at 213 N Main.

• Yale Chamber of Commerce meets the third Thursday of every month at noon for lunch.

• Yale Trade Days will be held the first Saturday of each month. Interested vendors can call 918-399-3417

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Cushing High School spring semester Superintendent’s and Principal’s honor roll

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Blaze Michael Berlowitz
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Blank
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Sophia Kate Elise "Sophi
Kate" Carpenter
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John Paul Hilligoss
Carl Leon Peterson
Broc Dean Retherford
Alexander Craig Robison
Tyler Lee Theimer

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Colton Dee Arthur
Taegan Dean Biswell
Autumn Tianna Brown
Jordan Caleb Butler
Carson Blake Candler
Katelyn Kimberly Carrier
Cali Ann Cooper
Madison Ryan Costante

Cameron James Donaghey
Caitlin Leigh Dooley
Alexis Naomi Dugger
Kaylee Dawn Eversole
Jarrett Seth Exton
Ethan Fadling
Hunter Blaine Fairbanks
Nathan Elijah Fields
Teague David Fittje
Logan Maree Folsom
Jasmine Sherri Franklin
Emma Rae Fulkerson
Willow Elizabeth Raven

Armstrong Greenwood
Zoe Nicole "Zayden" Griffin
Landen Joe Heisler
Aaron Robert Henckel
Elijah David Howell
Alexandria Marie Huddleston
Nakiyah S Jackson
Keaton Blake Johnson
Samantha Katelin Kersey
Katelyn Lee Kuykendall
Cadeynce Belle Lewis
Emarie Dawn Looper
Kilee Elizabeth Lyon
Alex Matthew Mcneal
Tamia Ruth Mooreland
Jake Ryan Edward Morrison
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Dylan Shane Reiley
Isaac Micheal Ritter
David James Schoen
Cierra Marie Smith
Michael James Smith
Crystal Star Stinebrickner
Courtney Nicole Wanbaugh
Macy London Williams
Claire Ruth Willman

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Madison Lynn Alexander
Autumn Brook Beeler
Hannah Elizabeth Blankinship
Landon Gage Brown
Jenna Hayden Cain
Skyler David Caulfield
Jhaci Kate Charlton
Jacee Ann Childress
Dakotah Lynn Clark
Delaney-Linn Gilbreath
Corter
Aubrianna Grace Crumpton
Shelton Blake Davis
Tad Allen Dean
Kimberly Nicole Dooley
Kaden Guy Eyler
Trace Alex Farar
Chandler Blake Fowler
Rachel Renee Franklin
Elijah Fuller
Justice Marie Hilligoss
Jaxson Tiger Hood
Kamryn Rachelle James
Hannah Jo Johnson
Lindsey Nicole Ledgerwood
Wyatt Christopher Lewer
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Jaylee Dell Matthews
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Jacob William Kimmel
Seraphim Isis Kitchen
Sophia Rose Landis
Lawson, Charles William
Kolby Nathaniel Legg
Jonathan Stephen Macias-Sanchez
Morgan Amanda Madron
Skylar Victoria Martin
Jaxson Will Martinelli
Riley Caden Matheson
Kadence Ariana Mcdowell
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Rhyder Kandon Morrow
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Carris Hadli Bean-Mcdonald
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Kaylin Ann Beitz
Kiera Elizabeth Blank
Given Cale Branscum
Graci Michelle Branscum
Samuel William Brickey
Brooklyn Burden
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Andrew Kw Collier
Zoe Elizabeth Diver
Jenny Mae Dodson
William Robert Everitt
Tagun Murray Fittje
Amaya Siobhan Grant
Brandi Lee Greenfield
Sakara Yvonne Hagler
Dawnyeah Young Henderson
Tyler Reid Hockett
Jared Gene Hogrefe
Cloe Lynn Hollabaugh
Walker Ray Holland
Jaylee Miranda Jacobsen
Kelsea Pauline James
Caden Bennett Kennedy
Lauren Dawn Kimmel
Aubrey Faith Larson
Ayrann Paige Leverich
Dylan Lee Leverich
Trista Lynnae Looper
Brendan Cooper Lynch
Cadence Sunay Marriott
Brady Taylor Matheson
Carlos Julian Moncada-Lopez
Layla Juliet Nienhuis
Chelsea Veronica Pittser
Larsinnius Duncan Pollard
Madeline Brooke Porter
Gauge Allan Potter
Linsey Leah Reed
Sadie Beth Robison
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Ricky Joseph Scott
Damien Alexander Shelton
Ryan William Shelton
Tyler Kelly Shelton
Cayden Cole Sherwood
Emma Grace Shideler
Korey Manuel Sierra
Allie Marie Stoddard
Sebastian Ignacio Twins-Delodge
Nathan Todd Walborn
Allison Ruth Williams
Janie Ann Marie Williams
Tice Grayson Williams
Eli Gene Young



Arrests

The following are the Cushing Police Department arrest records for May 19 - May 30. Individuals listed are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

May 21
Felicio Toc Ajtzalam, 39
Transporting an open container

May 21
Julio Morales, 39
Driving under the influence, transporting and open container, driving while suspended or revoked

May 22
Thomas Clayton Ralston, 35
Driving while revoked

May 22
April Ralene Forrest, 54
Noble County warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle

May 24
Amy Dawn Hackworth, 37
Possession of a controlled dangerous substance (meth), marijuana, and paraphernalia. Payne County warrant for driving while revoked and driving under suspension.

May 24
Dionisia Lorraine McClendon, 45
Possession of a controlled dangerous substance (meth) with intent to distribute. Garfield County Warrant for conspiracy to traffic CDS, use of a telephonic device to facilitate a felony

May 26
Curtis Wayne Olson, 49
Driving while revoked. City of Cushing warrant for no/expired drivers license, no insurance. Case County Mo Warrant

May 26
Patrisio Alvarez Villalpando, 38
City of Cushing Warrant for no/expired license, public intoxication.

May 26
Christopher Allen Daugherty, 38
Driving under the influence, driving under suspension, transporting an open container

May 27
Richard Marcus Rollins, 51
Resisting an officer, obstruction. Payne County Warrant for 1st degree burglary

May 27
Mitchell Dean Roberts, 35
Driving under suspension

May 28
Jimmy Spataro Jr., 22
Domestic assault and battery

May 30
Jerad Jason Christopher Stephens, 26
Payne County warrant for Trespassing, threatening violent acts, unauthorized use of a credit card, and 3rd degree burglary.

May 30
Randy Dale Carey, 37
Domestic assault and battery

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300 TO 400 HEIFERS	110 TO 155		
400 TO 500 HEIFERS.....	100 TO 145		
500 TO 600 HEIFERS	105 TO 123		
600 TO 700 HEIFERS.....	95 TO 131		
150 TO 200 STEERS.....	130 TO 200		
200 TO 300 STEERS.....	130 TO 201		
300 TO 400 STEERS.....	120 TO 190		
400 TO 500 STEERS.....	100 TO 179		
500 TO 600 STEERS.....	95 TO 167		
600 TO 700 STEERS.....	90 TO 146		
HEIFERETTE	75 TO 105		
BUTCHER COWS	35 TO 78		
BUTCHER BULLS	56 TO 96		
BREEDING BULLS	NO TEST		
REPLACEMENT COWS.....	475 TO 1275		
PAIRS.....	475 TO 1450		

OBITUARIES

Emma Christine Spire Neal • September 28, 1958 - May 26, 2021



Emma Christine Spire Neal was born September 28, 1958 to Emma Lou and John Louis Spire in Columbus, Kansas. She departed this life May 26, 2021 at the age of 62 in Midwest City.

She graduated from Cushing High School in 1976. She then

attended Draughon's School of business where she earned top honors as medical assistant. She worked in Tulsa and Cushing during her career. Before moving to Midwest City, she attended the Stillwater First Christian Church where she would meet some special friends Winston and Nancy Trenth. Her hobbies consisted of playing the piano, singing gospel music with her dad, coloring and reading. She loved her family and

always kept track of her family in their activities, especially her great nieces and nephews, Kirk, Ida, Sabel and Sawyer. She is survived by her parents, John Louis and Emma Lou Spire; two brothers, John Louise Spire Jr. and Mark Douglas Spire and wife Rebecca; two nephews, Isaac Nicholas Spire, Abel Dalton Spire and wife Temika; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mar-

garet J. and Roy F. Spire, John Howard and Elva Perkins. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00am, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the Matherly Davis Funeral Home. Committal services will be held later at 2:00pm at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Chautauqua, Kansas. Services are under the direction of Matherly-Davis Funeral Home, Cushing, Oklahoma. Condolences can be left at www.matherlydavisfuneralhome.com

Dustin Matthew Jussila • March 21, 1979 - May 20, 2021



Dustin Matthew Jussila was born March 21, 1979 to Matthew and Cindy Jussila in Midland, Michigan. He departed this life May 20, 2021 at the age of 42. He graduated from Merrill High School in 1997. Dustin attended Central Michigan University where he studied, performed, toured, and recorded with master percussionist Robert Hohner and his ensemble. Dustin earned his bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education from Oklahoma City University in 2009. On June 1, 2020, Dustin Jussila and Julian

White were united in marriage. Dustin previously taught band at Saginaw, Michigan, Blanchard, Oklahoma, and Mustang, Oklahoma, before moving to take the Middle School Band position in Cushing, OK. Dustin performed with the Oklahoma Philharmonic Orchestra, Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, Enid Symphony, and the Midland Symphony Orchestra. Dustin was a very active percussion teacher, performer, and adjudicator throughout Oklahoma and Michigan, and was in demand as a wind and percussion arranger/composer for many schools and colleges throughout the United States. His passion was music which he enjoyed sharing with his students. He enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and exploring the culinary

arts. He is survived by his wife, Julian Jussila; mother, Cindy Ayotte (David Sleeper) of Sanford, MI; father, Matthew Jussila of Midland, MI; brother, Ryan Jussila (Christie) of St. Charles, MI; step sister Kim Gough (Harry); stepbrother, Kevin Ayotte; uncle Gary (Marilyn) Orlich of St. Paul, MN; nephews, Andrew and Cash Jussila, and Brandon Ayotte; nieces, Amanda Gough and Melissa Ayotte; grandmother, Ruth Jussila. In-laws include Danny, Danna, and Kellen White of Cushing, OK; Richard and Jennifer White of Cushing, OK; Daniel and Earlene Payne of Duncan, OK; and Jason, LeAnn, Dominic, and Nate Rhodes of Broussard, LA. Dustin was preceded in death by his step father, Raymond Ayotte; grandfa-

ther, Matthew Jussila; grandparents, George and Blanche Orlich; and niece, Erica Gough. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Dustin M. Jussila Memorial Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Cushing Band Boosters, 1700 E Walnut, Cushing OK 74023. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 4, at 2:00pm, at the First Baptist Church, 2238 W Main St, Cushing OK 74023. A memorial service in Michigan will be announced at a later time. Condolences can be left at www.matherlydavisfuneralhome.com. Services are under the direction of Matherly Davis Funeral Home, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Dan Lee Poole • May 15, 1971 - May 19, 2021



Dan Lee Poole, a long-time resident of Oilton, passed peacefully from this world on May 19, 2021 with his wife, Rhonda, by his side. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Palmer Marler Funeral Home, Oilton, Oklahoma. Recently celebrating his 50th birthday, Dan was born May 15th, 1971 in Drumright, OK to Danny and Sylvia (Madewell) Poole. He was raised in the area of Drumright, Bristow, Oilton and Yale and graduated in 1989 from Yale High School. Dan entered the workforce upon graduation to help provide for his family. On August 31st, 1991, Dan married the love of his life, Rhonda Graven, and they began their own adventure through the years. He cared for Rhonda as her health declined and devoted his life to caring for her. This ultimately led to him following his passion and starting his own business that he successfully ran for over 21 years, Double D Pallets. In December 1993, as extremely proud parents, Dan and Rhonda welcomed their first son into the world, Jordan Lee. The blessings continued and in June 1996, they welcomed their sec-

ond son, Gerad Ray. Dan was a devoted husband and father. His family came first in all his actions, second only to his faith and love in God. He dedicated his life to his family and spent a vast majority of time encouraging his boys to follow their passion: baseball. Dan travelled all over the state for games, volunteered to coach their teams and was a true role model for many, including those outside his immediate family. He focused on things that mattered most in life, loved his wife fiercely with the purest of love and care, and was always up for an adventure. He spent countless hours with his family camping, coon hunting, training dogs, deer hunting, etc. An avid Sooners fan, Dan always had the football game on at home in the fall. You could truly say the outdoors was the place he enjoyed the most. Dan and Rhonda shared many "firsts" together-- traveling to the ocean and Las Vegas-- and he never let a moment pass by where a memory could be made. He created and shared memories and moments that will be cherished forever. He loved to write Rhonda love letters; he made sure every anniversary was a celebration of something different. Dan was always surprising Rhonda with gifts at the most random times--gift giving and quality time truly being

his love languages. Dan had a way of making everyone feel welcome and at home, opening his heart to so many. He loved to share his passions in life with those closest to him. Dan was preceded in death by his father, Danny Poole, and father-in-law, Ron Graven. Dan is survived by his wife, Rhonda, of the home; sons Jordan and Aerial Poole of Oilton, Gerad Poole and Hope Phillips, grandson Gus Phillips of Oilton. Granddaughter Ava Newcity of Drumright. His mother, Sylvia Jean Poole of Oilton and mother-in-law, Jean Brandon of Oilton. Brothers, Harlan Poole and

Dawn Goodwin of Oilton, niece Ashleigh Null, Harold Poole and wife Lisa of Yale, nephew Jesse Poole of the home, nieces Shelby Parrick and husband Cody and son Isaac of Depew, Kelby Johnson and husband Zac of Oklahoma City, and Mark Poole and Tiffany Dennis of Oilton, nephew Thomas Poole, niece Kenzie Poole, niece Aubrey Sams and nephew Josh Dennis; as well as many extended family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at the Homer Ray Gymnasium in Yale, Oklahoma. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery in Oilton, OK.

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County surpluses three vehicles

By DeAnna Maddox

At Payne County commission meeting held Thursday, May 27, at the county administration building, Commissioners went through a number of common routine items. The agenda listed four resolutions having to do with surplussing and disposing of Payne County sheriff's department equipment. According to District 1 commissioner, Zach Cavett, each of these resolutions were approved. Equipment declared surplus and approved for disposal include a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria and two 2012 Dodge Chargers. Trio Ranch, LLC's submission for several options for road names was also approved. Cavett stated it would not be the county's responsibility to maintain the roadways requested. A natural gas provider agreement with Constellation Natural Gas was approved. The company will be allowed to continue providing natural gas to the District 2 courthouse located at 606 S. Husband Street and the Payne County Expo Center at 4518 Expo Circle East, both in Stillwater. A jail service agreement between Payne County and Perkins jail services was approved. The Yale Fire Department lease renewal was approved. Cavett explained that items such as this are approved on a yearly basis. "The county can not be obligated beyond a year for debt...Anytime we purchase something that we have to make payments on, it's one

year at a time." Road crossing permits submitted by the rural water department were approved allowing road crossing signs to be displayed down Kings Highway South. According to Cavett, the one thing not approved on the agenda was a Provalue net agreement for an emergency operations tower. "No action was taken because our legal advisor did not get it in time to look over it in detail. It is on the agenda for Tuesday."

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Maykayla Marie Ady Degler
Jezire Edwards
Kamden Curtis Evans
Saori Son Hi Grant
Wyatt Joshua Hockemeyer
Aiden Dean Jones
Kendall Caylene Kelley
Austin R Kennedy
Carlie Blair Kennedy
Peyton Nicole Lantz
Fang Yin Le
Cadyn Forrest Ledbetter
Delores Elouise Long
Dylani Rae Machado
Devyn Main
Julia Rian McGarry
Hope Leigh Morgan
Gavin Clay Nickell
Marvin Anthony Ramirez
Cooper Scott Seabeck
Shadowen, Caleb Steven Shad-
owen
Makiah Rose Shanklin
Lane Austin Simpson
Logynn Jerramyah Gayle Smith
Annabella Christine Trowell
Jakely Briann Weaver
Austin White
Issac Floyd Wilkinson
Andrew Weston Wood

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Eli Gunner Clayton
Braxton Cruz Colclasure
Mallery Amber Coy
Logan L Creager
Chasen Alexander Criner
Avery Grace Davis
Andrew Anthony Deering
Kadin Bly Dominguez
Brady Dooley
Owen Michael Dorle
Rylan Alexander Edwards
Alayah Michelle Gray
Sanay Rachelle Elecia Haller
Jacob Earl Hall
KYLE Hampton
Austen Patrick Alvin Harris
Ralph-Hayden Andrew Harris Jr.
Hunter James Joiner
Joseph Steve Jones
Gabriel Ladd Koeberle
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Bryson Kai Neilson
Boone Matthew Niccum
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Ellyanne Alessandra Palencia-
Guevara
Gauge Hugh Quick
Anissa Taylor Rish
Kiersten Leighann Sovia
Kiah Leighann Sprague
Kayla Marie Stinebrickner
Alexis June Tartsah
Jakee Angel Don Tyler
Maysee Danielle Vaneeps
Drake Cullen Wilkerson
Brooklyn Denise Williams
John Henry Keith Williams

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Zoey Alexandria Bear
Wyatt Austin Colegrove
Andrew Tanner Crumb
Kassidie Jean Day
Christopher Crayton Deans
Clara Kay Deaton
Sylvia Danyele Deering
Adin Westley Diver
Ethan Wayne Evans
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Laylaa Deneen Henderson
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Laramie Keagan McCoy
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Kambriea Michelle Ritter
Kayden Ray Ross
Daenyra Cealy Joy States
Faith Heavenly Stewart
Nishtha Love Stibbens
Roman Stanley Tucker
Sarah Leanne Ruth Vaughan
Bryce Rockwell Ward
Jagger Blaine Willing
Cooper Bradley Witt

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Garret Michael Anderson
Justin Jacob Autry
Chloe Lynn Booth
Miley Elizabeth Brazil
Lindy Brooke Candler
Madalynn Michelle Marie Collier
Billy Allen Combs
Wyatt Michael Delong
Olivia Grace Dorle
Stetson Andrew Ethridge
Dominic Moises Figarola
Brailee Mai Floyd
Korben Michael Gaskins
Alexis Denae Goforth
Bret William Griffith
Kanaan Taj Guerrero
Jake Adam Harris
Kaden Lee Hayter
Rayne Marie Hearn
Dawson Barrett Herd
Trinity Marie Hysaw
Bridgett Renee Ketcham
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dent's Honor Roll**

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Jensen Lee Beitz
Jakub Mirek Berman
AVARIE "Ava" Lillian
Bickell
Barrett Nicholas
Blakemore
Ainsly Elizabeth Bry-
ant
Collin Ray Cagle
Holly Faith Calavan
Kyler Neal Claxton
Payton Elizabeth
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Allison Paige Corter
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Sage Brinley Pen-
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Keagan James Sklu-
zacek
Mattilynn Jo Terrell
Ella Kate Turner
Ariella Ambrene
Tusler
Emily Kate Williams
Kyrcee Daye Wright
Harli Nicole York
Jose Luis Zuniga-
Salazar

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dent's Honor Roll**

Brinlee Addyson
Bickell
Anisten Jayne Camp-
bell
Cadyn Ashton Dodson
Justice Scott Elliott
Ashlyn Grace Floyd
Macy Lyn Griffith
Ella Faith Howard
Preston Michael
Jensen
Alice Lynn Kilgore
Zyliene Seirra Sky
Kubena
Beau Henry Alan Ladd
Noah Andrew Miller
Remington Mae
Powell
Lily Hope Robbins
Dustyn Ruggles

Rylie Jo Shupe
ALICIA Juanita Sierra
AIDAN Timothy Smith
Johnathon Reid Vance
Suri Mi Vu
Ethan John Walker
Deacon Rhys Williams
Trace Alan Wood

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Honor Roll**

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Collin Rainey Dodd
Jason Lemar Edwards
Jaxyn Grace Elliott
Kyla Presley Gaither
Anna Beth Hamil
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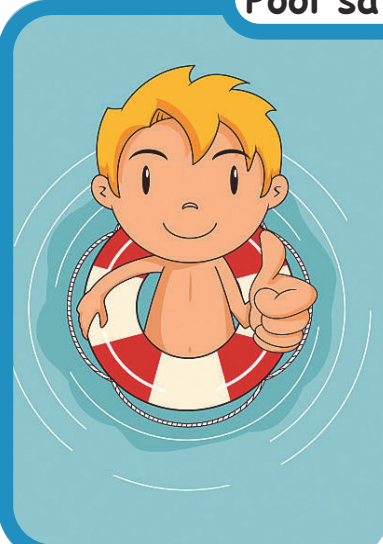
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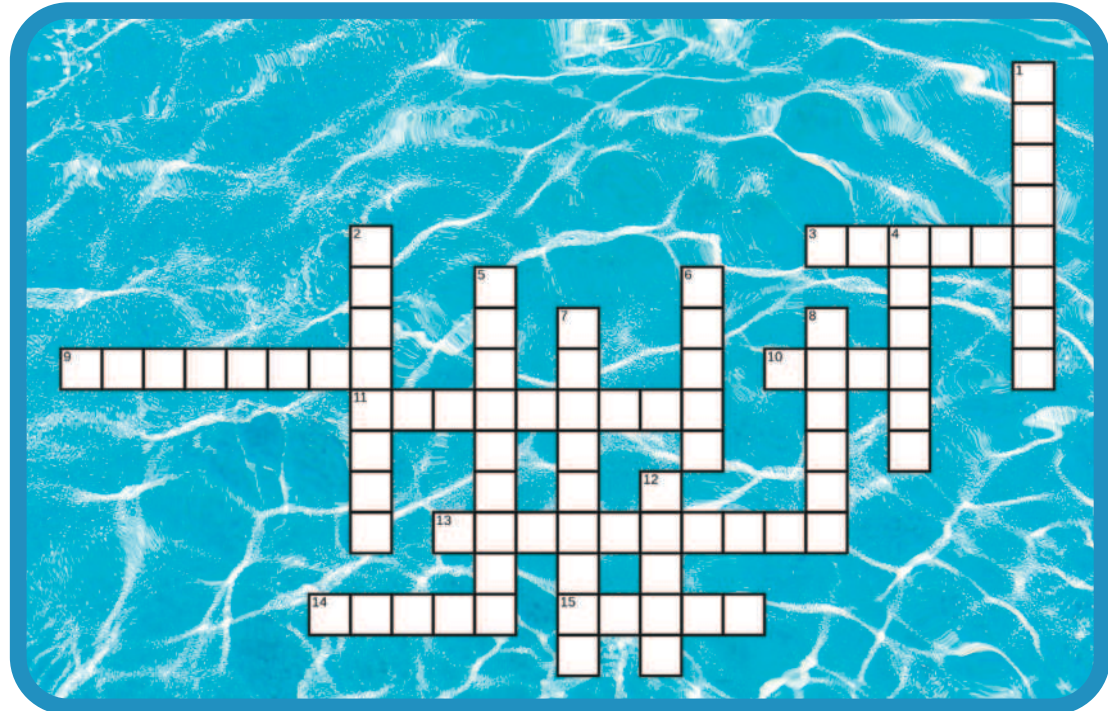
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ACROSS

3. A group of related things or ideas that work together
9. eing beyond others in progress or ideas
10. A body of water that is surrounded by land and doesn't move much
11. To go over the side of a ship into the water
12. A person who teaches or instructs
13. Cloudy or difficult to see through
15. A huge body of salt water

DOWN

1. To move through or in water
2. Out in the open air
3. To keep free from risk or harm a situation in which a risk to health, life, property or environment is about to happen
4. A friend, pal or partner
5. The act, process or state of floating
6. A chance that something bad or harmful might happen
7. A statement that tells you what is or is not allowed in a particular situation

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we go on sinning so that grace
may increase? By no means!
We died to sin; how can we
live in it any longer?”

Romans 6:1

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The House today passed a bill that would prohibit public schools, colleges, universities or CareerTech centers from implementing mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations as a condition for admittance and from requiring only non-vaccinated populations to wear masks.

Senate Bill 658 is authored by Rep. Kevin West, R-Moore, and Sen. Rob Standridge, R-Norman. The measure also requires the State Department of Education and school districts to provide in any notice or publication provided to parents regarding immunization requests the immunization requirements of the school, including the requirement to either provide current, up-to-date immunization records or a signed and completed exemption form.

“Should the force of government be used to force citizens to do something they don’t want to do, or should it be used to empower the rights of citizens,” West asked. “This protects a student’s and a parent’s right to choose for themselves whether a vaccination is appropriate for them for their own personal health reasons or their religious or personal beliefs. This disallows discrimination against students and parents that choose to be exempt from such vaccinations.”

West said the measure is necessary as there has been a push for public schools and higher education institutions to require a vaccination against COVID-19 as a requirement for admittance or to require documentation that such a vaccine has been received in the form of a “vaccine passport.”

“For the sake of children throughout the state, I’m glad this bill is one step closer to becoming law,” Standridge said. “With this legislation, vaccine passports for Oklahoma students will not exist.”

Additionally, the measure provides that a board of education for a school district or technology school district may only implement a mandate to wear a mask or any other medical device after consultation with the local county health department or city-county health department. Such a mandate must explicitly list the reasons for the mandate and shall reference the specific masks or medical devices that would meet the requirements of the mandate. Any mandate to implement wearing a mask or any other medical device shall be reconsidered at each regularly scheduled board meeting.

SB 658 in its final form passed the House with a vote of 76-18. It now moves to the governor for his consideration.

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