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Petition process continues despite differing opinions

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Spencer Housley believes the City of Newcastle has the initiative petition process all wrong and he is continuing to collect signatures in sup-

port of moving \$1.75 million from the City to Newcastle Public Schools. Housley said many of the legalities the City published in a legal notice in the September 9 issue of the **Newcastle Pacer** are incorrect.

City Clerk Camille Dowers dis-

agrees and says the City is following states statutes in the process it provides.

The City's legal notice — a statement from Dowers — said the initiative petition Housley filed with them is insufficient. It specifically states

four reasons for the petition's insufficiency and then says protests to the City Clerk's determination can be made at McClain County District Court within 10 days after the publication of the legal notice. Dowers told the **Newcastle Pacer** the pro-

test period is based on business days and runs from Sept. 10 through Sept. 23.

Housley disagreed saying, "The time for protest is after the signatures are put in. The person making

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HealthCorps

Healthy projects recognized nationally

NHS students' projects earn Change Makers Award Monday

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Two projects by Newcastle High School students have earned national recognition. Through the school's health course program, leadership students found a couple of needs and developed the award-winning projects to address those needs.

Because of the students' efforts, the high school received the HealthCorps' Change Makers Award Monday night at an event in New York City.

Through HealthCorps' Teens Make Health Happen student engagement program, students at Newcastle outlined two projects aimed at addressing improved physical and mental health on their campus.

"The Newcastle High School students assessed the health of their school community, determined a problem they wanted to tackle, and de-



• photo provided

Gardening at Newcastle High School, from left, are: Emma Batchelder, Garrison Griffin, and Madeline Moeller. They are working in Biology teacher Joel Stark's garden.

vised a solution," said HealthCorps CEO Amy Braun. "It's that type of health-focused student activism that we en-

courage at HealthCorps and it's the actions of teens like the Newcastle students that will help close the health equi-

ty gap in communities across the nation."

The Newcastle students were led by HealthCorps coor-

inator, Margo Burgard, who accepted the award Monday on behalf of the school during HealthCorps' benefit — the

"Rendezvous at the Zoo" — held at the Central Park Zoo in New York City.

Information from HealthCorps states that the Change Makers Award is part of the event's celebration of HealthCorps communities and the inspiring activism of today's teens. All funds raised at the event go towards supporting HealthCorps' programming, which will reach 241,000 youth in the upcoming school year, including programs at five Oklahoma schools. HealthCorps programs in Oklahoma are also supported by the Chickasaw Nation.

Burgard, who goes into the NHS Leadership classes periodically to partner with the teachers, said the projects came about last spring as a challenge to the classes. The third hour class came up with a proposal to build a school garden, while the second class came up with a proposal to help students stay active during lunch time through the use of gaming such as cornhole, volleyball, and soccer balls.

Through surveys of the student body, faculty, and visual assessment of the school grounds, it was determined that a school garden and portable games would be viable and positive additions to the **ADDITIONS on page 3**



Kristie Ferguson-Harris
JOM Teacher of Year

Ferguson-Harris nationally recognized

She is a JOM Teacher of Year

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Newcastle goes national once again as one of its administrators has received recognition for her work.

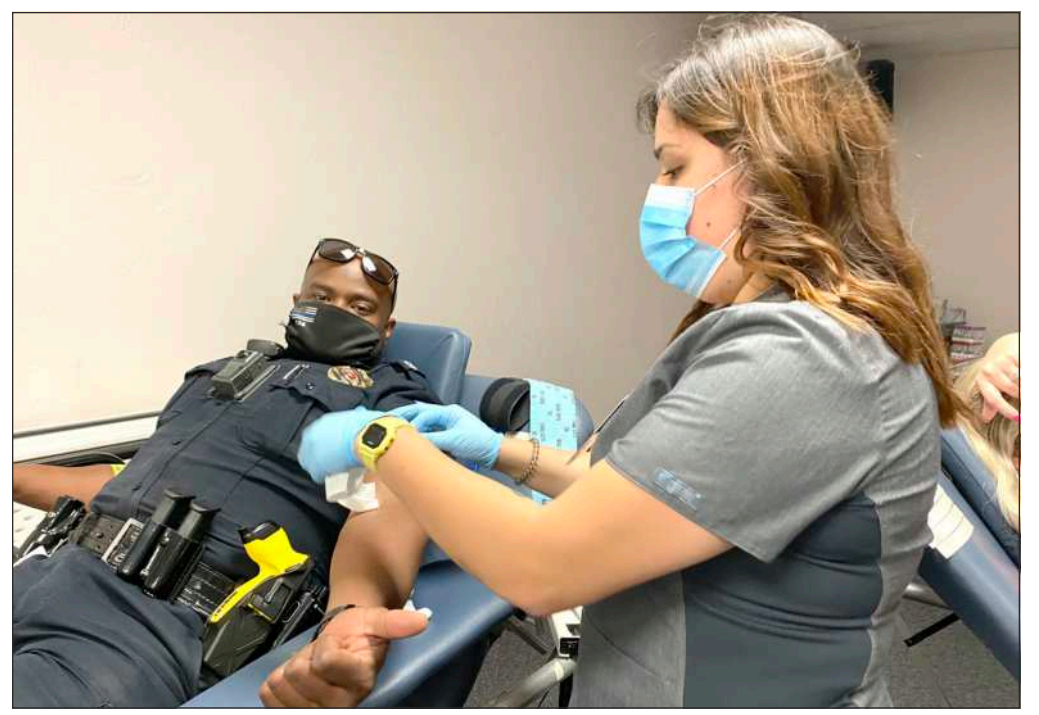
Kristie Ferguson-Harris, assistant superintendent of schools, has been chosen as one of four educators nationwide to receive the Johnson O'Malley Association Teacher of the Year.

She was nominated in a letter from the Chickasaw Nation for representing the east

central part of the United States.

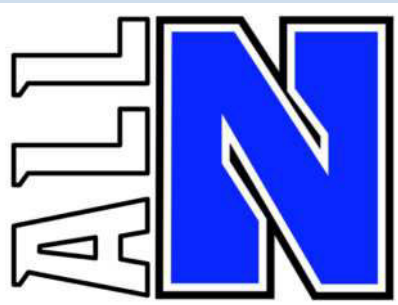
Jackie White, a national board member for Johnson O'Malley through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said Ferguson-Harris was chosen from among nominees because of the work she has done to improve the services for students.

"She is an outstanding educator and has worked with Johnson O'Malley serving Newcastle Public Schools' American Indian and Alaska **EDUCATOR on page 3**



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Police Sergeant Kendrae Traylor donates during the Boots and Badges Blood Drive last week in Newcastle (related photos inside).



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City, Housley disagree about slowing housing growth

By Mark Codner
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A conversation about housing growth and class sizes at Newcastle Public Schools was continued during the Monday night City Council meeting.

Spencer Housley, a Newcastle resident who is carrying an initiative petition asking for \$1.75 million in city money to be given to Newcastle Public Schools, used a public hearing on an agenda item for final approval of a housing addition plat to ask the Council to slow down the growth of housing in Newcastle. Housley believes this is a way to control class sizes at NPS.

Council members disagreed for several reasons and said the public needs to hear their side, as well.

As the Council opened up the hearing about the final plat of Farmington Addition, Section 5 — the fifth and final plat which was approved by the planning commission on a unanimous vote — Housley addressed the Council saying he would like them to slow the building of houses until class sizes can be addressed.

He said the schools are in a

poor position with every child in town in a classroom of 20 or more kids. He said there are 30-plus in the classrooms in the 7th grade.

"It's time to have some accountability," Housley said, adding that after the build out of Farmington and Fox Hollow additions there will be an additional 124 houses by the time school is over for this year.

Housley said Newcastle Public Schools' statistics show that there will be .5 kids increase per house which he says adds up to 65 new school children.

He said, "This is on top of already neglectful conditions."

Another Newcastle resident, Bryan Scagnetti, said he wanted to reiterate what Housley said.

Scagnetti said his youngest child's classes have 30 kids in them. He added that his oldest child has autism and cannot get the help that is needed.

"It seems like something needs to be done to slow down these houses from going up," he said. "What are we going to do to help the school?"

A third resident, Steven Sheriff, also talked during

public comment, saying he believes the Council is doing a fine job.

"My kids have not been impacted by any overcrowding at school," Sheriff said. "They have 4.0 GPAs — straight A's. Education starts at home, not at school. There may be some overbuilding that we need to look at but for the most part I don't see any problem with the schools."

CITY COUNCIL RESPONDS

City Council members believe the school system has a plan to address school class sizes, having each talked with Superintendent Dr. Melonie Hau and school board members. They also believe they have little legal standing to stop a landowner from using his or her land the way they want.

Finally, Council members believe Newcastle's growth is in line with many of the other municipalities in the Metro area, specifically citing the cities of Mustang, Yukon and Piedmont.

Gene Reid opened the discussion by Council members saying a lot of citizens are only hearing one side of the

argument posed by Housley, and that the City has been working with the developers and watching the housing additions go up in phases over several years.

He said the Farmington Addition began in 2014.

Reid said, "How and when would we slow down? And then how do you pick back up?"

Council member Tommy Clay said, "It's been discussed, but when you give them the answer, it goes on deaf ears."

Clay said the school system has told the Council that it has a plan, and growth is going to be addressed.

"The fact is you have the property tax dollars that are helping to impact the situation," Clay said, adding that with .5 children per new home in Newcastle, there is more tax dollars going to the school than children coming in to the system.

Clay said that experts have said if the growth is slowed down, it won't balance out the school system.

Council member Marci White questioned the City's ability to legally stop develop-

ers from utilizing their property.

"What legal rights do we have," White said. "I've never had the answer that says we have legal standing."

White said the City would simply pile up legal fees by going to court and losing.

Mayor Karl Nail agreed with White, saying he has been told by multiple attorneys that people have the right to do what they want with their land.

Nail said by taking money from the City, there won't be money for the building of a new fire station, or the purchase of a replacement police car.

He said, "We want to make Newcastle as special as we can, and we do care deeply about the schools."

Nail said the growth is coming from those wanting to leave the Metro areas.

Nail said Newcastle touches Oklahoma City and Norman, and Newcastle is the place where they want to move.

Reid said he has talked with many of Newcastle's newest residents and they are glad to be coming out of the Oklahoma City area to Newcastle.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ON ITS WAY

Clay said, "Our job is to cast a vision for this City."

Reid added that the Comprehensive Plan the Council just approved to be updated would provide time to explore where Newcastle is going, and to gather even more input from the residents.

Council member Mike Fullerton said Newcastle is not unique in the Oklahoma City area in its growth. He said Piedmont and Deer Creek are having the same growth.

He said the way to help the school is by passing the next bond issue proposal.

White said earlier in the meeting, "It's a crying shame we didn't get the bond passed."

She said the City can learn from Moore, Yukon, Mustang and Piedmont by watching what they are doing.

City Attorney Ted Hazel said it is not the City's responsibility to take care of the school, and that funding of the school and City are set by statute.

"We are being asked to do something that is not our responsibility," Hazel said.

PETITION: City hires independent counsel to represent their interests; following advice

the protest can't be a citizen, it has to be an elected official, and the time line is after the signatures have been looked at by the city clerk."

Housley said once he and petition carrier Ashlea Holman obtain the signatures, and they submit the petition back to the City, the City would then protest it. Housley, who is an attorney, said he will be defending it pro bono (for free). The City Clerk's determination cites the following as reasons for an insufficient petition:

- Failure to include a gist of the proposition on each signature page of the petition.
- Inability under state law for the City to meet the special

election date submitted of November 9, 2021.

- The resolution's attempt to delegate the duty of the City Council to determine how public funds will be spent, or attempting to control the statutory functions of the Newcastle City Council by removing their discretionary authority to establish and control a budget.

- Improper use of an initiative petition in that the constitutionally reserved powers of initiative and referendum powers must be considered in the sense of general laws, namely rules of civil conduct prescribed by the lawmaking power and of general application.

Housley said the simple gist was provided on the top of the petition, and he added that after signatures are collected and it is refiled with the City, the petition supporters will then be able to provide the full gist of what will eventually be voted upon by residents of Newcastle.

He said the time line he believes he has to carry the petition and gather signatures is 90 days from the date the City receives the petition — that would be from Aug. 23 through 90 days, he added.

Housley said after that, he and petition supporters will draft the ballot the way they want it written, and then the City Clerk "has five days, or

so," to determine those who signed the petition are verified residents of Newcastle.

Housley said, "The City doesn't know the law and they are systematically misleading the public as to what the law is. They do this on a consistent basis, but when you ask a question about it, they won't answer it."

As to the question of constitutionality, Housley said he disagrees with that, as well.

"This has happened all over the place, and there are thousands of records showing that," Housley said.

Dowers said the City used information from Title 34 and

Title 11 of Oklahoma State Statutes in its rebuttal to the submission of the petition. As well, the City has hired an independent counsel to represent their interests and the

legal notice and handling of the petition was the attorney's recommendation.

"I am following the procedure that our attorney has set out for us," Dowers said.

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Golf fund raiser, State of Schools luncheon planned by Chamber

Newcastle Chamber of Commerce has a couple of activities remaining for the month of September. They plan a golf tournament fund raiser and a luncheon.

The Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with registration Monday, September 27 at Hidden Trails Golf and Country Club, 6501 S. Country Club Drive in Oklahoma City.

Registrations can be obtained through Tournament Director Tony Pound at tonypound@soonerstatebank.com and are due by the entry deadline.

The Chamber is still accepting donations for door prizes and goody bag items for the golfers, and sponsorships

may still be available.

Entry is \$150 per golfer, and all golfers must wear collared shirts and no denim.

A State of the Schools luncheon is from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 28 in the Community Meeting Room of the Newcastle Public Library.

Several new members have joined the Chamber. They are: Barks and Bubbles, Dakota's Restaurant, Low Rider Pet Supply, Newcastle United Methodist Church, Notorious Nutrition, Peaceful Warriors, Petty & Associates Realty, and Restore Wellness and Aesthetics.

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"What was revolutionary when it was written, and what continues to inspire the world today, is that the Constitution put governance in the hands of the people."

In 2004, the U.S. Congress designated Sept. 17 as Constitution Day and required that all schools receiving federal funds teach about the Constitution on that day.

People have many ways to study this precious document and find teaching resources. The National Archives and the Library of Congress both provide crucial information.

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia provides both in-person and online activities. The non-partisan center was chartered by Congress in a law signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

The process for selecting a president created in the Constitution is perhaps its most controversial provision. The term "Electoral College" was coined later, using "college" as a group of colleagues gathered for a purpose.

The National Archives reports, "There have been more proposals [over 700] for Constitutional amendments on changing

Preamble

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the Electoral College than on any other subject." All failed.

Notes from the 1787 convention provided by the Library of Congress say:

"[T]he members of the General Convention ... did indulge the hope [that] by apportioning, limiting, and confining the Electors within their respective States, and by the guarded manner of giving and transmitting the ballots of the Electors to the Seat of Government, that intrigue, combination, and corruption, would be effectually shut out, and a free and pure election of the president of the United States made perpetual."

Events since last November's election make clear that the Constitution is still evolving to meet all the goals of its preamble. They include insuring "domestic tranquility" and securing the "blessings of Liberty."

Studying the Constitution and its Amendments is a great place to start.

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CHALLENGE: In no more than 50 words, write a modern Preamble to the Constitution which covers all the points of the original.

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EDUCATOR: 'Servant leadership guides her steps'

Native students," White said, adding that JOM includes programs such as culture, language, academics and dropout prevention.

Ferguson-Harris will travel to the JOM National Conference on September 26-28 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at Harrah's Resort and Convention Center, where she will be honored.

A recommendation letter from the Chickasaw Nation said, "Ms. Ferguson-Harris truly excels in this area... she is kind, thoughtful and has a great sense of humor. It is clear that servant leadership guides her every step and that education is her passion."

The letter states, "From day one Ms. Ferguson-Harris established a clear priority toward ensuring that these programs meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native students and families.

She completed a thorough review of each program to understand the current educational plans for the district and set foot to evaluate if the district was meeting all goals and objectives. Where plans were lacking, she sought the input of parents, students and staff to find the best path toward meeting those implementation needs.

"She sought to ensure that Newcastle would serve as a district that is in clear understanding and consistent support towards achieving all goals established for Title VI and JOM programs. She remains steadfast in the effort."

The letter continues to discuss Ferguson-Harris's meeting of deadlines, understanding of values, and her ability to communicate and collaborate.

Apparently the JOM National organization agreed.



A raised planter bed is pictured. It will have flowers in it when complete and will be part of the new school garden at Newcastle High School as part of the HealthCorps project created by NHS students.

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ADDITIONS: Goal is to inspire healthier communities

school and student community.

The supplies have been ordered for the gaming project and as soon as they arrive they will be available for students to use, but progress on the garden has been hampered by the lingering hot weather, which again reached 100 degrees on Saturday.

"We have a smaller garden being built out that we are partnering on with the biology teacher," Burgard said. "He (Joel Stark) has been working on a garden for a number of years, and with this project the students have been helping him as they wait for cooler weather to plant the larger garden."

Burgard said HealthCorps is a non-profit corporation that gives students the tools to make healthier life choices, and the ability to change the culture of health and wellness in their community.

Teens Make Health Happen, is a program initiated in 2021 by HealthCorps designed to encourage youth change makers and inspire healthier communities. The HealthCorps' curriculum, which is also provided to Newcastle students, includes lessons in fitness, nutrition, mental resilience, and civic engagement.

These programs are made possible by HealthCorps, including funds raised from the event Monday at the New

York City event.

Dr. Mehmet Oz, HealthCorps chairman, renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, and Daytime Emmy Award-winning host of the "The Dr. Oz Show," and his wife Lisa were co-hosts for the event. They were joined by supporters such as influencers and opinion leaders in health and wellness, celebrities, athletes, entrepreneurs, and business leaders.

The outdoor event included a "health fair" reception and offered guests the opportunity to experience HealthCorps resources.

Gov. Anoatubby honored
The evening's program also included remarks from HealthCorps' other honorees. They are: Emmy Award winning journalist and actress Maria Menounos and Jack Hiday, the head of Sandbox, an Alphabet unit that focuses on AI and Quantum; and Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, who was presented with HealthCorps' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Guests were treated to special performances by Tony Award nominees Derek Kleina and Kate Baldwin. The event followed COVID-19 protocols which were overseen by a medical coordinator. All participants and guests of the event had to provide proof of vaccination or negative test prior to the evening's festivities.

The Boots and Badges Blood Drive (photo right) provided a little rivalry to donate as several Newcastle Firefighters and Police Officers took part. Pictured, front, left to right, are: Fire Chief Todd Yates, Deputy Chief Toby Garver, Chief Gary Norman, Lt. Shelly Spratt, School Resource Officer Micha McNew, (back row) Brandon Moore, Gage Billeg, Derek Claytor, Sgt. Kendrae Traylor, Tanner Anderson, and (back row) animal control Officer Micha Rosenbrook.



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Blood drive dedicated to Jimmy Ray Wells

A Bedlam Blood Drive will be from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, September 21 in the gymnasium at First Baptist Church in Newcastle.

The drive is dedicated to Jimmy Ray Wells, former Newcastle High School teacher and basketball coach, who has leukemia and is at MD Anderson. Family members said he has been at the hospital for a month and they don't know when he will be able to return home.

Family also said there is a blood shortage due to COVID-19, and there are babies, children and adults of all ages at MD Anderson who need blood to live.

"It's terribly sad to see this," they said.

Donors must write Jimmy Ray Wells on the form they are provided so he will get credit for the donation.

Oklahoma Blood Institute said for a limited time, all donors will receive Hemoglobin A1C blood sugar testing, which can help them monitor their diabetes risk. All donors also will receive their choice of Oklahoma State University or Oklahoma University T-shirt.

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



Doing his part to help out those in need, Police Chief Gary Norman gives blood during the Boots and Badges Blood Drive held by the City of Newcastle.

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I-44 resurfacing project underway near Newcastle

U.S. Interstate 44 on- and off-ramps will intermittently be closed and I-44 will be narrowed between Newcastle and Oklahoma City nightly through early October as the Oklahoma Department of Transportation resurfaces the roadway in the area.

ODOT says drivers have already experienced, and can continue to expect, intermittent closures of the eastbound I-44 on- and off-ramps at SH-37 West (mm 108) and I-44 Frontage Rd. (mm 108A) in Newcastle and S.W. 149th St. (mm 109) in Oklahoma City from 7 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday and continuing nightly through Friday.

The closures are part of a resurfacing project that continues through early October. Eastbound I-44 (runs north) will be also narrowed to one lane between US-62/US-277 South (mm 107) and S.W. 149th St. (mm 109) during these times.



Main Street to be blocked off for Sept. 24 parade

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Plans are being made for Homecoming 2021 at Newcastle High School, and a parade is from 10-11 a.m. Friday September 24 in downtown Newcastle.

Parks and Recreation Director Tanner McGuire said Main Street (State Highway 62) from 14th Street to the high school will be closed from 9:50 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day.

Staging areas for various groups will be set up in anticipation of participating in the parade.

These include: 12th-7th grade floats will be at Veterans Park gravel path; 6th grade and below floats and business floats can set up at the driveway behind Newcastle Elementary School; flag, fire police, the parade marshal, homecoming court, and

the band will set up at Veterans Parkway; and Tri-City Car Club will set up on Melinda Avenue.

School floats will be lining up from 8:30-9:30 a.m., while business floats, extracurricular floats, and cars will line up from 9-9:30 a.m. Late arrivals will be placed at the end of the parade.

The parade will travel from 14th Street to the east and take a right turn to travel south on Main Street before concluding at the high school parking lot. Spectators can line up on both sides of the road to watch the parade, and candy will be allowed to be thrown from the parade participants, but all effort must be made to get the candy to the sidewalks.

For more information, contact McGuire at tmcguire@newcastleok.gov.

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SETTING THE PACE / Living life with an eternal perspective

Coram Deo

How should a Christian live their life? The answer is found in the Latin phrase "Coram Deo," which literally means "before the face of God," or "in the presence of God."

A Christian is to live their entire life with the reality that all they do, both seen and unseen, is done in the presence of God.

What if we lived that way? What if we lived with the reality that everything we did, we did right before God? Would that change anything? The way we talked? The thoughts we had? The places we went? The way we treated other people? I would venture to say that everything would change. The problem is, we do not live like that.

The other day I was taking my small children out of the grocery store and loading them in the car. Both of my littlest children require car seats and it is always an adventure getting them buckled in safely and quickly. As I was loading them, one of them bumped their head and started crying, the other spilled their drink, and I dropped the milk and it spilled everywhere. I would like to say that I responded calmly and patiently, but my humanity came out and I lost my temper a little. I was hollering, wiping things up and trying to calm kids down, when all of a sudden I realized someone was sitting in the car next to us listening to all of this. I looked over, waived, and the lady just began laughing and said, "Don't worry, I've been there."



Jeremy Freeman
pastor FBC Newcastle

After I got everyone loaded, calmed, and things cleaned up, I got in the car and began thinking. When I saw the woman in the car next to me, I immediately thought, "I need to calm down and be more careful with how I respond." As I reflected on that, it made me sad. The Bible tells us that God is with us, even though we cannot see Him. Even if that woman had not been there, God was there, but I was obviously more concerned about what the woman thought than what God thought. If I was living my life "Coram Deo" I would have been more conscious of the reality that God was watching me and it was Him I was trying to please, instead of some random person.

This story, and a thousand like them, relate to all of us. We have all been there. We are all more conscientious about what we say and do when we know other people are watching. The truth is, someone is always watching, and it is God almighty. Imagine a world where people lived with a constant awareness of God. Imagine Christians who were consciously consumed with living "Coram Deo."

Someone has wisely said, "To live 'Coram Deo' is to live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God." This is how Christians are to live; with a constant awareness and reality that all they say and do is before the face of God.

This week, live as though God were physically with you. Live as though you could see Him with your own eyes. Walk and talk in such a way that God would be honored and glorified. If we did that, just imagine how different things would be in your life and in the world. This week, live Coram Deo. See you next week!

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE / From the desk of Sen. Jessica Garvin

Study focuses on returning to workforce

I cannot be the only person who finds it ironic that recently, we celebrated Labor Day across the United States, yet we have an overwhelming shortage of workers across the country.

In every single industry from health care to hospitality, people are simply not working. When the pandemic began and businesses were closed, I completely understood the thought that we needed to assist families by providing additional benefits through the state or federal government to keep them fed and housed. However, I'm a firm believer that in most situations, it's time to cut off the gravy train and get people back to work.

I do realize there are special circumstances that may prevent individuals from going back to work at this time. For example, one person who contacted me about losing her job when the pandemic started had quickly enrolled in an educational program full-time to seek a new career path. This young woman would have needed to drop out of the program, as evening classes were not available, and risked losing all that she had invested to complete the coursework. This woman was also a single mom of two young children and has had difficulty finding childcare in the evenings or on the weekends, which created a problem for obtaining a job after class each day.

Another man lost his job in the oil and gas industry as a truck driver, but because his health has still not improved from when he had COVID, he has been unable to be released by his physician to go back to work due to the safety considerations of his position.

Labor Day began in the late 19th century as a result of labor activists desiring a holiday to celebrate and recognize the contributions that workers had made across our country, and the impact they have had to our prosperity in America. There are two individuals who have challenged one another for the title of "Founder" of the Labor Day holi-

day: Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter, and Matthew Maguire, a machinist. In 1909, the American Federation of Labor announced a resolution to make the Sunday preceding Labor Day as "Labor Sunday" to celebrate the spiritual connection between workers and their labor.

I'm of the opinion that the American laborers of the 19th century are one of the largest contributors to what became "The American Dream." The labor movement in this country encouraged foreigners to move to America to work at providing a better life for themselves and their families. Today, we see this dream still alive in many areas of our country, but especially in our state. Oklahoma's motto is "Labor Omnia Vincit," or "Labor Conquers All Things." Derived from a book written by Roman poet, Virgil, the motto is said to reflect the type of people who live in this state.

When people think of Oklahoma, they think of the roughnecks of the oil industry, the farmers and ranchers, the men and women who have survived tornados and dust storms, and the first responders who pulled rubble off of survivors at the Oklahoma City Bombing. Our state has a rich tradition of survival and hard work, so to see restaurants and convenience stores closing early, "Now Hiring" signs on every street corner, and online advertisements every time I open my phone or computer is sad, but also alarming.

In order for our state to survive, we have to do what we've always done: pull up our bootstraps and get to work.

A Senate interim study will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 in Room 230 to study what is preventing Oklahomans from returning to the workforce. It will be conducted by the Senate Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee.

I'm anxious to hear their findings.

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please contact me at the Capitol. Please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or call 405-521-5522.



Sen. Jessica Garvin
R-Dist. 43

NEWCASTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS / From the desk of Dr. Melonie Hau

Not a normal school year as hoped

(Editor's Note: This is a September 6 letter from Dr. Melonie Hau, Newcastle Public Schools superintendent.)

Newcastle Schools Families,

It has been a difficult start to the year for many of us, but challenges aside, I saw many positives in school sites over the last few weeks. We are all very excited to welcome our Racers back this school year, and we are grateful for the days we can spend in person with your children. Fighting COVID in a school setting means we will continue to struggle with interruptions in some form. It is not a normal school year despite what we had hoped. However, I am confident with kindness and collaboration we can have another successful year of learning.

New Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines have been posted on our website at newcastle.k12.ok.us. These guidelines have been updated based on recommendations from the Oklahoma State Department of Health and medical professionals who are parents in our community. Changes are also based on our own data and

the impact the virus has on students and staff in our schools. Quarantines have been changed to expected rather than recommended. We ask for your cooperation to enact this change for the safety of our students and staff.

As always, my request to you is to please do your part to prevent the spread of the virus. We recommend mask wearing according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health and CDC guidelines. We post updated case and vaccination information weekly. To prevent the virus from spreading remember to keep your distance, keep your hands clean, and keep your student at home if symptoms are present.

I know many of you are also frustrated with bus service. Our transportation challenges are in part a result of COVID illness among our staff. A new routing system, which will be implemented in the next few weeks, will help, but as long as the virus impacts our bus drivers, we will continue to experience delays in bus service.

I appreciate those of you who have reached out to us in productive and compassionate ways. Seeking first to understand is a solid way to begin any conversation. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe, be kind, and be well,

Melonie Hau
Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Melonie Hau
R-Dist. 51

OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / From the desk of Rep. Brad Boles

Biden vaccine mandate is government overreach

The U.S. president announced this week a vaccine mandate for health care workers and federal workers. He has also stated that he plans to pursue avenues to require private businesses to issue vaccine mandates for their employees if the business employs more than 100 people.

I firmly believe that it is not the government's role to mandate to private businesses that their employees must receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

I believe that every Oklahoman, including first responders, health care workers, federal employees and contractors, and anyone working in private business, should have the freedom to make a personal choice whether to receive the vaccine or not. This should remain a personal decision for each individual person in consultation with their doctor or other health care provider.

Our country was built on individual freedoms and personal responsibility. I'm proud that in Oklahoma, we still believe in these values despite the overreaching actions of the federal government.

This is why it was extremely critical that we passed House Bill 1236 this session. The bill established an intrabranch process for legal challenges of federal rules, executive orders or Congressional actions harm-

ful to the rights of Oklahomans and the state of Oklahoma. It passed the Legislature and was signed into law in May, and went into effect immediately. I was proud to coauthor this bill, along with many of my Republican colleagues, to ensure Oklahoma has a chance to fight back against what we believe are unconstitutional federal mandates.

Additionally, I would like to commend Governor Stitt, Attorney General O'Connor and House Speaker McCall, who have all publicly stated that they oppose the Biden administration's new mandate. The Attorney General has already announced he plans to lead efforts to protect our state's rights and fight back against this federal government overreach.

The government should not be in charge of your health decisions. That responsibility should rest with citizens alone.

Those who do wish to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination may do so at vaccinate.oklahoma.gov or find other vaccination opportunities at vaccinefinder.org.

Again, whether or not you choose to receive the vaccine, your health decisions should be made by you personally and not be mandated by the government.

I will provide updates on this issue as the litigation moves forward. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding vaccine mandates or any other topic. My office phone is 405-557-7405 and my email is brad.boles@okhouse.gov. God bless!



Rep. Brad Boles
R-Dist. 51

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department expands outreach through social media

The Chickasaw Nation is utilizing social media to inform Chickasaw citizens and Oklahomans of the critical importance of Chickasaw Lighthouse Police and the work performed by the department.

A new Facebook page dedicated to highlighting the tribal police force was launched in July.

Chance Plett, public safety information officer for the Chickasaw Nation, said the new social media launch has been received well and is growing.

"We are pleased to have a new avenue to feature the Lighthouse Police Department and its outstanding services. We will share information, stories and statistics, as well as our involvement with numerous community partners which include, federal, state, counties, cities and schools," he said. "Perhaps most importantly, we are going to highlight the dedicated men and women who serve, their accomplishments, and how they impact our communities daily."

The page will also be used to promote public safety and community



Follow the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police on Facebook at Facebook.com/ChickasawLighthouse. This page will share Chickasaw Lighthouse Police information and stories, along with their involvement with numerous community partners.

service initiatives. Plett said examples include a "back to school" bus safety awareness campaign and upcoming campaigns focusing on the dangers of driving under the influence, domestic violence awareness and other topics.

"The Chickasaw Nation will use the page to recruit new Lighthouse employees, as well. The department is growing," Plett said. "From dispatchers to officers and investigators, Lighthouse is expanding to meet the needs of

citizens, the public and our communities."

Recently, the Chickasaw Nation reported a dozen law enforcement professionals were hired, bringing the total number of Lighthouse officers to 77. From mid March through Sept. 3, Chickasaw Lighthouse fielded an average of 2,500 dispatch calls per week and made 1,165 arrests on more than 1,874 charges. Tribal law enforcement and prosecutors have filed 1,100 criminal cases in Chickasaw Nation Tribal

Court. The department remains focused on ensuring public safety and meeting the Chickasaw Nation's responsibilities under the law.

"We are going to use the page to share information about tribal courts and how they work, connect followers to our victim's hotline, promote Lighthouse Police public safety messages and initiatives, and share updates of tribal court activity," Plett said. "We are also going to use the page for history, culture

and language of the Chickasaw people."

"Lighthouse" is a historic name given by the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee and Seminole Nations to their mounted police force. Once removed to Indian Territory, the Five Tribes created the elite Lighthouse police to serve and protect their citizens. The force was disbanded in the late 19th century in preparation for Oklahoma statehood.

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police were reestablished in 2004, and lawmen are responsible for

enforcement in three precincts.

The Ada precinct serves the southeastern region of the Chickasaw Nation, covering 2,240 square miles and five counties, Coal, Garvin, Johnston, Murray and Pontotoc.

The Ada precinct dispatches 22 officers who are the primary first responders to calls for service within the Chickasaw Nation.

The Newcastle precinct serves the northwestern region of the Chickasaw Nation with 16 officers, covering 2,209 square miles and three counties, Grady, McClain and Stephens.

The WinStar precinct serves Thackerville, home of the world's largest casino, WinStar World Casino and Resort. Covering 2,793 square miles and five counties, the WinStar precinct partners with citizens and visitors of Bryan, Carter, Jefferson, Love and Marshall counties to provide public safety. The WinStar precinct dispatches 15 officers.

Visit Facebook.com/ChickasawLighthouse and support the page by liking and following it.

Young Chickasaw public servant elected mayor

SULPHUR, Oklahoma - In the midst of his university studies, Chickasaw citizen Cedon Harazda added mayoral duties to his schedule.

Elected in 2020 as one of the youngest city councilors in Sulphur's history at age 18, Harazda was designated mayor of Sulphur earlier this year. At 19, he is one of the youngest mayors ever to serve in the nation.

His duties as mayor include leading the meeting and helping the city manager set the meeting agenda. The one big difference in serving as mayor, he said, is fielding phone calls from all city citizens, not just those who reside in his ward.

"I enjoy talking to people and learning what people are thinking," Harazda said.

The life-long Sulphur resident originally filed for the Ward 2 seat to be involved in public service.

"Since I was 10, I have always wanted to be in government and help people. I saw running for city councilman as a great way to do all of that."

In the 18 months since he joined the council, Harazda has been involved in approving the city budget, hiring a new police chief and working to establish long and short-term goals and objectives for the city.

"We are really getting better as a community," he said, noting the city is currently working with an electrical utility company on a community assessment with a goal of attracting more businesses to the city of about 5,000.

The City of Sulphur is also working with the Chickasaw Nation to enhance protection for all citizens.

"We are working with Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police through our police department to better serve our community," Harazda said.

The city also works hand-in-hand with the Chickasaw Nation on several projects including infrastructure and, most recently, a summer concert series hosted by the Artesian Hotel.

"The Chickasaw Nation has really invested in the community with the Artesian Hotel, bringing a lot of tax dollars (to town)."

Harazda also mentioned the new Chickasaw Head Start building, opened in 2018,

as an enhancement to the area. The early childhood center serves 80 children, ages 3 and 4, from the community.

He has firsthand experience with the early education program, since he is an alumnus.

"The Chickasaw Nation has really helped me out a lot - starting at Head Start, and with medical care. They are even helping me with grants and scholarships right now."

When he is not volunteering his time as mayor and city councilman, Harazda is a sophomore student at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in political science with a minor in voters and campaigns, which is his passion.

"On election night I will stay up as long as it takes just to see what happens," he said.



Sulphur Mayor Cedon Harazda

His ambitions and long-term goals are well defined and inspired by First Americans, such as current U.S. Rep. Tom Cole.

"I hope to be one of those great Chickasaws one day, hopefully in government."

By gaining legislative experience at a young age, he hopes to learn best practices for a future career in government.

While recently working a summer job with Murray County Commissioner Colt Williams on the road crew, he took note of the county's processes and hopes to apply the knowledge in his position as mayor.

Harazda's Chickasaw heritage can be traced to his maternal great-great-grandfather Ben Seeley, a full blood Chickasaw citizen.

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and financial educator, hosts the sessions.

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- 1. Religion native to some in China
- 5. Nursemaids
- 10. Coats a porous surface
- 12. Garment of long cloth
- 14. Containing a broader message
- 16. University of Dayton
- 18. Patti Hearst's captors
- 19. Insane
- 20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- 22. Taxi
- 23. Trainee
- 25. Comedian Carvey
- 26. Some couples say it
- 27. Belong to he
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Young goat
- 31. You drive on one
- 33. Denotes a time long ago
- 35. Space between two surfaces
- 37. By and by
- 38. A way to sell
- 40. A line left by the passage of something
- 41. Indicates near
- 42. Where wrestlers compete
- 44. Prosecutors
- 45. Body part
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. NFL's Newton
- 53. Ancient Roman garments
- 55. Drunkard
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thus
- 58. Noisy viper
- 63. Plants of a particular region
- 65. Communicated with
- 66. Latches a window
- 67. Swarm with

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Split pulses
- 2. Brew
- 3. Ask humbly
- 4. Distinctive smells
- 5. Digressions
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Father of Araithyrea
- 8. Made a cavity
- 9. Tin
- 10. Appetizer
- 11. Presenting in detail
- 13. Compound in guano and fish scales
- 15. Cool!
- 17. "___ than a doornail"
- 18. Popular literary form ___ fi
- 21. Be the most remarkable
- 23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
- 24. Buffer solution
- 27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- 29. Fantastical planet
- 32. S. American plant
- 34. Domesticated animal
- 35. The tops of mountains
- 36. Expression of disapproval
- 39. Skeletal muscle
- 40. Game show host Sajak
- 43. One's interests
- 44. Identify the existence of
- 46. Partner to "oohed"
- 47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- 49. Hammerin' Hank
- 51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 54. Elaborately draped garment
- 59. Check
- 60. Car mechanics group
- 61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 62. Austrian river
- 64. A command to list files

Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in Ireland on September 13, 1993. I performed with my church choir as a youth and listened to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin at home. I found success with a boy band for several years and later signed as a solo artist.

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Racers can't hold the road to Tuttle

By Matt Montgomery
Special to the Pacer

The Tuttle Tigers upended the Newcastle Racers last Friday night at Bill Hinkle Field, 35-7.

"It's really tough to win on the road and we didn't do anything to help ourselves out, and I made some poor decisions during the game," head coach Jeff Brickman said.

The Racers were also hampered by committing 10 penalties for 105 yards.

"Those things add up against a good team and when you do that

your chances to win aren't good," Brickman said.

Brickman did note the outstanding play of Carson Bolser, who had 100 yards on 24 carries on the offensive side of the ball, and Mason Pittman on the defensive side of the ball. Both players graded out in the upper 80s for their performances against the Tigers.

Teague Jordan was also singled out by the Racer head coach. Jordan played 112 snaps Friday night at receiver and corner for Newcastle.

"Teague played well on both sides and graded out in the upper 80s for

both his play at corner and receiver," Brickman said.

Justus Conway scored the lone touchdown for the Racers punching it in from one-yard out on a Wildcat formation play where he lined up as the quarterback.

"We have to learn and move on," Brickman said. "It's really neat to be a part of a game like that — A rivalry game where you look in the stands and there are six to 10 thousand people in the stands. It's a privilege and blessing to coach in those games."

Up Next
for Newcastle

This week the Racers host the Blanchard Lions in another rivalry game.

"We didn't play last year due to COVID-19 and we are looking forward to competing on Friday night," Brickman said. "They are different than Tuttle on both sides of the ball."

Brickman notes the Lions run the spread on offense and utilize their two big tight ends.

"They're a really good football team. They played Noble earlier in the year and had a good showing against a good 5A school," Brickman said. "They have a lot of tradition and

have won a title recently. They had 10 wins a season ago and have a head coach who we have a lot of respect for."

Friday night is also Military Appreciation night and Brickman noted that Newcastle has some special things in store to honor the military.

"Blanchard is a really difficult team and we need to fix our blunders from last week and get better. It should be a fun ballgame," Brickman said.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. at Racer Stadium. Homecoming planning is underway. It will be September 24.



Bella Allen and Blake Moslander placed first overall in the middle school races at the Cameron Cross Country Meet in Lawton September 10. Mosander also had a second place finish at Carl Albert's Titan Invitational on Sept. 2.

Racers' Cross Country win 1st at Lawton Meet

Newcastle's Cross Country teams came home from the Lawton meet at Cameron University on Sept. 10 as champions with both the high school girls and the middle school boys winning first place.

The high school boys took second place, and the middle school girls won fourth place at Lawton, and both the seventh grade and the eighth grade boys' teams won second place overall at the September 3 meet at Carl Albert.

The Racers head next to compete at the Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater on Saturday.



Running at the Cameron University meet in Lawton on September 10 are: Andre Nelson, William Huff, Gage Bell, Collin Seeley, Rhett Carter, Rendon Parnacher, Gracin Griffin, Steven Whitmore, Caleb Dupler, Clayton Freeman, Graham Griffin, and Rylan Grooms.



Newcastle's varsity girls took first place in cross country at Cameron University in Lawton on Saturday. Pictured are: Cadence Howard, Bentley Lindsey, Melia Stucks, Daelyn Fulton, Katie Lewis, Jaedyn King, Teagan Painter, Ava Wright, and Ashlyn Vasquez.



Newcastle's varsity Lady Racers take off for their first place win at the Cameron University meet at Lawton on September 10.



Medalists on the first place boys middle school Racer team at Cameron are Cole Anderson, Blake Moslander, Nic Miller, Colton Clark, and Jude Kersh.



Gracin and Graham Griffin were medal winners at the Carl Albert Titan Invitational meet on September 3.



Kailyn Caywood was a medal winner at the Carl Albert meet.



Melia Stucks and Ashlyn Vasquez won medals at the Carl Albert Titan Invitational meet on September 3.

Public Notices

No. 102
September 16, 2021
1 time

Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, 9/7/2021 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain County Courthouse. Chairman Glen Murray called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

County Clerk Pam Beller called the roll and those present were: Chairman Glen Murray, Vice Chairman Wilson Lyles and Member Terry Daniel.

Others present were: Assistant DA Kristina Bell, Sheriff Landy Offolter, Ron Johnson, Mike Clifton, Bobby Kenish, and Jackie Wadley.

Terry Daniel moved to approve the minutes of the 8/30/2021 meeting, Wilson Lyles seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve the following maintenance & operation claims. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

Extension-ST 21, Oriental Trading, 142.50, Supplies 22, Oklahoma Copier Solutions, 879.67, Contract Overage.

Fair Main-ST 3, Sign It Up, 1957.50,

Banners 4, XYLO, 457.00, Supplies. **General** 276, Newcastle Pacer, 163.70, Commissioners Minutes 277, Rockys Professional Plumbing, 713.50, Service 278, Price Is Right Carpet Cleaning, 4600.00, Service 279, Green, Danny R., 67.20, Travel 280, Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, 384.00, Lodging 281, Tisdal And OHara, 574.44, Legal Services 282, Elliotts Purcell Automotive, 806.44, Service 283, Rockys Professional Plumbing, 2169.50, Parts & Labor.

General Govt-ST 9, McClain County District 2, 277.56, Fuel.

Health 59, Oklahoma Copier Solutions, 69.50, Service 60, Firetrol Protection Systems, 95.00, Service 61, U S Bank Equipment Finance, 509.84, Copier Lease 62, Kindergarten Kids/ Brent Point, 1198.00, Rug 63, The Competitive Edge, 1095.65, Scales 64, Amazon Capital Services, 566.12, Supplies 65, Guadalupe Banuelos, 177.62, Travel 66, Amazon Capital Services, 121.62, Supplies 67, Quill, 269.23, Supplies.

Highway 288, OG&E, 232.44, Service 289, OG&E, 33.70, Service 290, T&W Tire, 689.80, Tires 291, Wayne Public Works, 97.50, Service 292, AEG Petroleum, 203.00, Supplies 293, Warren CAT, 531.09, Supplies 294, Chickasha Industrial And Welding, 5700.00, Welder 295, Steves Wholesale Distributors,

2441.59, Equipment & Supplies 296, David Tire Shop & Plus, 85.00, Tires & Repair 297, Oklahoma Electric Co-Op, 448.00, Service 298, Ice man Mechanical, 349.70, Service 299, Continental Gateway, 476.00, Asphalt Millings 300, Ergon Asphalt And Emulsions, 34338.03, CRS 2301, Bucko Gloves, 512.76, Gloves 302, Jim Sloan Tire Service, 557.67, Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies 303, Horinek Auto Body, 120.00, Labor 304, Bruckners, 415.31, Parts 305, Spencers, 9.54, Supplies 306, Dill Oil, 17182.15, Fuel 307, Dolose Bros, 5806.85, Chips & Rock 308, Lindsay Auto And Truck Supply, 230.64, Parts & Supplies 309, Uni-first, 692.86, Service 310, O'Reilly Automotive Stores, 62.78, Parts & Supplies 311, Ace Hardware, 33.89, Supplies 312, Haskell Lemon Construction, 10935.55, Type B.

Rental of County Property - Expo 35, Purcell Register, 72.00, Help Wanted Ad 36, Annie And Lloyd Tree And Landscape, 1428.00, Contract Labor 37, Windstream, 157.92, Service 38, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 26.98, Supplies 39, P&K Equipment, 21.21, Supplies.

Rural Fire-ST 26, Casco Industries, 2233.20, Hose 27, Justa Rockn, 3000.00, Service 28, Wayne Rural Fire Department, 214.25, Subscription 29, Interstate All Battery Center, 899.00, Batteries 30, Sids,

141.01, Fuel. **Sheriff Service Fee** 46, SADA Systems, 1440.00, Service.

SR Cit-ST 54, Allspaugh, Judith, 850.00, Contract Labor 55, Classic Paper, 325.00, Supplies 56, Cable Meat And Food Service, 648.19, Supplies 57, Ben E Keith, 1969.88, Supplies 58, Town Of Dibble, 300.00, Rent 59, Windstream, 173.81, Service 60, OG&E, 877.91, Service 61, Guaranty Abstract, 325.00, Service 62, Bill Lester, 367.50, Legal Services 63, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 108.47, Service 64, CashSaver, 122.67, Supplies 65, Classic Paper, 150.57, Supplies 66, Windstream, 171.88, Service 67, Windstream, 241.83, Service 68, Foreman, Salena, 1000.00, Contract Labor 69, Childers, Nancy Jane, 600.00, Contract Labor 70, Burgess, Sheila, 500.00, Contract Labor 71, OG&E, 369.22, Service 72, Tankersley Food Service, 83.85, Supplies 73, Tankersley Food Service, 13.84, Supplies.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders as on file in the County Clerk's office, seconded by Terry Daniel. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve the following Transfer of Appropriations: Sheriff Commissary, \$1,500.00 from 1223-

2-0400-2005 to 1223-2-0400-4110. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

No road crossing permits were requested.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve **Resolution No. 11-2021-2022** accepting a donation of (1) DVD Player to McClain County Sheriff's Office for the jail. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve the following Resolutions to Dispose of Equipment: **District Two:** D2-301.072, 2021 John Deere Gator, serial #1M0560EACMM040765, \$9,415.00, acquired on 3/17/2021 from P&K Riverside Tractor, Purcell, OK, sold to McClain County Emergency Management for \$9,415.00; **District Three:** D3-345.04, 2005 Case Skid Steer Loader, serial #N5M413725, \$9,999.00, acquired on 6/22/2010 from Commercial Concrete, Blanchard, OK, sold to McClain County Expo Center for \$10,000.00; Wayne Fire Dept: RF10-399.1, 1971 Maxim Fire Engine, serial #3027, \$11,500.00, acquired on 11/09/2004 from Wheels Used Cars, junked. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve of Terry Daniel, Joe Southern, Ann Cypert and Jeffrey Dixon to conduct

interviews with consulting firms to perform Local Government bridge safety inspections on County bridges.

Terry Daniel seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve Cindy Scott and Pam Beller as Requisitioning Officers and Bill Hammon and Jerry A. Smith as Receiving Officers for the Excise & Equalization Boards, Terry Daniel seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve of the 911 fees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

With no further business Terry Daniel moved to adjourn, Wilson Lyles seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Glen Murray, Chairman
Wilson Lyles, Vice Chairman
Terry Daniel, Member
Attest:
Pam Beller
County Clerk

LPXL

No. 103
September 16, 23, October 7
4 times

State of Idaho
District Court of the Seventh Judicial District
Bannock County

SAGE & SHAILEE LISH
Petitioners
v.
SAVANNAH BERRY
Respondent

Case No. CV03-21-02591

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL

DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BANNOCK

AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

After examining the record, Petitioner's Amended Motion for Service by Publication, and Affidavit of Daniel Wilkerson in Support, the Court finds the following: After due diligence, it has been determined that Respondent resides outside the State of Idaho and cannot after due diligence be found within the State of Idaho, and she has not been able to be personally served within her state of her current residence, 2310 State Hwy. 30

Newcastle, OK 73065. These facts have appeared by affidavit to the satisfaction of this Court. Additionally, it also appears by affidavit that a cause of action exists against the Respondent, and that she is a necessary party to this action.

IT IS ORDERED that service of the Amended Summons may be made by publication, in THE NEWCASTLE PACER, a newspaper published and printed in Newcastle, Oklahoma, which is the newspaper most likely to give notice to Respondent. Publication shall be made a least once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks. Within ten (10) days of this Order, Respondent shall also mail

a copy of the Amended Summons, and Complaint to the Respondent at her two last known residential addresses.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2021.

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Honorable Rick Carnaroli
Judicial Officer
copy by email to
address above 9-8-21
A. Freckleton, Deputy Clerk

No. 100
September 9 & 16, 2021
2 times

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Newcastle will receive sealed bids at the Office of the City Clerk, Newcastle City Hall, 120 NE 2nd St., P.O. Box 179, Newcastle, OK 73065, until 11:00 a.m., on Friday, October 1, 2021, for contractor labor, equipment, grading, milling, hauling, patching, paving, mobilization to location, and installation of a 2" asphalt overlay (approximately 1600 tons) with a leveling/scratch course for a 1-mile section of SE 24th Street between Portland Avenue and May Avenue. The City of Newcastle will provide

all asphalt materials. Bids shall be sealed and submitted only in a lump sum total amount by each bidder for consideration of award.

Sealed bids received by said time will be publicly opened and read aloud at Newcastle City Hall, 120 NE 2nd St., Newcastle, Oklahoma, at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021. Bid packets with further requirements and specifications may be requested and obtained from the office of the City Clerk, 405-387-4408, or by request sent to cdowers@cityofnewcastleok.com.

The City of Newcastle reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding process and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act.

AA/AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meetings

7:30 p.m. Mondays (open)

Big Book AA meeting

7:30 p.m. Mondays (closed)

Big Book AA meeting

7:30 p.m. Fridays (open)

All meetings are held at the Snow Hill Baptist Church located at the intersection of SH-37 & Morgan Road, call 405-692-4334 for more information.

No. 104
September 16 & 23, 2021
2 times

CHILD FIND

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to provide education-related services.

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Bridge Creek School

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If you have, or know of, any special child from 3-21 years of age who is not currently enrolled in a special education program, please contact Bridge Creek Public School.

Administration Office
Brandi Radtke
2209 Sooner Rd
Blanchard, Ok 73010
405-387-4880

Director of Special Services,
2209 Sooner Rd
Blanchard, Ok 73010
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bradtke@bridgecreek.k12.ok

McClain County Court Records

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between September 2-8, 2021.

Traffic

Devin J. Ballard, speeding, 65/55.

Railee M. Pain, speeding, 95/75.

Vickie D. Nichols, speeding, 85/75.

Lam Tran, following too closely.

James D. Allen, no seatbelt.

Alfredo Juarez Plata, speeding, 55/45.

Mike H. Collie, speeding, 55/45.

Jordan E. Jones, speeding, 55/45.

Kelvin L. Jackson, speeding, 75/65.

Stephen R. Holland, no seatbelt.

Donnie E. Minor, no seatbelt.

Jhana G. Hayes, no seatbelt (passenger).

Mikah S. Barton, speeding, 70/60.

Mikah S. Barton, no insurance.

Mikah S. Barton, TOC alcoholic beverage.

Kevin Murphy, speeding, 70/60.

Gerald D. Mogg, failure to stop.

Ryan T. Stoup, no seatbelt.

James R. Laird, failure to yield.

Nathaniel L. Jones, no seatbelt.

Destry W. Nelson, failure to stay in lane.

Destry W. Nelson, reckless driving, 1st offense.

Jeremy C. Hall, no seatbelt.

Colby D. Smith, left of center.

Laurie J. Dubois, no seatbelt.

Laurie J. Dubois, taxes due state.

Logan S. Tompkins, taxes due state.

Roberto Alvarez Cameros, failure to stop.

Brooke Dragos, speeding, 97/70.

Dawn M. Damsgard, no seatbelt.

Lori A. Baker, no seatbelt (passenger).

Misdemeanors

None filed.

Felonies

Steven Zapata-Acevedo, burglary, third degree.

Teshwanna L. Caldwell, possession of stolen vehicle.

Zackary K. Mahan, possession of stolen vehicle.

Derek S. Mallett, possession of stolen vehicle.

Tracy L. Lowery, DUI.

Dominique L. Dashawn Coward, robbery, second degree.

David Lambert, falsely personate another to create liability.

Small Claims

Villas at Lions Court vs. Danielle Harris, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Bill Bacon vs. Diane Davis, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Hunter Mayfield vs. Deon Craig, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Larry Johnson vs. Heather Waggoner, small claims over \$5000.

Claryssa Kaelin vs. Allstate Insurance Co, small claims under \$5000.

Tim Sisco vs. Bryan J. Sisco, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Bill C. Hogue vs. Jessica A. Commander, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Christopher K. Ad-

kins, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Synchrony Bank vs. Cameron Bel, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Synchrony Bank vs. Andrea Conner, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Great Plains National Bank vs. Scarlet M. Gagnebin, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Nicholas King, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Lisa M. Heller vs. Jose Lopez, civil action \$10,000 or more.

David C. Smith vs. Roger A. Mena, civil action \$10,000 or more.

State of Oklahoma Ex Rel vs. Shane C. Claunch, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Orkin, LLC vs. Jonathan "Matt" Alexander, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Jacob A. Harris, 27, and Shelby N. Sampson, 26, both of Lexington.

Spencer C. Schulz, 27, and Jennifer E. Dittmann, 26, both of Newcastle.

Conner B. Ivey, 23, and Al-

lyson M. Tyler, 21, both of

Maysville.

William B. Kinnamon, 35, and Breanna N. Taft, 29, both of Newcastle.

Caleb M. Hofeld, 21, of

Oklahoma City and Larissa

J. Whisenhunt, 21, of Lexington.

Divorces Granted

Destiny Goodwin vs. Jayson Goodwin.

Senior Menu

Lunch is served for a \$4 donation at the Newcastle Senior Citizen's Center each week day. Meals consist of a drink, soup, salad bar, main meal and dessert.

September 20-24 Menu

September 20: Chicken Salad Sandwiches

September 21: Meat Loaf

September 22: Beef Tips

September 23: Fried Chicken

September 24: Frito Chili Pie/Chili Dogs

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